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Teachers of BUET Architecture Deptt continue work abstention

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Teachers of the Architecture Department of BUET demanding the cancellation of the new admission procedure of the department, introduced by the authority for the 97-98 session, have been observing a work-abstention since Feb 2.

The conflict between the teachers and the university authority began when admission to the Architecture Department was combined with that of the Engineering and the Urban and Regional Planning (URP) departments.

But the teachers of Architecture Deptt disagree with the decision. "Architecture is an art. So excellent marks in the HSC examination is not the only criteria for admission to the department. It is also essential to have an aesthetic sense and artistic bend of mind," said a spokesman of the department in a press conference held recently.

The admission procedure has been categorised into three modules. Students interested in Engineering and URP have to attempt module 1 and 2 comprising Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and English. Students interested in architecture will have to attempt modules 2 and 3. Module 3 consists of freehand drawing only.

Students with average of 60 per cent score in the HSC examinations from science group will be eligible for admission to Architecture Deptt. This deci-

sion was taken unanimously in an architecture faculty meeting held on June 4, 1997. The decision was later approved by the Academic Council.

There are several compulsory subjects in the curriculum of the architecture deptt which require knowledge of Physics. Further, statistics of previous years show a poor pass rate in Physics offered in Level 1 Term 1, of Architecture.

Considering these facts the BUET Academic Council made a decision to allow only those with a science background to appear in the admission test.

The BUET authority is quite rigid in its decision and the examination will take place as scheduled.