

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18 - 22

UOWD Sport Festival: Events will include football, basketball (men's and women's teams), table tennis and volleyball. Participants in the competitions must be members of official university squads.

Event will be held at the Sheika hind bint Maktoum al Maktoum Sports Hall. For more details, contact FrankyBarreto@uowdubai.ac.ae.

November 20

Time Out Creative Writing Masterclass at Magrudy's Bookshop: Nick Warburton is an award-winning British author of scripts for stage, television and radio. He has published several collections of short stories.

Nick has run inspirational creative writing courses throughout the UK and this month he is heading to the UAE to share his experiences and advice with Dubai's army of budding authors.

Places are limited, so call 050 42 84062 to reserve your ticket. Event starts at 7pm at Magrudy's Jumeirah store. Tickets priced at AED80. For more information, call 04 344 4193.

Until November 25

Manhattan Film Academy at Knowledge Village: The Manhattan Film Academy returns to Dubai with three workshops: Screenwriting, Acting for Film and Film Directing.

Screenwriting workshop is held from 12nn to 3pm. Acting and Directing workshops are held from 7pm to 10pm.

Fee for each workshop priced is AED5,000. Open to participants 16 years old and above.

December 6

Justin Timberlake Live in Abu Dhabi: Doors open at 4pm, concert starts at 9pm.

West Park, Emirates Palace. Ticket prices: Platinum AED895, Gold AED595, Blue AED495, Red AED495 and Green AED295.

Until December 31

Balloon flight experience: Experience the desert as only a few have seen it from the gentle flight on the hot air balloon. AED1,050 per person. For more information, contact Net Tours & Travels, Deira at 04 266 6655.

LETTERS Let's hear what you have to say

Can Dubai sustain its high-octane growth?

That's the subject, among other things, of our roundtable discussion with MBA students of SP Jain Center of Management Dubai. Our smart and opinionated guests had a lot of interesting and sensible things to say about how this huge conglomerate called Dubai, Inc., masking as a city-emirate, is going to keep the momentum of growth well into the next decade. What will fuel its next level of development? Our students voiced out some practical and innovative ideas.

While on the subject of growth, none of it will ever be truly meaningful if no one is around to enjoy it. We're not talking about some catastrophe here and we may be a bit exaggerating. But people need to seriously consider a lifestyle check – first we have osteoporosis on the rise in the UAE, and then there's diabetes (see page 04 for more details). Who'll be around long enough to enjoy the fruits of Dubai's speedy march to First World-dom?

This week, we also include a story on the progress of online learning abroad. Newer technologies are boosting online education's effectiveness, and combined with other traditional platforms for learning, the benefits could one day filter down to more and more people. Blended learning, that's what it is. It's not some fancy name, but a reality that many colleges and universities in the West are increasingly using to make education accessible to all.

The media and marketing show whizzed by last week, and we heard a lot of people throwing brickbats at journalists in the region. All points well taken. For its part, the BBC is hard at work on improving the pool of future journalists that will practice the profession, by organising media workshops in various colleges throughout the Gulf. Renowned journalists



from the BBC's award-winning stable of practitioners will be guiding students through a number of training sessions that include spotting good stories and producing them.

Guess which language is the most spoken all over the world. Mandarin, English, Hindi? Find out which tongue sits atop the modern tower of Babel in our Essential 10.

Please continue sending us your feedback and comments. Let's continue our dialogue as to how we can make your college experience one of the most enriching phases of your life. Email us at info@turquiosellc.com. Enjoy

CJ Editorial Team

Cover lines

I have a very good resume, but one thing that I'm always confused about and end up creating a mess, is the cover letter. Please share with me some good tips on writing a good cover letter so that the applications I send are at least taken into consideration. It's unusual for students to ask for tips on sending a good application letter but please help with this one. Thank you.

- Naaz

Multiculturalism rocks

I have recently moved to Dubai for my freshman year in college. I am originally from Hyderabad, India, and I love the place. I was flipping through the pages of your journal when I realised that there are hardly any newspapers related to college life and university environment in India. It's great to see a publication like this in Dubai. Although I miss my friends back home, it's always nice to move on and meet new people, particularly in a cultural melting pot like the UAE. I am following the India-Pakistan cricket series here, too. Trust me, it's nice to have Indians and Pakistanis watching the show together and taking the whole game as a sport rather than a matter of life and death, which used to be my perception. I should credit Dubai for this lovely experience.

- Shahima Khan

Tattooing taboos

I just have to ask this somewhat funny question: Is it really illegal to get a tattoo done in the UAE? This is something that I learnt only recently through one of my professors. I wonder if a lot of other people are aware of this. I wanted to get a tattoo, but my professor's 'warning' made me think twice. What irks me is why the choice of getting a tattoo seems to have been made unavailable to ordinary people? We have our desires, too.

- Jay D'souza

Inside edition

We have been seeing your work in a weekly journal for a long time. I think it would be interesting to have a cover story on Campus Journal and the people behind it. Why not dedicate one issue to CJ? This may be a very bizarre idea but it would be interesting to get to know you people better as this will help your readers build a more personal relationship with CJ.

- Saima, AUS

A social cause

I had the opportunity to visit a special needs children's fair. It was a thrilling experience and it was nice to see the kids performing and showing off their creations. We live as a society but half of our population tends to forget our responsibilities to our community. Why is it that half the university crowd does not seem interested in anything but cars, clothes and girlfriends? We all need to open our eyes and see that many other people in the world don't have the opportunities that we have, and we can do much better to help improve their quality of life. They don't need our pity. What they need is our support. I hope this serves as a wake-up call. Get up and act.

- A concerned student

Local news

I was going through the other weekly student journals and I have to say, in all objectivity, that they are all doing good. The content of CJ is witty and informative, something that I really appreciate. The very humorous style of writing a few articles is something that grabs the readers. My one request is for you guys to send in some correspondents to the universities that have a majority of Emirati students. We hardly get to know their point of view through CJ. It's important for all of us to mingle through these common forums so we will understand what multiculturalism is all about.

- Rahilae

Holiday cheer

I am so excited about the upcoming holidays! I love the fact that these past few years, Eid, Diwali and Christmas took place at almost the same time. It was like a non-stop party for us and we get to celebrate with friends even though we have different religious backgrounds. Someone should organize a joint party for college students in December so that we can all get together and enjoy the holidays.

- Arjun

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