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Editorial

We are at the threshold of another momentous occasion when our second batch of graduates and post-graduates is being sent to make their mark in the practical service of the nation. The Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences has successfully completed four years of her existence and left indelible marks on the academic scenario of the province. This university pioneered the introduction of the four year degree program in Balochistan and now has the distinction of producing a group of graduates with solidly nurtured talents of profound understanding and in-built capabilities of moving ahead in their respective fields with competence and assurance. It is the beginning of a new era, a new trend and a new realization of sound grasp over the subjects of study coupled with the motive to explore innovative approaches for further growth. This pioneering achievement has moved other institutions too to emulate our examples and adopt the four year degree programs.

BUITMS has also distinction of making rapid advances with respect to the provision of physical facilities to the students. In addition to the structured refurbishing of the City Campus which now stands tall with the addition of a complete new floor, and the renovation of the vast halls in Takatu Campus, new faculty members have also been inducted in service in order to meet the demands of the students. The equipment which already distinguished our laboratories for their scope of scientific pursuits has further been augmented with the installation of new machinery especially in the faculty of Engineering Computer Sciences and Bio-technology. A number of our faculty members have proceeded abroad for higher studies and a sound foundation has been laid for the future availability of very highly qualified, capable and learned faculty within a few years in future. BUITMS has made the public realize that the future well-being of the communities is linked to the acquisition of real knowledge. The importance of knowledge in bringing peace and prosperity in the country cannot be over looked and it necessitates that our students take on the task of jumping on to the bandwagon of knowledge-economy with more concerted zeal and dedication.

5th Foundation Day of BUITMS

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani
(Public Relations Officer)

5th of October is a red letter day for Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences as on this very day its foundation stone was laid and from there on it started up providing top class educational facilities in Balochistan. October 5, 2006 the 4th anniversary day was celebrated with the same spirit and zeal as it was on the foundation day. This time the ceremony took place in the newly built Expo Centre at Takatu Campus.



VC, BUITMS & prominent faculty during the National Anthem

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor BUITMS. He had deliberately chosen a theme which directly related to the students i.e. Student's Responsibilities in Fast Changing Socio Economic World. He in the beginning elaborated, "The Expo Center in which we are sitting today did not exist last year; the two hostels with a capacity for 700 students being constructed very quickly did not exist last year, OAG Hall with CAD LAB, Engineering Drawing, Textile Lab, Petroleum Labs, Hall One which we are using today were in the initial stages, VC's Residence and Guest House were still on paper, the 3rd floor of the City Campus did not exist last year, lawns were without grass, and we had only 1,500 students – today we are approaching 2700". He said that these were the outcome of a team work and Mr. Chancellor, His Excellency, Owais Ahmad Ghani was the captain of the team and we were just the players. Another good player who is not present here is Professor Dr. Atta Ur Rahman and his very able team.

He encouraged the students that they were a wonderful generation. They have witnessed cloning of dolly the sheep, decoding of the human genome, the non occurrence of millennium bug, loose change, tsunami, Asian economic crises of 1997-98, dot-com rise, stock market crash and comeback again, pretext



Audience standing during the national anthem

of war and then war in Afghanistan, and Iraq, and lived Moor's and Metcalf Law era.

He added that IT graduates would remember, they were living a world with more than 800 million PCs on the planet, more than 500 billion computer chips, billion nano transistors on a single chip, Earth Simulator that can perform 4 trillion calculations per second yet another even more powerful computer at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory which can perform 136 trillion calculations per second, 1.5 billion mobile phone users world wide, and one billion Internet users. According to the Digital Planet the IT market has grown to 2.5 trillion dollars a year served by 750,000 companies around the globe. Biologically smarted children seem a very real possibility. The world where knowledge tools like, real-time PCR and DNA analyzer are available, semi-conductor industry earned 27.4 billion dollars in net profit during 2004. The market for digital camera is increasing by 120% every year, demand for IT Security experts is increasing by 14 % every year, and mobile phone market is growing at 20% per year while VOIP equipment market is growing at more than 40% a year. The space is being conquered in true sense. In 1987 there were 850 missile and satellite launches, more than 700 by Americans and Russians and 100-150 by other nations. Just two years later in 1989 more than 1000 launches were by other nations.



Council General of Iran being presented with a bouquet

He further said that the importance of knowledge in wealth creation has grown and now becoming exponential. 'According to one study, one dollar spent on R&D NASA has contributed 10 dollars to the American GDP. You may dispute the numbers but you certainly can not dispute the trend. During 2004 IBM spent 5 billion dollars on R&D and IBM researchers headed by Paul Horn patented 3,248 innovations about one in every 2.6 hours, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We are only witnessing the prologue of the knowledge economy and I am sure it is your age and you will be witnessing the epilogue of this knowledge game.'



Registrar with Directors, BUIITMS at the ceremony

While informing the audience, he said, "We are witnessing the creation of a brand new civilization. Spearheading the creation of this civilization are the knowledge intensive ways of creating wealth. Imagine this planet which Alvin Toffler calls the motherboard which contained traditional nation-state chips. This is Pakistan, that is India, this is China that is Russia, and this is Ghana that is Korea. This motherboard is being altered at unprecedented speed. The concept of nation state is dramatically changing and stand alone enclaves of wealth are mushrooming be it in China, India, Brazil, Austria, Germany, or USA. The culture of these states within states is universal. Corporations like Unilever whose 500 sub-companies operate in 75 countries or like Exxon whose 75 % revenue comes from countries other than USA. P&G, IBM, PB and Siemens are classical example of companies which are not national anymore. The United Nations describes 35,000 corporations as transnational. These companies have 150,000 affiliates around the world. Be not astonished when you learn that BUIITMS a very new university has agreements of academic and research collaboration with three American, two British, two Australian and two Asian universities. Imagine a China having 100 Singapore-like city states. Orange country in California, Osaka in Japan, Lyon region in France and Ruhrgebiete in Germany are the classical examples of technopolis - transnational corporations

working in close cooperation with city governments and hence having very little influence or direction from the nation states. Similarly, markets are not national anymore which must be used in planning and forecasting. They are now sub, supra or transnational - global. This has very strong societal impact."



A section of audience

He finally ended his address with a few verses from Maya Angelo:

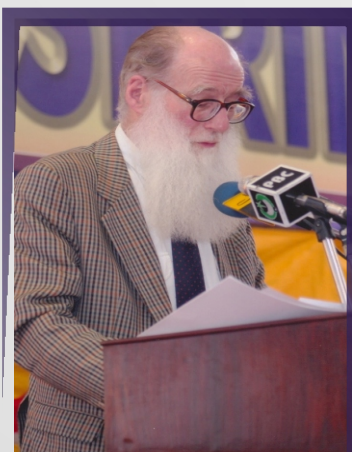
*The rock cried out today, you may stand on me,
But do not hide your face – Across the wall of the world.
History despite its wrenching pain,
Can not be unlived, and if faced with courage,
Need not be lived again.*



Mr. Ali Aryan Nejad presenting his views

On the same occasion, His Excellency Ali Aryan Nejad, Council General of Iran who is stationed in Quetta, said in his address that BUIITMS has no doubt achieved a significant status in the field of education. It has, in fact, played an outstanding role in promoting modern education. He said that there are 200 Iranian students studying in Pakistan and 220 Pakistani students studying in Iran as well. He also referred to the MOU concluded between BUIITMS and University of Seestan Balochistan, Iran. He further said that both the countries should further increase bilateral relations not only in the field of education but also in other spheres of life. He fully hoped that the friendly relations between Pakistan and Iran would further be increased during his era.

Prior to him, Professor Peter Meadow from Glasgow University, UK said in his address that there was a close match between Glasgow University and BUIITMS.



He appreciated the international Scholarships Scheme of Higher Education Commission and said that ten teachers of BUITMS were studying in MS and PhD programs in Glasgow University, UK. He further said that Glasgow University was trying its level best to

increase the bilateral educational relations with the universities of Pakistan.

Before this, Dr. Mohammad Nawaz, Dean Faculty of Computer and Emerging Sciences described the activities, achievements and future programs of the Faculty. He said that the Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences was started with one department, the Department of System Sciences. Now the Faculty comprises five departments namely: the Department of Computer Science (headed by Dr. Mohammad Nawaz), the Department of Computer Engineering (headed by Eng. Dr. Abdul Razzaque Memon), the Department of Information Technology, Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering (headed by Dr. A. H. S. Bukhari) and the Department of Mathematics (headed by Dr. Ansaruddin Syed). These departments offer programs leading to four- year bachelor degree after intermediate and two years master degree after sixteen years of education. The Faculty offers MS leading to PHD in Mathematics as well. Three students of this faculty were awarded the degree of Master of Science in Computer Science in the first convocation 2006 held on April 28 this year. The first batch inducted in September 2002 for 4-year-bachelor degrees in Computer Science and Computer Engineering, has completed studies and will be awarded degrees in the convocation on November 30,



2006. With the induction of the BS programs for the Fall Semester 2006, the student body of the faculty has grown to over 1000. He further explained that the Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences followed the philosophy of merit, hard work, intellectual rigor and character building and offered a congenial atmosphere for

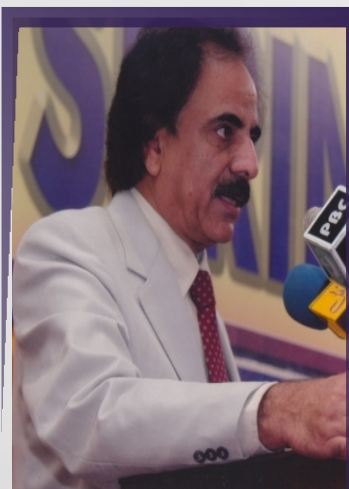
technical/professional learning. The Faculty is committed to developing and sustaining an environment conducive to excellence in learning, teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge and wisdom in the Province of Balochistan through formal and informal techniques since its inception. To achieve this objective, the Faculty has inducted foreign qualified, highly experienced, sincere and devoted academicians to impart quality education to prepare second to none future engineers and scientists groomed in moral, social and religious values.



Prof. Peter Meadow presented with a bouquet

The Faculty is committed to (i) imparting quality education to the students from Pakistan and abroad in the domains of Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Electronic Engineering and Telecommunication Engineering(ii) producing human resources for rapid progress of Pakistan and extend cooperation to other countries for training their youth in those fields for which BUITMS has the expertise (iii) creating awareness about use of computers and provide every possible assistance to common man to let him know how this machine can facilitate in the execution of day to day tasks of life (iv) keeping liaison with other universities/institutions at home and abroad with reference to the latest trends in curricula, pedagogy, research, faculty development and faculty/student exchange.

On the same occasion, Professor M.A. K Malghani, Dean Faculty of Bio Technology and Informatics said that the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences took lead in the province by establishing the centre of Biotechnology and Informatics on August 25, 2003. Unprecedented success and progress of the Centre within a very short period of time convinced the authorities to declare it as a full faculty in Aug 2004. The interest of the society in its establishment can easily be gauged by the number of students enrolled in various programs of studies. Thus presently about 300 students are enrolled for BS, MS and PhD degrees; out of these 300, about fifty students are registered in PhD programmes.



He explained that the number of permanent teaching staff in the faculty on 25th August 2003 was one and now on Oct 5, 2006, it is thirty. The courses taught at the Faculty are futuristic and world class in standard. As a Research University our emphasis is on creative activities and students are supervised by eminent researchers.

. The Faculty of Biotechnology & Informatics is designed to explore life at molecular level and use this information for the development of bio-industries dealing with Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture Technologies, Medical Diagnostics, Bioinformatics and Environment Management. He added that for their pilot productive plants, the university is in the process of developing Hazarganji Campus spread over 400 acres of land which presently houses research farm, tissue culture and other research labs and also green houses. The Faculty offers BS 4 year Degree, MS (equivalent to M.Phil) and Ph.D Degrees. Professor Dr. Abid Hussain, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences mentioned that the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences was established in October 2004 and has completed its second successful anniversary in 2006 under the able guidance of the founder Vice Chancellor of BUITMS, Dr. Mohammad Abbas Choudhary. It is located at BUITMS Takatu Campus (named after the Takatu mountain nearby) at Baleli Quetta in former Bolan Textile Mill. It consists of nine departments out of which three departments of Textile Engineering, Petroleum & Gas Engineering, and Chemical Engineering are already functioning at the campus. The Faculty is planning to establish six new departments in future i.e. Mining, Geological, Industrial/System, Architecture & Urban Planning, Environmental and Energy Engineering.



He said that all the graduate programs were eight semesters (four year) BS Degree programs and the Faculty intended to initiate Masters and PhD Program in the near future. He spoke at length that the present student strength of the faculty is around 300 but gradually with an intake of 30 to 50

of 30 to 50 students per department per year it would rise up to 1300 students inclusive of MS and PhD students keeping student teacher ratio of 17:1 with a total number of 75 teachers and an equal number of supporting staff would be employed by the Faculty ending year 2020. By the year 2020 about 1000 BS Engineering graduates produced would be available each year from the 09 engineering departments to be absorbed by the relevant industries in addition to 100 MS and 45 PhDs.

He further said that the following laboratories are functioning at the faculty at present:

- Ø CAD/CAM laboratory
- Ø Engineering Drawing Laboratory
- Ø Engineering Workshop
- Ø Textile Testing Laboratory
- Ø Petro Chemistry Laboratory
- Ø Drilling Laboratory (a model Rig is available for field drilling)

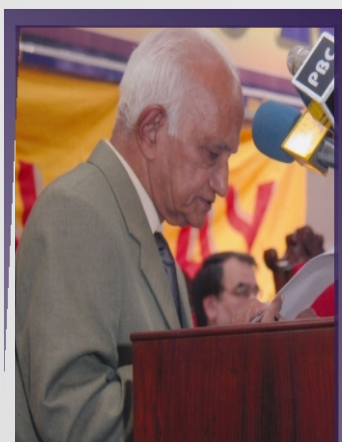
He added that in future 3 to 4 specialized labs per department (about 20-25 labs.) were expected to be added by the year 2020.

Much of the equipment for the Engineering Workshops had been inherited from the Bolan Textile Mills.

He explained that the following Labs were under completion as approved by HEC

- Ø Petroleum Chemistry & Petro physics Lab
- Ø Reservoir Engineering & Core Analysis Lab
- Ø Drilling Engineering & Simulation Lab
- Ø Engineering Geology Lab
- Ø Hydrogeology Lab
- Ø Geological Exploration Tool

Prior to him, Professor Shameem Akhtar, Dean Faculties of Management and Social Sciences, comprehensively described the two faculties, each enjoying unique distinction in its chosen field. The Faculty of Management Sciences has emerged as the largest like a long journey that begins with a single step, the Faculty of Management Sciences made its debut in Fall 2002 with the admission of thirty two students in BS (BA), a four-year degree program in Business Administration, as required by the Higher Education Commission. The following year witnessed the introduction of MBA (Regular), a six-semester program with specialization in Banking, Finance, Accounting, Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior.



The program which began with thirty two students on the roll became so popular that the Faculty had to introduce MBA (Executive), a five-semester course specifically designed for in-service personnel to enhance their professional competence.

At present there are 104 students in the Evening Program and their number is constantly on the increase. In a short span of four years, there has been a phenomenal increase in the strength of the students and the Faculty. The total number of students in BS (BA) and MBA (Morning and Evening Programs) has reached 1200 and that of the Faculty 47. In order to focus on interpersonal instruction, the Faculty has been endeavoring to keep the teacher- student ratio at 1 to 20.

He added that the total number of students who received the MBA degree in both the Morning and the Evening programs at the University's First Convocation held on April 28, 2006 was 40 (23 from the Morning and 17 from the Evening program).

He further said that currently, the Faculty is in the process of establishing a Research and Development Centre with a view to providing research, training and consultancy services to government, non-government and business organizations. Alongside this, the Faculty will be conducting research in human resource development, organizational behavior, international business, finance, marketing, banking, environment management and socio-economic development.



Mr. Ali Aryan Nejad & Prof. Peter Meadow along with the VC taking a round of the campus

Finally, cash prizes were distributed amongst the 50 Best Teachers and Employees of BUITMS during its fourth year.

As it was the holy month of Ramazan, the Foundation cake was cut after Iftar (Breakfast) by the worthy Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary and later on, Iftar cum dinner was also served to the participants.

On the same day, a special supplement of BUITMS regarding its 5th Foundation Day was also published by the newspapers.

Agriculture Credit and its Importance

Report by: Syed Mohammad Khair
(Assistant Professor)



Agriculture is an important sector of Pakistan economy contributing 22 percent to national GDP. Like other industries it also requires capital. Due to peculiar requirements of agriculture, especially weather uncertainty, low returns, limited scope for employment, a large number of cultivators cannot arrange the needed finance without recourse to borrowing. One of the most important lessons of universal agrarian history is that the agriculturist must borrow, because his capital is locked up in his lands and stocks. So for stimulating the tempo of agricultural production, it is necessary that the farmer must be provided with adequate and timely credit. Moreover, the scientific crop planting has created an unprecedented upsurge in the demand for various types of inputs of production such as high yielding variety seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation facilities, threshers and tractors. This in turn has created a heavy demand for credit. Agricultural credit, thus, in practical sense, is the nucleus of the system of farm operation.

As Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management sciences is used to arranging seminars, workshops, lectures, symposiums etc. to equip students with updated knowledge and to boost up their exposure,

a lecture entitled “Agriculture Credit and its Importance” was conducted by Department of Economics, Faculty of Management Sciences at BUITMS on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. A number of students and faculty members participated. Mr. Faiz Mohammad Khan, Director Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited, Quetta zone was the resource person, on this occasion.

The session formally commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Mr. Sohail Ahmad, a student of MBA (Banking and Finance) 2nd. Syed Muhammad Khair, Incharge Department of Economics, delivered the welcome address. He highlighted the importance of that sector in terms of its contribution towards national income and the importance of credit for the agriculture sector. He also emphasized the importance of such lectures and urged the students to take maximum benefit from such events.

Mr. Faiz Mohammad Khan shared his knowledge with the audience. He briefly introduced the present status of agriculture sector in Balochistan. He also pointed out some of the serious problems currently faced by our agriculture sector like the shortage of irrigation water due to drought and excessive water mining, lack of know-how of farming community about modern practices and capital shortage.

He further added that at present the institutional credit availability is mainly through the Zarai Taraqiati Bank of Pakistan (ZTBL) and commercial banks that provide credit to the farmers on the completion of a number of formalities against acceptable collaterals. He informed the students that ZTBL was established in 1961 and it has made a significant progress. As far as its number of branches and loans disbursement is concerned, there are 343 branches of ZTBL in Pakistan and in Balochistan the number is 24. He further said that loans are of three types. These are development loans, investment loans and production loans. He further added that loans are provided to farmers under supervised agriculture credit scheme under which both capital and technology are provided to farmers. A Supervised Credit Program was initiated in China for the first time and was a great success there. In the end he stated that the recovery of loan is the biggest hurdle in the development of institutional credit sources due to the insincerity of both the lenders and the creditors.

In the question answer session the students asked questions regarding agriculture credit facility and problems to farming community in its attainment and the guest speaker answered the questions. The session ended with a vote of thanks to the guest speaker.

3rd All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Competition

Report by: Mr. Ali Zaman (Student Affairs Coordinator)



Declamation and debate competitions are not only aimed at developing public speaking skills but such activities also enhance the leadership qualities of the students. Keeping the same phenomena in mind the Student Affairs Office decided to organize 3rd All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest under the supervision of Students Affairs Coordinator Ali Zaman Shah. The invitation for the participation was sent to different universities and positive feed back was received in this connection. The president and executive secretary for the 3rd All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation were Mr. Ahmed Waqas and Mr. Zulfiqar Mushtaq respectively.



Audience absorbed in the speech

As it was a bilingual declamation contest in nature so everybody had great expectations of listening to wonderful Urdu (serious and humorous) and English (serious and humorous) speeches. On the one side the speakers on serious topics came up with their solid reasons, logical arguments and forced the audience to consider those issues while at the other end the speakers speaking on humorous topics amused the audience with their ready wit. An impressive participation by other universities in the initial round was observed. The chief guest for the initial round was the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary.

The panel of judges in the initial round were Mr. Dostain Khan Jamaldini _ an official of BUITMS, Mr. Rahat Malik _ a renowned scholar and famous writer, and Mr. Asif Ghauri _ a well-known broadcaster and intellectual.



VC, BUITMS addressing the audience

The initial round which was held at BUITMS (City Campus) on 14th November, 2006, started with the recitation by Mr. Mehdi Ali Khan followed by Naat by Mr. Shehzad. The speakers were on their toes to deliver their rhetoric speeches both in English (serious and humorous) and in Urdu (serious and humorous) whereas large number of audience listened to them.

The house was opened by Arbab NaseebUllah who spoke tremendously followed by Faizan Hassan who spoke brilliantly and won the audience appreciation. In the initial round three teams and three individual speakers qualified for the final round. The teams qualified for the final round were_ F.C. College University, Lahore, G.C. University, Lahore, and Postgraduate Degree Girls College Quetta. While Nazia of B.M.C, Siraj Baloch of University of Balochistan and Batool Asadi of S.B.K. Women University qualified in individual capacity for the final round.

After listening to the wonderful and substantial speeches in the initial round the audience once again was expecting a tough competition among the participants who had performed enthusiastically in the initial round. The very next day 15th November 2006 the final round of the declamation contest started with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran by Hafiz Idrees, followed by a Naat by Mehdi Ali Khan. The chief guest for the final round was the Honorable Vice Chancellor_ Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary. Once again the house was declared open by the president and Miss Asma Masroor student of BUITMS was invited to open the house. She spoke really well followed by Zafar Saeed who spoke convincingly and won not only the audience appreciation but also won the hearts of listeners with his solid opinions and gestures.

In the final round all the qualified teams and individual speakers gave tough time to the judges in the compilation of the results. The jury for the final round comprised Mr. Sarwar Javaid_ a well-known intellectual figure and bureaucrat of the town, Mr. Masroor Hussain_ an educationist and Professor and Mr. Ali Zaman Shah_ a debater, writer and Students Coordinator at BUITMS.

The results were announced by the chief judge Mr. Sarwar Javaid; according to the announcement G.C. University Lahore's team clinched the winner trophy and was declared the best team of 3rd All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest. Among the individual debaters Mr. Qudus of G.C. University, Lahore, was declared the best speaker in Urdu, while Mr. Shehriyaar of the same university was declared best speaker in English. Batool Asadi of S.B.K. Women University was declared 2nd best debater in English and Hafiz Muhiyudin of F.C. College University, Lahore was declared the 2nd best debater in Urdu. The worthy Vice Chancellor distributed the shields and trophy among the winning teams and the participants as well as among the members of the Student Affairs Board. Syed Bahar Ali Shah, Abdul Malik and Hira Hameed were given shields for being the representatives of Student Affairs Office. They are considered as pillars of the Student Affairs Office along with other member of Student Affairs Board. The participants had a group photo with the chief guest at the end.



Group photo of Participants with the VC

It was a proud moment and a red letter day for the BUITMS for hosting 3rd All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest.

All Pakistan Inter-Universities Zonal Football Tournament

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani

The Directorate of Sports of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) has been working concertedly since its establishment for the improvement of standard of sports in the province.

. It has so far managed the teams of Cricket, Football, Hockey, Badminton (male/female), Table Tennis (male/female), Basketball (male/female), Volleyball, Boxing, Athletics (male/female), Squash, Karate, Body building, Weightlifting, Swimming, Rifle shooting, Tennis and Chess.

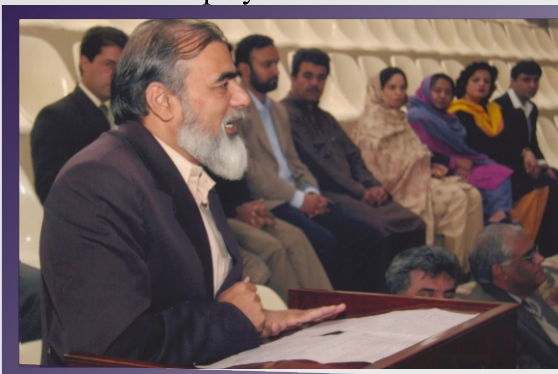
The players of various sports teams of BUITMS have participated in different tournaments both at the provincial and national levels and have achieved distinguished positions. At the same time the directorate of sports has conducted various tournaments of different games too.

In the same context, the Directorate of Sports of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUIITMS) conducted the All Pakistan-Inter Universities Zonal (G) Football Tournament at Ayub Stadium Quetta from Thursday, November 16, 2006 to Saturday, Nov 18, 2006. Football teams from various universities of Sindh and Balochistan participated in the tournament



BUIITMS Football Team

The inaugural ceremony of the said event was held at the Ayub Stadium Quetta where a number of players, students and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, BUITMS presided over the ceremony. He, in the beginning met all the student players of the different universities individually while the captain of each team introduced the players to the Vice Chancellor.



VC Addressing the players

Addressing at the inaugural ceremony, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, said that a healthy body is needed for a healthy mind and extracurricular activities such as games and debates are necessary for preparing for a successful educational career. He exhorted the student players from various universities of the country to actively participate in co-curricular activities as well. He said that sports play a crucial role in personality development. He added that a good player has to be a good team member and one can easily achieve his goals through team work. He advised the players to get united and put an end to the linguistic and racial differences and concentrate on the rapid development of the country. He thanked all the players from guest teams and expected that they would have a pleasant time here while playing tournament matches at Quetta.



Participating teams

Prior to him, Mrs. Rubina Ansar, Director Sports, BUITMS, addressed the inaugural ceremony and highlighted the activities and achievements of the directorate of sports. She said that the Directorate of Sports, BUITMS, will organize All Pakistan Inter-University Table Tennis Women Championship, Inter-University Basket Ball and 3rd Provincial Sports Gala. BUITMS will also participate in 24 forthcoming events of HEC-sponsored Inter-University championship.

The Vice Chancellor then, formally inaugurated the tournament by kicking the ball.

Mr. Masood Ahmad Kasi, Sports Officer, BUITMS left no stone unturned in conducting the tournament. He guided the BUITMS players in a methodical and disciplinary manner.

The inaugural match was played between Quaid-i-Awaam Engineering University Nawabshah and Sindh Agricultural University Tandojam. The match was very interesting and the players of both of the teams played well. The match was finally won by the Sindh Agricultural University Tandojam with the score of 1-0.



VC shaking hand with team members

The tournament went on for three consecutive days and interesting matches were played among the various teams of zone G (Sindh and Balochistan) which were enjoyed so much by spectators.

The final match of All Pakistan-Inter Universities Zonal (G) Football Tournament was played between Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) and Quaid-i-Awaam Engineering University Nawabshah on November 18, 2006 at the football ground of Ayub Stadium Quetta. The weather was quiet damp that day which was, infact, enjoyed by the players. The spectators supported both the teams by cheering and clapping. The players of both of the teams worked hard to score the goals and kept the ball rolling on but finally, the match was won by BUI-TMS with 3 – 1 and they got the champion's trophy of All Pakistan-Inter Universities Zonal (G) Football Tournament.

International Day on Poverty Eradication

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani



Although the phrase “Eradication of Poverty” has become popular among the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations and world leaders, the initiative against poverty in the least developed countries (LDCs) still needs to be targeted more specifically. According to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the poorest 40 per cent of the world's population – the 2.5 billion people living on less than US \$2 a day – account for 5 per cent of global income,

while the richest 10 per cent account for 54 per cent. The fact is that 50 countries have been left behind in the first decade dedicated to the eradication of poverty. In this context, a one-day seminar was held on the occasion of International Day on Poverty Eradication by the newly established Faculty of Social Sciences and Linguistics, Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) on Monday October 16, 2006 in the auditorium of the City Campus of BUI-TMS.

Before the formal inauguration of the seminar, a student of BS(BA) 7 recited a few verses from the Holly Quran. On this occasion Zulfiqar Mushtaq, student of BS (BA) 7, was the stage secretary of the seminar. The seminar was attended by a large number of students and faculty members.

The seminar was presided over by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences Quetta while the chief guest was Syed Muhammad Abu Akif, Project Director, Balochistan Resource Management Program.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor BUI-TMS said that Positive behavior, goodwill and spread of knowledge are some of the commendable sources which can eradicate poverty. He said that the generosity of mind and soul is needed today in order to eradicate poverty from the society because poverty is a major cause of conflict and social unrest nowadays; therefore, a social approach of sharing has to be developed. He added that there are tremendous opportunities in Balochistan which can be effectively exploited for the larger good of the people. He further said that the gap between rich and poor should be decreased as much as possible and the Islamic principles should be adopted in daily life if we really want to eradicate poverty. He informed the audience that \$780 billion are being spent on military. On the other hand, only \$6 billion dollars are spent on education sector while \$40 billion are spent on water, sanitation and health. He spoke at length and said that there would be no need of foreign assistance if we work with devotion. We should, therefore, put an end to the linguistics and racial conflicts and get united if we really want to eradicate poverty and bring peace and prosperity in our lives.

Prior to him, Syed Muhammad Abu Akif, Project Director, Balochistan Resource Management Program, spoke at length that professional beggary should be discouraged while the poorer should be properly and permanently assisted and the friends and relatives should also be encouraged to do so.

He described in detail that in September 2000, leaders of over 180 governments convened the United Nations Millennium Summit, and together they adopted a broad and progressive Millennium Declaration, which identifies priorities for the new millennium. The Declaration provides a new framework for reducing poverty and promoting development, and establishes a series of goals, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), to guide action and priority setting at the country level. These goals are intended not only as a way of stimulating progress in the developing world, but also as a means of ensuring that wealthier countries and intergovernmental institutions contribute to accelerating this progress.

He added that the eight MDGs set out specific targets and corresponding indicators for the following areas: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child mortality; improving maternal health; combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases; ensuring environmental sustainability; and ensuring global partnerships for development. He summarized the poverty, its causes and eradication and emphasized on the adoption of Islamic ways and principles.

Earlier Prof. Shameem Akhtar, Dean Faculties of Management and Social Sciences said that poverty is not God-made, it is man-made and man can eradicate it. He condemned the system in which the rich gets richer and the poor gets poorer. He appreciated the strategy of Dr. Muhammad Yunus, President Gramain Bank, who brought a revolution in Bangladesh through micro finance. He emphasized the need of paying special attention to the situation of developing countries emerging from conflict, in particular LDCs, with a view to enabling them to rehabilitate and reconstruct, as appropriate, to their political, social and economic infrastructure and to assist them in achieving their development objectives.

At the end of the seminar, all the participants vowed to stand up against poverty and for the fulfillment of Millennium Development Goals. The seminar ended after the question answer session

All Pakistan Inter Universities Table Tennis Women Championship 2006-07

Report by: Mrs. Rubina Anwar,
Director Sports

Keeping up with the tradition of organizing events, Directorate of Sports BUITMS organized an All Pakistan Inter Universities Table Tennis Women Championship 2006-07. The championship was held at the Expo-Centre, Takatu Campus from 24 November, 2006 to 26 November, 2006.

Mr. Akbar Shameem Haleemi, Secretary Provincial Coordinator was the chief guest of the opening ceremony held at the Takatu Campus of Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUIITMS) on 24 November, 2006.



Mr. Akbar Shameem Haleemi inaugurating the championship

10 renowned universities from all over Pakistan participated in the event and vigorously contested for winning the championship but it was Punjab University Lahore that clinched the gold. Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi stood runner up whereas Sindh University Jamshoro got the 3rd position in the championship. Basma Ashraf, Safia and Binish of BUITMS were selected for HEC team on the basis of their brilliant performance in the championship.



Championship underway

The whole event was monitored by Mr. Riaz Ali, Deputy Director Sports HEC, who expressed great satisfaction at the arrangements and praised the efforts of Director Sports, BUITMS in this regard. The teams which participated in All Pakistan inter Universities Table Tennis Women Championship 2006-07 were_ Islamia University, Bahawalpur; Sindh University, Jamshoro; Punjab University, Lahore; University, Islamabad; Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi; University of Balochistan, Quetta;

Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUIITMS), Quetta; Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan; Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Quetta and COMSATS, Islamabad.



Director Sports presenting a shield to the VC

The closing ceremony of the championship was held at the auditorium of the City Campus, BUIITMS. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, VC BUIITMS was the chief guest on the occasion. He gave away trophy and prizes among the top three teams. At the end the chief guest Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary was presented with a shield by Mrs. Rubina Anwar, Director Sports BUIITMS.

IEEE Week at NUCES – FAST

Report by: Mr. Jahanzeb (MSCS)



BUIITMS, Team in IEEE WEEK

IEEE Week, 2006 was organized by the National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (NUCES) FAST from 13th November, 2006 to 18th November, 2006. Many a renowned universities from all over the country including University of Lahore, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUIITMS), Superior University, Bahria University Islamabad etc took part in the competition and proved their metal. Following were the competitions held by NUCES FAST:



Mr. Jahanzeb presenting his project

1. Circuit Design Competition
2. Coder Competition
3. Multimedia Competition
4. Best Business Plan Competition
5. The Quiz Competition

Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences sent its team of 8 members under the supervision of Mr. Riaz ul Amin, (Lecturer Computer & Emerging Sciences). Following were the students who traveled with Riaz-ul-Amin to Lahore to participate in the competition:

Mohammad Jahanzaib MSCS (Final)

Yasir Ashfaq	BSCE 7th
Atif	BSEE 3rd A
Zeeshan	BSEE 5th
Siraj-un-Muneer	BSCS 4th
Iftikhar	BSEE 3rd B
Samiullah	BSCS 4th
Ahmed Masood	BSEE 3rd

In spite of being new to such type of competitions the students of BUIITMS did well and won laurels for their university. Mohammad Jahanzaib a student of MSCS stood 2nd in Best Business Plan competition. Atif & Zeeshan & Ahmed of BSEE were equally good in Circuit Designing thus achieved 4th position in the competition. A Joint venture by YasiR Ishfaq of BSCE 7th & Siraj-ul-Muneer of BSCE 4th earned them 5th place in the Coder Competition.



Mr. Riaz-ul-Amin & Mr. M. Jahanzeb at the closing ceremony

On the whole BUIITMS team performed well in the competition. Their prime objective was to get an exposure of the Technologies and techniques used by the global world.