

The Elephant

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Think About It...

Many people say it is insane to resist the system, but actually, it is insane not to.
-Mumia Abu Jamal

EDITORIAL

Firstly, let's have a moment of silence for the Great Don. Bradman, who passed away at the ripe age of 92 last week. Revered as an icon of modern day cricket, he was undoubtedly the most popular cricketer of the century, best remembered for his 99.94 batting average and his congenial nature. Sir Don's life is an example to all those match fixers that spoil the name of the game these days.

On behalf of the Welham Community, I also express deep regrets to our Chairman, Mr. Gulab Ramchandani and Mrs. Ramchandani, on the sad demise of their younger son. He was an ex-Welhamite. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

There's news for those who await the next one, because the successor will be chosen at

a later date now. That means, Mr. Kandhari will continue as the Princi till this term's end. There are several rumors that float about, however, but no doubt the School Community will be advised of the incumbent as soon selected.

Cruising onto other grounds now, I must mention that the Boards fever has finally caught on. It's pretty much amusing to see our boys scratching their heads and burning the midnight oil, all in order to get marks that can satisfy their folks and them-

selves; not forgetting that I was in a similar predicament a year earlier. Man, those days were fun! Overlooking the various facts such as midnight cooking practices and corridor cricket. I must say that our boys are doing very well.

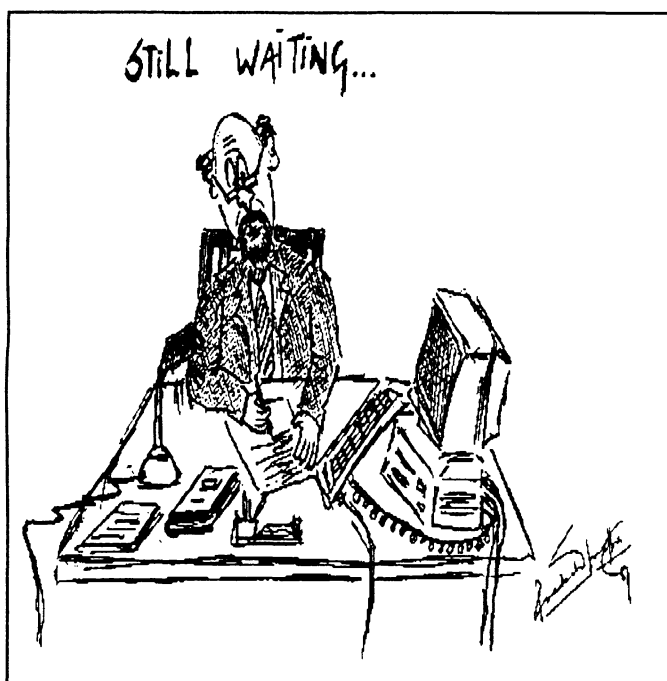
The Cricket Captain has a lot on his head these

days. Matters such as Sanawar, and Australia gathering their 16th consecutive win. The latter is an inexplicable phenomena, while the trip to Sanawar is an annual ritual that leads to excitement, a well-deserved break from School, and lovesick Cricketers. The team will be leaving this week, let's hope they outshine the home team by miles.

Right now, what every Welhamite aspires

for is a wired Welham. A dream fit for the new millennium, we hope to see the school being converted into a futuristic institute within a few years. It tops every agenda in campus, and why not, because it is a dream to aspire.

Nothing has been happening in our campus lately. We had a new batch of Scholars on Saturday, who were honoured in a special assembly. I personally feel, this is a very fitting way to reward academic excellence, and thus paving the



way for bright lads of the future.

Before I sign off for this issue, I must say Fundamentalism has once again done what no one would think to do. In Afghanistan, the Taliban Militia destroyed centuries old statues of the Bud-

dha. Does religion allow such crimes against human civilization to be committed? Do our beliefs allow desecration of what is an international heritage?

--Anshuman

OBITUARY

Our heartfelt Condolence to the family of our Chairman of Board of Governors, Mr. Gulab Ramchandani, on the sad demise of his younger

son. We, on behalf of the School, offer them our deepest condolences.

W.O.B.N

1) Davinder Pal Sahni (Batch of 1993) got married to Leena on the 14th January 2001. We, on behalf of the school, wish them a very happy and prosperous married life.

the 25th February 2001 at the Hotel Ajanta. It was attended by Mr. Kandhari who briefed the old boys about the various happenings in school. The gathering was well attended.

2) The Dehra Dun Old Boys' had a gathering on

WELHAM NOW

1) Winners of the English Story Telling Contest (Middle School):

2nd Chirantan Singh

3rd Alark Jaiswal and Akhsay Aggarwal

Consolation: Vipin Kumar

Class 5-A

1st Shivesh Tyagi

2nd Danish Bajaj

3rd Anant Jangwal and Akshay Aggarwal

Class 6-B

1st Monish Khera

2nd Ajitesh Kir

3rd Parteek Singh and Arjit Trehan

Consolation: Udit Panjwani

Class 5-B

1st Pratik Aggarwal

2nd Bhavnish Walia

3rd Seif Khan

Class 5-A

1st Ashish Choudhary

2nd Danish Bajaj

3rd Varun Agrawal

Class 6

1st Ajitesh Kir

2nd Akshay Aggarwal

3rd Shalabh Aggarwal

Consolation: Arjit Trehan

3) On 22nd February 2001 a workshop was conducted by Ms. Bhavna Mathur of CRY. It was attended by students of classes 6. The boys were made aware of the 111 million children who labor to earn a living, the health hazards and exploitation they face and the long hours they are made to work. The boys played team games and were later divided into groups. Each group chose a theme and made a collage.

2) Results of the Middle School English Essay Writing Contest

Class 6-A

1st Karan Vaidya

(2)

The teachers attending were Mrs. N.Basu and Mr.M.Hannah.

4) Mr. S.S. Khaira has been appointed as Head of Department – Social Studies.

5) Mr. Joy Arora has been appointed as Head of Department – Financial Studies.

6) The School Committee meeting was held on the 10th February 2001. The following matters were discussed:

- Rana suggested that cycling should be introduced in school as a sport. The Chairman has asked for more details.
- Bulbs should be provided in each room was a suggestion given by Manu. The Chairman said that it would be immediately done in the classes block and if the transformer connections are not put up it would also be done in the hostels.
- Rohan Varshnei suggested that the tennis court should be flood lit and the chain link fence should be extended. The Chairman replied that the fence would surely be extended and the tennis courts would be flood lit if the sport has a good following.
- Tarunjot suggested that a nominal amount should be deducted from each boy's sundries for the earthquake relief fund. The Chairman said that the parents would not be billed but an intended 10% increase in the boy's pocket money will be donated for the cause.
- Karan Mehrotra and Maroof suggested that a meal should be missed and the money saved should be given as our contribution towards the Gujarat Relief Fund. The chairman said that on the following Sunday (11/02/01) there would be no break fast and lunch will be preponed.
- Gagandeep asked if charity shows could be organised and the money raised should be donated. The Chairman said that more explanations are needed and what Gagandeep exactly meant by 'Charity Shows'

- Ruchir suggested that coolers should be provided in hostels. The Chairman said that it will not be done.
- Anshul suggested that home clothes should be allowed to be worn by the boys on Saturdays. The Chairman said that it would be done on a trial basis on 17/02/01. If it works it will be tried one Saturday a month.
- Rahul suggested that Mid Terms should be extended to a week. The Chairman asked Rahul to explain this suggestion in the next meeting.
- Class X suggested that a house tie should be introduced and worn except on school functions. The Chairman said that a house badge will be more appropriate but a design is required.
- Class XII suggested that a new generator should be placed in Triveni. The Chairman said that it will be looked into and that this suggestion should have been given before the budget was finalised.
- Navneet said that chairs should be fixed in the Triveni study. The Chairman said that it will not be done but chairs will be provided for each study.

7) The Wavelength Board for the Year 2001-2002 has been announced.

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8) Deepak Sanan has been appointed as the Chairman of the Hindi Debating Society. Aditya Malhotra is the Secretary.

9) A pair of Cuckoos was heard and spotted in the School Campus in end-February-6 weeks earlier than normal. Indication of early summer.

Ind life goes on
Wadhvani

Welham a wild ride
Gauri
Manna

Welham, the Paradise city
Surya

Exclusive educational paradise,
my favourite holiday resort,
the "Bahamas" to Doscors!!

Zishan

Welham, Forget we shall not.

Or trying to say
in the very first minute
of meeting than we will
know you in a hundred years
fashion with P.D.
Jangal Gauri

WELHAM... the inexplicable
experience...
NOMNICH RATHI
1999-2001

10 YEARS WERE HERE & GONE...
I STILL REMEMBER MYSELF AS A KID IN N.G.
IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALL OVER NOW...
ABOUT WELHAM..... WHAT CAN I SAY?

1991-2002

Welham...

"Absolutely Unforgettable"

Umesh

For all those who dream to
be a complete man,
Take a look at a Welhamite

ALWAYS BE YOURSELF...
Rishi Bafna
(1990-2001)

WELHAM,

Not Enough
[SPACE]

Welham really different
Raman
(1999-2001)

LIVING ON THE EDGE
FOR '12' WONDER YEARS
IN THE OTHER SIDE
IN HOPE OF A NEW WORLD DISORDER
WHERE INSANITY IS AT STAKES
(...fun beds
to banks...)
MESSAGE TO OUR SUCCESSORS IN P.N.
"WELCOME TO THE PARTY, PEOPLE"

Years will come, Life will go
Welham's memory shall always remain.

Two years in Welham
and my life's changed.
Jatin

I don't have any words to
describe Welham - Heaven on Earth
I Miss You Welham. Welham-Side Till
I Die:

WELHAM IS NOT A CHOICE,
S. A NECESSITY!!!

Audut Jivindi 192-2001
A sentence to me. I was.
Nisha Bafna
1990-2001

People call it Welham
I say it is a place to be in

THANKS WELHAM
You Made Me
I Wanted to be
Welham was the best
choice I ever made!
Yo all!
Karm Singh
1993-2001

[WELHAM... Not the end
but the end of the beginning,
A sane choice in an
insane world.
A Memorable experience
- Parvial Punish
1990-2001

People don't know me
But I surely won't forget Welham.
Some people say heaven and hell
are both on earth. If it's so
then WELHAM is surely heaven
Hjays

CLASS I... XII
The ultimate party!!!
Rohit Agarwal
1989-2002

From a child to a man
Welham saw my growth up well.
A. Jay 1989-2001

LITERARY AFFAIRS

MY LOVE, UP THERE...

In the still nights of Bangalore,
Beside the banks of Kaveri,
I had spent more than a crore,
And now I was weary.

I used to stare at her,
For hours sometimes, unknowingly,
I knew I would have her,
By fair means or foul.

It was tough to penetrate through the security,
In which she lived,
But I'd get her, even if it took eternity,
As I loved her like I did.

What did the others have that I did not?
They were scholars and sportsman,
Besides I had even earned so many medals,
I had a good physique and was 5 ft 10"

I watched her in the starry nights,
In the evenings I watched kites,
In the nights I watched flights,

Often got into fights.

Some of my friends gave me support,
It all happened as a trance,
The directors reviewed my report,
And I was granted acceptance.

The next day I met her with a smile,
The short distance between us was like a mile,
I ran and hugged her,
And for the first time really hugged her.

I mounted on her,
And together we skyrocketed to heaven,
We stayed for 2 days outside the earth's periphery,
I had at last accomplished my dream of riding the
INSAT 2D...

(INSAT 2D is a satellite launched by India. It is used for communications purposes.)

Livin' for that dream...
Amit Gupta.

LAMPOON

'Yo ho ho, and a bottle of rum
The man we want has finally come
From the Staff rep. to the Great Ex.
'Ruddy' well if his wish be done.'

Marking the beginning of a great era (we hope) in the actual new Millennium, here is our own tribute to the man himself, the new Senior Tutor.

If you are meeting him for the first time, you are 'ruddy well' excused for thinking him to be 'bred in the highlands of Scotland. (he is not!). His thick accent makes him appear like a 'total English maal', however, he is from our ol' Dehra Dun itself.

As our staff rep, he has kicked the behind

of many Eds, while people like us grin away, 'coz I am sure no one would like one from him. He is the man behind the magazine, the driving force that drives the Ed. mad enough to get the issue out in time; and correspondents shivering to give their write-ups 'well before' time. One guy who does not care for him however, is our Desktop Editor; who has a very nice excuse - 'I haven't received any articles.' pretty much easy huh!!!

After his recent appointment, people notorious for being too often on the absentees and late list, have thought over the consequences again and again, and have arrived at the conclusion that "Better never late than ever 'Ruddy'".

Another trait that perplexes all of us is his ability to comprehend every word of every text in our syllabus. Be it 'I meantersay' or 'connexion', his vocabulary is limited to a little under 100,000 words. Isn't that limited? Charles Dickens' vocabulary is a little under-rated for him, Shakespeare is more or less contemporary for him. 'By Providence Divine, thou art the Ultimate in the Language.'

For those who don't know his interests; they are – reading, reading and reading. Every new book in the library is not certified readable until he has finished his proof reading. And if you wonder how long does that take, well it's not too long. All it takes is a measly day. If that's too much, then we have evidence of him finishing a book in just under 3 periods.

He has several anecdotes attached to his life. Sometimes when Charlie (the Dickens, not the other one!!!) gets too boring for him, that's when he reveals unto us his real life, the man behind the thick moustache and slowly balding head. One very nice incident that he told us the other day was about him being ravishingly hungry after a jolty bus ride from Delhi, and he had no grub on him. So he went around his hostel (I guess pretty much like ours) asking for some, when one of his friend was sitting down to have mangoes. When our man asked him for one, his friend blatantly replied – NO!

Other incidents that make him equally amiable are his fights in the Tea Plantations, his

regular visits to the cinemas that no longer screen mentionable movies, and of course, his experience garnered from every corner of the world.

Earlier in the Tea Industry, the man has experience oozing out of every sweat pore. Always dressed up in ol' Britannica's fashion, his preps are a near impossible task to do, which, not surprisingly, many people complete even if they have to burn the mid night oil. (Right now, I haven't completed his prep because of this Lampoon, and I am sure to receive his much feared 'get out of my class' scolding.)

There won't be any surprises for me when the Grand Old Man of Welham reads

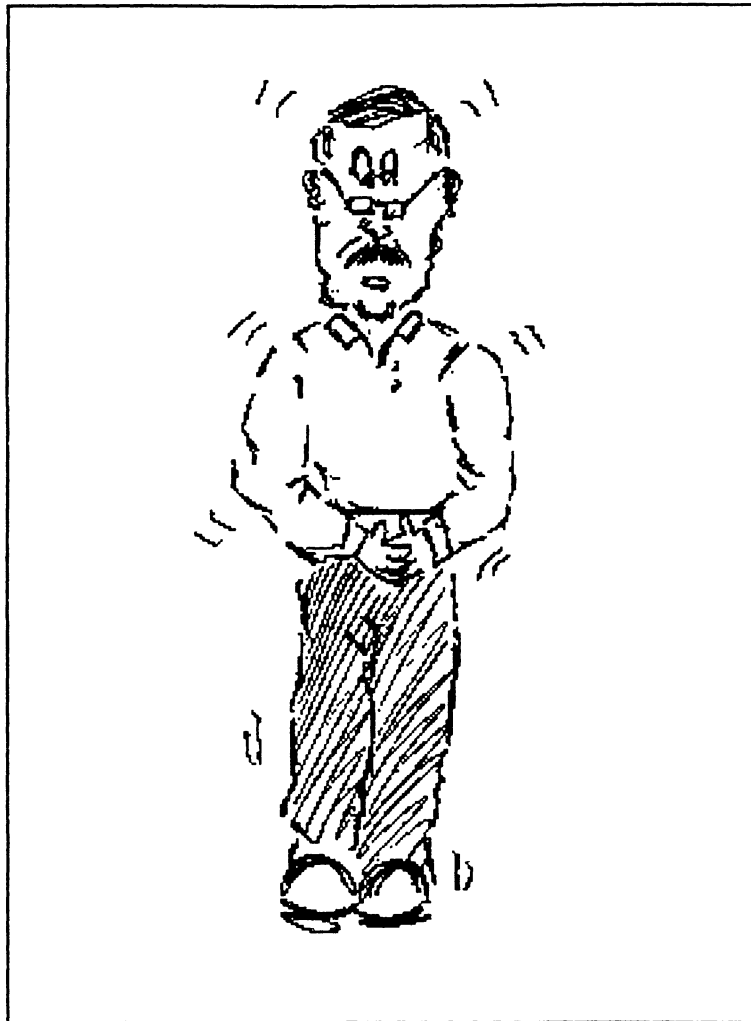
this; however, I have been preparing myself for the moment. Wonder what's he gonna do to me! Maybe rip me apart, or 'ruddy' blow his top at me.

Wishing him a successful tenure as the Senior Tutor, I sign off for now.

'From the foothills of the Himalayas,
Here comes the Renegade,
Bringing you what you need,
A new lease in this piece'.

-Amish

P.S. The D.T.E. tells me that on the night he typed this Lampoon, he worked until midnight to finish, who else but the much 'Feared One's' Prep!!! Talk about idioms of "burning the midnight oil".



RINGSIDE VIEW

The Great Don Bradman missed another century. He passed away last week and there were glum faces throughout the world; he was equally revered by cricket and non-cricket fans.

The cricket scenario here is moving fast-too fast I think. The school team played 3 matches, lost two and won one. We played Doon School on their ground. We batted first, scoring 186 runs in 40 overs losing 5 wickets. Neeraj played a Captain's inning, scoring 64 runs. Sadly, they won the match by 9 wickets; reaching the target in 35 overs.

The match versus The Doon Club was a 35 over game. We batted first scoring 213 runs, losing five wickets once again in 35 overs. Gaurav and Owais scored 41 and 39 runs respectively. They stabilized the innings and finished a good start by the openers. Unfortunately, The Doon Club won the match; amassing the target with over 2 overs to spare.

We played a cricket match with a team comprising ex Welhamites and ex Doscocs. It was called the Rajeev Eleven. We batted first scoring 199 runs in 30 overs, losing 6 wickets. They were bowled out for 149 runs in 28 overs.

Despite the losses the team is practicing hard, though the Inter-Houses have disturbed their schedule. The team will be playing Sanawar very soon at their grounds. The team comprises hardhearted players and we wish them all the best.

The cricket Inter-house's are raging on. The Junior

Final is scheduled to be played between Ganga and Krishna, with Ganga winning all three matches. In the senior Inter house, Krishna played Cauvery in the first match. Krishna batted first scoring 166

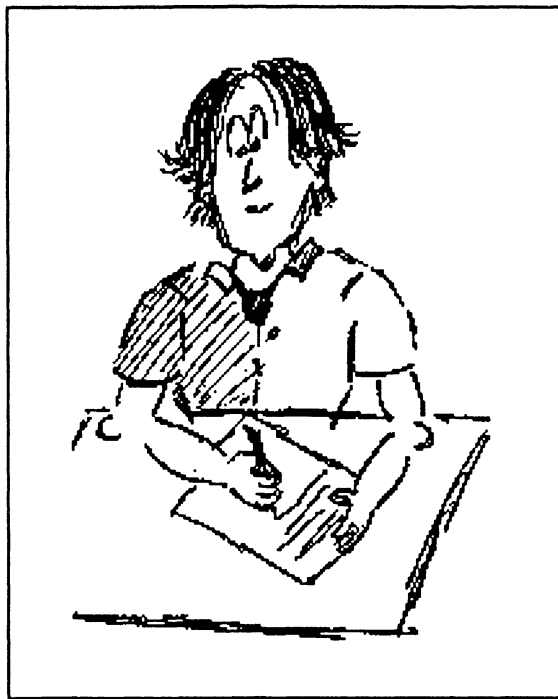
runs in 25 overs. Aditya made a smashing 56. In reply to Krishna's huge total, Cauvery played extremely well, keeping up the much required run rate. However, they fell short by a mere 20 runs. Gaurav was the star, scoring 41 runs. The second match was played between Jamuna and Ganga. Jamuna thrashed Ganga by 90 runs. Jamuna totalled a massive score of 163 runs. However, it was Rishi Raj's lethal bowling that shook the Ganga Batsmen. He took 5 wickets, giving away only 19 runs. Ganga

scored a measly 73 runs in 11 overs.

Switching to different avenues, the Basketball team has been practising rigorously. They practise for an hour from 6:30 in the morning. In the evenings, a solid 2 and a half hours drill is ready for them. They play until dark as the Activity Center is in use for the Council exams. We hope to see them in action soon. Badminton has been discontinued for the time being. Luckily for the health and fitness fanatics, the Nepal Gymnasium can still be accessed. Volleyball is being played regularly and the teams getting geared up for the upcoming events and tournaments. Similarly with Tennis.

Wishing all the Teams luck for the upcoming Tournaments, I sign off for now.

-Rohan



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