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Debate Competition 2001 at BU

A two daylong debate competition was held at BU on 28-29 November 2001. A total of six teams, divided into two sides (Government & Opposition), participated in the competition in the format of British Parliamentary style. The final debate was held over the topic of "This house believes that Business graduates will dominate the 21st century". Four teams participated in the final debate. Prof. Syed Manzoorul Islam gave welcome speech before starting the final competition. CIS 1-debating team emerged as the champion and CIS 2 debating team emerged as the runner up. Sumaya Taj Andaleeb was declared the best speaker. The other member of her team was Sehabun Saqueeb. Lutful Kabir and Ziad Bin Hyder were the members of the runner up team. After the debate session, a prize giving ceremony was held where Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of BU, attended as the chief guest. The program was concluded through a vote of thanks given by Mr. Abdul Wohab, Advisor of the BU Debating Club.

Midterm Results Announced

Course teachers have given out the midterm results of Fall Semester 2001.

Mid Term Test

The mid-term tests of Fall Semester 2001 started from 17 November and will finish on 22 November 2001. During the week classes and other regular activities will continue as per schedule.

Ramazan Schedule

The working hours at BU, during the month of Ramazan, will be from 9:00 AM to 3:40 PM on all working days. The new schedule was effective from 17 November 2001.

Formation of Students Affairs Committee

Student Affairs Committee has been formed with Ms Lima Choudhury, Student Affairs and Coordination Officer, BU as the Chairperson. Saria Choudhury, Shihabun Saquib, Shoeb Ahmed, Farrah Hamed, Tareq Hadi and Md. Kawsar Habib have been nominated as the Student Representatives. The Committee would meet once a week to review all aspects of students related administration and report all discrepancy and irregularities to the Registrar for taking immediate corrective measures. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 13 November 2001.

Computer Club

ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, Asia Region, Dhaka Site was held in BUET, Dhaka from 9 to 10 November 2001. K M Ganiul Zadid, Marufur Rahman and Mahmudul Haque-all members of the BU Computer Club participated in the competition. Mr Rafiqul Hasan Chowdhury, Lecturer, BU and Mr. Shahriar Manzur, Advisor of the Club trained and guided the team. This was the first time that BU students participated in such a Regional Competition.

Registrar Takes Over

Major General (Retired) Muhammad Sahool Afzal, awc, psc has been appointed the Registrar of BRAC University with effect from 3 November 2001. MG Afzal graduated from the Pakistan Military Academy in 1969. He obtained a first class in Masters in Defense Studies. He graduated from the Army War College,

USA where his overall performance was assessed as 'Outstanding' and his Research Paper was nominated for the highest writing award. He completed the International Defense Management Course at the Naval Postgraduate School, USA. MG Afzal spent a significant portion of his long career in the Army in academic related appointments. As a faculty member and later as the Commandant of Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) he was involved in the planning and conduct of the BA/BSc programs under Chittagong University. As the Chief Instructor at the Defense Services Command & Staff College (DSCSC) he was responsible for designing and conducting the Masters program in Defense Studies under National University. In the same capacity he taught Command & Leadership and Defense Management Courses. A number of his articles were published in different military journals in Bangladesh. He was deeply involved with the publications of the BMA and the DSCSC journals. As the leader of a joint army, navy and airforce team, he successfully guided the team in drafting the Joint Warfare Doctrine for the Armed Forces of Bangladesh. MG Afzal retired voluntarily from the Army in October 1998. His last appointment in the Army was General Officer Commanding (GOC) of an Infantry Division. He joined BRAC as a Director in November 1998. As the Director Information Technology (IT) he formulated the IT Strategy for BRAC. He was given the responsibility of the Project Head of BRAC University in 1999. As the Project Head he held meetings at different levels of the Government both at the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education till BRAC University received approval in March 2001. MG Afzal was the founder Senior Vice-President of Mainamati Golf Club and was also the Vice-President of the Bhatiary Golf Club.

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