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## THINK ABOUT IT

*There is no such thing as a great talent without great will-power.*

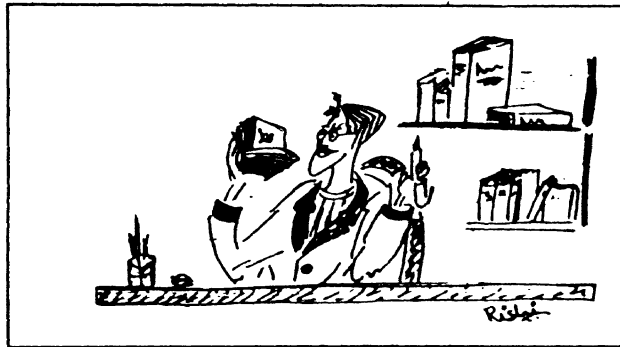
- Balzac

### EDITORIAL

Its school time once again. But for some guys the holidays have just begun. After slogging at home to make up for the lost time last term, they are looking forward to a pleasant break now.

It does not seem so for the 12th. Games have been made optional and so also the co-curricular activities - to ensure boys study. Every Thursday they will have to sit for an amazing three hours in the Learning Resources Centre. The ISC results seem to have sent shock waves to the highest level of the administration in school. One thing for sure though - of these three hours, the first half hour shall be utilised for the desired purpose. The next two and a half hours shall be spent 'studying' different topics. For example, the study of the practical aspects of aero-dynamics, improving vocabulary, by consulting the dictionary of slang. The photocopying machine shall certainly come under close scrutiny by thirty six different inquisitive individuals. It shall be a wonder if after that it still remains in one piece. The sudden drastic changes in the administration make it look as if the ISC's are not six months but just six days away!

The overzealously hungry Welhamite has been temporarily displaced from his hunting grounds. He has been forced to take refuge in the Assembly Hall due to repairs in the Dining



Hall. This unfortunately has led to some adverse effects - reduced arm space, hampering the eating speed resulting in reduced food intake. Then again one shall miss those tiny, cold, leathery oil covered yet scrumptious - looking fried eggs which tend to turn sour in their odyssey from the kitchen to the Dining

Hall. The school van has been placed at the disposal of the catering staff for shuttling between the kitchen and the Assembly Hall with food supplies. Personally, I shall miss the cereal which was a main attraction at breakfast. But then - food is food is food. It's meant to be eaten and a Welhamite is really good at that. My condolences to some of the guys who shall be affected by this temporary transition. For the next month or so they shall have to be content with what they get (if they have nimble hands) then with what their immediate neighbours get.

Alas, the rain god seems to be acting mean with Welhamites. It rains during classes, it pours during games, but never during P.T. At times the rain starts right after P.T.!

Elsewhere, construction of the multi-purpose hall is going ahead full steam. The estimated time of completion is mid-September. Our best wishes to the whole construction team.

- Varun Sood.

Observed : A panic in the Oliphant Board, due to the appointment of Mr. Painuli as Housemaster of PH. 'Through the Keyhole' is surely going to suffer without Dr. Saxena's contribution. Hopes for beginning a new column 'Through Dr. Saxena's mouth' have been shattered!

## Welham Now!!

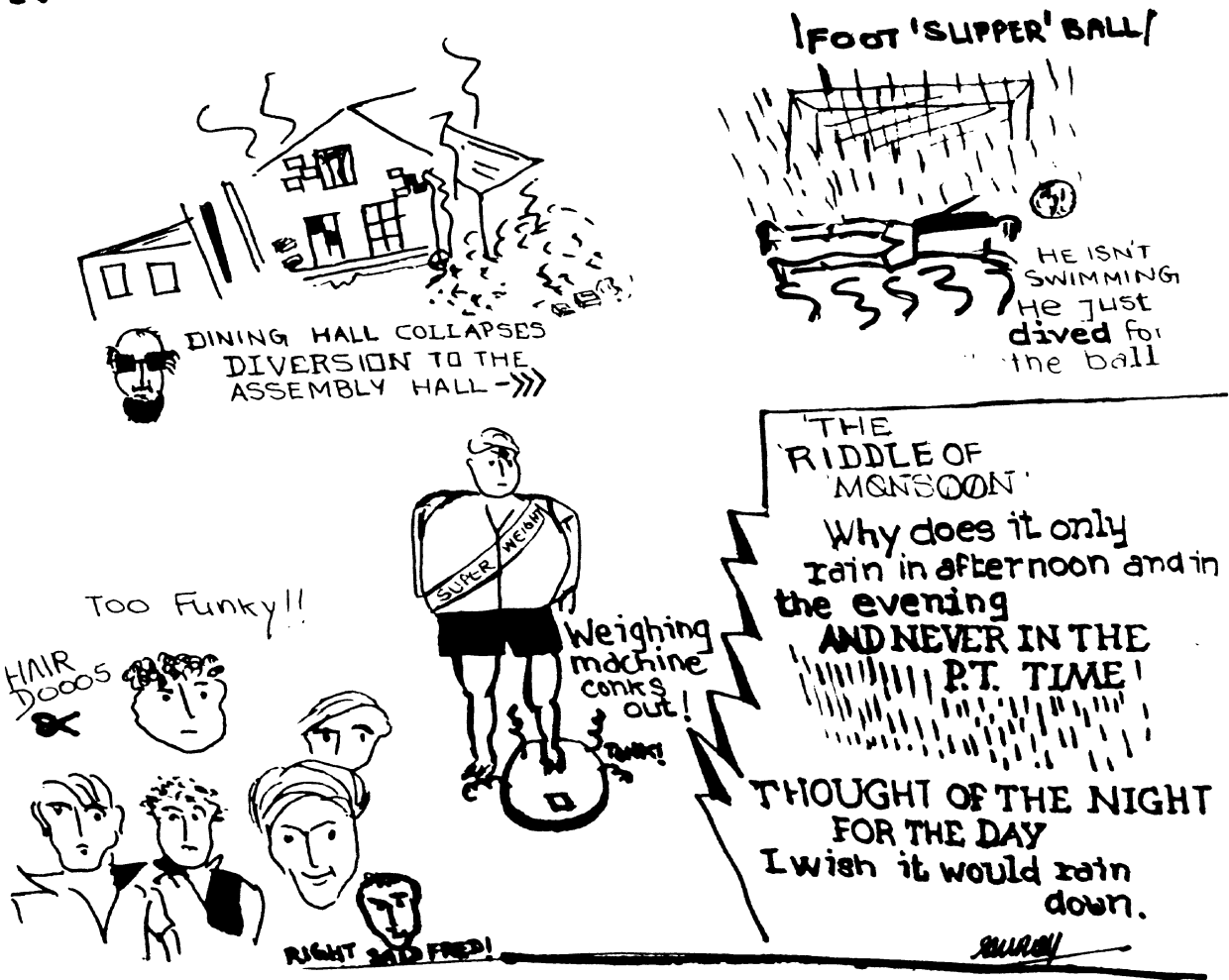
1. The Dining Hall is being repaired. Thus the Assembly Hall is being used for meals.
2. Mr. Mahesh Kandpal and Mr. Vinod Singh have joined as Physics and Computers teachers respectively in the senior school. Mr. Manuel has joined the Music (Hindustani) Department. Mrs. Mahajan is the new secretary to Mr. Kandhari. Mr. Vinod Sharma has been appointed Sr. Secretary, Sr. School.

We welcome the new staff and wish them a happy stay here.

3. Mr. Mohit Mitra has been blessed with a girl. Congratulations and best wishes to him and his family.

4. The photocopying machine in the LRC has become fully operational

## AS LIFE COMES TO NORMAL AT WELHAM



## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE AUTUMN TERM 92

### AUGUST

Sat 15th - Independence day (Holiday)  
Fri 21st - Janamashtami (Holiday)

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th - Mayo Soccer  
Fri 25th - Scindia School Basketball.

### OCTOBER

Thur 1st - Mid term starts for classes I to V  
& class XI  
Fri 2nd - Mid term starts for VI to XII  
Sun 4th - Classes I to V return  
Tues 6th - Dusshera (Holiday) Mid term ends  
for VI to XII  
Thur 22nd - Sports Day

Fri 23rd - Founder's Day Celebrations begin: Jr. School entertainment.  
Sat 24th - Sr. & Jr. School exhibitions, Play, Speeches  
Sun 25th - Diwali Fete  
Mon 26th - Going out Day

### NOVEMBER

Sun 8th - Entrance Examination  
Tues 10th - Guru Nanak's Birthday (Holiday)  
Fri 27th - Written Exams for Classes VI to XII begin

### DECEMBER

Mon 7th - Exam scripts returned & marking schemes explained  
Wed 9th - Term ends/All parties leave.

## Literary Affairs of Welham

### IRRESISTABLE FOOTWEAR

Nike, Puma or Adidas,  
In 'roll-call' they never pass.  
Only the twelfth can wear,  
Reebok pumps or L.A. Gear.

Ambassadors go with the formals,  
They are worn on days normal,  
Oxfords and Boots are the 'zing-thing'  
They are worn on the outing.

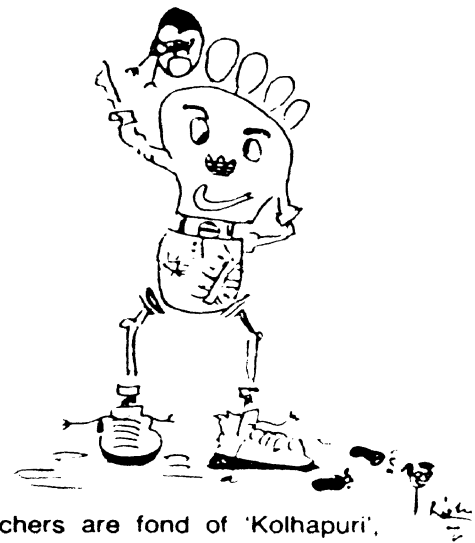
The Gumboots put the juniors off,  
They want something really soft,  
Something that can beat the heat,  
And help maintain clean feet.

The 'Juttis' in Punjabi style,  
Or 'Rajasthani-ones' are worn with smiles,  
But the mood is really put-off,  
If senior ask to take them off.

The school rules permit only 'power'.  
The juniors do however,  
Take a chance and wear something nice  
But if caught you can hear their cries.

The shoes are worn with great care,  
Even the Dining Hall napkins aren't  
spared,

But if the prefects were abolished,  
No one would even bother to polish.



The teachers are fond of 'Kolhapuri',  
Or like the chappals worn by Miss Puri,  
Most of them otherwise as usual,  
Prefer to wear something more casual.

Forget the dress which has an inch of dirt,  
And the squalor preventing the Welhamite to flirt,  
And the smelly socks which we all hate,  
But the footwear is really great!

- Hitesh Mahajan  
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## THE UNFORGOTTEN WARRIOR

Refusing to believe the Second World War was over, Hiro Onoda continued fighting for thirty years in the jungles. Incredible but true. A case of extreme patriotism.

In the 1940's Japan had virtually a wave of conquests by thumping victories in Asia. The courage and valour of the Japanese soldiers was widely talked about. Hiro Onoda was one such soldier.

In 1944 he was sent to the Philippines island of Lubang (15 miles south west of Manila) and ordered to wage guerrilla war till his dying breath. Onoda was then just 22. He performed his duties seriously. He conducted a one-man guerrilla war against the natives of the Philippines but continued to do so for 2 decades (1950's-60's) because he did not learn of the end of the War.

His sabotage attacks on the ricefields of the Filipinos were so effective that hectic efforts were made to persuade this true patriotic soldier to realise that the War had ended. Bundles of Japanese newspapers were dropped near his hideout and he was showered with leaflets asking him to return. All efforts were in vain. He had been trained in the art of Psychological Warfare and knew its methods and effects. He believed the literature dropped at him was a trick by the Americans, his enemies. More endeavours were made to convince him. A Japanese flag was planted in the jungle. The signatures of his family members were inscribed

on it. He was unmoved. Onoda was sure that it was a trap because one of the names was misspelt.

As time passed so did the war technology. The jets flying overhead seemed more sophisticated. This strengthened Onoda's fears that war still raged on and now, even more fiercely.

In the jungle Onoda was not always alone. He had found his Man Friday, a fellow Japanese who worked with him till he was eventually killed in a police encounter in 1972. Even this did not deter Onoda. He kept struggling in the jungles, cleaning his guns and firing bullets on strategic locations.

Finally Norio Suzuki a teacher succeeded where others had failed. The teacher camped in the jungle of Lubang and made contact with Onoda to convince him of the end of the war. Finally Onoda surrendered in 1974.

It took a lot of time for him to adjust in the changed society. He still says 'People are so selfish and egoistic today. We must never forget others because man does not live alone!'

Today he runs a nature school where he teaches young enthusiasts jungle living and camping. He sadly realises how he wasted 28 years of his life to defend the honour of a nation long defeated.

- Sharib Khan  
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Owing to a mix-up a short story 'Opening a Bank Account' was incorrectly printed as the original work of Ankur Nigam in the issue dated 1st May, 1992. We regret the mistake.

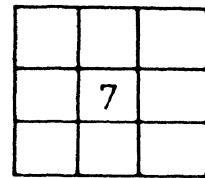
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## The Ex-ies

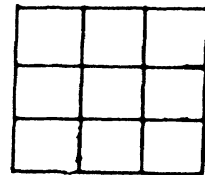
1. Piyush Agarwal ex - 83J has got admission in IIT. He secured rank 548 in the entrance examination
2. Ashish Kumar ex-197G has got admission in IIT.
3. Sanjeev Sehgal ex-151K (school captain' 88) is graduating in the University of San Francisco in Finance.
4. Ranjit Bedi ex-251J is doing B. Com. (Honours) in SRCC.
5. Rajnish Agarwal ex-183K has got admission in St Stephen's College and is doing B.Sc (Honours).
6. Vijit Singh ex-277C has also got through St. Stephens College and is doing Eco. (Honours).
7. Abhishek Gupta ex-425C has got admission in National Institute of Fashion Technology. He stood 12th in all-India entrance examination.
8. Parag Kothiwal ex-166K is doing B.A. in Hindu College.
9. Siddharth Shankar Goyal ex-408J has got through NDA.

## BRAIN TEASERS

Place the numbers 3 to 11 (both inclusive) so that the total is 21 in each row, column and both diagonals. The number 7 will be central, as shown.

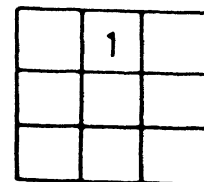


Place the following nine numbers so that the total is 99 in each row, column and both diagonals: 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 34, 42, 43, and 44.



The diagram shows the position of the lowest number in the following series: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, and 36.

When the series is correctly placed in the square, the product (multiply together) in each row, column and main diagonal will be 216.



# SPORTS TRIVIA

## Some results of last term:

### Inter House P.T. Competition (Sub - Juniors)

Third - White House  
Second - New Upper  
First - Toad Hall

### Inter House Hockey

#### 'A' Section

Best Player - Ashok Roy

#### House Position

Fourth Place - Krishna  
Third Place - Jamuna  
Second Place - Ganga  
First Place - Cauvery

#### 'B' Section

Best Player - Vijay Shushant

#### House Position

Fourth Place - Krishna  
Third Place - Jamuna  
Second Place - Cauvery  
First Place - Ganga

#### 'C' Section

Best Player - Harjyot Singh

#### House Position

Third Place - Krishna  
Third Place - Jamuna  
Second Place - Ganga  
First Place - Cauvery

### Inter House Diving

#### 'A' Section

Best Diver - Varun Puri

#### House Position

Fourth - Ganga

Third - Krishna  
Second - Cauvery  
First - Jamuna

#### 'B' Section

Best Diver - Abhishek Agarwal

#### House Position

Fourth - Jamuna  
Third - Cauvery  
Second - Krishna  
First - Ganga

#### 'C' Section

Best Diver - Kamal Matta

#### House Position

Fourth - Jamuna  
Third - Ganga  
Second - Krishna  
First - Cauvery

## Colours Presented to Boys for Outstanding Performance

### Hockey

1. Sandeep Agnihotri
2. Jairaj Singh Rathore
3. Sharib Khan
4. Munish Suri

### Basketball

1. Sidharth Sharma
2. Rajesh Sehgal
3. Dharminder Gill
4. Varun Sood.

### Cricket

1. Paresh Harshvardhan
2. Dhruv Sehgal
3. Harjyot Singh
4. Saurabh Paliwal.

### Table-Tennis

1. Abhinav Chaturvedi.

### Hockey Inter-House



### Section-C (Seniors)

1. Ganga v/s Krishna 3-1; Paresh-3, Manvendra-1.

2. Cauvery v/s Jamuna 6-0; Harjyot-2, Sharib-1, Vikrant-1, Sachin-1, Himanshu-1
3. Cauvery v/s Krishna 9-1; Harjyot-6, Vikrant-2, Himanshu-1, Danish-1.
4. Ganga v/s Jamuna 4-0; Rishi Chopra-2, Niraj-1, Paresh-1.
5. Krishna v/s Jamuna 1-1; Vijay-1, Manvendra-1.
6. Cauvery v/s Ganga 4-0; Harjyot-4

## हिन्दी अनुभाग

### ‘पॉप-कोला’ असर ।

इस टर्म की शुरुआत एक अजीब माहौल में हुई। ऐसा लगता है स्कूल में बहुत कुछ परिवर्तन आ गया है। शायद ये परिवर्तन हमारे घर, हमारे प्रधानाध्यापक द्वारा लिखे गए उस पत्र का और स्कूल की पहली assembly में उनके भाषण का असर है। उनके द्वारा स्कूल के अनुशासन में जो संशोधन किए गए हैं, उनको जानकर एक आम वेल्माइट तो सर से पांव तक सिहर उठे।

इसके असर के रंग कुछ इस प्रकार खिले: आज तक, जब वेल्माइट घर से लौटता था तो उसकी जेब काफी गर्म होती थी। लेकिन इस बार तौ वो इस अवस्था में आया कि ‘माई शॉप’ तक जाकर एक ठंडे पेय का आनन्द भी न ले सके। जहां वो आते, ही पैसो को छुपाने की जगह ढूँढते थे वहीं वे आते ही अपने हाऊस मास्टर को ढूँढ रहे थे। जब तक पैसे होते थे, मध्य सत्र अवकाश के लिए ‘मुनि की रेति’, ‘चकराता’ जैसी जगहों का ही चुनाव होता था। इस बार तो सभी Mountain trekking को तैयार है।

इसका सबसे बड़ा असर कक्षा दसवीं पर हुआ है। इस बार इनके होठों पर फिल्मों के नाम नहीं है। इनकी बातों में, आ रहे I.C.S.E. के इम्तहानों की चिंता है। वे पिछले साल के रिजल्ट को लेकर पढ़ाई में बहुत मग्न

है। आते ही सब काम में जुट गए। लेकिन इस के पांछ भी उसी पत्र का डर है। हर बार की तरह होमवर्क नहीं किया लेकिन जूनियर को काम देने हुए घबराते हैं। इसलिए खुद ही एक दूसरे की नकल मारने में जुटे हुए हैं। कुछ तो पूरी टर्म outing न जाने का दावा कर रहे हैं। बेचारे बिन पैसों के आर करे भी तो क्या?

कक्षा XI और XII को कुछ फायदे हो गए। C.C.A. SUPW भी जाने के लिए वे मर्जी के मानिक हो गए। outing पर जब खर्च बढ़ गया है इस बार परीक्षा के लिए सभी को डटकर पढ़ाई करनी पड़ेगी क्योंकि इस बार बिना पढ़े अगली क्लास में प्रमोशन नहीं मिलनेवाला। इस असर का तो दिसम्बर में ही पता चलेगा। देखा जाए तो यह असर किसी ‘POP COLA’ असर से कम नहीं है।

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### स्कूल में वर्षा का महत्व ।

दिन की कड़ी धूप के बाद जब धरती पर वर्षा कि पहली बूँदे स्पर्श करती है, तो मानों एक लहर सी जाग उठती है। दुनिया में हो रही सारी हलचल कुछ क्षणों के लिए बन्द हो जाती है। स्कूल में वर्षा का अपना ही महत्व है, क्योंकि इससे फायदे भी हैं और नुकसान भी।

बच्चों को वर्षा में भीगना बड़ा अच्छा लगता है। वैसे भी वर्षा में भीगने का आनन्द सिर्फ वर्ष में एक बार ही तो मिलता है। बच्चे इस मौके का पूरा फायदा उठाते हैं। हमारे प्रधानाचार्या के बार बार कहने पर भी बच्चे नहीं मानते हैं उन्हें बस अपनी ही लगी रहती है। वर्षा के दिनों में रंग बिरंगे छ्वाते नजर आते जो कि छोटे बच्चे इम्नेमाल किया करते हैं, लेकिन जब कोई सीनियर बच्चा उनसे छ्वाता ले लेता है तो मजबूरन उन्हें पानी में भीगना पड़ता है। बच्चे रात को सोने से पहले भगवान से रोज मनाते हैं कि काश कल सुबह बारिश हो जाए तो पी टी से मुक्ति मिल जाएगी। लेकिन ऐसा कभी नहीं होता। सुबह होते ही सूर्य कि किरणें चारो ओर फैल जाती है और बेचारे बच्चों को विवश होकर पी टी के लिए जाना पड़ता है। लेकिन बारिश तो होती है लेकिन दोपहर के बाद। इसे आप कुदरत का खेल ही कहिए दोपहर होते ही बादल आ जाते हैं और फिर छमा छम वर्षा होती है।

आजकल जो आनन्द वर्षा में फुटबाल का है, वह शायद किसी ओर खेल में होगा। बच्चे इसका पूरा फायदा उठाते हैं। खूब जमकर खेलते हैं। एक बात और स्कूल में पानी कि कमी होने के कारण जो लोग नहा नहीं पाते उन्हें नहाने का सुन्दर अवसर मिलता है। वर्षा होने से हमें कई फायदे भी हैं खेल का खेल हो जाता है, और बच्चे नहा भी लेते हैं। देखा जाय तो वर्षा एक तरह से नुकसान देह भी है, क्योंकि इसी मौसम में तरह तरह की बीमारियां फैलती है और हमारा अस्पताल हमेशा हाउस फुल रहता है। वर्षा होने से लड़कों को सोने का बहाना भी मिल जाता है। यही किन्ही कारणों के वजह से बच्चे इस ऋतु का बड़ी बेसब्री से इंतजार करते हैं और इसका आनन्द उठाते हैं।

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