Welcome Letter
By Marwan Al Qaydy

My Friends,

Eid is upon us. For at least some of us, this is a sad time. We are far from our families and our country. But God does not give us difficulties without also providing a remedy. We are far from our own blessed nation, but we are near to each other.

One of the purposes of the Saudi Students' Association is to provide support to one another in times like this. We have met in each others' homes, at the mosque and around town. Together, we have made our experience in America a little easier and a little better.

We hope this magazine, is another way of building community. It is not my publication, it is yours. A place to post what you have learned, places to go, things to do, even to ask questions to warn others what not to do. (My first week here I learned not to drive with no license plates.)

For that to work, we need the members to get involved. All of us have a contribution to make, even if it is only a few words about your last vacation. Somebody wants to know what you learned. Share what you have.

This is also the place to announce community plans, our Eid festivities, mosque news, people who can bring things back from Saudi Arabia.

Too many Saudi students feel alone; let them know that you need someone to pay for gas if you are going up to Saint Louis. The worst that can happen is you might get someone out of the dorms for the weekend.

Of course, this is not an end in itself. The SSA needs to build friendships that will last lifetimes and cross oceans. In years to come, when we are all back home, we will still remember our days in Rolla, we will remember each other.

Let's work together to build a Saudi community here in Missouri.

Happy Eid!
KSA News: King Abdullah Approves 17 New Colleges

JEDDAH, 11 October 2007 — Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah yesterday approved establishment of 17 new colleges in various parts of the country, according to Higher Education Minister Dr. Khaled Al-Anqari. They include a college for design for women in Dammam, a college of naturopathy for women in Riyadh, a college of applied sciences in Yanbu, a college of nursing in Qassim, and a college of administrative and human sciences in Majmaa.

The University of Women in Riyadh will get new colleges for naturopathy, pharmacology, nursing, nursery, and languages and translation, the Saudi Press Agency said quoting the minister. Three new colleges will be established under the Women’s University in Dawadmi for nursing, naturopathy and nursery. Jeddah will have two new colleges for applied medical sciences and medicine.

Anqari said a new engineering and computer science will be established in Al-Kharj, a college of dentistry in Makkah and a college for basic medical sciences in Dammam. “The king also approved a department for environment at the college of science in Al-Jouf and a department for cardiac technology at the college of applied medical sciences in Dammam,” he said. Anqari also announced that children of Saudis working abroad would be given admission at government universities in the Kingdom. “If they want to join private universities and colleges in the Kingdom, the government will pay their fees according to scholarship regulations.”

Royal approvals have been granted for opening research centers at the College of Tourism and Antiquities and the College of Political Systems and Sciences under King Saud University in Riyadh. A research center on birds will be established at King Faisal University in Dammam, and another on diseases in tropical regions at King Khaled University in Abha.

Editor-in-Chief Column

By Sattam Almadani

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of the editorial board, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the premier edition of Saudi Post, the new monthly Saudi students’ newspaper at University of Missouri - Rolla. It aims to bridge the communication and exchange knowledge and experience. By launching this first edition, we hope it will be also a significant resource in keeping the students update and aware of all important matters.

In Saudi Post, we will cover a wide variety of topics including important events, uncut topics, questions and answers, interviews, monthly weather report, movies review, and more. If it is of interest to us, it is of interest to Saudi Post.

If you have an opinion about something you read or something you suggest, please let us know by sending it to saudi.post@yahoo.com and we will be more than happy to share your comments with us to keep raising the bar.

Once again I am pleased to welcome you and hope you enjoy reading this first edition of Saudi Post.

Sincerely,
Sattam Almadani

Uncut

Saudi Arabia Issues Rules for Succession

Riyadh, Asharq Al-Awsat

King Abdullah issued rules on Monday guiding the conduct of a body set up last year to regulate political succession in the Kingdom. The 18 articles listed in the new regulations outline who can become a member of the Allegiance Commission, the body that was entrusted with voting for future kings by a law issued in October 2006. They also stipulate what should be done if a member dies and how a crown prince should be chosen. Under the new executive statute, the commission should be composed of the sons of the founder, King Abdulaziz Al-Saud. If the sons are deceased, incapacitated or not interested, then the membership goes to one of their sons. Abdulaziz had 37 sons.

The member should not be less than 22 and “he should be a man of a good reputation,” according to the statute, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency. The membership period is fixed at four years and can only be renewed with the agreement of the king and the member’s brothers, it added.

The Saudi throne has passed from one brother to the next since the death of King Abdul-Aziz bin Saud.

The new council will be “reappointed” every four years and the statutes can only be amended “by royal decree after the consent of the allegiance institution”, SPA said.
A thriller that centers on Isabella El-Ibrahimi, the American wife of Egyptian-born chemical engineer Anwar El-Ibrahimi, who disappears on a flight from South Africa to Washington. Isabella desperately tries to track her husband down, while a CIA analyst at a secret detention facility outside the U.S. is forced to question his assignment as he becomes party to the man's unorthodox interrogation.

Genres: Drama, Thriller and Politics/Religion

Running Time: 2 hrs. 2 min.

Release Date: October 19th, 2007

How to save money while attending College? Some Tips
1. Create a budget: How much goes in and out of your account. Keep monthly records of your spending and living expenses.
2. Get organized: Document all your records.
3. Buy used books
4. Keep the car home: Everything you need is within walking distance.
5. Shop around and Compare prices.
6. Live within your means: Don't buy what you can't afford
7. Smart spending equals savings.
8. Protect yourself: Don't be a victim of fraud or identity theft.
10. Get smart about credit.

In October, the weather here in Rolla is unsteady to some extent. The first nine days of the month, the temperature will be a little bit high, between 76°F and 89°F. But, the next ten days, the temperature will decrease to a minimum degree of 62°F. The rest of the month, the temperature will be stable at around 67°F and 62°F. Overall, the weather this month will be fare with a few days of clouds.
SPORT
By Ahmed Alobaidan

Friday night were the semi finals games of Saudi Student Association torment, Ayman's team and Nassir's team reached the final game by Beating Marwan's and Dhaif's teams.

Ayman's team X Marwan's team
The first semi final game was a really great game, Ayman's team was very organized and skills, they scored 4 goals and beat Marwan's team. In the other side Marwan's team were unlucky and not in their day. The final result was 4-0, and Ayman’s was the best player of the game.

Nassir's team X Dhaif’s team
In this game, Nassir's team were ready to beat the other team, because Dhaif’s team missed two of the most important players in their team, Alawi and Dhaif Were injured and couldn't play the game, so their team started the game with two new players, they tried to do their best, but Nassir’s team were very skilled and organized too. The final score was 5-1.

As a result of semi final games, Nassir's team will play against Ayman's team in the final game. I do believe that both of the team can do it but Nassir's team looks Stronger than Ayman's team, so lets wait till that game and see the championship.

Quote of the Month
By Sattam Almadani

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor