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- 6) Looking for help;
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*Bengal Engineering College – Can we keep the name?*

The process to convert Bengal Engineering & Science University (BESU), erstwhile Bengal Engineering College, started when State and Central Governments agreed to the terms and conditions of transferring the control of the Institute. It is a matter of time before BESU is renamed Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology – Shibpur. The name BESU/BECDU/BEC will become history. However, the name BE College has a special place in the hearts of those who have been a part of it. We would always like to be called "The Alumni of BE College", a heritage institution with a long and distinguished history. The name is nostalgic to many of us and we would prefer to keep the name alive in some form or other.

Here is my proposal to keep the name BE College as a part of IEST. This may even be an efficient way to run the new Institution. Like most universities in the USA/Canada, let new IEST be divided into a number of colleges as shown below. Each college will be headed by a Dean who will report to the Institute Director. The colleges may be called: 1) Bengal Engineering College consisting of Architecture, Mechanical, Civil and Applied Mechanics Departments and any future departments such as Environmental and Production; 2) College of Material Science and Engineering consisting of Metallurgy, Material Science and Mining and future department such as Chemical; 3) College of Computer Science and Engineering consisting of Computer Science, Electrical, Computer Engineering, Tele-communication departments and PBSIT; 4) College of Arts and Sciences; 5) School of Management; and 6) College of Interdisciplinary Studies (if necessary). As old Bengal Engineering College had Civil, Mechanical, Architecture, Applied Mechanics Departments, this will be a logical way to keep this group under BEC. Although Electrical Engineering was a part of old BE College, its closeness to the other groups makes it logical to place in a different group.

We hope that BESU administration will consider this proposal in the future so that we can keep the name BE College alive. Long live our BE College!

Note: Opinion expressed in the editorial is solely the Editor's and is in no way representative of the official position of GAABESU.



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### BESUS NEWS

#### IEST(INI) Status for BESU

It has been learnt that MHRD is preparing the bill for converting BESU to IEST. We are hopeful that the bill will be presented to the parliament in the winter session. MHRD has also requested BESU administration to prepare a list of its assets at the BESU campus. This is a part of the process to transfer the administration of BESU from the State Government to the Central Government.

#### Seminar at BESU

Prof. Siben Dasgupta ('67BEEE, '69MEEE) from Boston delivered a seminar at the EE dept on August which was arranged by the EE department through IEEE Calcutta Chapter. The seminar was enjoyed by the faculty and students totaling over 70 and went on for over two hours. He very much appreciated the hospitality shown by the BESU community and sent a letter thanking, specially, Drs. Pratik Dutta (Program sub-committee.), Mainak Sengupta, Gautam Banerjee and Ajit Chattopadhyay for their efforts. He was very happy to see his old teachers Dr. Jamini Das and Dr. Chitta R Mahato at the seminar.

### GAABESU ACTIVITIES

#### GAABESU

GAABESU's first AGM will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> of October at the campus. The Secretary will provide his report at the AGM. The different sub-committees formed to run the activities have developed their plans and programs to be followed in the coming year. EC members around the globe are meeting every month through teleconference to discuss all activities. A second set of names of alumni from abroad for has been sent for FCRA clearance. Discussion has been started to build a Students' Center at the campus with the membership fees from the alumni abroad. As of now, GAABESU has a total of 536 active (Life 513 & Annual 23) and 29 inactive members. Lt. Col. Anjan Ghosh on behalf of Membership sub-committee is trying to enroll more members from the graduating class with the Institute caution money. GAABESU EC has decided that its newsletter will be called "Alumni Link" and is planning to

send hard copy of the newsletter printed through sponsorship, to its members. Thanks to Mr. Amitava Ghoshal, '57CE for being the first sponsor.

#### GAABESU Scholarship Programme

This has been the most successful alumni program in the short history of GAABESU. This was originally started with 8 scholarships of Rs. 8000 each by a few alumni from Northern California in 1998. The amount was increased to Rs. 10,000 from 2002. Since the formation of GAABESU, scholarships awarded by global alumni groups were unified under the GAABESU umbrella and further expanded with additional monies from other alumni. Fifty-two scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each and 10 book grants of Rs. 1,000 each were awarded for the 2006-07 academic session. This year, observing BESU's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, GAABESU will be awarding 73 full scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each, 3 half scholarships of Rs. 5,000 each, 5 admission grants of Rs. 9,000 each and 15 book grants of Rs. 1,000.00 each, in the total amount of over Rs. 8 lakhs. [\[Click here for details\]](#)

This scholarship amount is probably the highest of any alumni association in India. The scholarship sub-committee plans to increase the full scholarship to Rs. 12,000 each starting next year. GAABESU thanks all donors for their generosity. Our website provides a list of all donors and recipients of the scholarship.

#### GAABESU Mentor Programme

A new sub-committee to mentor the present students has been formed. The sub-committee has developed a plan [\[Click here for details\]](#) to administer this program and over 100 students have signed on to avail themselves of this opportunity. The objective of this program is make students aware of available career options and providing guidance to choose the most appropriate one. About 60 alumni have agreed to be mentors. We request more alumni to sign on as mentors.

#### GAABESU Emergency Programme

This is another successful program which has been operational for a while, thanks to a few alumni who came forward to financially help members of the BESU community facing an emergency situation. With the formation of GAABESU, this



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activity is planned on being administered through a sub-committee. The sub-committee has already developed a plan [\[Click here for details\]](#) outlining the process to handle requests as they come to GAABESU and as to how funds should be raised and disbursed. Since the initial inception of the programme a total of about Rs. 45 to 50 lakh has been disbursed. Our website provides a list of all people who have been helped and a list of donors.

A case study of Sujit Ghosh (88CE), a recipient of the alumni emergency fund, has been published in the prestigious medical journal, "Nature" [\[Click here for detail\]](#). He reiterated his sincere thanks and appreciation to all kinds of help he received in his trying time.

Another recipient from 2002 ETC [\[Click here for details\]](#) joined GAABESU Emergency Sub-Committee to serve as an ambassador of this programme.

We are pleased to inform you that Tania Pramanick, 2006ARCH, a past recipient [\[Click here for details\]](#) has recovered from her illness and has since joined the MTRP programme at BESU.

### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

#### San Francisco Chapter Picnic



BECAA San Francisco Chapter Picnic was organized on August 4, 2007



Dr. Manoj Bhattacharya, '78EE explaining the role of BESU alumni towards our Alma Mater (next column).

#### 150th Anniversary Reunion, BECAA, UK

Submitted by Dr. Nandalal Ghosh, '63CE

On Sunday the 10th of June 2007, alumni from different parts of the UK gathered to celebrate the 150th Anniversary Reunion in Clarendon Hall. This was in the stately surrounding of the seventeenth century York House in Richmond, London.

Mostly alumni and their family and a few invited guests, totaling over one hundred, came to this gala event.

Tata Consultancy Services and ICICI Bank were sponsors of this event. In addition, Cobra provided a good free supply of their Premium Beer! For all this, special thanks go to our alumni, Sudip Mazumder (TCS) & Pushpasis Sen (Secretary). Dr. N.R. Banerjea, VC-BESU attended this event as an invited guest! [\[Click here for Details\]](#).

#### BESU Alumni in Chicago hosts VC July 20, 2007

Submitted by Mr. Girindra Roy, '60CE

Dr. N.R. Banerjea, VC visited Chicago from July 18 through July 21, 2007. On July 19, Dr. Banerjea, Dr. Amitabha Ghosh ('62ME & Ex-Director IIT-Kgp) and Miss Sukanya Purui visited UIC, Urbana. A get-together was arranged at my residence on Friday, July 20, 2007 evening.

Dr. Banerjea provided an up-to-date overview of BESU which was followed by a questions and answers session. It was an



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informative evening enjoyed by everyone.



Mr. Amitava Ghosh, '79 EE, agreed to be the representative from Greater Chicago Area to the GAABESU-USA. Thanks and best wishes to Amitava for accepting this responsibility. His e-mail address is: amitava.ghosh@motorola.com.

BECAA Southern California Chapter Picnic 2007  
Submitted by Mr. Sumanta Chakraborty, '91CE



On 31st August, BECAA Southern California had an enjoyable picnic which was attended by about 25 alumni family. Members from San Diego (about 80 miles) came to Cerritos Liberty

Park for this event.

The day started with snacks consisting of "Singara", "Jilipi" and "Muri-Makha". After the snacks, alumni families chatted and played football, cricket as well as bridge. After lunch, there were other sports and annual meeting. At the meeting, statuses of BESU and GAABESU were updated. Alumni were also apprised of the GAABESU activities and invited to join. A new committee was formed to serve for the next 2 years.

BECAA Hyderabad Chapter  
Submitted by Mr. Kaustav Biswas, '00ME

BECAA Hyderabad Chapter celebrated its annual reunion on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Secunderabad Club. The success of the event was ensured by the enthusiastic participation of alumni and their families – right from Bijoy Gopal Dutta(1948 CE) and Maj. Gen (Retired) B P Roy (1953 ME) to youngsters of 2005 batch.



The total number of participants including family members touched 50 while the number of alumni was 35. Prof. Biswaroop Basak from EE department who happened to be in Hyderabad also joined the group along with his wife. As a sign of changing times, we also had Angshuman who has done his MBA from BESU in 2005 [\[Click here for details\]](#).

An AGM was also held where the necessity of generating fund was discussed and a sub-committee has been formed which



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has been entrusted to see that we organize a seminar by March 2008.

### ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

#### International Bridge Category Award

*"I have this opportunity to express and share my happiness with you for a most critically-assessed work of engineering excellence - the Second Vivekananda Bridge at Kolkata. To my pride as an Indian, a professional involved in this project all through, it is for the first time ever that an Indian Bridge, amongst entries from several competing nations from all across the globe, has won the most-coveted "International Bridge Category Award" (2007) of the American Segmental Bridge Institute (ASBI). I am looking forward to attend the Award Ceremony on 5th November at Las Vegas, USA."*

- S.S. Chakraborty, '57CE

### EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GAABESU AGM

First AGM of GAABESU will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 at BESU Campus [[Click here for details](#)].

#### GAABESU Scholarship Distribution

GAABESU Scholarship Distribution Ceremony will held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 at 9:30 am at the BESU Campus. [[Click here for details](#)]

#### Silver Jubilee of CST

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Computer Science & Technology (CST), Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur - To be celebrated during the academic session 2007-2008. Grand finale will be observed with a colloquium titled "Recent Trends in Computing-in the perspective of Applied Research" on January 12-13, 2008 [[Click here details](#)]. In an open letter to all alumni, Prof. U. Bhattacharya, Head of the Department, Computer Science & Technology, appealed all alumni contact CST department for this event.

#### NGMS

NGMS 2008 - 'Centre of Excellence on Soft Computation in Materials Science & Engineering' (COE) and 'School of Materials Science & Engineering' (SMSE) will be organizing second International Conference on Neural Network and Genetic Algorithm in Materials Science and Engineering (NGMS) on January 9-11, 2008 [[Click here details](#)].

### OBITUARIES

#### Abhijit Nandi (3<sup>rd</sup> Year MCA Student)

Abhijit Nandi, a third-year MCA student, developed breathing trouble while playing football with his friends at the campus on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> evening.

Nandi, who had a history of cardiac problems, collapsed on the ground. He was taken to the university hospital and later shifted to SSKM Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

#### Raghubir Sen, '69ME

Raghubir Sen, '69ME passed away on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 around mid-night after a long battle with Leukemia [[Click here for details](#)].

For the last few years, he was going through a very difficult time. He underwent serious family problem resulting in loss of his entire belongings. He moved to Rockford, IL and was staying with one of his friend, Premdas Roy ('69 Civil). He was involved in a serious car accident and was hospitalized for a while and was diagnosed with Leukemia right after that.

May their souls rest in peace.



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### B. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

*(Tick relevant item(s))*

- I am not a member of GAABESU. I like to become a (life/annual) member. Please advise me how to become a member.
- I am an annual member and I like to pay for another term/upgrade to life membership. Please let me know how to pay my membership fees.
- I am interested to know more about GAABESU Scholarship Programme.
- I am interested to know more about GAABESU Mentorship Programme.
- I am interested to know more about GAABESU Emergency Fund Programme.
- I am interested to know more about GAABESU Corpus Fund.
- I am interested in visiting BESU campus/delivering a seminar/workshop.

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