



LETTERS

University Administration

Sir —It is a matter of great satisfaction that our present government has appointed a committee under the chairmanship of a prominent educationist and this committee has invited suggestions from different academic corners as to how we can establish a peaceful and dedicated climate with in the campus of different universities. It is a fact that almost all the universities of the sub-continent have disturbed situations and so it has become difficult to know when a student should seek admission or enjoy peaceful period of study or hope to appear in the final examination or prepare himself to enter the different spheres of national services after completion of his educational career. Uncertainty has become the rule and the poor students and their even poorer guardians have to bear the consequences of wastage of money time and energy. It is high time now that we should frame certain code of ethics for all concerned with the university education.

There is apparently much substance in the demand for autonomy for the university administration. Naturally the atmosphere and harmony of the university life can be maintained only when the whole system is run on academic principles and operated by academicians.

The other point of discussion and decision is as to whether we should involve our students and their organisation in the university administration or not. This question is again related with the first one because after all the student organisations have political colours and if we advocate an academic tone for university administration and consequently its autonomy we can never think of allowing student wings of political organisations to complicate the academic atmosphere of the university. The students should aim at total dedication to learning with missionary devotion.

The finances of the universities are to be nourished by the State because they serve the nation as organs of creative knowledge and productive research and it should be the responsibility of the State to keep the atmosphere of the universities absolutely free from political involvement and vested interferences. The sessions of the universities must be regularised at any cost and the semester system should be introduced to avoid wastage of time money and energy.

Universities are the custodians of our national life and so maximum efforts should be made to revitalize their operational programme. Universities should be provided with the best facilities our nation can afford and these seats of learning must serve the nation from all angles to minimise wants and calamities and to maximise human welfare and happiness.—Yours etc. AL-HAJ DR. SHAHIDUL ISLAM Secy-BMA and NATAB Narayanganj and Member Governing Body Narayanganj College.