

TEENNS and TWENTIES

Importance of Language Learning German

by Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

FOR those who are contemplating on job prospects abroad, one of the major points that must be considered is the language factor. Language here does not merely apply to the international language English but to other important languages like Spanish, French, Russian, German, Chinese, Japanese etc.

have introduced French in their regular curriculum. But as students confess, they just simply swallow some common phrases, verbs and conjugations and spit it out in their exam scripts — only to 'oublier' Francaise once the school episode was over! However, thanks to the foreign embassies there are some centres providing the necessary guidance and coaching to eager learners. Among them one of the most

courses planned and ready for him/her. The 'etudiants' can borrow language cassettes and browse through the exclusive French books and magazines at the well-stocked library. A F is not only about serious, non-stop studying, actually the place is quite exciting. There are exhibitions held all year round, people can watch movies and live French TV broadcasts. Sessions start in September, December, March and June.

Then, there is the German Cultural Centre or Goethe Institut. Though German somehow is not quite as popular as French is with the Bangladeshi folks, the institute also follows an excellent teaching system in a pleasant atmosphere. They provide several courses and the number of seats reserved for the beginners are limited. The 6 months long four days a week course costs Tk 1450 while the twice a week classes are Tk 700 (for 6 months).

For those keen on learning Japanese, there are schools such as Irin and Japanese Language Institute catering to them. As in the recent years career opportunities have been luring the 'deshis' to the land of the rising sun, the student turnover at the language schools is simultaneously increasing.

But only the Institute of the Modern Languages (IML) affiliated with the Dhaka University offers training courses in diverse tongues. As the brochure reads out: It promotes and provides for the study of modern languages, such as Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Persian (modern), Russian, Spanish and Turkish. In future IML also has plans for starting Hindi and Urdu language classes. The institute has provision for providing four courses. The duration of each course is one year and in the end of the year Junior, Senior, Diploma and Higher Diploma certificates are handed out to the successful trainees. Special English and Bangla language courses are part of their teaching programme. The DU students might be the main target of the IML but the centre with its multiple language courses has attracted many an outsider through the years. It also offers short intensive courses of a few weeks duration certain languages. The course fee at the IML is comparatively cheap, within Tk 260-Tk 500 for a year. Special discount for the University students.

Nowadays more and more people from school kids to office goers are enrolling in language classes. Some take it as a hobby to pass time while others take an interest in mastering new languages to give their career a boost. Whatever the reasons, knowing foreign languages not only opens doors but also expands one's horizon of knowledge.

Learning German

by Sonia Hossain

I always wanted to learn German. Funny thing is that till now I really don't know why. Maybe it's destiny, or maybe, it's not but who could tell? Many people asked why German? And why not? They ask me why don't you learn French instead? It will do you good. But really I couldn't find out what good it could do to me! Then again they tell learning German what is it going to do for me? Hell let them think what they want in the fat skull of theirs. I don't care anymore. Anyway, as it happens it was like a dog I always wanted, a yearning someone has for many years to get something badly, I really wanted to learn German.

Situation: July, 1990, Bucharest, Romania. I came across an advertisement in The International Herald Tribune from the Goethe Institute saying "Before learning German speak to us". I had to fill up my name and address and send it to the address given, which I did. After a few weeks they sent me a brochure, with different cities to choose in Germany and the variety of courses it has to offer. Imagine going all the way to Germany, just to learn German! But the price they asked for was too much for my father's ordinary government salary, so the very idea had to be rescinded.

One of my sister's friend knew German very well and offered to teach me, so maybe my ever wanting lust was going to be fulfilled after all. And so we started. She spoke Romanian and German while I spoke a little Romanian, English and, of course, Bangla. She got me an old edition German book and I started my first course in German. We also needed a Romanian-English dictionary, because sometimes it was difficult to understand what she wanted to say. Boy! I was having both Romanian and German course at the same time. Anyway, things were go-

ing okay, just about till a month. Codrina (my sister's friend's) boyfriend went to Germany a long time back and she missed him deeply, she had the opportunity to go there, and so she too left. Just like that, saying Auf Wiedersehen. Back to square one again. Maybe that was Auf Wiedersehen to German too. Romanian television would show some language courses amongst them was German. Alles Gute, I groped at it and learned whatever I could.

Situation: July, 1994, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

I just recovered from a flu, I was over with my exams and I was stiff bored. I came across an advertisement "Learn German", from the Goethe Institute in Dhaka, I called them up got down the schedule and everything and then hesitated. What if this time something happens to jeopardise my learning German? I couldn't make up my mind. At the end I scumbled. My parents gave their permission, and I went there and registered thinking what will be. We had our first class, introductions and sort. Many people think German is very easy, and very close to English. But that is not so, I had some rough time, sometimes I would hate it, especially when I couldn't comprehend it. With some people disappearing one by one, I was thinking to myself what the hell am I learning German for? I too wanted to disappear. But I hung on to it. Whatever it takes I'll see it through! 31st December, 1994, we were given our attendance certificate. Like an Amazon I felt I had gained victory over my fears and a long yearning. Anyway, after a lot of persuasion, piquing to my parents I'm taking the next course in German. Maybe one day I'll be reading Faust by J.W. Goethe, in German, but for now they're going to show Dracula, in their auditorium which I don't want to miss!

Information on Anthropology

by Siraj-us-Saleheen Lovell

ONCE upon a time, getting admitted to any University (in any department) was a very easy-going task (well, once upon a time everything was like a fairytale — so what!). Nowadays, to be a student of any University (whether it's in your liking or not), you have to fight a tough competition and show your best performance among so many competitors. But the main problem is, there aren't sufficient varieties (as well as seats) for so many students of our country passing the intermediate level. It's even tougher to get a chance to read the more recent subjects such as Anthropology, Archaeology, BBA, Pharmacy etc. Some of these subjects are even prototype. An informative feature on the subject Anthropology follows:

Anthropology: Mankind has always had a fascination over themselves — about their origin, gender, development, health issues and above all their own history. A most prominent and relatively new subject in the Social Science faculty of Jahangirnagar University, Anthropology tries to spot-light on these issues and covers up many other relative subjects. For the last few years, this department has become very much outstanding and renowned to the younger generation wanting to get admitted in the varsity level as a most fascinating subject. This small but efficient department started its journey on the auspices of the then Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Professor Kamaluddin in the year 1986. With only three teachers — one of who was part-time.

At that time Professor Baharuddin Jahangir of the De-

partment of Political Science of Dhaka University was the founder (part-time) teacher while Professor K. Mustahidur Rahman of the Economics Department of Jahangirnagar varsity looked after the job of the chairperson. That was a long time ago. Now, at present there are ten full time and two part-time teachers. Among them, one is a professor, four are assistant professors and five of them are lecturers. All of them are engaged in doing research jobs. Prominent are — Dr Nurul Alam (Environment and Natural Calamities), Dr Shahjalal (Health and Medical Anthropology), Mrs Rasheda Akter, present Chairperson, (Environment, Development and Women), Mrs Ainunnahar, Israt Ahmed and Mr Akbar Hossain are also conducting important research jobs. Besides them, Mrs Rehnuna Ahmed, Mrs Farzana Islam, Jahir Ahmed and Mr Prashanta Tripura also are conducting project and various researches. From the first year to the last year, every student is being well groomed in the subject. They get in-depth knowledge about the subject as they are always performing constant field work and special in-depth analysis and also practical studies. Moreover, in the third year of the Honours degree level, field work assignments are compulsory for each student. Matters such as gender, development, environment, human history and health issues are given specific emphasis as chapters. In the Master degree level (MSS) a new subject known as "Urban Anthropology" is included as a course subject.

The Department of Anthropology of Jahangirnagar has a link programme activated jointly done with the Sussex

University of the United Kingdom from 1988. It is conducted by the British Council (in accordance with ODA's monetary grant). Four teachers of this Department are completing their PhD degree in various foreign countries under this programme. The departmental library has a most outstanding collection of highly qualified books useful to both the students and teachers in grooming themselves about the subject and its related matters. Other than these, a magazine named "Nree-Biggan Pathraka" (Magazine for Anthropology) comes out from the department. The third volume of this magazine will be published soon.

The prospect of Anthropology is excellent and highly promising. Uptil now, about 60 students have passed with a Masters degree and are occupied with various fruitful jobs as well as professions. Some are engaged in NGOs, some are teachers, some included in international research organizations. They keep constant contact with the department and give their time and energy towards the welfare of the department. It is really crystal clear about the outstanding performance of this subject 'Anthropology', topping the list as the most successful of newest departments. The Jahangirnagar University is proud in having such a department at its possession. So, you young chaps out there, why miss the chance of being able to read in such an enchanting subject/department? Give it your best shot. For your information, you only require to have 45 per cent or more of your intermediate marks to get admitted. It's not so much to ask for, isn't it? Well, what d'ya say? See you at the department premises! Bye.

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English or in some cases only one of the two. On the other hand, if you are seeking employment overseas and if the US, UK, Australia or other English-speaking nations are not exactly what you have in mind, your knowledge of English might not always be sufficient.

popular and efficient institutions is definitely the Alliance Francaise. In Dhanmondi giving French lessons to anyone who is interested. As the brochure informs, all the teachers there, both French and locals are trained in French. One has to pay Tk 750 for each session at 'Alliance', that is minus the text book 'San Frontieres' I or II, which are available at Tk 400. Besides, the text books, dictionaries, grammar books and other French reading materials can be purchased there. The school offers 4 certificates. After the completion of four sessions, from class 1-4, one will obtain the elementary degree. Then another three sessions from class 5-7 enables one to get the intermediate degree. If the French buff wants to pursue further, there are advanced and superior

Purgatory

by Kazi Khaled Arafat

THE Book of Evil, the Gates of Hell — What's written there nobody can tell, Hidden in the question paper.

I sweat, I strain, in vain I try. To escape from this, I want to die — But I've gotta pull off this final caper. And read the question paper.

But there's no escape & I can't hide — Sadistic facts are bona fide. As I blindly reach for the answer sheet. My brain boils with internal heat! I'm frightened; in my head thrash drums beat! "Steven Spielberg at his best!"

And that's just passing in one more test.

A suicidal choice is made of free will! In the speed of the moment life stands still! As the invincible hunter makes the kill — And I accept the question paper.

A Man of his Own Talent

by Tasin Ahmed

FINDING the house of Shahiduzzaman Selim and his lovely wife Rozy Arefin was a real search for a needle in the bush. Because the description I had was beyond my capability to comprehend the exact location. But to my relief I eventually did and reached the beautiful house of this talented couple.

appearance in both TV and theatres. And today he has made his mark, very deeply and is popularly known by the people who are engaged in the cultural sector. Shahiduzzaman Selim is a brilliant actor. Though he is very young in the limelight and doesn't agree that he has earned the glory of that statement, but he is very eager to express his views and mottoes of his life. A person very straight forward like Shahiduzzaman Selim likes to be involved in work and doesn't want to pass his time sitting idle. Though he feels much happier when he is alone with his family — but the enthusiasm of working also enchants him. When I asked him about his outlook towards life, he strongly said that he thinks life is full of ups and downs, which is realistic. He believes that this 'hanging mood of life can often disturb the normal going of a beautiful life, and on the contrary fulfill it with extreme charm. So he thinks that one should be very much realistic about his or her life to succeed. When asked who in his choice was the most impressive person, he wholeheartedly named the name of Nasiruddin Yusuf and then after thinking for few seconds, the name of his wife, Rozy Arefin who is mostly known in the area as 'Biji Bat'.

abroad. At home his favourite artists are Golam Mustafa and Afzal Hussain and at abroad Nana Patekar and Dustin Hoffman. He likes to watch the Hindi films starred by Nana, as they are very informative and resembles and reflects the human life very deeply. When I asked him about his regrets, he said that hypocrisy is a thing which he regrets the most. (And as head automatically comes if you pull the ear.) he also hates liars. He thinks that liars and hypocrites are ruining this beautiful world and disturbing the ongoing peaceful human life.

Shahiduzzaman Selim loves to act or perform in the theatres. He thinks that theatre is a place where the best dramas relating to human life are staged. He also admires the atmosphere of the theatre and always hopes to act there. But that doesn't mean that he dislikes the TV, but he thinks that theatres are much more useful in spreading social consciousness through dramas. In stages his favourite dramas are 'Hath Hadoy' and 'Kirtankhola'. But in television he has a number of likings such as 'Chayya Shikari' or 'Shadow Hunter' 'Taar Rohoshyomoi Haashi' or 'His suspicious laugh', 'Bittobashana' 'Aami Ki Herium' etc. He has a personal favourite dramatist too and he is Selim-al-din. He likes his counterpart Selim because he is very talented and writes dramas about different matters, different types and of

different superlative quality. Going from the hard questions to the more easier ones I came to know the weakness of Shahiduzzaman Selim and that is that he is very ill-tempered and straight forward. He doesn't like to support things that are not right and cares a little to give objections. His ill-temper of ten puts him into odd situations and he blatantly agrees that he has never won against his wife in this sector. 'Tandori' and 'Xiang' is his favourite eating out places and he is very fond of Beef and Hilsha fish.

As started earlier, he has a keen interest and deep likings in music and he even stated that he would have been a singer, if not an actor which he is now. Even when he is alone with his family, passing a holiday, he likes to keep his stereo set open and listen to the music of mostly Lata Mangeshkar. His other favourite singer are S P Bala Subramaniam and Shumon of India. When asked about his future plans he stated about picturisation of music.

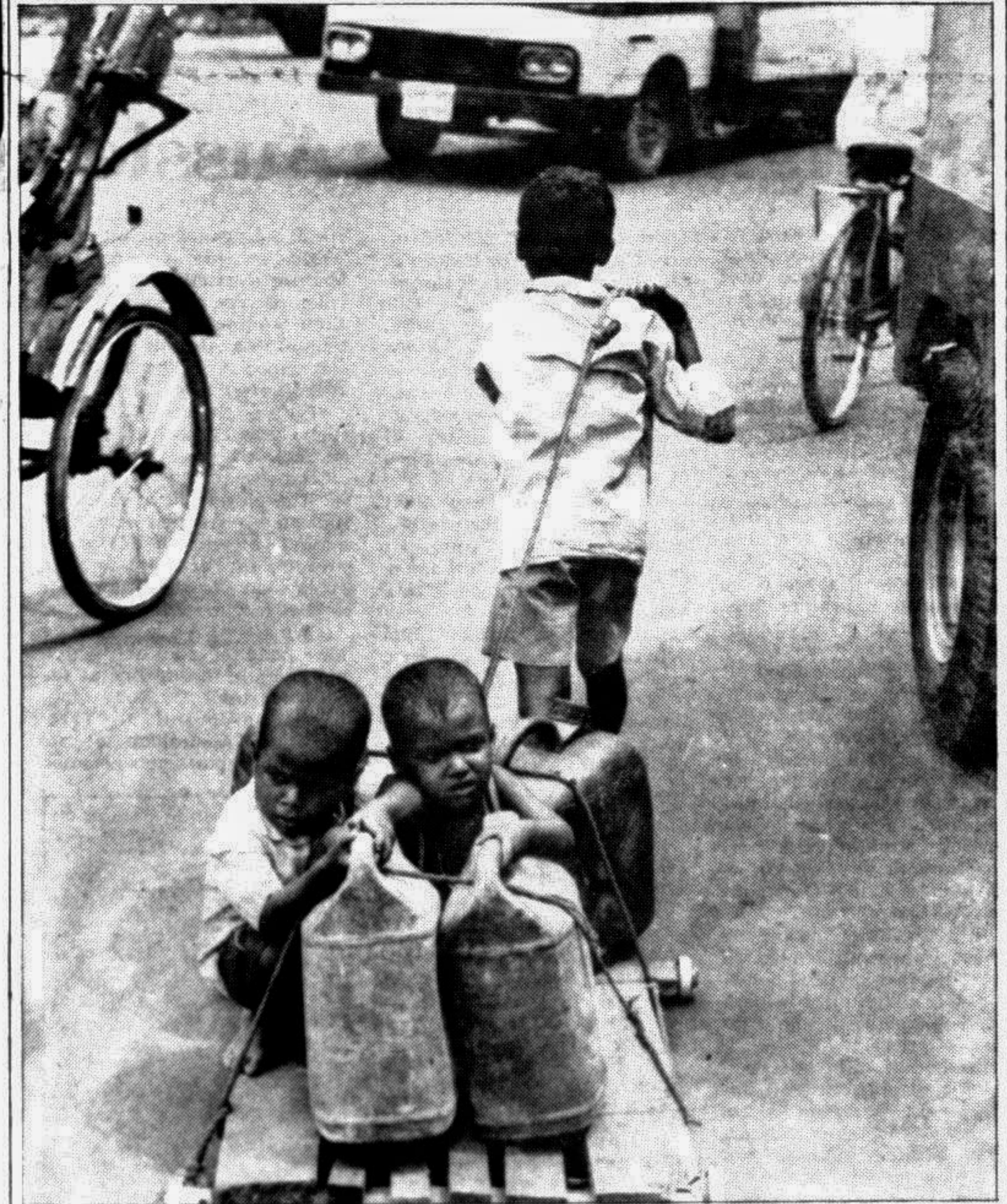
He also has another future plan and that is to direct a film, all by himself. He dreams about directing a movie or a stage show and watching his name on the silver screen as a director. When asked what he thinks about the spectator's habits and about their wants and wishes, he very respectfully obliged their support and their whole-hearted contribu-

tion of making drama a successful art. But he also has a rage on some of the spectators or critics who believes to know everything but knows actually very little. He gets confused and embarrassed when one criticises something, for an example a drama without understanding the moral significance or the teaching of it.

He also becomes embarrassed when someone overlightens his talent or his achievements and rates him more than he actually is. While having this exclusive interview with Shahiduzzaman Selim his wife Rozy Arefin accompanied us and helped Selim in different matters. She also blamed Selim whom she calls 'Babu' for smoking like a chimney, because cigarette is one of the favourites of Selim. Rozy Arefin herself is a very strong actress and has earned enormous fame by doing a lot of wonderful dramas.

When I eventually returned to my car, having finishing the exclusive interview with Shahiduzzaman Selim, the actor himself came and saw me off until my car disappeared. His hospitable gestures and his wonderful behaviour really enchanted me and from the core of my heart I wished 'I hope you become an outstanding actor'.

And even if my blessing would count, I am sure he would achieve it all by himself.



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How to be a BBAG Graduate?

by Fyaz Shahnour

THE IBA institute was created in 1966 as a separate entity within the broad framework of the University of Dhaka. The institute received assistance from the Indiana University, USA in mounting the academic programmes. At present the institute has two programmes catering to the needs of both the graduate and undergraduate students.

requirement. Minimum qualifying points for being eligible to apply is '6' calculated on the following basis (no more than one-third division is allowed). Usually applications are available to prospective students during the first week of December. The admission test is held sometime during the last week. Both these dates are announced in the major dailies of Bangladesh.

In the Master of Business Administration Programmes students are selected on the basis of their past academic records, performance in the admission test and interview. REQUIREMENTS A bachelor degree or it's equivalent in any field including engineering, agriculture or medicine is the minimum re-

The MBA programme prepares men and women for management careers in any sort of organisation. The primary emphasis is however given to management of business organisations in the private sector. It tries to help individuals develop specific skills and judgement required

of an effective manager. The programme emphasizes students ability to evaluate business and organisational situations and to make informed and creative judgement about policy and operation. The IBA alumni are all holding prestigious positions in both the private and public sector holdings. As the MBA programme is a professional course in business management it's students are usually given preference in the management oriented job market. Bangladesh is a growing economy with large business houses sprouting up everywhere, so it is safe to assume that the demand for MBA degree holders will not diminish in the near future.