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From the Editor's Desk

The 2nd Issue of the Newsletter is out! Eastern University has really been humming with activities-- seminars, cultural programmes, sports events, debates and quiz competitions-name it, and the University has been buzzing with it all! Students, Faculty and Management have really been working very hard together to create a healthy, fun-filled learning environment here. Hats off to all concerned!

And the Newsletter?-it is bursting its seams to accommodate it all, but not without a great amount of pleasure! For what is a Newsletter without any news?! So read on-- and best of luck.

A note of gratitude is conveyed to all those who helped in bringing out this Newsletter.

Editors



Main Campus



Message from the Chief Patron

It is indeed a pleasure to see the Second Issue of the Newsletter. Activities of a university get prominence and projection through its Newsletter. We, the Sponsors, are happy to find that the Faculty members along with the Management are making an effort to do the same.

A Newsletter reflects the image of a university. I hope that our target of eventually developing Eastern University as one of the leading universities of South Asia, will ultimately attain expression through regular publications of this Newsletter.

I wish it continuous growth in quality.

Mr. Abul Quasem Haider
Chairman, EU Foundation

Message from the Patron



I am very happy to see that the Second Issue of the Newsletter has come out. It has been possible for the Newsletter to continue its journey due to the hard efforts of all those involved.

I wish the Newsletter would be regularly published in this fashion. I also hope that the sponsors, faculty members and students will regularly take part in various activities which will contribute to the Newsletter with worthy items.

My best wishes to all concerned.

Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah
Vice Chancellor, EU

Message from the Advisor, Newsletter Committee



The second issue of the E.U Newsletter is about to see the light of day and be in the reader's hand. Obviously this is a matter of great satisfaction. It is amazing how quickly time slips by and now we seem to find ourselves caught unaware with the feeling that we are slightly behind our schedule. It has been quite a while since we brought out the first issue of the Newsletter and the University has moved forward through much newsworthy events and activities. There were enough materials for an intervening issue.

The helpful thing is that there is now a team among us of young and energetic faculties who are determined to combat indecision and delay and bring out the successive issues of the Newsletter strictly on time. Let's hope for the best.

New Registrar of EU

Dr. S. Mahbubur Rahman, former Director (Research and Publications), University Grants Commission of Bangladesh and Retired Director (Research) of Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture, Mymensingh, has joined as Registrar of Eastern University. Dr. Rahman has vast experience in research and education management.



Chairman, EU Foundation receives award



Mr. Abul Quasem Haider, Chairman, Eastern University Foundation was awarded the "Best Writer" Prize by Natyasava in a cultural function held at Shilpakala Academy on June 1, 2005. Mr. Moudud Ahmed, the Hon'ble Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs graced the function with his presence and awarded the prize.

VC, EU awarded

Natyasava selected Professor Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, for the "Best VC Award" on June 1, 2005 at Shilpakala Academy. Mr. Moudud Ahmed, the Hon'ble Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, awarded the prize in a function organized by Nayasava.



EU observes Second Foundation Day Anniversary

The Eastern University is already two years old! The Second Foundation Day Anniversary of the University was held on May 18, 2005 in the Auditorium of the Institution of Engineers, Dhaka. Dr. Osman Faruque, Minister of Education, the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh graced the occasion as the chief guest while Mr. M Anwarul Kabir Talukder, State Minister of Finance and Planning and Professor Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh were present as special guests. The welcome address was given by Professor Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University. The function was chaired by Mr. Abul Quasem Haider, Chairman, Eastern University Foundation and Vice President, FBCCI.



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SEMINAR! SEMINAR!

Eastern University realizes that for quality education teacher development is a must. So as a part of its programme for continuous faculty growth it holds frequent seminars which not only have the presence of the Vice Chancellor but are attended by the Deans and other Faculty members too. Very often learned guests and academicians are invited to present their views. Thus we have the following.....

EU holds Seminar on Poetry & Language

Under the auspices of the Department of English, EU, a Seminar on "Understanding Poetry and Language Learning" was held on January 17, 2005 in the Hall Room of Campus 2 of the University.

An entertaining and thought-provoking keynote paper was presented by Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Chairman, Department of English and Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Eastern University. The noted litterateur and Professor of English Literature of Dhaka University, Dr. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury was present on the occasion as the guest of Honour. Kh. Ashraf Hossain of the same University was the principal discussant. The seminar was presided over by Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, the Vice Chancellor of Eastern University.



Seminar on English Teaching

A seminar on the topic "The Problems I Face Teaching English to the Undergraduate Students" was held on March 19, 2005 in the Hall Room of Campus 2, Eastern University.

The Seminar was presided over by Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Chairman, Department of English and Dean, Faculty of Arts. The key-note paper was presented by Mr. Bitan Bhattacharya, Lecturer, Department of English, Eastern University. Prof. Dr. Sadruddin Ahmed, Chairman, Department of English, Northern University, was present there as the guest speaker, and Prof. Hamidur Rahman of the Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University was a panel discussant. Among others, Prof. Dr. Fazlul H. Shah, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Halim Shaikh, Chairman and Dean, CSE Department, spoke on the occasion.

Seminar on Teaching Methodology



On July 31, 2005 Eastern University organized a Seminar presided over by Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Chairman, Department of English, and Dean, Faculty of Arts. The keynote paper, "No Particular Method Can Make Language Teaching Entirely Successful", was presented by Mr. Wasim Akram, Lecturer, Department of English, Eastern University. Prof. Dr. Niaz Zaman of Dhaka University was present as the guest speaker. Prof. Dr. Dil Afroze Quader and Ms. Iffat Ara Nasreen Majid both from the Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University, were the designated discussants. Among others, Dr. S.M. Rahman, Registrar, Eastern University, and Prof. Dr. Abdus Samad, Chairman, EEE Department were present.

A Law Seminar



A Seminar on "Law Making Process and Authorities" was held at Eastern University on February 24, 2005. Professor Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan of the Faculty of Law of Dhaka University, and the Faculty Advisor of Law, Eastern University, was the keynote speaker. Twenty faculty members from different Public and Private Universities took part in the Seminar. This type of gathering was the first of its kind in any Private University, as claimed by the organizers; it aimed at further widening the scope of understanding amongst academics of the Law Faculties of different Universities of the city.

Observing the International Mother Language Day

As a mark of respect to the martyrs of the Language Movement, at around 7.30 a. m , on February 21, 2005, the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Registrar alongwith some Faculty members and Staff started for the Central Shaheed Minar. They placed the floral wreath and prayed for the departed souls whose great sacrifice for the mother tongue has earned for us not only our Motherland but also international recognition today. The banner of Eastern University was held high while the Vice-Chancellor placed the floral wreath on the steps of the Shaheed Minar. Eastern University's name was announced boldly over the loudspeaker as the wreath was placed. After paying their respects, the Vice Chancellor and other members returned to the Campus about 10.30 a .m

Observing Bangla New Year, 1412



Eastern University is always ahead not only with academics but also with fun-related activities. It believes that all work and no play make both Jack and Jill dull students! And so the students arranged a day-long programme to celebrate Pahela Baishak the Bangla New Year on April 14, 2005. The function was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah and was attended by all belonging to the University. There were other invited guests too. There was a Baishaki Mela with stalls having traditional food, stalls selling all kinds of items including T-shirts and jewellery etc., there was also a cultural programme with Baul and other songs belonging to Bangla culture and tradition. The colourful programme was enjoyed by all!

Orientation Ceremony at Eastern University

Spring Orientation- 2005

The Orientation Ceremony of the Spring Semester, 2005 of Eastern University was held on February 18, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at the ICMA Auditorium, Nilkhet in the city.

The Hon'ble Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar was present as the chief guest and Prof. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh attended the Ceremony as the special guest.

The function was presided over by Mr. Abul Quasem Haider, Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation.

The Speaker, in his address as Chief Guest recalled that to check large scale exodus of students to foreign countries and to make higher education accessible to all, the Government had permitted opening of universities in the private sector. Professor M. Asaduzzaman as the Special Guest urged the university authorities to effect continuous improvement in the quality of education and to allow more and more scholarship and tuition fee waivers to poor students.

Mr. S.M. Bakhtiar Alam, the Treasurer of the University, explained to the students the existing facilities provided by the University.

Mr. Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, Vice Chairman of the University, pointed out to the students what the job market would expect of them. Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, in his welcome address requested the new students to further raise the good name of this university by becoming more attentive to their studies.



Summer Orientation-2005

The Summer Orientation-2005 programme was held on June 18, 2005 at the Russian Cultural Centre in Dhanmondi. The programme started at 4 p.m with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The Guest of Honour was the Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Prof. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, and the Chief Guest was the Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider. The programme was conducted by the Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Prof. Dr. A. K. Fazlul H. Shah.



The newly admitted students were cordially received by flower bouquets and a showering of flower petals. At first the Vice Chancellor welcomed the freshers and informed them about the rules and regulations of the University. He also introduced the different Deans of the Faculties. Then the Deans of Arts, Business, Computer Science and Engineering, and others spoke about their respective departments. The Chairman of the Eastern University Foundation congratulated the freshers for choosing Eastern University and emphasized on using the English language as the medium of instruction and communication within the University Campus.

The Chairman of the University Grants Commission stressed on the good performance of the private universities and assured the Eastern University authorities of all kinds of assistance.

All the Faculty members were present on the occasion which ended with light refreshments.

Seminar! Seminar!

Seminar : Uses of Derivatives

Mr. Abu Zakir Mohammed Rasel Chowdhury, Lecturer of the Faculty of Business Administration, presented a paper on the "Uses of Derivatives in Risk Management by Non-Financial Organizations". The topic was highly specialized and the Seminar was held in the Hall Room of Campus 2, EU, on April 5, 2005 at 4.30 p.m.



Seminar : Stock Return-Inflation Puzzle

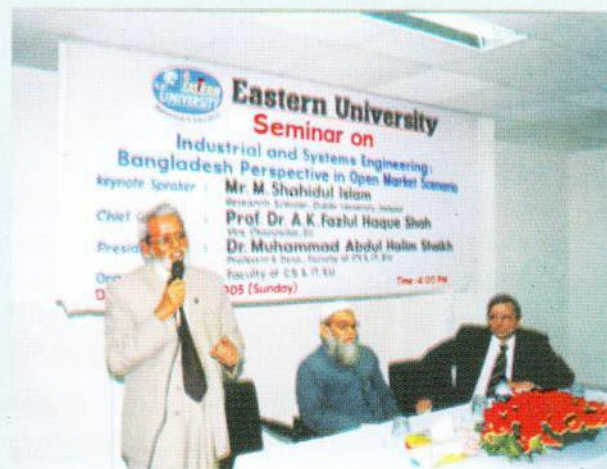
On May 2, 2005, at 4.00 p.m at Campus 2 Hall Room, EU, again another Business Faculty Lecturer, Munammad Zahedur Rahman, presented a key note paper entitled "The Stock Return-Inflation Puzzle". Such Seminars are really inspiring especially when guests from relevant fields are invited to further enrich the presentation!

Seminar : Robotech

The Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology really did it with the Seminar on "The Breakthrough of Artificial Intelligence: Face Recognition for Human-Robot Symbiosis!" This was held in January 3, 2005 at the Main Campus Hall Room of EU. The key note paper was presented by Dr. M Al-Amin Bhuiyan, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Jahangirnagar University. He even exhibited a robot that sang, danced and followed instructions given by him! Quite a feat, isn't it? He however talked of problems and the low level of expertise existing in manufacturing technology needed to make robots in Bangladesh. It was an experience for those who attended !

Seminar: Industrial & Systems Engineering

In January again another seminar was held at 4 p.m at the Hall Room of Campus 2, EU. This time a Research Scholar from the Mechanical & Manufacturing Department of Dublin University, Ireland, presented the key-note paper "Industrial & Systems Engineering: Bangladesh Perspective in Open Market Scenario". Mr Islam stressed the need for Bangladeshi entrepreneurs to take steps immediately to incorporate adequately the concepts and tools of industrial and systems engineering and to pursue service oriented business to successfully take part in the global market.



First Intra University Quiz Contest 2005

"Eastern University English Language Club" organized the "First Intra University Quiz Contest" in the month of April, 2005. The competition was open to all the students of the university. The "Grand Finale" of the competition was held on April 19, 2005 in Room no. 501 on Campus 2 of the University.

Sadik-E-Karim (a student of 10th semester of CS & IT) grabbed the first position in a nail-biting finish. Kazi Farhad Shahabuddin (1st semester, BBA) and Mohammad Hasibul Haque (1st semester, EEE) were jointly in the second position, and Walid Ahmed (2nd semester, BA in English) and Russel Ahmed Rasi (6th semester, BBA) were in the third position.

Cricket

The final match of "Eastern University 2nd Anniversary Cricket Tournament, 2005" was held on Wednesday April 27, 2005 at Dhanmondi Cricket Academy playground. BBA (A) became the champions defeating BBA (E) by 3 runs. Golam Kibria was selected as the man of the match and man of the series. The Chairman, Mr. Abul Quasem Haider and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. A.K. Fazlul H. Shah were present to boost the spirits of the players.



Foundation Anniversary

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The Education Minister in his speech praised the role of the private universities in providing higher education to about 50,000 students, which comprises about one third of the total university students of the country. These students he said would otherwise have been among the drop-outs, or a few fortunate of them would have gone abroad for higher studies at a huge cost in foreign exchange. The Minister however criticized the business mentality of some private universities and requested them to change their attitude for the sake of quality education.

The State Minister for Finance and Planning while making his speech, also criticized the private universities that charged exorbitant fees and asked the concerned universities to keep the educational expenses within the reach of the common people. Professor Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, stressed the need for research and effective teaching for quality education when he spoke.

Mr. Abdul Quasem Haider, Chairman, Eastern University Foundation and Vice-President, FBCCI, in his Presidential Address mentioned the facilities provided to the students and Faculty members by the Eastern University.

Speeches over, the Minister of Education distributed prizes among the winners of the various extracurricular activities conducted by the University. These included Inter Departmental Debate, Extempore Speech Competition, Quiz Competition and the Cricket Tournament. But this was not all! The occasion was followed by an attractive and colourful cultural programme organized by the students of the Eastern University to mark the day.

Eastern University is growing!

The Eastern University has a new Campus! This is Campus-3 and is situated not far from Campus 1 and 2, in Road # 6 of the same area, that is, Dhanmondi. This Campus houses two Faculties, that of Business and Arts. Does it bustle all the time with students and Faculty members alike!



Promotional Activities

Tour to Chittagong

On July 13, 2005 at 4.00 p. m. a Seminar was held at the Chittagong Press Club premises to promote EU to the college and university teachers of Chittagong H.S.C examinees also attended to have a view of the opportunities offered by EU. Mr. Abul Quasem Haider, Chairman, Eastern University Foundation himself conducted this Seminar alongwith Mr. Rakesh Palash Saha, Lecturer, Department of English. Professor Dr. A.J.M. Nuruddin Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, Chittagong University attended as Chief Guest.

Tour to Barisal

As part of promotional activities, Eastern University arranged a seminar in the HSTTI (Higher Secondary Teachers Training Institute) at Kashipur of Barisal on June 20, 2005. The tour team consisted of Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad , Chairman , EEE Department, Mr. M A Rafique Chowdhury, Lecturer, Department of English and Mr. A.B.M. Shamsuzzaman Sohel of Administration Cell of Eastern University. The seminar was divided into two parts - one for the college teachers and the other for the secondary school teachers. There was a fruitful exchange of ideas between the visiting EU faculties and the local school and college teachers regarding educational prospects and facilities at EU.

Tour to Khulna

Eastern University held a seminar on June 16, 2005 at HSTTI (Higher Secondary Teachers Training Institute) in Khulna as part of its promotional activities. The participants were Chemistry and English teachers from different colleges of Khulna Division. Prof. Dr. Md. Abdus Samad, Chairman, EEE Department and Mr. Wasim Akram, Lecturer, Department of English spoke in the seminar about the programs that EU offers and the facilities that students get at EU.