CSE department of Brac University

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THE CSE Department of BRAC University is a blend of extreme talent and at the same time a degree of mediocrity, which I believe is the situation of all the private universities in Dhaka. This blend of extremes makes us appreciate talent even more. The following is for those who choose to read and appreciate honesty. Everyone else stop reading right now.

It often seems like all the students of this department hate it for various reasons, but little do they know that here they will learn more than in most private universities in the city. I cannot say much with any conviction about the other departments here, but this one maintains a very high standard of education despite the complaint by a lot of students that the teachers here create immense pressure. Well, if you have to do well then you have to work hard! The person I am going to write about next personifies greatness. He is the most knowledgeable person in Bangladesh, at least according to a lot of students and peers. It is our very own Dr. Mumit Khan. He is down to earth, extremely helping and to us his knowledge seems to know no bounds. He can be intimidating at times, but he can provide a helping hand even when you think there is no solution. He is the director of the center for research on bangla language processing, for which he has received a lot of credit and admiration. I could go on talking about him, but I have to stop here.

All being said, the CSE Department of BRAC University is the best among all because here one is made curious and not forced to learn, one is invited not cajoled, and one is motivated not threatened. I am glad that I am a student of this department. Yes, it is true that there are problems, grave ones, but nothing is perfect, and we still have to do the best we can.

After talking about someone like Dr. Mumit Khan, everything else seems futile and not worth mentioning. Nevertheless there are other teachers like Risat Mahmud Pathan, Shadid Haque, Munawar Sohul, Matin Saad Abdullah, Sadia Kazi and our own Dr. Yousuf without whom the CSE department wouldn't have been what it is today. There are funny characters as well namely Nasa sir. He is another genius in the making and it was he who introduced ACM programming contests to BRAC University. He created an environment for young, upcoming students to participate in the intra-university programming contests and win lucrative prizes.

Now let me guide you through the daily chronicles of our labs. Our labs are well equipped with everything the students might need. If a particular software isn't there the lab tutors make sure that it is made available by the following day. However, sometimes even the lab tutors face problems that they are not capable of solving. That is when we have our magic man Annajiat. He is the over-weight, over-eating, over-zealous, greedy-for-knowledge; google-fanatic, know-it-all, wants-an-ipod-but-never-got-one student who is always there whenever anyone needs any help. This includes the teachers as well! He seems to be lurking around the labs all day either searching for something in the google pages or brushing up his programming skills.

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