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Free English lessons for the underprivileged

ADEEPTO I. AHMED

The university does not sleep on Friday mornings! Walk in to the Listening Lab in building 02 between 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Fridays and you will find kids, sitting in circles in the warmly lit room, practicing their English language skills. The BRAC University Communication and Language Club (BUCLC) has offered a special course for developing English communication skills for children from underprivileged families for free. The programme, envisioned by Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed, is run by the BUCLC under the guidance and supervision of a handful of faculty members from the BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL).

“My team and I are currently conducting the classes every Friday.” says Farina Haque, a Lecturer at BIL. “There is a team



Seen here: Students taking part in a group activity

of students working as Student Mentors and there is another team that ensures all the logistic support. The Student Mentors provide all academic support to the children during the classes to help students meet the classroom goals. In fact, their interaction with the children is so impressive that I believe these BRACU students can soon reach greater heights

in language communication in real life contexts.”

She also informed us that the children are all school goers, even if they are from underprivileged families. In fact a number of them are from BRAC schools. The classes are focused on the basic communication skills of students; carrying out simple conversations, such as inquiring and gathering

information, describing things, and sharing opinions. Moreover, the lessons are designed to be interactive and engaging, focused mostly on ESL games and activities. The programme accommodates kids aged 10-17. Sakib, a younger student, told us, “I like these classes because they are fun and I think it is easier to learn English like this”. The programme is supported by Ejab Group, who is providing free tiffin for all the students. They have also provided initial financial support needed for meeting the materials and stationery needs. The course is designed in a three months’ syllabus with a goal of providing all academic support to help the students to be able to fluently carry out a simple conversation in English.

The university does not sleep. While we are not watching, BUCLC and these kids are keeping the learning going.

BRACU at the One Young World Summit 2016

SHITAB M. ISLAM

One Young World (OYW) Summit 2016, held in Ottawa was one of the biggest Youth Summits in the world, gathering the brightest youth leaders around the world and using their views and plans to achieve a comprehensive goal to create a positive change. Over 150 countries have over 1300 delegates participating in this event. Intesar Hasnain, a student from the CSE Department of BRAC University, was one of the 10 lucky delegates from the country to represent the youth of Bangladesh.

One Young World is a UK-based charity with the aim of empowering the youth of diverse regions to formulate and share innovative solutions for the pressing world issues. After each

Summit, the delegates work on their initiatives and use the power of One Young World network to strengthen the existing initiatives.

All the delegates representing Bangladesh were from different backgrounds. Some young professionals, social workers and students were among them. Intesar Hasnain represented the technology sector as a young Engineering student promising on the excellence of world’s technology field.

He, along with the other delegates representing Bangladesh, was invited on stage by Dr. Yunus to share their thoughts on changing the world with the power of youth. The participants had a number of internal and external breakout sessions. Intesar, along with his group, was taken to Canada Aviation and Space Museum, where they were briefed on

exploring the endless possibilities of modern aviation technology.

Intesar also had splendid experiences during his voyage to the Embassy of Guinea, The Kofi Annan Foundation and even got to meet the famous Harry Potter franchise actress Emma Watson

herself. Hence, Intesar Hasnain has set an outstanding paradigm which we hope will encourage more of the students of BRAC University to pursue such goals in the upcoming One Young World Summit 2017, in Bogota, Colombia.



The delegates from Bangladesh including Intesar Hasnain (sitting, middle) and Dr. Yunus

BRIEFS

Ashoka Panel Discussion

The Changemaker Week closed with a panel on Transforming Childhood & Youth Years on October 1st and a showcase of youth ventures on October 2nd. The discussion was lively and broad-ranged and by the end of it the panel seemed to agree on a few key problem areas. The importance of creating an ecosystem made up of teachers, parents, community leaders, and businessmen all working towards creating a platform for the youth to possess and cultivate a voice of their own and one that has social impact; this was one aspect. Changemaker Week was all about building the space and opportunities for young leaders but as Runa Khan wisely noted, the caliber of followers must not be overlooked if the nation is to move forward. It was an illuminating discourse to those in the audience, though some students did regret the lack of a Q&A session.

A shift in plate tectonics

Those who are afraid of natural disasters, especially earthquakes, will be little relieved with the recent changes in interior design within the campus. A recent Nature: Geoscience publication by Columbia University geologist Michael Steckler says that the city of Dhaka is sitting on top of a 'mega-thrust' earthquake. Although the research cannot predict when the earthquake might take place, it's good to be prepared. The university is doing just that by putting up posters and stickers on walls marking out the safe places in our buildings. A simple plan might be to keep calm, keep your head protected and stay near an external pillar. Perhaps the next step is an earthquake safety drill?

OCA changes office location

In a move that ought to be helpful to all the busy students of our university, the Office of Co-curricular Activities (OCA) has changed its location. Previously located on the 7th floor of UB 6, it now shares a floor with the Office of Career Services and Alumni Relations (OCSAR) and the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) on the 2nd floor of UB 6. With both elevators now making stops there and only two flights of staircases away, students should find the OCA more accessible now.

The debaters bring another title home

ADEEPTO I. AHMED

The 9th UIU Debate Championships Inter Varsity (IV) kicked off on the 30th of September at the Dhanmondi campus of United International University. Of the four BRAC University debaters that participated, all four ranked among the top 8 speakers; Azraf Uddin Ahmad (ESS, senior year) being ranked the best speaker of the tournament, Afraim Karim and Rifayat Raisa (ESS sophomores) jointly ranking at 6 (with others) and Jessica Shirly Alam (ESS, sophomore) being ranked 8th (also jointly). It was however the team of Azraf Uddin Ahmad and Afraim Karim,

BRAC 1, that went all the way and brought the championship home.

In the five preliminary rounds, BRAC 1 blazed a path right through for itself, with impressive performances by both members. Shining most brilliantly perhaps in the 3rd and 4th rounds, the duo really put on the oratory bedazzlements; tallying excellent speaker points and winning the rounds with motions as diverse as business law and a zombie apocalypse. Having thus shot through to a final presided over by a panel of 5 judges and debating for the abolishment of the U.S Primary Elections, BRAC 1 took the title over the competing teams from IUT, NSU and IUB. The second BRACU team nearly



Azraf, the speaker of the Tournament

made it to the finals as well, but was leapfrogged by team IUB on the second, and final, day (1st October) on the basis of the results of the last preliminary round.

With the once mighty Brac University Debate Club back to winning ways, one could be forgiven for expecting great things again.

Residential Semester Recap

ADIBA MAHBUB

The RS Batch of 43 has been very busy since day one at TARC. Seminars focusing on the harmful effects of drugs and the importance of mental health were held, with guest speakers sharing their life experience with the audience. Syncing with the Ashoka Changemaker Week in Mohakhali campus, the RS batch had a specific seminar where the students were inspired to innovate and try to make the world a better place. BRACU alumni shared their journey in Ashoka with the students, specifically lauding the Ashoka programme for making it to the front page of BRACU Express.

While some were being educated about the vast aspects BRAC programmes, including microfinance, health, education and community empowerment, others learned about the history of Bangladesh through visits to the liberation war museum and Lalbag fort. Those involved in the social learning lab got a taste of the hard work needed to keep the campus running, thus making them appreciate the immense



A classic. Students of RS43 posing in front of Murchona on the day of the DEV101 Drama

amount of work required. There was also a DEV drama where the history of Bangladesh was portrayed with different sections acting out different parts. When the play was held on Thursday, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, glad that they were able to pull it off in such a short span of time.

A typical RS evening: Sipping tea, you look over the empty Durbar field; it's still too wet because of last night's rain, but the pathway looks amazing and plenty of students are enjoying a walk, or finding themselves a cosy spot to hang out. After dinner, Anandapur is filled with people again,

enjoying their last hour outside before they have to go back to the dorms. This time, the Bangladesh cricket match is being projected on the screen and the place would occasionally be shrouded by cheers. With the final blow on the whistle, everyone heads back to the dorm but party isn't over yet! While the Sanjibros have their "muri parties", the girls have their share of fun, with food, music, fairy lights and 2 am conversations. And just when the eyes are too droopy to go on and all the big mysteries of life have been solved, you are finally ready to fall asleep.

OPINION & ACADEMIC

Dazed and confused

SHEHZAD M. ARIFEEN

As faculty, there are a few questions that you hear so often that you eventually have a stock response always at hand. Right up there at the top of that list, along with “What will the question pattern be like?” (stock response: Beautiful), is “What should I do with my life?” (stock response: Avoid eye contact and pretend to be late for something).

Who can blame them? If it’s not their parents trying to force them into an alien formula, then it’s the new dropout-startup culture, or the same old new-age nonsense (follow your dreams and everything will be alright), and so on. Don’t get me wrong -- these aren’t necessarily bad ideas. But parents are often wrong, both dropping out and “starting-up” require sacrifices that you may not be ready to make, and your “dreams” are more often products of the circumstances of your birth and youth; most people simply never get the chance to even ask themselves if they are



passionate about anything at all.

If you are one of the dazed and confused, forget all of this and try to answer just three simple questions:

- What do you see yourself doing in the next twenty years?
- What exactly do you need to do to get there?
- What are the sacrifices you are willing to make?

If that seems overwhelming, start small. Start with what you definitely do not want to see yourself doing. Set a goal for five years instead of twenty. Just start something small today. Start a blog. Save up some money and go visit somewhere unfamiliar but nearby. Hit the gym. Intern somewhere

you really feel passionate about. Take photography classes. Cook. Learn to dance.

There is no right answer. Just remember to be honest with yourself about what you actually enjoy and how much you are willing to give up, that there is always more than one path to wherever it is you want to go, that while it may be too late to get what you once wanted, it’s not too late to start working on something else.

Remember to stay away from people who seem to exist only to boost your ego or soothe your conscience -- these people are not your friends. And finally, remember that no matter what you decide to do, it will be harder than you thought, and you might never succeed.

So forget about succeeding. Just do something, and then something else. Remember that, and you might just surprise yourself sooner than you think.

Shehzad M Arifeen: Faculty member of Economics and Social Sciences

Greener and more resilient cities

ZAHRA M.

BRAC University’s research scene is marked by variety and ideas directed towards the development of our world from faculties of different departments. One such faculty is Sheikh Rubaiya Sultana of Architecture, whose work has been principally focused on sustainable urban planning within the context of Bangladesh. Ms Sultana already has work accepted in research looking at low-income housing and social business in rural areas of Bangladesh. Ms Sultana’s workshop proceedings “Green Street: A study on potential response to the environmental aspect of urbanisation,” published by the Beijing Forum in 2013, is a study of greeninfrastructure in sustainable urban planning specifically in Bangladeshi cities. Funded by BRAC University, Ms Sultana and her co-author Shajjad Hossain of the Architecture department, BRACU, founded Green Street to work with sustainable and environmental-friendly urban design within Dhaka city.



Greeninfrastructure -- or green infrastructure is a network for solving urban and climatic problems by incorporating the environment, ie nature, into urban design. The intention is to live *with* nature as opposed to fighting it when building urban infrastructure; instead of destroying natural land, greenery, and water bodies to build cities and spread urbanisation, green infrastructure looks to harness nature into the process and build while preserving and incorporating the natural environment.

There is a lack of open space in our city; no proper pedestrian paths, a poor drainage system that clogs with any prevalence of rainfall. Lakes and ponds within the city’s limits are either eroded or improperly maintained. With Green Street, Ms Sultana and her colleague Mr Hossain, will introduce a greener, more adaptable and resilient vision for our streets and cities. We hope this to be a start to a greater participation in solving climate change problems and land preservation alongside our country’s vision for better economic and social development.



STAWB PETER HALDER

BRACU Express is a great initiative. What you’re holding in your hand right now or perhaps reading off your computer/cell phone screen is going to be a standout publication for years to come. I can only imagine the amazing publications that we will be reading out of the archives, perhaps some 20 years later. Having the university’s own publication gives us, including the alumni, a platform to spread positivity, information and knowledge to build an effective academic and professional exchange.

Sincerely, your alumnus

I’ve taken interest to publish regularly on BRACU Express from now on. From the third publication I will be writing my own column on Job Market Myths! Through the past few years I’ve engaged with plenty of students, judging competitions, speaking at seminars and training at workshops and often I’ve received questions which to me seemed mythical and astounding to great degrees. I think it’s important to bust those myths and bring a more realistic perspective and BRACU Express seems to be the right platform to do so. I hope to shed some light on issues such as the importance of CGPAs – the immortal question that never fails to make its mark no matter where I go!

As an Executive Committee Member of the Alumni Association of BRAC University, I will also constantly share more about AABRACU experiences and our offerings to students, the upcoming event being the AABRACU Gala 2016 on Dec

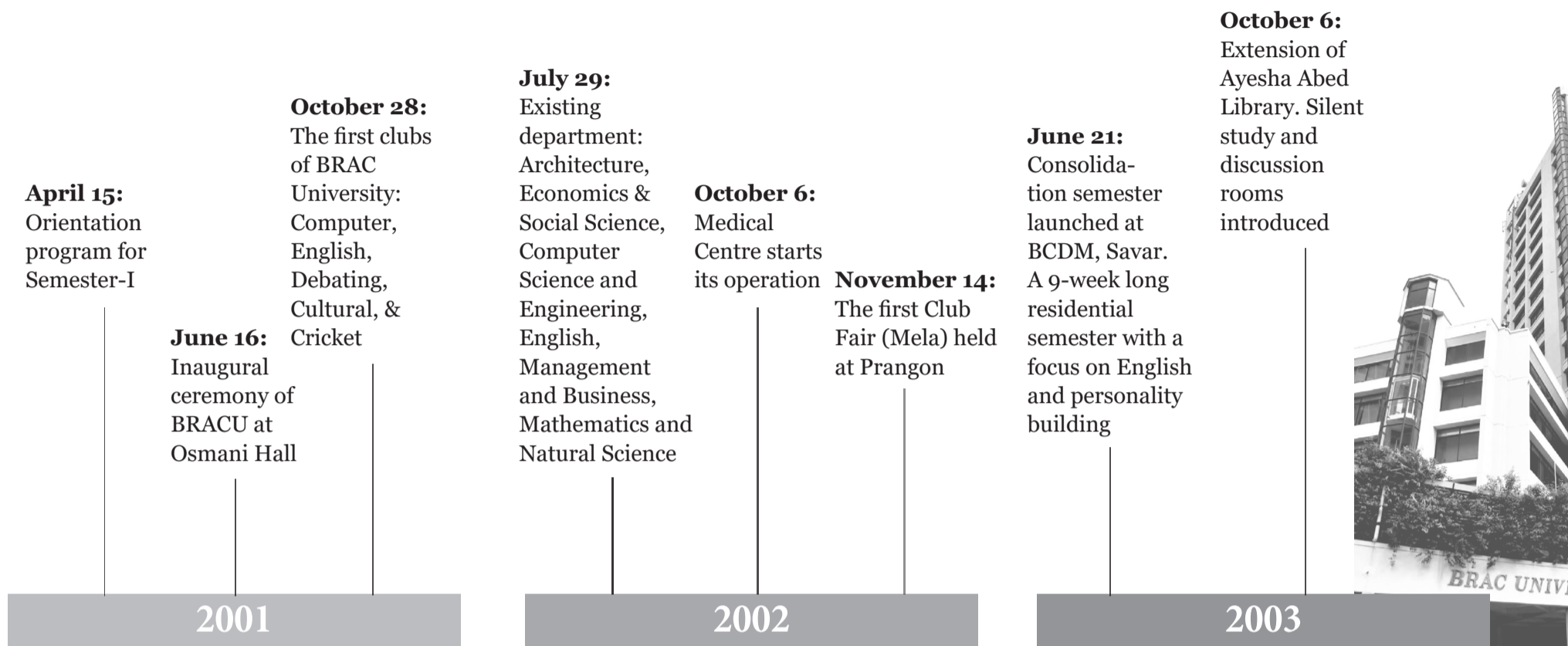
10, 2016. Tickets will be on sale on campus, priced at BDT 1,000 per person. The AABRACU and its student wing Excelerators are working closely for this event, particularly dedicated to those about to walk through the 11th Convocation of BRAC University. My best wishes are with all of them and I cordially invite them to what is about to be the biggest, most intense gala ever!

Stay tuned to the AABRACU Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/aabracu). As an alumnus I believe that my peers and I have a lot to give to BRACU students and our alma mater and together, one step at a time we’ll achieve so much more!

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SPECIAL




the BIG BRACU THEORY

BRACUEXPRESS TEAM

What better way to take a trip down the memory lane than hear from the very people who walked the path. These iconic members reveal insights never before received by the likes of us. Some of them are teaching still, and have been with the university since a long time. Others are now part of the alumni but still feel a deep connection with BRACU. Read what they have to say. Don't forget to complement it with our historical timeline above.

Stawb Peter Halder, Summer 2007, BBS

The best few months of Peter's undergraduate experience was during the Residential Semester. He believes that not having a campus is what makes our student and faculty bodies close knit. His advice to current and future students is to capitalize on the co-curricular activities that BRACU has to offer, and learn beyond the classrooms.

Zahin Hossain, Fall 2008, ENH

With Manzur Karim and Mohammad Mahmudul Haq being his favourite faculty, Zahin says his teachers had inspired him to become a teacher himself. BRAC University has allowed Zahin to become independent and see life as it is.

Sarafa Mahjabeen Ahmed, Spring 2010, BBS

For Sarafa, it was club activities that helped her generate a great mix of networks, both in and out of the campus and allowed for the experience of putting theories into action. Her teachers inspired her to break the walls down and make a classroom out of the world.

Sabita Amin, Spring 2006, SOL

Watching the world cup at TARC with the fresh batch of friends was a unique experience for Sabita, despite having a damaged knee ligament. The best thing at the university was her involvement with AIESEC club.

Md Maruf Ahmed, Assistant Professor, MNS

The faculty of the MNS department felt like a community back then and they would go down to the cafeteria and have their meals together. As he spent the Spring of 2007 as a resident of TARC, he claims it to be the best time of his life. He says that when he joined BRAC was a name to be proud of. It had a brand. Some students who he deemed good enough to get into DU, would come to BRACU because of the reputation.

Supriyo Shafkat Ahmed, Faculty, ECE

Looking back, the Mohakhali campus had only three academic buildings, UB01, UB02, and the Civil Engineering Building. Fewer accidents occurred while crossing roads, due to having all the academic buildings at one side of the road. Computer labs were in very bad

FEATURE



July 28:
Professional & Skills Development Programme offered by the British Council for faculty and executives of BRACU

October 9:
Jalsha 1: Modern Songs organised by BRACU Cultural Club

2004

April 2:
Professor JR Choudhury re-appointed as VC for the second time in a row

January 16:
Grade sheets made available at the BRACU website

September 30:
BSc in Physics introduced

2005

December 30:
Installation of BRAC Bank ATM booth

January 28:
First convocation with 115 students

April 1:
AlumniBU formed

2006

condition back in those days compared to now.

Wasiqur Rahman Khan, Associate Professor, ESS

Dr. Khan remembers the department being extremely small, the faculty would be happy to get even 10 to 15 students per year. Some of the early graduates were, in fact, persuaded to switch to the ESS department from business. Even the core subjects were offered every alternate semester because of the small student body. Club life was as vigorous and vibrant as it is now. Financial aid was offered more generously before to students. Nowadays, the university, overall, has become more expensive. Financial accessibility, therefore, has decreased somewhat.

Mohammad Mahmudul Haque, Senior Lecturer, ENH

Having been in BRACU for 9 years now, he mentions that his experience has been great. The students now are more dynamic and are well aware of their life goals, whereas, the students in the earlier days were a little reluctant and did not have clear idea what they wanted to do with their life. Furthermore, the new university policies always encourage teachers to

involve themselves in research work and keep pursuing their personal development.

Iftekhar Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Architecture

The department started in Spring 2002, and was small. The curriculum was roughly based on BUET's, but with certain changes. Because of the studio set-up of classes, the environment was more close-knit before than it is now. Two of the earliest initiatives of the architecture department were Angan lectures and Arch.kids to stimulate critical thinking among students.



From right: Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury

Things you wouldn't believe

- BRAC University started with only two undergraduate programs: Computer Science & Development Studies
- A one-week recess was given to the students after the Spring'01 midterms
- UB 2 was called Aarong House Campus
- The consolidation semester, which eventually became the residential semester (RS), could only be attended by students with 60 credits or more
- The Social Learning Lab used to be called Micro-Lab
- Inter-dorm competitions were very popular back in the day, just like Hogwarts.
- There was a kite-flying festival, puppet show, and even star gazing at the residential semester all organized by different clubs of BRACU.
- BRAC University has its own anthem. Cultural Club recorded it around 10 years ago.

OFF CAMPUS

Inspirations revolving BRACU

RAISA R. TABASSUM

“So, what inspired you to do this work?” I asked. With a humble smile she replied, “Watching our professors teach made me want to become a university faculty.”

I was talking to Sophia Shawon Gomes, an exceptional student of BRAC Business School, currently working as a Student Tutor (ST) under BBA coordinator and Assistant Professor of BBS, Afsana Akhter. Completing her last semester at BRACU this fall, Sophia has been working as an ST for almost a year now. But what does it really take to qualify as an ST? Sophia says,

“there’s the basic requirements of grades and other curricular activities, but what I think they mostly look for is the ability to manage time well and the capability of being thoroughly responsible.” In Fall 2015 Sophia applied for it after coming across a vacancy notice, thinking it was a good opportunity that would take her one step closer to her career goals.

Working as an ST, Sophia has to give 20 hours for this job per week. Always being a straight A student, there’s no doubt that it is hard to manage both study and work simultaneously. But Sophia tells us that she manages pretty well, since BRACU is very supportive. “They do not pressurise us with anything, and I am free to choose my working hours. We even

get time to study during midterms or other exams.” She takes early morning and late afternoon classes and fills in her working hours. Sophia mentioned that her responsibilities include helping Afsana miss with typical paper works, taking care of advising procedures, help in research works etc. As a consistently talented girl, she took her team to the finals of NSU Blueprint and HULT Prize competition.

Sophia says that she has learned to be more punctual and organised, multi-task, improve her communication skills and has gained the invaluable experience of doing research with a couple of well renowned teachers through this opportunity. She said, “I plan on completing my higher

studies from abroad, then hopefully come back at BRACU and teach!



Sophia Shawon Gomes, Senior, BBS

Crafted with care



Setup of Made With Love at the 2016 Fall Meet-Up

SAYEMA S. HOSSAIN

Humairah Shams is a fresher at BRAC University, majoring in Marketing and E-Commerce. On the side, she is also an artist and a proud entrepreneur.

Humairah has a knack for calligraphy and always wanted to do something with it. Along with her sister, Sarah Shams, she wanted to exhibit her talent to the world in some consumable

form. After the recent climb in art pages on Facebook, her sister and she were encouraged to start their own page on the popular social media platform. The first product they had in mind was bags. They then continued to expand to other merchandise such as notebooks, mugs and bookmarks and printed artwork created by Humairah herself.

Sarah, on the other hand, began the month long quest to find printers for their various products. On August 26, Humairah and Sarah finally launched Made With Love

at an exhibition called the Carousel of Chaos. She explained that such events help greatly with the sales. Their determination and proactive nature has landed them a stall at the Fall Meet-Up that was recently organised by Made In Bangladesh.

When asked about the story behind the name Humairah replied, “Before we started the business, I only sold a few cards straight from my private profile on Facebook, 6 on Valentine’s Day followed by 21 on Mother’s Day. I printed Made With Love on the packaging as a polite gesture to the customers. Soon, it became a brand. So when we started the business, we decided to keep the name.”

Humairah says that having her sister be part of the business is a huge help. Sarah takes care of the business side of things - such as the printers and social media, while Humairah creates artistic products and thus, helps her juggle roles between study and business.

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Link: <https://www.facebook.com/MadewithLoveBD>
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Interested students are requested to keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details on the recruitment session.

SPORTS & RECREATION

UG: Where stars are born

WAES YOUSUF ISLAM

What all football players at BRACU want is the opportunity to play the sport they love more than life itself at a higher level. Even those who have never touched a football in their lives know the hype that surrounds the major FCBU-organised tournaments such as BRAC University Football League and Football Crusade. While these events are huge and highly publicised, there is another tournament that the football players of BRACU very much look forward to: the UG.

This tournament started in the early days of BRACU and still goes on to this day. It was an initiative taken by the students

themselves. What sets UG apart from the other tournaments is the inclusion of alumni players. This adds a special mix to the tournament as the newbies get a chance to play alongside and against the veterans of BRACU. UG features a unique diversity of squads, each bursting with talent. Among them are BOK, FC², Baadshah Bhai, Tutto Béné, Impalers, BRAC Commandos, and many more. The most recent UG saw the return of FC² after a brief hiatus. They faced FC 31 in the final, where the latter team came out on top to claim their first UG title.

UG always promises fresh, new talent and showcases those players that fans keep coming back to see more of. Thanks to the efforts of all those involved (both alumni and current students), this tournament remains a constant success.

38 is greater than 40 by 10



Champions of the RS Cup

WAES YOUSUF ISLAM

Cricket BRAC University (CBU) organised their second RS Cup cricket tournament earlier this month. Eight teams consisting of players from their respective residential semester batches participated in the tournament. The teams were divided into two groups of four for the group stage. Despite the sweltering heat, every player was determined to bring pride and glory for their batches.

After a highly competitive group stage, RS 38 and RS 40 qualified for the final. RS 38 began the match by batting first. The batsmen of RS 38 had already proven to be quite lethal in the earlier stages of the tournament and it was no different in the final match. With only 4

wickets gone, RS 38 finished with a total of 96 runs at the end of the designated 10 overs. With the bar set so high, RS 40's batsmen had their work cut out for them. Despite a valiant effort, RS 40 finished with 86 runs for 7 wickets, falling short of the target by just 10 runs. RS 38 were thus crowned the champions of RS Cup 2016 and Samir Ahmed received the Man of the Match award.

This tournament was another excellent platform for the players of BRAC University to display their talents. For those players who missed out on the coveted trophy, there is still hope as the prestigious BRAC University Premier League is right around the corner.

Chess mate



BRAC University Chess Club Orientation: CHESSMANIA

SHITAB MUSHFIQ-UL ISLAM

BRAC University Chess Club (BUCHC), one of the youngest clubs in BRAC University has been very active since its establishment. The motto "Gym For Brain" suggests that the objective is to not only play the game but also make smart individuals. BUCHC last year had a successful run through the Intra University Chess Tournament, Chess Activities in Savar, and teaching chess to underprivileged children. This Fall, they had an early start as BUCHC engaged in teaching chess to the children in the slums of Korail. BUCHC has weekly activities, such as Weekly Game of Chess on Sundays (2:00-5:00pm) and Social Contributions to BRAC School Programs on Thursdays. Also they have Chess Activity classes in Savar Campus. They may not be the biggest club but they are most certainly one of the busiest ones, with several interesting upcoming events which includes an intra-university tournament.

On October 2, 2016, BUCHC had their fresher orientation program "CHESSMANIA". The main guest of the event was the inspiration of the game himself, Grandmaster Niaz Morshed. He emphasized on pursuing the career of a chess player as it will never come in the way of one's studies. He also added that chess can be a great choice for an extra-curricular activity for students.

Then he also praised BUCHC and BRAC University's activities on teaching chess to under-privileged children. Concluding his part, he also mentioned the opportunities BRAC University is providing through Chess Club. The advisor and founder of the club Mohammad Shams Ud Doha, also added how chess helps making good decisions in life. The co-advisor Mr. Anwar Parvez and the former co-advisor Md. Shamsul Kaonain were also present and they addressed the students, advising them that a co-curricular activity is always a plus point for their careers. Lastly, the President Zarif Morshed welcomed the new recruits to the family of BRAC University Chess Club.

ENTERTAINMENT

A VIKING VISITS THE CAMPUS by Rubab AL ISLAM



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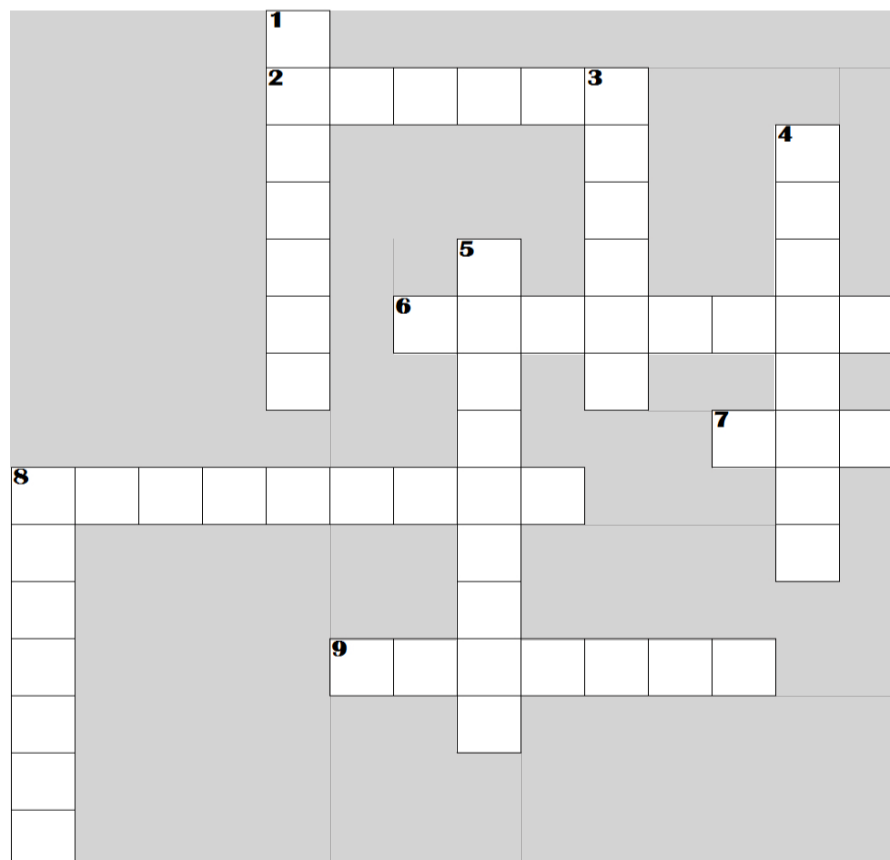
THE BRACU EXPRESS CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

ACROSS

- 2. games room, building 3
- 6. food place named after a spice
- 7. for your bookish needs
- 8. food on campus
- 9. very green

DOWN

- 1. ssh!
- 3. photocopy place
- 4. drop off that payment slip
- 5. say the name before you eat the food
- 8. burgers and fries



TIDBITS

- The Chess Club is firing on all cylinders this trimester. Their 1st Inter Faculty Tournament saw Mr. Duha (Lecturer, BIL) as champion and our honorable Vice Chancellor as 2nd runners up.
- BRAC University Cultural Club (BUCuC) had their elections on 26th October. The Blue panel secured a convincing victory with all three of their candidates winning their respective positions.
- In keeping with the latest international trend, someone is teaching the kids in front of UB3 how to 'dab'. This strange gesture made by rappers, athletes and celebrities is going to haunt us wherever we go now. Wonderful!

Aries - Steal the spotlight.

Taurus - Prepare yourself for over-emotional outbursts.

Gemini - A new friendship awaits somewhere between bot-tola and chillox.

Cancer - Change of hairstyle will bring you luck.

Leo - Slow your roll, especially when you'll be late anyway.

Virgo - Term paper topic? Pick wisely.

Libra - Expect gifts from random classmates. Expect nothing good.

Scorpio - This is the time to get creative with your answers. In life, or that quiz.

Sagittarius - Widen your social circle and surprise yourself.

Capricorn - Luck is in your favour when looking for clean washrooms.

Aquarius - Be wary of your ID card.

Pisces - No toilet paper, late to classes, rainy days without umbrella. It'll get better.

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