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Discussion Meeting on "Role of Law Students in Delivering Legal Services to the Poor"

School of Law organized a seminar on "Role of Law Students in Delivering Legal Services to the Poor" on June 29, 2006. Three recent law graduates from the USA and UK shared their experience of working with various international and other agencies on legal issues and human rights of the poor. This was followed by a lively open forum in which the students and faculty members of the BU School of Law participated.

Guest lecture on Folk Music at Department of Architecture

As a part of ARC 293: Music Appreciation course, eminent musicologist and singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi delivered a demonstration lecture on Folk music on June 28, 2006 at the Department of Architecture. He talked about the numerous types and history of Bangla Lokgeeti and Palligeeti. The folk songs sung in his open and melodious voice kept the students and guest audience enchanted.

Angan (Travel Sketch: Europe)

Angan 'Travel Sketch: Europe' by Nesfun Nahar was held on June 28, 2006. It was an informal lecture for the students, on her architectural trip in different cities of Europe focusing Classical Architecture of Greece and Italy. The Chairperson, teachers and students of the department of architecture attended the event.

Study Trip to Panam Nagar

Department of Architecture, BU, organized a study trip to Panam Nagar, Sonargaon for the students of the Freshmen II on June 27, 2006. The main objective of the trip was to let the students be familiar with our heritage. Students studied the architectural features of the buildings and did some sketches. Two design studio teachers accompanied 22 students on this daylong tour.

ESS Teachers Attend Conference on WTO

Two lecturers of ESS Department, Ms. Moshahida Sultana and Ms. Sakiba Zeba attended a three-day conference on WTO and negotiation power of the LDCs from June 24 to 26, 2006 in Dhaka. Representatives from public and private sectors attended the conference. It was a common platform to exchange knowledge among various practitioners in their relevant fields. WTO clauses on various commodities, tariff and subsidy concerns, tariff blocks, bilateral and multilateral trade and most importantly various aspects of relationship between Bangladesh and WTO were discussed at the workshop.

BUCuC Arranges a Concert by Warfaze



On the occasion of the Club Fair Summer 2006, BU Cultural Club (BUCuC) arranged a concert by 'Warfaze' on June 18, 2006. In this unplugged concert, members of the Warfaze presented various modern Bangla songs in front of a captivating audience which filled up the Indoor games room and the Cafeteria. Shams M. Ghani, keyboardist of the band who is a lecturer of the Department of Architecture, directed the presentation. The program was sponsored by BRAC Bank.

Club Fair Summer 2006

The 'Club Fair Summer 2006' was held on June 17, 2006. The Vice Chancellor inaugurated the event in the presence of the Pro-VC, Chairpersons, teachers, staff and students of the university. The student food stalls serving traditional snacks in the decorated entrance lobby created a festive mood. There were booths of 22 clubs and forums along with one of club-forum information at the Indoor Games Room. The computer club screened the presentations on the 22 clubs and forums on a large screen. The clubs and forums arranged quick quizzes and games, lucky draw and gifts at their booths. The day ended with the screening of 'Chronicles of Narnia' by the Film Club on the large screen. The enrolment of the new students to different clubs and forums was impressive. The second part of the Fair presented a concert by the band 'Warfaze' on June 18, 2006 at the Indoor Games Room.

Faculty Contributed as Judge

Nesfun Nahar, Lecturer II, Department of Architecture contributed as a judge for the Engineering panel in the "Fair & Lovely Scholarship programme 2005" on June 16, 2006. Fair & Lovely Foundation is the social initiative of Unilever Bangladesh Ltd working for women empowerment in the country. Every year the foundation gives 200 women from all over Bangladesh a scholarship of twenty five thousands taka each for their higher education.

Makeup Final Exams, Spring 2006

The Make-up Final Exams of Spring 2006 were held between June 12 to 18, 2006.

ENH Seminar on African Women Novelists

The Department of English, BU, held a seminar entitled "Writing her way: Amma Darko and a New Generation of African Women Novelists" on June 8, 2006. Louise Allen Zak, the speaker is the Associate Director of the higher education commission of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Ms. Tabassum Zaman, Lecturer, ENH chaired the session. Students from different departments took part in an open discussion followed by the talk.

ESS Faculty Attend Conference on HRD-SA

Ms. Irum Shehreen Ali, Lecturer, ESS, attended a three-day conference in Dhulikhel, Nepal entitled "First Human Rights Defenders Forum in South Asia (HRD-SA)", from June 6-8, 2006. She went as part of the team from national human rights network Odhikar, who are strongly committed to the monitoring and protection of human rights vis-a-vis the rule of law in Bangladesh, especially at the local and regional levels. The Dhulikhel Declaration, drafted at the conference was the outcome of the three-day session outlined several recommendations addressed to the United Nations, Governments and National Human Rights Institutions, on how to promote, protect and strengthen the role of HRDs. The notion that human rights are the most powerful and effective instruments in bringing about social and political changes was upheld by all the participant organizations.

Summer Semester 2006 Begins

The Summer Semester 2006 began with all regular activities on June 04, 2006.

ENH Lecturer rejoins BU after a year-long teaching program in Marlboro College

Ms. Tabassum Zaman has rejoined her position as a lecturer in the Department of English and Humanities

from June 1, 2006. She went to Marlboro College, Vermont, USA on a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship(FLTA) programme for one academic year.

Residential Summer, 2006

The students have departed for Residential Semester, Summer 2006 in BU Campus, Savar on June 03, 2006.

Residential Semester (RS) Update

RS Summer `06

Residential Semester Summer 2006 started on 03 June 2006. A total of 177 students, 86 boys and 91 girls have joined this Semester. The Semester will finish on August 02, 2006.

Introductory Days Workshop

A workshop on the "Objectives and Purposes of the Residential Semester" was held on June 04 and 05, 2006 for the students of the RS. Pro-VC Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed conducted the workshop. Dr. Yousuf M Islam, the Academic Coordinator of RS and other faculty members also took part in the Workshop. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU addressed the Workshop on 05 June, 2006. The Workshop concluded with the students formulating their "Code of Conduct" for the Semester. The workshop generated much enthusiasm among the students.

Sports Competitions

On June 18, 2006, the RS sports competitions began with the inter-dorm football competition. Simultaneously football, cricket, volleyball and table tennis competitions were conducted. In the table tennis (singles) competition on 28 June, Chhayaneer became champion and Krishnochura runner up.

Female Sports Competitions

The inter-dorm female competitions kicked off with the handball competition on June 20, 2006.

Wall Articles

The first issue of Wall Articles was posted on June 18, 2006. This has replaced the Activity Newsletter that used to be published by the students earlier. New rules have been issued for the Wall Articles. All six dorms participated.

Micro-lab Exercises

The first and second phases of Micro-lab Exercise of the Residential Semester were conducted on June 24 & July 01 2006 respectively. In the first phase, section 3 & 5, and in the second phase section 2 took part in this unique exercise. The students performed the duties of the TARC officials and the staffs starting from the In-Charge down to cleaners and laundry persons. The exercise created a lot of enthusiasm among the students and the exercise concluded successfully.

BRAC Project Visits

The first (section 1 & 4) and second phases (section 3 & 5) of BRAC Project Visit of the Residential Semester were made on June 24 and July 01, 2006 respectively. The first and second phase visits were made to Manikgonj and Gazipur. The students were divided section wise. The students were assigned one subject to look into and later submit a report on the visit and give a presentation. The subjects were BRAC Micro-Credit Program, BRAC Health Program, BRAC Education Program and Legal and Human Rights Program.

Liberation War Museum Visits

Section 2 and section 1 & 4 went for a visit to Liberation War Museum at Segun Bagicha on June 24 and July 01, 2006 respectively. Following the visit of the museum, the students sat for a quiz test on Liberation War of Bangladesh. The visit generated much enthusiasm and interest among the students.

Comilla Visit

On June 30, 2006, all students of RS along with the teachers of ESS Department and the House Tutors visited Comilla. The programme included visit to War Cemetery of 2nd World War, archeological sites at Mainamoti-the relics of 8th century, and BARD.

Guest Lectures

On June 22, 2006, Dr. Shahdeen Malik, Director, School of Law, BU, delivered a lecture on 'Constitution of Bangladesh'. The lecture generated much inquisitiveness among the students. Also on 29 June, Mr. Rahmat Ali, an academic of Department of Theatre and Music, DU gave a grave lecture on 'Drama of Bangladesh.' The lecture was in two parts, in the first half he described the development of Bangla Drama and rendered some recreational performances in the second half. The students were spellbound during the lecture and performance.

RS Dinner

The first RS Dinner of the semester was held on the Jun 21, 2006. Dr. Demisse Habte, International Director, James P. Grant School of Public Health, BU was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Habte spoke about his professional experience, which generated lot of enthusiasm among the students.

Career Services Office Programs

Career Services Office has arranged a networking and an information session on 'Management Trainee Officers' (MTO) entry prospects' with BRAC Bank on June 07, 2006. BRAC Bank's head of HRD Ms. Tahniyat Ahmed Karim was present in the session. An internship orientation session was held on June 28, 2006. This session was for informing the intern students about the procedures for applying for internship.

Architecture Student Wins Yet Another Gold Medal

Ms. Hosnee Reza Chowdhury, a Junior II student of the Department of Architecture has won a gold medal in Asia Pacific Children and Youth's Art Exhibition Japan 2006. She has received the award in summer 2006. The award includes prize money of US \$2500, a 500 gm Gold medal, a certificate, and a 7 day trip to Nagasaki, Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nigata in Japan and Seoul, South Korea. This was her 21st Gold Medal in painting.

International Scientific Committee Member

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture has been selected as one of the International Scientific Committee Members for the 2nd Mega-cities Conference 2006, Guangzhou, P R China, to be held in December 2006. Dr. Mahtab-uz-Zaman was the convenor and one of the organisers of the First Mega-cities Conference held in 2000 in Hong Kong.

Architecture Internees

Students who have completed their 4th year of studies in Architecture have started their Professional Training courses in various offices. Amongst them the following have gone abroad for their training:

1. Mr. Imtiazul Alam -Hong Kong at Vincent Lai and Partners.
2. Mr. Omar Faruque -Hong Kong at Vincent Lai and Partners.
3. Ms. Asmun Nahar Sumi -Ahmedabad, India at Vastu Shilpa Consultants
4. Ms. Samia Noreen -Ahmedabad, India at Vastu Shilpa Consultants
5. Mr. Sabbir Ahmed -Ahmedabad, India at Prahakar B Bhagwat Comsultants.