#### 2005/october

## **Briefing Session for MBA Program**

The Briefing sessions of MBA students for incoming spring 2006 semester was held on October 27, 2005.

## **RS Concluding Iftar and Prize Distribution**

RS (Residential Semester) concluding Iftar was organized in BU Campus Savar on October 26, 2005. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU attended the Iftar as Guest of Honour and distributed certificates among the champion teams of the different competitions held during the Residential Semester (RS) at BU Campus, Savar. Krishnochura dorm won the House Cup trophy.

### Midterm Exams, Fall 2005

Midterm Exams of Fall 2005 started on October 24, 2005 and finished on October 27, 2005. During the week, classes and other regular activities were also held as per schedule.

## **RS Volleyball Competition**

RS volleyball competition was held on October 25, 2005 in BU Campus Savar. Krishnochura dorm became the Champion and Dhansiri dorm won the Runner up trophy.

## **Debate Competition**

The 1st round debate competition of RS Semester was held on 23 October 2005 in BU Campus Savar. Five three-member teams from all five dorms participated and presented their arguments either for or against the stipulated topics. Chhayaneer and Krishnochura dorms moved to the final round. Final contest took place on October 25, 2005; Chhayaneer came out Champion and Krishnochura Runner up. Ashiqur Rahman Tishad of Chayaneer dorm was adjudged the Best Debater.

# Admission Test-1, Spring 2006

Admission Test-1 for the Spring Semester 2006, for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of ARC, MGB, CSE, ESS, ENH, MNS, Law and MBA program were held on October 21, 2005. The results of the written test were announced on October 23, 2005. Interview for the final selection of undergraduate students started on October 25, 2005. The names of candidates finally selected for the MBA program and undergraduate programs were announced on October 26, 2005 October 30, 2005 respectively.

# **Female Badminton Competition**

The female badminton competition was held on October 20, 2005 in RS, BU Campus Savar. Nikunjo became the champion in the Singles and Maloncho became the champion in Doubles.

## **Chess Competition**

The chess competition among all five dorms of RS Semester was held on October 17, 2005 in BU Campus Savar. Krishnochura retained the championship and Chhayaneer became runner up.

## **BU Cultural Competition 2005**

BU Cultural Club organized the Prize Giving Ceremony of BU Cultural Competition 2005 on 19 October 2005. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU attended the program and distributed prizes among the winners. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed Pro-VC, Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, ARC Department, Professor Yusuf M Islam, Director, Research & Advisory Services, Dr. Zainab F Ali, Director Student Affairs were presented in function.

## **Quiz Competition**

The 1st round quiz contest of RS Semester was held on October 16, 2005. All students of the five dorms participated. Krishnochura secured the highest average marks and Shahidul Alam from Dhansiri was adjudged as the 'Best in Quiz'. The 2nd round competition took place on October 23, 2005. Krishnochura, again, came out Champion where as Chhayaneer and Dhansiri won the Runner-up trophy jointly.

## **Newsletter Activity**

The 2nd issue of Newsletter of RS Semester was published on October 10, 2005. Each of the five dorms brought out an original and innovative publication. After judging the two issues of all five dorms, the Judge declared Chhayaneer as Champion and Maloncho as Runner up.

## **Cricket Competition**

The Inter-dorm cricket competition of RS Semester started on October 09, 2005. In the first match Krishnohura routed Dhansiri. The second round match was held on October 24, 2005 between Chhayaneer and Dhansiri. Dhansiri defeated Chhayaneer. In the end, Krishnochura came out champion by defeating Chhayaneer and Dhansiri became Runner up by defeating Chhayaneer.

#### **Discussion Session**

A discussion Session jointly organized by British Council, Dhaka and BU Forum for Social Development was conducted on October 09, 2005. I7 students from BU Forum for Social Development participated in the one-hour discussion session. Dr. C. R Abrar, Professor, International Relations, University of Dhaka, was the keynote speaker. Professor Abrar conducted a study on the extent to which the Youth in Bangladesh feel connected to social issues. As part of the study he was holding a series of focus group discussions with students of various public and private universities, in Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong and Rajshahi. The session started with a short briefing on the topic and later on the students were asked to fill in a short questionnaire.

# **ENH Lecturer Participate in RMMRU Workshop**

Ms. Shuchi Karim, Lecturer, ENH, participated as a presenter in the workshop on 'The State of Women's Studies in Different Public and Private Universities of Bangladesh', organized by the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of the University of Dhaka under the auspices of the Bangladesh University Grants Commission, held on October 08, 2005 at University of Dhaka. Ms. Karim represented BU and made a presentation titled 'Women's and Gender Issues in BRAC University Curriculum" which focused on courses on/related to women's studies. Professor Firdous Azim, Chairperson, ENH Department chaired the session.

### **BU Film Club**

BU Film Club (BUFC) screened the famous animated film "Ice Age" directed by Carlos Saldanha and Chris Wedge on October 05, 2005. An Iranian film named "The Color of Paradise" directed by Majid Majidi was screened on October 12, 2005. A general meeting about the future activities of BUFC was held on October 02, 2005 chaired by the Patron Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, ARC Department.

#### **ARC Research Seminar**

The 7th Research Seminar, titled, Housing of the Ultra-Poor: A Study of Outdoor and Indoor Spaces in the Rural Homesteads, was held on October 3, 2005. The finding of a joint research by the Department of Architecture and Research and Evaluation Division (RED) of BRAC was presented by Khondaker Hasibul Kabir, Lecturer, ARC. The presentation focused on the documentation of the spatial and constructional aspects of the homesteads of 5 ultra poor households of Domar, Nilphamari. The research team consists of Khondaker Hasibul Kabir, Professor Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, ARC Department and Dr. Imran Matin, Director, RED.

## **RS Cultural Competition**

A beautiful, enjoyable and amusing cultural competition was held on October 03, 2005 in RS, BU Campus Savar. The audience reveled in the rendition of music, dance and violin playing to their heart's content. All five dorms employed their originality, creativity and prowess in the competition. The Judges declared Nikunjo as champion and Krishnnochura as runner up.

#### **ENH Seminar**

Department of English and Humanities (ENH) arranged a seminar on 'The Interpretation of Desire: Freud and Lacan on Hamlet' on October 02, 2005. Dr. Salimullah Khan, Writer and Professor of Law, Stamford University, Dhaka, was the keynote speaker. Teachers and students of ENH as well as other departments attended the seminar.

## **BRAC Project Visit/Micro Lab Exercise**

On October 01, 2005 137 students of RS were divided into two groups, 68 students assigned for BRAC project visit to Manikgonj and Gazipur and 69 students were assigned for micro lab exercise at TARC.

## **ARC Faculty Appointed as an External Research Reviewer**

Dr. Q M Mahtab-Uz-zaman, Associate Professor, ARC Department has been appointed as an external research reviewer for the Department of Architecture, the University of Hong Kong from November 2005 onward.

#### **ARC Student Won Gold Medal**

Hosnee Reza Chowdhury, a Junior 1 student of the Department of Architecture has won a gold medal in Osaka Youth Art Competition, an international painting competition held in the summer 2005. Hosnee has won several similar honours in the past.

# **October Update for School of Public Health**

MPH students have successfully completed three intensive courses in the month of October 2005. The first

course 'Health Equity' held from October 2-6, 2005 was co-taught by Dr. Alayne Adams, Columbia University and Dr. Abbas Bhuiya, ICDDR, B. The second intensive course was 'Principles of Health Communication,' held from October 9-13, 2005 and was co-taught by Dr. Muhiuddin Haider, George Washington University and Mr. Bari from Training Division, BRAC. The final course in October was a two-week course on 'Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights' co-taught by Professor Deborah Maine, Boston University and Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid (core faculty) at the School of Public Health, BU.

## 'The Saturday Hour' Series Seminar

'The Saturday Hour' series seminar was held on October 01, 2005. Dr. Imran Matin, Head, MDS Program, presented the second seminar of the series. Feature film Kranti was screened in the seminar. Kranti is a 90-minute feature film, dedicated to creating social awareness and promoting women's rights. Dr. Mirza Hassan, Filmmaker and Independent Researcher presented a brief review of the film.

## **New Appointment**

Mr. Tanvir Ahmed Khan Joined the MGB Department as a lecturer on October 02, 2005. He has completed BBA from NSU and has done MBA from East London University, UK.

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