

A great tan is student's top priority

by Bonar Tucker

Despite numerous warnings about the negative effects of the sun on skin, a good tan is still a priority for the majority of college students, claims College Press Service.

"People kill themselves to get a good tan," said Arthur Miller, a psychology professor at Miami University in Ohio who has studied stereotype and risk factors in suntanning behaviors.

The majority of 80 college students Miller surveyed rated achieving a good tan a top goal for their Spring Break.

For some, a tan outranked partying and relaxing.

"It's shocking that something like that (tanning) would be singled out," Miller said.

Even more unsettling for Miller was a study he did last fall in which more than 400 students were shown a video about a young

woman with skin cancer.

After the video, the majority of students who said they tanned a great deal saw their own risk of skin cancer as less than average, said the video had exaggerated the risks of tanning, and found a person with a deep tan to be attractive.

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"If you can get some people to deny the connections (between beauty and tanning), you should get other people to break the connection as well," he said.

According to Lori Winchell, director of Student Health Services, the desire to tan among college students is risk-taking behavior.

"You always feel it won't happen to me," said Winchell. "Many students, being young and healthy, are aware of the dangers but since skin cancers and wrinkles happen generally later in life, they are not going to stop participating in the behavior that they believe makes them look good for now."

Not all students take the gamble, however.

Sandy Simpson, a UNLV junior finance major, said she always wears her sunscreen.

"I feel fortunate that it exists," she said. "Here in Las Vegas, we must be getting a lot more sunshine than we need so I think it's a good idea to be careful."

"I see it in the news, I hear it on the radio and I don't think anyone is not aware of the dangers," said Mark Berman, a UNLV freshman. "Still, you gotta admit, a good tan looks pretty great."

Miami's Miller doesn't think there's been enough done to en-



courage students to stay pale, especially because skin cancer does not show up immediately after exposure to the sun.

"If people dropped dead every five minutes on the beach" maybe attitudes would change, he said.

Only a national campaign like the one that was launched against smoking in the 1970s will have a great effect on tanners, Miller said.

"If you pit beauty against health, beauty is going to win," he said.

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College freshmen who choose to sit in the front of a classroom generally participate more, skip less and get higher grades than those who sit toward the back. Generally, the farther toward the front of class a student sits, the more self-esteem he or she has. Charles I. Brooks Psychology Dept. Chairman King's College The reasons college men at Boston College, the universities of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Florida, and Boston and Florida State universities wear moustaches are:

- To look older
- To hide a receding hairline
- To get "a certain sexy look"
- To assert masculinity
- To command more respect
- To become better looking
- To look more confident
- To appear more distinguished
- To "help my future career"
- To look different
- "It's cool"
- "Girls dig it"

Fifty percent of the 250 respondents to the survey added it takes longer to shave with a moustache than without one. Most of the students who wear the things aspire to "conventional business and professional careers."
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Middle East Bazaar—try it, you'll like it!

by Naima Hana-Kunciw

The Middle East Bazaar, located at the busy intersection of Maryland Parkway and Flamingo Road, is ensconced modestly in a little recessed square just behind a looming gas station sign.

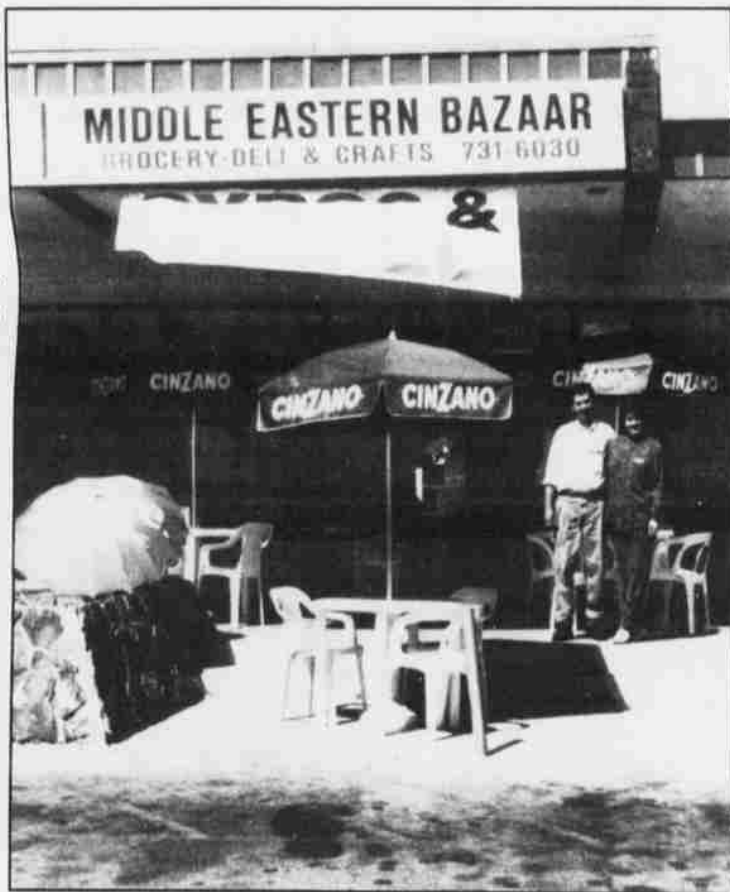
Outside the door, a few white patio tables beckon the passerby to take a leisurely break. Unless you are specifically looking for it, or the letters 'Middle East Bazaar' catch your attention, you could easily miss a rare opportunity to explore and indulge in a feast of oriental delights with flavors not reproduced in Western cuisine.

The Middle East Bazaar is a delicatessen and grocery shop (the latter for those initiated in Middle Eastern style of cooking), but true to its appellation "bazaar" it does carry a variety of oriental artifacts such as rugs and other decorative items adorning the walls of the store. The most popular, says owner Payman Raouf, are the handmade crafts.

"We have to re-order more of them all the time," he said.

Inside it's another world. Sonorous Arabic music fills the ears while the eyes glide over an array of merchandise. The shelves are piled high with imported food brands from Morocco, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Iran and many other countries. There are labels with unpronounceable names, Arabic journals, reviews, calendars and other endless discoveries crowded in the small space.

Since he first conceived the idea, Payman and his wife Fariba have been operating the Bazaar



Payman and Fariba Raouf, owners of the Middle East Bazaar

since March 3, 1989. He said that many small businesses flounder during their first year or two but he has plans for an expansion.

One would think such a place would attract a distinctly Middle Eastern clientele but, surprisingly, the owner said that the bulk of the customers are Americans.

"Ninety percent of our clientele is American," he said. "They have either traveled or lived in some part of the Middle East, and are familiar with what our shop carries."

The rest of the clientele is made up of a small community of Middle Easterners whose origins span practically the entire geographic region: Armenians, Turks, Greeks, Jews, Iranians and Egyptians.

Payman has been in the United States for three and a half years. He started small selling groceries first then gradually developed the take-out and restaurant phases as he saw the need arise.

"I realized that there was no

place in Las Vegas like this and I wanted to provide this service," Payman said. "I did try to offer some American specialty at one time—I began selling hot dogs for 99 cents but no one was interested. People come here expecting to try something different, original."

Asked what the most popular dish was, he said unhesitatingly "Flafel and gyros!" referring to a basic Middle East staple, Flafel, which is a vegetarian paste of legume served with Arabic bread. Gyros are sandwiches made from a big chunk of meat that stands on a skewer and rotates on a broiler; the meat slices are cut vertically from each freshly broiled angle.

Payman said most of the business they get is generated by word of mouth rather than through any formal advertising. But he added they've recently been interviewed by the local media and have appeared on TV.

A few people from the university have made the Bazaar a favorite lunch spot. Recently, an outside table was occupied by familiar faces from UNLV's political science department.

Payman said he hopes the expansion of the restaurant section and the closeness to UNLV will attract more students who are looking for a healthy alternative to greasy pizzas and fat-laden burgers. To encourage UNLV students to try something different, Payman is offering a special sweet free with a sandwich, a fitting way to end a meal especially accompanied with a fragrant Arabic tea or frothy cappuccino.

CORRECTION

REGARDING THE STORY ON THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER IN 4-18 ISSUE BY GWENDOLYN C. WATSON

The part-time physician who works at the clinic two days a week increases the number of patients treated. (50 to 60 patients a day) The three registered nurses see patients full time and the nurse practitioner sees patients only in the morning. One full-time R.N. does handle paperwork such as inventory and federal and state procedures to keep the student health center current with government guidelines in addition to seeing patients full-time.

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