

# FOUNDATIONS NEWS

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## Our Mini-L.R.C. is Ready For ACTION!

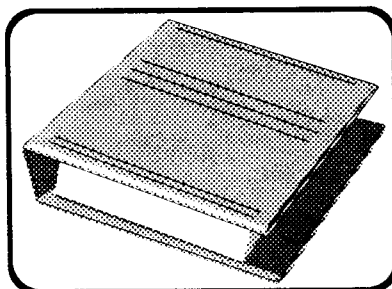
*LRC, SAC AND ILC - they are all names for Room 112.*

Even before the mini-LRC (the Learning Resource Centre) was set up, we were very encouraged by the presence of students in Room 112. They were there, browsing through old issues of Gulf News and Khaleej Times. "We need a larger room." "We need more books," were some of the comments by students.

The setting up of the LRC fulfills a need on the Foundation Campus. As the poster said this is a place where you can work quietly, read, watch interesting videos, listen to audio-tapes and even improve your English in specific areas. A maximum of six students can use the facility at a time - that's why its called a mini - LRC. At times you will find faculty members whom you can consult for help with your problem areas. The faculty

have provided you with special worksheets which will help you to work independently.

At present, the LRC has a set of encyclopaedias, general reference books that would be of interest to the students, some easy-to-



read story books, magazines, video and audio tapes and a big pile of student work books - mainly to help you with grammar practice. Some simple rules to follow while using the LRC:

- Check out books for two weeks, only during the times when teachers are present in the LRC. (You can see the timetable in the window.)

- Leave all your books outside the LRC, when you go there.

- Sign in the blue register every time you use the LRC. This is a good way of knowing how much work you have done this semester.

- Use all books, tapes and equipment with care. And finally, **MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT.**

**IT IS YOURS!!**

Ms. Sundari



**Students are running to the new, mini-LRC !**

# The Holy Month of Ramadan

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## Islam

is scientific in its approach. It encourages and urges man to read and to research. The Holy Quran orders Muslims to look at the universe to know more about the stars and the seas, to understand the wonders of creatures and the human body. The Holy Quran often gives proof and demands proofs. It blames disbelievers for blind

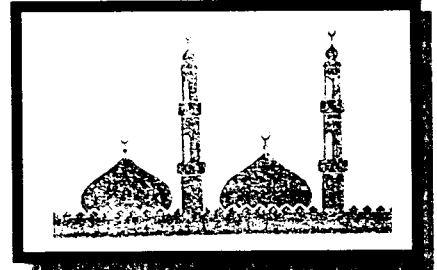
imitation of their forefathers. The prophet, Mohammed (PBUH) encourages learned Muslims to use their own judgement if they faced problems to which there was no specific reference. This form of thinking and this free judgement are the basic conditions for scientific research.

By YASSER  
AL WAHHABI

## The Third Pillar of Islam calls for . . .

FASTING DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN: The Muslims during the month of Ramadan not only abstain from food, drink, and sexual intercourse from dawn to sunset, but also from evil intentions and desires. It teaches love, sincerity and devotion. It develops a sound social conscience, patience, unselfishness, and will-power.

By: Mohammed Masood



## Editorial

I am very glad and proud that I am working as the editor of our 'Foundations News.' When my designation was announced, I received a very kind and encouraging letter from Norm Gray.

I would like to inform all the students of Higher Colleges of Technology that they are welcome and invited to participate in this Foundations Newsletter. This will give the Foundations Newsletter a diverse range of viewpoints and will give it a better taste.

We will appreciate it if the participating students use a word processor and type and save their articles on diskette and give that to us. This could help them with their wordprocessing practice and also help us with the Newsletter printing. You can use the word processor software package "MS WORKS" which is available in our computer lab.

I am also glad to inform you that we have a new member in the Foundations Newsletter committee. His name is **Khalid Salem Saeed Al Jaberi**. Khalid will be working as a co-editor and a reporter. He has already been a great help.

I would like to thank him for all the help and wish him good luck in his new job.

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# News & Comment

## Kuwait National Day

February 25, was Kuwait's important day to remember. It was their National Day, and, foremost it was the first anniversary of its liberation after seven months of Iraqi occupation on February 26, 1991. Maybe the country is getting back to normal and the people celebrated it with some significant events. Now Kuwait is free again and thanks to all countries which helped Kuwait in the war.

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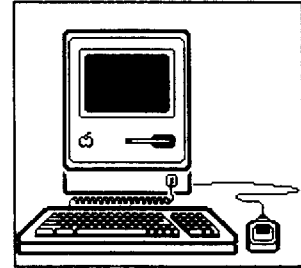
### Special Report on A.I.D.S.

Aids is a fatal disease which is spreading in many parts of the world. It was first found in the United States of America in 1981. But the virus was first known in France in 1983 and then in the USA in 1984. It is an illness which completely destroys the natural system of protection that the body has against disease. The patient gradually loses immunity. So far some symptoms of the disease are:

1. General weakness and loss of weight.

## Lucky Students Have New Teacher !

This semester the students in Foundations are luckier than last semester because they are getting a new teacher. She is a specialist to teach them in computer. Her name is Mrs. Jannie and she is from Holland. Also she is married and lives with her husband in Dubai. Mrs Jannie likes to learn a lot, so, when she finished secondary school she attended university and studied business and she graduated in 1988. Even then she did not quit studying. So she also learned Economics and graduated in 1991. In addition she likes to teach, so, she taught in the University in Holland for a year. After that, she travelled to Taiwan to teach English.



Mrs Jannie likes to visit many countries, so, she came to Dubai and teaches Computer Literacy in Dubai Men's college this semester. She has not visited any Arab countries and likes Dubai very much. When she came to Dubai she was surprised by all the modern things. When I asked her about our college, she said, "It is a nice college," and that the technique of teaching was like international countries. Also, students could learn and gain work experience at the same time. In her free time, Jannie likes driving in the desert, sailing and reading good books. I asked her, "Why do you prefer to teach computer rather than what you specialized in?" She said because a computer teacher can learn new things quicker than those who teach subjects which change slowly, and also she teaches students at the same time she can learn. Finally, she wishes to suggest the following to the students who want to study computer or English: "They should speak English more than Arabic because then they will learn very quickly." She suggests that students read books about computers and at the same time work with computers.

Finally, I want to thank Mrs Jannie for giving time to me to meet with her for the interview.

By: Khalid Al Jabri

Aids spreads through close contact with an infected person. Another way is blood transfers or syringes.

2. Rise of temperature
3. Severe diarrhea
4. Skin infections

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## A Letter to "The News Advisor"

I have a problem at this college. Some of us have to take Arabic classes in Foundations. The problem isn't with the classes as they are good. The problem comes from many other students who make jokes about us because their Arabic is already better. Sometimes it makes me angry! What should I do?

Dear student,

Experience with languages shows us that "practice makes perfect." Every human being has different talents and experiences which can make him better in certain areas. Maybe you can do some special things better than those people who are laughing at you. It's true that every hand has five fingers, but each one of them has a special job when doing work. My only suggestion to you is to ignore those people. Your work in learning perfect Arabic is something that will be important for you and something that you'll be able to keep forever. In future classes at DMC, maybe some of those people who laughed at you, will have problems in different classes. I hope by that time, rather than taking their poor example, you can offer to help them!

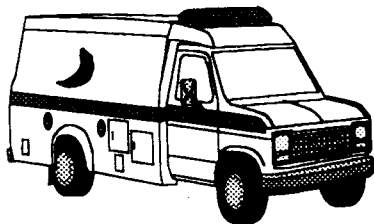
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To prevent this disease:

1. People should be educated about it and know how it kills people.
2. Syringes should never be used on more than one patient.
3. Blood should be tested for AIDS before transfusion.
4. Islam was to prevent this disease by marriage.

But there are people who do not think carefully about these things. If they do these things maybe they will die or will be punished by Allah.

Khalid Al Jabri



**AMBULANCE**

Can you read this word when it's up-side-down?

## Did you know that ...?

In China some kinds of goldfish have been reported to live for over 50 years.

The population of India is more than 900 million.

The temperature of the surface of the sun is 6,000 degrees C and the interior is 14,000,000 Degrees C.

Cairo is the largest city in Africa.

It is impossible to sneeze and keep your eyes open.

Elephants cry when they are sad.

In China every year 20 million babies are born.

To make just one pound of honey, bees must collect nectar from over two million separate flowers.

In Switzerland they write a birth certificate for the cows when they are born.

## Foundations Gossip

### Gossip

Did M.M. really get a 100 on his weekly computer quiz?

What's wrong with Mr. D's hair?

Why is Mr. O being so nice to Mr. S?

Do Mr. L's neckties really look like a sofa?

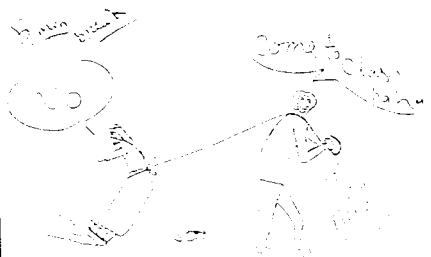
Does Y.A. really have fights in Sharjah?

Who says, "What's your problem?"

How does Ms. S punish bad students?

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Are you going to provide something for the next issue of our newsletter? Make sure that Omar gets a copy of your report, joke, or cartoon today!