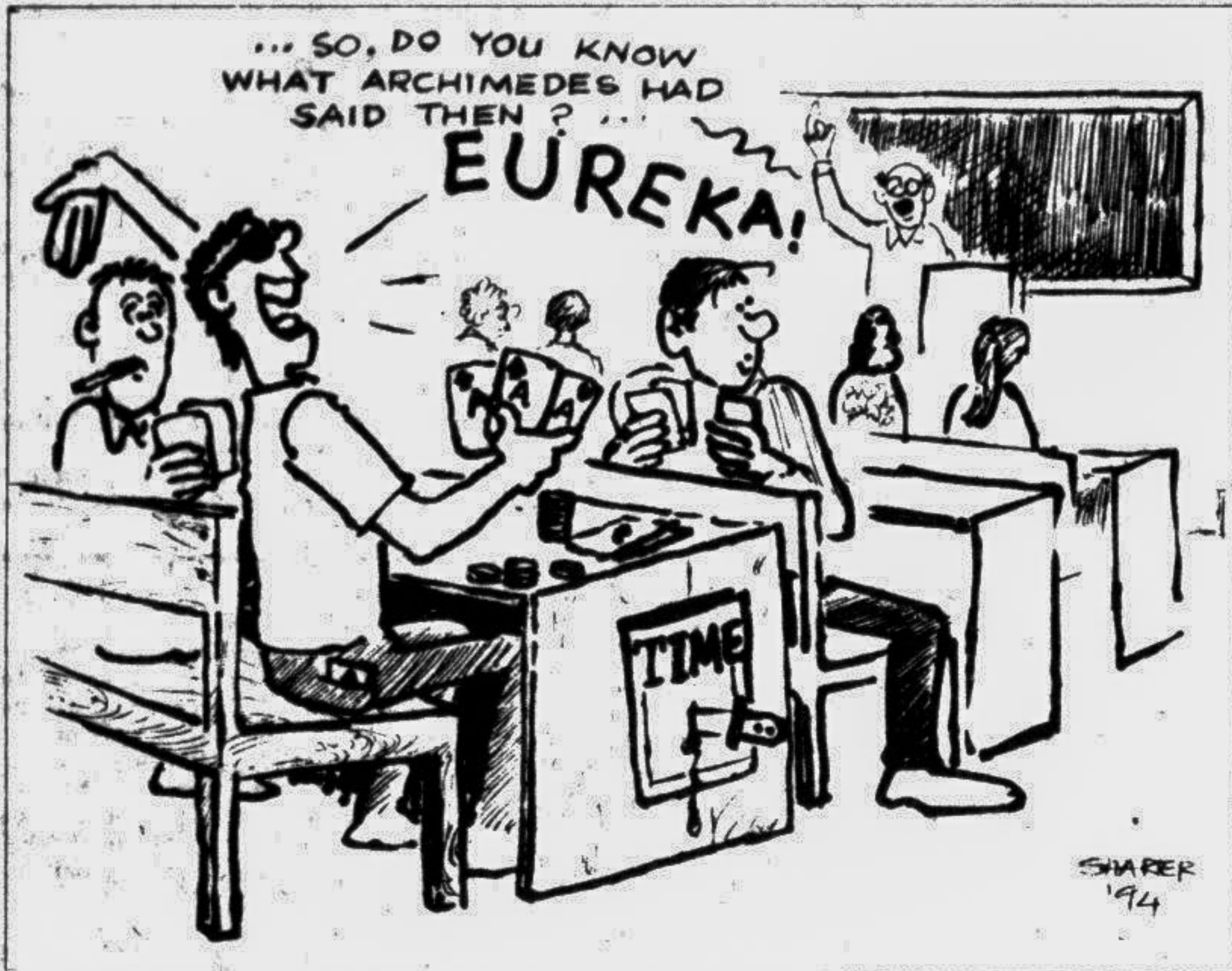


# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Time-killers of the Campus

by Iftikhar A Chowdhury



As most teachers take the back-benchers to be the 'bad guys' of the class and look down upon them as some sort of half-baked creatures, the students who crowd the various departmental corridors of Dhaka University to while away their academic days at ease, are also frowned at by the faculty teachers as if they are representatives of a 'lost generation'. To their teachers, they are the root of everything that tends to represent the evil in the campus. Yet ignoring the questioning eyes of the teachers they gather together in the corridors of their respective departments for a marathon gossip each day. And to the utter dismay of the teachers, their numbers only increase with time.

As gossip or adda is probably one of our most favourite and foremost national past times, it has naturally invaded the supposedly calm of our educational institutions also. Can a day be passed in the campus without the wholesome parley between friends? Unthinkable. Even if these sessions meant skipping an important class or two, who cares! The teachers might care a little, but the students are as nonchalant as ever. The classes will be there all right to attend the same time next week. But will the 'mood' for adda still persist?

Assailed by this irresistible doubt, one can easily guess what most of the students opt for. Gossiping in your very own departmental corridor in front of the very nose of your teachers is definitely an act of bravado and thrill. So, who could stop them? They are adults and the citizens of a free democratic country. Engaging in marathon addas is a part of their fundamental human rights.

Usually in these parleys, the topics range from the girl next room or a passing beauty, to the very fundamental of national politics and sport. Academic discussions are mostly considered a taboo in these addas. Nowadays girls

are also regular participants in these discussions. They form a group consisting of the members of their own sex, and some, who have been able to cross the gender divide join in a unisex adda. But still, compared to the 'guys', 'gals' are fewer in numbers.

Apart from the corridors, there is the Madhu's Canteen, Campus Shadow, the entrance to the girl's common room on the third floor of Arts Building, a small patch of space at the back of Economics Department on the second floor, the rear gate of the Arts Building and of course, there is the TSC, DAS and the large patches of green space adjacent to the Arts Building, the Curzon Hall, and the Central Library of Dhaka University. All these places are most sought after by the students as ideal venues for adda. These places are more attractive than the gloomy classrooms where the equally gloomy teachers teach in an orthodox way some very uninteresting subjects!

A Bangladeshi national studying in United States now holidaying in his native land, came to meet some of his friends at the Dhaka University. Surprised at seeing them spending hours on end gossiping, he said that this would seem absurd in the US, where the students are always on the run and a minute lost means a great deal to them. His friends studying at the DU, were somewhat happy to realize that even in the US students miss 'what we seem to be getting in plenty here'. What a consolation!

Actually most of the addabj students often come from well-to-do families. And usually they are the residents of the proverbial hotel, namely Babar hotel, so they needn't worry much about anything. But their mistake is that sometimes they are too carried away by addas to forget about the exams coming their way. As a result, many have to compensate by losing academic years. Most people realise that it is a heavy loss. But do these students realize the same?



Members of the Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) hostel seen here with the ABC authorities and participants in a discussion on the occasion of World White Cane Safety Day held at the ABC head office in the city yesterday.— Star photo

### Three die in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Three persons died in separate incidents in different parts in the city suburb on Friday.

Selim, son of Nawsher Ali of Mutual of Demra thana committed suicide by taking poison after he had quarreled with his parents over money at 11 pm. He was 20. Doctors declared him dead when he was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) more than three hours after he took poison.

Another Selim, aged 16 and son of Abdur Rahim of Mostapara under Savar thana drowned into the river Turag at about 2 pm while he was witnessing immersion of statue by the members of Hindu community.

One Shahjuddin was critically injured when a private car ran over him on the Dhaka-Narsingdi highway at Belabo at around 9:30 am. The 22-year-old Shahjuddin succumbed to his injuries at 5 am yesterday at the DMCH.

All the bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

### 10 Taka Prize Bond results

The 118th draw of Ten Taka Prize Bond was held at the Sylhet district council auditorium yesterday. Deputy Commissioner Abu Taher Khan presided, says a press release.

First prize Tk 50,000 487092

Second prize Tk 10,000 049466

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138004	139504	147023
157685	158426	158752
164344	177037	185834
190903	200335	201323
204953	206757	210034
212201	212269	215461
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248421	252644	265765
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294236	298748	300836
302089	309627	310786
311969	329301	321896
335037	346724	347706
355092	369661	364830
369639	373975	374050
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433518	437660	454552
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### Milad on SM Ali's death anniversary

By Staff Correspondent

A milad mahfil will be held at the premises of The Daily Star tomorrow after Asr prayers to mark the first death anniversary of the late founder-editor of the newspaper S M Ali.

All his colleagues, friends, and relatives have been requested to attend the milad and join in the prayers for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Canada assures help to promote export sector

Visiting Canadian Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren has assured cooperation in promoting Bangladesh's export sector, particularly the Garments industry, reports UNB.

The assurance came when MacLaren had meeting with Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam at his office in the city yesterday.

The Canadian minister commended Bangladesh's economic success in recent years and expressed his interest to invest in power and textile sector in Bangladesh.

### Obituary

Barrister Alia Hussain of B&H Company died yesterday at the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital. He was 59, says a press release.

He was buried on the same day at Banani graveyard.

His quikhan will be held Tuesday after Asr prayers at his residence at East Rajabazar. He left behind his wife, three daughters and numerous near and dear ones to mourn his death.



5:30 Opening of session  
5:40 Bible recitation  
5:45 Desh O Bigyan  
5:50 News in Bangla  
5:55 Cartoon film: Tom and Jerry Kids Show  
6:00 Sports programme  
6:05 Health programme: Apnar Daktar  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Tagore songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Business programme: Taka Ana Kar  
9:00 Drama series: The Sword of Tipu Sultan  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Musical programme: Shur Lahori  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:45 Closing



Poet Begum Sufia Kamal handing over the Ananya Literary Award 1401 BS to writer Selina Hossain at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. Poet Shamsur Rahman (R) is also seen. Ananya, a vernacular fortnightly for women, sponsored the award.

### Weather

#### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the regions of Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today, the Met Office forecasts.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country during this period, it added.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met office predicted little change. Giving extended outlook for another five days, there would be no appreciable change, it added.

Country's highest temperature 34.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Satkhira while the lowest 21.5 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:32 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57 am.

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