Editorial

As we all know, convocation is the most eagerly anticipated day in the life of a student. The occasion of wearing a black robe with bands and pipings and the mortarboard (hard cap), joining the academic procession, listening to speeches and receiving the degree from the Chancellor of the university is one of the most memorable events in a student's life. It is a festive occasion for a university, for its teachers, students, officers and employees, and especially for the graduating students.

EWU's first convocation is being held today, 2 January 2002. From the EWU Newsletter team we congratulate all graduating students.

The present issue of the EWU Newsletter will focus mainly on the first EWU convocation. Let's all get ready for the occasion, and give our support to make it a success.

However, the issue also presents other important events of the university.

Convocation Date and Venue

January 2, 2002 at Osmany Memorial Hall, Dhaka.

Number of Graduates Receiving Degree

Business Administration:	63
Computer Science and Engineering :	16
English:	06
EMBA:	09
MBA:	02
Total:	96

Academic Achievements and Special Awards

Undergraduate students graduating with CGPA 3.9 or above will *receive Summa Cum Laude* and those graduating with CGPA 3.75 to less than 3.9 will receive *Magna Cum Laude*. Students completing graduation with CGPA 3.9 or above within 4 years will be awarded Gold Medals.

The Gold Medal recepients are:

Mr. M M Waliullah, Computer Science and Engineering, CGPA 3.93

Mr. Md. Tabrez Bin Mahbub, Business Administration, CGAP 3.93

Mr. Mostafa Alvi, Business Administration, CGPA 3.92

They will be graduating *Summa Cum Laude*.

Students graduating with *Magna Cum Laude* are.

Mr. Taskeed Jabid, Computer Science, CGPA 3.85

Mr. Jayed Hossain, Business Administration, CGPA 3.79

Chief Guest

The Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of East West University has given his kind consent to be the Chief Guest at the convocation. He will participate in the convocation procession, address the audience, and award degrees to the graduates.

Special Guest

Hon'ble Minister of Education, Dr. M. Osman Farruk will attend the convocation as Special Guest. He will also join the convocation procession and address the gathering.

Convocation Speaker

Professor Earl H. Potter III, Dean, College of Business, Eastern Michigan University, USA will be the convocation speaker.

Marshal of the Ceremony

Registrar of East West University, Mrs. Firdaus Ali will be the marshal of the ceremony.

Other Highlights

President of EWU's Board of Directors became an Advisor of the Caretaker Govt., 2001

Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi, President of the Board of Directors of the university, was inducted as an advisor of the Caretaker Government in 2001. East West University congratulates Mr. Elahi for assuming this great responsibility. Mr. Elahi was also an advisor of the Caretaker Government in 1996.

University Day 2001 Observed

The University Day was observed on 4 August 2001 at the Engineers' Institute, Dhaka. A colourful cultural programme was organized by the Cultural Club of EWU. The Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Dean of Faculties, Faculty, students, a large number

of guardians and dignitaries attended the programme. Mr. Motiur Rahman, Editor, The Daily Prothom Alo spoke on the occasion on behalf of the guardians.

New Appointments
Former CU VC Joins EWU

Ex-VC of Chittagong University Professor Abdul Mannan joined the Department of Business Administration on 16 September 2001. We welcome him to EWU, and hope that he will greatly add to the teaching strength of EWU.

Deputy Registrar

Mr. Sk. Ruhul Amin joined EWU as Deputy Registrar on 9 August 2001. He was previously serving as Deputy General Manager of Bangladesh Bank.

Assistant Registrar

Mr. Sajjad Hussein joined as Assistant Registrar on October 22, 2001.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Mr. M.M. Waliullah, Lecturer
Mr. Mohammad Ahsan Ali, Lecturer
Mr. Taskeed Jabid, Lecturer
Mrs. Maliha Shahjahan, Lecturer
Mr. Mohammad Shahidul Hasan, Lecturer
Mr. Manzur Ashraf, Lecturer
Mr. Kazi Khaled Al-Zahid, Lecturer

Department of Business Administration

Mr. Abdul Mannan, Professor
Ms. Sharmin Naaz, Lecturer
Mr. Areefur Rahman Khan, Lecturer

Department of English

Mr. Tanvir Hasan Malik, Lecturer

Promotion

Dr. Miftahur Rahman was promoted to the rank of Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering on 1 June 2001.

Mr. Syed Akhter Hossain of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering was promoted as Associate Professor on 1 June 2001.

Orientation Programme for the Freshers

Orientation for the freshers of Fall 2001 was held on 22 September 2001. The Chairpersons of Departments, Dr. Md. Musa, Professor Abdul Mannan, Dean of Faculties and the Vice-Chancellor addressed the freshers to familiarise them with the code of conduct and the challenges for them in the course system of an updated programme of EWU. They reminded them of the behavioural and ethical norms and the need of discipline and order in university. The VC urged the students to nourish joy and enthusiasm in their hearts to make their learning a pleasurable experience.

Human Resource Development Fair at EWU

East West University organized a Human Resource (HR) Fair on its own campus on 16 August 2001. The fair was intended to relate EWU academic prgrammes to the needs of modern business organizations. The organizations in the fair included Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank, Software Solution Integrated (SSI) Ltd., Westmont Power (Bangladesh) Ltd., New Zealand Milk (Bangladesh) Ltd., The Daily Prothom Alo, and Xansa Websity.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. M. Monwarul Islam inaugurated the fair and welcomed the executives of the participating organizations. He expressed the hope that the HR fair would help EWU students strengthen their knowledge by learning the techniques and practices in modern business from the organizations, and at the same time the organizations would be able to demonstrate and promote their products and services during the fair.

Among others, the Registrar, Dean of Faculties, Heads of Departments, the event organizers Mr. SSM Sadrul

Huda and Mr. Kanechan Khisa were present. The representatives of the respective organizations gave corporate presentation about their company policies, products and services.

Round Table Discussion on Human Resource Development

A round table discussion sponsored by EWU was held at Sky Room of ABC Tower on 26 August 2001. The purpose was to gather information about the kind of knowledge and skills graduates of today need before they enter their professional career. A number of organizations including Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Grameen Phone, DHL World Wide Express, South Tech Ltd., Partex Group, Citi Bank N.A., and Business Automation Ltd. joined the discussion and made valuable points which will help EWU shape its curriculum and pedagogic policy.

Canadian High Commissioner Addressed EWU Teachers and Students

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh H.E. Mr. David Preston addressed a seminar on higher education in Canada on October 30, 2001. Ms. Shaheen Islam, Student Counsellor of Canadian High Commission, also gave a presentation on the admission procedure in Canadian universities. The Vice-

Chancellor, Registrar, Dean of Faculties, and a large number of teachers and students attended the seminar.

Workshop on Teaching Methodology

EWU organized a four-day workshop starting from Thursday, 18 October 2001 on teaching methodology. Dr. Shahjahan Tapan of the Institute of Education and Research, Dhaka University, conducted the workshop. Most of the faculty members of EWU attended the workshop.
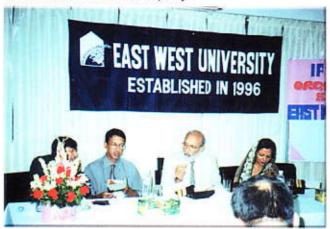

Farewell Program for the Graduating Students of the Department of English

The Department of English arranged a program on 2nd September, 2001 in honour of the graduating students. The Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Faculties, Chairperson of the Dept. of English, and Mr. Asit Roy Chowdhury addressed the gathering. It was also addressed by the graduating students. The programme ended with a short and informal cultural programme.

Iftar Parties at EWU

Two Iftar parties, one for the Faculty and administrative staff of MBA program and the other for the Faculty and administrative staff of both graduate and undergraduate programs of the university, were held on the campus on 1 and 5 December 2001 respectively. The Vice-Chancellor of the university

attended both the parties. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, the founder Vice-Chancellor of EWU, attended the second Iftar party.

Credit Transfer to Foreign Universities in Fall 2001

EWU students who transferred their credits to US, Canadian and British universities this semester are:

Rizwan of the Department of English transferred his credits to Acadia University, Canada.

Sabir Abdus Sami (Sumit) transferred his credits to The American International University in London.

A Business student transferred his credits to Indiana University, USA.

A few more students are transferring their credits to overseas universities next semester.

Club News

East West Debating Club (EWDC)

EWDC organized a day-long workshop on parliamentary debate in the conference room of BIA building on 27 November 2001. The workshop was facilitated by Shahnewaz Bappi, Founder and Ex-President of JUDS (Jahangirnagar University Debating Society). A large number of students and teachers attended the workshop.

EWDC is also looking forward to arranging an Intra-University Debating Competition at a convenient time.

EWU Environmental Society

The Environmental Society of the East West University organized a week-long solo art show of the works by Dil Afroz Dina, an English literature student from July 8 to 15. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor. A good number of oil and water-colour paintings along with sketches on different themes and subjects were on display.

East West University Computer Club (EWUCC)

Last semester EWUCC organized a seminar on **"Career Prospects and Learning Goals".** Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Head, Dept. of Computer Science, Shahjalal University, Sylhet attended the seminar as the chief guest. The computer club also organized a workshop on the programming languages " C & C++".

On 10 November 2001, two EWU teams (EWU Green and EWU Blue) from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering participated in the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest held in BUET securing 11th and 14th positions respectively. Students of the department also took part in technical workshops and seminars on computer hardware installation, configuration and networking. Moreover, they organized some internal programming competitions to develop their skills.

Business Club

Business club organized a seminar on "How can one become a successful entrepreneur" on October 31, 2001. It was attended by a large number of EWU students and teachers.

English Conversation Club

English conversation club held an extempore speech competition. A large number of students attended the session. The Vice-Chancellor along with the Chairperson of the Dept. of English and a number of teachers were present.

Sports Club

EWU sports club organized an indoor game competition in the common room. The Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the competition. The Registrar was also present at the inaugural programme.