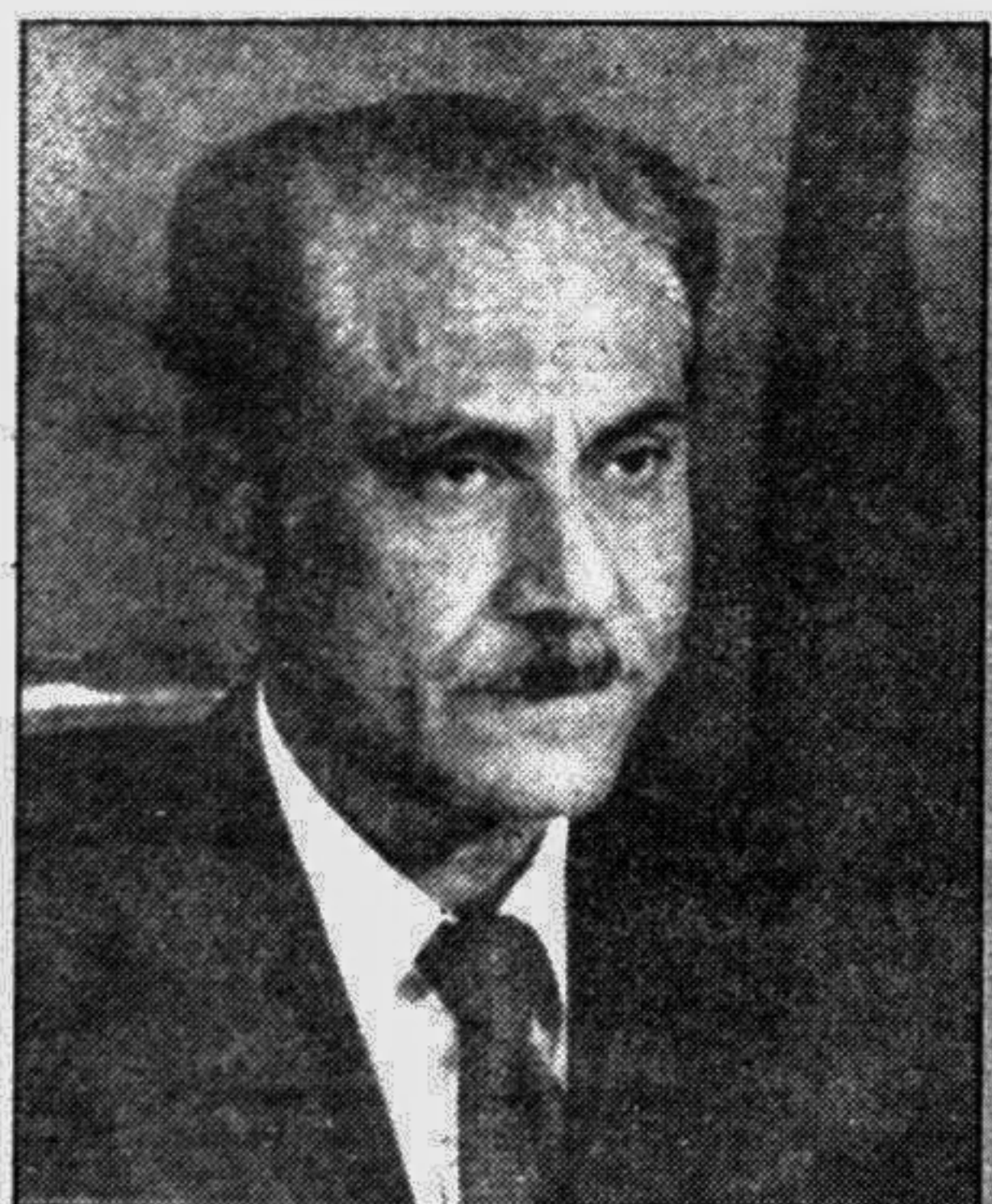


Convocation 1999 NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

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MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that North South University (NSU) is going to hold its 3rd Convocation Ceremony on December 9, 1999. This is a memorable day for the graduating students of NSU as well as their parents. I hope they will be able to contribute a lot to the development of the country.

I congratulate the graduating students and wish NSU success.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed
President
Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

On the memorable occasion of the 3rd Convocation of North South University, I heartily congratulate the graduating students for their excellent success. The ceremony symbolizes their hard work, pertinacity and achievement. I felicitate the parents and guardians of these students for their commitment and trust in NSU. I recognize the concentrated effort, good will and assistance of the faculty members, administration and my colleagues in the NSU Foundation that made this glorious day possible for the graduates.

I strongly believe the NSU graduates have received the best possible education in Bangladesh from the best available teachers, technology and facilities in the country. The intense training and high quality education undoubtedly have sharpened and enhanced their skill and knowledge. They are now fully equipped to face the demands of better existence of their life either by choosing a suitable profession or by pursuing higher education.

On this grand occasion, my sincere advice to the graduating students is to pay due honour to their parents and guardians who met the required financial expenses and considerable emotional demands of their descendants. I also urge them to remember their debt to the society. I trust that they will maintain an on going symbolic relationship with NSU, even after graduation. Once again, I wish the graduates the very best of luck and pray for the blessing of the Almighty Allah in their future endeavours.

M. A. Kashem
Chairman
Board of Governors
North South University Foundation

A YEAR AT NSU IN 10 WORDS OR LESS

Kate Baldus
Head, English Institute

In a month, I will return to the United States where people will ask, "You lived in Bangladesh? For a year? What was it like?" And I will be forced to come up with a pithy sentence or anecdote that captures all that I experienced while living in Dhaka and working in the English Department at North South University. I know it will be impossible to accurately convey the multitude of experiences I have had in this country.

I could tell them about the NSU campus where a vibrant mix of students, cars, rickshaws, vendors, NSU faculty and staff, and street kids work and play together. I could focus on contrasts represented in this scene: a street riddled with potholes but lined by 15-story high rises; however, I barely notice the contrasts because the kaleidoscope of human activity and energy always captures my attention.

Or maybe I will introduce them to World Cup Cricket. This is a sport that used to exist only theoretically for me. It was something I heard about on the BBC but could not quite imagine following or discussing. Here I was swept into the World Cup fever. Students in my department petitioned me to officially cancel classes so they could watch their national team play and cricket discussions because as common as talking about the weather.

For those political friends, I could introduce them to hartals and hartal make-ups. I could expound about the influence of national politics on local educational and business culture. At NSU we make up all classes missed on hartals and by the end of November I no longer knew what day of the week it was, but I knew that if it wasn't a hartal, I was working.

And for those who are interested in holidays and adventures I could talk

about the Rocket trip to Khulna. I will never forget the walk through the completely stopped Thursday evening traffic in Old Dhaka to Sadarghat nor the two blissful days that followed. I was inspired by the green fields and intrigued by the hundreds of people who piled on off the boat at each port.

But if I were asked to sum up my impression of both NSU and the culture of this country, I would have to say: Energy. I have been impressed by how largely and enthusiastically people in this culture live. From the cacophony of life in the streets, to the zealotry of the politics, Bangladeshis throw themselves into whatever they do.

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MESSAGE

Congratulations to North South University on its brilliant success, and congratulations to the graduates on their splendid achievements. Twenty-four of Slippery Rock University's graduates originally came to us from Bangladesh. Nineteen of our current students are from this country, and nine of those students previously attended North South University. In just ten days, one of the students who formerly attended NSU will graduate from Slippery Rock, and next May two more will receive their degrees. I am especially delighted, then, to have an opportunity to visit the beautiful homeland of so many of our current and former students and to become personally acquainted with North South University.

I'd like to suggest some possible parallels between Slippery Rock University and North South University. Both institutions were founded to provide access to higher education for students who live in the local area. Both believe in exposing students to a wide range of ideas and points of view. And finally, both Slippery Rock and North South Universities are firmly committed to preparing students for the real world.

On behalf of all 800 faculty and staff at Slippery Rock University, and on behalf of our 7,000 students, I thank you—members of the North South University community—for your friendship, for our shared academic vision, and for your profound desire to assist so many dedicated students as they embark on the design of their futures.

G. Warren Smith, President
Slippery Rock University

VALECDICTORIAN SPEECH

Shehrina Tabassum, Class of 1999
Department of Environmental Studies

Batch of 99, we have made it! YES!! Representing all of you as the Valedictorian, I am absolutely thrilled to bits. When my name was announced in the meeting held for the graduating class... I was in shock. But nothing can cure a shock faster than being told to stand in front of a room full of people and deliver a dynamite speech. At that point one of my fellow batch mates shouted from the back "keep it short". Well I don't know whether my speech will be dynamic or not but I'll definitely take his advice and keep it short.

I remember my first day at NSU. It was just one building then and yet I somehow managed to get myself lost looking for the right room. I didn't remember my id number and, in short, it was a disaster. Over the years I remember the university expanding to three buildings. All of us students were so excited when they finally opened up a cafeteria. I actually remember a time when you could get seats there.

Now you have to make reservations. I remember for two and a half years my staple lunch from the cafeteria was a plate of really hot chotopoti. I would brave six flights of stairs to come down to grab a plate guzzle it down and head back up all within a span of a 10 minute break between two classes. Then the usual hassle of getting your reading materials photocopied in the beginning of the semester, straightening out the mess at the accounts office. I am so glad I don't have to go through that again. I remember walking from one building to the next and climbing an average of 60 stairs everyday between classes... always in a hurry like the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland "I'm late.. I'm late.. no time to say goodbye hello.. I'm late.. I'm late.. I'm late... I remember desperately wishing I were one of the Star Trek generations and could just say "beam me up Scotty" and end up at my final destination.

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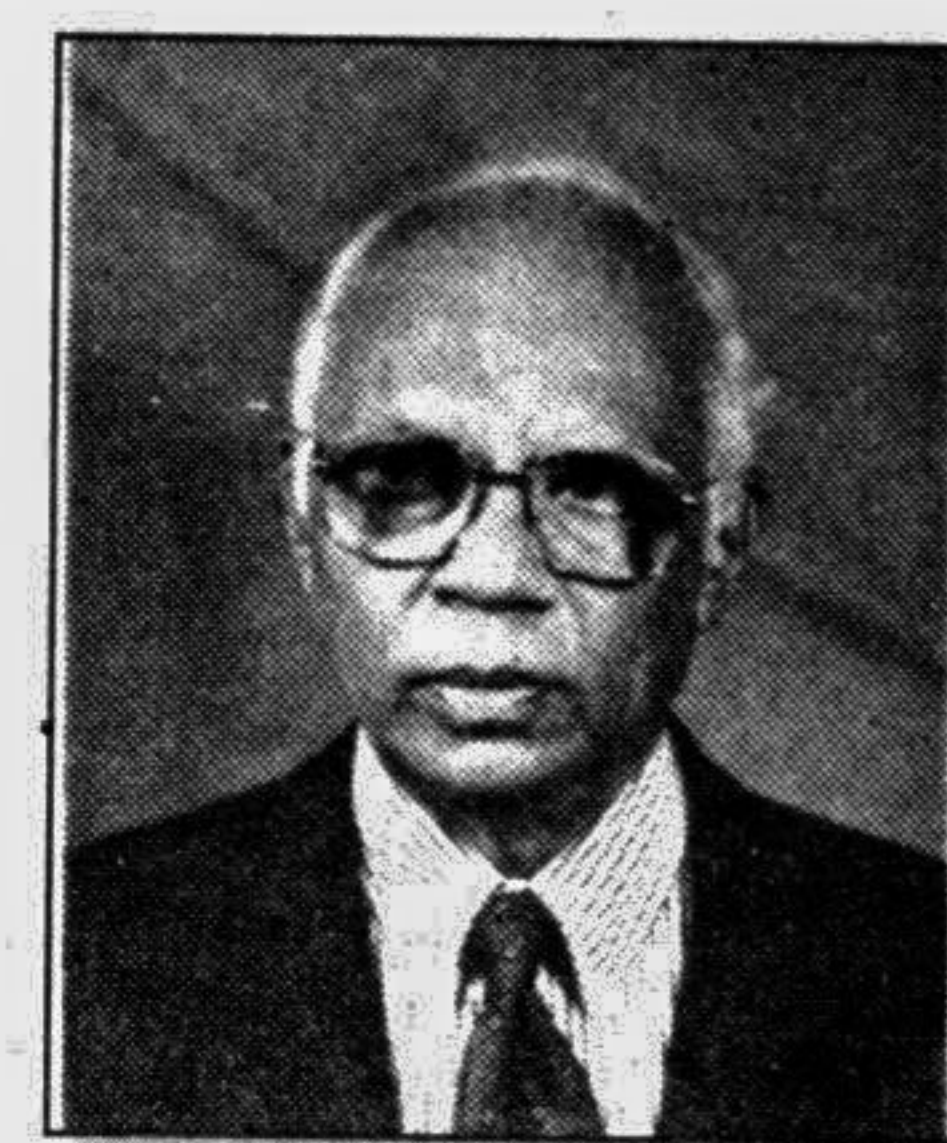


MESSAGE

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the new graduates of North South University. After years of hard work, you have completed your studies for which you are to be commended. A new chapter in your life is now opening and with it, the opportunity to build a better and more prosperous Bangladesh. I am confident that you will make the most of this opportunity.

With my best wishes for your future endeavors.

John Holzman
Ambassador of the
United States of America



MESSAGE

I am delighted to know that North South University (NSU) is holding its 3rd Convocation Ceremony on December 9, 1999. I convey my heartiest congratulations to the graduating students, their parents and teachers who provided them excellent education.

I would, however, like to remind the graduating students that the 21st Century is going to be very challenging and they should be prepared to face the challenge successfully.

I am confident that the students will demonstrate very high sense of responsibility, sincerity and dedication in the profession they are planning to enter and contribute to the progress and development of the country.

A.S.H.K. Sadique
Minister of Education
Government of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

North South University (NSU) family celebrates its Third Convocation with the class of 1999. For 100 graduating students, their parents and guardians, and for all of us, this truly is a memorable day. NSU, a center of excellence, is committed to impart high quality education to our future leaders. The training and education prepare them for leadership in all spheres of life to meet the demand of tomorrow. NSU students receive education through high standard teaching methodology, advanced technology and get ample opportunity to develop their potential. Our graduates have proven their worth in creative entrepreneurship. My firm conviction is that they will also demonstrate their capability in nation building enterprises. These graduates are better educated and trained in their respective fields. They are ready to play a productive role in the society. I am certain they will demonstrate their capabilities in fulfilling manner in the new millennium, which may be full of surprises and challenges.

My heartiest congratulations to our graduating students, their parents, guardians and their teachers. I wish the young graduates success in all their future endeavours.

Allah Hafez.

Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi
Pro Vice-chancellor

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Mesbahuddin Ahmad (Proprietor, Presidency Library) - General Member, NSU Foundation.