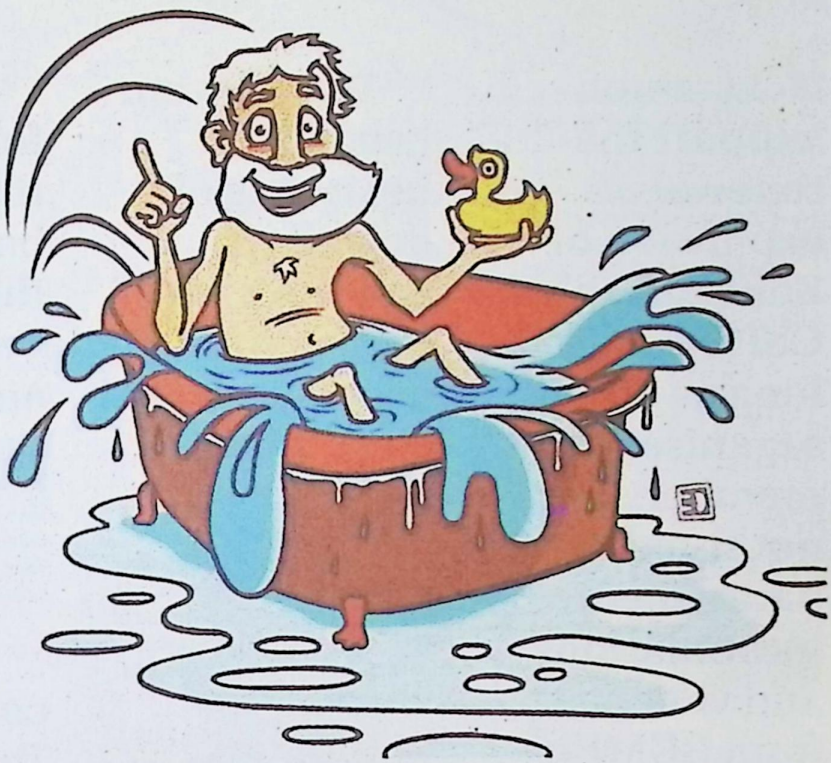
Plagiarism in DU

I believe the scenario depicted in the first paragraph of the article "The Curse of Crtl+C and Crtl+V" (published on March 14) is purely fictitious. "Result withdrawn (withheld?), plagiarism detected" – in the context of Dhaka University seems to be a figment of one's imagination. I enrolled into a MS programme of the DU just to be a part of the 'Oxford of the East'. My experience, so far has been less than pleasant. Plagiarism is adored by the teachers of the DU. Though they insist on original pieces, assignments composed by students by copying and pasting from sources on the internet seem to have no problem getting good grades. On a positive note, the MS program I enrolled into does have a specialised course dealing with issues like referencing, plagiarism etc. But the honourable teacher has no clue about the topics of the course and talks gibberish for each of the hour long classes.

Saif
via Email



Chintito

I have always been confused about our nation's love for all things Indian and at the same time the presence of wide spread Anti-Indian sentiments among the public. How can we explain it? Bangladeshis love Hindi movies, Hindi songs, Indian fashion and Indian food. Much of what we consume from morning to night is made in India and we happily import them, even if it means destroying our own industries. Organising the T-20 is an achievement Bangladesh can be proud of. In my opinion, there was no need to invite all these Indian singers and artists (although I admire and love their work) when our own singers are perfectly capable of performing at such levels. The motive of the organisers seems solely to make money because they know that Indian artists draw a bigger crowd in this country than our native artists can.

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Thanks a lot to the *Star* for the hilarious jokes of Chintito in "Not only the Sardars" [March 14]. I hope the *Star* publishes more articles like this in future.

Piash Mostafa
via email

Star Diary

I felt deeply sad to read "Unforgettable Smiles" [Re: Star Diary, March 21]. How unfortunate and poor is the girl who licked the glass window of a sweet shop! It made me think about the growing inequality in our society and the poor getting poorer. Development does not only mean building infrastructure but also promoting human dignity. By that measure, ours is one of the least developed countries in the world. Let us work together and build a more compassionate society.

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Epiphanies

[Re: Those Eureka Moments, March 21] It's nice to see someone thinking along the same lines as I do. I always wondered what played a bigger role in making Archimedes famous: his discovery or his alleged running home naked in excitement shouting 'Eureka'! And I want to take this chance to share with the reader a thought that has been bothering me for a while. Did an apple really fall from a tree and is that really what led Newton to 'discover' gravity'?

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