



# NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial

*Shuvo Nababarsho. The Spring 2003 issue of EWU Newsletter is out to update the readers about the various activities taken place on the campus during the last four months. A heartening news for all of us is that the second convocation of EWU is going to be held on May 20, 2003.*

*Convocation is always a festive occasion for a university. It is a memorable day for its teachers, students, officers and employees and more so for the graduating students of the university. We congratulate the graduating students on their accomplishment and wish them a happy and prosperous life ahead.*

## EWU Holds Its Second Convocation

The Second Convocation of East West University will be held on 20 May 2003 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. His Excellency Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed, 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 of the occasion. The Hon'ble President will participate in the convocation procession, address the gathering and confer degrees on the graduates. Dr. M. Osman Farruk MP, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, will attend the program as special guest. The Hon'ble Minister will also join the convocation procession and address the audience. Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka and Advisor to the Caretaker Government 1996, will be the Convocation Speaker. Registrar of East West University Mrs. Firdaus Ali will act as the Marshal of the ceremony. The ceremony will also be attended by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of the Board of Directors, East West University, Members of the Board of Directors, the Pro Vice Chancellor, the Dean of Faculties, Excellencies, dignitaries, EWU faculty and graduating students and their guardians. The convocation ceremony will be followed by a gala dinner and a cultural show. This time a total of 161 students are graduating from different graduate and undergraduate programs.



# Academic Achievements

In line with the recommendations made by the Degree Review Committee of East West University, the following students will graduate as Summa Cum Laude and receive gold medals in the second convocation of the university:



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## Gold Medallist Profile:

- 1 Sultana Afsari**  
Summa Cum Laude  
Major: MIS, BBA  
CGPA: 3.90  
Convocation 2002
- 2 Sharmin Mizan**  
Summa Cum Laude  
Major: Finance, BBA  
CGPA: 3.96
- 3 Raiyan Kabir**  
Summa Cum Laude  
Major: Finance, BBA  
CGPA: 3.94
- 4 Zakia Rashid**  
Summa Cum Laude  
Major: Finance, BBA  
CGPA: 3.94
- 5 Md. Quamrul Alam Dubash**  
Summa Cum Laude  
Major: Finance, BBA  
CGPA: 3.92
- 6 Muhibbul Islam**  
Major: Finance & Human Resource  
Management, MBA  
CGPA: 3.95

## Students who will be graduating Magna Cum Laude in the convocation are:

- Reefa Tamim Mahboob, CGPA 3.87  
Tanveer Ahsan, CGPA 3.87  
Diala Normin, CGPA 3.82  
Mohammed Saifur Rahim, CGPA 3.80  
M. S. Asif Kamal, CGPA 3.78  
Mostafa Sarwar Kamal, CGPA 3.77  
Sharmin Mehriban, CGPA 3.76  
Mohammad Jahangir Hussain Miah, CGPA 3.7

## Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar Takes Over as EWU Pro VC

In a notification issued by the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, eminent academician Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar has been appointed the Pro Vice Chancellor of East West University for four years with effect from 9 February 2003. Dr. Anwar completed his Masters in Biochemistry from the University of Dhaka in 1979. Later he obtained yet another Masters in Business Administration in 1982 from IBA, DU and was awarded Ph.D. in 1998. Prior to his joining EWU, Dr. Anwar served as a full time faculty at IBA, DU from 1986 to 2002. He also worked at Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) from 1982 to 1986 in different capacities. He has many research publications to his credit and also attended numerous seminars and symposiums both at home and abroad. Dr. Anwar is married and father of a daughter.

The EWU family heartily congratulates Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar on assumption of his new assignment and wishes him all the very best.





# EWU Hosts ICCIT 2002

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East West University hosted the fifth International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT) 2002, the largest congregation of academicians and researchers in the field of ICT in the country, held on 27-28 December 2002. Dr. Mohammad Yunus, founder and Managing Director of Grameen Bank, opened the ICCIT at the Bangladesh China Conference Center on December 27, 2002. The opening session was presided by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of the Board of Directors, East West University. Among others UNIDO Regional Director for South Asia Mr. George B. Assaf, Dean of School of Engineering of the City College of the US City University of New York Mr. Muhammad A. Karim and ICCIT Chairman and Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the host university Prof. Mozammel Huq Azad Khan and Registrar of EWU Mrs. Firdaus Ali spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Yunus in his speech maintained that no sector other than IT can play such a swift and decisive role in transforming the economy of Bangladesh in the 21st century. He also said that economic emancipation for countries like Bangladesh can only be possible if its huge population can be turned into human resources through carefully developed and executed plans in the areas of national priorities.

Dr. Farashuddin while addressing the gathering referred to the urgency of increasing scientific and technological contents in education without which doing away with poverty will remain a distant dream. He pleaded for greater collaboration among the policy-makers, academia and the industrialists in this regard.

The concluding session and dinner of the two day conference was held at Saffron Restaurant at Banani on 27 December 2002. Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan MP, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, attended the function as chief guest. Again President of EWU Board of Directors Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin chaired the session. In his speech Dr. Khan said that if proper facilities and environment can be ensured, more and more young people in the field of science and technology can play a significant role in the development of scientific research in Bangladesh. He revealed that his ministry would take all necessary steps to disseminate the knowledge of basic science among the students across the country. Crests were handed over to the technical session chairs of the conference on the occasion on behalf of the organizers.

Over 200 scientists, academics and researchers in the field of ICT both from home and 14 different countries took part in the conference and a total of 123 papers were presented in 21 working sessions during the two-day conference.



## Business Award for EWU Treasurer

Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairman of Apex Group, two-time Advisor to the Caretaker Government and Treasurer of East West University, has been awarded the prestigious Bangladesh Business Awards 2002 in the category of 'Business Person of the Year 2002'. Bangladesh Business Awards is jointly sponsored by The Daily Star and DHL Worldwide Express Ltd., Mr. M. Saifur Rahman MP, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, attended the gala function as chief guest and handed over crests to the recipients of the award. The other recipients of the award this year were Mrs. Hasina Doula, MD of Micro Electronics Ltd., Geeteara Safiya Choudhury, Chairman of Adcomm Ltd. and Grameen Phone Ltd. in the categories of 'Enterprise of the Year 2002', 'Outstanding Women in Business of the Year 2002' and 'Best Joint Venture Enterprise of the Year' respectively. The EWU family heartily congratulates Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi on this great attainment and wishes him further success in future.





## EWU Team Clinches NSU National Entrepreneurs' Trophy 2003

The Business Club of EWU has enhanced the image of the university by clinching the Autoline NSU National Entrepreneurs' Fair Trophy 2003. Held on 5 and 6 March 2003 at Lagoon Center, Rifles Square, the fair was participated by all the major private and public universities as well as some famous business houses. All in all 39 stalls on boutique, software development, website development, computer accessories, books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, handicrafts, interior designing and the like had been put up at the fair. The Business Club of EWU arranged two stalls at the fair of which the one called 'Tukitaki' stole the show. The innovative stall was all about recycling household wastage into eco-friendly, beautiful showpiece and useful utensils. The photo shows the winning team with the trophy with Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of EWU Board of Directors.



## Merit Scholarships

The following students have been awarded East West University Scholarship for 30 credits for the next three consecutive semesters (Spring, Summer and Fall 2003) on the basis of their outstanding academic performance:

SI ID No.	Name	CGPA
1 2000-1-20-011	Tareq Faizur Rasul	4.000
2 2000-1-20-033	Md. Rabiul Hoque	4.000
3 2001-1-60-002	Shafi-Al-Alam	4.000
4 2001-1-60-008	Md. Altaf Hossain	4.000
5 2002-1-60-017	Nazia Nuzhat Khan	4.000
6 2002-1-60-043	Nusrat Nahid	4.000
7 2002-1-60-001	Dick Carol Gomes	3.974
8 2002-1-60-025	Kazi Muhammed Thoufiqur Rahman	3.974
9 2000-1-10-031	Mamunur Rashid	3.973
10 2001-1-60-019	Shah Md. Arifur Rahman	3.927
11 2001-1-60-034	Mohammad Makid Hasan	3.909
12 2001-1-10-004	Farah Fahmida	3.882
13 2001-1-60-001	Shaikh Maqsd Ali	3.869

Congratulations Tareq, Rabiul, Shafi, Altaf, Nazia, Nusrat, Dick, Thoufiqur, Mamun, Arif, Makid, Farah and Maqsd on your great attainment. We feel proud of you. Keep the spirit up!



## Seminar on WTO Rules on RMG Held



The Center for Research in Business, Economics and Technology (CERBET) of East West University and BGMEA Institute of Fashion and Technology jointly organized a seminar on 'WTO Rules and the Garments Industry in Bangladesh' on 5 January 2003 at Hotel Sonargaon. Hon'ble Minister of Commerce Mr. Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury attended the occasion as chief guest. Mr. A.N.M. Ehasanul Hoque, Hon'ble State Minister of Education, was the special guest of the event and Mr. Kutubuddin Ahmed, former President of BGMEA presided over the session. Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations and WTO in Geneva Dr. Toufiq Ali presented the key-note paper at the seminar.

Hon'ble Minister of Commerce in his address stressed the need for capacity building by developing skilled workforce at all levels of production to help the country compete more vigorously in the global market with its exportable items. Mr. A.N. M. Ehsanul Huq while addressing the gathering referred to the current level of comparative advantage being enjoyed by Bangladesh and said that we should go for establishing composite textile industries to help

the RMG sector survive and sustain after 2004.

Dr. Toufiq Ali in his key-note paper pointed out that the imposition of different rules and regulations by WTO would adversely affect Bangladesh in its trade in textiles. Even though these sectors in our country need to be particular about observing those rules and regulations to be effective from 2005 so as to avert exposition to actions by the imparting countries. Ambassador Ali also said that Bangladesh with its comparative advantages over the competing countries need to adapt with the changing demands of global market to remain more competitive.

The presentation was followed by a discussion session with Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairman, Apex Group, former Advisor to the Caretaker Government and Treasurer of East West University, in the chair. Eminent leaders from the business community, representatives from the donor agencies, Excellencies, academics and senior government officials attended the seminar and also passed expert opinions and observations during the discussion session.

## EWU Professor Wins UGC Award

Dr. Mohammed Ruhul Amin, Professor of Physics at East West University, won a research award in the field of Science and Technology. The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh bestowed the honor upon Professor Ruhul Amin for his important research work titling 'Low Frequency Electrostatic Waves in a Hot Magnetized Dusty Plasma'. Dr. M. Osman Farruk MP, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, gave away the award as chief guest to Professor Ruhul Amin at an UGC Award Giving Ceremony held on April 3, 2003 at LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. Professor ATM Zahurul Huq, the then Chairman of UGC presided over the function. An eminent research scholar, Professor Amin has more than 40 research papers to his credit.





# Best Faculty Award

## Introduced



East West University has for the first time introduced Best Faculty Award for both its undergraduate and graduate programs from the year 2003. The decision was made in line with the Government decision to observe January 19 as National Teachers' Day every year with effect from 2003. In observance of the day, the EWU authority gave a reception to its faculty on the campus. The function was attended by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of the Board of Directors, East West University, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Dean of faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali and faculty members of EWU. At the beginning of the program, the President of EWU Board of Directors greeted the faculty members with flowers. In his speech, Dr. Farshuddin contended that EWU believes in excellence in education and it is mainly because of its excellent and dedicated bunch of faculty that it can claim itself as an educational institution per excellence. He also called upon the teachers of the university to work even harder to further enhance the image of the university and expressed the hope that the introduction of the Best Faculty Award will create an atmosphere of healthy competition among the faculty members. Later



Dr. Farashuddin handed over crests to Prof. Dr. Mohammad Musa of the Department of Business Administration and Mr. Mirza Md. Mamun Sadat, Senior lecturer, Department of English, the recipients of the Best Faculty Award 2002 for graduate and undergraduate programs respectively.

### Obituary

Md. Siddiqur Rahman Jony, a student of the Department of Business Administration died of a tragic road accident on his way to campus on January 19, 2003 (Inna-----Raziun).

The EWU family wholeheartedly prays to the Almighty for eternal peace of the departed soul and may He give the bereaved family courage and strength to bear the loss.

### Medha Lalon Fund Scholarships Awarded

The Financial Aid Committee of East West University has awarded fourteen scholarships from the university's Medha Lalon Fund which basically provides need-based financial assistance to the meritorious students of the university. The Financial Aid Committee has also approved twenty-one scholarships to students with financial needs. The meeting of the committee was chaired by Mr. S. M. Nousher Ali, Member, Board of Directors, East West University. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors of East West University was also present at the meeting. It may be mentioned here that the Financial Aid Committee of East West University awarded Tk. 70 lakh to 204 students in the year 2002 as financial assistance/scholarship.



## Seminar on Drug Abuse Held

President, East West University  
Date: 4 February, 2003

Organized by: **EAST WEST UNIVERSITY AND I**



East West University and Manosh jointly organized a seminar on the campus titling 'Harmful Effect of Drug Abuse: Global Perspective' on February 5, 2003. The seminar was attended by Barrister Nazmul Huda MP, Hon'ble Minister of Communication, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as chief guest and presided over by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of the

Board of Directors, EWU. Dr. Arup Ratan Chowdhury, the keynote speaker, while speaking at length on the various detrimental aspects of tobacco consumption pointed out that the young generation of the developing countries is the target of the tobacco tycoons. He cited many research data to document his contention that the bulk of the drug addicted of our society are smokers. Dr. Chowdhury emphasized the need to remain alert and aware of this hazard.

In his speech Barrister Nazmul Huda assured the audience that the present government is fully aware of tobacco business and the sensitivity of its publicity and disclosed that the Government is going to enact law to this effect soon.

Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin in his address said that EWU campus is free from the curse of drug and tobacco. Commending the Communication Minister's special role in banning two-stroke engines, he expressed the hope that he would play similar role in freeing the country of the curse of addiction. Ms. Anjana Rahman, a renowned actress and Vice President of Manosh, also spoke on the occasion. A large number of EWU faculty and students attended the program.

## River Cruise by MBA Club



MBA students of EWU arranged an exciting and thrilling day-long river cruise from Sadarghat to Chandpur and back on 7 March 2003. The launch started at 10 a.m. in the fine sunny morning on the day. The whole journey was full of fun and joy with a variety of amusement and entertainment such as baul music, band show, and raffle draw. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan, MBA Coordinator Prof. Z.H. Mamun, EWU faculty, staff, their family and students of the MBA program joined the charming trip. Altogether it was a highly pleasant journey away into refreshing nature. What a welcome relief it was from the monotony of routine affairs!



## EWU Enters into **BASIS Family**

East West University has earned the distinction of being the only university to be accepted as Associate Member of Bangladesh Association of Software & Information Services (BASIS), an association for IT related companies engaged in software development. The exception was made to EWU in recognition of the fact that the university's Software Development Center (SDC) is dedicated to developing software on commercial basis. In addition, SDC has also designed and developed all the software being used in the accounts and library of the university. SDC can boast of having HSBC and the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs among its illustrious clients. EWU is the first university to venture professionally in this sector in Bangladesh. The Software Development Center is currently working towards developing software for export overseas.

## EWU Introduces New Concentration in MBA Program

A seminar titling 'Risk Management & Insurance: A New Concentration in MBA/EMBA Program' jointly organized by East West University and Bangladesh Insurance Academy was held on April 9, 2003 at BIA Auditorium, Mohakhali, Dhaka. The seminar marked the launching of Risk Management & Insurance as a new concentration in East West University's MBA Program. The seminar was addressed by Pro Vice Chancellor of East West University Prof. Dr. Ferhat Anwar, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan and AKM Elias Hussain, Director, Bangladesh Insurance Academy. Speakers at the seminar maintained that it is for the first time in Bangladesh that an MBA student will be able to major in 'Risk Management & Insurance' and this addition to the MBA concentrations will create new prospects in the job market. They also marked this as a landmark event in the educational history of Bangladesh. The seminar was followed by a lively question and answer session.



## **Norwegian Delegation Visits East West University**

A 12-member delegation representing various educational institutes of Norway made a courtesy call on the President of EWU Board of Directors Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Dean of Faculties on March 3, 2003. Anne Marie Bachen led the delegation which was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam of the Department of English, University of Dhaka. The delegation discussed different issues related to education and expressed their deep satisfaction at the way the university is being run.

## Promotion

Ms. Rubina I Ahmed and Mr. Md. Nawab Yusuf Ali of the Department of Business administration and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering respectively have been promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer with effect from February 1, 2003.

Also Mr. Mirza Md. Mamun Sadat, Ms. Farzana Akhter and Ms. Afrin Zeenat of the Department of English have been made Senior Lecturers with effect from 1 February 2003.

The EWU family congratulates the faculty members who got promotion this semester and wishes them all the very best.





## Seminar on English in Higher Education Held



A seminar on the 'Importance of English in Higher Education and Professional Sector of Bangladesh' was organized by the Department of English, East West University on 3 February 2003 on the campus. President of the EWU Board of Directors Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin attended the occasion as chief guest. Eminent academicians like Dr. Fakrul Alam, Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam and Dr. Niaz Zaman of the Department of English, University of Dhaka also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah, Chairperson of the Department of English, EWU presented the keynote paper at the seminar. Later Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Dr. Fakrul Alam, Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam and Dr. Niaz Zaman gave their scholarly opinions on the topic. All the speakers at the seminar agreed on the point that there is rot at the bottom; English should therefore be taught with special emphasis and with the help of right approach and methodology right from the school level. They also emphasized that English should be the sole medium of instruction at least at the tertiary level in our country.

## Orientation Programs for Spring 2003 Held

An orientation program for the newly admitted students of EWU in different undergraduate programs for Spring 2003 was held on 23 January 2003 on its campus. A total of 300 students enrolled this semester in BBA, English, Computer Science & Engineering and Communication and Information Technology programs. Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors and founder Vice Chancellor of East West University addressed the function as chief guest.

Mr. Farashuddin in his speech welcomed the freshers to

EWU and urged them to make the best possible use of different facilities provided by the university such as highly qualified faculty, state-of-the-art computer and digital laboratory, rich library and generous scholarship and financial aid scheme to build themselves up as the worthy sons of the soil. He also took the opportunity to announce the university's plan to set up its own V-Sat system soon to provide unlimited internet access to all its students. The program was also addressed by Mrs. Firdaus Ali, Registrar of EWU and Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan. EWU faculty and staff were also present on the occasion.



Earlier on 22 January 2003, the orientation program for the graduate programs of EWU was held on the campus. A total of 80 students got admitted in the MBA and EMBA programs for Spring Semester 2003. The occasion was addressed by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, East West University, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Ferhat Anwar, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali and Dr. Ziaul Huq Mamun, Coordinator, MBA & EMBA programs.



# UNIDO Representative Visits EWU



Mr. George B. Assaf, Representative and Regional Director of United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) paid a visit to EWU campus on 27 December 2002. A program arranged on this occasion was chaired by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, founder Vice Chancellor and President of EWU Board of Directors. Mr. Assaf while addressing the gathering appreciated the advancements made in the field of IT in Bangladesh and expressed his hope that his organization and the IT and industrial sector in Bangladesh would work hand in hand for further development in future. He also lauded EWU for hosting ICCIT 2002.

Dr. Farashuddin in his speech thanked Mr. Assaf for his kind visit to EWU and expressed his willingness to explore common areas of interest for collaborative ventures between EWU and UNIDO. The program also included a presentation on Center for Research in Business, Economics and Technology (CERBET), EWU by its Director Prof. Dr. Mohammad Musa. Pro Vice Chancellor of EWU Prof. Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar, Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan and EWU faculty attended the occasion.

## Faculty Update

Dr. Rebecca Sultana's article 'Mimics Without Menace: Interrogating Hybridity in Bharati Mukherjee's Fiction' will soon get published in the book titling *Asian Diasporas: Cultures, Identities, Representation*. The book is edited by B.H. Ghosh and Shawn Wong and will be published from the Hong Kong University Press.

Two articles authored by English Department Chair Dr. Shahidullah titling 'A Historical Survey of the Teaching-Learning Culture in the Indo-Pak-Bangladesh Sub-continent' and 'An Empirical Survey of Learning Style Preferences of Learners, and Its Pedagogical Implications for ELT in Bangladesh' have been accepted for publication in the forthcoming issue of *Rajshahi University Studies* and *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh* respectively.

Prof. Mozammel Huq Azad Khan, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, participated the 6th International Symposium on Representations and Methodology of Future Computing Technology held between 10-11 March 2003 in Trier in Germany. He presented two papers titling 'Reversible Logic Synthesis with Cascade of New Gate Families' and 'Multi-Output ESOP Synthesis with Cascade of New Reversible Gate Family' at the seminar. Prof. Khan is also expected to join The International Symposium on Multiple-Valued Logic 2003 to be held at Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan from 16-19 May 2003.

An article titling 'An Extension of GCE for Repeated Measures with Polytomous Responses', co-authored by Ms. Zahida Gulshan of the Department of Physics and Mathematics, East West University and Mr. M. Ataharul Islam, got published in a book called *Biostatistical Aspects of Health and Epidemiology* which contains the proceedings of the 19th Annual Conference of Indian Society for Medical Statistics held at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India between December 1-3, 2001. The book was published by Prokashana Kendra, Lucknow, India in the year 2002.



# Club Round up

## Debating Club

The Debating Club is gearing up to arrange an inter-university debating championship at the beginning of Summer 2003, and for this reason debating activities have been on hold this semester. However, the debaters are busy taking part in practice debate sessions and preparing for the big event. They are committed to making it a success.

## The Environmental Society

The social service wing of the Environmental Society organized a blood donation program on March 3, 2003 on the campus in collaboration with Bangladesh Red Crescent Society. The faculty, staff and students of EWU responded very positively to the call and a total of 91 bags of blood have been collected in the humanitarian bid. The society is also keeping records of the rare group donors so that the members of the EWU family may be provided with rare group blood in case of emergency.

## English Conversation Club

The English Conversation Club of EWU organized an extempore speech competition on 19 March 2003 on the campus. As many as fifteen selected students took part in the competition. EWU faculty Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Mr. Asit Roy Chowdhury and Mr. Tanvir Hasan Malik have been the adjudicators of the event. Among the participants, Darakshan Manjoor, Jubair Al Ansari and Imtiaz Khan won the top three positions respectively. Dean of Faculties Prof. Abdul Mannan, Registrar Mrs. Firdaus Ali and a large number of EWU faculty and students attended the occasion.

## Musical Maestro Holds Seminar at EWU

Renowned exponent of Indian Classical Music Ustad Fida Hossain, while speaking at a seminar on classical music on March 12, 2003 at EWU, expressed his firm belief in the unique power of music to transcend the barrier of caste, creed and religion. The seminar was organized by the Cultural Club of the university. In his speech Ustad Fida Hossain also maintained that folk music is the origin of all forms of music. Bangladesh has a rich heritage of folk music; appropriate measures should therefore be taken by the experts to preserve this wonderful form of music and popularize it domestically as well as globally. The seminar was followed by a musical show performed by the students of EWU.

## Sports Club

EWU Cricket Team managed an exciting two-run win over South East University in the second AIUB Inter Private University Cricket Tournament 2003 at Mirpur City Club ground on 17 March 2003. Batting first, the EWU boys scored 119 for seven in twenty overs in the rain-affected match. In reply, SEU team folded their innings at 117. Rongon of EWU scored run a ball 27 and was adjudged man of the match. The boys, however, conceded a hair-breadth defeat to ex-champion NSU on 19 March at BKSP ground, Savar, Dhaka. But the EWU team registered overall improvement in all the departments of the game and showed every sign of doing even better in future. Well-done boys! Keep the spirit up!

## Tidbits

Mr. Samdad Tanvir, working with the SDC of EWU as Software Engineer, entered into wedlock with Ms. Rebeka Sultana on 14 March 2003. Congratulations Mr. Tanvir and may you and your wife make the happiest couple in the world!

Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Department Secretary of MBA Program, and Mrs. Nazrul became the proud parents of their first issue, a baby boy, on 15 February 2003. The baby was named Tanvir Hasan (Turjoy). The EWU family congratulates the blessed parents and wishes the newly born baby every luck.





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