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Ashoka Bangladesh & BRAC University launches 'Ashoka Changemaker Week Dhaka 2016'

Ashoka Innovators for the Public (Bangladesh) and BRAC University are organizing a week-long program titled 'Ashoka Changemaker Week Dhaka 2016,' from Monday, September 26 to Sunday, October 2. Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, PH.D, Dhaka University, will honor the program as the chief guest on October 1 at the seminar at BRAC University Auditorium. In addition, a number of leaders in education, from government, public, private and academic institutions will come together to address key challenges, and opportunities to transform education in Bangladesh.

Ashoka, an International Organization head quartered

in the Washington D.C. has been in Bangladesh since 1988, and have supported over 85 social entrepreneurs through its Fellowship Program. Ashoka for the first time is launching "Transforming Child & Youth Years" and its worldwide initiative of "Everyone a Changemaker" in the country.

"Over the next 5 years, Ashoka will partner with leaders, influencers, and educational institutions with an ambitious plan to implement a nationwide rollout of programs such as Empathy, Youth Venture, Changemaker schools etc," informed Abdullah Chowdhury (Robin), Country Director, Ashoka Bangladesh.

During the highly anticipated Ashoka Changemaker Week 2016, Dhaka, it will officially launch the programs related to education. It is also bringing together young change makers between the age of 12-20 during the Youth Venture Day, and select a total of 8 individuals with ideas to change their society. There will be an open door during our Public Events on 1st and 2nd October at BRAC University from 11:00AM onwards.

Ashoka is the largest network of social entrepreneurs worldwide, with nearly 3,000 Ashoka Fellows in 70 countries putting their system changing ideas into practice on a global scale. Founded by Bill Drayton

in 1980, Ashoka has provided startup financing, professional support services, and connections to a global network across the business and social sectors, and a platform for people dedicated to changing the world. Ashoka launched the field of social entrepreneurship and has activated multi-sector partners across the world who increasingly look to entrepreneurial talent and new ideas to solve social problems.

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Leading the way to equality

RAISA R. TABASSUM

This coming September 30, 2016 ECMY – Enhancing Capacity and Mainstreaming Youth with disabilities is coming to an end, a dream project of Physically-challenged Development Foundation (PDF) that is vigorously being led by BRACU's very own student Zarrin Tasnim Iqbal. Zarrin, currently in her 9th semester studying Applied Physics and Electronics, is now the Executive Director of PDF, where she only started off as a volunteer back in 2008. According to her, she came

to know about the organization through Facebook, making up a team she participated in the Summer Challenge of 2008, organized by PDF. "I loved the activities of the Summer Challenge and was so inspired by their work that I stayed associated with the organization ever since", Zarrin mentioned.

Zarrin informed us that this project is being funded by the US Embassy and has been executed in four phases throughout the year. These different phases have been directed to provide the



disabled with necessary and relevant skills to make them competent for the modern job market.

Zarrin has been working relentlessly to successfully establish this ECMY project to help the disabled youth throughout the country.

"I dream of equity, all around the world, and I want to dedicate my life to help people. Through PDF, I have just found the right way." - Zarrin

NEWS

BRIEFS

Adventure tourism fair

BUAC has organized an adventure tourism fair on the 2nd and 3rd October, 2016. This club has been promoting adventure based tourism such as trekking, parasailing, surfing, and so on. This time their thrill exhibit will include a sport adventure and tourism magazine, launched by the VC, focusing on BUAC achievements. Moreover, its adventurous timeline will be celebrated further by a cultural program and tourism package offers. The social highlight of the event will be activities of campus cleaning and a cycle rally around the campus to promote healthy transport use of non-motorised vehicles.

Online TSR

Launched on June 4th this year, a non-profit initiative taken by BRACU alumni gives us an online version of the Teacher-Student Resources (TSR). The goal is to increase accessibility for students and teachers. The servers are maintained exclusively by the alumni staff and funded by donations and ad revenues; students supplying course material from the offline TSR are also compensated via these funds. The online TSR aims to be an easy-to-use accessible tool for the typical BRACU student. www.bracu.family/tsr/

New changes in campus

While the students have been off to a much needed vacation, the BRACU campus has been renovating portions of UB1 and UB3. The information desk in UB1 has been rearranged to look more spacious, with the new décor giving off a friendlier vibe. In fact, the renovations in UB3 have made things rather convenient for the students. While the indoor games centre has been shifted to the 8th floor, the cafeteria has been moved downstairs, and with the increased space, it can now cater to a larger student population.

On safe grounds

LUBA L. KHALILI

In the aftermath of what was very well one of the most horrific incidents that ever took place in the country, the entire nation was left with an incredible deal of change. Starting from changes in our very thoughts about how to view religious extremism and religion itself, to everyday activities including safety precautions in our personal and outside lives, Bangladesh found itself fumbling for how to make sense of the whole thing.

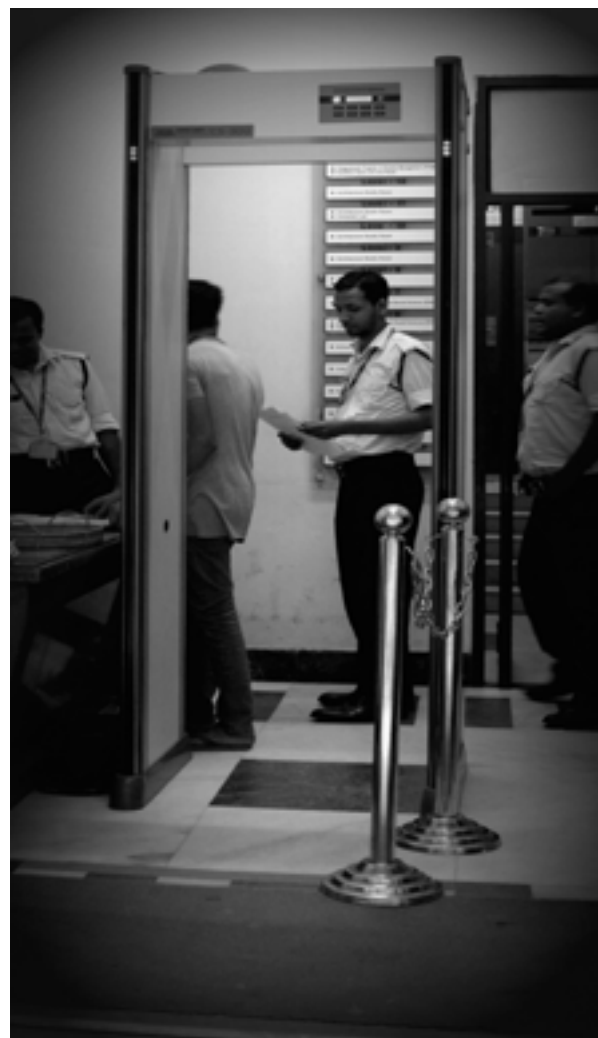
One of these changes includes the tightened security that has taken place throughout the country, and BRAC University is not an exception.

We have seen the security guards be lenient with students without ID cards before, but those days are long gone, as

security personnel have been instructed to strictly monitor who gets into the university buildings.

It is without much doubt that these sorts of measures are necessary. In an institution where a lot of the parties involved spend a significant amount of time of their day, safety is of utmost importance as the citizens of the country have seen the extent to which horrors can unfold.

That being said, the response to the increased security measurements hasn't been all that positive, from the students.



Memoirs of my RS42



■ I got to know myself better and experienced the profoundness of life through the people I met and experiences I had

-Faheem Arnab

■ One doesn't make friends; rather they make a family

-Zareen Nawar

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YOTO - You only TARC once !

-Anika Sababa

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■ 3 months are not enough to live and love TARC

-Muntasir Ornob

■ The only place I've seen where critical thinking is encouraged and where comments on exam scripts read "you thought too critically."

-Sadia Afrin Oshin

OPINION & ACADEMIC

The sound of Bangladesh



SHITAB M. ISLAM

Dr Md. Khalilur Rahman shares a few words on BRAC University's out of the world success story, BRAC Onnesha. This story is about nations, universities, and the associated teachers and students coming together to create something remarkable and achieve a milestone in the history of Bangladesh in satellite technology.

WHY "NANO?"

Well firstly, building a satellite is an expensive issue, and when it comes to the full scale, it costs a huge amount of money, which is not possible for an academic institute. Besides, a nano-satellite lessens the cost by around several times, making it affordable.

Secondly, this project is not for commercial purposes. It is mainly built for academic and research purposes, where the nano-satellite perfectly fits in. That's why we have chosen the nano-satellite.

THE REASON BEHIND THE NAME "ONNESHA"

Onnesha is a Bengali word that means "search." The purpose of the satellite is related to the name, as it is going to search around the globe to find patterns, images, weather signatures, and many more.

FROM WHERE IT BEGAN:

After the success of "Chondrobot" in around 2011-12, people started to see the potential of Bangladeshi youth on

the field of Electrical and Robotics. Then Dr. Arifur Rahman Khan, whom I've done my PHD with, proposed doing a project together, as he saw what potential the BRAC University students possess.

Kyushu Institute of Japan had facilities for testing the satellite, and he wanted the students of BRAC University to build this satellite. Then we signed a MoU in May of 2014 after visiting their labs.

After that we sent two of our students there, Kafi and Maisun. At the same time Antora, another member of the team, went to the CanSat Competition which was also held in Japan. After the great success on those workshops, Dr. Arif was fascinated, and then came the proposal for the nano-satellite Project.

HOW BRAC HELPED THE CAUSE?

When the VC, Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb, heard about the project, he was very interested. Then, we went to Sir Abed and he agreed to contribute to the project. For an academic institution, the costs seemed out of limits. But Sir Abed said that the amount may have been too much, but not too much for a project of such scale. He admired the students' contribution and appreciated their hard work.

WHAT DOES ONNESHA DO?

As you know, it is an artificial satellite, so it will orbit the Earth and it will take pictures, map weather signatures, notify for possible disasters etc. It will also be able to take readings of the physical conditions up there, such as value of 'g', temperature etc.

I need some space

SAYEMA SYEDA HOSSAIN

Dhaka's population stands at approximately 14.4 million and its density, a massive 19,447 people per square kilometer. This makes Dhaka one of the three most densely populated cities in the world.

This translates to the overloading of every service we have, be that gas or water, or transport and roads, or even our educational institutions.

On a smaller scale, we see this problem take a similar shape within our university. With more students than our walls can hold, and even more students coming in every semester, space has become an issue.

The students have very few areas to sit around or study between classes, the most popular places - the cafeterias, libraries and Prangon - being filled to the brim from 9 to 3. This problem is aggravated by the fact that many common spaces - such as the tea area on the 9th floor of UB4 - have been turned into (much needed) classrooms and computer laboratories.

There is an alarming shortage of laboratory resources in the computer, science, and engineering laboratories. The biological laboratories, for example, have not only a lack of space, but also severe shortage of resources and equipment. This not only limits the skills which a student can learn but also the fields in which they can pursue a thesis.

As for non-class periods, students have trouble gaining access to the TSR and printing their documents in the crowded rooms. The limited printers in the labs are also overloaded, and it is not uncommon to see long lines form in front of the only working printer, if there is indeed a working printer.

On the topic of lines, we must discuss the queues for lifts which extend so long that it may take up to three full rounds after standing in line for one to enter the lift. This equates to approximately 15 minutes, depending on which building you're in. This is longer than the 10 minutes you would regularly have between back to back classes, which is an issue as you would be consistently late to your second class, especially if it involved two lift journeys.

Hopefully most, or at least many, of these issues will be dealt with when we move to the new campus which is in progress, but until then we'll have to push through (the crowds).

Food-tastic

Hungry? No need to order online and wait for your food. Our university campus provides plenty of cuisines for you to indulge in. Starting with the sophisticated food from Cinnamon (opposite to UB1) where you get to eat Bangla-Chinese to Bismillah and Ghorowa for grilled chicken and bhaat-daal-bhorta. If you are avoiding carbs, and want some light food (pun intended), fuchka and jhalmuri stands are everywhere from opposite to UB3, UB4 and UB1 accordingly. Apart from these, two of the oldest food and hangout spots are Bottola, where you get all sorts of oily food (with surprisingly yummy sauce) and the roll place, below Cinnamon. The comparatively new carts have captured most of the food business with Chillox – one of the best Takeout spinoffs in Dhaka right now – and Shariotpur kabab, to name a few.

Rendezvous

No hangout-selfie-spots, huh? Why don't you try the terrace better known as Prangon, 2nd floor UB1 and 2? To relax and enjoy your free time, try the spectacular bird-eye views from UB2 19th floor and the writing centre on the 12th floor. Or maybe grab a book at the library (UB2, 4th floor). One of the famous selfie areas is the Cinnamon balcony though. Two cafeterias (UB2 and UB3) are where most of the students prefer to hang out, mostly for the air-conditioning. And if you're willing to go the distance, catch an elevator to the Indoor Games Room (9th floor, UB3) where you can have a friendly match of Table Tennis or Carom. For more 'adda', along with light refreshments, there is UB4, 8th floor and other tongs opposite to UB3 and Bottola, where you can make some new friends, even with faculty.

Notes and books

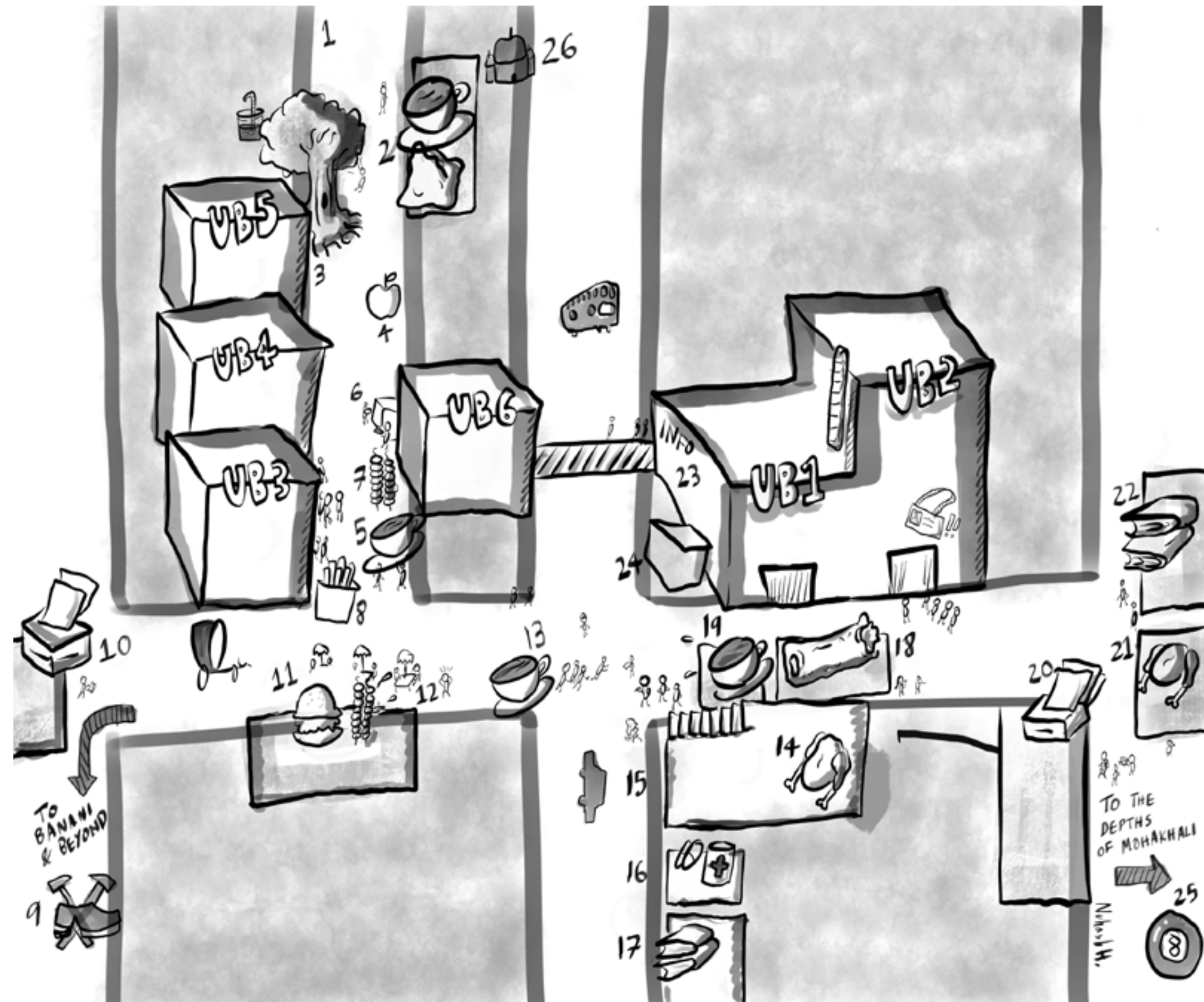
Some of the names which will follow you throughout your academic stay at BRACU are JNJ (beside Bismillah), Annanya and Rojoni (behind UB3). These are some of the stationery stores, providing you with the necessary academic textbooks, lecture notes, and all types of facilities like printing, photocopying, or stationery purchases (starting from notebooks to being as fancy as buying spray paints and glass colour). If you are a stationery-fanatic, these are the ultimate stores, which are not only favorites of the students but of also faculty.

The way out

Rickshaws are available on both sides of Mohakhali road. South of the road you'll find rickshaws waiting to take you to the depths of Mohakhali, Niketon, and if you ask around you can even catch a ride to Tejgaon or Kawran Bazar. On the other hand, rickshaws near UB3 will take you to Banani/Gulshan 1. CNGs are available too, in front of UB1, and if not, walk a bit more till wireless junction to have myriads of them waiting for you. As for the buses, many of them stop in front of the information/reception desk. Here too, you can walk a little ahead till you reach the bus stop opposite Titumir College.

Essentials

The information desk at the entrance of UB1 will have most of the information regarding scholarships, due dates and process; they also supply you with the hardcopy scholarship form. Building 6 is your zone to get any administrative work done. It houses the Office of the Registrar, Accounts, and OCA and even has a Medical Centre and Counselling Unit. You can check out the board on the ground floor lobby for a final check. Prayer rooms are available and are spread out through the university buildings (2nd floor of UB5, 7th floor of UB6, and 8th floor of UB2). Out of money? You can easily cash some out from the nearby ATMs. There are a few Wifi zones (1st – 4th floors of UB4, 8th floor of UB4, UB2 cafeteria, and UB2 libraries), and last but not the least, our very own Prangon. But we hear the speeds aren't great so good luck!



Legend

1. Tea stalls
2. Bott-tolla
3. Jhalmuri
4. Fruit guy
5. Jahangir mama's "tong"
6. Chotpoti
7. Kabab place
8. Fries, baby shingara et al
9. Cobbler
10. Rojoni
11. Chillox
12. Shariyatpur Kabab
13. More tea stalls
14. Cinnamon
15. Solna
16. Pharmacy stores
17. Annanya
18. Roll cart
19. Even more tea stalls
20. Photocopies and prints
21. Bismillah
22. J&J
23. Info desk
24. BRAC Bank ATM
25. Pool place
26. Mosque

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Fresher's guide to BRAC University

OFF CAMPUS

RAISA RAHIM

Story of the stitches

What is it like to be a student entrepreneur? Let's ask Tatini Chakma.

"I am a dreamer but I'm also very realistic," says the young mind that has dreamt of being a fashion designer from a very young age. Tatini Chakma, although being a law student of BRAC University, wants to establish herself as a fashion designer and set forth a new trend in the fashion industry of Bangladesh. Currently, she owns an online clothing store and finds herself time besides academics, to design clothes for her devout customers.

Tatini has her way of playing with different fabrics (season-friendly like cotton, silk, georgette and net) with infused concoction of soft and bright

hues. Sometimes, she would make use of the traditional hand-made fabric known as "Tat" in some of her exclusive collections.

Often it gets hard for any young entrepreneur to maintain good grades and his/her line of business. Likewise, Tatini finds difficulties in managing time for her business for which she has a strategy she would like to share with the readers:

Contrary to her interesting artwork of patterns and sequins, her logic behind the name of her clothing line is very simple. She didn't want a common name, yet she wanted to go for something unique. And eventually Tatini named it "Closet de Tatiana," all too well for its Italian essence in the sound of it.

As a teenager, Tatini would sit down with her canvas of imagination and sketch designs for herself and her dear ones. It started as a hobby and took off as being her passion. When she is tired of working or feels upset about things not working out her way, Tatini simply sits down with a plate of food and chomps on it; surprisingly it works! Next moment, she is all charged up and ready to innovate.

"I must say I love the work of Coco Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld, Sabyasachi and Bibi Russel. Their works inspired me a lot. And then there's Victoria Beckham and Sonam Kapoor, whose sense of style can't go without mentioning."

Inspired and inspirer, Tatini still believed in herself when at

times she failed to receive the kind of support she expected from her family. Today, she has both her own clothing line and

her family's full support.

She knows her dream is too big but she wants to try to sell her products on a global market. She talks about how there is a huge demand among customers for Pakistani and Indian clothes in Bangladesh, where on the other hand our fashion industry is still developing and fighting competition.

"My goal is to make my clothing line a Brand as great as Chanel, Versace, Topshop and Aarong."

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/ClosetDeTatiana.By.Tatini>
Email: closetdetatiana@gmail.com

Life of Robin Hood



AHNAF RAHMAN

Robin Roy. The legend of 8th floor, UB4 with the iconic tea making skills. We sat down with Robin Mama to get to know the man behind the magic smile.

Home town: Pirojpur.

University: 15 years.

Major changes here: Most obvious one would be the change in tuition fees. What used to cost students 3 lakhs to become an architect now requires 12 lakhs. It's a little sad.

Best part about BRACU: Their efficiency and punctuality when it comes to financial matters and paying wages.

Special people at BRACU: Fuad Hassan Mallick Sir and Shamma Miss from the Architecture Department. And of course, Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury.

Future plan at BRACU: At least another 10 years.

Thoughts on the new campus: Excited! We need the increased space.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Hooping through the nations

NUSRAT NAUSHIN

Female national basketball player, Rayma Habib, a student of architecture department, shares some of her life with BRACU. Being involved with basketball since 2004, she has played numerous tournaments, including two recent international ones in India and Nepal.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

My biggest inspirational figure is my grandfather, who was a basketball player himself.

What is your biggest accomplishment in your sports?

The glory and title of a national team player is by far my biggest accomplishment.

What is your biggest challenge?

During my entire athletic period, the biggest challenge for me was to get selected in the national team. Practices were enduring and exhausting, but I gave my heart and soul into it.

What is the key to your success?

A lot of cardio, which is the secret of my energy. (Pun intended)

Are there any athletic scholarships available?

Sadly, no. Whereas, AIUB offers full scholarship to national players.



How cooperative is BRACU?

BRACU has been really cooperative about me being in the national team and considered leaves for the games during the semesters. For my last Nepal trip, my project submission date was postponed to a later date. Being a female player will

always be a problem when living in a patriarchal society. Late night practices will be hard to attend, sports attire will be a big issue, and however, these things should never stop any player to play what they love. 'Go crazy, score basket.' -Rayma

BUPC wins BUFL

MD. AHNAF RAHMAN

Football players in BRAC University know that the arrival of the summer semester means only one thing – BUFL (BRAC University Football League). This is without a doubt the biggest intra-university football tournament. Organised by the Football Club of BRACU, this tournament typically features 12 teams/clubs. As the tournament approaches, managers of the clubs can be seen hunting for players throughout the campus. Once the teams have been finalised through an auction, the groupings and fixtures are made. To everyone's surprise, the first to fall were tournament favourites, DTF, as a superb penalty shootout led to BUFL edging past them. BUPC turned everyone's heads as they came from behind against EDF and won in the tiebreaker and eventually went on to win their first BUFL title.

Blaze Inter-University Futsal Tournament



WAES YOUSUF ISLAM

There is no better place for a football player or fan to be than at an inter-university tournament. This year's competition was organised by the group Blaze and it took place at the National Handball Stadium in Gulistan. The tournament featured 20 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams.

Due to mismanagement of time, the boys' tournament was delayed and later postponed. However the eager spectators got to enjoy the fantastic display of football from the girls' teams – BRAC University, East West University, North South University and Northern University Bangladesh.

The BRACU team, led by football veteran Saveem Shama, faced East West in their first match. Despite commendable effort from East West, it was only a

matter of time till BRACU's superior offense overcame them. A stunning goal from Nusaiba Naseeree ensured a 1-0 victory for BRACU. As the next match came along, BRACU showed no signs of slowing down. With rampant attacking and greater ball possession, BRACU proved to be too much for NUB. Any attempts at goal by NUB were constantly obstructed by BRACU's defence. The end of the match surely came as a relief for NUB as a flurry of goals from Saveem and Nusaiba led to a resounding victory for BRACU at 4-0. The last match of the group stage was also the most highly anticipated – BRACU versus NSU. The crowd cheered and booed loudly as the two long-time rivals took to the field. The match ended in a draw but there was to be a rematch in the form of the final. Once again there was a tie and after a nerve wracking and extremely long penalty shootout, the NSU girls came out on top to win the trophy.

ENTERTAINMENT



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WORDSEARCH

Find the following words in the grid to the left. Words go horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

- ADVISING
- PRANGON
- CAFETERIA
- COURSE
- ROUTINE
- FALL
- SEMESTER
- CLASSES
- DEBATING
- ENGLISH
- CLUBS

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Talking to that cute classmate may fare well for you, as Jupiter makes its move into your house.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Fix your sleeping schedule! You might want to be careful around the freshers.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Try to raise your voice and get yourself some money.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The roadside french fries are not your friends this month.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

Your friends are looking forward to your help in their term papers.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Be social carefully.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Assigned with problematic group members? Push forward!

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Being a Joker might end up getting you a Harley Quinn to accompany you.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Avoid the delicious oily goodness in front of UB02.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Your belief of choosing food over everything is legitimate.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Carry with you extra tissues, the washrooms may refuse to oblige when it comes to toilet paper roll refills.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Success in that tricky course will come as you help your peers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28, 2016:	BRACU Mohakhali	Stakeholder Meeting (Parents, students, teachers) at 12:30pm
September 30, 2016:	BRACU Savar Campus	Residential Campus visit, Savar at 9:00am
October 1, 2016:	BRACU Auditorium	Panel on transforming childhood & youth years – Reimagine learning at 11:00am-2pm
October 2, 2016:	Indoor Games Room GDLN Centre	A. Youth Venture Day, Cultural Gala at 11:00am-4:00pm B. Tourism magazine inauguration at 9:00am-1:00pm
October 3, 2016:	BRACU Auditorium	Tourism stall exhibition, birthday celebration of BUAC & cultural program at 10:00am-7:00pm