



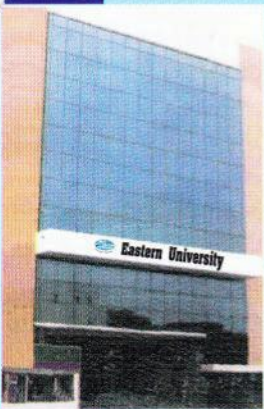
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From the Editor



This is the first issue of EU Newsletter. The idea of launching the Newsletter has been in our mind for the last few semesters. That it has eventually seen the light of day is a matter of great satisfaction for us.

A university worth its name must have a Newsletter of its own because what happens academically and extra-academically in the university must be known within its own community as well as among the larger community outside. It is through such communication that a University establishes its name and fame- its tradition. Which is to say that the function of a University ultimately remains intellectual as well as activity-based.

In this respect EU can definitely pride itself on its record. Within the short span of its existence, it has embarked upon many newsworthy plans and programs, events and activities. In the ensuing few pages, we have sought to give a glimpse of what EU stands for and what it has come through over the semesters that have just gone by. The current issue of the Newsletter covers the past few semesters but our ultimate commitment is to publish it Semester-wise.





### **Message from the Chief Patron**

I have always been of the view that all Universities worth their calling should bring out their own Newsletters regularly. It's a great pleasure to see that our university ultimately succeeded in bringing out a News Letter of its own. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of those who worked hard to enable it to see the light of day.

I will only hope that it comes out regularly and does not die an immature death. All of us-sponsors, faculty members, officers and students- may make it a point to feed the Newsletter regularly with events worthy of report. I wish it gain in size and standard and earn an enviable reputation.

Abul Quasem Haider  
Chairman  
Eastern University Foundation

### **Message from the Patron**



It is my pleasure to see that my dream of bringing out the Newsletter of our University has come true. I have been cherishing this dream ever since the beginning of the University. Unfortunately, I didn't get any one so long able enough to shoulder this responsibility. I wish it a grand success and congratulate those whose untiring efforts made the publication of the Newsletter possible. I sincerely hope that all our sponsors, faculty members and students will regularly report events worthy of making items for the Newsletter.

Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah  
Vice-Chancellor



## **EASTERN UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE**

Eastern University was established under the Private University Act 1992, as amended in 1998. The main campus of the university is housed in a five-storied building located at House 15/2, Road 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205. The second campus is located at House 8/A, Road 4 (Mirpur Road.), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205. Both campuses are convenient, attractive and easily accessible from all corners of the Dhaka city.

## **VISION, MISSION AND GOAL**

The vision of Eastern University is to become a leading University in South Asia in its chosen fields of higher education. Its mission is to be a "Center of Excellence" by setting a new standard of quality teaching and quality education in Bangladesh, keeping in view the challenges of the 21st century. Its goal is to produce future leaders with knowledge and skills essential for leadership in country's private and public sector enterprises in the increasingly competitive and globalized environment.

## **GOVERNANCE**

The governance of the University is effected by several bodies: the Board of Governors (BOG), the Syndicate, the Academic Council (AC,) Finance Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Faculty Selection and Placement Committee, Official and Staff Selection Committee, Procurement Committee, Curriculum Committee and Disciplinary Committee. The key policy making decisions are taken by the Syndicate, which consists of all the members of the BOG, the Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Deans and the Departmental Heads. The AC, headed by the Vice-Chancellor, comprises all Deans, Advisors, Heads of Departments, representatives from the BOG and luminaries from various professional groups, such as academics, litterateurs, engineers, doctors, chartered accountants, civil servants, and industrialists.



**Main Campus**



# First Anniversary of Eastern University

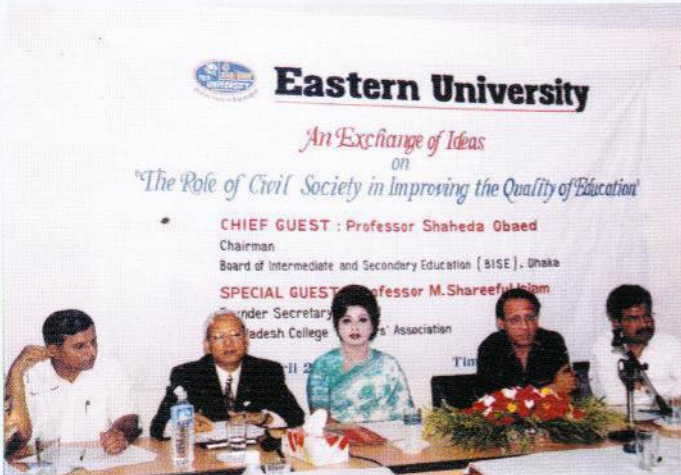
The first anniversary of Eastern University and the inauguration of the Spring Semester, 2004 were held together on April 30, 2004 in Campus-2 auditorium of the University.



The Honourable Speaker of the Jatiya Samgsad, Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Professor Dr. S.M A. Faiz, the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University was the Special Guest. The ceremony was presided over by the Chairman of Eastern University Foundation, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider. Also present on the dais were the Vice-Chancellor of EU, Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazul H. Shah, Vice-Chairmen, Prof. Dr. A. K. M. Saiful Majid, Dr. A. B. M. Shahidul Islam, Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Treasurer Mr. S.M. Bakhtiar Alam and the Syndicate Member Mr. Shamsuddoha Khondaker. In his address as the Chief Guest, the Hon'ble Speaker Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar urged students to work hard for acquiring quality education and sought to impress on the teachers his view that teaching profession is more a mission than a job. He hoped that teachers would keep this in mind while performing their duties. The Special Guest Professor Dr. SMA Faiz called attention to the fact that the private universities do not give attention to research. In his address of welcome the Vice-Chancellor of EU Professor Dr. Fazlul H. Shah said that within a short span of its existence which is just about a year, Eastern University has earned reputation for the quality of teaching and the individual attention that it provides. In his Presidential address, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider claimed that Eastern University never compromises on the quality of teachers and always tries to recruit the best ones available.



## Seminar on Quality Education



A forum discussion was held in Eastern University on April 21, 2004 on the theme of developing quality education in Bangladesh. It was presided over by the Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation, Mr. Abdul Quasem Haider. The Chairman of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Board, Prof. Shaheda Obaed was the Chief Guest. The Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University Professor Dr. A.K. Fazlul H. Shah was present and took part in the discussion. The Vice-Chancellor put

emphasis on the need for proficiency in English in the Globalized world for today. Teachers from different EU Faculties took part in the discussion. A good number of college and school teachers from different colleges and schools of Dhaka City also attended the seminar and put forward valuable ideas and suggestions.

## Orientation for Summer Semester, 2004

Orientation Ceremony, Summer 2004 of Eastern University was held on 11 June 04, Friday on its 2nd Campus (Royal Plaza on Mirpur Road). It was presided over by the Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation, Mr. Abdul Quasem Haider. Professor Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman, the chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) was the chief Guest. Other luminaries present on the dais were the Vice Chancellor of EU, Professor Dr. A.K. Fazlul H. Shah, Vice-Chairman of EU



Foundation, Professor Dr. A.K.M. Safiul Majid, members of the Board of Governors. A large number of EU students, their guardians and other invited guests were present at the ceremony, The members of different faculties including the Deans were also present. In his speech, the Chief Guest regretted that most of the private universities are not known to maintain expected standard. He said that a new law would soon come into practice to investigate both public and private universities about the standard of education they provide. He added that the Government would remain keen on maintaining the standard of higher education and urged the University authority to give scholarships to meritorious students in generous number.



## **A Seminar in Bogra on "Higher Study and Citizenship Abroad"**

The Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider who is also FBCCI Vice-Chairman was the Chief Guest at a Seminar held in Bogra on Thursday 17 June 2004. The theme of the Seminar was "Higher Study and Citizenship Abroad", and the Venue was Mukhtijudda Aminul Hoque Auditorium of Bogra Zilla Sahool. The Seminar was organized by A-One Education, an educational NGO in Bogra and jointly sponsored by Eastern University and Noble Associate Bogra Information Centre.

In his speech, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider said that because of the law and order situation prevailing in the country many of our students go abroad for higher education and do not come back. This, he said, is a great loss for the country. He urged them to come back and help the nation tide over its difficulties and problems. In his opinion the standard of education in our country is much better than it is in India and Russia. He added that with the growth of private Universities, students have stopped going abroad. As the sponsor of a private University he promised to provide excellent education at his University because he knows, he said, only best graduates will make best leaders in different spheres of national life, and contribute towards building a creative and prosperous nation.

Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Dean of Faculty of Arts of EU, in his address as the Special Guest at the seminar stressed the importance of English and Computer Science in the present day globalized world. He said that private universities are contributing much to our Higher Education. The Department of English at Eastern University is working hard, he said, to develop a comprehensive as well as intensive English teaching program.

Present among others was Nizamuddin Chowdhury of Noble Associate who elaborated the purpose of the Seminar and said that his organization extends help to students seeking education at home and abroad.

From among the local elites who spoke on the occasion were Alhaj Fazlur Rahman Paikad, President of Bogra Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Advocate Shamsul Abedin, Principal of Bogra Law College, Mr. Abul Kashem, Chairman of A-One Education, who presided over the Seminar and Mr. Faruk Talukdar, the Executive Editor of the local daily newspaper Dainik Korotoa.

## **Inter- Departmental Cricket Final**

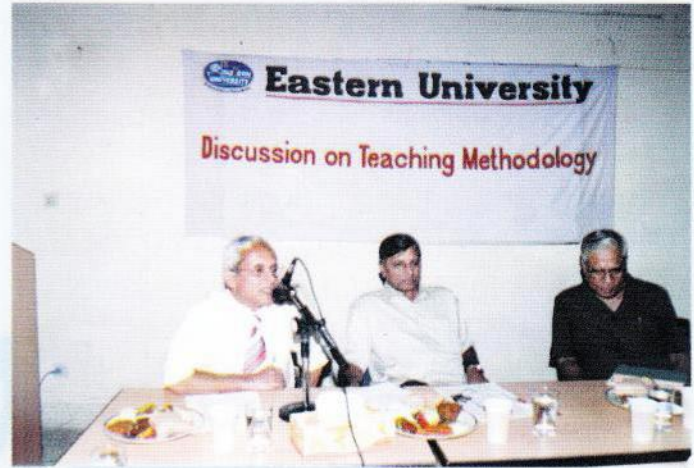
The Inter- Departmental Cricket Final was played between Green (BBA) and Red (CSE) Teams. The Green Team defeated their rival Red Team by two wickets and thus won the "Virgin Cup Cricket" trophy. The Red Team batted first and made 115 runs losing all wickets in 25 overs. In reply, the Green Team reached their goal losing 8 wickets and they had 6 more overs to spare. BBA student Oahidur Rahman Roshi was selected the man of the tournament.





## Open Discussion on Applying New Methodology in Education

An open discussion was held at the Board Room of Eastern University on July 10, 2004 about how to raise the standard of education by applying new methodology in imparting education. The EU Foundation Chairman Mr. Abul Quasem Haider was present as the Chief Guest. The Vice-Chancellor of EU, Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah presented the keynote paper. The members of different Faculties took part in the discussion.



## EU Closed Because of Flood



EU remained closed during the recent disastrous flood. All the classes and mid-term exams was postponed from August 4, 2004. The time schedule of the mid-term exams was extended up to August 13, 2004. But the offices, library and Computer Lab of the University remained open. In order to make up the lost classes, the Semester was extended by one week. The Academic Calendar was recast accordingly.



## SEMINAR ON IT

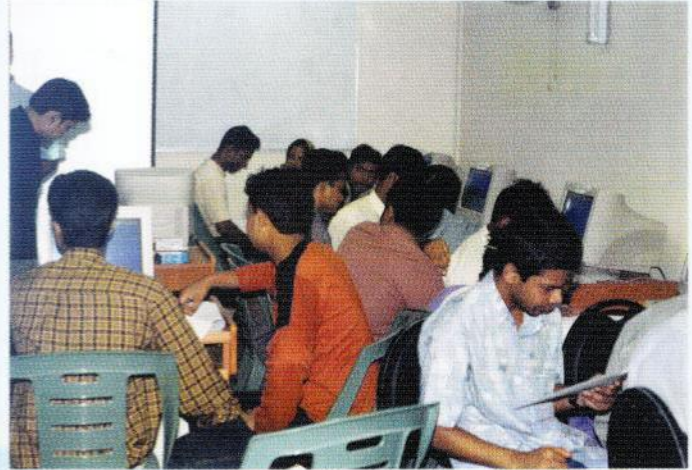
The Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (CS & IT) organized a seminar on "Global Trend in IT and Bangladesh Perspective" on September 7, 2004 at the Main Campus of Eastern University. Mr. Saifullah M Dewan and Mr. A. F. M. Anisuzzaman, both lecturers of CS & IT, jointly presented the keynote paper. Dr. M. Kaykobad, Prof. of CSE Department, BUET, was the Chief Guest. Mr. S. M. Iqbal, President of Bangladesh Computer Samity was the special Guest. Prof. Dr. M. Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean of CS &IT presided over the seminar. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, the Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University delivered the address of welcome. In their keynote paper, the speakers discussed the global trend in IT and the present state of IT in Bangladesh. They indicated the reason why Bangladesh lagged behind in this area. They presented a SWOT analysis of the situation existing in Bangladesh and suggested means by following which Bangladesh could overcome the problem. Mr. Iqbal thought it was time to consider incorporating development of other areas that contributed to Bangladesh economy with the developmet of IT sector. Dr. Kaykobad in his speech mentioned that the IT specialists would not need to worry about thier career prospect, because anyone with expertise in this field would get a job anywhere in the world. Dr. Shaikh in his speech posed a question, "If other countries can do it, why can't we?" He mentioned what he said the low level of our IT experts compared to that of the IT experts of many other countries. He stressed the need to strengthen our classroom teaching and lab performance and added that the prevailing situation around the Globe in this field hardly matched our claim that we taught our students appropriately. Therefore, in addition to keeping our curricula consistent with real needs, we need to ensure flawless classroom and lab instruction. Dr. Shaikh mentioned that Eastern University would soon launch a program to associate the Faculty of CS & IT with IT practitioners of the country in order to enable the students of CS & IT to become familiar with the real needs of the society, both at home and abroad.





# INTRA-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING CONTEST, SUMMER, 2004

The Faculty of CS & IT arranged its "2nd Intra-University Programming Contest, Summer 2004". This type of contest is arranged every semester to boost the programming capabilities of EU students, in particular the students of CS & IT. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, the Vice-Chancellor of EU opened the program with a short inaugural speech. There were 19 teams each consisting of 3 members; the contest lasted 4 hours and each team had the opportunity to solve 6 problems during this period.



The team named "KRYPTON" solved all the problems in 3 hours 24 mins and became the Champion. Nine other groups solved one to three problems in 4 hours. While declaring the results of the Contest, Prof. Dr. M. Abdul Halim Shaikh, Dean of CS & IT pointed out that it was highly encouraging that 10 teams could solve at least one problem and added that the programming capability of the students of EU seemed increasing. Dr Shaikh mentioned EU Authority's desire to put more emphasis on the programming capabilities of the students of EU in order to enable them to compete not only with the students of Bangladesh, but also of the outside world.

Club News

## Debating Club

Eastern University Debating Club (EUDC) is another dynamic extra curricular forum of the University. With a view to providing the students with the best debating facilities in order to enhance their debating skills with knowledge, truth and logic, EUDC has an executive committee consisting of 15 members. The major features of EUDC are the following:

1. EUDC Constitution
2. Membership system

### EUDC Activities:

1. Regular debating session (Bangla & English)
2. Debate workshop for EUDC members
3. Speech competition.
4. General knowledge competition.
5. Arranging Debate championship.
6. Participating in various debate championship competitions.
7. Publishing Magazine
8. Organizing Seminars, Symposiums and Study Tours
9. Other Social Activities.



## CULTURAL CLUB

The Cultural Club is another vibrant and multi-purpose extra-curriculum forum of Eastern University. The club has the following work-plan to be undertaken throughout the year.

### ANNUAL PLAN

Date	Occasion	Programs
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Victory Day	Rally to Jatiya Smriti Soudh Seminar & Cultural Functions Special Wall Magazine
21 <sup>th</sup> February	International Mother Language Day	Rally to Jatiya Shahid Minar Cultural Function Special Wall Magazine
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Independence Day	Cultural Function Special Wall Magazine
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Bangla New Year Day Pahela Boisakh	Bangladeshi Fashion Show Alpana Poetry Recitation
1 <sup>st</sup> May	International Labour Day	Film Show Special Wall Magazine
7 <sup>th</sup> May (25 <sup>th</sup> Baishakh)	Birthday of Rabindranath Thakur	Cultural Function Special Wall Magazine
25 <sup>th</sup> May (11 <sup>th</sup> Jaistha)	Birthday of Kazi Nazrul Islam	Cultural Function Wall Magazine
7 <sup>th</sup> August (22 <sup>nd</sup> Shrabon)	Death Anniversary of Rabindranath Thakur	Recitation of his Poems Gunijan Sambardhana
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Death Anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam	Recitation of his Poems Gunijan Sambardhana

#### Other Programs

- Publication of Magazine (Annually)
- Publication of Wall Magazine (Monthly)
- Publication of Newsletter (Semester-wise)
- Cultural Function on Freshers' Day
- Cultural Function on EU Foundation Day
- Cultural Function on Annual Picnic

Sports Club	English Language Club
During the Summer of 2003, a few enthusiastic students came up with the idea of forming a club for promoting games and sports among students. Strategic goals of this club are to develop a healthy environment of sports in Eastern University and motivate students in both indoor and outdoor sports. Functional objectives of this club are to provide regular game facilities for students at the Recreation Centre, organize sports events every semester and participate in events in national and	The purpose of the English Language Club is to engage students in activity-based learning so as to improve their proficiency in English. The idea is to supplement the conventional classroom teaching by an informal and interactive learning arrangement, where students and teachers will freely and informally interact in the form of exchanging ideas, making small talks, reciting poems, making short public speeches, debates, discussing current affairs, practicing pronunciation drills etc.



# Spoken English for HSC Examinees



This semester Eastern University has embarked upon another innovative program by starting a course in Spoken English under the auspices of the Department of English. The course is free of cost and open to students who have appeared at the HSC/Aleem examinations this year and are waiting to go to University. Classes started from 1st September and continued till 6 October 2004. Although the target of the course-accommodation was 25 students, as many as 35 students were admitted because of demand. Among the instructors teaching the course was Ms. Deborah Post, a Canadian national who has recently joined the Department of English as a part-time faculty.

## Pre-Sessional Class

Eastern University provides pre-session English and Computer Science class for its newly admitted students. The course is free of cost and continues till the start of the regular class each semester. Pre-session classes this semester started on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2004 and continued till 7 October after which the semester started on 9 October, 2004.

Spring Semester, 2005

### Admission Going on

Admission for Spring Semester is going on in the undergraduate and graduate programs. The discount in tuition fees in some programs continues this semester also. The chart below shows the Departments in which admission is going on and the credit hours for each subject including the duration of the course.

Programs	Duration	Credit Hours
BBA	4 years	132
LL.B (Hons.)	4 years	130
B.A. (Hons.) in English	4 years	121
B.Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)	4 years	157
B.Sc in Electrical & Electronics Engineering (EEE)	4 years	147
MBA (Regular)	2 years	66
MBA (Executive)	15 - 18 Months	42
M.A. in English Language Teaching	1 year	42
M.A. in English Language Teaching	2 years	69