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English Debating Club

The last meeting of the English Debating Club for Spring Semester, 2001 was held on Sunday, July 29, 2001. A handout containing detailed rules and regulations of the British Parliamentary format of the debate was distributed among all members of the Club. Later, an impromptu debate was also held on the motion: "This House would rather be Good-Looking than Rich". Two guest adjudicators namely Mrs. Nazmeem Haq, Faculty member, Department of English and Mrs. Lima Choudhury, Student Affairs and Coordination Officer, were present to adjudge the debate. The logical presentations and performances of the debaters in this impromptu debate impressed both the judges. As usual, Mr. Mohiuddin, Advisor to the Debating Club, moderated the debate. Mr. A H M Lutful Kabir and the members of his team - Mr. Arman Mursalin Amin, Ms. Fahmida Tani Ahmed and Mr. Md. Nasiruzzaman Choudhury defended the motion. The motion was opposed by Ms. Somaiya Taaj Andaleeb and members of her team - Mr. Ziad Bin Hyder, Mr. Shehabun Saqeb and Mr. Abul Khair Shah Md. Saifullah. The motion was defeated and Mr. A H M Lutful Kabir and Mr. Ziad Bin Hyder were declared as the best speakers of the Competition.

Vice Chancellor leads HighTech Park Delegation to Malaysia and Singapore

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. R. Choudhury, visited Malaysia and Singapore from 26th July to 2nd August as leader of a 13-member Bangladeshi delegation. The team, which included 9 teachers from BUET and 4 officials of Government of Bangladesh, is involved with the formulation of the HighTech Park Project at Kaliakoir, about 40 km from Dhaka city. They visited similar projects in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore and carried out discussions with officials from the relevant government agencies and private firms involved in the projects. This included Technology Park Malaysia, Multimedia Development Corporation at Cyberjaya (responsible for Multimedia Super Corridor at KL), Multimedia University at Cyberjaya, Ascendas (responsible for Singapore Science Parks and HighTech Parks in different countries of the region), Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (closely involved in developing International Technology Park at Bangalore, India), SingTel and Hewlett Packard Asia Pacific Headquarters.

Assistant Registrar Visits UK

Ms. Shreyasee Sharma Pati, Assistant Registrar of BU visited two Universities in UK- London School of Economics and Manchester University. She had a meeting with the Assistant Registrar of London School of Economics, where the details of the Registration Software, as well as the over all running of the University was discussed on July 18, 2001. She also had a meeting with the Deputy Registrar of Manchester University on July 24, 2001 and discussed with him the different aspects of the Registration System that is being followed in Manchester University. The visits were very fruitful and helpful for the future development of Registration System at BU.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 1st meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the posts of Assistant Professors and Lecturers for the Department of Computer Science was held at the Conference Room of BU on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. Prof. J R Choudhury, VC, BU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, DED, BRAC, Dr. Choudhury Mafizur Rahman, BUET, Dr. A L Haque, NSU and Dr. Yousuf M Islam, BU were present in the meeting. The Committee approved a list of teachers for appointment in the Department of Computer Science of BU.

English Debating Club

A Debating Competition between the two 4 member teams of students of BU was held in presence of a packed audience on Sunday, July 22,2001. This was the first time that such a Competition was arranged at BU. The motion for the Competition was "That Microsoft is a monopoly". A panel of adjudicators adjudged

the Competition. Prof. Nurul Alam from Anthropology Department was the Chief Adjudicator. Mr. A H M Lutful Kabir and the members of his team - Mr. Ziad Bin Hyder, Ms. Fahmida Tani Ahmed and Mr. Md. Nasiruzzaman Choudhury defended the motion. The motion was opposed by Ms. Somaiya Taaj Andaleeb and members of her team - Ms. Samina Azad, Mr. Shehabun Saqeb and Ms. Saria Choudhury. The motion was defeated and the opposing team was declared as the winner of the Competition.

Registrar of Windsor University Visits BU

Dr. John Corlett, Registrar of the University of Windsor (UW) along with Mrs. Kim Moore, Assistant Registrar of UW and Mr. Mel Broitman, Director, International Outreach, Canada visited BRAC University. During their visit they had meetings with Prof. J R Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU and Mr. Muhammad Sahool Afzal, Registrar, BU on July 12, 2001. The issues discussed included possible co-operation between BU and UW.

Meeting of the Governing Board

The Second meeting of the Governing Board of BRAC University (BU) was held at BU Conference Room on July 09, 2001 at 11:00 am. All members of the Board attended except Dr. Hameeda Hossain, who is now out of the country. The Board approved the Organogram of BU, the composition of the different committees and Academic Council, and the Budget for the financial year 2001-2002. The Board also approved the new undergraduate programs to be conducted in the Fall Semester 2001 and the Spring Semester 2002. The Course Calendar for the Fall Semester 2001 was also approved.

Mid Term Make Up Test

The Mid Term make up test of Spring Semester 2001 will be held between 8 July and 12 July 2001.

English Debating Club

A meeting of the Debating Club was held on July 08, 2001. Debating practice is going on in full swing. The participants are turning up in good number and excitingly taking part in the debate. The motions (ics for the debate) are released just half an hour before the debate starts. The motions are related to regional and international current affairs, economy, environment, films etc. You are welcome to visit any of the club programs on any club day.

Presentation on Student Management System

Ms. Husna Mehnaz Siddiqi, Software Developer, BRAC BDMail Network Ltd. (BBN) gave a presentation on the Student Management System of BRAC University in Hall Room of BRAC University on Monday, July 2, 2001. Prof. J. R. Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, along with a large number of faculty members and officials, attended the presentation.

Members Selected for Computer Club

A meeting of the Computer Club of BRAC University was held on Sunday, July 1, 2001. The Club selected 32 students of BRAC University as members. It was decided that the weekly meeting will be held on every Wednesday.