

Foundations News

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FOUNDATIONS STUDENTS GATHER ON WEDNESDAYS

Students and staff joined in the students' lounge on October 30th for the first of a series of weekly assemblies. "I want these activities to be a time of student participation," said Homa Bina. She continued by saying that each week various teachers would be working on a different type of activities. "When we remember our college days, it is important that there be times other than just in the classroom. We can learn a lot about the other students and many other interesting things." And Homa added that having fun was an important part of these special meetings.

On the first Wednesday assembly, the students took part in a competition to guess English sentences. There were three teams which represented all the foundations classes. Each team had to pick a leader that would guess a letter of the alphabet that might occur in the sentence.

Teacher Mr. Nicholas Bates acted as moderator and kept score. Fellow instructor Ms. Christine had the difficult job of making the correct number of blanks on a portable white board. As the students guessed letters, she wrote them on the blanks.

The competition lasted three rounds. From the very start, the clear winners were the team from Foundations Modules 1 & 2. Khalid Nasser

Khamis Fairouz led the team to an easy victory.

The second activity occurred last Wednesday. A large Sony television and video were wheeled into the student lounge. Teachers Ms Sally and Ms. Maureen chose a video of



great interest. It was about the rapid development of Dubai. There were scenes on the building of the Jebel Ali Port and dry docks. In addition, the massive construction of the Trade Center and the agricultural developments in Hatta were shown. Every viewer had to be impressed by the wise decisions made by the the rules of the UAE. In particular, it was interesting to see how Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed al-Maktoum turned his plans to reality. (For a special report on another UAE leader, please see page three.)

In conclusion, the past several Wednesdays have been different for all of us in the Foundations Campus. And

there will be something special each week. We now have the time and space available to do things not possible when we were all in the "old" building. So don't miss third period on Wednesdays. Student ideas are welcomed too. Come and relax in the students' lounge and see what's going on in *your* college.

TEACHER EVALUATION PLANNED THIS WEEK.

Students at Dubai Men's College will take part in an important procedure this week. They will be asked to evaluate their teachers. The information will then be provided to the supervisors and the teachers themselves. By doing this in the middle of the semester, the staff will be able to use the recommendations to improve the teaching/learning process.

You can contribute to the next issue of THE FOUNDATIONS NEWS. Just leave your report, or news in the special box in the faculty area.

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Foundations Comments

Your Ideas, Editorials, Jokes, and Views

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Ideas about the new, Foundations Campus - Class 1A

We have a lot of differences between the new Foundations building and the Career building. I mean we have many advantages and disadvantages, if we compare the two buildings. The advantages for the Career building first. There are a lot of computer labs and a big LRC and a lot of students have good language that we can have contact with. And there's a restaurant. But some advantages in the Foundations building are: 1) more classrooms. 2) a good timetable. 3) and the parking is wide and takes a lot of cars. 4) and it's a good-looking building.

ATEEQ MOH'D

The new building for the college classes is wonderful because when I sit in the class, I can see outside the windows. Over there you can't see these. And I can say the ON COURSE is a beautiful book because it has a beautiful program and it's easy for the new students.

YAHYA

The new college campus is bad because of the distance, and it has no library. And the classes are narrow. The old college is far away. And there's no restaurant in the new college.

AHMED ABDULLA

In this college we have enough classrooms but there are many students in one classroom. There should be ten or eleven students in on classroom and this is better for students and teachers because the students can understand more and faster what the teacher wants to teach them.

SAAD

THE GOSSIP COLUMN

Why do SH0 and SHS always sit next to each other? Are their chairs attached?

Why do so many teachers come out from room 106 shaking their heads and screaming?

Did FAA really get a 52% on the lesson in the computer lab?



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full."

Note from the Editor:

This newsletter is yours. No, I don't mean only this copy. I mean the whole idea. If you want *THE FOUNDATIONS NEWSLETTER* to continue then you'll have to prepare things to go inside each issue. I am willing to take my time to organize the material and make sure it is copied, but YOU have to think and write things for it.

What kind of things can you give? Special reports, gossip, news, cartoons, and pictures are just a few ideas. Students who use MS WORKS® can leave their work on a computer disk and that would save me a whole lot of time. All material can be left with Susan, the secretary, at her desk.

Because I am not sure of how much you will contribute, I cannot promise when the next issue will be ready. But if you are interested you might want to speak with me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Schurd

Man of the Year

Special Report: Written by Khalid Salem

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We must remember the year of 1988 when His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan was chosen as the "Man of the Year" by an international organization. We must ask ourselves why would an International organization choose His Highness Sheikh Zayed?

We are sure that this honor was given because he was working on different things. And I'll tell some examples that I remember. He was trying to join his brothers to establish the U.A.E. And he accomplished that work. The United Arab Emirates was born in 1971 and nobody can forget that. He was also working with the leaders of the Arabian Gulf to establish the Gulf Co-operation Council. And he was working with Arab leaders to solve problems in other countries.

We will always remember his hard work to end the Iraq/Iran war and spread peace in the world. The causes of world peace and the people's welfare are very dear to Sheikh Zayed.

He was ready to help any people who needed help. He has given relief to many countries, like Sudan and Bangladesh. And he also helped the USSR when in 1987, an earthquake hit Armenia and killed many people.

He always refused to let Iraq occupy Kuwait. He was working with leaders to defeat the troops in Iraq.

And there are many works I can't mention now because I don't have enough time. I will never forget what His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan has given to his people who help and like or love him.

I think he's the best leader in the world.

A FEW NATIONAL FACTS

Did you know . . .

there are more than 350 mosques in the UAE?
Jebel Ali is the largest man-made harbor in the world?
the phone number for the Dubai Airport is 245555?

Foundations News Advisor

Ask *The Advisor* for advice on your college problems

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Dear Advisor,

I am writing to you to ask a question. The college has many computers. We use them for some classes but I don't know typing. Why is nobody teaching us?

From,
--SAA

Dear SAA,

You didn't tell me which class you are in. I believe that the students in Foundations Modules 3 & 4 learn how to type. In fact, it is a pretty important skill for today's business men. And knowing how to type will certainly help you when you get to the Career Campus. Why don't you ask students from one of the upper modules? Or you could ask a teacher, they're always willing to help.

The News Advisor

Dear Advisor,

My teachers at DMC are good. But one always wants us to do too much writing. We talk in class and speak and listen. But then we always must write homework or something. What can I do?

Sincerely,
Too Tired Writing

Dear Too Tired,

I am sorry but my advice for you is really simple: SHARPEN YOUR PENCIL! You may think you have too much writing, but the only way to improve your English skills is to work --- **h a r d**. Writing is not easy for anybody. But you will get better by practice. And you'll be successful in the Career Program if you can write well.

The News Advisor

Dear Advisor,

I have a real problem. I have a friend in my class. We are friends before many years. He

never do the homework for the teacher. He wants only to copy my papers. He's my best friend so I can't say to him no. But the teacher thinks I am cheating.

by:
A student

Dear Student,

I can understand your problem. We should help friends whenever we can. Have you talked honestly with your friend? Maybe if you explained that his requests were making a problem for you, he might stop. Why don't you try to explain that by copying, he's not learning the things that he will need in the future. Tell him you want him to learn everything for himself. If he is a real friend then he won't want you to have any problems. Please let me know what happens.

The News Advisor

Did you know?

1. A flu virus is only 0.0000015 CM long.
2. It is impossible to sneeze and keep your eyes open.
3. Human being are the only animals capable of smiling.
4. Eskimos use refrigerators to keep their food from freezing.
5. Snails can sleep for 3 years.
6. The ordinary house fly beats its wings nearly 200 times a second.

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