

# Remembering Taher Razik

Taher A. Razik, professor emeritus from the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, died February 21, 2010. He was 85.

Razik, who joined the UB faculty in 1963, authored numerous books and articles and was a frequent presenter at international conferences. His text *Fundamental Concepts of Educational Leadership and Management* (with Austin Swanson), now in its third edition, is considered a classic in its field.

He also had extensive experience as an international consultant on his own and through UNESCO, in Oman, Iraq, Egypt, Kuwait, and other countries in the region. Razik, who was born in Egypt, provided advice to education officials, evaluated the educational systems in those countries, and helped in the establishment and design of new universities.

Razik held the Order of Sultan Qaboos, the highest civilian honor issued to non-Omanis for distinguished service to that country. He received the IIAS Award from the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics of Baden-Baden, Germany. In his spare time, Razik was an accomplished artist and a painter.

Although Razik retired from UB in 1995, he continued to work with many of the graduate students from around the world whom he mentored. He and his wife, Myra, visited them and hosted a picnic each summer at their home, which typically

attracted 60–80 former students.

In 2003, Razik donated a gift to the Graduate School of Education to create the Taher Razik Lounge (463 Baldy Hall). Students use the lounge, which features two Internet connections and a collection of professional publications, for studying and scholarly discussions.

In 2007, a second gift was donated to establish the Taher A. and Myra S. Razik International Fellowship

to help raise awareness about the global community. The fellowship provides three years of study toward a doctoral degree in educational administration for a junior faculty member from Egypt. ●



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