



IBA in doldrums

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It is gathered from informed sources that the director, of Institute of Business Administration (IBA) may again try for opening the BBA course from this session. The forms have been printed and are awaiting to be officially sold although the official permission to open this course has not been granted to it.

The IBA was set up as a post graduate school as per the Fourth Statute of the DU and there is simply no scope for opening graduate courses here. If statutory changes are to be made they should be done by the Governing Body but no such permission was granted so far. The main reason behind this is the existence of the Commerce Faculty having the departments of Finance, Marketing, Management and Public Administration here.

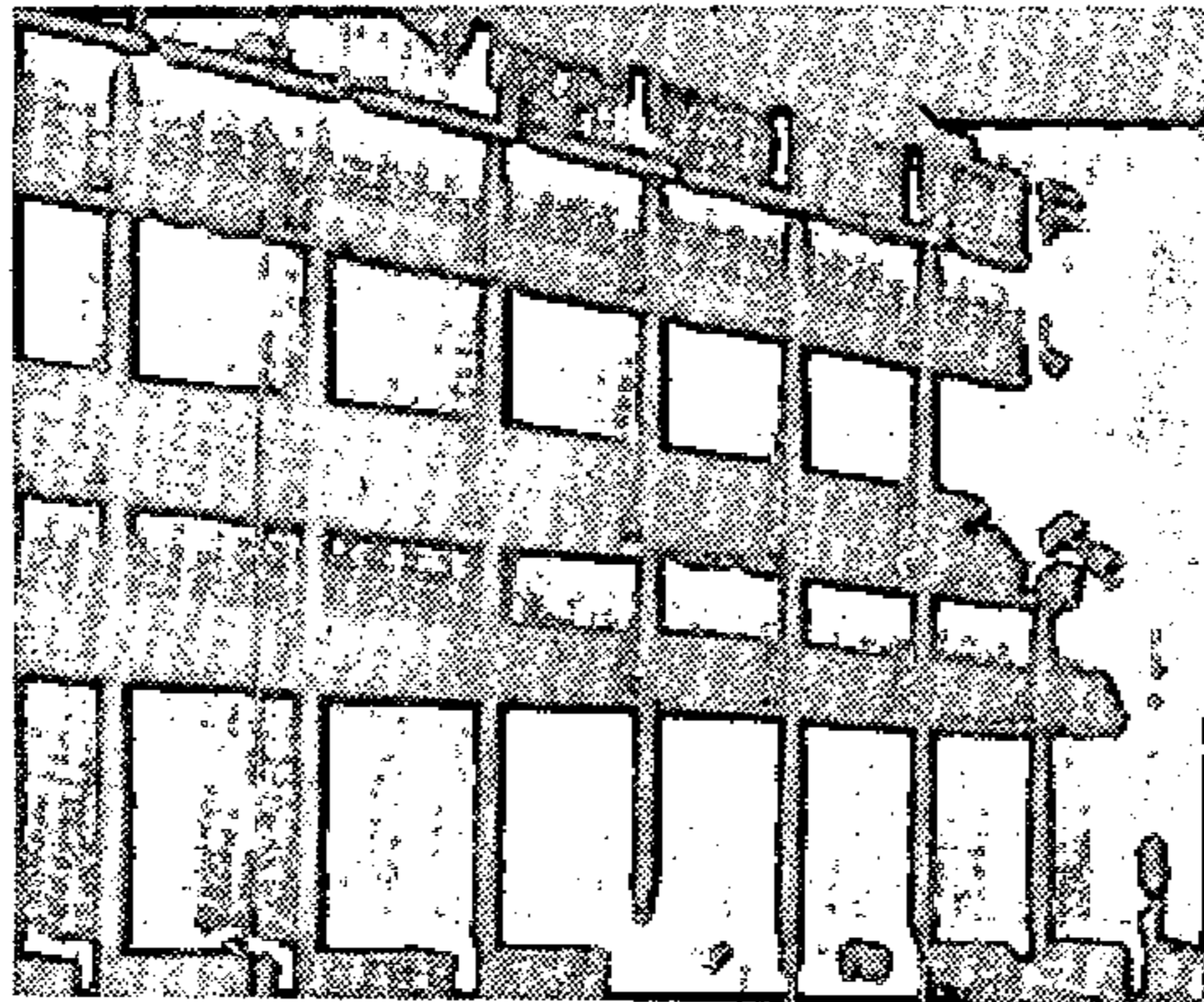
It may not be out of place to state that in countries abroad the Institute of Business Administration and the Faculty of Commerce never coexist in the same university. But here at DU, unfortunately the bulk of the money is being diverged to the IBA while the other four departments under the Faculty of Commerce have remained extremely neglected since the opening of this institute because the general public seem to hold the IBA students in greater esteem.

However inspite of not getting the green signal from the University Grants Commission or from the Governing Body, the present director of the IBA started selling BBA forms last year. Five thousand forms were sold for fifty taka each amounting to taka five lakhs along with some five hundred guides for forty takas each amounting to Tk two lakhs.

Even the date of the examination was announced until the Vice Chancellor, Prof Mannan woke from his slums

ber and stopped the sale of forms through an office order. How could the director play with the fate of five thousand students? What gave him the strength to go ahead with his sinister plans and why did not

opening of the BBA course with the assertion that a number of business concerns have promised to help him with funds to open the new course. He also said that certain banks were also willing to extend



the VC interrupt when the advertisement for sale of forms were put in the Observer of 10/10/87 are questions which are still to be answered.

Meanwhile a letter sent from Mr Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Director, Planning and Development Division of Bangladesh University Grants Commission to the director of IBA (PU/606/1/87/988 dated 1-12-87) in connection with the advertisement put in Bangladesh Observer. He pointed out that under the fourth statutory which created the IBS there is no provision for starting BBA classes without prior permission from the University Grants Commission.

Inspite the VC's order the director of IBA has till date not refunded the five lakh takas to the students. However last year he was justifying the

their hands in that direction.

As reported earlier the director of IBA might again try to open BBA course this year too but the departments under the Commerce Faculty are dead against this move and on the contrary feel that the IBA should be brought under the faculty and not allowed to operate as a separate institute.

They say the money that is spent at the IBA would if diverted to the other departments help to benefit a greater number of students. They also opine that the computer section of this institute and their library should be open for all students of the Commerce Faculty of DU and not only for the IBA students.

The IBA teachers however opined that the teachers of the commerce faculty are

apprehensive of the fact that if BBA course is introduced at the IBA all good students will come there instead of going to the commerce faculty. The teachers feel that the very existence of these departments will be at stake so the teachers are creating problems to open the BBA course.

Things are not all right at the IBA however. Rumours run that it is a den of corruption. The director of IBA it is gathered has illegally created four posts of programme directors and six departmental chairmen in the institute. He has also formed a Decentral Programme Committee but the lone professor of the institute is not a member of this committee.

Forms priced at Tk 20 for MBA entrants are sold for Tk 100 each. Moreover there is a rule at the IBA the entrants desirous of joining in institute are entitled to two months free coaching in English and maths but here they are forced to pay taka five each whether they like it or not.

Without tender, hostel furniture for three lakh takas have been purchased along with buying a now second-hand car for the institute.

Here at DU, where there is an acute shortage of books, deplorable condition of hostel and appalling food served at the dining halls, the director of IBA moves around in the most expensive car which is even costlier than the VCs. He has also appointed a number of his own people or like minded people in the department and hence today IBA is a company of the director.

Yet things are allowed to continue as they are. Inspite of much publicisation of IBA and the activities of its director he seems to be very much in command. Are we to encourage corruption at DU, but why?