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## National Conference on Management Sciences & Information Studies Under the Auspices of Greenwich University

**Modern as well as Traditional Trends and Practices in the Business Industry critiqued by renowned scholars and educationists**

**T**HE National Conference on Management Sciences and Information Studies

work among the Greenwichians. The speakers spoke on various Key areas of Management Sciences and

Information Studies such as: Globalization, Economic Growth, Small and Medium Enterprises,



(From L to R) Ms Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University; Mr Kalim A. Siddiqi, Managing Director, PSO; Ms Samina Rizwan, Regional Director, Oracle Corporation; Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi, Convener of the Conference, Prof Dr Iqbal A Panhwar, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Sindh University; and Mr Salim Umer, Faculty Member, IBA, Chairpersons of the first & second sessions addressing the audience.



was held on November 24, 2008 at the Royal Rodale Club under the auspices of Greenwich University, in order to facilitate research

Islamic Insurance, Poverty, Micro and Macro Economic Issues, The Role of ICT etc.

Speakers from all over Pakistan came to read their papers at the conference. The conference was divided into two sessions, the Inaugural session and the second session. Mr Kalim A. Siddiqi was the guest of honor at the inaugural

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## Tribute to a Man of Excellence Condolence Meeting at Greenwich University to Pay Tribute to Late Prof Rafat Karim

**T**HERE will be a time when all people meet their maker".

The loss of someone close can be a traumatic experience, and knowing how to express condolences appropriately can provide emotional support in such cases.

A condolence meeting for Late Prof Rafat Karim was held at Greenwich University on November 22, 2008,

in which guests, speakers, teachers, students, friends, colleagues and his family members expressed their grief at the loss of his departed soul.

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## Mr Shunaid Qureshi & Mr Aamir Feroz Shamsi Evaluate Greenwich Students Research Work

**T**O help the students get a taste of real-life presentation of their own research work, Advance Research Method's Instructor Mr Nawaz Ahmad created a Mini-Conference which took place on

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## Communicating with the Community

**Greenwich University Students Research Report on the Dying Art of our Cultural Heritage**

**T**HE search for solutions to the dying art of the local ethnic culture, inspired the business communication class dur-



ing the Fall-2008 semester to fill out questionnaires, make surveys and take interviews. Also there

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# Recite, In The Name of Thy Lord

***Recite in the name of Thy Lord are the opening lines of the Holy Quran, and we hardly need to be reminded of the emphasis that our religion places on acquiring knowledge. This knowledge is imperative for women as well as men, and the period of early Islam indicates this emphasis.***

**I**QRA BI'ISMI RABBE KAL LAZI', are the opening words of the Holy Quran, uttered by the Angel Gabriel when he appeared before the Holy Prophet of Islam (PBUH) in the cave of Hira outside Mecca.

Immediately after receiving the angel's revelation, the Prophet rushed home and went straight to his beloved wife Khadeja, and not to any male member of his family. He poured out all his tumultuous thoughts to Hazrat Khadeja, as a person of wisdom and stability. She then became the first convert to Islam.

Our religion enjoins upon us the spiritual equality of men and women, and also urges both genders to acquire knowledge. There is no differentiation between the two sexes in this regard. And so the innate superiority of knowledge and education is emphasized in a way that is not present in any of the other two revealed religions, and the necessity for women to acquire these is also underlined in a unique manner. 'O humanity, be reverent to your Lord, who created you from one soul, and created its mate from it...Be you a male or a female, you are members of one another.' Both baby girls and boys were considered to be a blessing from God.

The next eminent Islamic personality in the early days of our religion was Hazrat Ayesha, whose superior knowledge of the Ahadith is acknowledged by all. Scholars from all over came to consult with her on this basic concept of Islam.

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turies. These women were treated with reverence and respect. The prophet himself praised the women of Medina on their desire for religious knowledge.

After the Prophet's death many women companions, especially his wives, were regarded as vital custodians of knowledge, and were approached for instructions by his male companions. Here we can mention the names of Hafsa, Umm Habiba, Maymuna, Umm Salama and of course Ayesha. Hazrat Ayesha was not just a reporter of hadith but also a most careful interpreter

In the period of the successors to the Khulufa-e-Rashideen, women

Note that a celebrated judge was a student of Amra. This alone can pinpoint the importance of women experts in the period of early Islam. Today this can tell us that women have always been respected and praised by our religion.

Many women scholars used to give public lectures on hadith. These pious women came from various backgrounds, so we can see that neither class nor gender were obstacles to rising through the ranks to high positions in Islamic scholarship. A shining example is that of Abida, who started life as a slave owned by Muhammad ibn Yazid. She learned a large number

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were held to be important traditionists. Hafsa Bint Ibn Sirin, Umm al-Darda the Younger, and Amra bint Abd al-Rahman, are a few of these eminent women traditionists. Umm al-Darda was held to be superior to all other traditionists of the time, even more than Hasan al-Basri and Ibn Sirin. Amra was considered to be a great authority on traditions recounted by Ayesha. Among Amra's students was Abu Bakr ibn Hazm, the celebrated judge of Medina, who was ordered by the caliph Umr ibn abd-al Aziz to write down all the traditions known on her authority.

of hadith from teachers in Medina. She was subsequently bestowed by her master upon the great hadith scholar of Spain, Habib Dhahhun, when he visited Medina on his way to Hajj. Dhahhun was so impressed by Abida's learning that he freed her, married her, and took her to Andalusia. It is said that she recited ten thousand ahadith on the authority of her teachers in Medina.

In contrast to Abida, Zainab bint Suleiman, (d.759), was a princess by birth. Her cousin was the founder of the Abbasid dynasty. Zainab acquired a fine education

and acquired a mastery of the hadith. She gained a reputation of being one of the greatest women traditionists of her time. Many important men were her pupils.

When the great anthologies of the hadith were compiled, men and women worked in partnership in the cultivation of the Prophetic Tradition. All the important compilers of traditions from the earliest period, received many traditions from women shuyukh. Every major collection gives the names of a number of women as the authors' immediate authorities. When these compilations had been completed, the women traditionists themselves mastered them, and delivered lectures to large classes, to whom they would then issue their own ijazas. In the fourth century of the Hijrah, many distinguished women's lectures were attended by reverential audiences.

In the fourth century, (d AD 924), we learn of Fatima bint Abdur Rehman, also known as al-Sufiyya on account of her great piety, as well as Fatima, granddaughter of Abu Daud the celebrated compiler of hadith. There were also Amat-al Wahid, Umm al-Fatah Amat as-Salam, and many other distinguished female scholars.

This great tradition continued into the fifth and sixth centuries of the Hijra, and then beyond that. Fatima bint al-Hasan was renowned for her mastery of calligraphy as well as for her piety, and Karima al-Marwaziyya, (d AD 1070), was considered the best authority on the Sahih of al-Bukhari in her time. Scholars advised students to study the Sahih under no one but her, because of the quality of her scholarship. Many female scholars of this time delivered lectures in various parts of the Islamic world, and were renowned for the quality of their knowledge.

From the tenth century of the Hijrah, the involvement of women in hadith scholarship declined considerably. This was the sixteenth century AD, when European colonialism flourished, and the Western powers encircled the hitherto glorious Islamic world. Thus the decline of the East began. However, the shining example set by so many of these enlightened women up to this period should serve as an inspiration to Muslim women today in all spheres of knowledge. ■

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## Faculty Satisfaction Decodes Student Satisfaction: A Bewildering Question In Higher Education

– Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi

**A**DDITIONALLY, it is important for universities to understand, what incoming students desire, and increasingly expect, from the university of their choice (Joseph et al. 2005). There are many difficulties in managing a customer's satisfaction and these are complicated, particularly in the education sector-a service sector. It is often challenging to increase both customer satisfaction and productivity concurrently (Anderson et al. 1997).

Customer satisfaction, no doubt, is more dependent on customization; yet increased productivity often requires more standardization. In a university, quality determines the student's satisfaction and the most important quality criteria include reliability, responsiveness, competence, access, courtesy, communication, credibility, security, understanding the customer and tangibles (Lagrosen et al. 2004). Quality can be measured in different ways like: "quality as exception", "quality as perfection", "quality as consistency", "quality as fitness for purpose", "quality as value for money" and "quality as transformation".

The university that believes in quality brings about a qualitative change in skill or knowledge enhancement, to increase confidence in students. Hill et al. (2003) discovered that the two most influential factors that contribute to students' perceptions of quality in higher education are the quality of a teacher and the quality of the students' support systems. The latter group is composed of peers, families, university services and any environment where students could be surrounded "by a positive atmosphere that valued learning".

Keeping in view the two different spheres, one has to ask a question, what relationship lies between the two satisfactions (Faculty Satisfaction & Student Satisfaction). Is there any relationship between faculty satisfaction and quality delivery service? Are there other external factors, (the teacher being a member of society), that could bring a negative impact on students' satisfaction? Answers to these questions will solve a lot of administrative problems.

To stay competitive in the chal-

lenging business world, the university needs a large number of quality customers (students). Here,

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before taking a decision, the university management must know what the customers' desire and what their expectations are from the university. Here are a few parameters that every university needs to know to satisfy the new entrants (students), like:

- Institutional emphasis on teaching
- Institutional emphasis on research
- Reputation of faculty
- Academic services
- Facilities for research
- Availability of logistic facilities
- Geographic location
- Scholarships / financial aid options
- Perceived value of degree
- Availability of co-curricular activities
- Other family / personal considerations and many others

To know the importance of the above variables and understanding students' limited perspectives, one can easily evaluate, by asking students, what university to choose. The students' answers will determine the students' satisfaction regarding the university. Since students' perception of educational quality is positively related with their satisfaction, it is logical to understand if there is a relationship between employee satisfaction causing a higher quality educational experience. The idea of treating students as customers is easy to debate, particularly in a university setting. Students will often choose their university based on its reputation (significantly credibility of the degree and the faculty) and the universities will often compete in attracting the best students. Like any other business, a university, therefore, exists in a highly competitive environment. ■

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Greenwich Student Research Work

December 15, 2008. This conference was attended by two of very renowned personalities along with Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi, the Dean Faculty of Management Sciences and Information Studies, Greenwich

Advance Research Method's class and one by one, the groups were called out to present their research findings for the topics that were approved earlier for the purpose of their authenticity and relevance to the business world.

Moreover, both the chief guests were honored by Momentos on behalf of the university to mark their presence and achievements in their respective fields.

All and all, it was a great experience and the students coordinat-



University. One of the famous names was Mr Shunaid Qureshi who is the Managing Director of Al-Abbas Sugar Mills as well as being on the board of Directors, Hum TV. Meanwhile the other name that held the chair in the three-judge panel



ed well in time and presentation to prove the statements that they sought after a 3-month time period given to complete their work.

Dr Shama Afroz Lodhi, HoD English Department, Bahria University also attended the conference. ■



for analysis of report was Mr Aamir Shamsi who is an H.R. trainer faculty at different Business Schools as well as being on the verge of completing his Ph.D.

This Conference was hosted by Muhammad Faraz Modi, student of



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National Conference

session of the conference, which was chaired by Prof Dr Iqbal A. Panwar, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sindh.

Ms Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University in her inaugural speech congratulated the committees responsible for arranging the National Conference and appreciated the warm and active participation of the faculty and students. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the importance of an interface between classroom learning and practical exposure through such conferences.

Welcoming the speakers the Vice-Chancellor said that the presence of the scholars and educationists amongst the students was a pleasure and a source of encouragement. Throwing light on the consequences of globalization the Vice-Chancellor said "A decision taken by the US cabinet in Washington affects the lives of people living in the remote areas of Pakistan." Therefore "we need to bridge the gaps of knowledge and wisdom in order to keep pace with the modern world where only the most educated and trained people can survive."

The Vice-Chancellor said, "We at Greenwich believe in producing



need to institutionalize the local market and groom our youth which is talented and patriotic to the core.

The science of management teaches us to make use of natural and human

Mr Salman Altaf, Chairperson, Publication and Reception Committee.

Major (R) Muhammad Akrama, Chairperson Logistics & Security Committee.



resource in the best possible way and minimizes the risk of loss and waste.

It's high time we began to manage our resources and reform the infrastructure speedily.

It is never too late to take the first step

Mr Faisal Anwar, Chairperson, Media Committee.

Mr Munir Khan, Chairperson, Finance & Planning Committee.

Mr Maroof Nizam, Co-Chairperson, Reception & Media Committee.



rounded personalities, promoting research culture and providing hands on experience." She informed that the audience for the said purpose, a research facility center had been set up in the university for both faculty and students.

While pointing out the human resources in the country, she said, "It is highly pertinent to know and realize the present needs of our country and predict the needs likely to emerge in the near as well as the distant future. Our country has natural and human resources. We

towards achieving the target since it is a matter of grave concern for our country to which we owe every thing.

It is with this vision that Greenwich University has made an effort to synchronize knowledge with practice through this conference, by bringing the students and the user industry together.

She congratulated Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi, the Convener of the Conference and Chairperson, Program Committee.

She also lauded the keen interest and hard work of the people who worked day in and out to organize this conference with him. Without their dedication and hard work this conference wouldn't have been possible.

They were: Mian Muhammad Afzal, Chairperson, Management, Organization & Sponsorship Committee.



Dr Syed Wasimuddin and Mr Zafar Iqbal Saifi, Co-Chairpersons, Programme Committee.

Mr Ahmed Kamran, Chairperson, Registration and Invitation Committee. And last but not least Ms Sharmeen Lari, and Ms Lubna Ahsan and faculty members.

The Vice-Chancellor further said that this conference would be followed by more National Conferences in general and an International Conference in particular in the near future and people interested in research would be provided with professional assistance to bring out research articles and papers which came up to international standards.

At the end of her speech she thanked the guests of honor, the Chairpersons and the Speakers for coming to the national conference and sharing

their knowledge with the students of Greenwich University.

Earlier, Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi Convener of the Conference while addressing the audience explained the aims and objectives of the conference. He said the business world today, even more so in the future, required a constant input of highly trained and motivated people who were able to respond quickly and decisively to the needs of business, commerce and the higher echelons of administration.

He said that Greenwich University nowadays was a research-based university, dedicated not only to the quest and dissemination of knowledge, but also to the creation of new knowledge. It is a place where the fullest and most exact knowledge of the times is imparted.

The Greenwich Research Facility Centre is meant for providing research facilities to both students as well as faculty for the promotion of research in different fields, looking at the interest of the society and stakeholders. No doubt, the purpose of holding a National Conference on various themes of Management Sciences and Information Studies is to develop relations between Greenwich

University and the User Industries.

At the end, he thanked the guests, who made it possible to convene such a high profile national conference.

The guest of honor for the inaugural session, Mr Kalim A Siddiqui, Managing Director Pakistan State Oil, praised the efforts of Greenwich University in bringing students closer to the user industry. Highlighting the operational setup of the oil industry Mr Siddiqui said that there had never been scope for





improvement in the aftermath of oil crises in the world than ever before this and the industry was in dire need of trained professionals with problemsolving attitude.

He further said that he was pleased to address young and brilliant students of Greenwich University who would be holding the reins of the future of Pakistan.

He advised the students to gear up for the emerging challenges, and to tackle them tactfully, which could only be possible with sound knowledge and education. Mr Siddiqui also told the students how PSO progressed from a medium-sized company to a large enterprise which was then competing with all multi-national companies, which has made PSO the first choice for job seekers.



The first session of the conference commenced after the speech of Mr Kalim A. Siddiqui which was chaired by Prof Dr Iqbal A. Panwar.

**MS SAMINA RIAZ**, a faculty member of the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Korangi Creek, Karachi, spoke on "Islamic Insurance (Takaful)".

**DR NOOR MUHAMMAD JAMALI**, researcher of University of Sindh, Jamashoro, read his paper on "The Contribution of SMEs in the Creation of Employment Opportunities".

**MS SHAFIQ ZAHEER**, Economist in the Debt Policy Coordination Office (DPCO), Ministry of Finance, Islamabad spoke on "Economic Growth, Public Revenues and External Liberalization: Evidence from Selected Asian Countries".



**MR SYED ZIA ABBAS RIZVI**, Instructor (Economics) at Institute of Business Management IoBM), Korangi Creek, Karachi, spoke on "Does Financial Liberalization Stimulate Growth? A Case Study of Pakistan".

Every presentation was followed by a question answer session in which the audience participated

actively by asking relevant questions and making comments, which were responded by the speakers.

The Chairperson Prof Dr Iqbal A Panwar summed up the first session by appreciating the quality of the research papers and proposing suggestions to the speakers and making some valuable comments.

At the conclusion of the first session the Vice-Chancellor Ms Seema Mughal presented shields to Mr Kalim A Siddiqui, Guest of honor, and Mr Iqbal A. Panwar, the Chairperson of the first session. The shields were also presented to the speakers by the Vice-Chancellor along with the guest of honor and the Chairperson.

The first session was followed by a sumptuous lunch for the participants

of the conference where the participants mingled with each other and discussed the issues at the table.

The second session began at 2.05 pm. Ms Samina Rizwan, Regional Director for SAGE (South Asia Growth Economics) West, Oracle Corporation was the guest of honor and Mr Salim Umar chaired the second session.



Ms Samina is responsible for bringing Oracle solutions' value to public and private sector enterprises in SAGE West so that they may benefit from Oracle's Industry and technology knowledge and become better managed with greater efficiency, profitability and compliance.

The speakers at the second session were:

**MR TAHIR MASOOD QURESHI** of International Islamic University Islamabad who spoke on "Virtual Teams of 21st Century: Going Beyond Space, Moments and Organization with Technology".

**DR MUHAMMAD AYOOB SHAIKH**, Spoke on "Motivation: A Significant Stimulating Power in Managing Business".

**MR ZIA UL QAMAR** of Government

National College Karachi, spoke on "Is Pakistan Heading Towards An East Asian Financial Crisis?".

**MR MUHAMMAD USAMA SARDAR**, faculty of Electronic Engineering in Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Pakistan spoke on "Economic Globalization and the Environment".

**MS SARAH AHMED** a researcher, teacher and a trainer currently working at the Department of Communications and Management Sciences (DCMS), Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences, spoke on "Process Mapping: Business Process Engineering Model".

**MR ZULFIKAR HAIDER ZAIDI**, a researcher at the Department of Public Administration, University of Sindh Jamahoro, spoke on "Role of ICT in the Industrial Maturity of Pakistan".

Each presentation was again followed by an enthusiastic Question and Answer session.

Mr M. Salim Umer, Chairperson, appreciated the efforts of the Greenwich University team for organizing such a purposeful event and hoped that such conferences would serve the students well in their academic pursuits. Also, he said that he was impressed by the interest of the students and the research work of the speakers. He added that every one had gained

knowledge, no matter how little from the presentations.

He also congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on successfully organizing such a conference attended by a large number of people. He wished the students well in their future endeavors. ■



## Ali Azmat Live at Greenwich

**A**LI AZMAT, a renowned pop singer, performed at Greenwich University on November 26, 2008 in a live concert sponsored by Ufone for the projection of their new package U-Rock. It was a typical Ali Azmat's rocking performance which swung a large audience. ■



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Rope

launched, when in fact it is a celebration for Brandon and Phillip to be rid of their nemesis.

The guests included David's father Hamza (Mr Kently), David's fiancée Insia (Janet Walker), their old teacher Dharaj (Rupert Cadell), the victim's aunt Batool (Mrs Anita Atwater), the rival for Janet's hand, and Janet's former love interest Faraz (Kenenth Lawrence) and the maid Sobia (Mrs Wilson).

Having murdered their associate, Umer and Ali choose to flaunt their arrogance by inviting a group of friends for a party at the scene of crime, serving the edibles from the tabletop of their victim's grave.

As they grow in confidence about the accomplishment of hiding their crime in plain sight. Umer revels in his achievement, dropping hints, Ali Asghar grows restless as his guilt burns through his throat. Dharaj catches on and plays a cat and mouse game with Umer to uncover the mystery of the missing guest.

Played out in two acts, the original plot is a nail biting, on-the-edge-of-the-seat thriller. In the second act as Ali grew restless, frightened with the prospect of Dharaj discovering the perfect murder of Hassan. However it was more of the guilt within both Umer and Ali that bubbled out in revealing the crime as the attempts by Dharaj to unearth the crime were rather tame. ■



## Cultural Fest Fall 2008

**T**HE month of November saw a classical cultural fest put up by the students of Interpersonal Skills. There was food, fun and frolic, made and prepared by individual students themselves.

Never short of talent, there were skits written produced and acted out by a group of talented students. This saw the audience in stitches as they sat around at tables enjoying food and pop.

The theme being culture, the food ranged from Iranian, German, Desi, to American fast-food, Italian and Arabic. This was gorged and guzzled with bottles of pop and mineral water. It was a warm evening.

There was a 'sheesha' corner with puffers blowing hard for all they were worth and enticing others to join the juggler blowing the smoke - ring.

Knock the cans and double your dough, throw the dice and enjoy the spice of lucky seven. Hit the bull's eye. These, were some of the game tables put up by the ever-aspiring students who wanted to outdo their neighbor's tables.

Everyone was having a lot of fun using their interpersonal skills and overcoming conflicts that arose as they moved on.

There was an in-house band and music in line which just as they were about to get on stage, had to taper out. The metropolis saw a bit of uncertainty that evening. Alas!

The untiring effort of group meetings with faculty and management saw the successful task accomplished by groups of wannabe. ■

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Interpersonal Skills, Fall 2008

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Communicating with the Community

were many TV channels interviewing our research group for their opinions on the likes of local handicraft, its production, promotion and quality.

Student groups were involved with narrations by craftsmen & women, and artisans involved in the art of Jandi- chiseled lacquered woodcraft.

Making of Ajrak, the prestigious throw-over covers dyed in hues of crimson and deep indigo made up of natural plant dyes. Ralli- sewing patch work quilt making.

The role of the middle- man is the cause of marginal profit to the actual producer which in turn is a poor incentive for the serious artisan.

Block printing is a labor-hour intensive process which produces a unique labor of love product, as opposed to a mass produced piece, where there is no comparison. This art needs protection.

The artistry of pottery making is getting scarce with the fuel to fire kilns, getting dearer. The ceramic tiles with glass and mirror inlay, the image color inlay etc are exclusive to Hala and Multan.

The advent of cheaper, recycled material is available as substitutes for flowerpots and shrubbery containers. This state of materialism is causing this ancient Mohenjodarian art of the Indus Civilization to perish.

This is also the result of our dying film industry where sanctions and

poor incentives have caused neglect to the vast talent in the field. Not to forget the immediate exploitation of picking up some of our local talent by neighbors and promoting them to the best of their own advantage. Also, due to the lack of recognition the same fate has befallen our folk dances and music.



Therefore there is a need for the department of culture, tourism and heritage to educate people by organizing festivals, melas and fairs, workshops and training, with scholarships for learning modern techniques. This will be constructive with monetary incentives ,which will promote fresh talent and give recognition and dignity to the artisans. They are those who labor for what is our heritage, which is otherwise slowly, fast eroding.

We, Greenwichians are striving to communicate with the community to keep alive this rich fabric of Indus Civilization which is part of our culture. ■

**BY MS TAHIRA A. KHAN**  
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Business Communication  
GENG 502, Fall 2008 Term



Rich tributes were paid to Late Prof Rafat Karim for rendering his lifelong service to education.

The Vice-Chancellor, Ms Seema Mughal said that Late Prof Karim's services towards Greenwich University would forever enjoy a place of prominence. Late Prof Rafat Karim always declared illiteracy the worst type of slavery and he deplored the deteriorating standard of education in Pakistan. The Vice-Chancellor also talked about her first meeting with Late Prof Karim which continued for more than three hours.

His only source of inspiration was his father. Late Prof Rafat Karim once said that he had found the complete works of Milton on his father's death bed.



Dr Muneer Rizvi, Associate Dean, Management Sciences said that Late Prof Karim always felt the pain for others and helped them to sort out their problems. He was a philosopher who acted like Shakespeare.

Ms Rizwana Naqvi, Sub Editor, Young World, said that Late Prof Karim invoked in her a deep interest and understanding of Shakespeare. He encouraged her to join the Shakespeare Association of Pakistan and expressed his desire to bring Shakespeare out of the literary circles to the common man.

One of his students, Batool from Greenwich University recalled that on 20 May 2008, at 6:30 pm (while taking his last class with his M.A students) Late Prof Karim asked them to make a note. He said that from that point their lives would change forever.

in their hearts and their lives have changed in some way or the other.

He was also a good father, who had always remained concerned about his three children, a son and two daughters. He tried to spend time with his children and also helped them with their lessons.

A condolence book has also been compiled to preserve the sympathies expressed by the friends and family of Late Prof Rafat Karim.

Quran Khwani and Tasbeeh for essal-e-sawab also took place on

the same day at Greenwich University from 9:15 am - 05:30 pm followed by Dua, for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Those who paid tribute to Late Prof Rafat Karim included Professor Rais Alvi, Registrar, University of Karachi; Ms Rizwana Naqvi, Editor, Young World; Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi, Associate Dean, Greenwich University, Ms Naz Ahsanuddin, Vice President, Shakespeare Association of Pakistan, Senior Headmistress, Karachi Grammar School; Dr Iftikhar Shafi, Assistant Professor, University of Karachi; Ms Ambreena Qazi, former Chairperson University of Karachi; Ms Parveen Arshad, Chairperson, Department of English, Greenwich University; Mr Farrukh Karim, S/o Late Prof Dr Rafat Karim; Ms Kaneez-e-Batool Habib, student, Greenwich University; Ms Zainab Mirza, student, Greenwich University, and Ms Lubna Ahsan, Assistant Professor, Greenwich University.



The presentations were also attended by the heads of these institutions who appreciated the efforts of the students of Greenwich University. They took keen interest in the new courses and faculties and enquired about the different courses which are offered under these faculties. They were of the view that these courses at Greenwich University would be a better choice for the students interested in the higher studies.

"Your name is a tag you carry with you, not only throughout life, but even after death" - Prof Karim.

His students say that Prof Karim's death has left a void

## The Vice-Chancellor Launches Research Journals of Greenwich University Online

**G**REENWICH UNIVERSITY has embarked on an ambitious program, whereby its Research Journals, "Business Strategies, New Horizons and the Gvision newsletter of the university have been placed on-line. This will enable faculty and students to easily access the material in these journals and publications, and thus facilitate their own research endeavours.

Ms Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, clicked the key to make the Research Journals, and other publication on-line.

Present on the occasion were Mr Saeed Mughal, Director Administration & Personnel, Mr Muneer Khan, Mr Maroof Nizam, Mr Faisal Anwar, Mr Zeeshan, Mr Minnatullah Rashidi, Dr Muneer Ali Shah Rizvi, and Dr Syed Waseemuddin.

The faculty students and general public will now be able to avail themselves of this opportunity to read the Research Journals on internet which will ultimately benefit them in their own research.

The students in particular have shown their satisfaction over this step. ■



Ms Seema Mughal, Vice-Chancellor clicks the key to make the university publications on line. Seen in the picture are Mr Saeed Mughal, Director, Administration and Personnel, Dr Muneer Ali Shah and other officials of Greenwich University.

## DEAN'S LIST

Undergraduate — Summer 2008	G.P.A.
1 BS21 1538 Ayesha Tajwar	4.00
2 BS26 1967 Mashal Khan	3.80
3 BS20 1491 Zohaib Hussain	3.80
4 BS27 2144 Sobia Kamal	3.67
5 BS26 2101 Alveena Abid	3.60
6 BS23 1723 Azim Iqbal	3.60
7 BS21 1567 Ruby Dastur	3.60
8 BS25 1895 Hina Muhammad Yousuf	3.40
9 BS21 1580 Mishal Jawaid Khan	3.40
10 BS24 1851 Sameer Mustafa	3.40
11 BS20 1524 Yasser Shivani	3.40
Graduate — Summer 2008	G.P.A.
1 MS27 2167 Uzma Zafar	4.00
2 MS28 2199 Kaunain Fatima Siddique	3.60
3 VS27 2174 Syeda Faiza Naseem	3.60

### Congratulations

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

**WELL DONE!**

## Greenwich University Students Perform Thriller 'Rope'

**A**MATEUR actors from Greenwich University, Karachi, re-enacted Alfred Hitchcock's well-known suspense thriller film "Rope".

The original play, written by Patrick Hamilton, was performed by the students on stage at the Financial Trade Centre (FTC) Auditorium to a crowd of quasi-comrades and other adulators of the cast. Suffice to say much of the crowd had in some way or the other, a link with Greenwich University.

The performer, Hassan played the guest who was 'dead' on time, "David Kentley", who is murdered by his two friends Umer (Brandon Shaw) and Ali Asghar (Phillip Morgan), who share a city apartment. Brandon and Phillip consider themselves intellectually superior to David and thus in an attempt to immortalise this fact, submit to treachery by murdering David Aka Hassan.

The organisers had decided to substitute the names of the original characters with the real names of the cast to facilitate the acting perhaps. Brandon and Phillip strangle David after luring him to their home many hours before the party and then hiding him in an old chest in plain sight. They then proceed to have a small party, the pretext that Phillip is going off into the countryside and that the first edition of Hassan's book is being

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## Greenwich Students Visit 'O' & 'A' Level Schools

**S**TUDENTS of Media Marketing (MBA) visited D.A. O & A Levels School and Clifton High School in connection with their projects given to them by their teacher Ms Salaina Haroon to enhance the perception of people about Greenwich University.

The students actively participated in the project and gave presentations. These presentations involved multimedia presentation followed by question and answer sessions. Ms Madiha Akber, and Mr Farooq delivered the presenta-

tions simultaneously, while other students were responsible for distribution of brochures and other materials for the information of the student of these schools.

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