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Think About It

Money does not grow on trees, but it will blossom in our branches.

-- A hoarding advertising a bank

THE EDITORIAL

Staff Rep:

Ankur,

*Thou know'st no less but all: He has unclasped
To thee the book even of his secret soul.
Therefore, good youth, address thy gait unto
him,
Be not denied the Editorial, stand at his door.
And tell him thy fix'ed foot shall grow
Till thou have the editorial.*

Ankur :

Sure, Sir

*If he be so abandoned to laziness (and sick-
ness) as it is spoke,
he will never write it.*

Staff Rep:

*Be clamourous, and leap all civil bounds
Rather than make unprofit return.*

*As you can read, that is exactly what he
did. The pitch of the Joint Production fever is
at it's peak. The lovebirds are busy chirping in
Shakespearean verse. However, the ratio of
boys to girls is about four is to one and the
lovebirds like hawks are busy playing a 'love-
ly' game of Russian Roulette. A major member
of the cast is missing and rumour has it that he
is burrowing under rubble in some earth-
quake hit town. The whole cast is self con-
scious, including the girls, and they seem to
shy away from their moves like brides on their
wedding nights. A lot of needless elements are
seen on days they aren't required, including
me. Everytime I go to get a better look I forget
my spectacles.*

*Homesickness is down to it's lowest point
since I've joined school. Everybody is happy to
be back, the only tears they will be crying will
be during the exams.*

*The highlight of the term was obviously
the new prefect body. We now say grace three
times a day. It is an attempt to make the boys
remember God more often. Earlier they would*



*A Question of Duetzow?
To Love or not to love
To Act or not to act
To Drow or not to drow*

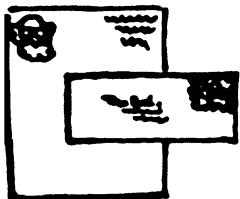
*think of him only when getting punished.
Haircuts seem to be direly needed by all.
Almost everybody was surprised with
the appointment of a prefect-in-charge
of the Gym. However, a lawsuit of some
sorts was slapped on him and a few
others soon after the appointment. Since
there was no case for the defence, pun-
ishments were awarded and accepted,
till the end like O.J. Simpson. Charges
were vehemently denied.*

*The Mac is still out of order. The
hard drive seems to have forgotten what
it's primary functions are. The head is
raving and ranting over it's user-un-
friendly attitude.*

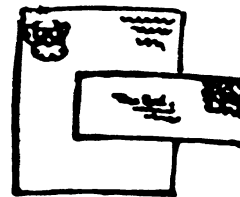
*The literary world was shaken by
the death of Gerald Durrell (It sent
shock waves through literary circles and
I've got someone sitting next to me who's
hoping I won't die in his lap.) The rose of
Rose Kennedy wilted at 104 and Giani
Zail Singh decided to die on Christmas
day.*

*However, there were certain mo-
ments of joy at the Grammy's and the
American Music Awards. Boyz II Men
proved that they had finally matured
from Boys to Men by bagging three
American Awards for their sensational
number, I'll make love to you. Whitney
Houston showed her everlasting love
for the Grammys by bagging five of them.
Everybody was living on the edge at the
Femina Miss India Contest which was
awful. T.N. Seshan had everybody on the
cards but also shocked everybody with
his two-faced denials as to who killed
Rajiv Gandhi.*

--Sudeep



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Ed,

Touche!

It indeed felt great going through the Oliphant dated December 1st, 1994. I was in splits by the time the first half of the editorial concluded and the laughing fit continued in fits until I picked up the pen to pen a few lines of honest appreciation to our 'Shudeep.'

At long last- you are forgiven for all the trouble you have put us through in school for trying to sort you out- the best method would certainly have been to make you ythe editor then- for all your negative pranks would have been neutralised, if not made positive by the work you have done on the Oliphant.

Better late than never! It really is a great job you have done in your short tenure till now. I wouldn't hesitate in saying that the editorial and the letters to the editor have never been better. Introducing a separate section for the Woodseaters is a brilliant idea.

It truly was enthralling to read really classy material written by Welhamites like you and to see a general upliftment in the standard of the magazine.

Hope you do manage to continue the good work in spite of the 'Indian Censorship Act.' coming in and we get to feel even better about our school in the next term.

Wishing you and your team the very best of luck and happy writing.

Yours Deeply Impressed and Touched,

*Ved Krishna
(Ex-Welhamite)*

I found myself checking guys for doing exactly the same things that you once caught me for. Letters like this encourage us to keep writing for the Oliphant and help us forget the people whom we termed as the 'illiterates' in the last issue. Your encouragement also helped to reverse decisions of submitting resignations. I'll miss you at the elocutions and the knuckle rapping on the head.

—The Ed.

Dear Editor,

I must say that I was thoroughly impressed and disgusted with the first two editions of the Oliphant under you. The Editorial to my delight was different and humourous, while the essays and

poems were quite good.

The shocking part was the continuation of the unholy practice of criticising teachers for no rhyme or reason, and the biased attitude that your Editorial board has adopted. The teachers in the past have been accused of taking "no interest" in school activities and it is news when teachers are not there to witness the matches. While on the other hand no one bats an eyelid when class twelve is missing from the school campus altogether- on the pretext of studying of course. When teachers make an effort by playing a match, they are once again badgered for their lack of talent or fitness.

While the teachers defeat is highlighted, sportsmen conveniently are left off the hook due to false reporting. I would like to put down a few incidents when 'no news has been good news' for our worthy sportsmen. Last year when the school football team was beaten by the Ex-Welhamites (3-1) fair and square, there was no mention of it in the Oliphant. This year our school football team was thrashed by their arch rivals, Doon School (5-1). Once again there was a convenient lapse of memory on the part of your Ringside View correspondent.

Carrying on the trend of convenient 'Faux Pas' your correspondent this time went one step ahead and misconstrued facts and wrote 'absence of Harry, Lovish and Kirti explains for the loss.' - obviously referring to the match played by the Ex-Welhamites and the School basketball team. Anyone who witnessed the match knows that Kirtiman and Harry came late, but were there to fill the rest of the match. The big question is that your honourable correspondent was part of the 'Dream team' which basks in the past glories and still believe you are invincible or was he just complying by the 'Carrot and Stick' policy of his senior teammates?

What is disgusting is not that lies after lies are being written to save boys from embarrassment, but the fact that people in honourable posts are the ones who are responsible for it. Has our Oliphant merely become a propoganda machinery for the students, who either want to redress their grievances by criticising or by Nero's who achieve very little on the sports field but highlight themselves (and their friends of course) as being the best sportmen the school has ever produced. As an Editor, make sure you put an end to this: I hope things change- for the better.

*Yours Truly,
Harjot Singh
(Ex-120 Cauvery)*

Thank you for your letter. I must say that I was surprised and disgusted to read the contents of your letter. Some of your views pertain to the period when I was not the Editor. Even though I'm not answerable to them I'm pushed by lack of material.

As the Editor of the Oliphant, it is my endeavour to ensure that the magazine does not become a propaganda machinery for those who want to redress their personal grievances. I had stated in the last issue that those who did consider the Oliphant as a medium for publicity were not worthy of being on the Board of Welham's literary elite. We have not adopted a biased attitude towards anyone. We praise those who deserve praise and in equal measure criticise those who deserve criticism. We think that our staff members have a considerable amount of playing spirit and do not play to oblige us. However, we do not approve of people who we admire making fools of themselves in front of the school population. The letters to the editor column is a medium for criticism of our work and it is free to be used by all. Incidentally I am in class eleven and I am not aware of class twelve having played truant. (At least where literature is concerned).

In so far as the convenient lapse of not having reported on some matches we lost, please be reassured that victory is not a monopoly of Welham. We accept defeat as readily and learn as much from a defeat. Not denying that they are some sportsmen who do not take a defeat in a good spirit especially if the victor is an arch rival.

The 'Faux Pas' made by our correspondent in stating the 'Absence of Harry, Lovish and Kirti explains the loss' was justified in a way because it was also stated in the same Ringside View that the school team won the relay because of the absence of Samar Rautela and Sanjeev Sehgal. It is not the fault of our correspondent because as the name suggests he only supplies the statistics. Ankur and I write the Ringside View always and we're not very sportily or bodily present at matches but we definitely are not out of the school campus, on the pretext of studying of course. Apart from myself, all board members are fairly good sportsmen who deserve to be highlighted.

I do not agree with you that our school Basketball team basks in past glories. They are a hard working lot and deserve their fair share of praise. I would like to state that a member that was absent in the match you have mentioned is the first Welhamite to have represented India in the Men's section. Three other members of our 'Dream Team' have represented our state for two years consecutiv

I have no desire to comment on the last paragraph of your letter which is unfortunately very personal.

Yours Strikingly,

Ed.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER TO MR. KANDHARI FROM AN EX-WELHAMITE....

"Although it has been almost a year since I passed out of Welham(s) but I still miss my school life very much. Unfortunately I have not been able to pay a visit to the school because whenever I come to India for my holidays the school is also closed for vacations. However, I keep myself well informed about Welham through the Oliphant (thanks to you) and my old friends. You will be glad to know that I have been awarded a scholarship again and now receive a total of DM6500 in scholarship money.

Life is really busy for me in Germany. Apart from my studies, now I have also involved myself very much into my father's business and I am travelling extensively all over Europe. I have visited a lot of trade fairs and I also meet our customers quite often. My proficiency in the German language has reached a satisfactory level and now I have no problem in communicating with the people. From my next semester I also intend to start French courses. I was also in London for a summer session in the months of May-June. I think it was a great experience because it gave me a chance to compare my studies in German with that of other countries. Now I can undoubtedly say, that I am learning a lot more in Germany than what I would have learnt in England or some other country. This is simply due to the fact that while I am in Germany I am forced to communicate with people from different countries and also speak German whereas when I was in England I found out that most of the students there had divided themselves according to their nationalities and there was hardly any intermingling among them.

I'm still holding my job in the computer department and I have also tried to improve my computer skills. Now I am also trying to apply for an internship. This is a very good opportunity for me because in my college a lot of big companies from and outside Germany (Eg. Siemens, Microsoft, IBM, Bosch etc.) are coming and looking for students."

*—Asad Shamsi
Ex- 375 (Ganga)*



LITERARY AFFAIRS



SPRING

*Tender green spikes peep above the ground
Winter has been lost
but glorious spring found
Renewed hope and happiness abound
Cottonball like white clouds drift gently by
in the brilliant blue sky
The alpine meadows are lush green with tiny wild-
flowers scattered in between.
Murmuring cold streams and foaming waterfalls
Somewhere in the dark forest
An Oriole calls
The flowers vivid blaze of riotous colour
Against the fresh greenness of trees.
The leaves rustle in the gentle breeze
Everything shimmering with dewy greenness.
After a brief passing shower
A blue haze draping the distant hills so far
but in my mind I am amongst them
sitting by the gurgling water in a glee.*

*Spring has come
filling the world with wonderful greenness
This unspoilt land is like a place lost in time
Sings this lively heart of mine.*

*—Debashish Bannerjee
Class VIII*

FORESTS : THE GREEN TREASURE

Forests are one of the most valuable possessions of man. Timber, fuel, fodder, gum, paper and rubber are all derived from forests and have become everyday's necessities in our lives. The important gift the forests give us is that they act as habitats for wildlife and clean the atmosphere of the hazardous gases we carelessly impose into the air.

Today, the forests of all the world are vanishing at an alarming rate. By the time we have read this article another area of forest hundred times greater than our school campus would have been destroyed by man. Financial investments by NGO's like the WWF on forest conservation has

increased. Forest conservation is the primary objective of most of the environment programmes and the ecology will be maintained.

A layman's definition of forests would be: A large group of trees with or without animals. He has basically no idea regarding the aspect of ecological balance. This is why some naturalists fear that even if forests are present at the latter half of the next century persons think about forest harvesting is cutting off a forest and planting an equal area with trees just to overcome the damage. But no, this is not the case. Artificial or man made forests are not very suitable for animals and also the balance of nature is not maintained by them. The trees are planted in rows and hence their natural beauty is destroyed. This is evident in the road side forested area of Corbett National Park. Natural forests grow while adjusting themselves to the ecological balance. Once they are lost due to a man's greed, it will take many decades to get them back.

I feel the concept of cutting a forest and then making amends by planting trees should be reconsidered. Only those trees should be cut which are planted by man. This practice will ensure the survival of natural forests as well as the future of our planet.

*—Digvijay Lamba
Class IX*

STRUCK

Moving silently on the plains, it's eyes awaiting it's prey in vain, the stealthy eyes- dark black and blue, with teeth clenched in hunger and pain. It's ears catch a faint sound of a Sambhar, which had wandered away from it's group. At once it is on the Sambhar's trail with it's eyes searching for it's food. Then, suddenly the animal becomes insane because an arrow strikes it with pain and then it leaps up in anger and fear. It says, "I was so near my prey, why did you kill me here?"

*—Sahil Vohra
Class V*



WELHAM NOW



1. The new Prefect body was announced on the last day of the last term. The Prefects are :

School Captain : **Surya Todi**
Jamuna House Captain : **Siddhant Sharma**
Ganga House Captain : **Manav Sehgal**
Cauvery House Captain : **Manish Kumar**
Krishna House Captain : **Akshi Saxena**
School Prefects : **Prashant Singh**
Mohinish Kumar
Sudeep Chaudhuri
Ankur Nigam

Our congratulations and best wishes for their successful tenure.

2. We now say grace before every meal. We have to wait till the school Captain takes his position and completes the grace giving us the signal that it is appropriate to polish off the grub.

3. The Sports Committee Meeting was held on the 7th of this month and some important issues were raised and resolved. It was decided that we would have a new scarf called the P.T. scarf which would be given to that boy who would be first in the Squad Commanding course. Squad Commanding was also made compulsory for all aspirants of the sport's scarf.

4. The Library Council Meeting was also held on the 7th of this month. The Council was reshuffled and Ankur Nigam was elected as the new Convenor. Some important issues were discussed with the Headmaster and other members. It was also decided that another small committee should be made to suggest and recommend books for the library to buy.

Mr. Gosain suggested that an educational movie be screened every Saturday and be made compulsory instead of the usual 'pulp fiction' that is shown.

5. The school stood third in the IPSC Basketball Tournament at Daly College Indore. Congratulations to all members of the team, team Captain Siddhant Sharma and Mr. Vachani.

6. The school was represented by Sumant Pai and Arcaprava Dutta at the All India Nature Club Meet in the Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary (Annamalai), Tamil Nadu.

7. The Pre-Board Examinations for Class X and XII commenced on the 6th of this month.

8. There was a Food Committee Meeting on the 8th of this month.

9. Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. and Mr. Rajesh Oberoi on the birth of their daughter.

10. Mr. Ashish Sharma got married to Ms. Manisha Dattatreya, an M.Sc. final year student in Botany during the course of the vacations. Our best wishes to the newly weds for a very happy married life.

11. Dr. Manmohan Sharma was engaged to Dr. Rachna Sharma, an eye specialist on the 4th of this month. Best Wishes.

12. Mrs. Mehra was on medical leave since the beginning of the term and joined us on the 9th of this month.

13. Rehearsals for the Joint Production in May started on the 8th of this month. The play to be staged is Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare. It is being directed by Ms. Blair Davies.

14. The Captains of various sports were also announced on the 9th of this month. They are:-

Cricket : **Surya Todi**
Hockey : **Prashant Singh**
Soccer : **Manish Kumar**
Athletics : **Vishwas Kohli**
Basketball : **Siddhant Sharma**
Volleyball : **Abhishek Mohan**
Tennis : **Ankur Nigam**
Table Tennis : **Rahul Goenka**
Badminton : **Pratyush Patodia**
Swimming : **Sunit Mehta**

Tae-Kwon-Do: **Amrinder S. Sachdeva**

Prefect-in-charge of the Gym: **Sudeep Chaudhuri**

15. The school is holding the IPSC Badminton Tournament in April this year and all boys are seen practicing diligently.

16. The Squash Courts are close to completion and boys are supposed to start playing squash from the start of the Autumn term.

NEW ARRIVALS ON THE GAZE RACK

The Wordsworth edition of the:

- Dictionary of British History
- Dictionary of Idioms
- Dictionary of Dreams
- Dictionary of Phrase and Fable
- Crossword Dictionary
- Poems and Sonnets of William Shakespeare
- French Dictionary
- Works of Lord Byron
- Works of P.B. Shelley
- Martin Chuzzlewit by Charles Dickens

Great novels of George Eliot
Complete works of Jane Austen
Collins Paperback Thesaurus in A-Z form
Paraja - Gopinath Mohanty
Sky Burial - Blake Kerr
East West - Salman Rushdie
Unity in Diversity - O.P. Ghai
The Golden Bough - Sir James Frazer
My Story - Kamala Das
The Woman and other Stories - Gangadhar Gadgil

Time Management - Barrie Huson and Mike Scally
Communication - "
Assertiveness - "
Transition - "
Modern Etiquette - Moyra Bremner
The Giant book of the Unknown - Edited by Colin Wilson with Dr. Christopher Evans.
The Giant book of True Crimes - Edited by Richard Glyri Jones
The Aerospace Chronology - Michael J.H. Taylor
How to Understand and buy Computers - Dan Gookin

Courtesy - The LRC

TREES ON THE CAMPUS (QUIZ)

1. King of fruits is...
2. The tree in front of the LRC is ...
3. The fruit which is first green and then purple..
4. A tree from China which fruits in the summer..
5. The location of the Sandalwood tree....
6. Give the Botanical name of the Dudhi tree...
7. Name the longest grass in school...
8. This tree is considered religious...
9. The common name of the tree Bauhinia...
10. A tree which flowers to give a bright red colour to the school...

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11. The tree with the heaviest fruit in school...
12. The tree whose flower resembles a brush...
13. Where is the Mexican silk cotton tree located..?
14. Which tree has yellow flowers and seeds in a rounded pod which has a stick like appearance...
15. Name the tree which is a native of Java...

All answers to be submitted before the 25th of February, 1995 to any member of the Oliphant Board or the Herbarium squad. The first correct entry will be rewarded. No member of the Oliphant board or the Herbarium squad are eligible for entry.

--Aneesh Kapur
Class XI

OBITUARY

Gerald Durrell was born in Jamshedpur in 1925. In 1928 his family returned to England and in 1933, they went to live on the Continent. Eventually, they settled on the island of Corfu, where they lived until 1939. During this time he made a special study of Zoology, and kept a large number of local wild animals as pets including birds called the Magenpies, a pair of dogs called Widdle and Puke, a turtle called Achilles, a dove called Quasimodo and an owl called Archimedes. In 1945, he joined the staff of Whipsnade Park as a student keeper. In 1945 he financed, organised, and led his first animal collecting expedition to the Cameroons. This was followed by a second expedition in 1948 and a third in 1949, this time to British Guiana. He also made expeditions to Praguay, Argentina and Sierra Leone. In 1962, he and his wife went to New Zealand, Australia, and Malaya to film a TV series, Two in the Bush, in conjunction with the BBC Natural History Film Unit. (Incidentally in 1976, he gifted his wife a pair of tarentullas for her birthday) In 1958 he founded the Jersey Zoological Park, of which he was the director, and in 1964 he founded the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust. A critic once said of him, "Gerald Durrell's adventurous spirit and his spontaneous gift for narrative and anecdote mark him as a rare bird indeed."

He died at the age of seventy on the 30th of January, 1995. The literary world will mourn his death for, "There are not many travel authors with a more natural sense of humour."
(Borrowed from The Bafut Beagles' cover.)

Shobhit Agarwal
class VI

THOSE WACKY WOODSEATERS

SNAKES

Once I was walking in the forest. I saw a king Cobra. I was terrified. I was shouting but no one came to help me. Then I saw some hunters coming. So I made a plan. I said to the hunters, "Please help me kill that snake." The hunters said, "What will you give us?" I said, "I will give you twenty gold coins." The hunters said OK. One took out his gun and he shot the cobra. I said "Thank You" to the hunters and gave them twenty gold coins. I went home. You have to be a little clever when you see a snake.

**—Nishant
Class II A**

Once I was walking down the street. I went to buy some vegetables from the cart. Near the cart there were many bushes. In the bushes there was a big snake. I told the vegetable vendor. I screamed, "Look there is a snake in the bush." The vegetable vendor ran from there. I also ran from there. I went to the snake charmer. He went near the bush and started playing the pipe. The snake came out and started dancing. He went near the basket and he sat in the basket. The snake charmer quickly closed the basket and went home. The vegetable vendor came and gave me some vegetables free. He said, "Thank You for saving my life."

**—Maroof
Class II A**

One day I was walking on the street. I saw a snake charmer playing a pipe in front of the snake. The snake was in the basket. When the snake came out from the basket, I was very frightened because the snake hissed fiercely. The snake was black and grey. There was a huge crowd. The snake did tricks and everybody clapped.

**—Abhishek
Class II A**

There was a water snake in a pond. It was very fat and long. One day it was very hungry. It was becoming old and so it could not catch anything. One day it was chasing a fish. The snake could not catch the fish so it could not eat anything for a month. After some days the water snake died. I felt very sad for him.

**—Gaurav Chatterjee
Class II A**

MY HOLIDAY

I went to Bombay. I played on the swings in Hanging Gardens. We have a house in Bombay. It is in Andheri. I had a nice holiday. I did not watch TV. I did not go to the circus. I went to the Zoo. I went to Aman's house.

**—Aamir Nizam Ansari
Class I**

My holidays were good, but my mother's father died. I went nowhere. I only stayed at home. I had a birthday. My own brother is very naughty. He pulls my hair. My cousin is not very naughty. She makes some mistakes. One day I went to Nicco Park. We went to the Toy Train and Pirate Ship, Jumping Pad and Water Shoot.

**—Soumiyojot Ganguly
Class I**

ATTENTION ALL !!!

The main field is out of bounds for all those who prefer to make it their middle path are too lazy to use the cemented path or the path in front of Triveni. Even if you don't play any major sport which uses the main field, please do not dare to cross it. Not only the principal, the prefects too avoid and are extremely particular about the proper use of the ground. Even in dire situations such as being late for class, the prefects do not cut across the main field. The class eleven, along with the prefects are doing their best by setting an example.

However, the co-operation of the staff members is much needed. You can only learn to respect a thing such as this if you play on it and have a conscience that tells you that this field has taught you the sports that were once so alien to you.

Going at the present rate it is already difficult to judge the whereabouts of a speeding cricket ball which can attack your teeth while kneeling to field the ball. It is frightening for a goalkeeper to dive for the ball due to the amount of stones that inhabit the field.

We hope you too will realise the importance of this and do not take offence.

—Sudeep and Ankur

THE LENGTHNING SHADOWS OF WINTER

'Winter' brings to my mind the picture of chilly evenings, snowflakes, bitter winds and a bleak landscape.

The morning breeze sends shivers down my spine. Summer sunshine has been replaced by pale rays that failed to bring cheer. Glorious ribbons of gold and copper draping the trees disappear overnight and leave only the skeleton of scraggy trees, mute witness to winter's stealthy approach.

Squirrels run to and fro filling the stores with precious rations of nuts. As I walk up the avenue, the playful wind brings dry leaves. Swirling around my feet till it gets bored and retreats to find a new victim. The day gets shorter and the night gets colder.

The image of leaping flames engulfing dry firewood in the great lures me towards the familiar street lined with regal popular trees. The peace and warmth seeps gently into my tired mind. The fire crackles merrily in the grate. The stars are hazier and the skies are cloudier.

Snow flakes will soon descend to cover the world with its white blanket. Grey silhouettes shine through the mist as people bustle back and forth. It's a time for the make an appearance, for the birds to migrate to warmer regions, for the heavy velvet curtain of fog to fall upon the earth once again and for the warmer 'woolies' to be taken out.

—**Debashish Bannerjee**
Class VIII

We dedicate this issue to PG Wodehouse who died on St. Valentine's Day in 1975 at the age of 93. He was recognised in his life time as a classic and an old master of farce. He said, "I believe there are two ways of writing novels. One is mine, making a sort of musical comedy without music and ignoring real life altogether; the other is going right deep down into life and not caring a damn..." He will continue to release future generations from captivity that may be more irksome than our own. He has made a world for us to live in.

RINGSIDE VIEW



Hi Guys!! Welcome Back to another exciting term of sports and games. The Ashes and The Ford Australian Open definitely seem to have enthused many young guys with loads of enthusiasm. There has been a tremendous increase in the population of volunteers for both these sports. Taking inspiration from the Ford Australian Open Championship our tennis captain is sporting a pony tail and a poor attempt at growing a goatee.

Well, the Captains for various sports have been decided and announced. Congratulations to all. It has removed tensions from the heads of many of the class eleven boys. Till the last days, boys were seen and heard claiming the titles for various sports.

The cricket field decisively has more players than last term despite the fact that our senior coach for cricket, Mr. Manish Gurung popularly known as Manish Sir has left school. The term started with cricket as the only major seasonal sport. With the school captain as the captain for this sport too, the guys better be there.

A match was fixed against the Rising Stars on Sunday, the 12th but heavy rain and storm washed out play even before it started. However, practice was stalled on the 14th due to St. Valentine's Day massacre. The field was ankle deep in water and the captain decided to catch a moment of much needed rest. The match has been postponed to the Wednesday, that is the 15th of this month.

The school for the first time is hosting the IPSC Badminton Meet scheduled for sometime in April. Captain Pratyush and his team of budding aspirants are practicing hard for the oncoming competition.

During the course of the vacations some boys of our school participated in the IPSC Basketball Tournament spearheaded by Siddhant. We stood third. We lost in the semifinals to Y.P.S. Patiala by 8 points. We were trailing in the first half by a massive 25 points but could only recover part of it. En route to the finals we met Mayo College, Ajmer and The Vidya Mandir. It was a convenient win over both.

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