

Valedictorian's Speech

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Batch of the Millennium! I want to extend my heartfelt felicitations to all of you who have congregated here today to celebrate our graduation with great pomp and splendour. Yes... my friends and peers... we have finally been able to complete our undergraduate studies after going through a mixture of happiness, trial and tribulations while studying in our beloved alma mater. It was just four years ago when we first entered the hallowed halls of studies at NSU, quite overawed by the fact that we were embarking upon a new and mystical journey into an unknown territory that would be a part of our transient life. Today, we have all gathered here to collect our rewards, to reminisce and recollect events that brought among us immense joy and pleasure, to revive all the expected and unprecedented events that taught us lessons about how to prepare ourselves for the upcoming battles that lie ahead. One cannot deny the fact that NSU has had an influence in our lives.

If somebody presses me to reveal how much I have learnt from NSU that I can cherish and employ in practical life, then without having a second thought, I would proclaim, "a lot, indeed". Instead of following the traditional norms of teaching, NSU has pursued a more holistic and pragmatic approach in grooming the nation builders of tomorrow. By finding out the interrelationship between the theoretical teaching and empirical practices, a student of NSU can grasp the true essence of materials that have been taught in the class. This kind of sound teaching makes NSU a unique institution for which the members of the faculty deserve special commendation. I am sure NSU will prove to be an excellent platform to enable each one of us to succeed in the professional world, in pursuing higher studies or in whatever we may choose to do after our long anticipated graduation. But NSU primarily prepared us to succeed as a good and responsible human being.

One thing that is really appreciable at NSU is its unflinching support to the various club activities which helped in molding the character traits of the students to make them well prepared for this competitive world. Thus,

preparing them not only to achieve academic excellence but also to develop and sharpen their other attributes by ensuring participation in these extra-curricular activities. The kind of patronage that NSU provides in this area is personified by the presence of 13 fully functional clubs whose activities go beyond the periphery of the campus.

One of my most special memories was organizing a national seminar on "Trans-shipment" under the aegis of the Young Economists Forum (YEF) and the Debating Club. I would like NSU to arrange more of these national seminars on different domestic issues covering Economic, Social and Environmental issues, allowing the students to interact face to face with the real players and policymakers. It enables the students to comprehend the burning issues under discussion and also gives them an opportunity to exchange their views with the people who are shaping the country. I am very thankful to NSU for providing the opportunities to use our skills and also to discover the latent ones.

NSU is the place where we have found our role models: teachers, mentors, administrative officers and many others. Like true heroes, they tend to be anonymous, yet they had the greatest impact on our lives. They exhibited qualities that one should follow and emulate wholeheartedly. These qualities include commitment, integrity, knowledge, wisdom, selflessness, and honesty. I am positive that all my friends have found someone at NSU to follow as a benchmark to inspire them...now and forever, as I have found mine.

I hope that you too will also be able to nurture and display the same kinds of embedded qualities so that future generation can learn from you. To achieve that you don't have to be a big star, a superb athlete, or have a bank balance that will make Bill Gates really nervous - what I want to say is, you don't need to be or have to do something extraordinary to be a hero. Rather, you should try to manifest the very qualities that I have just mentioned wherever you are and whatever you commit yourself to.....whether it be a task, a quest to further your learning or even, a relationship.....you name it.

I sometimes feel really despondent, when I think about some matters that are getting

really out of hand in this fast-changing world. Things like the increase in violence, terrorism, the curse of poverty especially in the developing countries, after-effects of Globalization, environmental degradation, and, of course, the corroded road of NSU in front of BTA etc.....tend to make us more pessimistic everyday. But, we should not get disheartened by these negative things. Rather we should strive to be committed in all that we do to make our lives better so that we can be proud of it later on. We need light to remove the all-pervading darkness. I fervently pray to the Almighty that the NSU graduates will bear the beacon of light to eradicate this darkness. This is our wish and hope. Try to further your faculties through learning, have more interactions with people of different strata and gain knowledge wherever you go. In life try to be some body's hero by practicing qualities that can influence him or her in a positive manner.

There are so many people who deserve our thanks. Our parents and siblings who have supported us and came to our aid whenever we were in trouble...Special acknowledgement should go to our respected teachers from all the departments of NSU, without whose dedication and commitment we wouldn't be here today and would not be able to learn life's little intricacies to utilize it to achieve what we want in our lives. Also, thanks should go to our university administrators who provide their utmost input to ensure that our opportunities to continue studies within a safe environment are not disrupted by unavoidable circumstances. And, of course, I would also like to thank my wonderful...wonderful friends who have been very supportive and put up with my mood swings and loved me nevertheless.

To conclude I have word for those who always decry the increasing cost of quality education. To them I say,

"No matter how expensive education becomes, it will never be as costly as ignorance."

NSU has proved that.

We are armed and primed to face the world with confidence.

Congratulations to my fellow Graduates! Thank you and God bless you all.

NSU LIBRARY

The NSU Library is an active participant in the instructional and research program of the university. The primary mission of the Library is to instruct students in effective and efficient use of the library and to encourage them to develop habits of self-education so that they may use books, libraries, and recorded communication in all forms for intellectual pursuits. To this end the Library acquires and organizes books, journals, audiovisuals, and electronic information in a variety of digital and other formats for use of students and faculty.

NSU Library is a dynamic resource center, which supports the curricular and research needs of the university. A highly trained professional staff with interests in many fields is provided to give the best in library service. Constant effort is made to improve the NSU Library System. The NSU Library completed

its automation system using customized software. This is the first on-line automated library operation system introduced among university libraries in Bangladesh. The library utilizes a computerized database circulation system for record keeping, reservation and searching by the users from a distant station through network. The system has the capability of maintaining an on-line system providing a rich option of MIS reports. It also has the capability to generate Bar Code identification tags both for books and users. The built-in migration path provides the system to be launched on the WEB, thus making the system worldwide. The system uses the front end or the GUI part which is built with VB6. The backend is SQL Server 7. Windows NT4 Operating System platform ensures ease of use. Use of Crystal Report provides the user with the added benefits of generating his/her own custom-built reports meeting the needs. The Library database is functional not only from 10 terminals of the Library but also from 350 terminals through a LAN, which is connected with the main server of the NSU Information Services.

The rapid growth in the collection, the professional competence and interest of the library faculty and staff, the utilization of the latest techniques in providing efficient service and the active cooperation of the faculty - all work together to assure

ing the materials effectively and efficiently. Instruction in the usage of library resources is provided. Since the library resources primarily support university instructional, educational and research activities, the subject emphases tend to reflect the NSU Curricula. Perhaps the most important resource for students and faculty at NSU is the NSU library. The holdings of the library cover all scholarly and scientific disciplines - business, economics, management, computer science, environmental studies, English language and literature, Bengali language and literature, history and culture, psychology, sociology, etc. Information comes in many forms other than the printed pages. When someone wants to research on a topic in the NSU Library, s/he will not only find a variety of print and non-print forms such as books, CDs, journals and magazines in which to locate information, but also a unique data base. Anybody will find research materials in the form of curriculum materials, slides, and audio video cassettes. A section in the Library contains printed materials and audio-visual equipment for use in the reference area; users may search from a number of CD-ROM databases at no charge. Internet facilities are available any time with terminals free of cost.

The NSU Library is located at the BTA Tower on the east of the campus. The modern and completely air-conditioned, two-floor structured Library has seats of approximately 300 students. The Library's cataloged collection includes 17,288 volumes (see Table below). Some 151 serial titles currently received and back files are being developed in both print and non-print-form and 108 titles of news clippings on current subjects relating to the curriculum are also kept in the library. Library faculty and staff are available six days a week in double shifts to help users access to materials and databases.

Table-1: Growth and development of library and its collections

Year	Books	Journals	Magazine	Newspapers	Staff
1993	694	3	7	3	2
1995	5616	10	14	8	4
1996	8429	55	21	12	10
March, 1997	9100	58	25	15	10
Dec, 1997	11,411	95	35	18	11
Jan, 1998	11,599	95	35	18	11
July 1999	15,271	147	35	21	13
November, 2000	17,288	151	35	18	13

students and faculty of the NSU the finest library assistance available. The library faculty and staff of all levels are committed to help patrons in locat-

The Library offers regular services: circulation, reference and counseling, indexing and bibliographical documentation, retrospective searches, guidance for making the NSU's endeavor a success in the promotion of learning and research.

List of Graduates

Bachelor of Business Administration

December 1998
Syed Jubair Hossain
December 1999
Anwar Ur Rahman
Mohammad Mamunur Rashid
Sabrina Ahsan
Shagoofa Asma
Tania Mahbub, Magna Cum Laude
April 2000
Abdullah Al-Abed, Summa Cum Laude
Abdus Salam Chowdhury
Arif Rahman
Ashraf Uz Zaman, Cum Laude
Faisal Wadud
Mohammad Nayeem Hossain
Saif Md. Imran Siddique
Sajed Iqbal
Tanzila Hasan
Zia Hasan Chowdhury
Mohammed Emrul Hasan,

August 2000

A. K. M. Mainuddin
Abdur Rob
Ahmad Ibney Saeed Khan Sujan,
Magna Cum Laude
Amina Zarreen
Aminul Islam, Magna Cum Laude
Anisur Rahman
Asad Zaman Ahmed
Asif Iqbal, Summa Cum Laude
Farahnaz Habib
Farhad Hussain
Farid Ahmed
Foez Mohammad
Gazi Mohammad Shamsuddin
Ishrat Jahan, Magna Cum Laude
Kaamrul Huda
Kazi Asif Mahbub
Mohammad Mahmudul Haque
Md. Aowlad Hossain
Md. Asfaque Haque
Md. Saad Rabbani
Mehreen Mahiuddin, Cum Laude

Mohammad Iqbal Hosen, Magna Cum Laude
Mohammad Riyad Hossain
Mohammad Wasim Iqbal
Mohammed Afzal Hamid
Muhammad Iqbal Yusuf Aziz,
Magna Cum Laude
Muhammad Sazzad Mahmud,
Cum Laude
Naushad Shahriar Rahman
Niaz Uddin Ahmed
Quazi Md. Shamsul Alam
Salma Hafiz
Salman Ahmed
Sayesta Sultana Mohit
Shafquat Mahmud Fahmi
Shah Habibul Alam Khan
Shamim Ehsanul Haque
Shamima Sultana
Sharfuddin Ahmed Chowdhury
Sharmin Jahan
Syed Md. Fazlul Hoque
Tania Ali

Tanim Shakur
Tanveer Hassan
Tariqul Islam
December 2000
Abu Hasan Nur, Magna Cum Laude
Abul Basar Mohammad Naimul Huq
Abul Basher Muhammad
Rasheduzzaman
Aduba Sultana Rizwana Zaman
Amina Islam, Cum Laude
Imtiaz Ahmad
Jahiruddin Mohammad Sadi
Khondker Saad Bin Mustafa
Masud Al-Mahmud Hossain
Md. Monwar Hossain
Md. Wasilul Alam
Mohammed Aminur Rahman
Rayan Karim
Razina Yeasmin Chowdhury
Shaikh Mohammad Delowar Hossain

Bachelor of Science in Economics
December 1999
Hossain Ishrat Adib, Cum Laude
August 2000
Jesmin Ahmed
Sakib Mahmud, Summa Cum Laude
Tawheeda Chowdhury
December 2000
Kazi Muhaimen Ahmed
Nusrat Sharmin Huq, Cum Laude
Tania Mansur

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies
December 2000
Juhaina Bith Junaid, Magna Cum Laude
Master of Business Administration

Mr. Ragib Ali

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Managing Director
Sylhet Tea. Co. Ltd.

Mr. M. A. Awal

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Chairman & Managing Director
Prime Group of Industries

Mr. Yussuf A. Harun

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Chairman & Managing Director
INCONTRAD & Multi Oil Refinery Ltd.

Mr. M. A. Kalam

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Managing Director
T.K Group of Industries

Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Chairman & Managing Director
Concord Engineers & Constructors Ltd.

Mr. Abul Kashem

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Managing Director
AK Vegetable Oil Industries

Mr. A. S. F. Rahman

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Group Chairman
Beximco Group of Industries

Mr. Mohammed Shajahan

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Managing Director
Shah Feteullah Textile Mills Ltd.

Mr. Muslehuddin Ahmad

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University

Mr. Faize Jamil

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Managing Director
Applied Computer Technologies Ltd.

Prof. S. A. Ahad

Member
Board of Governors, NSU Foundation and
Parichalona Porshod, North South University
Chairman
Dept. of Soil Science, University of Dhaka

Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad

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Life Member
North South University Foundation

Prof. Shaista Ahmad

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Mrs. Khorshedi Alam

General Member
North South University Foundation

Mr. Shah A. Hannan

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North South University Foundation
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Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.

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General Member
North South University Foundation

Dr. Mahabub Hossain

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& Leader, Rainfed Lowland Program
Philippines.

Mr. N. H. Khan

General Member
North South University Foundation
Chairman
Eastern Bank Ltd.

Mr. Mahbubur Rahman

General Member
North South University Foundation

Deceased Members

Chowdhury A.K.M. Aminul Haque

Mesbahuddin Ahmad

Mohammad Nazmul Haque
Muhammad Ali
Noor Mohammad
Nusrat Arefeen

Master of Science in Economics
August 2000
Mohammad Zakir Hossen
Nafeez Fatima



Dr. A.N.M. Mesquat Uddin in the classroom with the students of BBA.

Graduates with Distinction

Under Graduates (Summa Cum Laude, CGPA above 3.80)

Names	Department	CGPA
Sakib Mahmud	Economics	3.86
Abdullah Al-Abed	Finance & Accounting	3.82
Asif Iqbal	Finance & Accounting	3.81
Tabassum Bint Haque	Computer Science	3.80

MBA

Names	CGPA
Ahmed Jahangir	4.00
Mahmud Hossain Khan	3.98
Nisar Ahmed	3.94
Arif Shahriar	3.91
M. Moniruzzaman	3.90

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