



Active participation from PI women students

Hiba Al Bloushi, EC Chairman in the PI Women Campus said that board members of the club were six: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasury and two assistant. "We are planning for many activities with the aim to protect the environment and increase awareness among students," she added. One of the future projects of the EC according to Hiba to start a paper recycling projects and produce paper with PI logo printed. She also said that EC was in cooperation with bin Hilal Group for Plastic import to produce bags which dissolve after 30 days comparing them with normal plastic bags that need a thousand years to dissolve.

Nojood Hasan, Media Officer in the club describes her role as arranging good media coverage for the EC events. "We are planning now to publish a magazine," she said. "We have also noted down the obstacles



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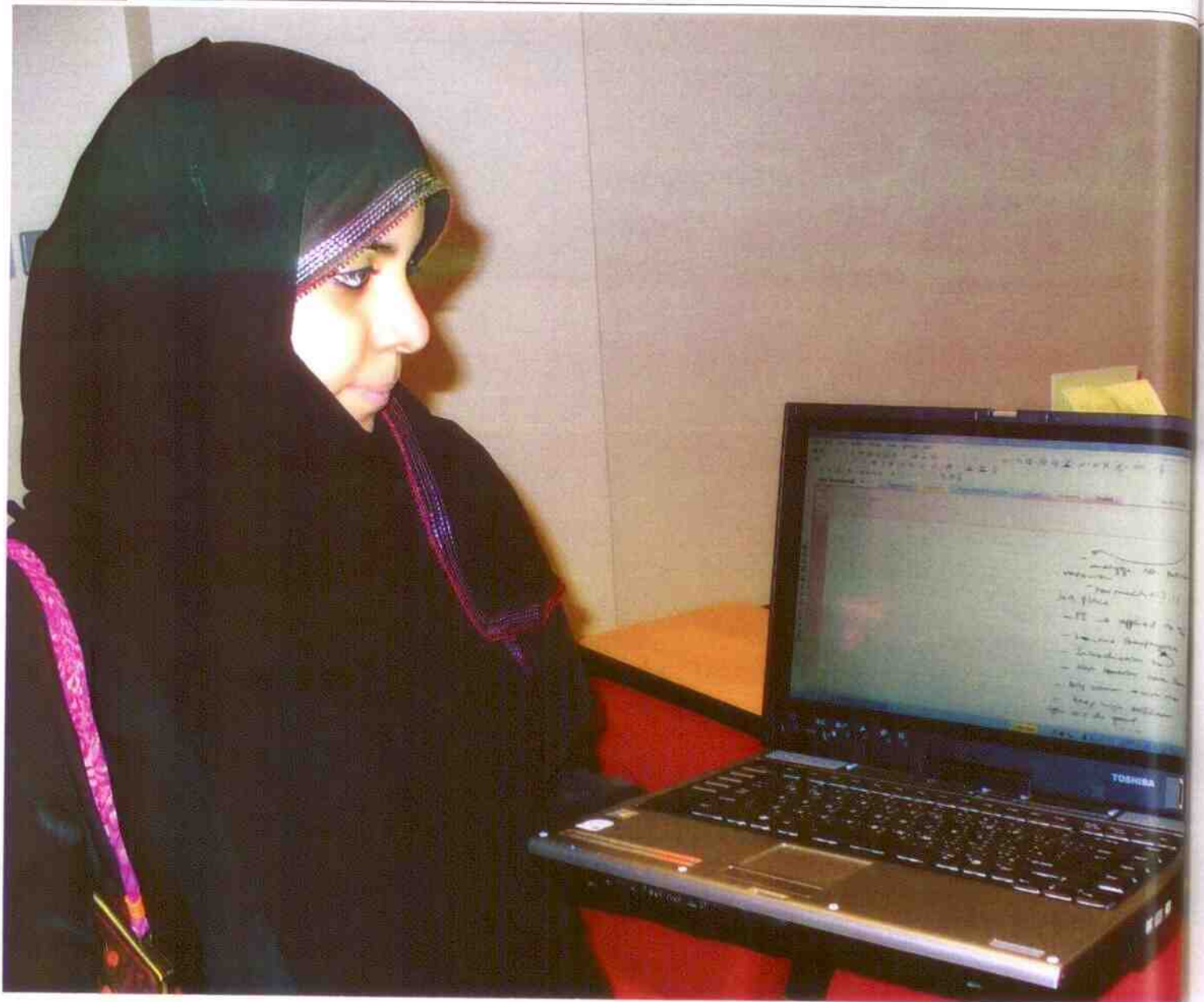




we faced in the Recycling Day to avoid them in the future. We will also communicate in a better way with media in the future.”

Halima Salem, Companies Coordinator, said that her role was very difficult and challenging especially when she had to presume her studies before the exams. “I had to come earlier to the PI to finish my tasks.” The role of Hajer Al Kuwait, EC Secretary, was very vital for the success of the event. Her colleagues said that she had done a wonderful job which resulted in smooth and swift operation.





Adieu to paper

During our tour in the PI Recycling Day we had the chance to meet with Fatima Najem who bid farewell to using paper. She has completely replaced traditional notebooks with her tablet computer.

The tablet computer has not only saved paper for Fatima. She said that she can record sound while attending lectures. "This is really handy when I return home as I can hear all what the lecturer said in case I am distracted," she said.

She may use the sound recording facility to record her notes and listen back to them when necessary. Finally, the good thing about using tablet computer is that she does not have to carry heavy books and copy books anymore.



Al Rayes: "The PI organizes Best Environmental Project Award for UAE universities"

Dr Yahia Al Rayes, member of the organizing committee of the Recycling Day said that the idea was initiated after discussing the necessity of starting an environmental awareness programs. "This is why It was necessary to set up the Environmental Club (EC) in the PI and start with organizing Recycling Day as the first activity of the Club," he explained. "The Recycling day aimed at marketing the environmental awareness programs starting with paper recycling. The event focused on presenting the recycling process in a scientific and creative way. We were keen on inviting lecturers, inciting students to participate and distributing brochures."

Dr Yahia underlined the environmental strategy being implemented on phases. "We have started with the first phase which is the establishing the EC and organizing the Paper Recycling Day," he commented. The second phase will be utilizing the outcome of the Day to educate students and encourage the recycling other materials like Aluminum and plastic as well as continue holding symposiums and exhibitions related to environmental issues such as global warming, air quality and hard waste. Those issues are directly related to the future career of PI graduates when they join the oil and gas industry."

When asked about the future activities of the EC, he said: "We will continue recycling paper, and simultaneously we will consider recycling other hard material. We are planning to form an awareness team to visit schools and present ideas and projects of the EC. Those activities may be merged with schools activities programs like recycling paper to introduce daily diaries. The recycled diaries can be sold and the income would be spent on our activities."

He added that the EC will have different project including organize environmental trip in cooperation with the UAE Heritage Club including the visit to Samalia Island and inspecting the research center on the Island. "One of the major project we are working on now is the Best Environmental Project Award for UAE universities," he concluded. "We expect the kick off of the project to be in 2008 with the support of Abu Dhabi National Bank who will sponsor the financial award."

