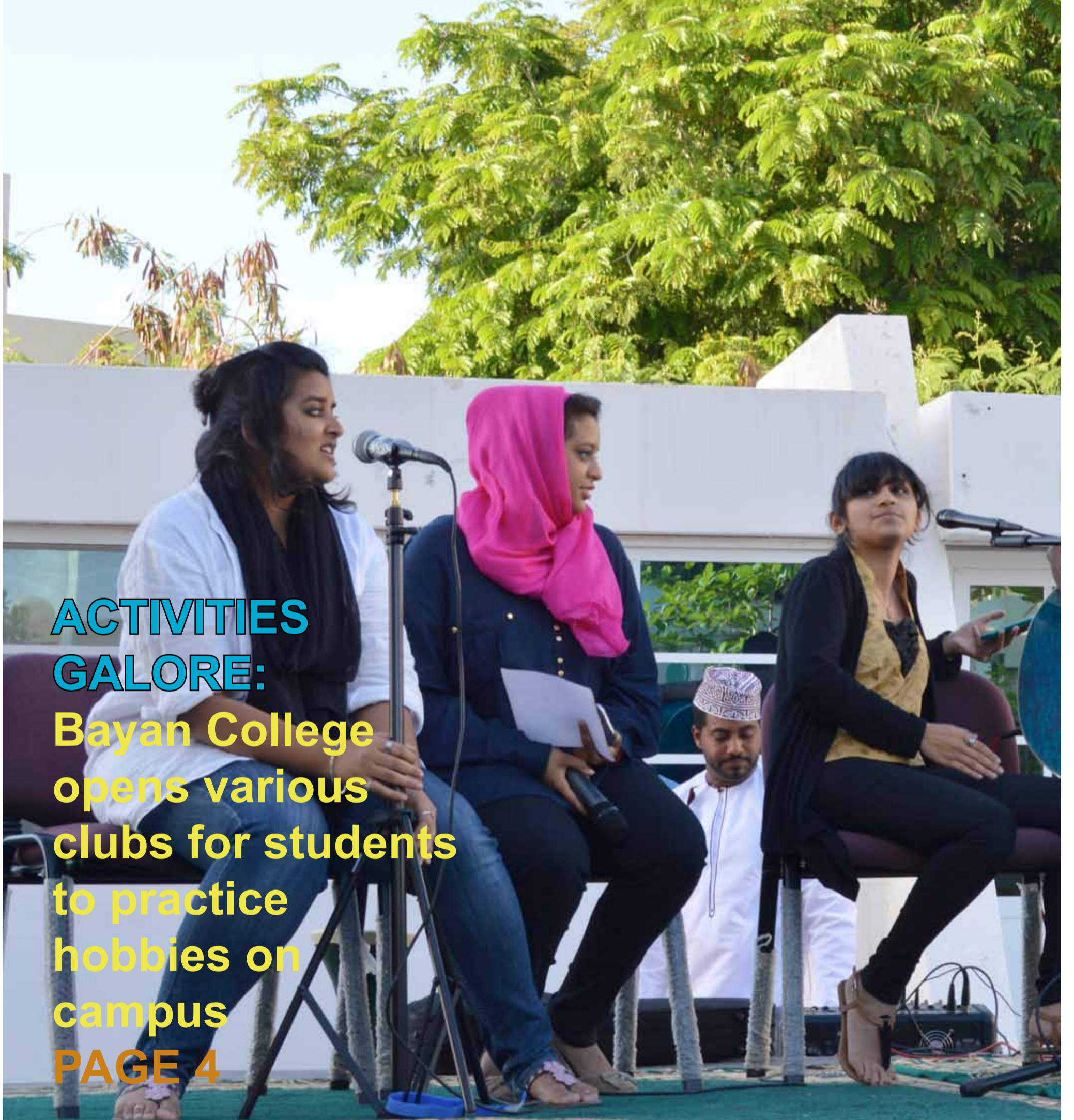


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AI ZAHRA COLLEGE FAIR:

Marwa Al Mawaali

Bayan College recently participated at the Zahra college exhibition which gave opportunities to students around Oman to get work and internship to gain work experiences.

There were a lot of stalls including al Bayan college stalls, each one had their own unique type of work and a lot of students around Muscat attended this exhibition to see what was offered for them.

Qatar Airways was also there to help students get work in the airline with some pamphlets to know about the field work.

Al Bayan College has also provided opportunities to give students a fair chance to work at Bayan and also have more experience to broaden their skills.



Melanie Crasta



Melanie Crasta

QURAN MY LIFE, CAMPAIGN:

Aliya Al Jardani

Campaign "Quran my life" is a campaign set up by a group headed by student Ahmed Al Hadi. It is the largest donation campaign of Quran in the Sultanate - as claimed by Ahmed.

Ahmed bin Darwish Al Hadi, said: "The Quran guides us to Truth, and as Allah mentions in Surat Al-Isra: "This Qur'an guides to that which is It promises believers who do good that they have a great reward."

"With this in mind we have initiated this campaign." Quranic my life encourages several goals, including: Urge students from within and outside the college and all segments of society to donate and contribute in the service of the needy.

"We are distributing Qurans to Muslims in various parts of the African continent in general and the needy in particular, I invite everyone to donate and Do not



Aliya Al Jardani



Aliya Al Jardani

deprive themselves of this great reward."

Azzan Al Mubarak, student at Bayan College said: "Frankly, the idea is wonderful but there are no combined efforts and no one pays much attention - no one accepts to read it frequently and this cuts my heart because it is after all the Holy Book."

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Another Bright day welcomes our Bayanites!

The end of the college year is nigh with a new year soon over the horizon; however, we cannot end the year without yet another issue of the Bayan Post to wrap up the activities presented in the past semester. Welcome to the latest issue of the Bayan Post for the spring semester of 2014-2015.

In this time's issue we are celebrating the different clubs which exist within the college and the many workshops and excursions that these clubs have conducted for the entertainment and knowledge of the many students and other people who have come to support and participate in the club's activities from in and around the college.

Also, we focus on the important issues of littering and smoking within the college campus. These two go hand in hand as major concerns of both the staff and the students. Smoking is seen as a hazard to the lives of the people using the cigarettes as well as the people around them, littering is no different. See how so, in the articles Trash Dilemma and Smoking on Campus.

We always talk about a green thumb, how about a charitable one. Read in the pages of how Bayan College is exercising this aspect with the "Quran Charity" which has been going on since the middle of the semester with the opening of the new building. It includes people donating their Qurans to charity.

The new building also hosts the new college canteen and recreation room. Finally! A place to relax and truly enjoy with one's friends. This was a very exciting and new development in the college which was looked forward to by all our Bayanites and it did not disappoint.

These and other stories run their course on the pages of this issue and we hope that you truly enjoy it.

Huge congratulations to all our Bayanites graduating by the end of this academic year, you will always remain in our hearts and we hope you always do keep our college in a special place in yours.

Thanking everyone for all their contribution to this semester's issue and looking forward to all your contributions in the new academic year.

Here's to an AWESOME next year!

Melanie and the Editorial

Melanie Marian Crasta

CAMPUS NEWS

Bayan Freshers Party



Marwa Al Maawali
Guests and Bayan College students and staff at the Freshers Party & Honouring Ceremony

Marwa Al Maawali

Bayan College hosted a fresher's party as well as honoring ceremony for students who passed the foundation level including Academic Achievements. Open Day participants

who supported the event were also honoured.

The event ended with a short musical performance by Bayan Students.

300 - Rise of an Empire



Internet Image

Ameera Al Badi

Students undertaking Video & Production visited Al Shaati cinema to watch 300 accompanied by Dr. Fassih Kieso.

Students from Visual Communication also learnt about the different art forms used in the movie.

It is a new chapter of the epic saga

that takes the action to a fresh battlefield on the sea, as Greek general Themistocles attempts to unite all Greece by leading the Greek army that would ultimately change the course of the war. "300 Rise of an Empire" pits Themistocles against the massive invading Persian forces led by mortal turned god Xerxes and Artemisia - his vengeful commander.

Bayan students participate in MCT Film Festival



Hassan Al Balushi

Maryam Al Zadjali

The eighth Muscat international film festival was held from the 23rd to the 29th of March 2014.

Bayan Colleges' students and teachers were also part of the festival. Some of them were volunteers from the Omani Film Society and some worked as organisers of the festival. Deeba Hassan, a graduate student

from Bayan, was presenting the ceremony and Hassan Al Balushi was the assistant director for the Opening and closing ceremony.

Dr. Fassih Kieso, the head of media department in college was one of the judges for the short films.

This event was a good International platform for Bayan students.

Student Clubs in Bayan...

Sundus Al Ghafri

Since the colleges inception in 2006 it has slowly been progressing through out the years. So many clubs and activities have been started and produced events for the college to showcase what the students of Bayan College have to offer.

The first meeting of the clubs happened this semester led by Mr. Saleh Al Muqaimi, head of the Student Affairs. The meeting consisted of the head of every club, the English Club, Music Club, Drama Club, Photography Club and the Poetry Club, as well as the Editor of the Bayan Post, joined by the President and Vice President of the student council.

The objectives of the meeting were to establish a connection amongst all the leaders in the college and aim for more communication between them. Discussions occurred concerning the many activities each club has to offer, like the Poetry/Music night that happened just before the midterms, also a Billiard in-house competition inviting colleges from around Muscat to join the tournament. The Drama Club received an invitation to Nizwa University to participate in their 4th Theatrical Festival and, many other activities which were mentioned in the meeting.

The meeting allowed for some of the club leaders to participate in honoring the contributors of the Open Day Event that happened earlier this semester. Certificates were given out on the recent fresher's party accompanied by singing performances given by students of the college.

The council meets every other Thursday to discuss future event plans for the college.

country more of a home to an expatriate than the country they are originally from. Moreover, being at Bayan means they can receive quality education without having to leave their homes and families, and that makes it all the better.

Smaller Canteen, Bigger Improvement...

Summiaya Khalique

ACTIVITIES GALORE



ACTIVITIES & NEW AMENITIES TO ENJOY

Hassan Al Balushi

After the opening of the new building, making this the third building of Bayan College, a small new canteen; or rather, a smaller area for snacks was opened after the open day beside the new building.

The things that are sold here are sweet corn, popcorn, ice creams of various flavours and the raw mango, 'Amba'. The sweet corn is the best thing over there. The salesman makes it very nice and as per the customers instructions.

The popcorn is the normal salted popcorn and the Ice creams are Unikai Ice Cream which one could ask for in a cone or a cup. Then is the Raw Mango that drives the girls crazy. The most sold items are the Sweet corn and the raw mango.

Even though, if one thinks about it, it's not a big deal. But small changes are being made which is quite big within itself. People, especially girls are happy about the ice creams, the raw mangoes and the sweet corn. Seeing these small improvements, we feel that there is a lot more to be done and at least the administration is looking into that and bringing about these changes here and there. Small steps, but bigger differences.

We hope to see more of such improvements in the near future. Let's make Bayan all happening..!

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Music Day at Bayan...

Ale Al Zadjali

Talent truly does exist at Bayan College, and it exists within the majority! Whilst Talent truly does exist at Bayan College, and it exists within the majority! Whilst most of us have an ear for good music, there's a good number of students who make sure they provide it for us. Earlier this semester, Bayan College held its own music afternoon filled with an incredible array of talent!

The afternoon kicked off with a Spanish flamenco band which for 2 performances gave the crowd chills and had them hooked on the beat and the path it took them on. Since music isn't just about instruments but words, the Spanish flamenco band was followed by a short but sweet poetry session which was beautifully expressed!

Then it was time for a personal highlight, the guitar heavy rendition of Pharrell Williams' 'Happy' which was performed by a Bayan College based band () they got the crowd on their feet, clapping, singing and jumping for their lives! It was a mini-concert-extravaganza!

Another beautiful performance followed when one of our female students took the stage with a full band to perform renditions of various Arabic songs, beautiful renditions that from behind the stage gave me a glimpse of how lucky the judges on 'The Voice' are because musical talent really should be heard and not seen.

It was a very successful afternoon and anyone who attended would probably agree on just how talented Bayan College students are!

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Small steps, but bigger differences in Bayan College.

Sumaiyya Khan, Student - Bayan College

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Bayan College Holds Open Day 2014

Fatima Husain



Open Day Inauguration Ceremony at Bayan College

Bayan College organised the 3rd Open Day at the College Campus on Monday – February 17, 2014.

The Program was inaugurated by Sheikh Salim bin Alibin Nasser Al Siyabi, Chairman of Bayan College, Shukoor Al Ghammari, CEO of Noor Al Huda Institution Yousuf Al Hooti, Oman TV Presenter along with Dr Jassim M Jaber, Dean of Bayan College.

Activities organised by the Department of Media Studies included: Display of College Newsletter (Bayan Post), Display of Student Blogs, Photography, Magazine Design, Bayan TV and Student Films, PR Assignments, Press Kits and Campaigns along with a Public Speaking Clinic to tend to those with public speaking fright.

The English Department displayed Posters and held an English Quiz along with a Fashion Show and a Music Band.

The Foundation Department held a Logo Competition, displayed diaries and student work, posters and organised a book sale.

Organisations such as Oman Newspaper, Shabiba, Muscat College, Al Ousbou, Al Khariji Perfumes, Dar Aifoud Eye Centre, Oman Women's Association, Omani Women's Association (Qurum), Dar Ilata and Journalist Association exhibited their works. A currency and camera show were also on display.

Students of Bayan Journalism Club also presented their work.

Afternoon Stage Performance included poetry recitation, Singing & Keyboards (Foundation Department), Singing (Egyptian School), Play and Music bands.

The Programme ended with a Car Show with luxury car engines deafening the excited spectators.



Trash Dilemma at Bayan College

Tariq Al Haremi

After a long class lecture, students from Bayan College march on to spend their free time at a common place on campus, the cafeteria lawn. It sounds relaxing as you sit down with your colleagues on the grass lawn, snacking on the cafeteria's food and sharing stories together.

Now, one might picture a freshly cut, green grass field with perfectly trimmed bushes around and the air seems lighter and cooler that it overpowers the heat of summer. Unfortunately that is not the case.

As one might enter a college campus and takes a quick tour, it usually finishes at the cafeteria. Bayan College's cafeteria lawn would greet them with open arms of



File Image

Trash Dilemma at Bayan College

stench. More Earth is exposed than grass covering it, with cigarette buds scattered around. But what is worse is the amount of waste and trash left on the floor or on tables in the lawn. There is more trash on the lawn than there is in the bin.

When confronting a student who left his empty juice box on the table, he claimed that the reason why nobody is throwing their trash is because there is one rubbish bin and it's too far.

If 5 meters is too far then it is hard to say what is actually far or not. Others requested for a few more bins to be placed around the lawn to save them the trouble of walking.

A month ago, students ordered their own lunch from outside restaurants. It came in a large brown bag full of their meals. After having their meal on the cafeteria lawn, the empty contents were thrown inside the brown bag which served as a trash bag, and then left on the lawn as it was, since it was first brought in.

A couple of staff members are also guilty of littering after they have been spotted by a student council member. They left the table without disposing of their water bottles.

Increase in disposables around the cafeteria can cause serious health problems hygienically. It also attracts unwanted flies, especially on a summer's

day. An initiative was taken by the Student Council to battle this problem, by implementing a rule of which states that if anyone leaves their trash behind, will get fined RO 1. Those fines would go to the student council so activities can be arranged for the students. With the announcement posted on campus, however, it was ignored.

If Bayan College is willing to keep a well maintained lawn (with grass), the students must cooperate by disposing what is not needed in the trash bins and not the floor.

The college must also create a smoking section for smokers on campus with proper trash bins for finished cigarette buds. It truly is a waste for a potentially beautiful lawn.

Students Misusing Facilities

Ale Al Zadjali

The only way at Bayan College is up! This must be why when the new building opened its doors to the students this year it also had its very own (and first to Bayan) recreational room!

A swanky new room which has become a communication and gathering hub for many Bayan College students who gather around and pick up the pool stick for a game, or engage in a heated and fast paced game of table tennis or relax and enjoy the play station.

There's always the people who come in, join, and cheer on the people playing the games! The recreational room features not one but 2 table tennis tables, a pool table and a play station area.

All you have to do is pay for access to the activities (500 BZ for the pool & tennis tables and and 1 .R.O for the play station) and enjoy the game(s) until the time is up or

class begins!

During the past month the recreational room has been busier than ever, people have begun booking their sessions as there's always someone occupying one thing or the other which only certifies how much of a positive change and necessity it is for Bayan College and it's students!

But students have been misusing the facilities provided by college.

Saleh Al Moqemi, Student Affairs & Career Guidance Incharge said: "Students acted irresponsibly towards the activities room. In the beginning, the management decided to open it for the students to offer them entertainment, leisure time and improving their skills in table tennis and pool along with a Playstation.

"But students exploited these facilities and the management decided to make the

students pay a small amount of money to teach them responsibility. The funds collected were towards maintaining the activities room.

"I witnessed students having food on the table tennis and pool tables, placing books and other damaging items. We now have 4 broken billiard sticks."

Students will not be allowed to use the recreational/ activities room until further notice.



Aliva Al Jardani

The activities room in the new building

Meet the Bayan College Design Star...

Sumaiya Khalique Khan



Has Bayan got talent? For sure! Ale al Zadjali (No, it's not a spelling mistake, it's pronounced same as Ali) is Bayan's newest talent. What's his talent you ask? He's a Fashion Designer! Girl's this is good news for you!

Ale is an active Public Relations student here at Bayan. He is 20 years old and is already soaring through the skies with success by his side. Ale designs jackets for women; however, they are not your same old jackets. They are these fancy combinations of cloaks or capes made into jackets. His brand of jackets is called 'Esque' and he launched his label pretty recently at the Vivid store in Bareeq Al Shatti.

The proud moment with all of this for him is that he did not take any sort of financial support from friends, family or even banks. He worked hard, taking up small jobs, saved enough in almost a year and then he met the General Manager of Vivid, Monique Helou, who was very supportive and was willing to let this young man have his fixed foundation at Vivid. Even though the idea of creating something like this came on a boring day, he has reached new heights. His jackets were tested in Dubai, Kuwait, the US and many other countries before it hit the store here.



Ale did his research about the market in Oman and has met the specifications and respects the type of market here. He also intends to launch a collection of vests for men. The prototype is already made and we hope the launch is soon. Ale's current line consists, Esque 1, jackets for women in Chiffon and Esque 2, in Velvet. Florals, geometric prints, checks, stripes, no print has escaped this young designer's mind.

"What have many people of my age achieved??" a question he frequently asks. Think about it. He's 20. What have many 20 year olds have in their hand other than the term "SWAG"?

We wish all the very best to Ale al Zadjali for his fashion line and we hope to see him flourishing vastly in this field of beauty and glamour.

To have a look at his designs or for more information, you can follow him on Instagram: Esquebyale or his Facebook page: Esque by Ale.



Visit to Stal Gallery Muscat

Maryam Abdul Hakeem & Melanie Crasta



Artists exhibiting their works at Stal Gallery

A group of students undertaking Visual Communication Class visited Stal Gallery, Madinat Sultan Qaboos accompanied by Dr Fassih Keiso.

The exhibition entitled "Mirrors" featured work by five contemporary Arab women artists named Enaam Ahmed, Nadia Al-Balushi, Shaymaa Ashknany, Naima Al-Maimani and Radhika Hamlai. Their work features a variety of media and disciplines. Nadia Al-Balushi's work focuses on the natural world as well as Radhika Hamlai's work that also extends to the inquiry in deep philosophical dilemmas and human relationship complexities, whereas Naima Al-Maimani's focus point is on expressionism, symbolism and abstracts. As for Shaymaa Ashknany's work is portrays humanitarian and transparent subtleties.

She is an award winning artist, her work is influenced by ancient texts from bygone civilizations within the region. Her artwork pays tribute to these iconic early scripts and the civilizations that transformed global history thousands of years ago which is what attracted me to her work the most. I am fascinated by older civilizations and their connection with art through monuments, scriptures, drawings, and texts on walls, sculptures and what not. Her painting has a certain attracting richness to it both visually and in the aspect of holding an ancient story.

The elements that she had used as I somewhat stated earlier like the use of lines, texture, shape and space giving it a somewhat abstract feel but, also breaking it somehow. When it comes to colors, we can see the use of primary colors, as well as secondary and throughout the merge, we can also find tertiary colors within the painting.

The vibrant colours and beautiful compositions were a welcome sight in a very dull day.

Contribution: Foundation Department

Coordinator: Qais Parker

The effects of rain in Oman

'Rain is the life' my teacher said that. Rain is very important for us. We can't live without rain. When the raining start we all feel happy and refresh. Especially we people because we live in Oman. It's very hot country. And we need rain from time to another. The purpose of this essay to discuss three effects of rain in Oman, it's good for beings, for the earth and water, weather, weather.

Firstly, there is a lot of advantages of rain for beings. First for the human they can use the rain water in a lot of things. For example irrigates the plants, wash their cars, play in the wadi, wash their clothes and swim in the wadi. Second, for the animals. Animals can drink from the rain water and swim. Finally plants. Plants need more water to grow up and to fructify.

Secondly, for the earth. From time to another. Earth need water. There is a lot of problem if the rain is stop. For example dryness, desertification and the earth will be not good for planting. From the raining the earth will be all green and the government can save more water and use it in another things.

Finally, the weather. The weather is very important. From the rain the weather become more nice and refresh. The weather is good for us to be more active and refresh. Also it's good for plant to grow up.

In the end, rain is a big boon for us. We should thank God for this boon. Because if there is no rain we will die.

