

Session jam grip RU Social Work deptt

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY,
Aug 25:—When most of the departments of Rajshahi University have successfully reduced session jam, the students of Social Work Department are confronted with two to three-year session Jam much to the frustration of some six hundred and fifty students.

In the Honour course, there are two batches-old and new for every years. Students of Masters course of 1998 only started appearing at the final examinations in the third week of July. But students of Masters course of 1998 batch of most other departments have completed their examinations.

Students of Honours of 1998 session appeared in the final examination in November, 2000 and the examinations ended in January 2001. But their results are yet to be published. Session jam at the university reduced to a large extent after all the departments were given the autonomous status in 1994.

There are some session-jam free departments including Genetics and Breeding, Public Administration, History, Physics and Geography and Environmental Science.

The teachers blamed the stu-

dent unrest and unscheduled closures for session jam. But the students attribute the teachers' reluctance and dilly-dally attitude in holding examinations for the jam.

Most of the teachers do not finish classes in stipulated time and the teachers are engaged in various organisational activities in class-period.

There are 24 teachers in the department and they are divided into two groups. One group led by professor Jalal Uddin enjoys blessing of Awami League and other groups led by professor Abu Bakar Bhuiya enjoys the favour of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami. One group of teacher can not tolerate the others only thanks to its political affiliation.

When contacted, professor Rejaul Karim the incumbent chairman of the department told this correspondent that the teachers were unanimous on the questions of reducing session jam. He, however, admitted the grouping of teachers but said the teachers now have better interpersonal relationship. The teachers are now trying their best to cut off session jam from the department, he added.