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Every three months, NDUB Bulletin reflects various didactic activities performed by NDUB students, faculty, and administration. This season, July-September 2018, the vibrant seminars, workshops, and programs have paved ways for students to think out of the box, enhancing their creative and critical aptitude. Active participation of NDUB authorities, departments, and clubs is serving the Aristotelian purpose of education: Enlightenment through Entertainment. In addition, NDUB Bulletin also attempts to engage students in developing their writing and communication skills. At this time it has newly launched two sections: Career Consultancy & Teacher Student Corner where students' queries are addressed regarding their academic and professional lives, because NDUB Bulletin believes that interaction in any possible form can diminish the gap between educators and pupils. Thus, the purpose of education can be served, as we all might have heard the Chinese proverb: "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people." Therefore, NDUB Bulletin is involving students, faculty, and administration in one platform so that a sustainable bridge can be formed between education and life leading towards progress and peace.



# A mind-shaping initiative



## Seminar at the Holy Cross Center in Bhadun

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A seminar entitled 'Fullness of Life' was held at the Holy Cross Center in Bhadun near Pubail, Gazipur on July 6 and 7, 2018 to have an ethical training needed in lives where faculty and students participated. Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Fr. Frank Quinlivan, CSC, Director of Development, NDUB, forty-one students and five faculty members of NDUB participated in the program. Fr. Patrick facilitated the discussions. In the beginning, a famous talk given at Harvard University by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn was distributed to all participants. Students and faculty were divided into five groups and

a set of questions was provided to them. The small group discussions were stimulating and everyone had the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings. Later, one member from each group shared the fruit of their discussions. On Friday evening, a movie was screened focusing on relevant discussion topics. Finally, a certificate was given to each participant.

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## A Discussion Session held by the Committee on Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) organizes a seminar at Notre Dame College premises, room number 131, on July 21, 2018. Advocate U. M. Habeebunnisa who works for NariPokkho, an NGO on Women's Rights, was present as the chief guest.

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Gaffney, CSC, Vice-Chancellor of NDUB, the coordinator of the sexual harassment committee of NDUB Sister Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Assistant Professor of English Sk Rezwan Shihab and others were present in this seminar.

Welcoming everyone, Professor Dr Fr Patrick Gaffney, CSC, said, "The term sexual harassment is recently being emphasized in Bangladesh. But, the western civilization has identified it as a crime. In those countries, decisions related to sexual harassment cases witnessed in educational institutions, work places, or anywhere are taken decisively."

However, the chief guest U M Habeebunnisa focused on the basic awareness of sexual harassment and if any unfortunate situations occur in the university, what initiative measures must be executed.

She added, "Being a victim of sexual assault can create a negative impact on a woman in her perspective about every man including her husband in the society. According to a research, 91% of women in Bangladesh are somehow the victims of sexual harassment. A majority of them are assaulted in different sectors and institutions, but still remain inaudible. Most of them are afraid to speak. Due to the lack of proper governing body, the voices are always unheard. For that reason, every institution must have such an active committee." She concluded her speech by thanking the committee of NDUB for taking such an initiative.

In the end, Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, concluded the seminar with her thanksgiving speech.

# Creative Writing and Storytelling Workshop

Young participants get platform to practically exercise Screenplay Writing, Literary Writing, and Graphic Storytelling

A day-long workshop on Creative Writing and Storytelling, organized by Notre Dame University Bangladesh English Club (NDUBEC), was held on Saturday July 21, 2018 on Notre Dame University campus which was in three sessions: Screenplay Writing, Literary Writing, and Graphic Storytelling.

NDUB Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, was present as chief guest, NDUB Registrar and Chairman, Department of English Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, was the special guest in the event.

The sessions were conducted by Ahmed Tahsin Shams, Lecturer, Department of English, Notre



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Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB), Theotonius Gomes, Assistant Professor, Department of English, American International University Bangladesh (AIUB), Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy, Editorial Cartoonist, Dhaka Tribune respectively.

The first session began at 11am on Screenplay Writing where Shams discussed numerous screenplay techniques and participants, not only from NDUB, but also from other universities and colleges in Dhaka, step by step followed his direction and penned down their concept, characters, setting, plot, and script actions. Applying different stylistics of screenplay. Finally, participants were divided in seven groups who submitted seven stories that would get all logistic support from Avant-garde Productions for filming. The seven themes are: Youth, Social Media, Class Conflict, Self, Gender, Dhaka City, and Relationship. In order to engage the youth in creative endeavors, such a workshop was planned by NDUBEC. Shooting schedule of these short films will be announced soon and thus young participants will learn the process of visual storytelling.

Shams concluded, "Narration techniques can make your story different even if the plot is a cliché. For instance, always think: who is telling the story, from whose perspective the viewers are knowing the message. It could be a character in the script, it could be objects, it could be nature, diary, third person narration, and what not."

The second session was on Literary Writing where Theo Gomes shared the process of composing poems, lyrics, and short stories in Bangla and English. The use of metaphors, similes, imagery were

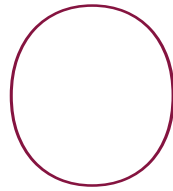
practically exercised from 2pm-4:30pm, leading the participants to open up with their own creative writing. Theo focused on various themes and use of images, sound, and smell in literary writings. The best ten writings will be published in national dailies and NDUB English Club online magazine. Theo concluded, "Literary writing does not instruct, rather shares the experience. Imagination works as healer. But never let your writing be done in one sitting, because writing is revision."

The concluding session, which started at 5pm and ended at 7:30pm, was conducted by celebrated cartoonist Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy who applied such a technique where everyone became a graphic storyteller. Starting with the basics of drawing cartoons, how to draw frames and panels for characters and dialogues in cartoons or comics, Tanmoy made the participants engage with various themes to work on. The best cartoons will be published in NDUB English Club online magazine. Tanmoy encouraged the participants, "The world's best graphic storytellers or cartoonists always applied simple figures and drawings to convey their message. That is of the utmost importance: to deliver your message in the simplest form. Those who can draw 'stick' human figures can also tell their story beautifully. Storytelling is an art, drawing is the medium."

The curtain was drawn by honoring the guests who conducted the workshop, as well as the participants were provided certificates for their youthful enthusiasm.



# Interactive Session with BBA 1st Batch



n July 15, 2018, an interactive session was held on the university campus with the participation of both the faculty members and students of BBA 1st batch. Honorable Registrar of NDUB Fr. Subas Adam Pereira, CSC, Chairman and Program Coordinator (BBA & MBA) Dr. Parimal Chandra Datta, and Adjunct Associate

Professor Dr. Suman Das were present in the program. Moreover, faculty members from the department of Business Administration also attended. It was a collaborative session where the faculty and students shared their own views, opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding the bachelor degree program, internship, future job opportunity etc.

At the beginning of the program, students expressed their views regarding how they performed at NDUB, what factors need to be improved, what challenges they had faced during internship program, what authority can do for internship placements, what they are thinking about their future study and career etc. Students conveyed their gratitude for the quality education and cooperation they had experienced during their undergraduate program.

Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar of NDUB, expressed his love and gratitude to the students present there. He also added that the talented pool of students of the first batch were able to manage internships in renowned institutions and he wished the students would also take desired positions in the future, spreading the reputation of NDUB. He advised the students to update the NDUB authority about their progress in the workplace. Later, he unfolded a surprising news for the upcoming graduates. The students, interested in doing MBA at NDUB, will get 20% tuition fee waiver and it would be an accelerated MBA which would require only one academic year to complete the degree.

Dr. Parimal Chandra Datta evaluated the 1st batch students' performance in both curricular and co-curricular activities in the campus. He urged that the authority might take initiative to form a robust alumni association that will play a pivotal role in reducing the gap between graduates and on-going students. Dr. Suman Das in his speech emphasized the internship report. He also suggested to the students that some basic guidelines needed to be followed in preparing their internship report.

At the end of the program, respected faculty members Kamol Gomes and S. M. Feroj Mahmood delivered motivational speeches to the students. They advised the students to invest considerable time for the personal development required to cope with the challenges of digitalization and globalization.

The program was organized and conducted by the faculty of the Department of Business Administration---S. M. Feroj Mahmood, Moushumi Haque, Md. Zahead Kamal and Md. Kamrul Islam.

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job opportunity,  
and skill development**





## Syed Manzoorul Islam talks on 'The **Art** of Public **Speaking**'

The Department of English of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) organized a seminar on public speaking titled 'The Art of Public Speaking' on NDUB campus on July 7, 2018 at 3:00pm. The seminar had Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor and Former Chairman, Department of English, University of Dhaka as the speaker. Present at the seminar were Vice-Chancellor

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Registrar Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, and faculty of the Department of English.

The welcoming speech of the programme was given by Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, where he welcomed all the students, faculty members and members of the administrative body along with the celebrated speaker.

Following this was the introductory note by Registrar Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, where he mentioned the importance of learning and knowing the way of public speaking and how it is actually an art. Later on, a short biographical speech on Professor Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam's academic achievements and his works was presented by Theodore Sourav Palma, Lecturer, Department of English.

Professor Dr. Syed Manzoorul Islam shared the basic concepts of becoming a good public speaker. He said, "The first rule of speaking whether publicly or anywhere else is to have a message that needs to be conveyed to the audience". He also emphasized the art of time management and the need to understand the audience. According to Dr. S. M. Islam, culture consciousness is also necessary for a good public speaker. He further talked on the significance of eye-contact while speaking as well as interaction with the audience.

The seminar ended with the providing of certificates to the participants.

# A SEMINAR ON

Renewable Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development



“When the last tree is cut down, the last fish eaten, the last stream poisoned, you will realize that you cannot eat money.”

To celebrate ‘Power and Energy Week, 2018’, two clubs---Notre Dame University Bangladesh Business Club (NUBBC) and Notre University Bangladesh Economics Club---jointly organized a seminar entitled ‘Renewable Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development’ on 31 July 2018 on NDUB campus.

The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness among students and faculty members about the benefits of renewable energy, impacts of development activities on environment and importance of sustainability in human life. The seminar was aimed at encouraging the youth, professionals, academic and industry

experts to research on this pressing issue, to develop and bring innovative ideas to solve the energy crisis, prioritizing environment.

Bangladesh, once termed as the ‘bottomless basket’, now is on the verge of economic development, maintaining consistent yearly GDP growth of over 7.0%. With economic development and expansion, more and more public infrastructures are built, thousands of new vehicles are added to an ever congested traffic system every day and specifically the growing economy increases energy consumption to a greater scale. The increasing usage of energy, potential sources of carbon-dioxide, raises the question: ‘Should development come at the expense of environmental degradation?’





Additional Secretary and Member of Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA) Siddiq Zubair graced the occasion as chief guest and Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Vice-Chancellor of NDUB was present as special guest in this occasion. Faculty and students from all departments were present in this seminar.

Fr. Patrick delivered a welcome speech at the beginning of the seminar. He also thanked the clubs for organizing such a time demanding seminar and bringing the professionals, academics and fellow students into mutual exchange of thoughts. He urged to the students to understand the significance of renewable energy and environmental sustainability and to take initiatives to conduct research that would benefit mankind.

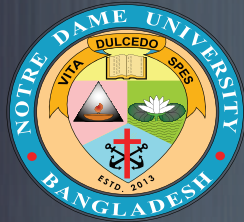
Selected members of Business Club and Economics Club presented a PowerPoint presentation on the benefits and challenges of renewable energy.

The chief guest Siddiq Zubair said, "Green energy by definition is the energy formed from sustainable, renewable energy sources that are environmentally friendly with no limited supply. Fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas now being used to produce energy are

highly polluting to the surroundings hence harmful to the ecosystem. This has triggered concern for less polluting, environmentally friendly energy sources like wind, solar, geothermal, biofuels and hydropower." "Increasing the supply of renewable energy would allow us to replace carbon-intensive energy sources and significantly reduce global warming emissions," he added. He urged that people become more concerned about the benefits of clean energy as well as the negative consequence of coal and other mining energy sources. He requested the students to become more curious and creative in finding the solution that will ultimately bring smiles to people's face. Moreover, he insisted that the government as well as all stakeholders should be more conscious and responsible towards achieving environmental sustainability in all aspects. In the last part of the session, Sr. Shagorica Maria Gomes, CSC, Club Coordinator of Notre Dame University Bangladesh, delivered the concluding remarks. Moushumi Haque, Moderator of Notre Dame University Bangladesh Business Club (NDUBBC) and Md Roni Hossain, Moderator of Notre Dame University Bangladesh Economics club (NDUBEC) organized the seminar.



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# Digital Library

## Services launched at NDUB

Realizing the importance of library automation and digital library services, Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) authority launched Koha for Library Automation Service and DSpace for Digital Library Service at NDUB Quinlivan Library.

NDUB authority made a contract on 28 July 2018 with software specialist Mr. Mohamamd Joynal Abdin, Sr. Lab Instructor, Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka, for the purpose of making the NDUB Quinlivan Library a fully automated library with the installation and customization of Koha and also creating a digital repository with the installation and customization of DSpace along with proper training to all the Library and IT staff of NDUB to run the software properly.

Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar of NDUB signed the contract in the presence of Fr. Hubert Joseph Palma, CSC, Director of HR, NDUB and Fr. Lawrence N. Das, CSC, Proctor of NDUB. Fr Edmond Cruze, CSC, Director, Student Counselor and Maintenance, and Saifur Rahman, library in-charge were also present at the signing ceremony.

Software installation and customization work have been done at Server Room (Room no. 124) and operational training was held at Software Lab (Room no. 404) of NDUB within specified timeline successfully from 4-9 August 2018.



After the successful completion of the software installation, customization and operational training, an inauguration program was held at NDUB Board Room (Room No. 401) at 5:00pm on 9 August 2018.

Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, supervised and monitored the whole project and has officially inaugurated the Library software and the OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) of NDUB Quinlivan Library.

A large amount of library automation software has been developed over the years. Among other library automation software, Koha is the most popular of the developed open source integrated library automation software. This software is being used in more than 1500 libraries and information institutions around the world. On the other hand, digital library software is another type of software used in modern libraries.

Digital library software enables a library to build up a digital collection and makes those resources available to the users in digital or electronic format. Computer, internet, digital library software and other modern technologies are essential for a digital library. Moreover, electronic or digital resources are mandatory for building a digital repository or collection.

Besides, a large number of digital library software have also been developed. Among all other software, DSpace (digital library software) is the most popular developed digital library software in the world. This software enables a library to build its own digital collection and makes those resources available to the users. NDUB Quinlivan Library OPAC is now available on NDUB website. Users can search for their desired books and other materials



using the OPAC from anywhere they want. Moreover, they can read and download e-books, online journal articles, thesis papers etc. from the OPAC. After the inauguration of the software a question-answer session was held where NDUB officials asked different questions about library automation and digitization. Library in-charge Saifur Rahman answered their questions and thanked them all for their cordial and continuous assistance to make the project successful.





# National Mourning Day observed at NDUB

**N**otre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) organized a day long program to mark National Mourning Day 2018, remembering Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members who were assassinated on 15th August 1975. The program started at 4:30pm on August 16, 2018 on the university campus where university students, teachers, the authority, and staff members were present.

At the beginning of the ceremony, two students and two teachers paid homage with flowers to the portrait of Bangabandhu followed by one minute solemn silence.

On behalf of the teachers, Theodore Sourav Palma, Lecturer at the Department of English, gave a speech on the vision of Bangabandhu and

the present situation of Bangladesh after 1975. He shared, "The founder of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, has brought a revolutionary change in Bangladesh politics. He is an example, second to none, for his personality and for establishing a unique political figure and for religious diversity. Unfortunately, his ideological vision ended in 1975."

Before concluding his speech, he said that in order to establish an enlightened future Bangladesh, there is no other alternative except following Bangabandhu's legacy. He urged the new generation to illuminate themselves by following the legacy of Bangabandhu.

In the memory of the Father of the Nation, the students of NDUB performed poetry recitations, music and read a few chapters from Bangabandhu's autobiography.





# English Language Center @ NDUB

*Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC*

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Notre Dame University Bangladesh has recently taken an initiative to establish the English Language Center

dedicated to the advancement of English language learning in the global context. NDUB is working with the University of Notre Dame, Indiana to optimize the learning environment here, and NDUBELC is one of the first initiatives in this direction. The Language Center will offer a broad array of programs, technologies and assessment systems to advance language acquisition and cultural learning on campus.

The NDUBELC will also administer its own language-intensive programs like English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and peer tutoring. It will pursue applied research in areas such as language assessment and computer-assisted language learning (CALL), host academic workshops, and provide career counseling. The center is expected to function as the engine behind several training and up-skilling programs for the stakeholders, mostly students.

The Center will arrange 30 minutes tutoring sessions in four different categories: specific pronunciation strategies, general conversations, writing, and grammar in general. Peer tutors will work with the learners on appointment. Also, academic counseling will be provided to the students. The Center will give at least two workshops each trimester on various topics (to be specific, language, communicative competence, socialization, technology in teaching and learning etc.). Along with these, ELC will initiate collaborative research in different language and communication oriented fields. We will seek affiliation with different organizations such as BELTA and British Council.

We hope to launch the Center with a well-equipped library though, initially, we will have to start from scratch. Considering the limited space currently available, the Center will initially work for the betterment of the students of NDUB, and gradually flourish as a fully functional center for learning and scholastic exchange. We hope, eventually, the Language Center will become the platform of best practices of second language acquisition, language assessment, and English as a second language for academic purpose.



# NDUB to be a landmark

says Rev Fr Mike Delany, CSC

A cordial reception ceremony to Rev. Fr. Robert Epping, CSC, Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and Rev. Fr. Mike Delany, CSC, Director, Foreign Mission Center was held on 12 August 2018 at Notre Dame University Bangladesh Library premises. The program was attended by Fr. James Clement Cruze, CSC, Fr. Frank Quinlivan, CSC, Fr. Joseph S Peixotto, CSC and NDUB officials.

The event was anchored by Fr. Lawrence N. Das, CSC. A welcome song was presented by Newton Mondol and his associates along with gifts of bouquets of flowers for the guests.

Fr. Frank, shared, "The members of the Holy Cross Congregation all over the world carry out their responsibilities under the able guidance of the Superior General."

While expressing gratitude to him for visiting NDUB, Fr. Frank narrated how NDUB started functioning. He also briefed both the guests about the ongoing activities of NDUB. Fr. Frank also praised Fr. Mike's versatile academic and humanitarian activities.

Later, Fr. Mike said, "The establishment of NDUB is going to be a landmark in the field of higher education of Bangladesh. The combined efforts of the faculty, students, administration and staff are helping this University to become one of the best institutions in the country."

Moreover, Fr. Epping mentioned, "To impart quality education is the motto of an institute run by the Holy Cross Congregation. So, NDUB's aim is to achieve this 'charism'. I am very happy to see the members of NDUB family working together in a congenial atmosphere."

Fr. James, Holy Cross Provincial and Chairman, BoT, responded, "There is also an exchange program between the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA and Notre Dame University Bangladesh for mutual benefits where faculty are participating in a year abroad, and in future it would be open for students too".

The Provincial thanked Fr. Epping and Fr. Mike for visiting this university and motivating the officials to excel in their respective activities. In the end, Fr. Lawrence expressed gratitude and provided a vote of thanks to the respected guests and NDUB officials for their presence.



Reception to Rev Fr Robert Epping, CSC and Rev Fr Mike Delany, CSC







# Train Your Mind Like a Radio

says Mahfuz Anam

Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, an American anthropologist, academic, translator, member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB), along with Mahfuz Anam, publisher and editor of The Daily Star, discussed how today's youth can become engaged in a productive knowledge sharing environment on the occasion of the reception programme of Fall trimester students of NDUB (12th Batch) at its premises on September 8, 2018 at 9am onwards.

The event was chaired by Professor Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, Vice Chancellor, CSC, where Fr. Adam S. Pereira, CSC, Registrar and Head of English Department at NDUB welcomed the new students with these motivational talk. Among other distinguished guests, Fr. Joseph S. Peixotto, CSC, Treasurer of NDUB and Fr. Lawrence N. Das, CSC, Proctor of NDUB were also present. The chief guest of the event was celebrated editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam.

Fr. Patrick Gaffney set sail with verses by Alexander Pope from 'A Little Learning': "A little learning is a dangerous thing; / Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring; / There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, / And drinking

largely sobers us again." Thus, VC Fr. Patrick encouraged the students to be open to receive as much knowledge as possible.

Fr. Patrick also referred to the Hippocratic Oath, one of the most widely known of Greek medical texts, which requires a new physician to swear by a number of healing gods, to uphold specific ethical standards. He, thereby, suggested that knowledge can be used to harm the human too, and so a learner has to be ethically conscious while employing knowledge aimed at the betterment of the society.

The chief guest of the event, Mahfuz Anam, shared constructive views on developing intellect as well as ethics during university life. Mahfuz Anam started with an aesthetic illustration through his words, "The scientific ability of a short wave or medium wave radio is that it can receive all the information from the world which are going on right now. This is the period to equip your mind to receive as much as possible. If your mind is straight, you can receive messages from all over the world, like a radio. And so train your mind like a radio."

Sharing his critical views on the present crisis around the world, Mahfuz Anam added, "One of the tragedies of the present world is prejudice. Religion does not teach to look down upon others, it teaches to be tolerant. It is very







## An eventful Fall freshers' reception at NDUB

important that as a student of the university you learn to cultivate the value of knowledge and tolerance. If you are not a tolerant person then you are not an educated person."

Furthermore, Mahfuz Anam asserted, "For your intellectual journey, your mind must be open and for your ethical journey it is your heart, which must be open too. It is in the combination of the mind and the heart that defines your personality."

The editor of The Daily Star exhorted in the end, "I urge today's students not to waste your time, I implore you not to be prejudiced and I demand for you to develop a life of knowledge and ethics."

The event concluded with cultural performances by the students of NDUB.







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# CAREER CO

Interviewed by Cyril James Baptist and Yeassin Saha Nawaj Salim

- Many believe that there is a conflict between skills and influence in the job sector. What's your take on that?



- ◆ Yes, I believe there is a conflict between skills and influence in the job sector. From the past till the future, influence will always be present. If I quote from one of my favourite philosophers Francis Bacon from his essay 'Of Great Place', 'By indignities men come to dignities'. We cannot change the system. Often, it has been manipulated by social and state system. However, in our NDUB system influence doesn't work. We never allow any recommendations. It is against our ethics. If often one tries to convince us, simultaneously we identify them as "crooked".

In some countries, influence is an open secret. On the other hand, some prefer it to keep it undisclosed. To compete in this complicated society, one must be truly qualified in a sense of both skills and knowledge. Hence, it might overthrow the influence system and make yourself a brand. If you are mediocre, then you will never be able to withstand the pressure of influence.

— Fr. Subas Adam Pereira, CSC, Registrar, NDUB

- Share the existing job market scenario in Bangladesh.



- ◆ In Bangladesh, consistently a large portion of the aggregate number of graduates enters into the job market, however, they barely get jobs akin to their field while the rest remain jobless. As of now, 47% of graduates in Bangladesh are jobless as per a special report of a famous British magazine. Consistently, a considerable number of new graduates add to the current number of jobless young people. Additionally, employers struggle to discover appropriate university graduates, while university graduates don't match with abilities sought after. Bangladesh has great potential to bounce back, however, the key challenges to accelerating development are maintaining political security and settling the rest of the vulnerabilities.

— S M Feroj Mahmood, Assistant Professor,  
Dept. of Business Administration, NDUB



# CONSULTANCY

- Interview plays a significant role in accomplishing a career. How could one develop such skill?

- ◆ The first thing an individual needs to ensure while facing an interview is the projection of confidence in his/her conduct. Prompt and precise response to the questions, good eye-contact, positive body language, discrete and correct pronunciation, and an overall positive attitude are the keys to making an impression on the interviewer. Field-specific knowledge along with these communicative skills will definitely help the interviewee become successful. It is also very important to understand the demand of the situation and act accordingly. Last but not the least, the ability to think critically is an essential skill in this regard. Understanding the interviewer's expectations and going with the vibe are the things that give an interviewee a cutting edge over others.



— Habiba Akter, Lecturer, Dept. of English, NDUB

- From picking the “right” career to actually excelling in it, there’s certainly a lot to learn. How could an undergraduate choose a fulfilling career?

- ◆ It's really critical for an undergraduate to choose the 'taste', not the 'surface'. In most cases, the coloured surface that seem apparently appealing might be on demand where one is certainly not aware how it tastes to the individual tongue. What is sweet to me might be sweeter to the other, or could be no-sweet at all for someone else. Our present academic system and parental counselling hardly encourage individual excellence because 'right' career has been undergoing terrible hegemonic notions---infected by colonial mindset and capitalistic ideals. And sometimes, people just go with the stream. Here I always suggest students to focus on the skill that drives you, even if there is no established career structure of that particular skill, because there is a high possibility that you would be the pioneer. We often pick a career prioritizing our 'super-ego' and thereby we face a great fall when we find ourselves 'average' or 'below the average' in a particular work field whereas we could have excelled in other path. One must remember: Excellence is success as my 'right' might be your 'left'!



— Ahmed Tahsin Shams, Lecturer, Dept. of English, NDUB

# TEACHER STUDENT CORNER

Interviewed by Cyril James Baptist and Yeassin Saha Nawaj Salim

## QUERY:

"I often make mistakes while writing. In fact, use of vocabulary seems critical to me. I believe proper and accurate diction enriches one's writing. My inability to use accurate word makes my writing weak. What are the best ways to enrich my vocabulary?"



Aishow Rozario,  
Department of English, Batch: 5

## RESPONSE:



Dear Aishow, speaking and writing always presume a certain audience. Communication does not occur in a vacuum, but within relationships between persons of a particular time and place. Therefore, the possible forms of verbal interactions are virtually endless. As a result, norms for effective speaking and writing can vary greatly depending on the occasion. Shakespeare, for example, was most certainly a literary genius but if someone today speaks like Hamlet or Lady Macbeth, very few ordinary people would appreciate their artistry or even understand them. Yet great works of literature, including Shakespeare are essentially creations of language and as such they provide an unfathomable source of vocabulary, of rhetoric, and of style that can immensely enrich our own everyday usage. The lesson here points to reading as a royal treasure house of ready-made samples of how to win hearts and minds. The second lesson goes back to where we started, namely, to speak and write directly to the persons you want to reach.

—Prof Dr Patrick D Gaffney, CSC, Vice Chancellor, NDUB



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**QUERY:**

"I'm a student of the English department. I find both linguistics & literature interesting. After a year I would have to choose my major. Most of the students in my class have already decided their major stream, but I am unable to take a decision. I am not sure which one of the majors is suitable for me because I love both of them. How should I resolve this dilemma?"



*Sanzida Sharmeen,  
Dept. of English, Batch: 8*

**RESPONSE**

Dear Sanzida, as you like both, now you need to reflect seriously about which one creates more powerful feelings within you, when you reflect about choosing one of these two. Also, you need to think about your future profession. If you think that you want to be a teacher in primary or high school levels then you must be very good in language in the context of Bangladesh. If you want to be a teacher in college and university levels you must be very good in language as well as in literature. For other services like secretarial job and diplomatic job you need to be very good in language.

My experience says, literature is very lively. It covers multiple aspects like culture, politics, economics, religion, science, education, and even linguistics. Yet you need to think about it critically and then you take your final decision.

— *Brother Prodip Placid Gomes, CSC,  
Principal, St. Gregory's High School & College*

**QUERY:**

"A few days back in my classroom, my teacher asked me to explain a coding to the entire class. I was able to solve it, and I was extremely confident that I would ace the stage explaining my coding, but standing there I got nervous and started stammering. I couldn't give an explanation in front of the class. How to overcome my fear and develop my presentation skills?"



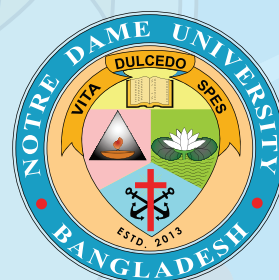
*MD. Tahmid Hasan,  
Dept. of CSE, Batch: 10*

**RESPONSE:**

Dear Tahmid, the situation you went through and experience you presented here is a common issue faced by many, especially beginners. In this particular situation, you may address and concentrate to develop two areas – self-confidence and, skills of presentation and speaking before a group to people. There are two types of personality – (1) Owner – do things and take responsibilities and (2) Victim – blame others for everything (Chandler, 2017). So, in developing your self-confidence, be the owner - owner of yourself and do what you want to do, what you can do and what you need to do. No one else will do things for you. As Theodore Roosevelt says "Believe you can and you are halfway there."

Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Always do what you are afraid to do." Take risks and do not hesitate to make mistakes. To overcome fear of speaking before people, start practicing before a big mirror with yourself, then practice speaking before your family and friends and tell them to give you feedback. In presenting an issue, present the main idea first then provide supporting materials; if an answer of a question, answer directly first and then provide evidence in support of your answer. Know that you are the key person here to choose and decide and implement. Pause for a while and reflect and do what is right for you.

— *Dr. Br. Leo James Pereira, CSC  
Deputy Controller of Examinations, NDUB*



On Thursday, 13 September 2018, the authorities of Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB) welcomed the guests from Europe and briefed the two-member team about the on-campus facilities present at NDUB, and as part of the tour Fr. Subas Adam Pereira, CSC, Registrar (left), Professor Dr. Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, CSC, Vice Chancellor (middle back), and Fr. Lawrence N. Das, CSC, Proctor (right) escorted the team to visit multimedia classrooms, digital library, teachers' lounge, computer laboratory, academic building, IT department, club activity archive, open auditorium, and Moreau Square.

**Date: 13 September 2018**

**Venue: Notre Dame University Bangladesh**

*“The competence to see  
and the courage to act”*



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Now, however, comes a time

We mark February 21 with a great 'Book Fair' but it seems love of reading is on a sad decline. When was the last time we read a book — fiction or non-fiction — for enjoyment or just because the topic interested us? When was the last time we got so involved in a book that we did not want to put it down?

Regular reading is always educational. Our vocabulary grows and our knowledge of how to use words. Reading regularly will also help us to be better writers.

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**Prof. Dr. Fr. Patrick D. Gaffney, CSC**  
**Vice Chancellor, (NDUB)**

## CAREER INSPIRATION

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During his graduate training, he learned Arabic and then spent two years engaged in ethnographic field work in Upper Egypt. This on-site research came at a time when tremors of political upheaval were beginning to sweep through the region as seen, for example, by the Islamic Revolution in Iran, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, and the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. Fr. Gaffney found that he had, by accident, become a Middle East expert at a time when conflicts in this region, often involving militant religious movements, were topics of great interest not only among university students, but among the wider public as well.

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Fr. Gaffney's respect for cultural differences and his desire to promote understanding between different religious and national traditions has deep roots. It started long ago by protesting against the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War and by supporting the modern civil rights movement in America under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King and others. In those days, he also followed with great interest the news as Bangladesh struggled against great odds to win its independence from Pakistan.

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