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Finding old in the new

The above title in SWM of July 2, 2004 under "Impressions" brought back memories of New Orleans as well as the beautiful, but dilapidating architecture of Dhaka. We drove to the city from the West Coast to attend a conference in 1973. We found New Orleans the same way Ms Nawaz did although, I must confess that, at the time, we did not think of comparing the physical aspects of the two cities as the author has. Nevertheless it dawned on us that the summer there was similar to that of Bangladesh. The author is right when she says that we are keen to destroy our heritage in the city of Dhaka. There are individuals like Ms Nawaz having great love for what they had inherited from their forefathers, while intently wishing the survival of the old city with its glory of the past. The quaint city that once existed is no longer there since it became the capital of the then East Bengal in 1947 with its consistent unplanned growth. Thanks for bringing back the memory of New Orleans and old Dhaka through this thought-provoking article.

*Syed Waliullah
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For Poetry

I think you guys do an amazing job! I also want to say that I absolutely agree with Mominul Hasan Rintu and Khokan Sarker about having a poetry section of some sort. So many of your readers, including me, would love to read and contribute poems. For me, writing poetry has become a way to express the love for my country and make the necessary criticisms. I do contribute somewhere else, but this is the publication I would really love to contribute to. Thank you for listening to a reader.

Shailla Bari

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Good Jokes

SWM is always subjected to criticism because of their jokes page. The main complaint is that the jokes are not funny at all and that the jokes editor should make a little more effort. In my opinion, the jokes in the last two issues (July 2nd and July 9th) were very funny and definitely warrant a chuckle here and there. I especially enjoyed the jokes in the July 2nd issue called "Why did the chicken cross the road." I implore the jokes editor to keep up the good work.

*Syed Habib
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