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LETTERS FROM READERS

"Examination time schedule"

We are M.Com Final year students of Dhaka University. Actually, we are the examinees of June 1985. This examination has been delayed by more than three years for various reasons. We had finished our classes only about three months back. It seems the Dhaka University authority is playing game with the students regarding this examination. They have changed the date of our exam three times. First, it was scheduled to be held on July 3, '88 then it was changed to 15th August, the third date announced was 25th October, and finally (4th time) the announced date was 19th November, 1988. Recently we came to know that it might again be changed to the middle of December. We don't want to see any more change in the date of our examination.

Most of the students of the Dhaka University comes from the poor or low income group of families. After passing the HSC, now it requires about eight to nine years to get a Masters degree (four years course). The parents of these students bear the expenses with a lot of difficulties. Even then they hope that after getting a good degree from the university their sons and daughters will be able to earn a good amount of money to bear their expenses in the old age. But due to such long delay for students are loosing their morale and gaining in age and they naturally become frustrated. When the students pass the masters degree they find that they have already passed the age limit to apply for govt jobs. For the last two years we had been told about so many committees of Dhaka University that are reportedly planning programmes to mitigate the sufferings of the students arising out of the session jam. But we could not know anything exactly about their performances so far.

Recently, The Bangladesh Public Service Commission announced its recruitment programmes of 88-89. But we are narrowly missing the chance to apply for those posts where minimum qualification required is masters degree (appeared are also allowed) October 15th is the last date to apply for these jobs. So it is not possible for us to apply for these posts, just for the delay caused by the authority in holding our examination.

In this context, we fervently hope and request the au-

thorities concerned to take necessary steps to hold our exams as early as possible.

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"Agricultural education and BAU"

I welcome the appointment of Dr. Md. Asadur Rahman as the Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Mymensingh. I honestly hope that during his office as VC, Dr. Rahman will contribute to the development of higher agricultural education in Bangladesh. At the same time, I expect, he will take personal initiative to remove the academic disparities existing between BAU and its affiliated colleges including the Bangladeshi Agricultural college Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka for the greater national interest.

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