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Think About It

The hardest task of a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious.

—Helen Rowland

EDITORIAL

I think the busiest people are those who work for the third estate, popularly known as the press. No sooner is one publication distributed, when the 'newspaper-men' have to start working on the next. There are no holidays, of course. Besides, the constant creativity required to rouse interest in readers makes me certain that the 'press-people' are definitely the more competent people in any society. Hats off to them. Comparatively little as the work of the Oliphant Board's might be, its members seem determined, however, never to be part of any news agency in the latter part of their lives! Nevertheless, the sheer enjoyment of being a part of the board and the pleasure of contributing to successful issues is denied by none. Personally, nothing gives me more pleasure and satisfaction than to see someone showing off all of his thirty-two teeth while reading a copy of *The Oliphant*, or a pat on the back saying, "Hey,...this one was real good". To me, the will to persevere to publish a better issue every fortnight has become like the undeniable need for opiate to an addict. And so, here's an even better one than the last....

With practice sessions going on day and night for our Diamond Jubilee play 'Will Shakespeare save us?', it looks as if Shakespeare is going to save us after all! The cast has been carefully handpicked and what with Mr. Nick Bowater coming all the way from UK to direct our play, there seems no reason to doubt that the play is going to be one of the best performances put up so far. To all those involved in the play, "Keep it up!".

The sun has inevitably set on a rather disappointing soccer season this year. Despite the

unmistakable hard work put in by the soccer team during the practice sessions, Mr. K forbade them to participate in the soccer Councils and consequently, the IPSCs. Mr. K was 'compelled', he said, to take such a decision because the twelfthies failed to attend P. T. regularly. Then again, Mr. K's decision was overshadowed by a rather turbulent soccer-inter-house tournament. It was an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The eventual winners, anyway, was the deserving Jamuna House. Congratulations to them!

Also, our twelfth class was recently invited to a social evening by the Welham Girls' High School. Despite a shortage of food and preliminarily, even an acute shortage of girls, it is 'said' that they had a good time!! We are now looking forward to socials with Mussoorie International School!!

I must also touch upon the need to further improve the computer facilities in school. Since last month, the B.B. S e-mail system in Calcutta has come to a standstill, leaving the boys with nothing more than their e-mail addresses. Internet access, which was once available to everyone in school has now been limited to a chosen few who have their own personal accounts. However, happily, the Oliphant will now be produced by a new Pentium expected to be installed by 28th September.

One can feel the excitement in the air as the Diamond Jubilee Founders Day celebrations are fast approaching. The Biology department in particular, seems to be all out to make their exhibition an unforgettable one. A lot of



brainstorming is being done by both the boys and the teachers, to continuously come up with more and better ideas for the celebrations. Keep at it, guys!

Besides, the much awaited Mid terms are

round the bend. I hope everyone has a good time. I also wish the Athletics team 'all the best' for their IPSCs in Delhi.

And for now, adieu.

—Sourab

W.O.B.N

Messages:-

'I don't know when the celebrations are beginning but I am sure that the preparations must be underway in full throttle already.

I wish everybody involved good luck and hope that everything works out great. Also I hope

'Glad the world's gone electronic. Easier to communicate with our old school which we so dearly miss and wish the days hadn't passed so quickly.

We are studying at the Bond University, Queensland, Australia for our bachelor's degree in Commerce. It is rated in the top 10 in the Asia-Pacific Region for Business Studies. So we are pretty glad we could gain admission. We do realise that studies here are not at all easy. Everything is supposed to be done on Computers, imagine doing your maths assignment on a computer! The school must be gearing up for the upcoming Diamond

that this Diamond Jubilee turns centennial and Welham goes 'From Strength to Strength'.

Surya Todi.

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Jubilee. Real event that we guys here are going to miss. Wishing the school all the best in keeping the motto intact- 'From Strength to Strength'.

Closing off for now. Do keep in touch and update us on the celebrations as we really miss those fun days at P.H. Regards to Mr. Kandhari, Mr. Pant, Mr. Painuli, Mr. Bakshi, Mrs. Mehra and all the teaching faculty.'

Best Wishes,

Siddarth Choraria (Ex-643) &
Umar Trambhoo

WELHAM NOW

1. Results of the English Handwriting Contest held on the 20th of August:-

Classes XI & XII

First : Mehul Manyank (XI)

Second : Rohit Bagaria (XI)

Third : Arjun Trivedi (XI)

Classes VIII & IX

First : Divya Agarwal & Nitin Bansal (IX)

Second : Arpit Tandon (VIII)

Third : Ashish Bahtey (VIII)

Class VII

First : Ashutosh Pandey

Second : Prayaas J. B. Rana

Third : Inder Aney

2. The Junior School English Recitation Competition was held on 23rd August. The results are as follows:

Class 2 'A'

First : Prasan Krishna

Second: Pratik Aggarwal

Third : Ashish Choudhary

Consolation : Danish Bajaj

Class 2 'B'

First : Ankit Sahay, Ayush Rajouva & John Samuel

Second : Abhas Bhargava

Class 3 'A'

First : Kushagna Kumar

Second : Akshay Agarwal

Third : Sumant Dang

Consolation : Shney Verma

Class 3 'B'

First : Singh Maini

Second : Archit Singh

Third : Aman Verma

Consolation : Anshul Anchal

Class 4 'A'

First : Ujjwal Kumar

Second : Raunak Timbrewal

Third : Raghav Puri
Consolation : Mayank Daga

Class 4 'B'

First : Somya Ganguly
Second : Gaurav Chopra
Third : Arjun Manchanda
Consolation : Parth Parasher

3. The Junior School Hindi Recitation Competition was held on the 27th August. The results are as follows:

Class 2 'A'

First : Danish Bajaj
Second : Meghnath Gautam & Himanshu
Deshwal
Third : Harsh Fatehpuria

Class 2 'B'

First : Ankit Sahay
Second : Kandarp Swarup
Third : Ayush Rajoura
Consolation : Abhas Bhargava

Class 3 'A'

First : Udit Ghosh
Second : Ajitesh Kir
Third : Dhairya Karva
Consolation : Vipin Kumar

Class 3 'B'

First : Anshul Aachal
Second : Monish Khare
Third : Ishaan Gupta
Consolation : Chetan Aggarwal

Class 4 'A'

First : Aijaz Rasool
Second : Raunak Tibrewal & Vibhor Gupta
Third : Deepak Aggarwal

Class 4 'B'

First : Ayush Bahety
Second : Nikhil Aggarwal
Third : Raghav Garg
Consolation : Lokesh Jain

4. The results of the Meera Sundaram Essay Writing Contest for Classes 7 and 8 which was held on the 27th of August are as follows:

First : Deepak Sanon

Second : Rohan Varshnei

Third : Prayaas J. B. Rana

5. Arcaprava Datta and Digvijay Lamba participated in the Inter School Quiz Competition which was held in Scindia School, Gwalior. The

team came third after a tie breaker. Sourab Dhungel and Nikunj Gupta took part in the Scindia School Platinum Jubilee Memorial English Debate. The topic in the opinion of the house was 'The spirit of competition engenders strife and its attendant evils.'

6. On the 15th of September, twenty three boys from class tenth participated in the Geo-Map Quiz'97. It was organised by the INCA Secretary, at Modern Cartography Centre.

7. The Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Inter School English Quiz was held in the Activity Centre on the 17th of September. Our school stood third among six schools. The school was represented by Varun Puri, Siddharth Singh and Karan Gulaya.

8. The Diamond Jubilee Inter School Science and Computer Quiz (Seniors) was held on the 19th of September. Our team comprised Gauravjeet Singh, Kartikeya Narayan and Karan Gulaya. Our school stood second.

9. Kartikeya Narayan and Nikunj Gupta participated in the Annual Chakborty Inter School English Debate which was held at the Doon School on the 20th of September. The topic being debated was 'Schools will have to close down in the next century.' Incidentally, the Arthur Hughes O.B.E. Inter School Extempore' English Debate which was scheduled to be held on the same day was postponed due to unavoidable reasons.

10. Sarthak Pany and Arcaprava Datta participated in a group discussion which was based on the theme 'Education' on the 20th and the 22nd of September. It was conducted by Spic Macay as a part of a national campus out-reach programme.

11. The delegation of four boys lead by Mr. Kandhari and Mr. Das has left for England to attend the Round Square Conference. The delegation consists of Sumant Pai, Shariq Ansari, Adhir Bhatt and Amrut Kar.

12. The tree planting squad boys have completed survey, identification and updating of trees in the campus. Also the task of planting 60 trees between the Activity Centre and the North Block has been undertaken by the squad boys.

LITERARY AFFAIRS

Should Boys Learn to Cook and Sew?

First of all I would like to comment, that, boys are in no respect inferior to the opposite sex, nor are they by any chance superior.

As far as cooking is concerned it is a known fact that the majority of the world's greatest known chefs are males. And as for sewing, nowhere in the world are men tailors rare.

So I think I am at least successful in assuring you that men do possess these qualities and skills; and also excel in these fields. And if this is so, what is the harm in encouraging the interest of young boys in activities like cooking and sewing. It is no offence if males are taught all this. I certainly agree that boys should be taught these arts. It also has numerous advantages, such as - the boys can be made self-reliant in matters like cooking their own meal; of sewing and mending their clothes. It may also develop as a life long hobby for many. And above all, others can take it on as their profession.

These days, we can hear a lot about excellent cooks who are males or even tailors in multinational clothing companies, excelling in all these fields.

Today, one can go in for advanced courses in cooking and designing that last for several years.

If you are today a chef in a five or seven star hotel, you will receive a handsome pay packet, respect in society, and can easily afford all luxuries. The same goes for tailoring in big companies.

So by no angle do I see any kind of harm in boys being taught cooking and sewing.

In the end, I would like to quote the old and truthfully saying - 'Where there is a will, there is a way.'

—Deepak Sanon
Class VIII

This entry won the first prize in the Meera Sundaram Essay writing competition.

Night

The darkness is so soothing
After the glaring daytime sun.
The quiet is so wonderful
After the bustling day has gone.
Night is here
Night, with her dignity
and her silent grace.
The stars twinkle as friendly eyes
on her humble face.
A soft breeze rustles
The mellowness of moonlight

enchants winding streams and groves.
To troubled minds it gives its calm
and fills the world with love-
All is quiet
The faint breeze carries from a far
Sweet, soothing sounds.
The exciting throb of Night's heart beat
In time to the beauty around
Wearing a magnificent, billowing silver gown.
As she goes floating by the silent town.

—Debashish Banerjee
Class XI

Lies All Lies

One bright day in the middle of the night,
Two dead men got up to fight,
They faced each other back to back,
They drew their swords and shot each other,

If you don't believe this lie is true,
Go and ask the blind man - he saw it too.

—Ankit Sekhri
Class VIII

The Sadist and the Rose

The sadist was made to suffer,
Enduring to the edge,
Until one day he turned and made the world

suffer.
He roamed the graves he had created,
And by the languid river, he sat in the barren

garden.
 Where he saw a red rose,
 A single rose, beautiful and fragrant.
 He embraced it,
 Avoiding the thorns, sensed its sweetness filling his
 mind and soothing his heart.
 Gradually the loving rose intoxicated him, he wished
 he could grasp the roots, and bury them in his heart.
 Sado-macho sin drains out of him.
 Gentle showers of serenity soak him.
 A thirsty soul, he hurriedly drinks the sweet nectar.
 He turns away from the world, following directions
 of warm love.
 He stands on the highest part of the earth,
 The edge of the world-
 The rose in his hand - soft, tender and delicate.
 He sees the sanguine sunrise,

the wilderness of love,
 Lost in time mesmerized by the rose.....

Suddenly a gust of wind snatches the rose from his
 fingers, carrying it into the void.
 He lunges forward.....
 An eerie darkness engulfs him,
 His reason, his hope, his power, his love - all lost
 in the void.
 The sweet Red Rose was gone.
 He turns round to face the world,
 An aura of frustration around him, the air of
 vengeance blows hot through his soul,
 He falls on the world like an Inferno of Death.....
 And the sadistic streak returned to his eye.

--The Last Child

Death's Invitation

I see my soul,
 On the blasted glade, Hath
 I had no faith,
 In going headway.
 Was I to die isolated,
 I was not to decide,
 my death awaited me,
 watching me chide.

I could receive the fey,
 which had not yet died,
 perceiving the glistening sun,
 going dull by tide.
 The time reproaches,
 I see my pride,
 I see my soul,
 getting gripped in lies,
 I was fond of jeering,
 but hated to be gibed,
 recallin' my courage,
 which was falsely imbibed.

I was a malediction,
 for this human race,

which was to be eradicated,
 cock-sure; in all ways.
 I can recompensate, that
 What I've to pay to life,
 I was Uxorious, being
 Ignorant my wife.

Frustrated was my spirit,
 my strength was abated,
 vituperated was my life,
 I too was baited.
 What is humanity,
 I could not comprehend,
 knowledge of my life,
 I could not understand.

I was a mingy one,
 now I felt remorse,
 but it was too late,
 my death grew close,
 Lest, the time has elapsed,
 my death is within me,
 There is no one described, but
 the sentinel stars above me.

--Tomorrow's Man

Celebrating Our Future?

Recently, our country celebrated its 50th
 year of Independence, an achievement which I
 guess, would have been celebrated with greater

zeal and in the true spirit by the people who had to
 fight for it. Quite contrary to the so called 'X'
 generation most of whom believe that they would

have been better off under the British and see no future for their nation.

Ask them why and these erudite people will blatantly reveal the shortcomings of the country—corruption, poverty, underdevelopment and blah, blah, blah. These are those very disillusioned fools who have no substance and suffer from an inferiority complex. When they can name a thousand shortcomings of our nation today, do they plan to or even think of eradicating any one of them in the future? I don't think so, all they can do is criticise the country but I'm afraid, they can't do anything about it. According to them these fifty years have been those of degeneration.

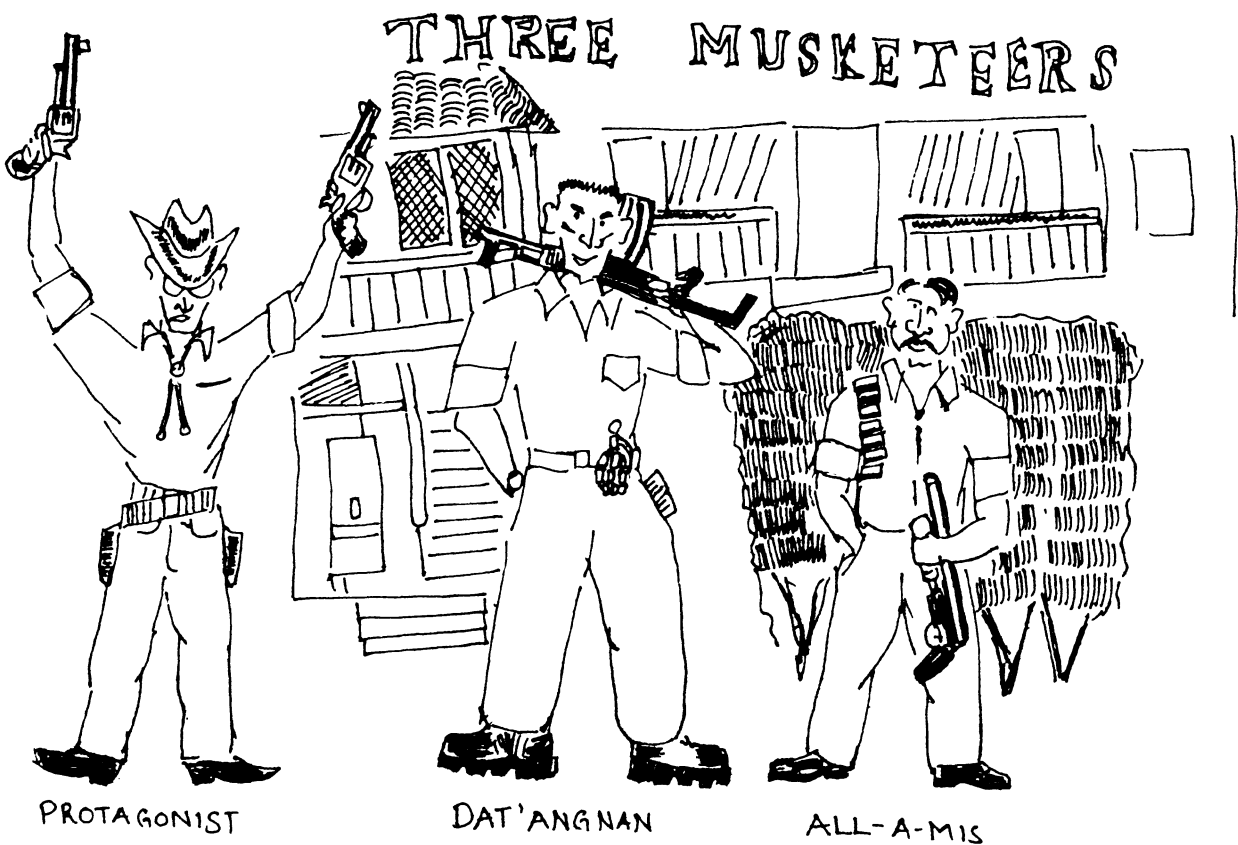
Today when our country needs honest and sincere politicians, the cream of our nation tends to backout because politics has now become synonymous with corruption. Nobody wants to take up the challenge of removing corruption. In a

situation like this whom can we blame but ourselves.

Today we find ourselves in a position in which we can openly criticise the country. Criticism without constructive follow up action is pointless. If we consider ourselves to be any better than the fools who are running our country today, we should prove it. Not by just railing at them or abusing them but by taking their places.

Today our country needs not only IIT or Harvard graduates but people who believe in themselves and believe that they can make a difference to the country's future. We need people like Swami Vivekanand who can lift people from the pits of moral, physical and verbal degradation. We have to start thinking positively and with a firm conviction declare that it's us who have to take the country from 'Strength to Strength'.

—Arjun Trivedi
Class XI



AT ~~HM's~~ HM's beck and call, and generosity. ARCA..... and his leniency

What's In

Autumn Equinox
Parker
Social service
Ganguly
Chess

What's Out

Lunareclipse
Reynolds
Socials
Dravid
Indoor cricket

Separated at Birth

1. Joy Arora
2. Rohit Jain
3. Sumant Pai

Sayed Anwar
Mohit Agarwal
Harshad Mehta

Through the Key Hole

Mr. Khaira : Were the questions very hard in the test.

Bikash : Sir, questions were easy but the answers were hard.

Mr. Bakshi to Mr. Khaira : Sir, any joke for the Oliphant?

Mr. Khaira : Oh ! No joke without coke because coke is a hope of a joke.

A few names that the Oliphant has acquired over the past few months:

1. Sourab's *personal letter pad*.
2. Nikunj's *joke book*.
3. Arca's *sketch book*.
4. Dhindsa's *book of errors*.
5. Polly's *playground*.

Venue : *Dining Hall*

Teddy : Munish, the dinner is half cold.

Munish : Silly fool, then have the other half which is hot!!

One of the team in the Quiz on not understanding the question:

Please, will you pardon the question?

Mr. Gosain : This boy does not have any 'self-respect' for himself or others!?

Loverboy Sourab's full-form of HOLLAND:

Hope Our Love Lives And Never Dies.

Mr. Gosain to Mrs. Nonnie when she was repeatedly trying to start her scooter : Aey Nonnie maam, I think there is no electricity in your scooter!!

Sidharth : Do you know that the new fun flips is 94% fat free.

Abhishek : Wow, does that mean that the new fun flips has 94% extra fat that too free of cost!!

Sidharth : Bhadoo, you're so tall. I wish I had your height.

Bhadoo : He! He!

Prashant : Ya Bhadoo! Lend *me* some of your height to *us*.

Inside Bethany:

Mr. Pravesh - Ay hero ! Just tell me where is the dininghall.

In the Biology class:

Mr. Sandeep Khanna: 'Boys on which date is 15th August this year?'

In the Maths class:

A teacher to the boys : 'Boys, I don't mind if you misbehave in the class because I don't have a mind.'

RINGSIDE VIEW

Welham sports recently made history of sorts. What happened was both amusing and shocking at the same time and totally unheard of in the long and glorious history of sports. The word 'Draw' or 'Tie' was given a new meaning mainly due to the inability of people to come to any kind of a sensible conclusion. In a league match of the Inter House senior soccer between Jamuna and Ganga, Jamuna made a mockery of the rules that govern the game by substituting the same player thrice. They however went on to win the game 3-0 chiefly due to the superb skills of Saswat Prasad. After the match Ganga understandably filed an appeal against the breach of rules as the match referee had asked them to do so. But for some reason none could come to any decision for quite some time. The matter moved from the hands of the Sports Committee to the Housemasters and the senior master and then back to the Sports Committee with no result. Everyone had their own ideas and most of them were technically incorrect. All this led to chaos and uncertainty amongst all the four houses as the outcome of this was directly going to affect everyone's chance of making it to the finals. Finally, when a decision became inevitable it was decided to abandon the match and spilt the points between both the teams. That part of the decision made some kind of sense but they also decided to count the three goals scored by Jamuna and this is what surprised everyone. Because on the one hand they said that the game had been abandoned. And then to contradict this by announcing that Jamuna had been allowed three goals of the 'abandoned' match. I have written about what happened. I now leave it to you to debate on this matter. All I can hope is that this is not repeated in future.

The rest of the Inter House was not so eventful but most people were happy that they finally got to see some kind of competitive soccer in school as there were no (or should I say are) school team matches played during the entire season which is now over.

The finals were played between Ganga and Jamuna and the game had to be called off twice for different reasons. Jamuna finally emerged the deserving winners outplaying Ganga in every aspect. Well Done.

In the junior section, the dark horses Cauvery defeated Ganga in the finals after an hour and a half of

very interesting and charged up soccer. The architect of their victory being Amit Parashar. He ran like a horse, defended like a rock and did everything right to see his team lift the trophy.

Basketball is finally looking up in school. The school team has recently been involved in a few Inter School fixtures and the results have been more than not positive. They played their first match against the Doscocs after a long- long time on home soil. After a slow and shaky first half, at the end of which the score board read 24-20 in our favour, we came back strongly in the second half to chalk out a comfortable win. The final score being 64-48. Karan Singh did well as a surprise shooter and Vipul was fantastic. There were others too who had a good match, Bhadoo being the surprise of the pack. Manavjeet also showed once again that he is an asset to the school team and why he was missed during the Golden Jubilee Commemorative Tournament.

In the return fixture in Doon School things were not so smooth because it was the first time in this term that we were playing outdoor, but we won with a score of 64-60. Most of the guys came off good in the second half after a slump in the first half where we were losing by 10 points. Manavjeet was the pitch of the match as he gave an excellent all round performance. Parivesh and Kartikeya also played commendable games. The team also played two matches with the Jawans of J&K Rifles. In the first game Manavjeet was down with fever and could not play. It was a close game and the army won by 5 points. They basically outplayed us on the basis of their better physical fitness. However by the time they came back to play us the second time, our coach had got on to our case pretty seriously. We were more determinant to win, played in a much more organised way by not relying so much on our individual skills. Everyone did his best and it was a 100% team effort. We won easily with an end score of 54-71. Believe me it was a sweetest victory for all of us.

The Cricket season will start after the mid-terms greatly encouraged for the 4-1 victory against Pakistan in the Sahara Cup'97. This is a great boost to the players.

That's all for now. Rest in the next issue.

—Pratyush

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