

Foundations News

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DMC FOUNDATIONS CAMPUS NEARS COMPLETION OF AUTUMN SEMESTER

The end of the semester is near. After all the reading, homework, classes, laughter and serious study, we are now facing final examinations. We have put in nearly four and a half months of work and all learned a lot. Students in all Foundations Modules have acquired new

English language skills. Teachers have struggled to provide useful learning. Supervisors have made the school function effectively and smoothly. So, as we come to this final time of the semester, we should have good feelings about our efforts. As we know, Dubai

Men's College is a special place. Unlike some other places of education, nobody here is happy with only "average" work. We don't come to this college expecting an easy way. We are not lazy. We work hard and we should be proud of these facts.

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

(A message from Ms. Homa, our Foundations Supervisor)

Here we are, already at the end of the first semester! We moved into the Foundations Campus about twelve weeks ago. But doesn't it see like twelve years?!? If it does, it is just because we are so settled in here that it feels like home.



Before we go off for the two-week semester break, I want you to all *pause* a minute and look back at what you have done and gained during the Fall Semester.

- * What have you learned?
- * How much have you learned?
- * Could you have learned more if you had worked harder?
- * How many new friends have you made?
- * Are you a different person, perhaps more grown up than when you started studying at the College last September?

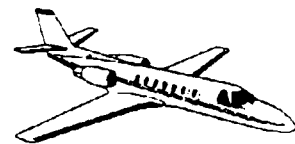
And the most importantly, look forward and ask yourself this question:

- * What am I going to do, or not do, to make things even better for myself next semester?

In English we have a word which used a lot during this time of the new year. The word is '**resolution.**' It means: "a firm decision; something one makes up one's mind to do or stop doing."

WHAT ARE YOUR NEW-YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

As this semester finishes, we are all looking forward to several weeks of break. During this time, we are going to remember many things. We will, for example, think about our classmates and teachers. Hopefully, we will each have an enjoyable holiday. And after our time off, we will come back, perhaps to new classes, to continue our work.



Wishes for a safe journey to anyone travelling during the college break!

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO
NEXT SEMESTER'S ISSUE OF
THE FOUNDATIONS NEWS.
JUST LEAVE YOUR NEWS, VIEWS, AND
COMMENTS
IN THE BOX IN THE FACULTY AREA.

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A Conversation from Module One

Salman: Hello. How do you do?

Ibrahim: Fine.

Salman: Are you happy this semester?

Ibrahim: Yes. I'm very happy this semester. And you in this semester?

Salman: I'm very excited.

Ibrahim: Are you working hard in this semester?

Salman: Maybe. But I don't like too much paper everyday. What about your teachers?

Ibrahim: My teachers are the very best to teach us.

Salman: What are you doing after you finish the semester?

Ibrahim: I want to go to camp in the R.A.K. desert. And what about your vacation?

Salman: I want to go to visit Oman and Kuwait.

Ibrahim: Thank you. Goodbye.

Salman: Goodbye.

By: Khalid Salem Al Jaberi

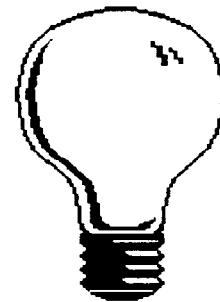
About Ahmad Ibn Majid

European explorers learnt about navigation routes in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean from the Arabian Gulf seamen. The best known Arab navigator was Ahmad Ibn Majid. He was born in Hijerah 838 in Jilfar in Ras-Al Khaimah and was brought up in a famous sea workers family. He wrote many books about oceanography and the movement of ships at sea. In his books Ibn Majid described the sea lanes and the movement of ships and the effect of the moon and winds. He was so famous that he became known as the first Arab navigator. The information provided by Ahmad Ibn Majid helped the people of the Gulf to get to the coast of India, East Africa and other places. They traded with the people of these countries. The Portuguese made use of the information provided by Ibn Majid to arrive at India. After that he was very sad because he showed the Portuguese a way to occupy the Gulf in the past.

Mohammed Mubarak
Class - 1A

My Vacation Plans

I will go to Saudi Arabia for Umra. I'll go with my grandmother and aunt. We will go on January 20th by airplane. We are planning to stay there for two weeks. In the first week we are going to go to Mekkah. The second week we are going to stay in Medina. After that we will return home.



Did you know that the incandescent light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison exactly one hundred and twenty three years ago?

Atteq Mohammed
Class - 1A

What I'm Going to Do During Vacation

I am going to work, because I don't have vacation there. I'll work in the evening and I'll be free in the morning. I can use that time to do some special work or visit some friends in another city.. But I don't have a lot of time to be happy in the vacation. Maybe I am going to the desert to spend a nice time on the weekend.

Note:

Don't be suprised about visiting time because it's not real. The real time is 3:30 in the morning!

Special Assignment Articles

Reports by Foundations Students

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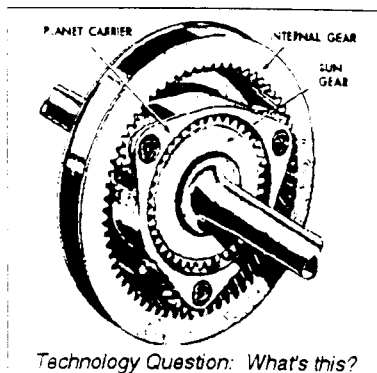
Khaled Salem Al Jaberi
Class - 1 E

The Best College

There is no doubt in my mind that the Higher Colleges of Technology is the best college. In 1988 a chain of Higher Colleges of Technology was started in Abu Dhabi and Al-Ain. These colleges prepare national students to play an effective role in developing their country. These colleges can specialize in business administration, electronics, engineering, aero-engines and many other branches of technology. English is the official language in the college because English is an international language and



millions of people speak it as their first language. Because of this I entered to study in the college and I'm a very happy student. The students and teachers work together. There are some students who say that the college is not recognized, but it will be recognized by its work. I very much enjoy myself and I want to tell other students who graduate from Secondary Schools to study in the Dubai Men's College or in other branches of Higher Colleges of Technology.



Saad Hussain
Class - 1 A

The Oldest

The parents are people in the family. The parents have to look after the children because the children can't understand the life. When they have a problem they need someone to help them. But who is this someone? Of course they're the parents. When the children have a problem the parents have to help their children. A parent must teach their children to be good people in the future.

Children have to take care of the parent when they get old. Children must be polite with their parents and they have to respect them. If the parents have a problem the adult children must help their parents and if they're sick they have to take them to hospital. The adult children have to protect their parents and they must do anything they can to give their parents a happy life.

Check out the new and exciting selection of magazines at the LRC in the DMC Career Campus.



By: Hussein
Class - 1 A

Ahmed Tootah
Class - 1 A

A Trip

Three years ago, I went to Egypt to visit tourist places there. For that I went there by plane. I forgot to tell you that I have some friends there. They met me in the airport and took me to a big hotel, it was called Ramsis Hotel. When I was there I saw nice people. On the next day my friends took me to visit the city. They took me to the famous Egyptian statue, it's the statue of Sphynx. Unfortunately it was not in good condition because it's very old. When we were there we saw the pyramids. I couldn't describe what I felt when I saw them. They were very big and great, like a ghost, especially at night. At night my friends surprised me and took me to a national Egyptian restaurant and ate a lovely Egyptian dinner. The next day they took me on another trip in the Nile river and we took a boat on a river trip and it was lovely. After six lovely days I returned home. I felt sad to leave my friends and Egypt, but I was happy because I was at home.

A Dream

Last night I went to visit the other world.

There were different people there.

They had white hearts.

They knew what I said.

They read my ideas before I spoke.

It was green and beautiful - nobody could come inside this paradise.

So it was different.

History has written about this and Muslims have talked about it.

What has been written and spoken in history was a fact.

I saw these things in a dream -

I had an hour's sleep.

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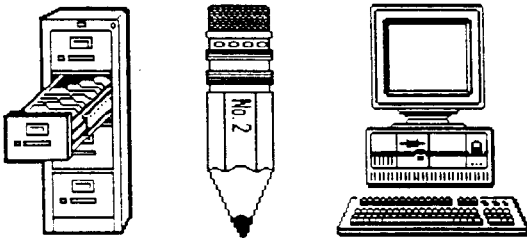
Tell *The News Advisor* about your college problems and personal ideas.

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Omar Ahmed Al-Owals

Answer These Questions

- Q What is your idea of perfect happiness?
A *A happy life & family.*
- Q What is your greatest fear?
A *When a child screams suddenly.*
- Q What do you hate most in the world?
A *When I see something wrong and I can't do anything about it.*
- Q What bores you?
A *Sitting without anything to do.*



- Q What objects do you always carry with you?
A *A pen.*
- Q Which living person do you most despise?
A *I don't despise anyone.*
- Q How would you like to die?
A *I would like to die by electricity.*
- Q On what occasions do you lie?
A *When that will save a person's life.*
- Q What are your favorite animals?
A *Horses.*
- Q What is your favorite dish?
A *Lobster.*
- Q What is your favorite journey?
A *Barbecue at the beach.*
- Q When and where were you happiest?
A *When I passed my diving test.*
- Q What single thing would improve the quality of life?
A *Use my time in the right way.*



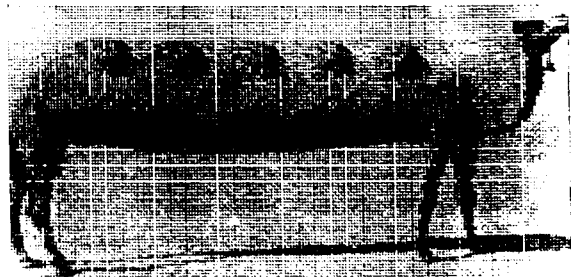
A FEW RESOLUTIONS FOR 1992

Ms. Sundari: No more homework or tests for students. To improve my Arabic, so I can understand what the students are saying about me. To get keys for all the doors, so I can lock them at 8:05 am. (No more late students.)

Mr. Dennis: I'm not going to eat so much ice cream this year. Students in my classes are going to have to write down their computer lab scores. I want to have a FOUNDATIONS NEWSLETTER every two weeks. I hope to have family and friends visit me in Dubai.

Ms. Homa: I have a long list of New Year resolutions, but one of them that concerns our campus and the students is to have our own LRC started.

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Can you come up with the words to go with this?

A Letter from the Current Editor:

Next semester I would like to have a student editor for this newsletter. I will hand over the responsibility of getting stories from other students to this person. I will act as the computer lay-up person and I'll be in charge of printing. If you are interested, please contact Homa or me before the break. - Mr. Dennis