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## Non-students rule the roost

*Elected bodies should replace  
selected ones*

**W**ITH non-students still hanging on to leadership positions, many student bodies active in the universities and different educational institutions have lost their student character. It is hardly surprising that these student organisations, which are out of touch with general students, cannot serve the interests of the student community.

It could be learnt from a recent report that many of the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BNP, are over 40 years of age, while around a third of the central committee members of this student body have entered married life.

This is very unfortunate. Alienation of the major student organisations from the common students is also the reason why these student bodies have become a mere handmaiden of politics in power. A corollary of this state of affairs is that they have turned the educational campuses into a hotbed of violence, corruption and crime. Which is why student organisations have now become a mere shadow of their glorious former self.

This degrading trend among student bodies needs to be reversed. What is of crucial importance is to rid student politics of pollution. To that end, university and college authorities should make arrangements for holding long pending elections to hall, college and university unions with the DUSCU election at the apex.

Also, the student bodies should practice intra-organisational democracy based on election rather than selection.