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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The second issue of the *FP Chronicle* highlights the feedback of faculty and student on the DU Student Activities Week "Together We Succeed". The level of interest from visitors was very encouraging, specially when the talents of the students were recognized. This was a very important learning experience for our FP students who had participated with more than 30 projects this year!! But the most important feature of this event was DU's hospitality because invitations were extended to many schools in Dhofar to participate with their own projects. We're very pleased that we also have entries in this issue from a local school which shows how excited they were to take part in this event.

This issue confirms the Can Do attitude of our students. You only need to look at the pictures which speak for themselves. Well done everybody! Keep up the good work.



Annie Lajinian-Magarian
Director, Foundation Program



WE DID IT!

We **SUCCEEDED TOGETHER** in this endeavor. *FP Chronicle* was launched during the Cultural Week and we will always remember it as a turning point. Getting the distinguished award for the best project has only made us more determined in our objectives.

Better TEAMWORK, Better RESULTS.

It's that simple!

The fact is that while all teams are groups, not all groups are teams. A group becomes a true team only when its members support and enhance each other's performance and contributions ... when they work together to achieve results that are bigger and better than those that could be realized individually. Thank you Editorial Team.

Rehana Hussain, Instructor ELU

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IT'S QUIZ TIME.....!!

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DHOFAR POST BASIC SCHOOL

We were very much thrilled and excited to participate in the quiz competition conducted by Dhofar University during the STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES WEEK. It helped us to reactivate our knowledge during our preparation for the quiz. The questions were interesting and challenging. Thank you for encouraging the secondary school students by organizing such a program.

But we are sad to recall that luck did not favor us in the tie breaker and we had to be happy with the second prize. When two groups scored equal points the quiz organizers had a really tough time to bring out the potentiality of the topper.

By contestants:

1. Mohammed Ali Mohammed
2. Abdul Azeez Saeed Al Harthy
3. Waleed Saeed Al Rawahi

THE QUIZ COMPETITION

The General Knowledge Quiz competition organized by the Foundation Program as a part of Students' Activities Week was held in Ibn Rushd on 25/4/2010. The schools that contested for the title were **Salalah Boys, Al Nahdah Girls, Khawla Girls and Dhofar Boys**. It is worth mentioning that the quiz enriched the knowledge of the students as they were exposed to a variety of rounds (i.e.) General Knowledge, Current Affairs, English Language, Visual and Dhofar University. **The first prize and second prize were won by Salalah Boys School and Dhofar Boys School respectively.**

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STUDENTS EXPERIENCES

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Students' Activities Cultural Week- A Step to Come Out of Ourselves

Dhofar University organizes a Students' Activities or Cultural Week, every year to help students bring out their innate qualities and improve their skills. This Cultural Week also projected DU to the local community. It also enabled students to apply the knowledge they had gained in the classroom in the form of different projects and present it before the public. There were many projects from different classes on various subjects such as English, Math & IT.

There were projects on Omani culture, music and geography. I liked the projects highlighting the Importance of Reading, Amazing Human body, Saving the Environment and Road Safety. The students of Level 2 put in our best and prepared a project on the topic 'Let Us Save Our Environment' Our project highlighted the countries that emit a lot of Co2, the effects of global warming and the importance and methods of recycling garbage. The project also emphasized the need to plant more trees and urged to save oil, water and electricity in order to save our beautiful environment.

I actively took part in the project and felt excited and thrilled, when I explained the project to the chief guest and other important people. All in all the activity helped us to discover our hidden talents and polish our skills and abilities. Thanks to the Students' Activities Cultural Week!

Sara Ahmed Said Al Rawas, L2



The week is important as it brings students together. Many students from different programmes produce works of art like writing poems, painting, etc. and they are awarded for their efforts. Teachers lead and guide the students in their work. I like this part of the year very much.

Sara Mohammed Al Rawas, L3



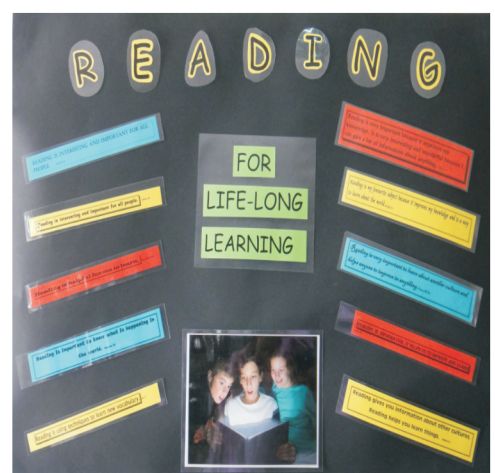
In my opinion, the cultural week is important for students because it not only benefits them to improve their skills but also helps them to be self-reliant and successful. The newsletter is a great idea and I hope it continues its journey to a brighter future.

Harfa Salim, L3



The cultural week gives an opportunity for students to consolidate their skills. I liked the spelling contest held this year and it was very useful.

Wafa Zayid Khawar, L3





My name is Abdullah Awadh Mohammed Al Hadi Ba Omar. I'm in Level 2. To say the truth, the Cultural Week was a special event for me. It was an opportunity for me to exercise my hobby, i.e. painting, drawing and designing. I was involved in many projects and did my best to finish them all in time. I have to say that I spent much time trying to finish the work given to me. I needed the help of my two friends and classmates, Marwan Ahmad Faraj and Haithem Al Balushi. You may not believe me but, it is true, I'm waiting impatiently for the next DU Cultural Week.

Abdullah Ba Omar, L2



The Students' Activities Week was a chance to expose students' talents and that was why I liked it very much. For me, it was a good opportunity to exercise my writing skills as I took part in writing projects. As for my fellow students, it was a great time to show their drawing abilities.

Muna Al Yafii, L2



The Student Activity Week encourages students to show the most outstanding projects that reflect the extent of their awareness of the courses taught to them, the university. This is an opportunity for the students to upgrade their skills and show their creativity, as this week makes the university and the community come together for a common purpose.

On the first day of the opening of the Cultural Week, I participated in the Math/IT section, where I had to explain the importance of the computer and its components and characteristics. This was in addition to my participation in the project FP CHRONICLE. I was responsible to explain the contents etc. of the first newsletter to the students and visitors. These events give students the chance to experience and gain knowledge among fellow-students in a scientific, cultural and intellectual atmosphere.

Jamila Nahiza, L3



I am happy I participated in the cultural week programme. It developed my knowledge and skills. In addition, the quiz competition had many participants from many schools. There were many interesting competitions and projects this year.

Bakheeta Al Mahri, L3





THE CULTURAL WEEK - SNAPSHOTS

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Math Unit and Cultural week

In Spring Semester 2009/2010, the University organized a cultural week wherein different projects were displayed by the University students and people from different walks of life participated fervently. On the eve of Cultural Week, Math Unit designed different projects for the Students Activities Week, based on: Concept of Area, Perimeter and Volumes of different shapes, how to apply Pythagoras Theorem and Trigonometric Functions in *Real world*.

All these projects were well appreciated by the visitors. Students took keen interest in these projects and suggested passionately more projects of similar kinds in the forth-coming cultural weeks.

Motto of the Math/IT Unit: "Towards Quality and Professionalism"

Shadi Al Hajjar, Convener, Math/IT



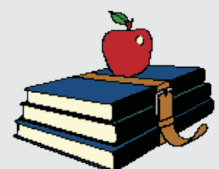
Objectives achieved through Cultural week



The Math Unit believes such activities develop the mathematical sense in students and employing mathematical methods in life. By passionate involvement of students in different projects, Unit tried to enhance students' intellectual abilities, critical thinking and self confidence which are the main objectives of Math Unit. It is worth mentioning here that Unit arranged some mathematical games wherein students actively participated and showed their abilities.

Student activities week is a healthy exercise to motivate students to study mathematics and realize its importance practically. Math faculty members are thankful to Almighty for successful achievement of its objectives through the Cultural Week. Math Unit takes this opportunity to extend its gratitude and thankfulness to the students and visitors from different spheres of life, or making this event a great success.

Syed Salman Mohmood, Instructor, Math



Cultural Week and Mathematics Projects

The most beautiful projects that were presented in the cultural week were the mathematics projects that displayed interesting rules of mathematics.

The mathematics projects are distinctive more than other projects because it makes the brain more active and it always invites us to think and analyze. We can say that the cultural week was a good and healthy activity to refresh our brains and I hope to be a member of the mathematics projects because it is interesting.

Maroj Ahmed Said Al-Saifi

The Math & IT unit jointly displayed their students' projects during the Cultural Week. The IT, Level 2 students eagerly participated and developed Microsoft Movie Maker projects titled Kids, English language Learning, Oman the Best Place to Live and Looban Tree. Other projects like Web Development and Hosting was well appreciated by the visitors. The Hardware components display and explanation helped the students to be aware about the internal parts of the computer.

Excel Tips

A Spreadsheet is a program that works with numbers, text, and formulae. A workbook is a work file created with spreadsheet package. A worksheet is a group of cells made up of horizontal rows and vertical columns.

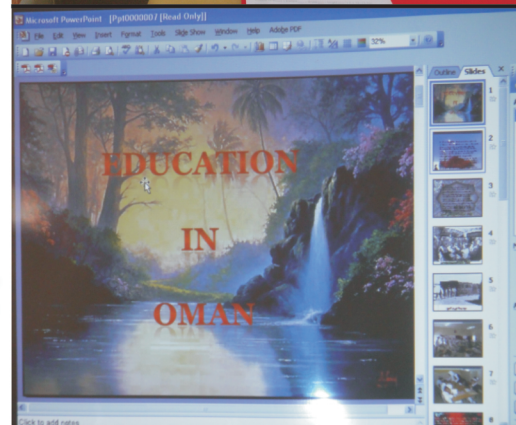
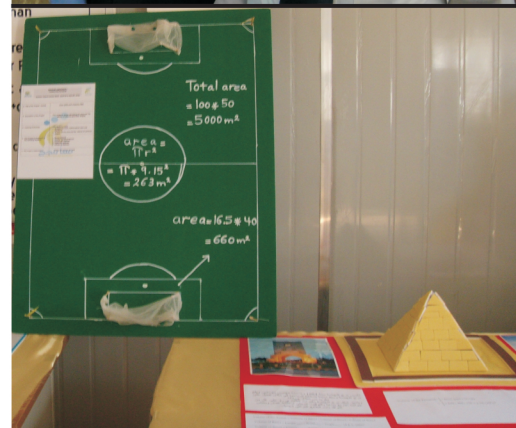
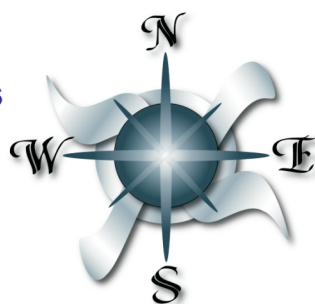
Cell Pointer is a highlighted cell boundary that specifies which cell is active at that moment. Active Cell is the cell which is being worked on at that moment.

A new MS-Excel workbook contains three worksheets by default. The default names of the worksheets are Sheet1, Sheet2, Sheet3, and so on. An Ms-Excel worksheet has 65,536 rows and 256 columns.

Veeraiyan, Instructor, IT

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www.mathworld.com
www.basic-mathematics.com
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Success doesn't come to you you go to it.
~Marva Collins

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