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## DU Problems

Sir,

If it is difficult to get admitted to Dhaka University, it is more difficult to study at Dhaka University especially if you are a foreigner.

Last time when I went to University from Uttara for a poetry class, the classroom was full and I could not get a seat. So I missed the lecture. We are about 130 students in the second year (Honours) at the English Department. Most of the classrooms have room only for about 60 students. By being closely pressed together at best 90 students can sit. But where will the remaining 40 students sit? Once you miss the lecture it is very difficult to recover the gap. No matter how early you go to classroom at least 40 students should miss the lecture. I think there are some other departments where conditions are the same. Does the authority want students not to be regular?

What I want to suggest to the authority is that they should change some of the classrooms according to the number of attendance. In the Arts Faculty there are some departments where the number of students is not so big as in the English Dept. It is the duty of the authority to think about the convenience of students. I do not understand why they still do not change their policies?

Inadequate number of seat is not the only problem in DU. Final exam results are published after six months. It is too late. Bangladesh is the only country where the examination results are published after such a long time. In the USA, the UK and also in my country (Turkey) you can not go to the upper class without learning about the last exam results. The authority should be concerned more about this.

Another problem of DU is the disturbance from outside. Horns of moving cars and buses are a constant disturbance to both teachers and students. DU authority should not allow any private transport inside the campus (including rickshaws and baby taxis).

I several times heard that DU was known as the "Oxford of the East." Never mind before getting this fame, DU should overcome of all these problems.

Nevertheless I like my teachers very much. They are very friendly and as kind and human as I expect them to be.

At the very end I would like to request the authority to take necessary steps to solve these problems and thus regain the fame of this University.

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