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## **Seminar by the Department of English and Humanities**

The Department of English and Humanities (ENH) arranged a seminar on "Identity Politics and Women's fiction: A survey of theory" on January 29, 2004. The speaker was Nuzhat Amin, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Dhaka University. Many teachers and students enthusiastically attended the seminar.

## **Admission Test-3, Spring 2004**

Admission Test-3 for the Spring Semester 2004 was held at BU on January 23, 2004 and the results announced on January 28, 2004. The tests were conducted for admission to the undergraduate programs of the Departments of Architecture, Management & Business, Computer Science & Engineering, Economics, English and Law.

## **Seminar by ESS**

The department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) arranged a seminar on "Evaluation of the Concept of Community in Development Process" on January 20, 2004. The speaker was Professor Barry Myers, Visiting Fellow at Saint Paul University/Universite Saint-Paul, Ottawa, Canada.

## **Registration for Spring 2004**

The continuing students completed their advising and registration formalities from January 19 to 22, 2004.

## **Planning Commission Trainees start Classes**

Eighteen Senior Executives from the Bangladesh Planning Commission started their Executive Course on IT classes at BRAC Information Technology Institute (BITI) from January 18, 2004. Dr. Sayeed Salam, Acting Chair, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) inaugurated the Program and Mr. Zikrul Hassan Khan, Coordinator of the Program, delivered the introductory address.

## **Results of Fall 2003 Announced**

The results of Fall Semester 2003 were announced on January 18, 2003. The grade sheets were distributed among all the students on the same day.

## **BUILD Review Session**

A BRAC University Initiative for Learning & Development (BUILD) Review Session was held in the Seminar Room of BU Library from January 15 to January 17, 2004. The Session was attended by all members and was facilitated by Mr. Cole P Dodge, Former Country Director UNICEF, Bangladesh.

## **ENH Workshop on Teaching Methodology and Curriculum Planning**

The Department of ENH held a two-day workshop on 'Teaching Methodology and Curriculum Planning' on January 14 & 15, 2004. This workshop reviewed the English Language courses of BRAC University, and the teaching methodology workshops concentrated particularly on participatory learning methods.

## **Seminar on Instruction Technology**

A seminar on "Instruction Technology Applications in Education and Training" was held in the BU Conference Room on January 11, 2004. Dr. Azizur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Center for Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Minnesota, USA gave a presentation and responded to the questions. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, Chairpersons of the Departments and senior faculty members attended the Presentation and Question & Answer session.

## **Foundation Semester Closing Dinner**

The Prize Distribution Ceremony and the Concluding Dinner of the Foundation Semester, Fall 2003 was held at the Markuli Hall, BU Campus, TARC, Savar on January 7. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU distributed the prizes and attended the dinner as the Guest of Honour. All chairpersons, Registrar, Campus Superintendent, teachers and administrative staff involved with the program and students of the Foundation Semester attended the function.

## **Round Table Conference for Bank CEOs**

A round table conference on "The Changing Trends in Banking and the Role of CEOs" was held in BRAC Centre Inn auditorium on January 6, 2004. Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Governor of Bangladesh Bank attended the conference as the Chief Guest. Dr. Faisal. M. Rahman, an eminent entrepreneur and founder Dean of Saint Xavier University, USA was the main speaker. The conference was participated by the Managing Directors/CEOs of twenty-two Public and Private Banks and Leasing Companies. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, B U chaired the Session. The Department of Management & Business (MGB), BU, organized the Program.

## **Admission Test Results of MBA Program Announced**

Results of Admission Tests for the Spring Semester 2004 for MBA program were announced on January 6, 2004. Twenty applicants were finally selected for the Spring Semester, 2004.

## **Seminar on E-Learning**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), BU arranged a seminar on "Blended E-Learning for Higher Education" on January 5, 2004. The seminar was offered by Dr. Badrul H. Khan, Associate Professor of Education and Director of the Educational Technology Leadership Graduate Cohort Program, George Washington University, USA. The Chair and teachers of the Department of CSE, BU, attended the Seminar.

## **Final Exams, Fall 2003**

The Exam Preparatory Recess for Fall, 2003 started from January 1 to January 4, 2004. No formal classes were scheduled for this period. The final exams started on Sunday, January 5 and ended on Thursday, January 11, 2004. This was followed by two weeks recess.

## **Pre-BUILD Review Session held**

A Pre-BUILD Review Session took place on January 4, 2004 with Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU in the chair. Treasurer BU, All Chairpersons and Faculty Members/House Tutors involved with Consolidation and

Foundation Semesters held at BU Campus, TARC, Savar attended the session.

## **Final Basket Ball Match**

The final game of the Second Inter Semester Basketball Tournament, BU was held in the Indoor Basketball Stadium, Dhanmandi on January 2, 2004. Teams of Fall Semester 2002 and Spring Semester 2002 reached the finals. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU attended the game as the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. Spring Semester 2002 team won the Championship Trophy and Adib Shams of the same team was adjudged the Best Player of the Competition.

## **BU Eid Reunion**

An Eid reunion function was held in the BU Cafeteria on January 1, 2004. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, Chairpersons, faculty members, administrative staff of BU and a large number of spouses attended the afternoon function.

## **New Faculty Member joins Architecture Department**

Ms. Nefsun Nahar Nipa joined the Department of Architecture as Lecturer on January 1, 2004. She obtained her Bachelor of Architecture from BUET and her Masters of Architecture from Architectural Association School, London, UK.