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Admission Test-2, Spring 2006

Admission Test-2 for the Spring Semester 2006, for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of ARC, MGB, CSE, ESS, ENH, MNS, and Law, were held on December 30, 2005. MBA, MDS Admission tests also took place on same day.

Angan Lecture 35

Angan organized a studio lecture 'Is Architecture Gendered?' by Architect Adnan Z. Morshed, Assistant Professor, Catholic University Washington DC on December 29, 2005. It was all about, how gender is related to architecture and how gender biasness has influenced architecture. Chairperson, Department of Architecture (ARC), teachers, architects and students attended the lecture and participated in the discussion that followed.

Annual GB Meeting

The Annual Governing Board (GB) Meeting 2005 OF BRAC University (BU) was held on December 27, 2005 at BRAC University. Mr. F H Abed, Chairperson, BRAC and President, BU GB chaired the meeting.

Workshop on Innovation in Windstorm/Storm Surge Mitigation

University of Alabama, USA, BRAC University, Bangladesh and the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of Bangladesh with sponsorship from the National Science Foundation, USA and the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, Government of Bangladesh has organized the US - Bangladesh Workshop on Innovation in Windstorm/Storm Surge Mitigation. The Inaugural Session of the Workshop was held at the RDEC Bhaban Auditorium, LGED Headquarters on December 19, 2005, followed by technical sessions. The concluding session was held on the afternoon of December 20, 2005. Participants from USA and Bangladesh presented papers at the workshop on various aspects of windstorm and storm surge mitigation. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU was the Chairperson of the workshop while Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, ARC along with some of the faculty members of the Department of Architecture (ARC) and students of the Post Graduate Programs in Disaster Management, BU coordinated the workshop.

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Faculty Contributed as Judge

Ms. Huraera Jabeen, Lecturer, ARC contributed as judge in the event 'Be an Eco Scientist Show and Tell' organized by the British Council on December 19, 2005. It was part of the series of activities for young people under the theme "Getting to grips with the environment" designed to increase awareness about environmental issues. She contributed earlier in the competition 'New from Old' also of the same series of activities.

ESS Seminar

Department of Social Sciences (ESS) organized a Seminar on "ICT and Bangladesh" on December 19, 2005. Faculty members, students were present.

BU-AC Meeting

The 19th BRAC University Academic Council (BU-AC) meeting was held on December 18, 2005. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU presided over the meeting.

BU Heritage Forum

BU Heritage Forum organized a visit to the National Mausoleum at Savar on December 16, 2005. A group of students accompanied by the Staff of BU led by Hafizul Hasan, lecturer, Department of Architecture (ARC) placed a floral wreath at the Mausoleum.

Bijoy Dibash (Victory Day) Celebrated

An impromptu map drawing competition was held on December 15, 2005 to commemorate Bijoy Dibosh. All the students present at the cafeteria entered the competition, which was to draw the 'Map of Bangladesh in One Minute'. A team of teachers judged the competition, and six students were given prizes for drawing the best maps. The students along with teachers and staff then sang the National Anthem with great pride. BU teachers and students of different departments organized the event

BUEC Visited Monga Area

A nine member 'BU Economics Club' (BUEC) team including six students and three faculty members, visited monga affected area of Ulipur and Chilmari village under Rangpur district on 15 December, 2005 and distributed 425 blankets and 1500 taka cash among the monga affected people. BU students, faculty and staff members participated in this fund raising program under BUEC club of BU.

Final Exams, Fall 2005

The classes of Fall Semester 2005 ended on December 15, 2005. Final Exams of Fall 2005 started on December 20, 2005 and finished on December 29, 2005.

BUCC Screened "Muktir Gaan"

To celebrate the month of victory, BU Cultural Club (BUCC) screened "Muktir Gaan" on December 14, 2005. Muktir Gaan (Song of Freedom)- a documentary on the Liberation War directed by Tareque and Catherine Masud focuses on the contribution and the struggle of the cultural activists who have made an immense contribution during the freedom fight. Using recovered footage of the 1971 war "Muktir Gaan" captures the spirit of the Bangla liberation, profiling musical troupe.

RS Concluding Dinner

RS Concluding Dinner of the Fall Semester 2005 was held on December 14, 2005. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU was the Chief Guest. Thirty seven students were awarded VC's Certificates for their overall performance during the Residential Semester. In addition awards were also given to the students for best performance in different events. Pro-VC in his speech highlighted the importance of the Residential Semester and urged the students to work hard for their future.

Get-together with the BRAC-Ford Students

Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC, BU invited the BRAC-FORD Students for a get-together on December 13, 2005 at BU conference room. The students in a very informal session met the VC, Pro- VC, Registrar and

Ms. Sheepa Hafiza, Director HRD, BRAC and other members of BRAC FORD scholarship Committee. VC in his message advised them to be regular in their studies and also to improve their standard of English by availing the facilities provided by BU. Pro-VC and other members appreciated their hard work and effort, which have brought them at BRAC University and also advised them to keep this effort up in maintaining a higher grade at BU.

RS Cultural Competition

The inter-Dorm cultural competition was held on December 13, 2005. It was a very keenly contested competition. The competition brought out the inner talents of the students. The competitors enthralled the audience with their performance. Nikunja (Dorm) was adjudged as the champion.

Digital Photography Competition 2005

BRAC University Photography Club (BUPC) announced winners of the Digital Photography Competition 2005 on December 13, 2005. Among 68 exciting entries the judges-- Photographer Hasan Saifuddin Chandan & Photographer Obaidul Fattah Tanvir selected the 11 entries as the winners in four different categories. One entry received special mention and 6 other entries got commendation from the judges. The Competition was called for entries earlier on 13 September 2005.

Activity News Letter

Second edition of the Activity News Letter (ANL) came out from all four dorms on December 12, 2005. The News Letter depicted the life at BU Campus, Savar.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony

The certificate awarding ceremony of CCNA program was held on December 10, 2005. Thirty students who have completed the course have received their certificates on the occasion. Dr. Sayeed Salam, Chairperson, Department of CSE, Ms. Philippa Sparg, Program Manager - International Partnerships, Worldwide Education Team, Cisco Systems, Dr. Mumit Khan and Mr. Md. Mafijul Islam, Coordinator, Cisco Program addressed the gathering. Ms. Elli Takagaki, Program Manager - International Partnerships, Worldwide Education Team, Cisco Systems, Ms. Bushra Toufiq Chowdhury, Lecturer, Department of CSE and representatives of JOBS/IRIS were also present in the event.

BU Film Club

BU Film Club (BUFC), in collaboration with BizBee, screened the movie "Wall Street" on December 07, 2005. Later to commemorate the month of victory, BUFC screened films "Aguner Poroshmoni", "Ora Egaro Jon" and "Shyamol Chhaya" on December 13, 14 and 15, 2005. These 3 films are all based on "events of the liberation war".

Bangladesh PLAN-IT Workshop Development Workshop

Lecturers, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) and the instructors of the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) program Ms. Sadia Hamid Kazi, Ms. Amina Hasan Abedin and Ms. Bushra Toufiq Chowdhury participated in the Bangladesh PLAN-IT Workforce Development Workshop held on December 07-08, 2005 at AIUB, Dhaka. Cisco Systems Inc, AIUB and JOBS/IRIS jointly sponsored the workshop.

Open House at Freshmen 1, ARC

An 'Open House' of FRESHMEN 1 was arranged at the Department of Architecture (ARC) on December 06, 2005. The parents and guardians were invited to the event. Studio teachers Ms. Yasmin Ara, Dr. Zainab Faruqui Ali and Dr. Fuad H. Mallick, Chairperson, ARC discussed the architecture curriculum, especially the nature of studio works with the parents. The interactive question and answer session ended with a tour of all design studios.

RS Debate and Quiz Competition

The final round of the Inter-Dorm Quiz Competition was held December 06, 2005. Dhanshiri (Dorm) became champion. The final round of the Inter-Dorm Debate Competition was held on December 12, 2005. Chayaneeer (Dorm) became champion.

Jalsa 6

BU Cultural Club (BUCC) arranged 'Jalsa 6' on December 04, 2005. Members of the cultural club performed versatile songs ranging from the sixties to contemporary based on the theme of "LOVE" in front of a full audience. The event was open to all and was also attended by a number of teachers and staff of BU.

Paper Accepted in ICCIT 2005

5 papers from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) were accepted for publication in ICCIT 2005. Four papers were accepted for presentation in the regular sessions and another one for display in the poster sessions. Papers accepted for presentation session were "Energy-Efficient Register File Organization by Exploiting the Values 0 and 1", author Md. Mafijul Islam Lecturer and Syed Md. Ashraful Karim lecturer. "Analysing the Impact of Trival Operation on Operational Latency, Issue Latency and Structural Hazard"--Author, Md. Rafiqul Hasan Chowdhury, Lecturer, Syed Md. Ashraful Karim, Lecturer and Md. Mafijul Islam Lecturer, "Teaching Compiler Development to Undergraduates Using a Template Based Approach" Author, Md. Zahurul Islam, Student and Dr. Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, "Morphological Analysis of Inflectional Compound Words in Bangla", Author Sajib Das Gupta, Research Programmer, Dr. Mumit Khan, Associate Professor, Dewan Shahriar Hossain Pavel, Research Programmer, Asif iqbal Sarkar, Research Programmer and Naira Khan, Research Programmer. For Poster Sessions, "Power-efficient Processor Design by Dynamically Reducing Power Consumption of ALU", Author, Syed Md. Ashraful Karim, Lecturer, Md. Rafiqul Hasan Chowdhury, Lecturer and Md. Mafijul Islam, Lecturer.

Play Staged

Drama and Theatre Forum of BRAC University staged parts of three plays in satirical form, at the National Museum Auditorium on December 9, 2006. Although Liberation War did not appear directly, the spirit of our Struggle for freedom was the key theme presented through the social turmoil in the plays. The students first staged excerpts from Momotaz Uddin Ahmed's 'Shqjoler- Maa'. Through the story of a wartime born child and the sufferings of the family, Momotaz Uddin Ahmed's play depicted the faulty social milieu in the post Independence War Bangladesh. Abdullah Al Mamun's drama 'Shenapoti' satirized those who became a part of the elite class by manipulating the postwar scenario. Syed Shamsul Haq's masterpiece-- 'Payer Awaj Pawa Jay' unveiled some dark sides of the liberation War through narratives. Haq's poetic dialogue wonderfully presented the brutality carried out by the Occupation army and their collaborators during the War. Young artistes of the theatre forum were impressive. The Program was directed by Mr. Obayedullah Al Zakir, PRO, BU. Professor J R Chowdhury, VC BU, Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun and Mr. Syed Shamsul Haq addressed the audience before the Play was staged.

December Update for School of Public Health (SPH)

The MPH students remained extremely busy completing their Independent research study from early December 2005. It was decided that the students would spend the last 8-10 weeks of their MPH degree carrying out primary research on a public health topic of their choice. The purpose of the Independent Study is for the students to be able to synthesize and integrate the full range of MPH knowledge and skills at the end of the coursework period. Each student will be expected to carry out research using both qualitative and quantitative skills. The faculty attended a Christmas party organized by the MPH students on December 25, 2005 at Niketon.

Fulbright Fellow

Dr. M. Shahidullah (at the University of Illinois, Springfield) a Fulbright Fellow is a visiting faculty member at the School of Public Health till June 2006. During his time at SPH, he will be involved in a number of activities, including developing an on-line course and teaching Biostatistics.

Publications

A review of Dr. Shahaduz Zaman's book 'Broken Limbs, Broken Lives: Ethnography of a Hospital Ward in Bangladesh' (Transaction Publishers) appeared on Lancet, vol 366, November 19, 2005.

Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid published a paper on 'Women, Gender and Sexualities: Practices in South Asia', in Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures, Volume III, [general ed] Suad Joseph and senior acquisitions editor Olaf Kondgen. Brill Academic Publishers, The Netherlands.

Awarded

Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid was awarded a Research Grant from 'Special Program of Research Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction' World Health Organization, Geneva. The Research Grant is available till the end of 2006 and will provide for part of her salary at the School, as well as costs related to publication and dissemination of research.

New Appointment

Mr. Ashiqur Rahman Khan Joined as Lecturer in MGB Department on December 20, 2005. After completing BSc. in Electrical Engineering from BUET, he did MS from Mississippi State University, USA. Later he obtained MBA degree from Louisiana Tech University, USA.