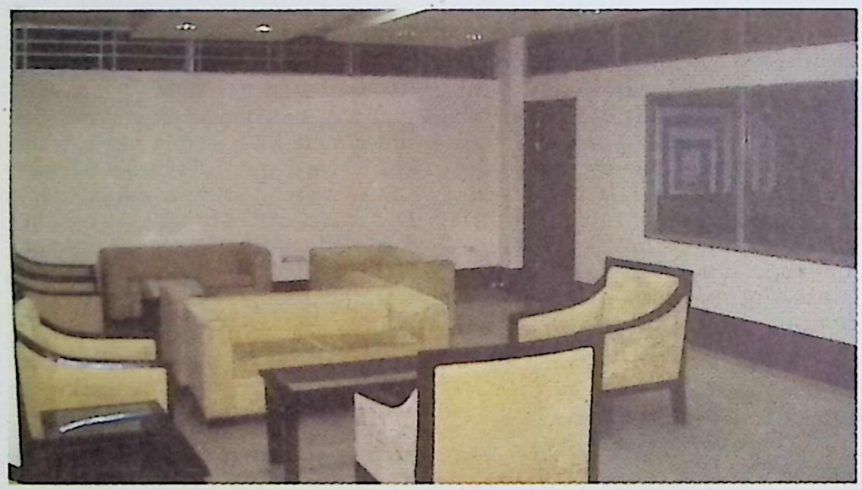
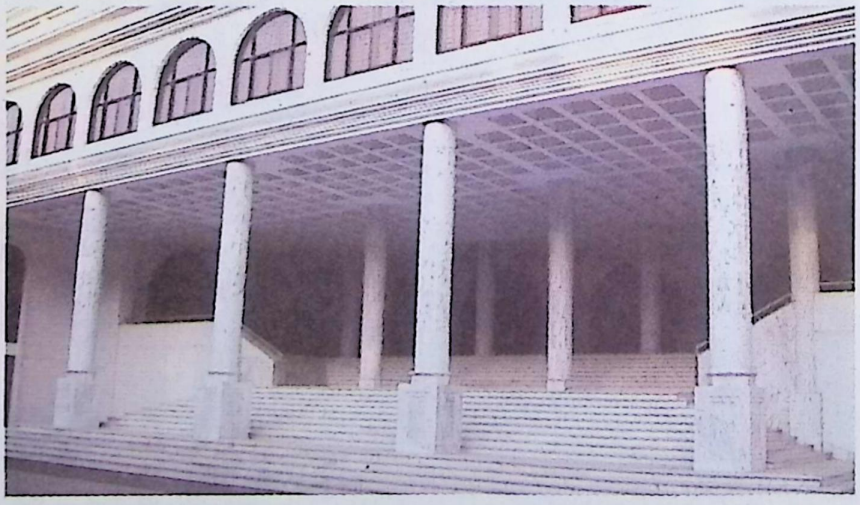
for the reading room, *Karobi* for the coffee corner and *Gondhoraaj* for the cyber café. All the rooms are air-conditioned and the prayer room floors have been made using attractive marble stones.

It was learned from the university authorities that during the period of Vice-chancellor Prof. A. K. Azad Chowdhuri, initiative was taken to construct a building for the Senate. However, subsequently during the









period of Vice-chancellor Prof. S.M.A Faiz, the present magnificent Senate Bhaban was built with all modern facilities and equipment for holding international standard conference and seminars. It was named after Nawab Ali Chowdhury for recognizing the creation of Dhaka University and his contribution in it. Previously, the ground floor of Senate Bhaban where alumni complex is now built, was planned to be used as the garage of the Senate Building. But an Alumni Association committee led by Syed Manzur Elahi and Raquibuddin Ahmed took a strong initiative to make it a complex for the DUAA. The DU syndicate at its meeting in 2005 approved the proposal.

On 29 November 2008, Justice Habibur Rahman, a life member of DUAA and a former Chief Justice, along with Prof S.M.A. Faiz in presence of hundreds of patrons, well-wishers, donors and alumni, inaugurated the DUAA building.

The Alumni Association was formed as a social club of former students of the University in 1949 with the objective of promoting the interests of the University and its students. It is committed to providing assistance to meritorious students of limited means, and at times it has done so. It also intends to set up a centre for students' activities and programs, but could not do much in the absence of a regular office or premises of its own. The Old Students' Home of the campus is still an unfulfilled target.

The number of members since 1949 was below 1000. Over the last 5 years, it has increased over 3400 members and is still increasing. The secretary general strongly believes that all ex students of the university should come forward to make it a vibrant association, and every facility should be utilized by the alumni. He expressed that all have certain roles to play for their *alma mater* and for this reason former students from both inside and outside the country should join the DUAA.

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