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Think About It...

A knavish speech sleeps in a foolish ear.

-William Shakespeare

EDITORIAL

Before anything else (and before I forget for the umpteenth time) I must mention that all

Exies are cordially invited for the Founder's Day celebrations (27th to 30th October). As it happens to be Mr. K's last founder's I hope more Exies will include Dehra Dun in their travel plans.

Speaking of travel plans, the Canada gang is all set to rock North America, as they leave for the Round Square Conference being held at Appleby College, Toronto. Lets hope they create new landmarks in the history of Welham and set a perfect example for everybody.

The weather has been rather benevolent. Truly speaking the

October sets in, I hope the things will only get better.



Former governor of West Bengal, Punjab and Karnataka, Padam Shri Dharma Vira ICS died in New Delhi on Saturday 16th September, 2000 after a prolonged illness, family sources said. He was 93. He had been admitted to the Shri Ganga Ram hospital on 29 August and had been suffering from chronic renal failure and coronary disease.

Born in 1906 at Patiala, Shri Dharma Vira received education at Lucknow and Allahabad University and at the London school of economics and political science.

He was the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Administrative Staff College of India. He was connected with many leading ministers as advisor, chairman or director and closely associated with many social and philanthropic associations. He was the Chairman of our Board of Trustees for nearly two decades and on his retirement was appointed as the Chairman-Emeritus.

We would convey to his family our deepest condolences on this sad bereavement.

How I can I forget Soccer when I talk of rain. The soccer team deserves accolades for their over all performance. Never mind we did not win the Councils, but our game has certainly improved and a lot more talent can be seen in the junior players. I can safely bet that in future, soccer has more to offer than just entertainment. Hats off to the captain and his fine innings.

Look at me, in my reverie I almost forgot the Olympics! What Paes did in the last Olympics, Malleshwari has done it for India this time. But its rather sad that a

rain had me going crazy for sometime. Now as

country of a teeming billion people can only

support one bronze medal. Come on guys do something, its high time we struck gold!

The Science and Computer Quiz was a thumping success. I feel really proud to state that the Quiz was wholly organized by the boys, and they deserve all the plaudits they are getting, especially the Secretary and the School Captain.

Way to go guys!

If I am not wrong somebody once said,

“the mice will play while the cat is away”. But not so at 5, Circular Road. Mr. K has been gone for quite sometime now but “all is calm on the Welham front”.

That just about it folks, I leave now. And I will catch up after the camps are over.

“Welham Side till I die”.

I.S.C Result: 2000

Commerce

Name	Eng	Eco	Comm	Acc	BMt	Geog	Art/IMH	%
Jai Kapoor	80-2	92-1	86-2	97-1	94-1			91
Hemant Tiwari	69-4	80-2	97-1	80-2	60-5			82
Shivang Sud	78-3	54-6	95-1	78-3	59-1			78
Shradhey Rawat	76-3	60-5	95-1	74-3		59-5		76
Gangandeeep S. Klair	59-5	66-4	83-2	94-1	55-5			76
Abhishek Rungta	64-4	83-2	76-3	76-3	43-8			75
Nimish Agarwal	60-5		88-2	74-3	35-9		78-3 Art	75
Manish K. Shrestha	66-4	59-5	97-1	72-3		48-7		74
Sidharth Jatia	80-2	64-4	60-5	69-4	35-9			68
Sachin K. Gupta	59-5	52-6	74-3	78-3	52-6			66
Sachil Tiwari	40-8	59-5	59-5	76-3			86-2Hin	65
Akshat Agarwal	51-6		78-3	51-6			76-3 Art	64
Charanjit S. Mann	55-5	49-7	78-3	74-3		49-7		64
Vikas Monga	54-6	62-4	64-4	74-3	51-6			64
Atul Gupta	49-7	47-7	60-5	86-2	57-5			63
Inayat S. Bains	55-5	30-	72-3	66-4	55-5			62
Gyurmee Wangchuk	59-5	47-7	74-3	62-4	47-7			61
Pranay N. Shrestha	48-7	52-6	62-4	72-3	59-5			60
Rahul Dawn	43-8	52-6	74-3	59-5	46-7			57
Parivesh Kumar	60-5	44-8	60-5	60-5	35-9			56
Hamza Anis Ahmed	60-5		46-7	42-8		44-8	74-3 Art	56
Avneet S Brar	42-8	35-9	59-5	53-6		43-8		49

Science

	Eng	Eco	Phy	Chem	Maths	Cts	Bio	%
Anant Goel	62-4		88-2	78-3	95-1	95-1		85
Ajeet S. Bajaj	76-3		80-2	59-5	76-3	97-1		82
Vatsal Arya	86-2	78-3	69-4	60-5	74-3			77
Karan S. Gulaya	88-2		76-3	59-5	51-6		78-3	75
Kumar Abhijeet	72-3		69-4	74-3	64-4	86-2		75
Sulabh Arora	72-3		69-4	55-5	72-3	88-2		75
Saurabh Gupta	66-4		74-3	66-4	76-3		69-4	71
Saurav Pradhan	76-3		55-5	54-6	76-3	69-4		69
Deepak Govind Rao	60-5		47-7	35-9	54-6		80-2Hin	60
Yogendra Bisht	54-6		59-5	43-8		69-4	59-6	59
Ashish Kumar	64-4		54-6	48-7	69-4			59
Rahul Gupta	49-7		76-3	55-5	53-6			58
Puneet Bansal	57-5	49-7	52-6	54-6	64-4			57
Saswat Prasad	60-5		35-9	46-7	43-8		46-7	49
Suman Saurabh	54-6	44-8	47-7	35-9	46-7			48
Vikas Prasad	35-		30-	30-	25-		35-	PCNA

Welham Now

1) Anshuman Singh, Amish Mulmi, Parag Agarwal and Rohan Sachdeva went to Scindia School from 7th to 11th September). Our quiz team, Anushuman and Amish stood first in the Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Quiz.

2) Neeraj Pareek, Anshuman Singh and Amish Mulmi represented the school in the Chakorborty Quiz held at The Doon School. They entered the final round.

3) On the 18th September an Inter-Schol Hindi Elocution was held. Nakul Sachdeva and Kumar Ritesh participated. Nakul secured the first position.

4) In the Inter-House Football Tournament, Krishna bagged the 1st position in both the Seniors and the Juniors.

Best Player:

Senior: Kaushik Chaudhary

Junior: Maroof Ahmed

5) Ashutosh Pandey and Raunak Agrawal stood second in the Punjab National Bank Quiz.

6) Daman Chikara, Kaushik Chaudhary, Neeraj Pareek, Aditya Malhotra, Gaurav Malhotra and Ankush Vainik accompanied by Mr. Das have left

for the International Round Square Conference being held at Appleby College, Toronto, Canada.

7) On the 16th September the 1st Inter School Junior English Debate was held.

8) The Inter House English Extempore Debate was held on the 20th September.

Individual positions are as follows-

First- Azar Zaidi, Shrid Dhungel

Second- Rohan Sachdeva

Third- Amish Mulmi

House positions are as follows-

First- Jamuna

Second- Cauvery

Third- Ganga

9) Dev Agarwal has left for an exchange to Mowbray School, Australia. David Bailey has come in his place. Ratik Arora has left for Appleby College, Canada on an exchange.

10) Ujawal Kumar, Karan Sohi, Arjun Manchanda, Aijaz Rasool, Mayank Daga, Arjun Bajaj, Sameer Suri, Karun Agarwal accompanied by Mr. Hannah have left for the regional Round Square Conference being held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh.

Literary Affairs

The Wise and the Otherwise

I was walking along talking to myself as usual, it's a very useful habit to have, you know exactly what kind of a situation has actually arisen because of a single minor mistake that you could have possibly committed at the Diwan-I-Khas.

Even the beautiful and the breath-taking garden of Khusro seemed sullen that evening. The chirping of the birds also didn't arouse much attention like they used to before. The Mughal dynasty was inevitably moving towards an abyss. The power vacuum created by it would serve a better purpose than to place the British Raj in Hindustan. An event already forfeited by Begum Noorjahan. And I, the grand Vazir of the grand Mughal court, whose ancestors had served the Emperors since centuries couldn't help it.

I was informed of a hearing that the king had given to me after days of request and

pleading. It wasn't an easy affair to get one from the King those days as there were many evil and cowardly men around him. Filling his ears all the time with poison. Even my constant request at a personal level did not work. There was only one person who supported me and my dislike for the British. Sadly enough that person couldn't do much as she herself was restricted to the Mughal zenana. She was Begum Mumtaz Mahal. I had never before seen a female so understanding and deeply involved in state politics as the Begum.

The evening came and I put my white muslin shirt and a warm coat and soft silk pajamas, as the Mughals dressed so often in their grand way. My presence was announced and I was asked to appear. As I entered the hall of justice, immediately whispers broke out, people gossiping in anticipation of what I was going to say today. I could see prince Aurangzeb seated right next to the emperor of all Hindustan, the

destiny of million lives Shahjahan. Around him were his Rajput warriors looking at me with taunting eyes.

As I neared the King I made three low salaams and wished that his majesty may live long enough to see all Hindustan prosper under his golden rule. I felt a sudden guilt arise in me as I spoke these words as I knew that the fall of the empire had begun the day emperor Jehangir had allowed that firangee friend of his to setup godowns for storing his supplies at the important ports near Gujarat.

The emperor asked in an authoritative tone "what brings you back here Vezir-E-Shahryr? I fail to understand your dislike for these white men who hardly could win a small province like Mewar from our huge army of warriors." I replied with great calm and composure "Sire, I am but a humble servant of yours and it is my duty to warn you of the ill will of these Britishers. I agree that our country is such that it has borne diversity since time immemorial, but that does not mean that we let Aryans and everyone enter our land and settle down. While we are enjoying

the leisure's of the royal courts, those aliens are plotting against the 'takh' of our nation. Let us not be blinded by their courtesies and act foolishly."

The last words of my short but aggressive speech were received with anger and there was a great uproar in the house. I could see the color of the king's face change. He raised a brow. What followed was unbelievable.

I was asked to leave for Mecca on a pilgrimage for one year as punishment for speaking in an undignified manner at the court to the Emperor. After I apologized for my behaviour everyone was amused as I salaamed the king and withdrew from court without asking for forgiveness. I could see the Begum's morose face. I gave a smile to her once outside the court as she came over to my side. All I could say was "such are the ways of Allah".

**Shah Aalam,
KANISHK KAUSHIK
Class XII**

Exchange from Australia...

They say that a student exchange is an experience of a lifetime and experience that will change your life forever. On a student exchange you will meet lots of new people, make lots of friends, learn new lifestyle, new cultures, a different outlook on life.

I come from a small town in the center of Australia. It is quite remote and is very different to Dehradun. It is in the Simpson Desert. There the weather is extreme; it goes above 40 degrees in the summer and drops below 0 degrees in winters. Also, being in a desert it does not rain very often because of that everything is dry and the soil is red orange. Alice Springs has a large river running through the middle of it, it hardly ever has any water in it. Many gum trees grow in and along side the river. This river also flows through the Mc Donald's ranges, which are located right next to Alice Springs. Also only a few hours drive away is Ayevs Rock.

The school I attend there is St Phillips College. It is somewhat smaller than Welham, but it only accommodates for classes 7 to 12 and

of around 500 students only about 50 board, the rest being day students. The school week in Australia goes on Monday to Friday. School starts 8:20am and there are 7 classes of 45 minutes each, and then finishes at 3:00pm. Some of the main sports played in our school are Football(the Australian version with a pointy red ball), Rugby, Cricket, Soccer, Basketball and Netball. The school is co-educational school and does not have any physical punishment.

Before I came to India, I just thought it was a large country, overcrowded with people and that they have very spicy meals. About a bit over a month before I left I was taken to the doctor to be immunised for my big trip. I was quite nervous about all these needles. I had to have many needles. I had to have a needle for tetnus, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Now after having to have all these injections I was starting to get a little worried! I was beginning to think that India was going to be real dangerous and quite life threatening!

But now, after being here for a month I

have a whole new image of India. Now India to me is a busy country with heaps and heaps of people, very busy and quite bumpy roads, with wild animals wandering around and horns sounding every few seconds. The food was not quite as spicy as I thought it would be, and I can nearly have some meal without having any water! At

Speech at Stithian's College, South Africa

"I am the only one; but still I am the one,
I can't do everything, but I can do something;
I will never refuse to do something I can....."

Good Morning to you all,

With these words in my mind I set forth on a journey that I felt would undoubtedly bring about a lot of change in my present circumstances as well as my future life. Little did I know it was to be one of the most exciting learning experience of my entire existence.....

As a student from one of the most prestigious schools in India I was chosen as an ambassador not only for my institution but also for my country. My aim was to spread good will and brotherhood and learn about the completely immensely diverse and different culture.

I have to admit to have learnt a lot of lessons, in some ways good and in the other not so pleasant, but all have contributed to my being a more learned and developed person. It has firmly made me believe that 'the road to success is not doing one thing 100% better but doing 100 things 1% better.'

As a student hailing from a country with diverse cultures, religion and society it has been a most rewarding period.

In Welham, my school, we are not only expected to excel in academics and sports but great emphasis is placed on the development of the character and personality of an individual. It strives to transform us into those young gentlemen who have the quality of courage, honesty, humility and persistence.

Indeed it teaches us to be one of those on whom the world can count and who are ready to face any challenges that come in their path.

My school, which is situated in the foothills of Himalayas, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee 3 years ago. A distinguished lady Ms H.S. Oliphant who hailed from England started this school with 2000 pounds borrowed from her mother. It started primarily as a preparatory

school. first I found it very difficult to understand the Indian accent, but now I am quite used to it.

Being in such an amazing country, gives me a great feeling, experiencing what seems like a whole new world, so greatly different of what I am used to. Its truly a lifetime experience.

- Peter Hickmott

school.

Over the years it has changed into a full fledged residential school from preparatory to high school.

We are taught how to be self-reliant and how to improve ourselves mentally and physically. Without our parents to count on for continual support. We have learned to take decisions from our own mistakes and experience which helps us to grow into complete men.

Saints have offered me so many things which I am grateful, I thank the entire Collins house for making me feel at home. I've never had a better time in my life. There are so many teachers I'd like to thank, Mr. Atteridge and Mr. Hugget, just to mention two of many who shared their wisdom and above all, there valuable time in accepting me just the way I am.

A special thanks to Mr. Keet who tolerated us with exemplary patience. "Thank you sir!"

I've learnt so many things here that if I start jotting down points, it'll be too long a list. I now feel that I am a true Saints boy. I feel privileged to be able to say that this South African School is indeed making a world of difference.

To conclude, I must thank the headmaster, staff and most of all to all my fellow friends; who have made my stay the most rewarding and comfortable one, who have always stood by me and shared with me all information and would try to teach me Africans which actually got me under cough syrups.....

I also thank my principal Mr. Kandhari, the co-ordinator Mr. Das and the entire school community for giving me such a golden Round Square opportunity.

I would like to recall the Welham motto and hope we all go "From Strength to Strength!"
Thank You,

Abhisar Garga
Class XI

Dedication

What is dedication? Well, it can be stated as your will power towards your goals or soul power towards something.

If you notice the word called dedication does not now exist in the dictionary of a Welhamite. If I be more precise the only word that seems to exist is COOL. The few people who are dedicated towards something cannot now concentrate upon their goals due to a large bunch of undedicated guys.

You must have read about Wilma Rudolph.

Wilma was a kid who was born paralyzed but her hopes to become an athlete never went out of sight. When she was two the doctor said that she would never set foot on ground but he was sadly mistaken. Her will power was strong enough to break the thought barriers of a doctors.

At the age of six she took part in her first race. Although she came all the way last she never gave up hope.

More came till one fine day she came first in school. This was the beginning of her career. After finishing school Wilma went into the University. The coach there was the best man she had ever met.

He told her that with her determination and his

guidance there could be no one who could stop her from becoming a top athlete.

Finally the time came when she stood in the first Olympics. A lady named Judy who was also in her section had never been beaten in history by any person in the last 11 years.

This was Wilma's first step and she had to succeed at any cost.

Wilma beat Judy in the 100, 200 and 400m races achieving 3 gold medals. There was utter amazement.

This is dedication! A child who was effected by polio and was told by the doctor that she can never walk became a world champion.

While you practice never forget that your opponent is also practicing and when you fall tired and do not have the power to move a muscle don't forget that this is a time to catch your opponent on the hip; for he is as tired as you are.

You never know when life plays foul. That final second is the time to conquer. You never know when he rises. When you want to do something you need to have dedication to your goals.

Yours Dedicatedly,
Karan Mehrotra.

LAMPOON THAT THING

We may loose some, we may win some,
We may get knocked out of the ring,
But when the right time does come,
We get away with it coz we have *that thing*.

This year one department of the school that has recently done well in its' capacity is the Quiz Department. Recently the FOD Quiz was held, of course we participated, we have done quite well in the past. Our team of Rishi, Amish and Anshuman seemed'out of sorts. At first, they were yet to open their accounts till the beginning of the 5th round. In a situation like this when other would die to take a leak, our dudes popularly known as Bengal Tigers, pet detective in the Maharaja were cool. And then the unexpected happened - the truth is out here guys. We were the runners up in the quiz, losing by a very narrow margin to the winners. "Ho gayi na googly!" it may surprise you but this is not the only example of 'Welhamtism': A term described not by the Oxford or any other diction as the presence of an unexplained, unseen, unbelievable not so divine power the comes to our rescue, at not the right time.

Things can even turn other wise. I have a story to relate. About a fortnight ago I was on an exeat, hanging out in and around Astley Hall. Suddenly this elderly man, quite normal and agreeable swoops in there and turns my world upside down. He said "Ahh! Excuse me, are you from the Mussoorie International School?". I heard a loud bang (something like the ringing of church bells by the sexton) I was stumped over. My gender was in question here. It took me a minute to reply. No sir, I am from 'Welham Boys' School'. Someone asked me what happened, I replied "Nothing just all the pieces of my life are falling right into place."

I read this article about young and up-coming people in Delhi called 'Work hard, Party harder'. Quite an interesting article but it made me realize one thing Welhamites do not work, their life's all about play and they just rock 'n party all day. Till Gd.X it was like end moment study, come Gd.XII "*Bhagwan Bharose*", whether it's Boards or Doomsday (exaggerated account given here). Welhamites are known to be fun loving freaks, coz we believe if you've touched

the summit , to hell with the peaks! There have been times when we've literally bitten the dust, but they rise yet again and instead of the usual senti talks like 'I swear on my salty tear, I'll fight back!', so what if I'm off track, touch the skies up above so high, even if I die. All that a Welhamite says is Hindi mein kahavat hai.

A Welhamite is extremely far sighted. My roommates for example (includes me too!) have been termed the 'Three Musketeers' and the refugee for all the 'right' reasons. So much is our concern for the future that we have plans for the next forty years of our life. Ask one of us 'What about the test next week?' and we are like 'chill yaar', just live by the moments. There have been times when during the districts Welhamites stay back in their respected sections, naturally people write us off immediately (this happened two years back). Then there were hurdles next 'Men's section'. Results :1st -Welhamites, the reason we had some tea before the race for warm ups.

Over the years there has been a huge amount of speculation about the kind of thing Welhamites go for. Take the case of 'Drinks and Women'. For the first, the thing that extinguishes first, from Maaza to milk that is Taaza and CDs to water(chlorinated and overfiltered). That latter has led to a huge amount of confusion. Since now and then we are frequently reminded by neighbours' of our past glories. So we believe that a woman with a past, attracts Welhamites who hope History will repeat itself. Why do you think that a Welhamite would never kiss a girl over a phone. The reason is simple becoz its no fun unless you happen to be in the same booth

with her.

The world of a guy here is simply "Guess what??.dumo". A Welhamite of the new millenium has been redefined coz he has it all, whether he rises or takes a fall. Our unabashed defines a Welhamite as a person who worries about things that didn't happen in the past, instead of worrying about something that won't happen in the future, like normal people. We all keep regular updates on various issues, who is goin' out with whom, who is the bride and who is the groom, whats cool, whats pool, etc.. ask someone in PH what exactly is the English Channel and he will tell you it's the one on TV on which you watch British Movies.

Freedom is something that is free of cost here. With modern times our school's kept in tune with the latest rhymes. Even few guys believe "Independence does not give you everything. We find interdependence more attractive.

Like Bertrand Russell Welham believes in "Survival", somehow, anyhow we manage to do it and never collapse like the Indian Economy. Dualistic yet ultra mod. Rigid but flexible. And I think this will always be our case. Welham will always have two faces. The soul changes but the spirits free and immortal. Ages will go and times will change, for the shooter Welham will always be in range.

Statue-errie warning: Reading the lampoon can seriously risk your life and afterlife too! What can we do? We have that thing.

The quick & the dead,
Kanishk Kaushik

Dude of the fortnight

For his many contributions as the School Captain, his exceptional organising abilities and the profes-



sional manner in which he and his colleagues managed the Science and Computer Quiz. Well done!

Parimal 'Never Say Die' Piyush

RINGSIDE VIEW

The soccer season is now over. However, we've not had any tournament victories as such. The RIMC Challenge Cup saw us missing the semifinal by a single goal's difference. However, in the councils we performed better, but call it bad luck or anything else, we lost in the semifinals.

The first match was against the Dossos. Though we had the upper hand in the match, we didn't manage



to score goals and therefore drew at 1 goal each. However the next match saw better ball control by us and we easily managed to beat Carman by 3 to none. Mukti chipped in a goal while Prasher struck twice. In the next match against Hilton School, we played in a coordinated manner and beat them easily by 4-0. Saumya, Atir, Prasher and Mukti all scored a goal each. This victory saw us going through the semifinals, when we met St. Josephs sadly we lost 3-1. The consolation goal was scored by Mukti.

Krishna lifted both the trophies. In the seniors inter-house, it was after an exciting final against Cauvery, where the latter read 2-1 till day time, Krishna bounced back to equalise and

win in the penalty shootouts that ensued.

Volley Ball team is practicing really hard. We hope all the best for them. The tracks have been laid in the main field and athletes can be seen training for their events. Seems the Olympics has brought new enthusiasm in the school,

especially after Malle won a bronze for India.

Basketball inter-house has begun and the matches are nevertheless ex-

citing enough.

Olympics have been rekindled after four years and this gap has brought in new athletes that have erased the name of Atlanta's winners. Mamice Greene, Cathy Freeman, Inge De bruijan, Ian Thorpe. The Olympic motto says everything in it- faster, higher, stronger. The joy of winning at the Olympics can never be matched by any other victory. Because, it is simply, the best. So Welhamites, take inspiration from these sportsmen and go ahead and rock the scene.

Anshuman Singh
Class XI

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