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1. SINCE REF, WE HAVE HAD FURTHER CONTACTS WITH TWO OR THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE CLOSE TO STUDENTS AND A FAIRLY LONG TALK WITH A FOURTH YEAR ENGINEERING STUDENT AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO SORTOUT AND ASSESS STUDENT VIEWS WITH ANY PRECISION ON THE BASIS OF THE RATHER SMALL SAMPLING TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST AS SUCH:

2. STUDENT REACTION TO 30 MARCH PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE DISSATISFACTION WITH ITS TERMS AND CYNICISM THAT IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS ADVERTISED. MANY QUESTION THE BASIC WORTH OF THE ASU AND RESENT BEING CONFRONTED WITH A PLEBISCITE WHICH THEY FEEL WILL PROVIDE THEM ONLY THE

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CHOICE OF VOTING FOR A BIGGER ASU OR SIMPLY VOTING NO TO THE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

3. STUDENTS ARE RELISHING A SENSE OF THEIR OWN IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY BELIEVE HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THEIR FEBRUARY OUTBREAKS. THEY SEE THEMSELVES IN A CRUSADING ROLE.

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