

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF



Greenwich University

Gvision

“Universities Could Play a Significant Role in Changing the Destiny of the Entire Nation

— GENERAL MUSHARRAF

ON the auspicious occasion of convocation 2007, the President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf expressed his happiness over it. In his message, he said that in this day of globalization the role of education cannot be over emphasized. All stake-holders have to realize that Pakistan will never be able to get out of the quagmire of socio-economic backwardness without bringing about qualitative and quantitative improvements in our education system. Views in this perspective, universities, both in the public and private

— Contd. on P/2



Greenwich University conferred honorary doctorate degrees on Mr Hameed Haroon, CEO, DAWN Group of Newspapers (left) and H.E. Prof Dr M. Riad H. Ismat, Ambassador to Pakistan of Syrian Arab Republic.



Ms. Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University who presided over the Convocation, addressing the audience.

Greenwichians Participate in LUMS Olympiad

LAHORE University of Management Sciences (LUMS) is a National University. It has been arranging every year an event of arts in collaboration with the Debates and Recitation Society (drums), the LUMS Media Arts Society, Drama Line, the Music Society, the LUMS Computer Gaming Society and the Arts Society named Olympiad 2007. In this event different institutes participated from all over the country.

In this Olympiad they conducted various competitions like debate, art, music, drama, computer gaming, photography, quiz etc. After

receiving the invitation from LUMS the responsible faculty members started preparing their teams for active participation in this Olympiad. After minute and dedicated effort of selection process under the SDCC, 6 teams were formed for above mentioned events with the approval of V.C.

The team of Greenwich University comprised 20 members of which 18 were students, who were accompanied by two faculty members Dr. Sadia Rafi & Ms. Lubna Ahsan. The event lasted from 1st March till March 4th, 2007. The contingent of Greenwich University left

— Contd. on P/8

The Vice-Chancellor Applauds Faculty of Social Sciences for Bringing out its Research Journal

THE Vice-Chancellor, Ms Seema Mughal commends the efforts of the Faculty of Social Sciences for producing the first research journal of Greenwich University.

‘New Horizons’, the first Research Journal of Greenwich University, has been launched by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

It is marked by its distinctive disciplinary modes — the thinking practices of Economics, International Relations, Mass Communication, Political

Science, Public Administration, Sociology, and Social Work. It introduces the social sciences through a

— Contd. on P/3

GREENWICH FORUM FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT “Who Are We?”

AS this was the second event organized by the Greenwich Forum for Spiritual Enlightenment, the Forum’s team members were very collaborative this

— Contd. on P/8

Dr Hamadullah Lectures at HEC

DR HAMADULLAH, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, delivered a lecture on 23 April as an expert in Higher Education Commission’s Regional Office on “Role of Civil Society in Socio-Economic Development of Pakistan”. The Higher Education Commission arranges such lectures every Thursday and invites speakers who are well recognized in their



— Contd. on P/11

NED BILINGUAL DECLAMATION CONTEST Mehreen Speaks Louder Than Words

THE Bilingual Declaration Contest 2007 was held at NED University of Engineering & Technology on April 14, 2007.

The Greenwich team comprising

— Contd. on P/5





sectors could play a significant role in changing the destiny of the entire nation. Time, however, is of the essence, and we need to move fast. I wish Greenwich University success in all its endeavours towards providing quality education in Pakistan.

ny marched to the stage in two files to commence the proceedings of the convocation. The ambience of the evening turned elegant with every step of the robed procession towards the dais. The front row hosted the Vice-Chancellor, the

literature and print media respectively. Dr Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan, Governor of Sindh and Patron Greenwich University, was not able to preside over the Convocation owing to his important official engagements. In his message he appreciated the atten-

try like Pakistan, which has an appalling rate of illiteracy, university education is the privilege of only the fortunate few. Greenwich has discarded the obsolete approaches to education where learning was confined to classrooms, laboratories and



The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaukat Aziz in his message congratulated the graduating students and their parents. He said that in a fiercely competitive world, the traditional concepts of university education have undergone significant and rapid changes. He said education and academic excellence can turn Pakistan into a moderate, progressive and forward-looking community.

Also, Dr Arbab Ghulam Rahim, Chief Minister of Sindh, Mr Javed Ashraf Qazi, Federal Minister for Education, Dr Ata-ur-Rehman, Chairman Higher Education Commission and Dr Hamida Khuhro, Provincial Minister for Education sent their heartfelt congratulatory messages to the students and Greenwich University. They threw light on the importance of higher education in Pakistan and were confident that the youth of Pakistan educated at institutions such as this would play a vital role in the development of Pakistan.

The stage had become a grand spectacle of glory and pride by 7 o'clock, on 24th March, 2007, whose image is pinned in our memories. The solemn procession led by the marshals of the ceremo-

Registrar and the Deans. Behind them were seated the Faculty members and then the proud graduating students. The event was enlivened by the presence of parents, family members and friends of the graduating students, who were as excited as the recipients of the degrees themselves. The cere-



mony began viz the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by Naat. The ceremony formally began with the national anthem, played by the naval band.

Apart from graduating students, two eminent scholars were conferred honorary doctorate degrees. Prof Dr M. Riad H. Ismat, Syrian Ambassador to Pakistan, and Mr. Hameed. A. Haroon, CEO of Dawn Group of Newspapers received honorary doctorate degrees for their outstanding contribution to

tion paid to the promotion of research through various M. Phil. and Ph.D. programmes offered at Greenwich University in the disciplines of Social Sciences and English. He congratulated all the graduating students on the successful completion of their final studies who are now poised to step into the practical world.



Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Ms Seema Mughal presiding over the convocation congratulated the students and their parents on such a remarkable achievement. She said that it is a day not only for rejoicing, but also for thanksgiving, both for the graduating students and their proud parents.

It is also a day for some serious reflection; an occasion not merely to bask in the glory of one's personal achievements, but also to try and look at the larger picture. In a coun-

libraries. Students at Greenwich are exposed to variety of formal and informal learning situations, where they are trained to cope with all kinds of stressful situations, without losing their equanimity and composure. At the end, she said, paradoxically, the convocation marks the end of one journey and beginning of another — the turbulent expedition of life itself.

The Vice-Chancellor's address was followed by award of gold medals and the degrees. At the convocation 2007, twelve undergraduate and postgraduate students were awarded gold medals for their extraordinary academic achievements in various programmes. Moreover, 363 degrees were awarded to undergraduate and postgraduate students in different disciplines.

The convocation was followed by a sumptuous dinner and a concert, where Abrar-ul-Haq, Reith and Suroor enthralled the audience by their amazing live performances. The event, though ended, marked the beginning of a new day with new challenges to emerge. The dreams at Greenwich University can not come true in the state of inaction, but everyone has to wake up to reality and struggle. ■



Women Awareness Campaign by NAVITUS

HEALTH is Wealth, and it must be taken seriously. It needs to be addressed as a growing concern in Pakistan, as health directly affects the working efficiency of every individual and human resource is wealth of a nation. Women population, especially in the third world countries does not

glasses of milk are essential for the girls aged between 14 -22 and for children one glass of milk daily. They also answered the questions raised by the participants and also cleared the myths regarding milk. Furthermore, they described the scary results which may arise due to lack of milk intake for e.g. bones



address its health issues with the seriousness that is required. Navitus, has taken a much needed stand and has organized workshops all over Pakistan to create awareness and develop at least basic understanding amongst women, in this context they conducted an informative and interesting workshop for female students of Greenwich University.

It was an hour session which seemed to be designed by a qualified nutritionist. The speaker briefed females regarding their health issues. They emphasized the intake of milk, furthermore they explained it's good to have 3 glasses of milk for women, 2

become fragile and weak and due to lack of calcium, fracture chances may also increase in women. They also defined how it can be avoided and how women can secure their health by regular use of milk.

Candidates appreciated this step of Navitus and gained fruitful information from the workshop. At the end, Navitus team served goodie bags which had Tetra Pack Milk, refreshment and the flasks of their company.

DR. SADIA RAFI

Coordinator: Faculty of Social Sciences & Student Development Center Council

Goethe Institute Highlights the Importance of German Language

A seminar on German Language was organized by Greenwich University in collaboration with Goethe Institute, Karachi on 24 January, 2007. This seminar was organized by the Department of Social Work,

Language world wide. He said German Language is the third largest spoken language around the world. German language has profound literature and unique sweetness. Since Federal Republic of Germany is the third largest econ-



Faculty of Social Sciences of Greenwich University. The purpose of this seminar was to provide first-hand knowledge about Goethe Institute, German Language and to promote the mutual understanding between the two Institutions.

omy in the world, one can find excellent job opportunities in Pakistan and around the world. In Pakistan there are several famous German multinational companies eager to employ Pakistani professionals having expertise in German Language. In Germany, language



is compulsory for the foreigners who are interested to attain the education free of cost. He further said that the Goethe Institute is closely working with different professional and educational institutions to pro-

- Contd. from P/1

Research Journal

study of the emergence of diverse human societies, cultures, and institutions over time. Using a multi-cultural, global perspective, students explore the foundations of the human experience through knowledge, concepts, and skills from the disciplines of History, Sociology, Geography, Political Science, and Anthropology. Faculty of Social Sciences launched its first bi-annual issue of Research Journal "New Horizons" in January, 2007.

Although you may not have been trained directly for any particular career, employers are interested in many skills you develop at University, and these are usually more important than the subject area of your degree. These skills are often called 'transferable skills' or 'flexible skills.' This is an important point that many applicants to university degree courses (and many of their parents and teachers) overlook. The successful completion of a degree in any Social Sciences subject area demonstrates, in particular, a flexible and adaptable approach to learning, research skills, analytical ability; critical evaluation, ability to work to

deadlines, creativity, logical thinking, team-working, self-organization and communication skills.

There are no areas of study better than Social Sciences for honing these particular abilities. This is important, because it is this general tool kit of abilities that is so highly valued by employers (and so carefully tested in many employers' selection processes).

Through studying Social Sciences subjects, you will be aware of how groups in society relate to each other and to the framework that society has generated - which is also highly valued by employers. Indeed, your tool kit of general skills will have been developed within the very contexts that most prospective employers will want to see them employed.

On a final note: the subject matter of Social Sciences will clearly be engaging because it is the framework within which you, your family and your friends conduct their lives. As a social scientist you would be better equipped than most to take advantage of opportunities to improve features of this framework - and make a difference. ■

The seminar was attended by huge number of students, deans, chairpersons and several staff members of the various faculties of the Greenwich University. The seminar was moderated by Dr. Sabir Michael, Chairperson, Department of Social Work, Greenwich University.

Mr. Shamim Manzar, Head of the Language Department of Goethe Institute was the guest speaker on the occasion along with Mr. Cristian, staff member of Goethe Institute, Karachi. The seminar began with the recitation of Holy Quran by Dr. Syed Wasim Uddin. At the out set of the seminar Dr. Sabir Michael welcomed the guests and participants and described the purpose of the programme. Mr. Shamim Manzar took over the floor and gave comprehensive presentation on the subject mentioned. He enunciated the need and importance of the German

Language and Culture in Pakistan. He expressed his desire to initiate the German language as a course of study in different programmes offered at Greenwich University. He explained different levels and the curriculum of the courses of German Language offered at Goethe Institute, Karachi.

After the presentation Mr. Shamim Manzar replied to the questions of the students as per their satisfaction. In the end Dr. Syed Wasim Uddin offered a vote of thanks. He thanked the guest speaker, Faculty members and students for participating in the seminar. During the programme, reading material about German language and Goethe Institute was distributed among the students.

DR. SABIR MICHAEL

*Chairperson,
Dept. of Social Work*

THE rapid means of communication and digital revolution have opened wide vistas of the world, especially for higher education institutions. The rise of internationalism, globalization of economics, knowledge and culture, and the concept of lifelong learning give a distinctive character to higher education both in international and national contexts. Through its contribution to lifelong learning, competitiveness and pursuit of excellence, higher education has to play a leading role in the society.

Qualified manpower is a pre-requisite for advancement of knowledge, promotion of research and the socio economic development of the country. The availability of such manpower is possible only through institutions of higher learning having well equipped laboratories, properly maintained libraries, spacious classrooms, conducive environment and above all, the academic expertise, which could provide leadership and guidance.

There is a general feeling that the

State of Higher Education in the Private Sector of Pakistan

quality of education in the public sector has deteriorated rapidly and the present system has not responded to a large number of inputs made for raising the quality. The annual reports of the Federal and Provincial Public Service Commissions and other such recruiting bodies often point out the low quality of output in our higher education institutions in the public sector.

In sharp contrast, the private sector concentrates mainly on the quality of lectures and students and the support services provided to them by the educational institutions. The level of competence of the teachers, updating and qualitative curricula and the caliber of the intake are the main contributing features that accelerate the quality of higher

education in the private sector. They cater adequate funding for student support services, libraries, well equipped laboratories, repair facilities for equipment and qualified administrative staff are considered to be crucial factors in the high quality of education imparted.

The National Education Policy 1992 recommended that "eradication of campus violence will receive top priority in the management of education on campuses." Private universities follow a code of ethics that is strictly enforced for regulating the activities on their campuses. Such universities / colleges bring sanity on the campus and restore the sanctity of educational institutions in the competitive world of the 21st century.

Religious, moral, historical and cultural ethics permeate through the fabric of the educational system of a country.

The emerging technological advancements, the rapidly changing pattern of scientific development, and the need for acquiring new skills have been incorporated by the private sector in their innovative, and comprehensive approaches to imparting knowledge.

Since the private educational institutions earned high reputation for the academic standards they had been able to maintain, the Government in 1972 decided to take over all the privately managed educational institutions. As a result, 19,432 educational institutions were nationalized. These included 18,926 schools, 346 madrasahs, 155 colleges and 5 technical institutions.

The National Policy of 1979, reviewed the consequences of nationalization and came to the conclusion that in view of poor participation rates at all levels of education, the government alone could not carry the burden of the entire educational process. It was then considered necessary to encourage once again the participation of the community in educational development.

Therefore, permission was granted by the Ministry of Education and Private enterprises were encouraged open educational institutions, particularly in rural areas. Ordinances were adopted by the Government of NWFP and Sindh. The Ordinances provide for the registration of all private institutions with Registration Authority to be established. Under the then prevailing conditions, government approval was considered mandatory for the adoption of fee structure by each private institution.

It is estimated that more or less 30,000 private educational institutions at all levels with approximately 3 million students are functioning in the country. Most of these institutions are "English Medium schools that impart education from play group to postgraduate level."

The revival of privatization is considered favorably as "burden sharing" with the government, since the developments in the private sector supplement, in a significant way, government's own development plans. It has strengthened the

- Contd. on P/5

Begam Nawazish Ali Brings the House Down at her Alma Mater

ALI Saleem alias Begum Nawazish Ali brought the house down at his alma mater, Greenwich University, on Saturday



night in an ebullient performance to support Darul Sukoon — a local charity. The students of Advanced Marketing Management organized a fund-raiser featuring 'Begum Nawazish Ali alive' at the university.

Saleem started with an old song 'Jhoom' - Contd. on P/11



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER COUNCIL ELECTION 2007

THE Student Development Center Council (SDCC) Election 2007 was held on

Committee. The election was absolutely transparent and conducted in a smooth and peaceful



February 26, 2007. The candidates were given ample time to carry out their Election campaign. Mr. Saeed Mughal, Director Administration, was the Chairman of Election

manner. The Admin Staff were asked to remain totally impartial. The candidates canvassed and attracted the voters by displaying big colorful banners in their favor



- Contd. from P/4 **Private Sector**

delivery of education services through greater NGO and private sector involvement.

Therefore, growth in private higher education can be explained in terms of either 'excess demand' or differentiated demand' (James 1993). In many countries, particularly the developing countries, excess demand exists for higher education, over and above the quantum that the government provides. The excess demand is met by the private sector. Since there exists huge excess demand, the private sector is growing very rapidly even in those countries where the higher education of public universities used to be largely in the domain.

MS LUBNA AHSAN
Coordinator, Faculty of Arts

- Contd. from P/1 **Mehreen**

Mehreen Nasir (English Serious) and Aiman Irfan Ali (Urdu Humorous) participated in the NED Bilingual Declamation Contest.

Both the participants appeared to have done their homework properly.

All participants delivered their speeches well and it was a very close contest, but one had to be declared winner.

Mehreen Nasir of our University whose topic was "Think globally, but Act Locally" was articulate and also had appropriate expressions. She managed to secure first position. Aiman also presented herself creditably. ■



and entertaining the student voters with refreshments and lunch.

The student voters displayed a lot of enthusiasm during the election campaign for their candidates, but it was heartening to note that they remained very disciplined and accommodative.

The polling started at 11 a.m. and continued till 10 p.m.

Immediately after the polling, the counting of votes started. Result was announced the next day. Some very interesting and close contests

among the candidates were observed. Candidate elected as President won only by two votes. Close contest was also observed for few other posts.

The candidates who acquired different positions are 1) Mr. Salman Mansoor, President; 2) Mr. Ghazanfar Siddiqui, Vice-President; 3) Mr. Arsalan Siddiqui, Joint Secretary; 4) Ms. Yamna Tarranum, General Secretary; 5) Ms. Mehreen Nasir, Urdu Coordinator; 6) Mr. Faraz Modi, English Coordinator. ■

THE GREENWICH

The Fulfilment
of Your
Dreams



THE GREENWICH GALAXY

The Fulfilment
of Your
Dreams



Greenwich University

Convocation
March 24, 2007



VICH GALAXY

University

Convocation
March 24, 2007



- Contd. from P/1

LUMS Olympiad

for Lahore on February 27th, 2007 by train. During the journey our students enjoyed a lot. They sang songs, played different games and did a lot of other exciting activities.

LUMS Administration and their students were extremely hospitable throughout our stay there. They had made suitable transport arrangements too for the Greenwich delegates.

The Olympiad 2007 formally started with the opening ceremony in which the organizers of LUMS introduced the University and briefed the host teams about the working of LUMS society. They further extended their warm welcome to the guests. Expectedly, more than 500 students from the country's schools, colleges and universities took part in the four days Olympiad.

On the first day of the Olympiad two of our students Anoosha Pervaz & Sobia Pervaz participated in the Parliamentary Debate & qualified for the semi-final round, which was conducted the next day.

The 2nd day at LUMS was a very busy day. Greenwich University drama team performed their drama "Deeja Vu" a dark comedy, that highlighted the evils associated with lust for money. The theme of the play was absorbing and interesting. The performance given by Bilal Ahmed, Taimour Nawaz and Muhammad Umer was much appreciated by the audience. The Daily times also mentioned it approvingly in the write-up on the LUMS Olympiad.

The next event of the day was quiz competition in which two participants of our University Moaz Khan & Yasir Shiwani took part. Over 26 teams participated in the quiz competition. The participants were questioned on current affairs, geography, history, mathematics, science, sports, arts & literature, entertainment, religion, mythology, and politics. 15 teams were selected out of 26 and our University team remained on the 16th position by the difference of one point.

The third day of the Olympiad was observed as a day of Music, Photography and Parliamentary Debate. In photography the participants used their photography to discuss the prevailing social evils of our society. Several photographs suggested remedies for the elimination of such suffering. The Judges and the audience alike appreciated the work. In this competition our two students Murtaza

Vaid & Salman Mansoor displayed their photographs in which Murtaza Vaid exposed drug addiction among children, while Salman portrayed the simplicity & beauty of rural life in an impressive manner.

The Daily Times, in one of its subsequent issues, interviewed the Greenwich students who had participated in the Photography Competition and applauded their efforts.

Second competition of the day was Parliamentary Debate (semi-final round) in which our University team attained 3rd position and qualified for the Final round. Ghazanfar Siddiqui & Zain Khan participated in the Music Competition. Both of them, not only sang well but were also well received. They drew thunderous applause. Ghazanfar Siddiqui also belongs to a famous band "Xambeel" which has been often performing frequently at different places. Students musical bands and groups performed songs of various genres.

Fourth day was observed as a day of computer gaming. In computer Games competition, male students mainly participated and the game of choice was Counter Strike.

The Olympiad 2007 came to an end with the closing ceremony in which the organizers extended their thanks to all participants (Universities/Institutes). Having interacted with so many participating teams and attending such a mega event our University team returned to Karachi on Sunday March 4, 2007.

At the closing ceremony of the Olympiad 2007, the judges acknowledged the creditable performance of the Greenwich team which had participated in Photography, Music, Debates, Quiz, Drama and Computer Gaming.

The Greenwich trip to Lahore was a part of a well established tradition at Greenwich University where the students and teachers are provided opportunities to travel outside the city and country and interact with other academic institutions outside Karachi.

We, at Greenwich, believe that travel enhances learning by observing foreign cultures, meeting different people and appreciating variety in traditional heritage. So far, our Socio-Cultural and Sports (Cricket) Tours to South Korea, Hong Kong, china, Malaysia, Dubai and UK are marked as successful events in this respect. ■

- Contd. from P/1

Who are We

time in maintaining discipline during the event amongst the alumni. Before the actual event took place, Greenwich Forum for Spiritual Enlightenment (GFSE) members met regularly to devise plans and

end of the day, and that's what used to disturb him. At the age of 40, he decided to spiritually rejuvenate himself, when once he was just sitting by himself looking up to the skies in search of peace of mind. He



divide activities within the team. Marketing for the event was handled innovatively as well putting out memos that would especially emphasize on the speaker's identity as a Jew Convert, to get a larger crowd to attend. Furthermore, the event organizers were especially keen on getting the setup ready in time with backup team members to help out on the event date.

The event proceeded as planned beginning at 4:45 and ending at 5:45. A large number of students, that con-

started out on an exploratory journey looking through many religious scriptures trying to find an answer to the humankind's being on Earth, when he found Islam.

He then related the strength of his current beliefs to many of his childhood experiences when as a kid attending grade school, he saw other rich kids walking out of the classroom boasting about their psychiatrists. He knew at the time he didn't want to be one of them. He also mentioned of his cousin



sisted of a minority from the master's batch and a majority from the Bachelor's batch attended the meeting besides the administration. GFSE especially made sure that the two female members and two male members of the Forum would be present throughout the event to avoid a hazardous movement of alumni, as they wouldn't be allowed to leave unless there is a genuine excuse.

The speaker started the discussion by introducing himself to the crowd as Sheikh Hashim as what has been his long journey towards retaining that title. He explained how his career as a musician was full of noise and glamour on the outside yet left him mentally disturbed on the inside. All those attractions from the outside are but temporary at the

attending Harvard University, who was not only excellent at schoolwork, but was also a favorite of his parents. Once he asked his cousin a question, he asked himself day and night, and his cousin went blank. Many such incidents and then a reaffirming belief system strengthened his 'Iman' in the oneness of Allah, and that human being is Allah's most blessed creature who is there to be good Muslim not merely by title but by practice.

Sheikh Hashim concluded his speech here as the faculty wrapped the event first by thanking and awarding the GFSE members who had worked hard to make the event possible. The speaker was taken to boardroom for a tea break.

Anoosha Pervez - BS21 1591

What is Social Work?

Social Work is relatively a new born academic discipline and profession. It is a problem-solving process. It is not merely charity, but it is a profession in which a social worker assists the clients to solve their problems to attain satisfaction in life. In this profession the services are provided objectively and systematically for the well-being of people and societies.

According to W.A. Friedlander

"Social Welfare is an organized system of social services and institutions, designed to aid individuals and groups to attain satisfying standards of life and health; and personal and social relationship which permit them to develop their full capacities and to promote their well-being in harmony with the needs of their families and the community".

From the above description and definition it can be deduced that the Social Work is a discipline as well as a practicing profession. It has its own philosophy, principles, methods and code of ethics. Although Social Work has benefited greatly from psychology and sociology, but it has adopted a new practical shape and presently it has emerged as a full-fledged practicing profession. This profession enables social workers to understand the role and character of the individual to solve their problems. That is why, this discipline is also called an art of resolving problems of an individual, groups and communities.

History of Social Work

Social Work has been present in the human society in any form throughout the human history. In the old times, the philanthropists used to help the poor and deserving people. This profession evolved on the felt needs of the society when the human society transformed from aggregarian into industrial. Due to over population and industrialization the human being had to depend upon group life. With the promotion of the welfare state the responsibility of the welfare of the human beings was delegated by the state and the government. The religion also continued to motivate the people towards the volunteer social work.

In modern times, technical development, mechanical life and urbanization of population have found the informal method of social work insufficient and irrelevant. Due to this reason the governments had to introduce and adopt new methods of social work. These new methods are recognized as a professional social work.

The appointment of medical social workers in the Boston hospital in 1895 is considered the formal enunciation of professional social work. In the sub continent, India Tata institute

Need and Importance of Professional Social Work in Pakistan

of social work was established in 1936 by the British government. The formal teaching of social work started in Mumbai University in 1940. After the creation of Pakistan, the professional social work was formally started by the United Nations (U.N.O) in 1951. In 1952, the experts of the United Nations recommended in their report that the education of the professional social work must be started. Some NGOs which were formed for the socio-economic welfare of the refugees and other underprivileged people also under lined the need of professional social work. In 1953, the planning board was established whereas, in first five year plan of 1955-1960 special provision for social work was incorporated. The formal teaching of social work started at University of Punjab in 1955 as a diploma course which subsequently became Master's programme in 1956. Till 1980, this subject was being taught in four public universities. Presently, this subject is being taught in six public sector Universities. At federal level, there are national council of social welfare and planning board. At provincial level there are directorate of social welfare and provisional council of social welfare to regulate the activities of social development in the country.

The Department of Social Work at Greenwich University

Greenwich University is the first University in the private sector which has started the department of social work. Its mission is to provide best trained human resource to the country for social welfare and development sector. It further wishes to carry out the social welfare and community development projects with other stake holders to contribute to the socio-economic development of the masses. It also aims to promote research culture in the country to solve the social problems of Pakistan on scientific basis.

Need and Importance of Social Work in Pakistan

The professional social work is the need of an hour especially, for Pakistan. Due to ongoing socio-economic and geo-strategic circum-

stances our society is undergoing complex problems. These problems demand planned and coordinated efforts to solve the problems on long term basis. This is only possible through the application of professional social work and social worker rather than volunteer and charitable social work. The professional



social work is important to solve the social problems on sustainable basis. As we need doctors, engineers and bankers etc, we need professional social workers who can make Pakistan a real welfare state. Our nation is generous enough and gives billions of rupees in charity. The problem is that neither this given charity is used scientifically nor the responsible institutions are working professionally. To improve the efficiency of the welfare institutions such as Zakat, Ushar and Bait-ul-mal etc there is a great need to employ professional social workers to run these institutions effectively.

Prospects

It is a growing discipline with an open market that badly lacks skilled and trained professionals. Therefore, in both public and private sector the opportunities of professional satisfaction and achievement are lying ripe for the degree holders of this subject. UNO and its special agencies such as UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA etc. are often on the look out for candidates who are suitably trained. Apart from UNO, there are several other national and international organizations such as Red Cross/ Crescent, Aorat Foundation,



Pakistan Institute of Labor Education and Research (PILER) and Action Aid etc. having job openings for Social Workers. Moreover, ministries at district, provincial and federal level such as Social Welfare, Special Education & Women Development, and Population Welfare hire Social Workers to run the affairs effectively.

Conclusion

It can be concluded that the professional social work is in dire need of professional social workers. It is important to combat prevailing social evils such as poverty, illiteracy and unemployment etc. It is

also necessary to improve social justice, human rights and living standard of the underprivileged people. Unfortunately, this profession is not recognized fully by the government and masses. Following recommendations are suggested to improve this profession.

1. This profession should be given due recognition both at public and private levels.
2. This subject should be taught in all public and private sectors including schools, colleges and universities.
3. There should be an independent and full-fledged department / ministry which should not be mixed up with related departments.
4. This should be a licence holding profession such as Law, Medical and Engineering. A professional association of social work may be established with the mandate to issue the licence to the practicing social workers. This authority can also regulate the matter of both government and non-governmental organizations working for social welfare. It has also been recommended in the 8th five year plan government of Pakistan.
5. There should be an effective coordination among the institutions of social welfare to formulate agreed social policies and to employ professional social worker in such agencies.

DR. SABIR MICHAEL
Chairperson, Dept. of Social Work

Greenwich Convocation: A Kaleidoscopic Assessment

It is a pleasure to be here on this auspicious occasion. May the University prosper and produce high quality citizens for the future of Pakistan. We must strive for higher excellence & only education may reduce our nation from its present critical juncture. Best of luck.

ABDULLAH HUSSAIN HAROON
FORMER SPEAKER, SINDH ASSEMBLY

Very happy to be here.

CAPT. AKHLAQ HUSSAIN ABIDI
MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I hope education will be taken as a path to progress.

PROF DR. A.S NASIR
FORMER COUNTRY DIRECTOR & CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (U.N.D.P)

It was a great privilege to be part of Greenwich University ceremony. This initiative is truly pioneering in addressing other cultures and giving recognition to foreign authors. I cherish this memory & treasure all the generous hospitality I was offered.

PROF DR M. RIAD H. ISMAT
AMBASSADOR, SYRIAN EMBASSY, ISLAMABAD

I am impressed with the vision & enthusiasm of Mrs. Mughal, and this has been reflected by the progress of University.

MAJYD AZIZ
PRESIDENT, KARACHI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Excellent arrangements.

PROF DR MASOOD HAMEED KHAN
VICE CHANCELLOR DOW UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

What a joy to be at one with 236 brilliant minds, to revel in their achievement, to join the brave new world at precisely the time when 236 young people are going to enter it adverts. My sincere congratulations to Ms. Mughal the capable Vice-Chancellor for stage managing such a stupendous event. Thank you for inviting me and conferring the honorary degree in philosophy. All the best for the future.

DR HAMEED HAROON
CEO, DAILY DAWN, KARACHI.

Fantastic day.

MICHAEL GREGORY
AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE, ISLAMABAD

It is really heartwarming to be

invited for this occasion and I hope Greenwich will progress further.

PARVEZ IQBAL
CONSULTANT, MASOOD AZIZ ASSOCIATES, KARACHI

I am happy to see that you are paying a lot of attention to the values in our society which have gone down in the past.

JUSTICE S.A. SARWANA
FORMER JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF SINDH

Excellent reception at front desk.

IMRAN AFTAB
DIRECTOR, ALLIED GROUP, KARACHI

Wish you best of luck.

MS ISHRAT SHAHEEN
PRINCIPAL KARACHI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

I hope your graduates will serve the society also.

NUSARAT NASARULLAH
SENIOR COLUMNIST

The best University of Pakistan.

NAIZ MUHAMMAD KHAN
RAWALPINDI

It's a great pleasure in performing in such a profound and professional

institution which has a great vision of educating the people with value system.

ABRAR UL HAQ
SINGER

Hope for a nice future.

MS. SHAH MAHMOOD H. SYED
REGISTRAR, SIR SYED UNIVERSITY, KARACHI.

Time for action, go for it.

S. ZEESHAN ALI SHAH
HEAD OF CARD SALES STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

The future belongs to the youth.

ZHANG CHAOYU
CONSUL GENERAL PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Greenwich was like a breath of fresh air in the smog-filled jungle of education mercenaries. Wishing you growth and further recognition.

MR IMRAN OWAIS KAZMI
NOKIA / SYNERGIZE, F-11, BUILDING 62, JEBEL ALI GARDENS, DUBAI

A well organized programme. Best wishes for Greenwich University.

YAQUB KHAN
UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Inter-University Championships

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006-2007



Inter-University Basketball Championship 2006-2007, Zone - H, under the auspices of Higher Education Commission, was organized by Greenwich University on March 1- 3, 2007.

The competition was among the following five teams.

1. Greenwich University
2. Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro
3. NED University
4. Textile Institute of Pakistan
5. Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences

Prof S.M. Iqbal was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony. Ms Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor of Greenwich University, was also present at the occasion. ■

Greenwich University outplayed NED University in the final and was declared 'Basketball Zone - H Champion.

Prof. Iqbal presented souvenirs to all Team Managers, and the Vice-Chancellor presented shield to the Chief Guest, Prof S.M. Iqbal. ■

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2006-2007



Inter-University Volleyball Championship 2006-2007, Zone - H, under the auspices of Higher Education Commission, was organized by Greenwich University on November 23 - 24, 2006. the following three teams participated in the Championship.

1. Mehran University
2. Textile Institute of Pakistan
3. Greenwich University

Dr Hammadullah, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony. He presented souvenirs to all Team Managers. Mehran University beat Textile Institute of Pakistan in the final and was declared champion of Zone - H. ■

CRICKET REPORT

Inter-University Cricket Championship 2007, Zone - H, under the auspices of HEC was organized by NED University, Karachi.

The following seven universities participated in the event.

1. Textile Institute of Pakistan
2. BUIT (Quetta)
3. SZABIST
4. Greenwich University
5. LUMS Jamshoro
6. Mehran University
7. NED University

Greenwich University was defeated by NED University in the final by a narrow margin. ■



GREENWICH CLINCHES INTER-COLLEGIATE / UNIVERSITY CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The DHA Degree College Inter-Collegiate / University Cricket Tournament was held at DHA Cricket Ground, Khayaban-e-Rahat, Phase VI, Karachi.

Eight teams participated in the tournament

- i) DHA Degree College
- ii) DHA Degree College Intermediate
- iii) Jinnah Medical University
- iv) Fast National University
- v) Greenwich University
- vi) D.A 'O' & 'A' Level School
- vii) I.B.A University
- viii) D.S.B.E



The tournament was played from March 27 to 28 April, 2007.

The final was played between Greenwich University and D.A. 'O' & 'A' Level School.

The DHA Degree College Cricket Tournament was won by Greenwich University. ■

- Contd. from P/4

Begum Nawazish Ali



Baba,' the passion he put into the performance made up for the deficiencies. As an alumnus of Greenwich University, Saleem said that he consented to perform at the fund-raiser because he owed it to his alma mater. moreover, it was for a noble cause, so I said 'why not?' he explained.

The song was followed by small stand-up routine with Begum



Nawazish Ali jabbing at well known names from cricket (Shoaib Akhtar, Inzamam-ul Haq), politics (Imran Khan, Benazir Bhutto and Asif Ali Zardari), Lollywood (Meera) and finally the Greenwich University crowd. It followed the talk show Begum Nawazish Ali is famous for. Although she did not have any celebrities she takes on, on TV, Begum Sahiba made the event go with the swing.

Awash with energy, Nazeer (Begum Nawazish Ali) with her questions and wit forced her male as well as female guests into tight corners. The audience fell off their seats laughing at her jokes and innuendoes and kept their interest alive until the end. ■

- Contd. from P/12

Dr Sabir Michael Represents

Development Forum on "An Introduction to ASHOKA Pakistan".

Dr. Sabir Michael Chairperson Department of Social Work Greenwich University attended the Development forum conducted by NGO RC Karachi at their office on Friday April 27th, 2007. The purpose of this forum was to share the information about "ASHOKA Pakistan" among the members of civil society organizations. Ashoka Pakistan is Non for profit international organization which facilitates those individuals who wish to implement their innovative ideas to bring social change in the Society. He asked some questions on the legal status, hierarchy and membership criteria and benefits of the organization. In the end the representative of Ashoka Pakistan Mr. Fazal Noor expressed his interest to conduct such information sharing section at Greenwich in this meeting Dr. Sabir Michael also introduced to the participants about the Faculty of Social Sciences and invited them to interact with Greenwich to get benefit of this excellent opportunity offered by Greenwich University.

Consultative meeting of Department for International Development (DFID) UK on

their work in Pakistan.

Dr. Sabir Michael Chairperson Department of Social Work Greenwich University participated in the Consultative meeting conducted by DFID UK at Sheraton Hotel on Friday, May- 4th, 2007. The prime objective of this meeting was to get feedback of the development experts and civil society organization CSO to prepare next country assistance plan (CAP) to use available aid grant double by the British Government Approximately 480 (56 billion in Pak Rupees). During the consultation the Chairperson underlined the areas in which the funds might be spent in next phase of 2008-2013 such as Education, Health & Sanitation, Political awareness, Human Rights Campaign and Poverty Reduction etc. He emphasized that the large proportion of the grant should be utilized for vulnerable sections of the society such as Special people, Minorities, and Children etc. This grant should be utilized transparently in public private partnership. The third party monitoring should be insured to achieved properly millennium development goals MDGs set out by international community to reduce Poverty. ■

INFINITY FILMS FINDS INFINITE TALENT AT GREENWICH

INFINITY films along with its team organized an audition at Greenwich University for its upcoming series 'Bachelors'.

The basic aim of Infinity Films was to explore the new talent from the core of the earth crust and to give them an opportunity to cheer their talent.

The audition was scheduled on 17



February 2007 to be held in Room "H" of Greenwich University.

Special registration forms were kept a week ago at the reception of University so that the willing participants could register themselves. 36 students registered themselves for the audition, among which there were 7 girls and 29 boys.

The scripts were placed three days before the auditions so there was



ample time for the rehearsal for the participants.

The day came when there was a huge rush of students in the lobby. The host, Nausheen Shah, took the interview of some of the partici-

- Contd. from P/1 Lecture at HEC

pective fields. They invite students from various private and public universities to attend the lectures.

Dr Hamadullah also delivered two lectures on the importance of social research at a workshop at Allama Iqbal Open University, Regional Office, Karachi on 3-4 May, 2007. He thoroughly discussed the various challenges in Social Research in Pakistan. According to the speaker Social Science in Pakistan is a neglected discipline. However, the graduates with Social Science Faculty are much in demand, and have ample lucrative employment prospects. ■

pants before going to the audition room. She asked them regarding their fear and confidence about the auditions. As soon as the children were seated the guests arrived and the program started.

At first Mr. Anil Dhanji, Manager Projects at Infinity Films, welcomed the participants and told them about Infinity Films and its

projects. Later, he explained the Bachelors and reason for conducting this session with students.

After his brief introduction to Infinity Films, Mr. Talat Hussain was invited on stage to give a few acting tips to the participants so that their confidence can be built up.

After his remarkable tips the actual auditions started. All the partici-



pants were quite confident and enthusiastic about their performance. Each and every participant tried his best to give the best shot.

Soon after the auditions, Mr Owais Khan, Director & CEO of Infinity Films, came on stage and gave his comments on the auditions. He encouraged the participants and gave them his valuable tips so that they can enhance their talent.

Once again Mr. Talat Hussain came and gave his comments on performance given by the participants.

Last but not the least Major (Retd). Muhammad Akrama, Asst. Director of Administration Greenwich University, gave his vote of thanks and appreciated the work by Infinity Films. He also thanked the panel judges specially Mr. Talat Hussain, who took out his time and came to encourage the students of Greenwich University. ■

Conference on Recent Advances in Mathematical Methods, Models and Applications

THE Centre of Advanced Studies in Mathematics, Lahore University of Management Sciences arranged a conference on the Recent Advances in mathematical Methods, Models & Application from 28th-29th April, 2007. The main objective of the conference was to bring together the mathematicians and users of mathematics from other communities such as Management Sciences, Computer Sciences, Electronics, Economics, Social Sciences and Biological Sciences etc so as to discuss their problems, ideas and methods to find out further progress in the understanding.

Dean, Faculty of Science, Greenwich University Dr. Arshad

Imam in his talk admired the efforts of CASM to bring people from disciplines in Natural, Applied, Pure and Social Sciences under one roof and proves the saying of Aristotle that "Mathematics is the mother of Sciences". In his paper on "Mathematical Models in Psychology" he described different branches of Mathematical Psychology and discussed the Mathematical modeling of Psychological Processes such as Learning, Memory, Perception, Reasoning, Decision making and Problem Solving in Cognitive theory.

Details and abstracts of the papers presented on the conference can be seen on the website <http://web.lums.edu.pk/~casm>. ■



Dr. Arshad Imam, Dean, Faculty of Science, Greenwich University (second from left) and Director CASM Dr. Ismet Beg with young mathematicians

International Conference on Religious Tolerance & Inter-Faith Harmony

DR ANSARUDDIN MADNI, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning represented Greenwich University at 'International Conference on Religious Tolerance and Inter-Faith Harmony' at Regent Plaza, Karachi on 22-23 December 2006.

Prof Dr Pirzada Qasim, Vice-Chancellor, University of Karachi Presided over the conference.



Scholars and researchers from all over the world participated in it. They discussed the ways to dispel the image of extremism and intolerance from the Islamic Community.

Dr Madni read his paper on 'Ittehad-e-Ummat Ke Imkanat'. He stressed on the importance of unity of thought and action from the shared platform. He said that over emphasis on menial issues has led to sectarianism in our society.

He proposed that we should work as an 'Ummah' keeping individual differences aside since every sect has agreed upon fundamental pillars of Islam.

Later on, 'Karachi Declaration of Inter Muslim Units' was released at the conclusion of the conference. ■

DEAN'S LIST

Undergraduate — Fall 2006	G.P.A.
1 BS14 1053 Amnah Javed	3.80
2 BS19 1381 Kaunain Fatima Siddique	3.80
3 BS23 1761 Sippy Shah	3.80
4 BS20 1429 Ahsan Shah	3.60
5 BS23 1717 Fahad Abdul Khaliq	3.60
6 BS23 1738 Bakhtiar Khan Kasi	3.60
7 BS21 1591 Anoocha Pervaz	3.60
8 BS17 1253 Fariha Raza	3.50
9 BS22 1634 Afreen Rangoonwala	3.50
10 BS22 1643 Fatima Hossain	3.50
11 BS15 1133 Aurangzeb	3.40
12 BS21 1592 Sobia Pervaz	3.40
13 BS18 1339 Saadan Saeed Khan	3.40
14 BS21 1567 Ruby Dastur	3.40
15 BS23 1709 Muhammad Moaz Khan	3.40

Graduate — Fall 2006	G.P.A.
1 MS23 882 Asif Muhammad Memon	4.00
2 MS23 1008 Rabia Waqar Ali	4.00
3 MS20 828 Sahifa Rasheed Razvi	3.80
4 MS22 967 Saadan Sultan Kalia	3.80
5 MS22 1281 Mehvish Fatima Mirza	3.60
6 MS23 806 Fatima Habib Ali	3.60

Congratulations

We offer our heartiest felicitations to all the distinguished students who made it to the Dean's List:

WELL DONE!

Dr Sabir Michael Represents Greenwich University at Various Social Development Forums

Focus group meeting on providing input to Development of baseline information collection tool related to civil society in Pakistan.

Dr. Sabir Michael, Chairperson, Department of Social Work, represented Greenwich University in the focus group discussion meeting conducted by NGO Resource Centre (NGO RC) at Sheraton Hotel on Thursday, April 12, 2007.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide input to Development of baseline information collection tool related to civil society in Pakistan. He provided maximum input on the questionnaire that was used as a tool during the discussion especially focusing on the types, historical background and nature of the civil society organizations in Pakistan. He also discussed the founding of the Faculty of Social Sciences by Greenwich University in the meeting.



- Contd. on P/11

Epision is a quarterly newsletter distributed free of charge.

Your valuable comments and suggestions are solicited



Greenwich University

DK-10, 38 Street, Darakshan Phase VI, D.H.A., Karachi-75500, Pakistan

Tel: 021-5840397/98
5847662, 5847663, 5847664

UAN: 111-202-303

Fax: 021-5851910

E-mail: gu@greenwichuniversity.edu.pk
URL: www.greenwichuniversity.edu.pk

Designed & Produced by:
Public Relations & Corporate Affairs Department, Greenwich University

♦ Views expressed here do not necessarily represent the views of the University or its officials.

... and the Winner is Farah Agha!

GREENWICH Alumnus Excellence Award is a prestigious accolade given to an Alumnus on his/her extraordinary performance during and after the studies. The jury has to choose the winner through a viable process of selection by discussing with and interviewing the short listed candidates. This year ... the Winner is **Farah Agha!**



Mr Majid Aziz, President, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Vice-Chancellor, Ms Seema Mughal, presenting the Alumnus Excellence Award to Farah Agha.

Farah Agha is the chief executive officer of the largest open end spinning mill in the country. She is the first and the only female to head a major textile unit in the country.

In May 2006, she was chosen by the US government for a program called "Fortune/ State Department Inter-

national Women Leaders Mentoring partnership program". Altogether, 17 women from 14 countries were chosen. She was the only one to be selected from Pakistan.

Epision congratulates Ms Farah Agha on her meritorious achievements and winning Greenwich Alumnus Excellence Award 2007. ■