

# The Elephant

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WELHAMBOYS' SCHOOL

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## Think About It...

*He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.*

*-George Bernard Shaw*

## EDITORIAL

Happy Days are here again! Happy Days are here to stay! After twelve long years of desperate attempts to become one, I am finally, a P.H. hite! Do I need to say more about the Party House, the only Passport to Heaven, and Prayag to those ignorant of the 'Real Thing'.

P.H. brings another thing to my mind, the fact that this is my last year in school. Oh My God! Is it? I can't imagine life without Welham. Now, it is such an intimate part of my system. One thing I wish right now is for time to pass slowly, as slowly as possible. Just another eight months, then the joyride called Welham will be brought to an abrupt end.

Switching avenues, the boards have finally finished, much to the relief of the new Eleventhies, who seemed quite happy by the way things and the papers turned out. They are the rulers of the hostels, kings in their own realm, and all ready to face the hardships that lie ahead. However, controversy circles the passing out batch, with rumours afloat that papers were leaked, however, I don't really know the truth.

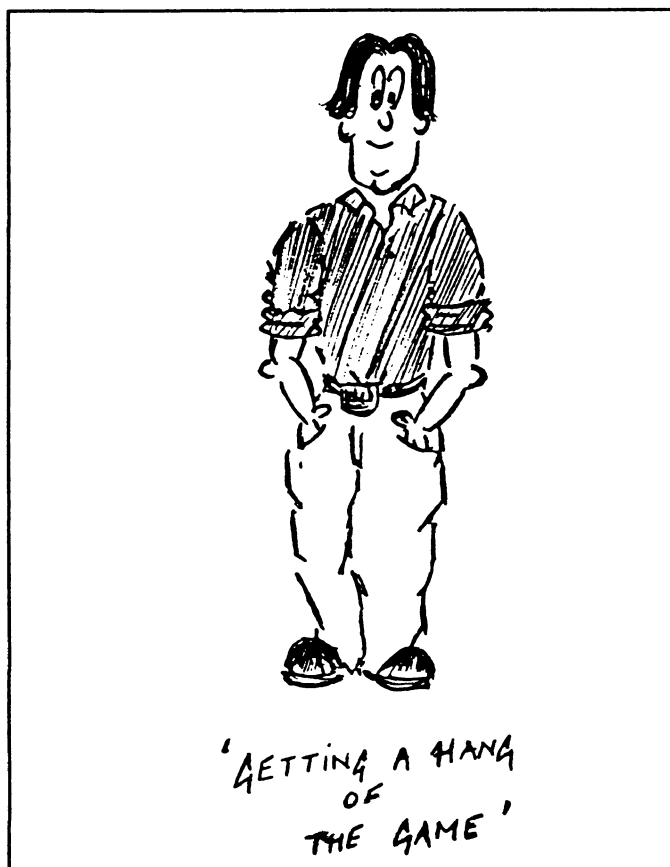
So, no comments!

We have quite a few new faces in the senior school this time, with an entire new class 7 and new guys in class 11. Lets' hope they enjoy the years that are ahead of them.

The Cricket team returned from Sanawar, victorious in a different aspect other than Cricket. They drew with the home team, nevertheless, they came back with smiles broader than ever. Wonder what happened in the hills. As far as I know, there weren't any socials, so I guess the happiness must have come from a different corner. The captain gives us his famous grin whenever he hears the word 'Chapel'. By the way, is there one in Sanawar?

Nothing has been happening in school so far. However the summer schedule has been a bane to all. Its not uncommon to see people running half undressed to classes due to the shifting of the timings.

*Till next time,  
Anshuman.*



## LETTERS TO THE ED...

Dear Anshuman,

I take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am from the batch of 1983 Roll no. 315/G. I would like to thank you for sending the copy of Oliphant to me regularly. I feel very nostalgic whenever I receive a copy of the Oliphant. It's a great way of keeping in touch with school.

If you have the list of old boys in Mumbai please do send them to me. I would like to inform you that my address has changed. I would be glad if you could send me on the following address from now:

Shaleen Sinha  
MMI Services Pvt. Ltd.  
94-C, Mittal Tower  
219, Nariman Point  
Mumbai – 400021

Please keep this address on your record. I would also request you to convey my heartiest congratulations to Jagjit Singh on his marriage. He was the school captain in our days and it is wonderful to hear this good news.

Thanks once again.

Best wishes,  
Shaleen Sinha  
Ex-315/G (1993)

## WELHAM NOW

1) Scholars Recognition Day March 3, 2001.

I. Distinction certificate (over 85%)

C-162	Nishit Jalan
C-114	Daksh Tyagi
C- 57	Kumar Prashant
C- 49	Ashutosh Pandey
C- 9	Gautam Mahajan
C- 89	Avinash Agarwal
J- 80	Raunak Agarwal
J- 127	Akshat Agarwal
J- 93	Geetika Upadhyay
J- 228	Parth Prasher
K-205	Nishant Joshi
K-200	Deepak Agrawal
K-188	Ujjwal Kumar
K-166	Siddharth Mohanty
K-156	Derek Ma
K-220	Vishal Choudhary
K- 23	Raj Krishna Maheshwari
K- 63	Ayush Agarwal
G- 91	Anupam Biswas
G-142	Nishant K Singh
G-154	Shaunak Valame
G-123	Manu Sanan
G-150	Gaurav Rohatgi
G-149	Shomit Bakliwal
G-182	Raunak Tibrewal

ICSE (X) Deepak Sanan

Amish Mulmi  
Rahul Vaish  
Saumya Khaitan

II. Subject Awards

Sec A

Sec B

English-	Samridha Rana	Azar Zaidi
Hindi-	Avinash Agarwal	Nitin Bansal
Maths-	Kumar Ritesh	Parag Agarwal
Physics-	Akshat Jalan	Parag Agarwal
Chemistry-	Vishal Choudhary	Ashutosh
Biology-	Raunak Agarwal	Abhishek Agarwal
Computer Sc.-	Ayush Agarwal	
	Raj Maheshwari	

History &

Civics-	Ayush Agarwal	Abhishek Agarwal
Economics-		Rohit Agarwal
Commerce-		Rohit Agarwal
Accounts-		Rohit Agarwal

III. Scholars Scarf:

- (i) Amish Mulmi
- (ii) Ashutosh Pandey

IV. Kataria Trophy for Best All-Rounder  
Rishi Bagaria

2) Results of the Inter House Sub Junior English Debate (class VII) held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

Individual positions:

1<sup>st</sup> Sarthak Johar

2<sup>nd</sup> Ujjwal Kumar

3<sup>rd</sup> Faizan Ullah

House Positions

1<sup>st</sup> Ganga

2<sup>nd</sup> Cauvery

3<sup>rd</sup> Krishna

3) Meeting of the L.R.C Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2001 at the Cottage.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and confirmed:

- The Chairman said that the minutes of the meeting should be published in the Oliphant.
- The Chairman agreed that the photocopier was easily accessible. The students should take interest in making their own notes. He inquired why the generator could not take on the load of the photocopier and asked Mr. Bakshi to look into this aspect.
- The Chairman agreed that more personalities like Bill Aitken, Nayantara Saigal, Ruskin Bond should be invited to address the students, but the students should be aware of the books written by them and their interaction with the authors was a must.
- The Chairman suggested that we invite Mr. Anil Karanjai and other local artists to exhibit their works in the gallery and give a talk to the students. Besides this Graphic Arts and Graphic Works by some of our old students could be displayed.
- The Chairman said that behaviour in the library could only be implemented with the co-operation of the students and the staff. Rohan stressed that there was lack of interest in using the library as not much work was set where research or library books were required.
- It was suggested that the L.R.C Council go through the book catalogues and order books for the center.
- The Chairman asked for inputs from the Council for the various angles/places where blinds would be required.

The following were suggested to make the use of the resources more effective:

- Photocopying timings would be fixed. The Chairman suggested the purchase of a simpler photocopier, which could be accessible to the boys.
- Music system in the Audio-Visual room to be repaired immediately.
- To enhance reading habits among students, books reviews will be published in the Oliphant and the best reviews could be awarded a prize.
- The cover of the mattresses need to be redone.
- It was suggested that students of the sofa sets need to be repaired and upholstered. The Chairman said that these would be repaired but the upholstery would not be replaced.
- It was suggested that the books found damaged should be submitted at the counter and they should be bound regularly. The Chairman agreed to this.
- The Chairman suggested that a chart be made on the computer on the steps to search a book and locate them on the shelves.
- It was suggested that the L.R.C should be open till 6:00 PM The Chairman recommended that we conduct a Gallup Poll and the students can vote and the timings can be planned accordingly.
- It was suggested that the vacant space in the L.R.C reference section could be used as a green house, with more plants. The Chairman said that he would ask the Estate Supervisor to look into the suggestion.
- The students suggested that purchases could be made directly from Delhi as there was lot of variety, options and heavy discount during fairs. The Chairman agreed.
- Mr. Bakshi informed that Scholastic India will put up a book fair for two days some times in mid April.
- It was suggested that other publishers could also be invited. The Chairman agreed.
- It was suggested that students should go for plays organized by local theaters. The Chairman instructed the librarian to check the calendar with Mr. Sameer Upadhyay and arrange accordingly.
- The Chairman recommended the purchase of all volumes of Feluda by Satyajit Ray for

the center.

The meeting ended with thanks to the  
Chair.

- 4) The new boys joined the school on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 2001.

- 5) Jawaid Panjwani has come to our school on an  
exchange from Bayview Glen School, Toronto,  
Canada.

## ***LITERARY AFFAIRS***

### **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...**

*-Dedicated to all school leaving I.C.S.E Tenthies*

Do you remember, way back then  
When we were just nine or ten.  
With tears in our eyes we had met,  
How scared and home sick we used to get.  
With every passing new day,  
We learnt the system and its way.  
We learnt how to suppress our sorrows,  
To live in 'todays' and not 'tomorrows'.  
We learnt to wipe each other's tears,  
And how to overcome our fears.  
As from childhood to teenage we went,  
We understood what life really meant.  
We learnt to stand by together,

To live not alone, but with each other.  
We had our shares of laughter and cries,  
As from boyhood to manhood we did rise.  
All these sentiments did not arise,  
Till I saw tears in those eyes.  
All these years, we have been so near,  
Did not realize, it's been ten long years.  
We are yet to see, what life has in store,  
So many new avenues to explore.  
Hope you fare well in life my friend,  
For you these lines I have penned.  
Your memories in our heart, shall forever remain.  
Good by friends, until we meet again...

**-Prayaas J.B. Rana**

## ***LAMPOON***

### **You know you are a Welhamite if...**

1. You go to the best restaurant in town, order the most expensive dish on the menu, hog it up and run away shouting, "GODAASCO!!!"
2. Your bedcovers are used more frequently in the common room on Saturday nights than on the beds.
3. You know Philip Morris, better than H.S. Oliphant & S.Kandhari!
4. You are capable of writing a double volume, 500 pages book entitled – 'HOW TO TAKE ONE'S TRIP, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE'!
5. You were the first to suggest the construction

of the subway to avoid accidents, and also the first to crib about the 64 flights of steps it has.

6. You would win the Best Actor's Award if there were an Oscar for mimicking teachers.
7. You have never got above zero in maths, but yet can calculate, the figure of a girl 100 yards away.
8. You can make a physical and political map of the 'Basti'!
9. After the recent budget you wrote a letter to the Finance Minister of India complaining about the hike in tobacco prices.
10. Chela, Mohan, J.P, Suraj and others, like you more than their scooters.
11. You think that Pop music and Boybands suck

and Rock and Rap rule, but still don't know the difference between them.

12. You would have topped English Language papers if the syllabus had love letters instead of formal/informal letters.
13. You break each and every school property in sight and later tell your parents that the amount mentioned in the 'Sundries' in the Fee is just cooked up by the school.
14. You join the school cricket team, not to improve your stamina and physique but your love life.
15. You think life in Welham is – 'Sleep all day, Party all night !!!'

*- Insanely Yours,*  
**Prayaas J.B.Rana.**

## **DEBATE ON CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.**

### ***For the topic:-***

The topic today states that physical punishment should be banned and I firmly agree with this.

Good evening, respected Chairperson Sir, members of the jury, and my dear friends.

Why? I ask why can't discipline come from within, why does a boy need to get punished and only then can he show some improvement in his discipline. According to me, it is only our school among the best schools in the country, that practises physical punishment. The old proverb says that 'you can drag a horse near water but you cannot make it drink.' This applies here too. No matter how much you punish a boy, he can improve if he realizes that he has been doing something wrong. Even a parent wouldn't feel so bad if his son had no outing or tuckshop, but if he saw his son getting punished in the hot sun he would certainly get angry. As it is now, just because of one boy the whole class has to get punished in the hot sun, but in the case of other punishments the boy who is guilty is punished. If the class 10<sup>th</sup> boys says that even they were punished when they were juniors

and now when it is their turn, physical punishment is getting banned, that means they want to punish the juniors for their own pleasure. Also when such intense and tough physical punishment pain is inflicted on a boy, it will also have a psychological impact. If a boy has to be punished every day after lunch, then the whole day he would be thinking of the 'terror' after lunch. He will be scared and unstable. I would like to conclude my debate by saying that physical punishment has been a part of our school for many years but our school's discipline has not improved and I think it really needs to be abolished and some other method of punishment should be thought of.

**-Faizan Ullah**  
**Class VII**

### ***Against the topic:-***

Good evening to all, I have a question to ask. What would you do if a junior walks up to you and slaps you? Would you spare him or give him a taste of physical punishment?

Respected Chairperson Sir, members of the jury and my dear friends. The topic that is on the

floor this evening is 'physical punishment should be banned' and I stand here firmly to oppose the motion. Physical punishment has been passed on from one generation to the other and it will feel awkward to have physical punishment abolished after all these years. If you cut a boy's outings, the boy may improve, but what if he doesn't? Will you go on cutting his outings, tuckshops and mid terms? When one cuts all his outings and activities, the boy will become restless and do the same mistake

deliberately again and again. Suppose the boy lives in Nepal or Rajasthan and his parents come from that far a distance to find their son's outing has been cut. How will the parents feel? Welham's discipline can be better and no physical punishment would make our schools discipline unimaginable.

In the end I would like to conclude my debate by saying that physical punishment is necessary if Welham is to become a better place for boys.

**-Sarthak Johar**  
**Class VII**

## ***WACKY WOODSEATERS.***

### **My Journey into Space**

I slept I had a dream. I was in Mars the red planet. I saw a box, inside the box were chocolates. There were toffees on the trees. I ate the chocolates and toffees. Then I wanted to drink water. I saw a tap and opened it but there was coca cola inside the tap. I drank the coca cola. Then I saw a house. I saw some children playing there. I joined them. It was beautiful. I saw elves - they were making funny sounds, there were jokers to make us laugh. We laughed and laughed. I was excited very much. I was flying. Then I realized that it was a dream. I can never forget my journey into space.

**-Eesha Bagga**  
**III-B**

### **My Birthday**

B is for birthday,  
    A birthday for me.  
I for inviting,  
    My friends to tea.  
R for returns-  
    Returns of the day.  
T for the "thank you's"  
    I have to say.  
H is for happiness,  
    Wishes for me.  
D for dreams,

Of what I shall be.

A is for age,

    My birthday will tell.

Y is for years,

    When I'll try to do well.

**-Piyush Gupta**  
**III-B/447**

### **A Nightmare**

One night I was walking down a lonely street. I wondered why no one ever dared to come to this place, I saw a very old house made of sticks and hay. Bats were flying around everywhere. I went inside to observe what was the matter with the house. I opened the door with much bravery. I saw boards put up. I saw mummies. Suddenly the door closed. It was written on the wall 'Welcome to FRIGHT NIGHT'. I was horrified. I saw a tomb opening. I found a cross. I hurried and took the cross and I went back to the tomb, seeing a vampire, I picked up my cross and started showing him. It jumped on me and started biting my neck and sucked my blood. Suddenly with shock I woke up and realised that it was just a nightmare.

**-Subhro J. Ganguly**  
**III-A**

# NATURE'S DIARY.

## Clipping the wings of wild-bird trade

Saved from cages – and possibly death – wild red Lored parrots from Mexico were confiscated recently by federal agents at a Brownsville-Texas flea market. The agents arrested the smugglers who were selling birds including yellow-headed Amazons, for 125\$ each. Every year more than 1 lakh wild birds – mostly parrots – are brought across the border into the U.S.

Globally the problem is staggering. Between 5 million and 20 million birds a year are plucked from their natural habitats to supply the world pet trade, draining native populations. About half a million enter the U.S. lawfully but hundreds of thousands or more are imported illegally. At least half of these captives die in transit cruelly stuffed into hubcaps, spare tires and even stockings. New York and New Jersey have outlawed the sale of

imported wild birds. More pet stores are selling captive-bred birds instead of wild ones. All cargo airlines refuse to carry wild bird cargo. Action has served as a catalyst for other protection efforts.

Aiming doubled barreled optics at feathered quarry, birders on a tour from the U.S. visit Virgin forests in the Yucatan Peninsula offering prized sightings of such species as the collared red-ored Amazon parrot which are only found in Mexico. Early European settlers stripped the island of sandal wood trees. During this period the red-ored Amazon parrots almost became extinct due to poaching and encroachment of natural habitat. If this mal practice of trading birds is not put to an end our world might soon lose these feathered creations of God.

-Prayaas J.B.Rana

## SEPARATED AT BIRTH

Animesh Pant  
Shabeer Grewal  
Akshat Bapana

Rahul Dravid - bald (in the Pamolive ad.)  
Sunny Deol  
Mickey Mouse

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE...

**Sagar** : Oye! Aseem lets go and play Baski yaar.

**Aseem**: Even I want to play, but there is no *wind* in the ball !!!

*After Sarbans hit a sixer during an Inter - House match -*

**Mr.Jagjit**: Oye Sarbans, *well sixer* yaar!!!

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WHAT'S  
HOT!!??

Woodstock Tournament.  
Sleepy unshaven 10*thies*.  
Activity Center.  
Detention.

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WHAT'S  
NOTii??

Sanawar Tournament.  
Bright Chikne 11*thies*.  
Krishna Courts.  
Physical Punishment.

# RINGSIDE VIEW

Summers are setting in and everybody has just one thing in his mind - swimming should begin soon enough. The hockey season has just started, as the Cricket Inter House did not conclude in time due to the Sanawar trip. In a nutshell the sports scenario is somewhat stagnant. You can notice a wide grin on the Basketball captain's face as the Activity Center will very soon be cleared off the chairs.

The Cricket team undertook their annual trip to Sanawar before the Midterm break and played a test match. The home team batted first. Though we managed two early breakthroughs; they comfortably declared at a score of 222 runs for 5 wickets. In reply, our batsmen could not put up against their bowlers and could manage only 127 runs. Kaushik was the bright star; scoring 53 not out. In the second inning they scored at a very quick pace to put up a stiff target. They declared their innings at the score of 132; leaving us a target of 220 in just under 2 hours. However, our batting withstood the attack unlike before, and we reached a score of 138 when time ran out. Harpreet made a magnificent 56 while Owais supported him with a quickfire 42. The match did not produce a result and was drawn.

We played another match against Star Club. It was a 40 over game with us making 206. Aditya

made a smashing 70 while Owais supported him ably with a magnificent 41. However, it was our bowling that got us the game, with Vansh taking 3 wickets and leaving them behind by 33 runs.



'A REPUTATION TO MAINTAIN'

The senior Inter House Cricket turned out to be as exciting as the Indo-Australian Series. Jamuna played Krishna and made 128, leaving Krishna to win the match by 5 wickets. Owais cracked his maiden half-century, while Kaushik supported him at the other end with a calm 29. The next match was played between Ganga and Cauvery. Ganga batted first and made a defendable target of 143. However, Ganga's poor bowling got the game

for Cauvery. Cauvery played Jamuna next scoring 163/5. Jamuna couldn't manage the huge total piled up and submitted meekly at 125 runs.

The Basketball team is getting geared up for the upcoming tournaments. They will soon be playing in the tournament in Woodstock.

There is news of the Volleyball Open. It will soon commence. As for Hockey, I hope the Captain maintains the winning streak we have in this sport.

*-Reaching out for the rings,  
Rohan*

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