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THINK ABOUT IT

"Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children."

—Oscar Wilde

Editorial

Receiving mail is often the highlight of each day. Anyone seen at the lunch table with a face splitting smile from earlobe to earlobe, will invariably have an envelope held before his starry eyes.

A discernible change has been taken account of, in the expression of letter receiving boys, lately. It is not uncommon for the big smile to vanish in a matter of seconds, as the unlucky victim of yet another chain-letter tries to comprehend the contents of the letter. With a certified look of horror, the war victim forces a cover-up smile.

He tries to revert to his normal poise, while his mind battles over the letters' contents. The threat to further circulate twenty copies; the blood-congealing examples of how people ignored the

letters stipulations of sending twenty copies of it within 96 hours including the original. To add to its authenticity, the letter having been written originally in 1938 by a missionary in South America. Not meting out the demands of the letter would perhaps result in bizarre occurrences !

So after prep the boy finds himself a secluded spot and his pen begins skimming the paper.

A couple of days pass, and a few more boys receive the weird letter. And by the end of the week everyone at Welham has got his ceremonious copy.

By the way, computer-print copies are available from the Oliphant office.

Aresh Shirali

Happenings

- ★ WBS reopened on the February 1st, 1988.
- ★ Rennovations on the school campus include a stairway built into the embarkment of the Main field, which provides seating facilities to those witnessing games on the field. A room has been added to the Hospital.
- ★ A Theatre Workshop is in progress at the Doon School, which is being conducted by the Westminster Group.

WELHAM OLD BOYS' SOCIETY NEWS

A get together of Old Boys on the 4th November was held at Darshan Singh's (Ex-67 J—1954) residence. The following were present :

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2. Sanjay Sahni, Ex-212,
B-381, New Friends Colony,
New Delhi-110065
Ph : 630391
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Opp : Police Hqrs.,
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The Literary Affairs of Welham

The Fool

There is a fool,
Who studied in a school,
which had a pool.
He does not let one work,
and gives them a jerk,
But when he gets a beating,
he starts weeping

When one wants to study
he makes their books muddy.

All call him bad.
But
he is so naughty,
he doesn't feel sad.

Yuvraj Issar
(IV B)

Discovery

Trip To Gopeshwar (Via Srinagar)

We left Dehra Dun for Gopeshwar at 6.30 in the morning. The entire day was spent in traveling and by the time we reached Gopeshwar we were dog-tired.

The next day we trekked to Mandal. Though it was close to seven kilometers, it took us almost two hours of tiresome trekking. When we reached there, it was lunch-time. We had a problem in getting our meal. We were short of time, so we dropped the idea of going to Ansuia Devi and returned to Gopeshwar.

Next day we trekked to Chamoli and from there after some time got a bus for Srinagar. We arrived there at five in the evening. We stayed there that night.

Next morning we took a van for Dehra Dun from Srinagar and reached our School by dinner-time.

On the whole it was a good experience. Our escort was Mr. Joshi.

Ashish Shekhar
IX-A

Cycling With Mr. Bhatia

We set out at about 8.30 a.m. after an early breakfast. We cycled pretty fast and on the way enjoyed the beauty of nature which we found in plenty. Many monkeys were sitting on the roadsides on the way to Rishikesh and with them for company our four hour tedious journey appeared easy once we made it to Rishikesh.

In Rishikesh the group was scattered and only after an hour of hunting for each other did we find each member of the group. We stayed in an Ashram for the night. Since the Ashram wasn't all that comfortable, we decided to leave for Hardwar the next day.

The Hardwar journey took us about two and a half hours. On the way some of us got a bit adventurous and decided to stop our bikes and have a holy dip in the Ganga near the Satyanarayan bridge.

In Hardwar we found a decent place to stay. We had decided that we would spend the remaining two nights there. During the day we used to cycle around Hardwar and visited several exciting places.

At night one of our friends' Uncle decided that we ought to have a bit more fun and decided to take us hunting in his jeep. Unfortunately, we could not find many animals and we decided against killing the several cheetal we saw.

After a pleasant stay of two days at Hardwar, it was time to be back. Dame Luck took her toll on us and some of us fell ill. Due to this calamity, we had to come to Dehra Dun by bus instead of on cycles.

The rest of us thoroughly enjoyed our journey back from Hardwar to Dehra Dun. It was a very tiring journey but our enthusiasm hardly made it seem tough. We covered this distance of 55 odd kilometers in about six hours.

We returned to Dehra Dun, a tired and exhausted lot but nevertheless very happy with our cycling achievement.

These mid-terms were very fun-filled and exciting. Our escort was very co-operative and we enjoyed every moment of this trip to Hardwar via Rishikesh and Muni-Ki-Reti, cycling.

Chamba-Muni-Ki Reti

On the 3rd of November, we had our breakfast and went to the main bus-stand. There were fifteen of us, including our escort, Dr. S. Saxena. It was a four hour journey to Chamba.

Our rest house was about a kilometre and half uphill trudge from the main market place. We had rucksacks on our backs but most of us were not fatigued by the time we reached the Rest House.

Early the next day, we strapped on our rucksacks, laced our boots, had a nice breakfast, took a lift in a truck and proceeded to Narendra Nagar. At Narendra Nagar, we thanked the truck driver and walked down on the road for a few kilometres. And now we were at the climax of our venture.

To get to the foothills-Muni-Ki-Reti on the outskirts of Rishikesh, we took the trekking route

through the jungles. The route was not familiar to any of us but keeping our ears and eyes open, we managed to hit the main road after about a couple of hours.

The night was spent in the Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Rest House at Muni-Ki-Reti. The next day our plan was to trek to Neelkanth, but it was foiled as our escort had his knee dislocated. So we all wandered around the town, visiting places like Laxman Jhoola, Shivanand Jhoola and of course, the holy Ganga. But all the excitement ceased when a cricket fanatic told us about India's defeat in the semi-finals of the Reliance Cup. We also broke a mirror and nearly got thrown out.

At noon, the following day we were in the bus and returning to Dehra Dun. To conclude, our mid-term break, was 'super'.

Tuni To Simla

A long bus journey from Dehra Dun took us to TUNI. We arrived at TUNI, a scenic town/village nestling this side of the Himachal—U.P. border. An incredibly beautiful river, Tauns flows near the village. Then a hard trek through the valley of Rohni.

From there we arrived at Chiegaon over a dusty road, following, or I should say going against, the flow of the river.

From here on to the best trek of our trip.

A trip up the mountains, beneath those conifers.

Legs aching, and panting we reached Khasthar.

A quick look around in which we checked out an orchard of a famous school Principal and were disappointed to find it bare.

We moved out and reached Simla after another arduous bus journey.

Pradeep Jeswani



In The Arena Of Sports

The West Indian Cricket Team won the hearts of cricket lovers in India by their scintillating stroke play and fierce fast bowling. But although the visitors mauled the Indian side in probably every department of the game, one performance, that of Hirwani's, became the talk of the town on New Years eve. So when the school re-opened one could hear the cricket enthusiasts refer to themselves as Hirwani and Patterson.

Like the Indians won the test match on the New Year, Welham Boys' also began their season on a winning note. We played against Kailash Club. Our skipper won the toss and put the opposition into bat. Things began to happen as early as the second ball and soon the club was reeling at 24 for 4. But the fifth wicket partnership helped the visitors to reach a reasonable total of 136 runs. Manvendra, Parag and Manjul took three wickets a piece.

Chasing a modest total of 136 runs Welham made heavy weather of the task. We lost both our openers early in the innings. But Vishal, who

contributed with a strokeful 35, and Vikrant Lamba, playing only his first match, scored a patient 29 before both of them fell in quick succession, and with it the pendulum swung back in the visitors favour.

Needing 12 runs to a win we lost three wickets cheaply. The excitement was now getting to the spectators as Manjul scored those final runs to help us win a lost match. Meanwhile as wickets fell at regular intervals Himanshu bottled one end and contributed with a useful knock of 15.

Manvendra

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