

## **MPH Update**

### **MPH Student Course update**

The MPH students successfully completed the course on Epidemiology was taught by Shams El Arifeen from 22nd April to 10th May 2007. The course coordinator was Steve Luby, ICDDR, B. The course on Health Systems Management is underway. The course coordinator is Anwar Islam. It started on 13th May and is expected to finish by 7th June 2007.

### **Seminar series**

Susan Rifkin from the London School of Economics and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine presented a seminar on health policy in developing countries 'The Future of Health Care' on 3rd May 2007. She gave a brief review of the history of Primary Health Care with its principles of equity and participation. Focus on 3 main challenges to the policy in the present global environment

1. Selective vs. comprehensive PHC in the context of global funding for specific diseases
2. The influence of health sector reforms and the evidence for health improvements among the poor
3. The advocacy on health as a human right and its influence on issues around empowerment and human resources

The second seminar was presented on 'Occupational Health' by Hasnat Alamgir, Phd. He is Scientific Director Occupational Health & Safety Agency for Health Care, Vancouver, Canada & Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Health Science Simon Fraser University Burnaby, Canada Ferdous Osman presented the last seminar for the month on 28th May, 07. The topic was Health Policy. He is working in the Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka as Associate Professor

### **Faculty News**

Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury is away to Washington for the Global Health Council Meeting. He is on a panel on 'Health Systems Development' from 26th to 31st May 2007.

Dr. Shahaduz Zaman spoke as the Keynote speaker at 'The Amsterdam Master's In Medical Anthropology (AMMA) Conference, The Netherlands. 10 Years of AMMA: Teaching and Applying Medical Anthropology'. This was held in Amsterdam, from 14-15th May 2007.

Dr Mizanur Rashid Shuvra is away for a meeting from 20th to 30th May 07. He is there to participate in the World Bank Development Marketplace in Washington DC and later for a follow up meeting in New York City.

Dr. Farah Mahjabeen and Dr. Nasima Selim attended a teachers training workshop 'Educate the Educator Retreat Workshop' from May 14 - 15, 2007 in Savar. This was organized by BRAC teaching, learning institute.

Dr. Sabina Rashid was invited by UNAIDS (joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS) for pre-workshop consultation for AIDS commission held on May 6th, 2007 at IDB Bhaban. This was followed by a civil society presentation on the country level strategy for the prevention of HIV AIDS on 23rd May 07 at Radisson hotel, Dhaka.

Dr Kausar Iqbal attended the Fulbright seminar organized by the American Centre on 24th May, 2007. Among other Fulbright Scholars affiliated with different institutions, Nabil Ahmed presented his experience in Bangladesh. He is from the Johns Hopkins University- Bloomberg School of Public Health and presently working as an intern with the School of Public Health BRAC University on Chakaria Reproductive Health Program.

## **Department of Architecture**

### **Students Receive Awards**

A number of students of the Department of Architecture have received awards in 'Hatil Furniture Design

Competition 2006'. Md Imrul Kayes received a 'Special Commendation' while the joint entry of Muhammad Nafisur Rahman, Nusrat kabir and Md. Rakibul Hasan received 'General Appreciation'. Results of the competition were announced on the 8th May 2007.

### **Congratulations!**

Raihan Alamgir a former student of the Department of Architecture, BRACU transferred to Pratt Institute in New York USA in fall 2004 after completing the his second year here. Although all his credits here were not transferred he managed to cover up the time he would have lost by taking extra course work and graduated from Pratt this Spring, which is the same time as his batch mates here. He graduated with a cgpa of more than 3.5 and has been recognized as one of the best students in his batch of Architecture graduates. To quote form Raihan's email to his former teachers at BRACU:  
" I really appreciate the support and love that I have received from you until now and I am looking forward for more success in life if I have your support with me. It is a great honor to have teachers like you and I encourage you to wish me all the best". While at BRACU, Raihan was also a member of "Subconscious" a popular local band.

## **BU-IED Update**

### **BU-IED Director Visits George Washington University and International Reading Association**

Dr. Manzoor Ahmed visited George Washington University on May 22-23, 2007 and met with the staff and Chair of the International Education Department, Prof. James Williams, at the Graduate School of Education and Human Development. BRAC University has a collaborative relationship with George Washington University. Prof. Williams is expected to spend several weeks at BU-IED in August this year to participate in a collaborative study on education policy development in Bangladesh.

Dr. Ahmed discussed plans for technical cooperation in language development of children in primary education in Bangladesh at the headquarters of the International Reading Association, the principal professional organisation in the world on language teaching.

### **Daily Star Supplement on Education Policy Roundtable**

The Daily Star published on 29 May, 2007 a special eight-page supplement on policy and progress in pre-university education based on the text of the policy roundtable jointly hosted by BU-IED, CAMPE, UNESCO and Daily Star on 28 April, 2007 at Hotel Sheraton. The supplement highlighted issues regarding education as a human right, prospects for achieving Education for All goals for 2015 and policy priorities in this regard. BU-IED had prepared the issues paper for the roundtable.

### **BU-IED at ECD World Forum 2007**

Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC) of BRAC University Institute of Educational Development was represented at the World Forum on Early Care and Education, May 15-18, 2007 at Kuala Lumpur. Ms. Mahmuda Akhter, Head, ECDRC and Mohammad Kazi Foysal, staff member of ECDRC participated at the World Forum on behalf of ECDRC. Ms. Akhter made a presentation on professional development activities of ECDRC and the Bangladesh Early Childhood Network (BEN). Over 750 ECD practitioners from 73 nations participated in the Forum. Major themes explored at the 2007 World Forum included poverty and children, curriculum models, teacher education, nature education, advocacy, staffing, funding, and indicators of quality.

### **Basic English Language Training (BELT) for Secondary School Teachers**

A six day Basic English Language Training (BELT) Phase-1 conducted by English group of BU-IED was held from May 19 to May 24, 2007 at Niketon TARC, Dhaka. A total 20 participants from different secondary schools of Manikgonj participated in the training. The English group of the Secondary Team has decided to develop a series of courses to improve teaching skills of teachers, especially in using the communicative approach in English effectively in the classroom. The aim of the phase 1 training is the teachers' self development in basic English including four language skills and the teachers' capacity for creating a communicative environment in the classroom.

## **Centre for Governance Studies**

Annual State of Governance Report 2007 workshop for the core advisory group was held at the Roof Top of BRAC Centre on the 8th May 2007. Dr. Beata Czajkowska and Dr. David Skully presented concept note followed by an open discussion and lunch.

Curriculum review workshop for the MA in Governance Development was held at the Roof Top of BRAC Centre on the 15th May 2007. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro VC, BRAC University, chaired the workshop session. Mr. Larry Taman, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Dr. Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Dr. Tofail Ahmed, Dr. Mizanur R. Khan, Dr. MA Momen, Dr. Ferdaus Jahan, Mr. Ed Campos, Professor I.G. Chowdhury, Dr. Shahnaz Karim were present along with CGS team.

Centre for Governance Studies organized an international workshop on Anti-Corruption Commission at Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria, Gulshan 2 on 13-14 May 2007. Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed, Chairperson-BRAC, inaugurated the workshop on 13 May 2007. Lieutenant General (retd.) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chairman and Mr. Abul Hasan Manzur Mannan, Commissioner of the ACC, former Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury, Attorney General Barrister Fida M Kamal, Executive Director of TI-Bangladesh Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Mr. Ed Campos, Ms Sakuntala Akmeemana from the World Bank, Mr. Donald Bowser and Mr. Gambhir Bhatta from ADB, Ms Luiza Nora from World Bank Institute, Mr. Larry Taman from Canada and Dr. Gregory Cran from Royal Roads University Canada were present amongst many others.

Mr. Manzoor Hasan attended the international congress on "Global Financial Crime" organized by UN Office for Drug and Crime (UNODC) at Bangkok, Thailand.

## **Department of English & Humanities**

### **Brine Pickles at BRAC University**

Brine Pickles, a young writer's group affiliated with the British Council did a literary performance of their work on 29th of May 2007 at UB 403. The very lively show had performances ranging from poetry recitations, music video presentations to songs and comic skits. This program was a part of their series of shows being held in different private universities to promote their first international publication, Maps & Metaphors- writing by young writers from Bangladesh and the UK. The show was very well received by the audience, which comprised of students from different departments of our university, teachers and guests. The program ended with tea and refreshments as the members of Brine Pickles shared and exchanged ideas with the audience.

## **Undergraduate Thesis Presentation**

As a requirement of the ENG 466: Thesis course, seven graduating students (Spring 2007) of the Department of English presented their thesis on 2 and 3 May 2007. The name of the students and the respective titles of their papers are:

Nusrat Hossain: "Code Switching in Informal Contexts at the Department of English of BRAC University."

Segupta Islam: "Women in Folk Literature: A Comparative Study of Meyeli Geets and Baromasis"

Srabontry Dey: "An Evaluation of the Reading Skills in English of the Students of Class X in two Bengali-medium schools."

Nazia Khan: "Motivational Orientation and English Language Proficiency of the Students of the Department of English of BRAC University."

Najifa Nawar: "Women in Ballads: A Comparative Study of the Chittagong and Mymensingh Gitikas."

Morshada Islam: "An Analysis of Error Correction done in Different Schools in Dhaka City."

Aroop Saha: "An Evolving Language: 'Other Englishes' in the Post Colonial World."

## **Football Quiz Competition on BRACU Football Club**

Football club of BRAC University organized a quiz competition on BRAC University Trimatrik Club Fair on 30th May, 2007. Professor Dr. Iftekhhar Ghani Chowdhury, Dean, BRAC Business School distributed the prizes among the three winners. The club President, Secretary, Faculty Adviser and Faculty members of BRAC Business School were present in this ceremony to encourage such activities within the campus.

## **School of Law**

### **Seminar on Leadership in Parliament: Victoria, Canada**

World Bank Institute (WBI) in collaboration with Royal Roads University and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

organized a seminar on "Leadership in Parliament" as part of their Parliamentary Strengthening Program K. Shamsuddin Mahmood,

Head of Undergraduate Program, School of Law, BRAC University attended the seminar as representative for the Centre for

Governance Studies, BRAC University.

Four key note papers were presented concerning different important issues on- Creating global support for fighting

corruption, Measuring corruption for strategic change, Understanding and managing conflict and Poverty reduction by

eminent scholarly persons like Mr. Rick Stapenhurts, Prof. Gregory Cran, Mr. John Williams M.P., and Mr. Andrew Imlach

of WBI, Royal Roads University, GOPAC and CPA respectively. Participants comprising of parliamentarians and

academicians from nine different countries of Asian and African States took part in the conference. The conference venue

was the famous age old Hatley Castle of Royal Roads University situated in a scenic and eco-friendly environment of

British Columbia, Victoria, Canada.

### **Training of District Level Consumer Leaders**

Assistant Professor Tureen Afroz of the School of Law was invited as a resource person to conduct a working session of

the national workshop jointly organized by the USAID, Unnayan Sammanay and Consumers' Association of Bangladesh

(CAB). The workshop took place on 13 - 14 May 2007 at BIAM Auditorium, Dhaka. Tureen's topic was

'Consumers  
Protection Law: Bangladesh Perspective'.

### **Paper Presentation**

Assistant Professor Tureen Afroz of the School of Law presented a paper, entitled, CEDAW and Legal Polygamy in Bangladesh: A Saga of 'Unjust Inequity' at the 4th Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference, 'Voices from Asia for a Just and Equitable World', held on 24-25 May 2007, at the University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia. Tureen's travel cost to and from Jakarta was entirely funded by the BRAC University.

## **BRACU DLC Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Centre**

Video Conference session about Bangladesh National Research and Education Network (NREN) report at Internet2 meeting at Washington, DC  
On Thursday April 26th 2007 Internet2 hosted a meeting to talk about National Research and Education Network (NERN) connectivity to and within South Asia. This meeting took place at the BU-GDLN Video Conference Center at Aarong House AH 401 via Video Conference in conjunction with the Internet2 Member Meeting near Washington, DC. Indiana University and the US National Science Foundation International Research Network Connections program-funded TransPAC2 project also pulled together the program for the meeting.

Vice Chancellor Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury presented the status of inter-university networking in Bangladesh and the BAERIN initiative through video conferencing. The Video Conference session was also attended by Dr. Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, CSE, BRAC University, Dr. M. Lutfur Rahman, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Dhaka University, Dr. S. M. Lutful Kabir, Professor and Director, Institute of Information and Communication Technology, BUET, Dr. M. Hakikur Rahman, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Network Foundation (SDNF) and Executive Director, Bangladesh Advanced Education, Research and Information Network (BAERIN) Foundation and Dr. Md. Abul Kashem Mia, Professor and Associate Director, Institute of Information and Communication Technology, BUET.

## **Internal meeting of AusAID Canberra with AusAID Bangladesh at BRAC University DLC via GDLN, NOC at Washington DC**

A very successful Video Conference was held at BRAC University DLC for AusAID Canberra with AusAID Bangladesh on 29th May 2007. AusAID Canberra was connected via Washington DC using GDLN NOC as bridge between the two networks as AusAID Canberra's system is ISDN based and BRAC University's System is IP based so the Bridging was required for connecting the both end. This is the First time AusAID Bangladesh had a meeting with their head office via Video Conference at BU, the Video Conference discussion was about their upcoming contribution to the Educational sector in Bangladesh.

## **Video Conference on "Can Asia End Poverty in a Generation" held at BU**

On Wednesday, May 30, 2007 World Bank organized a 2-hour multi-country videoconference on a paper

published by the bank - Can

South Asia End Poverty in a Generation? - Authored by Shantayanan Devarajan (Chief Economist, South Asia Region) and Shekhar Shah (Economic Adviser, South Asia Region). This conference connected students and academia from India (Delhi), Sri Lanka (Colombo), Pakistan (Lahore), and Nepal (Katmandu) and the London School of Economics. Their discussion focused on how South

Asian countries can contribute to a massive reduction in the number of poor people in the region and also reach the

Millennium Development Goals on time. To read the full report "Can Asia End Poverty in a Generation", please visit:

<http://www.worldbank.org/endingpovertyinsouthasia> The participants from Bangladesh in this Video Conference were Dr.

Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro Vice Chancellor, BRAC University, Ms. Sheepa Hafiza, Director HR, BRAC, Prof. Dr. Hosne Ara Begum,

Executive Director, TMSS, Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah Chief Executive, DISA Mr. Saiful Islam, Executive Director, Bangladesh

Extension Education Services (BEES), Mr. B K Adhikary, Central Coordinator, DORP Mr. S M Rezwan Ul Alam, Sr. Communications

Officer, World Bank Office, Mr. Shamim Ehsanul Haque, Lecturer, BRAC Business School and Mr. Anup Chowdhury, Lecturer, BRAC

Business School. BRACU DLC Global.

## **MNS Department**

### **Seminar Organized by the MNS Department**

Mr. A. K. M. Shafiq Ullah, Lecturer of Physics at the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences gave a seminar entitled

"Study of the Size and Shape of Small Particles by Small Angle Neutron Scattering" on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 11.00 am in

Room ST 603. All faculty members of the Department of MNS and some students participated in the seminar.

### **Education Trip to Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka**

BRACU Natural Sciences Club (BUNSC) arranged a trip to the Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka (AECD) on Thursday 24th May 2007. Dr.

Dipen Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Physics, Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences led the team of ten

members (seven students and three faculty members). The team visited the Library, Physics and Solar Energy Division, Magnetic

Materials Division and the Non Destructive Testing Division of AECD. They visited the Library and was briefed about the

several journals subscribed by AECD. They were very impressed by the large collection of books and journals on various

disciplines of science and technology. Concerned scientists briefed the team about the research and development work being

carried out in the respective divisions and explained the principles behind some of the equipment/processes used. The visit

was extremely informative and the team not only enjoyed it thoroughly.

### **Participation in Club Fair-Summer 2007**

BUNSC actively participated in the BRACU Club Fair held on May 30, 2007 for Summer Semester 2007. The club put up a stall

where its different activities were highlighted.



## Department of Computer Science & Engineering

Congratulations to two former BRACU Computer Science & Engineering students: Md. Zahurul Islam - Research Staff, The Center for Research on Bangla Language Processing (CRBLP) Nafid Haque (Student Intern, CRBLP) Both of them have been awarded the Erasmus Mundus fellowship for European Masters program in LCT (Language and Communication Technologies). Naushad UzZaman had also received the grant, but he declined in favor of going to the US instead. All the successful Erasmus Mundus for EM in LCT recipient in Bangladesh this year are former BRACU students.

### From the PRO's Desk

#### **President of Prairie View A & M University visited BRACU**

Dr. George Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University visited BRACU on May 23, 2007. He had discussions with Prof. J R Choudhury, VC BRACU and Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC and chairpersons/directors/program heads/deans. Dr. Wright is a leading scholar on African American history with several books to his credit. He was previously at Duke University, University of Texas Austin and University of Texas at Arlington.

#### **VC's Interview in CSB NEWS**

CSB NEWS interviewed Professor J R Choudhury, VC BRACU on the infrastructure in Bangladesh & particularly on measures for full utilization of the submarine fibre optic viz. SEA-ME-WE4 on May 28, 2007.

### Teaching Learning Centre (TLC)

#### **Workshop#1: Educate the Educator**

Focus: A participatory teacher orientation program designed and run by teachers themselves facilitated by TLC.  
Facilitators: The core group comprised of Fahria Afrin, Bushra Tawfiq, Shamim Haque, Dr Shuvra and Dr Yousuf M Islam.  
Participants: 19 teachers attended the workshop from departments across the university.  
Date: May 14, 15, 2007.

#### **Workshop#2: Residential Semester Self-Rules Orientation**

Workshop  
Focus: To help the students focus on the need for self-rules in community living and self-development during the Residential Semester.  
Facilitators: Pro-VC Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Campus Super Shafaat Ahmad, Dr Yousuf M Islam, Hammad Ali, Sarwar Alam, Nilanjana Rahman, Hasibun Naher and Mohammad Abdul Kadir.  
Participants: 175 students attending the Summer 2007 Residential Semester.  
Date: May 20 - 21, 2007

#### **Workshop#3: Inculcating Creativity through**

Mind Mapping  
Focus: To help students understand and use mind mapping as a tool.  
Facilitators: Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Hammad Ali, Sarwar Alam and student volunteers: Imran Newaz, Golam Musabbir, Abul Hasnat.

Participants: 180 RS students attended the workshop.

Date: May 29, 2007

#### **Workshop#4: Exchange Program with George**

Washington University (GWU)

Focus: A four-week long program organized at George Washington University, for learning and orientation of senior faculty.

Facilitators: Professor Jim Williams, GWU and Dr Yousuf Mahbubul Islam.

Participants: ATM Sajedul Haq.

Date: May 2007.

### **Summer 2007 Orientation**

Summer 2007 Orientation Program was held on Sunday, 13th May 2007 at BRAC Center Inn Auditorium. Pro VC welcomed the new students and their parents to BRACU. Approximately 400 students and guardians attended the 1st day of the orientation program. Subsequently, 2nd day orientation program was organized at the BRAC University Residential Campus, TARC Savar. BRACU Cultural Club also organized a cultural program on the same day.

### **Student Affairs Activities**

#### **BRAC University Computer Club- BUCC**

SOFTEC 2007: BRAC University Computer Club (BUCC) went on an international competition at SOFTEC 2007, Lahore, Pakistan on 5th - 6th May 2007. The event was computer-programming competition. The team from BRAC University consisted of Annajiat Alim Rasel (Id: 04101017), Khan Md. Anwarus Salam (Id: 04301025) and Ehsan Aleem Avee (Id: 03101003). Congratulations to them for securing the 3rd position, beating the team from Iran and other teams. There were about 50 teams in total consisting of 150 participants.

SOFTEC is an annual 2-day I.T. extravaganza held at FAST National University (FAST-NU), industriously organized and executed by SOFTEC Society (the largest student society of the university). It was first conducted in 1995, and from a national event involving a Software project competition for undergraduate students, it has expanded over the last eleven years into a widely anticipated all-Asia event, comprising near a dozen events drawing interest from every age group from school-going children to I.T. professionals. Participants in the competitions come from as far away as Kazakhstan and Nepal, and no I.T. industry player chooses to miss this opportunity to reach the tens of thousands of visitors who come each year. Further details on the event can be found in <http://www.softec.org.pk/softec07/main.php>

Programming contest is a very good way to showcase students' IT competencies to multinational and national companies. It helps students in improving their speed, problem solving, coding, debugging, teamwork as well as their experiences during their undergraduate studies. The ultimate goal is to compete in the ACM-ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest (<http://icpc.baylor.edu/icpc/>). To prepare students for the same, BUCC regularly organizes and participates various programming contest for school, college and university students. Quiz Competition: Computer Club, BUCC organized a quiz competition during the club fair, Summer 2007. Winners are 1) Shahida Sultana, ECE (Id: 07310030), 2) Ishtiaque Asad, CSE (Id: 06310016), 3) Md. Intekhabul Hafiz, CSE (Id: 05101021) and 4) Md. Mafiul Islam, BBS (Id: 07104061). The quiz scoring was based on various factors such as ACM Programming, volunteering, eniority, situation handling, interest in computers, student's awareness and usage of Computer & Internet.

#### **BRAC University Economics Club- BUEC**

BRAC University Economics Club (BUEC) went on an educational tour at Bandarban, Chittagong on 8th - 11th May, 2007. The objective of this tour was to conduct a study on the possibilities of tourism development in Bandarban. The scenic beauty of Bandarban has remained unexposed to our citizens for



decades. This southeastern part of Bangladesh has immense potential to be one of the most beautiful and attractive spots for national and international tourism in the world. This educational tour has endowed BUEC with the stand to recognize the areas of development and build awareness amongst our associates and fellow citizens about Bandarban. Along with work on tourism development, there was also a workshop on "leadership development" undertaken during the tour for the students. Entrepreneurship Development Forum- EDF tour in Natore Entrepreneurship Development Forum had arranged a tour in PRAN Agro Industrial Park, Natore on 18th May 2007. The team members were 24 including the Advisor of EDF Forum, Mohammad Ahsanullah and MR. Anup. The team visited Natore Rajbari, which is more renowned as "Uttara Gonovobon". The trip on the 19th May took the team to PRAN Agro Industrial Park. The Quality Control Manager greeted the team and showed the team around various plant one after the other. They had to opportunity to see the pickle unit, plastic bottle, juice, jam, jelly manufacturing unit, mango sorting process, spice making etc. PRAN has its own mango garden. Another important thing observed was that most of the workers were women. After finishing the factory visit there was a question and answer session arranged with some senior officials of PRAN. The team also visited Bogra and some historical places of "Mahastan Gor".

### **BRAC University Debating Club - BUDC**

Under the lead of Dr Tureen Afroz, a team from BRAC University Debating Club (BUDC) attended BRB Cables National Debate Federation Bangladesh 3rd National Debate Festival '07. The team consisted of 17 students and 2 teachers. The festival took place at Kushtia Zilla School, Kushtia during 18-19 May, 2007. The team left on 17th, afternoon via two minibuses coordinated by Md. Shamsul Kaonain (Id: 06101002) & Annajiat Alim Rasel (Id: 04101017) and came back on 20th morning. Debate lovers from renowned schools, colleges, universities from all over Bangladesh participated in the event. The event consisted of model debate, public speaking competition, debate workshop, colorful rally, sight seeing and a life time achievement award. Debaters from BRAC University raised BRAC University flag, attended workshops, participated in the rally, contested in model debates (both English & Bengali), & in the public speaking competition. Chaity Rahman (Id: 06305005) won the 4th prize in the public speaking competition. The team also visited Tagore's KuthiBari and Lalon Shah Majar in Kushtia during the festival. Every participant received cap, bag, notebook, poster and a certificate while attending the event.

### **National Heritage Forum- BUNHF**

Members form the BRACU National Heritage Forum visited Rangamati on May 24, 2007. The team took a boat journey for Shuvolong, Pedatingting, Chakma Rajbari, Pagoda and Hanging Bridge. There was also another boat trip to Kaptai. The trip enlightened the team about the lifestyle of kaptai people and "Kaptai Water Electricity Plant".

### **Club Fair Summer '07 - Trimatrik**

Club Fair was organized on 30th May 2007. This was indeed a warm day for the newly admitted freshers. This time, the club fair was named TRIMATRIK Club Fair and the name was selected though a voting system. The club fair was a great success. Prof. J R Choudhury, VC inaugurated the club fair cutting the filmstrip at the entrance of the indoor games room. Then the judges along with our VC and other teachers proceeded through club stalls by seeing their presentations. Every club was busy explaining their jobs and etc. to the curious students and the judges. Freshers very eagerly joined the clubs that they wanted to or were impressed by it. Almost all the clubs had various gift or lotteries for the registering members. BUFC was giving song CDs to the newly registering members as a sign of appreciation. To keep the attention of the freshers, a game show was organized also. Around 3 pm, the cultural show started. Many students performed at the show. Later, bands from BRAC University: Scarecrow and Alternation performed at the show. The main attraction was the guest band: SHIRONAMHIN. They ended the show with their famous song HASHI MUKH that gave the whole show a very amazing and lively ending. In this club fair: art club got 1st position, economics club got second position, cultural club and photography club jointly got 3rd position.

### **Film Club- BUFC**

May 31, 2007 was the FILM SHOW day. "Bourne Identity", "MR. Bean Holiday" and "Rang De Basanti" were screened all day long. This show was solely arranged by BUFC just like the club fair. There was a large crowd for Mr. Bean Holiday. As an attraction to the show and a surprise for the audiences, t-shirt from RADIOFURTI and juice from STARSHIP was given to everyone during the show. The sound system was awesome and the whole day was a great show day. This show really helped to promote BUFC among the

freshers.

### **Pohela Boishakh**

This year on 14th April 2007, BRAC University dared to break away from the norm and took the challenge of organizing a Boishakhi fair in collaboration with 5 other private Universities- NSU, East West University, South East University, Eastern University and United International University. BRAC University organizing committee comprised of Dr. Zainab F. Ali (Director of Student affairs), Mohammad Jahangir Alam (Asst. Director of student affairs), Md. Atiqur Rahman (DCO, Student Affairs); and Fakrul, Moinul, Rony, Salman, Nabil, Ishtiaq, Tanvir, Ahsan and Saif (Students). At 8 am the students of BRAC University commenced the festivities by taking to the stage with Borsho boron songs, starting with the familiar notes of Tagore's "Esho hey Boishakh". This was followed by the Boishakhi Rally from Municipal Park opposite Shooting Club, Gulshan-1 to Gulshan-2 and retuning to the fair with colorful masks and horse carriages.

Afterwards the Boishakhi fair was inaugurated followed by the traditional Kite Flying, Art competition, Rommyo Debates, Baul and Kobi Songs by Kuddus Boyati. The evening was ornamented by the cultural presentations by all six universities. Throughout the performances of dramas, songs, ads, band and baul songs the performers displayed their unique talents of the Universities. The energy was dampened somewhat by the state of emergency situation, which demanded the fair should conclude by 7pm, which compelled the organizers to compromise with their offerings.

## **Summer 2007 Residential Semester**

### **New Batch Joins RS**

175 students, 82 male and 93 female, have joined the Residential Semester - Summer 2007 on 19 May 2007. They are 73 from BBS, 51 from Department of CSE, 16 from ESS Department, 11 from ENH Department, 1 from PHYSICS Department, 5 from LAW Department and 18 from Department of Architecture. The semester has started from 20 May and will terminate on 16 August.

### **Introductory Workshop**

A two-day Introductory Workshop was organized for the students of the Residential Semester at Savar Campus. The Workshop was conducted by ProVC Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed. Dr. Yousuf M Islam and the CS acted as the facilitators. The theme of the workshop was "Programs to build motivation and focus toward self-development." On day1, students deliberated upon 'Goals in Life', 'Qualities required to achieve the Goal' and 'Leadership Qualities'. On day 2, students discussed on 'In what ways and how do we learn?', "How can RS be utilized to learn?" Later students formulated their own "Code of Conduct for the RS". The parents of the students were invited to attend the second half of the Workshop on 04 September, in which the Aims and Objectives of the RS were elaborated. They also attended the presentation of the 'Code of Conduct' by the students. Later the parents were shown around the Campus. Almost 70% parents attended the program.

## **Career Services Office**

The following students got placed in different jobs at different organizations:

Farjana Alam - joined Paxar  
Sadia Tanjina -TNT Express  
Washu Bin Mohsin -TNT Express  
Faisal Ahmed - Bitopi Ad  
Rafal Mahbub - Grameen Phone  
Khondokar Fahmid Rahman - A Positive  
Sadia Kamal - Motorola  
Kazi Ashraful Amin- ONE Bank  
Anjamine Ahsan - Paxar  
Shihab Mahmud- Warid Telecom  
Sayedur Rahman - Eastern Bank Limited as Management Trainee

Congratulations to four students who have joined BRAC as Management Trainee:

- Chowdhury Md Asad Al Zubery
- Md Saiful Islam Khan
- Salah Uddin Ahmed
- Shafkat Shahriyar Bin Reza

Many other interns have joined different other organizations as NCC Bank, Premier Bank, Eastern Bank, Dhaka Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Mobil, Emirates Airlines, Holcim, DHL Bangladesh, Siemens, Partex, Navana and Bashundhara Group.

Students placed for internships into different organizations by CSO

BRAC Bank

Wasif Bin Zafar

Chinmoy Chaki

Md Mostafizur Rahman

Razib Uddin Ahmed

Pallab Debnath

Istiaq Hasan

Md Ali Sagor

Md Hafizur Rahman

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