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President's Message

By Ahmed Ali

NED University of Engineering and Technology has been a hallmark of academic excellence that continues to produce some of the brightest technical minds spread throughout the world today. To foster a more collaborative relationship between the university, including its students, faculty, and leadership, with the numerous alumni in the Southern California area, we are proud to announce the formation of the NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC).



*New NED campus,
where the future cradles*

As the founding president of NEDAASC, I state that it is the responsibility of this organization to help meet the goals and aspirations of those who have graduated from NED and the many more that are yet to pass through this great institution. As alumni of NED, it is necessary to give back to the school, which has already given so much to all of us. Continuing to see the university excel in the various branches of engineering is integral to the mission of this organization.

NEDAASC has already taken several steps to ensure the continued success of the university. We have started giving scholarships, both on a need and merit basis, to deserving engineering students. These scholarships will go a long way in helping to realize the dreams of many students in becoming engineers.

Founding members of the board include:

- Ahmed Ali– President,
- Syed Shariq Raza– Vice-President,
- Mansoor Khan – Treasurer,
- Moqueem Ansari – Secretary,
- Mujib Ahmed– Membership Director,
- Farhat Siddiqi – Publications Director,
- Zaid Ahmed – Scholarship Director, and
- Altaf Godil – Director Information System



Old NED campus Memories

Upcoming Events:

2008 NED Alumni Convention

NED Alumni Association of New England will hold the 2008 Convention on November 1, 2008. The convention will be held at the Farmington Marriot in Connecticut. For more information please go to the website of NED Alumni Association of New England. Mr. Ahmed Ali, President of NEDAASC will represent the Organization. Several members of NEDAASC plan to attend the convention.



2009 NED Alumni Convention

Save the Date for the NEDAASC 2009 International Convention planned for July 18th, 2009 in Sunny Southern California, home of Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood and Santa Monica. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Anaheim – South. Check our website for further details.



A Brief History of NEDAASC

By Mansoor Khan



It was Sunday morning on October 28, 2007 when a group of NEDians met at Moqueem Ansari's residence. The atmosphere was permeated with laughter and nostalgia among longtime friends and contemporaries. The intent of the gathering was to formalize an organization which provides a communication platform for NED Alumni and facilitates NEDians in strengthening relationship with their Alma Mater and fellow professionals. The platform which can channelize by expanding knowledge and strengthening one another by enriching each other with experience/knowledge and building a close network of friends/alumni from NED University, by uploading the highest ethical standards.

After long hours of debate and frank discussions, the resolution was passed unanimously to establish an alumni chapter of NED University in Southern California. The name adopted for the organization was NED Alumni Association of Southern California with the acronym NEDAASC. The inaugural meeting of NEDAASC was held on January 13, 2008 at a restaurant in Anaheim, California. The meeting was well attended, well received and the session was interactive. The office bearers were elected with Ahmed Ali as President of NEDAASC. He is the founding President of the alumni. Resolution was passed in the meeting to file the incorporation of the organization with California Secretary of State and preparation of by-laws. Aims and Objectives of the organization were established. The association is a self-funded, membership-driven organization. A history of NEDAASC was launched.

NEDAASC was formally incorporated on February 15, 2008. Formal meetings are held on a monthly basis. Within a short period of time, the organization got name recognition and is well known among NED Alumni circles in USA and overseas and is growing by leaps and bounds. We have been in contact with the faculty and management of NED University which resulted in the initiation of Technical Exchange Program and providing assistance to the Center for Continuing Engineering Education. Scholarships and financial assistance to NED students have been offered and will continue to be offered in the years to come. Keeping with the tradition of NED Alumni Convention held in USA every year since 2005, we have planned to host the next year 2009 convention in Los Angeles area.

The NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) stands today as an emblem of the good spirited graduates of NED University of Engineering & Technology who are ready, able and willing to pursue the noblest of intentions for our Alma Mater. The membership is steadily growing since the inception of the Association. It will grow as we continue to search for other NEDians. Joining NEDAASC is the best way to stay connected to NEDians everywhere.

We take pride in being NEDian. We will succeed because of the integrity and dedications of NEDians.

NEDAASC's Scholarship Program

By Zaid Ahmed

In accordance with one of NEDAASC's commitments, Alhamdulillah on April 8, 2008, ten scholarships of Rs.10,000 each were awarded to the deserving students of NEDUET. These scholarships were given to first year engineering students based on hardship/need cum-merit basis. The criteria and procedures of the Students Affairs Office of NEDUET were adopted for the selection of the deserving students for these scholarships.



These scholarships will continue during the second, third, and in fourth (final) year to the same students depending on their passing annual examinations of respective years, and if other selection criteria has been met. In addition, ten (10) new first year engineering students will be selected every year. After four years from now, Insha-Allah there will be forty (40) scholarships every year awarded to the deserving students of NEDUET.

In addition, five GRE Scholarships in the amount of \$170 each were awarded in December, 2007 by the NEDAASC to the selected students of NEDUET.

The recipients of the GRE Scholarships were: S.M. Farruk Hamza (Mech. 3rd Yr.); Umair Bin Waheed (Electronics, 3rd Yr.); Farish Kagawala (Electronics, 3rdYr.); Abshar Rashid (Computer Engg., 3rd Yr.); and S. Khurshand Iqbal (Industrial Engg., 3rd Yr.)



*Recipients of GRE Scholarship with
Zaid Ahmad & Prof. Nauman of NEDUET*

You Are Invited To Participate In TEP

1. **Technical Exchange Program (TEP):** NED Alumni in USA and Center for Continuing Engineering Education (CCEE) at NED have started a program of seminars/workshops from visiting experts from USA. The first two of the series are scheduled for Nov. and Dec. 2008.

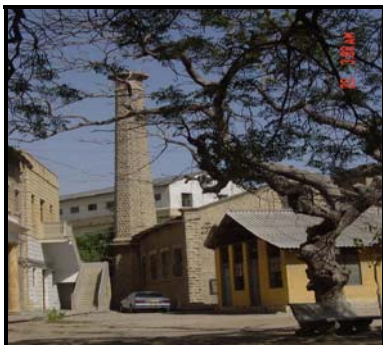
We are inviting you to participate.

For details, please contact imolvi@aol.com.

2. **Environmental Engineering:** NED Alumni are in the process of creating a pool of USA based experts to address requests by NED for assistance in the areas of Air, Water, Sanitation and Bio-fuels.

Distinguished Alumni, here is your chance to give it a shot!

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*No man is an island, entire of itself,
every man is a piece of the continent,
a part of the main... any man's death
diminished me, because I am
involved in mankind; and therefore
never sent to know for whom the
moazin calls; he calls for thee.*

Hard to believe that it was over 42 years ago in 1965 when I graduated from the Grand Old NED (GONE). It was the first batch of new four-year degree, compatible with the rest of the world and most importantly for so many of us fully recognized in the United States as the degree in engineering. Before us, it took others only 3 1/2 years to graduate. We used to call it "Jhatke Ki Degree." Yes there was still the old guard teaching staff with their old class notes which even they were having a hard time reading. But there was some new teaching staff with Master's Degrees from the United States. One even had a Ph.D. That was Dr. Ibrahim. He was head of the Mechanical Engineering Department. I was totally convinced that the guy had no sense of humor. Even my best jokes couldn't make a dent on his stone face. Those were the peaceful days at NED. No bullets. No guns. However occasional stabbing among other "student leaders" used to happen at the nearby Pakistan Chawk. Shahenshah and Raana used to be the powerful student leaders. I used to get scared by just looking at their faces. There was nothing "student" about them.

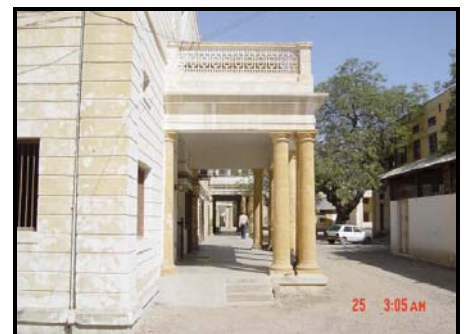
The big agitation at NED was the students' demand that NED deserved to have its own canteen. We felt like second class citizens to go to the canteen at the nearby SM Law College for patties and tea (Late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto used to teach there during the 1950's). Three years of agitation later we finally got our canteen "independently" run by the Student Union.

Dr. A.T. Khan, the former Vice Chancellor, had a Master's from MIT then and mostly taught in sign language. Nobody could hear him anyway. And then there was this everybody's favorite Mr. F.G. Khan. With affection, we called him "Fajju Khan."

Memories of the Old NED

By Farhat Siddiqi
(Pictures by Mujib Ahmed)

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*Tumharee Anjun'n Say Uut'h Kur
Deevaanaay Kahaa'n Jaatay
Jo Vaabaustaa Huay Tum Say
Vo Afsaanav Kahaa'n Jaatav*



*Gee Doondh'taa Phirr Vohee
Fursut Kay Raat Din
Bait'hay Rahai'n Tusuvur-e
jaana leeay Huway*

Avalon was the hangout place. Sometimes I used to eat lunch at Sevakunj with my classmate, Dr. Arshud Mahmood. The food was really good there (and for me, free thanks to Arshad Bhai). For some unknown reasons Arshad Bhai strongly believed in learning. While the whole class traced the machine drawings done by our senior students, sometime during the 1950's, Arshad Bhai insisted that tracing the drawings had no place in "learning" and did every drawing himself, all original just like Leonardo de Vinci did Mona Lisa. And then there was Zafar, one year junior to me who believed that learning anything was a waste of time. He just laughed all the time and spent most of his time chasing girls at DJ Science College.

Back to the teaching staff. Professor Aziz-ul-Hasan was pretty popular with the students. I am not sure whether it was his teaching or good humor which made him popular. I sure didn't like him calling the "concrete mix" I made in the laboratory "Hareera." With Mahfooz next to me distracting by making funny faces I added water several times by mistake. Big deal! And by the

way what was the purpose of the "workshop"? The technician in the workshop made everything. Students just paid him money for doing it.

Professor Chaudhry taught us "Machine Drawings" and made all of us experts in "tracing." Professor Genatra was mostly confused trying to figure out himself what he was teaching! We didn't really care either way. There were books available we could read on our own. Professor Mirza didn't really have to demonstrate near the desk the difference between the "Western Toilet" and the "Indian Toilet." None of us were interested in Sanitary Engineering anyway.

Bullets in our days were called "Kartoos." They were not designed to kill anybody but they helped all of us get good grades.

Who can forget the tree and the bench? In Karachi's heat both were very popular. And under that tree there were jokes, the laughter and "Khichai." Time went by and with the coronation of Ayub Khan and completion of my degree I eventually ended up in California to be part of the great American rat race.



*Havaa'on Mein Kyaa Zehr
Gholaa Gaiyaa... Kay Ub Saans
Bhee to Leeya Jai Naa Mein Jis
Shehr Kay Geet Gaata Rahah
Ub Oos Shehr Mein Kyu'n
Rahaa Jaayy Naa*

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MEMORY LANE!



Celebration of Izhar Haider winning elections for President of the Student Union (1964).



Farhat was commonly known as "Farhat Editor"



Professor Mahmood Alam, the then Principal of the College addressing the gathering at the Eid Milan Party (1965)



The engineers of 1966 were also into music.
None of them were even close to being as good as Shaky,
Zafar and Gulzar are in the picture



This picture has four members of the teaching staff during 1964-65.



The group of 1969 during the study trip, the most popular event of every graduate class. Shahnawaz Ahmed is somewhere in the picture in his younger version.



Principal Sheikh Manzoor Ahmed cutting the tape to inaugurate the First All Pakistan N.E.D. College Table Tennis Championship. Gyrokhana Secretary, Abdul Samad is on Principals right while, Ahmed Ali can be seen on his extreme left.

Playing table tennis (ping pong) in between classes was pretty popular. Please note Ahmed Ali holding the racket. How did he ever win?



The graduating class of Ahmed Ali with Professor Anwar Chaudhry. Ahmed Ali, Arshad Javed Syed and Rahat Khan can be found in the pictures.

NED: A University on the March

a Pakistan Link Report



Above: Dr. Sahibzada Rafeeqi, Dean of the NED University, addresses the former NED students. Right: Members of NEDAASC with Dr. Rafeeqi



On Saturday, March 29, 2008, the NED Alumni Association of Southern California hosted the NED University Dean of Civil Engineering, Dr. Sahibzada Rafeeqi at the Orange residence of Ahmed and Perveen.

The get-together testified to a universal truth – engineers are true achievers yet they are humble, down-to-earth individuals. Unlike social scientists, their strivings are governed by well-meaning endeavors and resultant successes.

Most of the attendees, who have done exceedingly well in the United States, talked modestly about their achievements and appeared visibly fired by the desire to repay NED and Pakistan for all their post-NED successes.

The NEDAASC President, Ahmed Ali, spoke of the “world class education at NED” which has greatly contributed to the alumni’s multifarious successes. He affirmed that it is the alumni’s responsibility that “NED maintains its high standards” and enumerated several NEDAASC initiatives to fulfill this resolve.

Dr. Farhat Siddiqi et al stated that “everyone who is here feels the bond” with the NED University and each one of the attendees was keen to pay back to the alma mater for all that he has learnt and later achieved.

Dr. Sahibzada Rafeeqi, Dean of the University, complimented the former NED students for making the university known “throughout the globe” by dint of their zest and hard work.

He recalled that NED was renamed as a university in 1977. “Renaming does not mean anything unless the institution has a strong research base.” It was in the year 1988 that spadework for launching a Research and Development program was undertaken. “A dream in my lifetime is being achieved. I have seen my students shine and they have excelled in their pursuits to bring a good name to NED,” the Dean recalled. “During the Musharraf regime the Higher Education Commission did many laudable things,” Dr Rafeeqi exuberantly stated.

The present faculty has the strength of 363, a figure that is to double by 2010. There are 47 PhDs. As for the students on the university’s rolls the number aggregates 5613. The university has started a PhD program and four researchers have already received their PhDs. Five more are in the pipeline. He proudly claimed that the NED University is “moving slowly towards the cultural change we needed. Aap aen aur aakar dekhaen kah aap NED kae liyae kiya karsaktae haen, aur phir kuch karaen,” he told the former NED students.

Dr Rafeeqi was happy to see the former students realize that they owe the alma mater a great deal. “It is my dream to see institutes like Stanford, MIT, and Cornell emerge in Pakistan,” the Dean observed.

All indications at the get-together were that The NED University is on the march that is sure to gain an added momentum with the support of its talented and accomplished alumni.