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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings and Welcome to the first issue of our e-newsletter, of the year, 2012! On behalf of the Waljat family, We wish the readers a very happy and prosperous new year. In the newsletter, we will be capturing the exciting events of the last two months of 2011, since the publication of the last edition of 'Impact'. The plethora of activities during the last two months of 2011, which ranged over a wide spectrum, illustrated the dynamism of the WCAS community and its stakeholders, contributing to knowledge creation and dissemination given the breath of academic programs offered in our institution.

As a component of the College-Industry Interaction Initiative, our MBA candidates visited a carbonated soft drinks company locally to garner experience concerning the overall manufacturing and quality control process as well as the organizational structure of a manufacturing plant. On the academic front, our Management students from the undergraduate and graduate programs were exposed to an orientation seminar regarding the 'mundane', run of the mill issues, which every student has to grapple with although critical in its familiarization aspects. Another examination related talk was delivered, in order for students to be better prepared for the examination season, which is truly an occupational hazard in the learning process of every student!

In the charged backdrop of the Durban Climate Change negotiations on Climate Change every small step towards environmental conservation through awareness generation and behavioral alteration goes a long way towards a cumulative impact. The Waljat Environmental Club organized a paper recycling campaign over an academic week in November with a Green Day on the 23rd of November. The passion and enthusiasm was palpable and the campaign was a resounding success.

In this age, where urban sedentary lifestyle has increased the diabetes epidemic with expanding waistlines, a group of faculty, staff and students had participated in the 'Beat Diabetes Walkathon' to show their concern and support this cause. WCAS celebrated the 41st National Day with great fanfare within the campus, with a string of events organized to mark this special day in Omani history. The day had a cultural program and the college was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

We wish the students a fruitful examination season and extend our best of luck to them. We wish all our readers a pleasant reading experience.

ACHIEVEMENT

Research Work



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DEAN'S COLOUMN



Prof.(Dr.) Mohan Varma

**A man
is but the
product
of his
thoughts
what
he thinks,
he
becomes
-Gandhi**

Greetings for the New Year to our esteemed readers. We sincerely and genuinely wish that WCAS will continue to attain higher goals and; make a resolution that we as a team will put in our best effort to make our college the preferred destination for talented students who dream for a bright future. When a year passes by, it's time to look back and introspect, rejoice the successes, identify areas where we could have done better, plan the future and explore new possibilities. The 2011 has been a satisfying year for WCAS fraternity and we have improved in all aspects of our activity literally from A to Z i.e. from Academics to Zest (in all stakeholders). To illustrate few alphabets we had new Buildings, Computer Labs, Distinguished speakers, English language lab, Faculty members.....to Policies, Quality initiatives, Reading rooms, Softwares, Teaching aids, Up gradation of IT infrastructure, Video conferencing facility and Workshop/Wi-Fi etc.

Besides the infrastructure improvements, college reorganized its academic departments, library, laboratories and student services, gave a new fillip to student activities and club, organized programmes under newly initiated College-Industry Interaction Program. Numerous seminars, soft skill development programmes, training programmes for staff and students and placement activities were also organized to build-up a congenial environment for sharing and dissemination of information and knowledge. Waljat College has been inducted as an eligible institution to receive research grants from The Research Council, Oman. The research work of our faculty members was acclaimed at national and international levels. Our overall development efforts were commended by the Academic Audit Team from the Parent University – BIT. The complements and thanks are due to each and everyone who has contributed directly or indirectly to these advancements and initiatives. Having said that, we have miles to go before we pause and we are aware of our role and responsibilities.

The tasks for the current year are cut out; we need to further improve our visibility, having done a reasonably good job last year, to attract bright students to our college. Students' aspirations have risen as the fellow engineering students have secured jobs in multinational companies competing against the best, student engineering projects have been rated best in Oman and larger number of companies has shown interest in our graduates than ever before. Students are our ambassadors and teachers and students have to amicably work together to beat the rest. Our task is to transform each and every student of the college into a disciplined, knowledgeable and employable individual who adds value to the organization he/she joins.

We would also like to go with vigor and confidence to the next phase of accreditation, having successfully addressed all previous recommendations/observations of the Oman Accreditation Council. This test is to be passed with flying colors and each and every individual and entity of WCAS has to put in best effort. We still need to improve processes, to be flawless with documentation, to have better connectivity with sister departments, to develop appreciable teaching-learning methodology and related material etc. We also must follow best practices in our domain of activity, help students and colleagues to develop, keep a track of efforts and new initiatives of other colleges and share experiences and expertise to raise the standards within the departments. Let us dare to think out of the box, chase our dreams with dedication, develop confidence to overcome the challenges and write our success story.

Some people dream of success while others work hard to achieve it. We all know that there is no substitute to hard work and collective hard work is a sure recipe to success.

DECADE @ WALJAT

Musings: Ten years and then some...



Indrani Basu

Sharing her experiences upon completion of ten years in the college

Very recently, I had an out-of-body experience. Since I am a Teacher and used to spell out everything, 'an out of body experience is when one experiences something that seems real but isn't'. It occurred while I climbed the stairs back to the staff room after a relatively exhilarating class with my fresh batch of students. It was as if a time warp had taken me back to those initial classes with my first batch of students. I stood in our makeshift class by the Shell Gas Station, Al-Khuwair, explaining the intricacies of 'Report Writing'. All strange faces sat there hanging on to every word I said and we were, both teacher and student, grappling to build that opening bridge.

There right in front of me stood my first batch of students of 2001. Well, maybe not the full class but most of them were there. They had come to meet me especially. It was an uncanny feeling, a kind of a transition from my present to my past. Now I am not the kind who deliberates over moments passed and neither do I have these experiences often. It must have been because these students, who are now well entrenched in their respective careers, keep coming back with memories of those days. They wonder if their exclusive english teacher had moved on and forgotten them and I wonder if that is ever possible.

In the trajectory of the last ten years we have come a long way. The Institution, initially, contained itself in an apartment block in a very residential part of the city. We were neighbors to the aforementioned gas station and a store and of course what became the student's 'hang out'- the esteemed Pizza Hut. The classrooms were actually meant to be shops and had large shutters in front of them. We neither had a cafeteria nor an auditorium but amidst these inadequacies what we did have, was a lot of enthusiasm and spirit of participation. There must have been just about five teaching faculty to start with and we taught just a handful of students.

Those early days were days of beginnings, of first steps, of fumbling, learning and crossing milestones. Every achievement was pure joy as we succeeded in not one but in so many ways. I can honestly say that as a teacher my most fulfilling moment was when my first batch of students found the paper from the BIT center quite easy to crack. The sense of pride in them and the feeling of contentment were indescribable.

The Creative Arts Class was one of the most favoured class amongst the students not only of BE but BCA & BBA as well. If anyone had a free class going, they would flock to the Creative Arts Class to unwind. We did a lot of public speaking, presentations and miming, wrote and directed skits and plays, played antakshari, dumb charade etc. These classes were a hubbub of various activities and creativities amidst the sheer joy of participation.

DECADE @ WALJAT

Musings: Ten years and then some...

With the permission of the then Dean, we organized our first cultural evening which was held in our English Language Classroom as it had all the equipments and paraphernalia required. A makeshift stage was built and a colleague's wife very kindly stitched up a bed sheet to be used as a curtain for the stage. The enthusiasm and exuberance of the students and teachers knew no bounds and that spirit culminated into a scintillating performance and a sumptuous tea laid out courtesy, Ghasitaram Restaurant. That set the precedence for the Annual Cultural Evening, which has become a tradition in Waljat College today.

We've grown in numbers now. We have about fifty times as many students in each class and so many more number of sections. And the teaching staff has grown into a body of approximately one- fifty odd members. We have moved on- both physically and metaphorically. Today we stand tall and sprawled amidst other prestigious institutions.

With my students, I have grown too. I have grown fond of each batch of students I have sent out to be successful professionals. Omanis and expatriate alike, I wish each one of them succeed in whatever they may choose to pursue. The lessons I have taught, have taught me to endure, to persevere and to innovate new ways of teaching the same thing in different ways and different methods. I can sincerely say that I am richer by the experience. I have seen the College grow, not only in strength and numbers but also in status. It has made a name for itself today in the field of Higher Education in Oman. I feel proud and humbled at the same time to be associated with an Institution of this stature.

Creativity and innovation being my forte, I am truly at my best when I am left to my own devices but that does not mean that I eliminate all professional boundaries. I presume, we, Teachers have a unique way of combining our own personalities and life experiences in our teaching. We are engaged in an activity which has tremendous social value and entails tremendous responsibilities. We are helping to create the future. We need to respect ourselves, respect our students, respect each other. And have fun being a 'Teacher.' There is unbridled joy in the mystery that is "Teaching"!

So, if ten years from now I come across a piece of work written by any of my students, I had better find it flawless. Otherwise they will find themselves back in my level 1 class and I will be just as strict about their dotting the 'i' and cutting the 't' as before. And as a Teacher – "I have promises to keep, And miles to go, Before I sleep." (Robert Frost).

LEADING THOUGHTS

"So much of what we call management consists in making it difficult for people to work."

--Peter Drucker

"Management is, above all, a practice where art, science, and craft meet."

--Henry Mintzberg

"As long as you're green, you're growing. As soon as you're ripe, you start to rot."

--Ray Kroc

"If you are the master be sometimes blind, if you are the servant be sometimes deaf."

--R Buckminster Fuller

Source: www.leadershipnow.com

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COLLEGE NEWS

Visit to Oman Refreshment Company

Under the College – Industry Interaction Initiative (CIII) program, the M.B.A. students of the college recently visited Oman Refreshment Company (S.A.O.G.).

They were accompanied by faculty members of Department of Management namely, Dr. G.P. Mishra, Dr. A. Prakash and Ms. Blossom Chrsitina. The students were given information about the manufacturing process of fruit juices, Carbonated Soft Drinks (CSD) and bottled water – Aquafina. At the start, Operations Manager Mr. Stephanus Vermeulen briefed about the structure, products and nature of plant.

The students were explained the detailed manufacturing process of the Carbonated Soft Drinks and bottled mineral water. The students also visited the Quality Control Department, where they were given detailed information about quality aspects of CSD. Students and staff were given light refreshments of the products manufactured in the plant before the departure. The visit was quite informative and the students expressed high degree of satisfaction over the knowledge gained during the process.



Dr. G.P. Mishra & Ms. Blossom with MBA students

Orientation Programme



Mrs. Nupur Sen briefing new students in orientation program

During first quarter of this session, An Orientation Programme was conducted for BBA, MBA and EMBA first semester students by Department of Management to familiarize them with the academic environment. Ms. Nupur Sen of Department of Mangement briefed the students about the college's mission, objectives, academic evaluation policies, Grade Point evaluation system, academic & extracurricular facilities and general rules and regulations. The importance of attendance and attendance requirements were also informed in the Orientation Programme. Students were advised to follow rules of conduct, discipline during classroom lectures as well as examination hours and to consult their advisors/counselors as and when required. They were also informed about the Students' Council and about the extracurricular activities that the College organizes.

Recycling and Go Green Campaign

WCAS celebrated the paper recycling week from 19th to 23rd November and Green Day on 23rd November respectively. The events were organized by Dr. Sadaf Zehra, Prof. Incharge-Environment Club, Dr. Seema Varshney, Prof. In-charge, Photography Club & Mr. Mohammad Mohtram, In-charge, Students' Activities.

The paper recycling drive culminated with the handing over of the first batch of collections to the Muscat Daily crew in the presence of the Dean, Dr. Mohan Varma, Head of the departments, faculty and staff members and students who were dressed in green, to show their support to the cause of the environment. The success of the campaign was reflected in the enthusiasm of the students and staff who collected a huge pile of papers. The college encourages such measures in order to develop the habit of sustainable development among the students and staff members.



Dean along with staff handing over the collection



Students with collected papers for recycling

COLLEGE NEWS

Beat Diabetes Walkathon



Faculty members of WCAS joining the diabetic walkathon

The Landmark Group organized the second annual "Beat Diabetes Walkathon Oman" under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and the Oman Diabetes Association on 25th November 2011.

A group of faculty, staff members and students along with their families participated in the Walkathon to show their concern and support for the cause. Participants were provided with free sugar check up and refreshments.

National Day Celebrations

WCAS celebrated 41th National Day on November 20, 2011 in its college premise. The chief guest Mr. Sheikh Yahya Nasser Mohammed Al Harrasi, Wali of Matrah graced this occasion with his presence. Beginning with the recitation of the Holy Quran, the programme also included traditional folk dance and arts, Omani drama and poetry. The college was suitably decorated by the students for this occasion and their efforts were very much appreciated by visitors, students and staff members. A cultural programme was also organised by the Student Council under the guidance of Mr. Mohammad Mohatram, Prof. In-charge, Students' Activities, Dr. Sheeba Khan, Prof. In-charge, Cultural Club and Dr. Ismail Baqi Mohammed & Alya Al Rawahi, Student Counselor to mark the celebrations in a huge manner. Students participated with great enthusiasm in different activities in this celebration. The event was well received and enjoyed thoroughly



Photographic Club WCAS

Chief Guest, Dean and staff enjoying the performances



Photographic Club WCAS

Chief Guest, Mr. Sheikh Al Harrasi inaugurating the program

Lecture on "Dealing with Examination's Questions"

WCAS organized a class room lecture on improving the "Basic Skills in Dealing with Examination's Questions" in its college premises for its students of all streams. This lecture was aimed at motivating students in their academic study and to enhance their skills in order to improve their performance in study.

The lecture was presented by Dr. Ismail Baqi Mohammed, Student Counselor of the college. He successfully delivered the general instructions on writing examinations, various types of questions, and ways of answering them, techniques to be used to understand and memorize the concepts and definitions in a better way. This lecture was very helpful in boosting self confidence in students and overcome the obstacles which they may face in their learning process.



Dr. Ismail (third from left, standing) along with participants

POTPOURRI

What Difference Does It Make

There was a man taking a morning walk on the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sun rays and they would die. The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly. Right behind him there was another person who couldn't understand what this man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, "What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?" This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, "It makes a difference to this one."

Source: <http://great-motivational-stories.blogspot.com>

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Forgiveness.....

"In a way, forgiving is only for the brave. It is for those people who are willing to confront their pain, accept themselves as permanently changed, and make difficult choices. Countless individuals are satisfied to go on resenting and hating people who wrong them. They stew in their own inner poisons and even contaminate those around them. Forgivers, on the other hand, are not content to be stuck in a quagmire. They reject the possibility that the rest of their lives will be determined by the unjust and injurious acts of another person."

Funny Work Quotes

I only go to work on days that don't end in a 'y'.

~ Robert Paul

By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day.

~ Robert Frost

My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it.

~ Abraham Lincoln

All I've ever wanted was an honest week's pay for an honest day's work.

~ Steve Martin

"If A equals success, then the formula is $A = X + Y + Z$. Where X is work. Y is play. Z is keep your mouth shut.

~Albert Einstein

Test Your Knowledge

- A woman has 7 children, half of them are boys. How can this be possible?
- There is a common English word that is nine letters long. Each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word - from nine letters right down to a single letter. What is the original word, and what are the words that it becomes after removing one letter at a time?
- How can you make the following equation true by drawing only one straight line:

$$5+5+5=550$$

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ALUMNI VIEW



M. Balasubramanian **Asst Senior Manager (Marketing)** **Saud Bahwan Automotive LLC**

It is still fresh in my mind, the day I had started my education life all over again after a gap of almost 19 years in Waljat College of Applied Sciences. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi (academic partner of WCAS), I had a dream to study in this wonderful institution and when I finished my EMBA in Marketing Management with a Gold Medal in July 2010, it was a dream come true. I would rather say, it was a satisfying and wonderful achievement of my life. Besides, it would not be enough to speak about the support of ex Dean Dr A. M. Agrawal and about all faculty members involved in my successful journey. Understanding the need and being supportive to the dreams of each and every student, particularly students like me, who are coming to the education after a very long gap, is commendable.

My total experience of over 23 years in the field of Marketing has helped me to co-relate various examples of my professional life with various concepts of Marketing Management, HR, Principle of Management, Supply Chain Management, etc. It helped me to understand the subject matter better and also helped in channelizing my thinking, actions, reactions, decisions in my professional life. No doubt, this Master's degree has given me much more confidence to handle any professional hurdle with a human touch. "Attitude is the root for any success tree". One has to have the conviction to have the right kind of "Attitude" for his success. Waljat College has helped me to change my attitude and given me pride in life as a topper of 2008-10 EMBA batch.

The New Year is set before us like an unwritten volume of book with all its pages blank. Let us write upon each day's page things that at the end of the year, we will look upon with rejoicing rather than regret.

I take this opportunity to wish you all and your family a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

NEW FACES @ WALJAT

New Joining



Khamis Al-Rasbi

Mr. Khamis Rashid Al-Rasbi joined WCAS as Administration & HRD Manager. He has 21 years of experience in educational institutions. Previously, he was working with Sultan Qaboos University as Director, Centre for HR & Staff Development. He did Master in Arts in Career Guidance from Reading University, England in 2002 and Bachelor of Engineering in Computer & Control Systems from Coventry University, England in 1989. He constantly kept on adding qualifications in many areas throughout his career including Careers Guidance and Competence in Occupational Testing. He is also a Psychological Testing and Society Certified Trainer.



Arun Sankar

Mr. Arun Sankar joined WCAS as a Lab Technician (Electronics & Communication). Previously, he was working with BIT International Center, Bahrain.



Abdulla Al Dughaishi

Mr. Abdulla Al Dughaishi joined WCAS in Finance Department. Prior to it, he has worked with Emarar Catering Services, Oman Steel and Shanfari Group.



Adil Al Zadjali

Mr. Adil Qaderbaksh Al Zadjali joined WCAS as a Mechanical Lab Technician. Prior to it, he has worked with various organizations after completing General Mechanic Course in 1989.



Moustafa Al Amri

Mr. Moustafa Al Amri joined the College in Administration Department.



Khalid Al Nadabi

Mr. Khalid Saif Ali al Nadabi joined WCAS in Security Department. Previously, he has worked with OMAN Cables Industry and Oman Army.

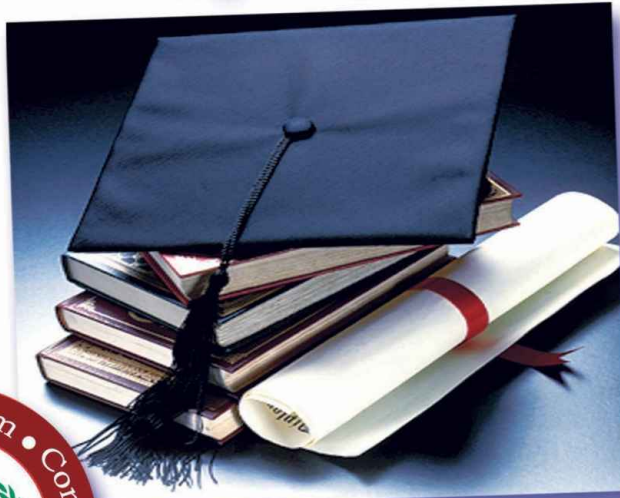


Salima Al Badri

Ms. Salima Obaid Hadher Al Badri joined WCAS in Admini-stration Department.

QUALITY@ WALJAT

Together we can



It's time for change!

Change means action, innovation and commitment. Change is the very essence of life.
Let's work hard to make our college a better place by the day.
Every step we take, every effort we make, contributes to overall improvement in our lives.

Be the change that you want to see in the world!

PROGRAMS @ WALJAT



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PROGRAMS OFFERED

FOUNDATION

Bachelor of Engineering

(Computer Science)

(Electronics & Communication)

(Biotechnology)

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Computer Application

Executive Master in Business Administration

Master in Business Administration

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following programs:

1- Executive Master of Business Administration (Two Years)

2- Foundation Program (Semester 2)

The last date of submitting the duly filled forms at the Admission and Registration Department is 25th January 2012.

The tentative date of commencement of classes is: 11st February 2012.

For further details about eligibility and fee etc. please visit our website

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