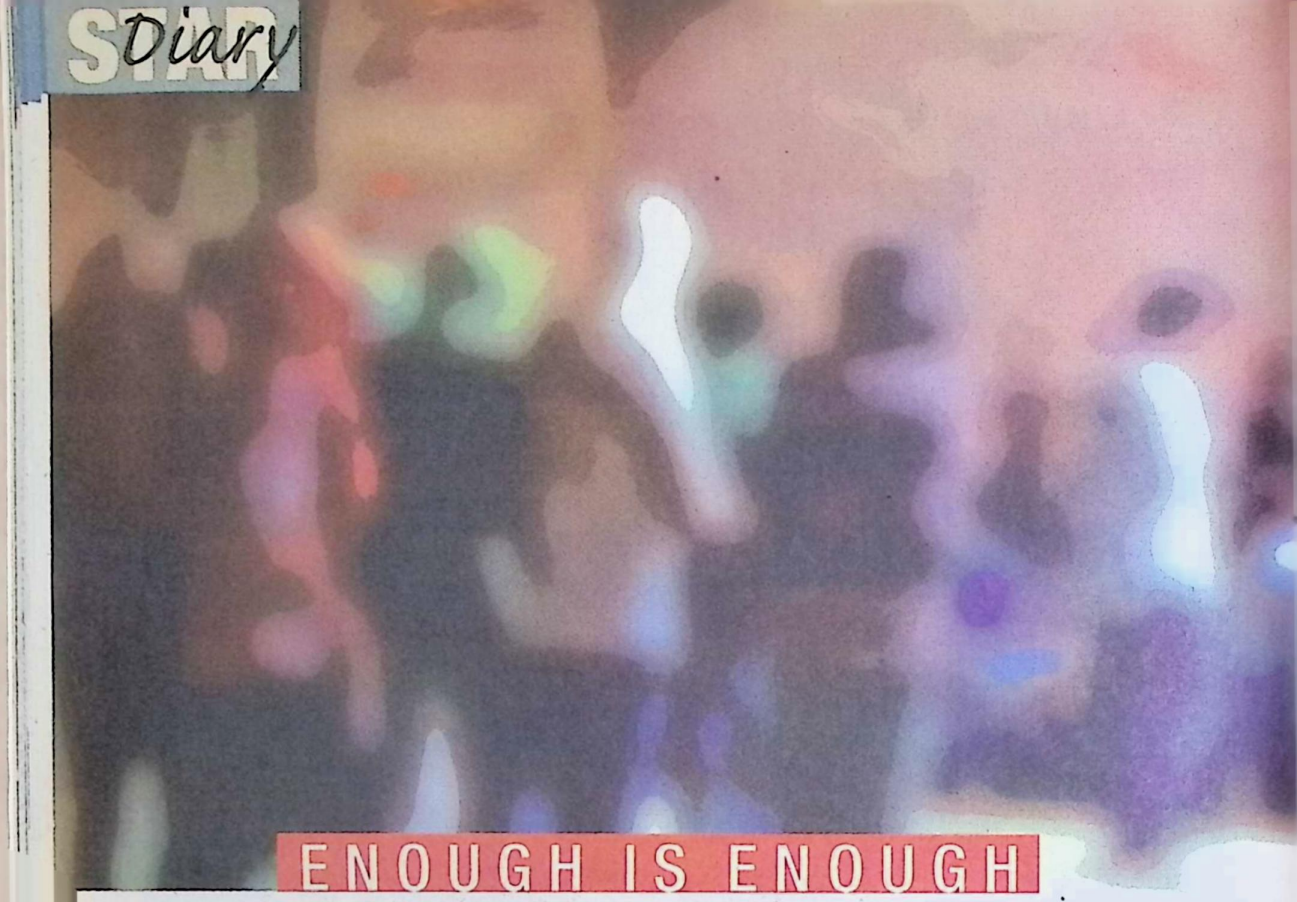


ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Recently two of my students were ragged from 10 in the morning till one at night at one of the most respected public universities of the country, Jahangirnagar University. Obscene gesticulation, copying a female character, blatant dancing and sexual harassment dominated the demands of the "senior" students ragging them. While they were suffering, the ragging gurus were smelling elation. At last they fled from the admission camp. No one can forget that night ever. Raggers feel no contrition for their atrocities. Rather they claim that they are practicing the legacy of perennial rule of the university. They do not think about the victim's feeling. When they are being tortured in the name of "college tradition," the victims suffer from inferiority complex, unable to understand why they'd have to go through such humiliation. What about a woman who has to face such torture? It's much worse, as they have to face inexplicable sexual harassment in the disguise of "ragging." Such a tainted image of the university demands for administrative response. But the administration seems to be a connoisseur of ragging. The university administration reserves a 40 percent quota targeting female applicants, who seem to be losing interest in applying to this institute. Is it not a creative double-dealing? 40 percent of quota but no security guaranteed! There could be CCTV cameras installed to ensure security of students. If the administration cannot control these unruly students, the institute should be delegated under the National University for better control. The environment of JU is not consistent with that of quality universities worldwide.

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A Courageous Hero

The other day I was walking to a nearby park for my morning exercise. The street as usual was quite vacant and the vehicles were moving at top speed. And then I noticed a puppy started walking in the middle of the street, and a car was coming at full speed.

Even before I got the time to close my eyes to avoid the scene, I saw a man, who was cycling nearby, drop his cycle and run to the middle of the road to stop the car from hitting the puppy. Luckily, the car stopped and the puppy crossed the road. Seeing this I couldn't believe my eyes on Who would risk one's life to save the life of a street dog? This shows that humanity still exists.

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