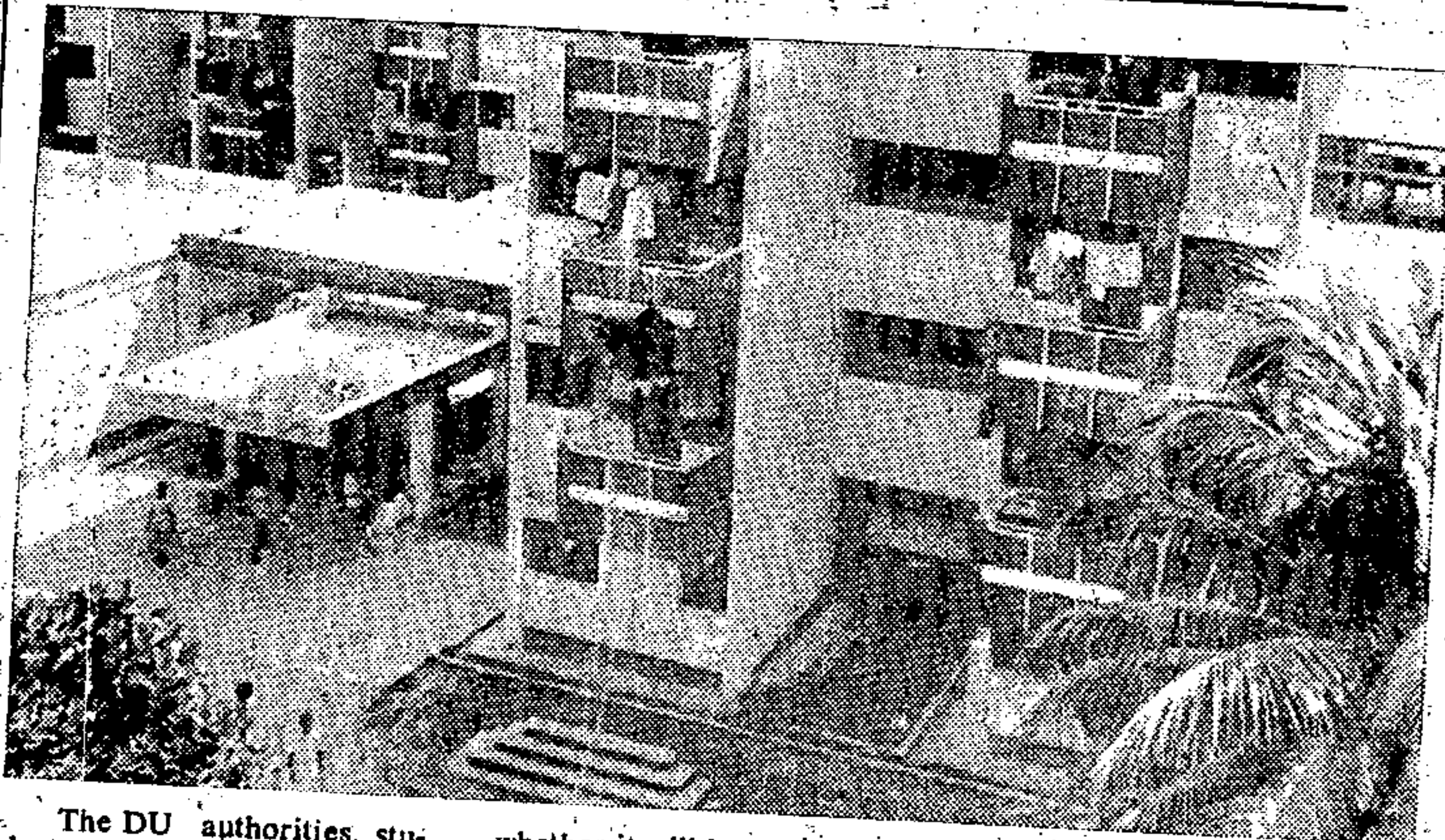




# DUCSU election soon

Campus Report



The DU authorities, students organisations and the leaders of the Dhaka University Teachers Association have reached consensus to hold the DUCSU elections along with the hall elections in February next after long seven years.

This decision has been hailed by all quarters and already a number of students organisations have started taking preparations to hold the DUCSU elections in the near future.

Informed sources say that the Vice Chancellor is keen to finish the election before the fifteen of February at the latest so that the Ekushe celebrations can be held under the supervision of DUCSU.

It may not be out of place to recall that the govt dissolved DUCSU by an order in 1982 after the imposition of martial law in the country. It is difficult to say which party will win the majority of the 19 posts or

whether it will be a coalition DUCSU but nevertheless it has to be admitted that after its dissolution cultural activities at the university have come to a stand still. Problems at the halls have become stupendous too as DUCSU plays an important role in the 104 member-Senate having five representatives there.

Meanwhile the DU Central Cultural team has been asked by the DU authorities to stop all of its activities in the wake of a number of allegations against its founder Director, Liaquat Ali Laki.

This was formed after the banning of DUCSU as an affiliate body in 82 to carry out the cultural activities at DU. There is an inkling that the DUCSU elections might be held in late December before the university closes for its winter holidays. If the govt agrees to the idea.

The VC, it is gathered will hold a meeting with the different students organisations to finalise a date for the elections. If the elections are held as per the plan, the main contenders shall be the students front of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Bangladesh Students League and the Students Union Front Organisation of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of Bangladesh.

The university authorities it is learnt feels that holding the DUCSU elections might help to stop political bickerings and bloodbath at the campus. It might turn the students away from the politics of violence.

To go along with the DUCSU elections the colleges are also busy holding their own elections. About 25% of the colleges have already completed the same and the rest shall be doing so before the year runs out.