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## They Have Done Greenwich Proud!

**Excellence Award Awarded To Asim Siddiqui & Dewan Abdullah**

**A**PRIL 25, 2006 was a day of celebration and merrymaking at Greenwich University, for this was when our Annual Alumnus of



• Nominations for the award were collected. We received more than 150 nominations from our students stationed both in Pakistan and



abroad, followed by a short listing of the top 15 candidates, based on multidimensional criteria such as academic performance, practical experience, extraordinary achievements, contribution to education and to Greenwich. This lengthy procedure was carried out during the month of Ramazan, by a committee constituted for this purpose., and then the final selection was

• made by a jury comprising Mr. Rahat

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the Year Award Ceremony took place, when two distinguished alumni were given awards by their alma mater, to felicitate them on their professional successes and achievements. The Alumni in this instance were: Mr. Asim Ansar Siddiqui, Deputy Secretary, Govt. of Sindh, and Mr. Dewan Abdullah, Deputy Managing Director, Dewan Group of Industries, and a visiting member of Faculty at Greenwich University.

The procedure for the final decision regarding this prestigious award began during the Winter Semester of 2004-2005. The selection of the best of the best was done on the basis of a three-stage process.



## Ethics in the Workplace of a Global Perspective

**A** seminar organized by the Department of Marketing, Mr. Owais Kazmi, Chief Executive Officer, Synergy Consulting, United Arab Emirates (UAE) was invited to deliver a lecture on "Ethics in the Workplace of a Global Perspective", on January 27, 2006. ■



## CI&EC Satisfied With Greenwich

**A** high powered Charter Inspection & Evaluation Committee (CI&EC) Team lead by Dr S.M. Qureshi, visited Greenwich University for a formal inspection on 16 March 2006.

After a formal welcome by Ms Seema Mughal the Vice-Chancellor of the

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## SDCC Office Bearers Take Oath



President: Salman Mansoor  
Vice – President: Farhan Maniya  
General Secretary: Saad Khan  
Joint Secretary: Adeel Vohra  
English Coordinator: Jihan Jaffer Sherazee

**U**NIVERSITY Swore In The Elected Members of SDCC on The 8th of March 2006.  
**THE MEMBER OF THE SDCC ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Urdu Coordinator: Arsalan Siddiqui  
The Oath Taking Ceremony a simple yet elegant affair held in Room H was attended by the families of the elected Student

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## Junaid Jamshed Visits Greenwich

**M**R JUNAID JAMSHED, a renowned person, who has distinguished himself in several fields, including singing, fashion designing, and now as a speaker on Islam addressed the students of Greenwich University on Friday February 10, 2006. ■



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**Excellence Award**



Munir, Mr. Z.I. Saifi, and Ms. Nasim Mughal. Two candidates tied for first place, and the Vice-Chancellor Ms. Seema Mughal decided that both of

giving an impression of airy beauty and elegance.

The atmosphere was relaxed and light-hearted, somewhat in the nature of a family gathering, for Greenwich was welcoming its own students back to their old campus, in order to honour them.

The function began with the traditional Talawat of the Holy Quran, and then a melodious Naat, both recited by Ms. Umme Habiba. Following this, the Vice-Chancellor Ms. Seema Mughal delivered a warm welcome address, describing the achievements of the two award winners. She highlighted their respective activities during their student careers and emphasized their achievements after they left Greenwich. She dwelt on the reasons why both of them had been selected for this prestigious excellence award. She also reminded all alumni of the importance that Greenwich attaches to each of them individually, even following graduation. The relationship does not end there it only takes a new direction. Greenwich has therefore decided to further expand and consolidate this interaction through a partnership which could be called continuing education. This will be done by involving alumni closely and meaningfully in various academic seminars, workshops and presentations.



them, i.e. Mr. Asim Anwar and Mr. Dewan Abdullah should receive the Award of Excellence 2004.

**THE AWARD CEREMONY**

On the evening of April 25, 2006, where the guest of honour was Mr. Haroon Faruki, President, Chamber of



Commerce and Industry, Karachi, the venue of the function was decorated like a fairy palace, with rich carpeting on the ground, and strings of glimmering lights all along the delicate tented roofing. The seating arrangement was very tasteful, as clusters of tables and white chairs were scattered around.

Business School, Greenwich has decided to diversify its academic programmes by offering Masters and Bachelors degrees in certain selected disciplines of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Also, it is now the only university in the private sector which will offer Bachelors, Masters,



M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in English.

These new programmes will be offered under the direct supervision of Prof. Dr. Rafat Karim, who is a distinguished Shakespeare scholar of international repute.



Finally, Ms. Mughal paid tribute to those teachers who had contributed so much to the reputation of Greenwich, and who had made a deep impact on the minds of their students. She also praised the role played by the alumni in promoting and developing their alma mater.

Mr Asim Anwar Siddiqui Then proceeded to tell the audience of the unforgettable experience of studying at Greenwich. He owed his success in life to what had been instilled in him by his teachers.

Greenwich. He proudly stated that he stood before his audience as a pure Greenwich product that was a success story like that of many alumni who were seated in front of him.

The alumni speeches were followed by a forceful address by the guest of honour,

Mr. Haroon Faruki, who spoke of the value of human potential as a precious resource. Its development is closely linked with the quality of education offered by a society, and our vision of a progressive and enlightened Pakistan can never materialize until we bring about a much-needed improvement in our educational system. An essential objective of education is to both accomplish character building as well as create a sense of responsibility in the youth of our country. As a Director of the Board of Governors of Greenwich he felt very close to all matters which affect our students.

Mr. Faruki emphasized the necessity for developing professional and technical education where the survival of the fittest has become the order of the day. Dynamic business must pursue excellence in all fields of performance, so that individuals can achieve their highest potential in an era of globalization. He observed how disturbing it was that Pakistan's literacy rate lags behind that of other countries in the region. In order to progress in the comity of nations, we need a higher allocation of funds for education.

He appreciated the way in which the faculty of Greenwich is focusing on the need for greater linkage between the business and academic communities, in order to provide an holistic learning experience. He also praised Greenwich for accepting the Karachi Chamber's proposal to have working



Mr. Siddiqui's speech was followed by that of Mr. Dewan Abdullah, who spoke of the streak of rebellion that he had possessed from an early age, which had caused his father to label him as a problem child. He did not want to study in Pakistan, but once he met Ms. Seema Mughal he found all his objections melting away, and he was captivated by the environment at Greenwich. He learned how to think 'out of the box' and explore his soul. He praised the Vice-Chancellor for the excellent example with which she provided him, and went on to talk of the confidence instilled in him by

arrangements for conducting surveys and research on subjects of vital interest to trade and industry.

The speeches were followed by a series of lucky draws for the alumni, for which many electronic items had been donated by various sponsors. The festivities were concluded by Mr. Aftab Bachan presenting his famous imitation of Amitabh Bachan in scenes from 'Koyla' and 'Sharabi'. The final item on the agenda was a sumptuous banquet combining barbeque items with biryani, salads and pasta, followed by delicious desserts. ■

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Visit of CI&EC Team

University, the inspection team was given a briefing by Prof Dr Rafat Karim, the Registrar in which he gave a comprehensive review of all aspects relating to the function of the University. Prof Karim also highlighted some of the major academic achievements and also the various developmental projects currently in hand.

The briefing was followed by a question answer session at the end of which, Dr S.M. Qureshi, on behalf of entire Inspection Team, placed on record their satisfaction about the sound lines on which Greenwich University is being run.

He particularly took note of the significant improvements which had taken



place at Greenwich since the last visitation of the Inspection Team. ■



**GREENWICH HAPPENINGS**

May was an exciting month for Greenwich students, as everyone wanted to have fun before beginning work for the mid-terms.

**DECLAMATION COMPETITION**  
The 15th of May was a busy day, as two kinds of declamation competitions were held, in English Language as well as in Urdu, under the auspices of the Debate Society.

The topics for debate in English were both serious as well as humorous, and the serious ones were:

**Should Pakistan compromise its values for modernity?**

And  
**Ideals are a cut-off from reality.**

These were indeed cause for much thought, and the students did them full justice.

The humorous topics were:  
Males, it's never their fault when they make a mistake! And Love is temporary insanity, curable by marriage!

These hilarious topics gave rise to a lot of laughter when the students exercised their wit while expressing their opinions.

The Winners were:  
Moiz Allidina at 1st Position  
Fahad Irshad at 2nd Position  
Sobia Pervaiz at 3rd Position

Anoosha Pervaiz won a prize for her extempore speech

The Urdu contest was also both serious as well as humorous. The serious topics were:

**Hazaron Khwasishen Aisi Keh Har Khwahish Pe Dum Nikley**

And  
**Hazron Saal Nargis Apni Benuri Pe Roti Hai**

The humorous topics were;

**Dard-e-Dil Ke Vaste Paidia Kia Insaan Ko**

And  
**Ishq ne Ghalib Nikamma Kardiya**

The Prize winners were:  
Zeeshan Tariq: 1st Position  
Mudassar Thanvi: 2nd Position  
Aiman Irfan: 3rd Position  
Mudassar Thanvi Scored twice, by winning the Extempore Prize.

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
On the 20th of May, two movies were shown outdoor, and these were:

**Final Destination-3, and Gone in 60 Seconds.**

The function was a great success, and was attended by more than 300 students. There was a lucky draw, for which the prizes were dinner at Shandeez, and several prize hampers.

**SPRITE THUND PROGRAMME**  
In this fun-filled programme students played football in a swimming pool, and the winners got bags, caps and T-shirts. Everyone was given free Sprite to drink.

**VIBE CHANNEL'S CROSSFIRE**  
This fiery debate was hosted by Vibe Channel, and the topics were:

**Why is Pakistan's Image Spoiled Abroad?**  
and  
**If there was no Pakistan, where would we be?**

This programme will soon be aired by Vibe Channel.

**IBA DECLAMATION**

**“Why Mr Right is Mr Wrong”**

**T**HE IBA Declaration held on March 26th, 2006 was an event organized by the English and Public Speaking Societies BASC (Business Administration and Student’s Club) at IBA as part of the many such events organized by the BASC, reputable to IBA. As the name suggests, the participating universities that included DHA GIRLS COLLEGE, NUST, GREENWICH UNIVERSITY, BAHRIA UNIVERSITY, SZABIST, IQRA and BAQAI UNIVERSITY with a total of 14 contestants presenting two candidates from each institution, speaking on either a humorous topic or a serious topic. The event was held at IBA City Campus auditorium with a panel of 6 judges, 2 of who were the lady President to the institution, and the President to the British Council. The whole ceremony was apparently managed by a majority of student members to the English and Public Speaking Societies that included the Manager, Assistant Manager and Event Manager to the English Literary Society and the Manager to the Public Speaking Society. Besides

having a well organized anchoring group, the event proceeded as scheduled. It started out with an Introduction to the declamation process, followed by Qirat, and an Opening address to the crowd that included IBA students as well, as the audience seated at the back. Following a brief introduction of the panel of judges, two of the IBA students opened the discussion one with a serious stance and the other with a humorous stance, as an explanatory model to the participants and to the judges grading them. The declamation went on for approximately half hour when two students from each of the seven participating universities were called out sequentially before the other university’s turn came. All the participants however, spoke unanimously on 2 topics out of 5 given from the serious category that included ‘Should Divorce be made easier to obtain, or are there social and moral reasons to discourage it?’, and ‘Ideals are a cutoff from reality’. There was a however a wider range of choices as preferred by the candidates preferring the humor-

ous stance instead that included ‘Pink is not just a color’, Why Mr. Right is Mr. Wrong’, Love is a Temporary Insanity Curable by Marriage’, and ‘Girls cannot be chauffeurs’. Following a wrap-up of the declamation speeches, the judges took time evaluating results as they considered the competition as one of the hardest to evaluate since all the participants had proven their best. Whilst the process was going on, the President to the British Council gave a little appreciation speech and commented on certain techniques used by the many participants to hold onto the judges’ attention. The prizes that were given out to three students out of the 14 with participants to both categories awarded together, were secured by Bahria University for a serious stance on the divorce topic, NUST for a humorous stance on the topic of love as a temporary insanity, and DHA Girls College for a serious stance again on the divorce topic. Once the prizes were handed out a certificate and photographed with one of the judges. The even was finally ended with plaques awarded to the organization team behind the event. Therefore, the event organized by the BASC was a success as it stood by the scheduling and the efforts out in by the all the participants were appreciated by the IBA

**DEAN’S LIST**

Undergraduate — Fall 2005		G.P.A.
1	BS14 997 Naureen Abdul Wahid	4.00
2	BS 9 683 Khwaja Ali Haider	3.80
3	BS14 1008 Rabia Waqar Ali	3.80
4	BS20 1440 Hasan Afzal Hussain	3.80
5	BS14 1019 Muhammad Shahzad Shahid	3.67
6	BS11 806 Fatima Habib Ali	3.60
7	BS18 1303 Ammar Nadir	3.60
8	BS20 1458 Rija Miabhoy	3.60
9	BS14 1014 Muhammad Saad Anis	3.40
10	BS18 1339 Saad Saeed Khan	3.40

Graduate — Fall 2005		G.P.A.
1	MS10 760 Syed Ali Hasan Naqvi	3.80
2	MS17 1209 Nizar Walyani	3.80
3	MS19 799 Armoghan Absar Rizvi	3.80
4	MS19 857 Ayesha Leghari	3.80
5	MS19 858 Imran Khan	3.80
6	MS20 828 Sahifa Rasheed Razvi	3.80
7	MS18 620 Kailash Kumar	3.60
8	MS20 836 Seema Khan Khokhar	3.60

**Congratulations**

We offer our heartiest felicitations to all the distinguished students who made it to the Dean’s List:

**WELL DONE!**

team, the participating universities and the panel of judges.

*Anoosha Pervaz  
(member to the debating society)*

**SDCC Office Bearers Take Oath**

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Council and the administration. The ceremony which was hosted by Anoosha Pervaiz started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Usman Naseer and a naat read by Palvasha Hassan. After



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which there was an introductory speech by Ms Naseem Mughal, Head of the Student Development Centre.

Our Vice-Chancellor, Ms Seema Mughal swore in the new SDCC members. Once the oath taking was done with Salman Mansoor the new SDCC President was called upon the introduced his fellow council members and the Head of Departments appointed to help the

SDCC in carrying out their duties.

Murtaza Ali Sharieff, the President from the previous student council also welcomed the new council and imparted us with a few words of wisdom and guidance on dealing with the pressures of being a member of the SDCC and the responsibilities attached with it.

The ceremony was bought to a close by Ms Seema Mughal addressing the SDCC and the guests present.

The affair ended with a splendid dinner. ■

