

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES

STUDENTS' WELFARE

The Office of the Dean of Students' Welfare continued to serve as the nodal agency for student services and their welfare. Though largely concerned with the Shillong Campus, the Office co-ordinated student activities in the Aizawl Campus through teachers given charge of these functions. Throughout the period under review Dr. B. Kharbuli, Reader in Zoology, held charge as Dean Students' Welfare. As in previous years a major concern of the office was management of the residence of the post-graduate students and research scholars, the co-ordination of the NEHU Students' Union, cultural activities and admission to the post graduate and research programmes of the University and the award of PG Scholarships and Students' Aid Fund.

Scholarships/Aid Fund

During the period under review 85 NEHU P.G scholarships including 22 to ST/SC students were awarded. Six economically backward students were awarded NEHU Students' Aid Fund.

Residence in Hostels

In the Shillong Campus, Total Hostel admission is as follows :

	Gen	SC/ST	Total
Hostel (Male)	09	61	70
Hostel (Female)	13	103	116

Students' Activities :

Election to the Executive Committee of the NEHU Students' Union for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was conducted on schedule.

The Office co-ordinated the Study tour of eight Academic departments, namely: Political Science, Physics, Education, English, Biochemistry, Zoology, Geography and Anthropology.

In addition to the Annual University Week which included Sports and Games and cultural programmes, the office also organised the following :

R.Murry Memorial Inter Hostel T.T. Tournament.

Silver Jubilee Celebration (1998-99) :

The following were included in the University's Silver Jubilee Celebration.

Cultural Programme :

- (i) Debate, Extempore, Quiz, Photo Exhibition and Flower Show.
- (ii) Painting Exhibition cum three day Lecture series with slide show.
- (iii) One Act Play, music, fancy dress competition and Beauty contest.

Golden Jubilee of India's Freedom (1998-99)

The programmes taken up for the celebration of the 50 Years of India's Independence.

- (i) Debate on the Topic - "50 Years of freedom has transformed N.E. India".
- (ii) Open Quiz by NEHUSU.
- (iii) On the Spot Essay writing competition (Open) by NEHUSU.
- (iv) Cultural programmes by Assamese, Mizo, Naga, Manipur and Meghalaya PGSU.
- (v) Career Councelling Session by Meghalaya PGSU.
- (vi) Panel discussions by NEHUSU.
- (vii) On the Spot painting competition by NEHUSU.
- (viii) Golden Jubilee Fresher Social.

SPORTS DEPARTMENT

During the year under report the following tournaments were conducted by the Sports Department under the Director of the Sports Board.

One Zone Tournaments : Basketball (M&W), Football (W), Hockey (M&W), Boxing, Judo (M&W), Best Physique (M), Weight Lifting (M).

Zonal Tournaments : Football (M), Table Tennis (M&W), Badminton (M&W), Volleyball (M&W) and Chess (Combined).

All the tournaments were held in either Aizawl, Tura or Shillong as decided by the Sports Board. This was the first time that tournaments were held at Tura - these were Volleyball (M&W), Basketball (M&W) and Chess (Combined).

Inter University Tournaments : East Zone and A.I.U.

This year, the University sent out teams to participate in Inter-University Football (M) and Hockey (M) Tournaments.

Other Activities :

As part of the University's Silver Jubilee Celebrations, the Sports Department assisted in the conduct of the Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament at NEHU Bijni Complex, Shillong on 14th November, 1998. The participating teams were NEHU Non-Teaching Staff Association, NEHU, Students' Union and Bijni Boys. The tournament was won by the Bijni Boys.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

During the period under report, the enrolment of volunteers in Meghalaya reached 8222, covering 24 colleges and a Post-Graduate Unit, with a total of 38 Programme Officers.

NSS programmes in Meghalaya were adversely affected due to non-receipt of funds from the State Government. Programmes were, hence, centrally organised by the NSS office as there were no funds to release to the colleges for conducting activities in their respective colleges. Some of these programmes were :

1. To mark the occasion of World Environment Day, a tree plantation programme was held on 5th June, 1998 at the approach area to the NEHU Permanent Campus, Umshing. About 100 volunteers of the P.G. Unit participated.

2. As part of the NEHU Silver Jubilee Celebrations, the NSS Cell held a photo exhibition of activities during 9th - 14th November, 1998 at Bijni Complex.

Following the decision taken in the 16th University Advisory Committee meeting, a Local Advisory Committee to facilitate quick and ready advice to the Programme Co-ordinator was constituted in May 1998.

According to reports received till March '99 in Mizoram enrolment of volunteers has reached 13966, covering 29 colleges with a total of 59 Programme Officers. Most of the Programmes conducted in Mizoram centred round the Special Camp Theme 'Youth for Sustainable Development' with emphasis on Watershed Development and Watershed Management. Some of the activities involved were repair of roads, construction of waiting sheds and public benches, construction water-points and watertanks, drainage systems and public urinals. Under regular activities, the units participated in various activities such as development of College Campus, beautification and cleanliness drives, awareness programmes relating to AIDS, drug abuse and other issues, blood donation Camps.

Dr. Elizabeth Laitflang, Reader in Political Science, was Co-ordinator till March 1999 when Dr. R.N. Sharan, Head, Department of Bio-Chemistry took over as Co-ordinator. Shri U.R. Dutta, Programme Officer, Tura Government College has been appointed as Deputy Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, NEHU for supervision of NSS programme at Tura.

CENTRAL SERVICES

COMPUTER CENTRE

The Centre provides computation facility to faculty members, research scholars and students of the University, and conducts training programmes in computer related subjects and develops software for NEHU administration.

At present, there is a VAX 3100-40 computer system with nine terminals, one network server and nineteen personal computers connected on a LAN. Utilisation of the computer system is on an average 8 hours per day. The total number of users per day is more than fifteen. Ninety percent of the machine time is devoted to research and teaching, while ten percent is devoted to other work.

Head : Dr. S.N. Rai.

Faculty :

Director	:	Dr. S.N. Rai, Ph.D (BHU)
Lecturer	:	Dr. T.K.Sinha, Ph.D (NEHU)
Sr.Systems Analyst	:	Mr. P.P.Dey, B.Tech (Warangal)
System Analysts	:	Mr. S.Ghosh, ME (Jadavpur) Ms. B.Rynjah, B.Tech (Kakinada)

Meetings :

A meeting of the Management Committee was held on 26th August 1998 and decided to start three Certificate Courses of 6 month duration. These courses will commence during 1999.

Courses Conducted :

Computer Courses for IGNOU Students & Training of NEHU personnel. Conducted a Computer Appreciation Course for two persons from USIC, NEHU.