

# THE OLIPHANT

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## Think about it

To deceive a diplomat, speak the truth. He has no experience with it.  
Gerald F Liberman

## Editorial

The ides of March hath come! And with them, the time of the year when a gloomy atmosphere of parting and nostalgia engulf us. The reference here is of course to those boys of class twelve who shall be leaving us forever.

It is amusing to note that when a person joins school, he longs for days to pass, so he can be back at home, with his mother, playing with his toys, or riding his bike. The one consolation that he gives himself is that a day shall come when there will be no more coming to see the unpleasant bowls of 'Daliyaa' on the breakfast table!

The irony of the matter is that as the same chap grows up, and as the day he had looked

forward to comes nearer, the thought of leaving school makes him wistful. He longs to get back to the days when he had along with his friends not a worry in the world. But success only comes through sacrifices. We wish them all the very best in their life in any field that they decide to enter.

There are things to look forward to for the rest of the school as well. With the mid-term break drawing near, excitement builds in the adventurous hearts of all Welhamites.

Once again I leave you to the Oliphant as your relaxed Editor picks up his bag and leaves to enjoy a fortnight of relaxation and amusement.

Saurav Sinha

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

V.P. - The substances which give a straight curve in the graph plotted are called Ohmic substances.

R.A. - Sir, what are those substances called, which give a curved curve?

Ranjit Bedi : "Meri kitab gum gai si."

Neil Mondal : Oh! I see.

Ranjit Bedi : I see, te pharh lianee si.

## *The Literary Affairs of Welham*

### **THE STORY OF WOE OF SHIPWRECKED MEN**

My name is Captain Upenskovy. I sit in Bilyarsk and write my early adventures. This is about one of the worst disasters I ever faced.

On the fifteenth of September, I as the captain, set out on the 'Falcon Cruiser' a Russian Aircraft carrier. On the twenty-first of October when we were cruising over international waters we were attacked by a squadron of F-14 'TOMCATS' from aboard the U.S. Navy. In response we sent up a squadron of MIGs but they were soon overpowered. All we had was the ship and a crew of a hundred and twenty men. Our radar registered nine orange blips as nuclear warhead missiles. I leapt for my life-vest and jumped overboard. The sea shook and thundered momentarily and was silent again. We could see steel, fragments spread over the surface at least for half a mile. My joy knew no bounds when I saw another man wave at me. It was Mitchel Bant. We paddled and swam hoping to reach the shore.

It was dusk, the sun was drawing in. It had been five hours now. No food supplies. We were helpless people in the middle of a hungry ocean. Bant was a young sailor and had proved his worth. Morning arrived. We were completely worn out. All we had drunk was salty water. Our eyes had grown red and were burning. Our skin had wrinkled up. Intense pain ran through our bodies. Two days went by without food. We paddled just in the hope of reaching the shore, but would we?

One morning as I peered through my swollen eyelids, I saw Bant floating on the water. I swam towards him and as I overturned him I could sense him dead. Yes, Bant was dead.

I had no hope now. The

still water was symbolic of my despondent state of defeat but the sun shone brightly. The speed of paddling decreased. All I could see was water, water, water and water. I wanted to give up and drown, and die in the mysterious depths, but how? I was on the verge of insanity. I could not tolerate it. No food, no help, floating in the middle of the ocean. Had I betrayed all the men who placed their trust in me, and jumped overboard?

I had no strength now to even withdraw my hand from the water. I knew my death was inevitable. At that moment I remembered Solvia and Curtney, my boys. What would become of them? My fate was decided.

That night a storm raged and I was tossed about madly over the surface. The waves were towering like cliffs and beat down upon the water. The rain made the bad weather worse. The sky thundered as if calling out to me.

Morning arrived. The sea was calm by now. Three days without food. Suddenly, I spotted a fin above the surface of water coming towards me. What else? It had to be a shark! If it would not tear apart my flesh, I would surely die of mere shock. At that moment, I felt my eyelids become heavy but before they closed completely and took me to a world of darkness I saw the creature emerge from the depths and I managed to read the following words - "U.S.S.R. Bomber". Yes, I was saved, it was a Russian submarine.

When I awoke, I felt energetic. The sunshine shone on my bed through the tinted glass of the hospital. I was warm again. I was overjoyed and looked out of the window. There, I could see the waves splash against the rocks and return to their old sea bed again.

Sonaal Rampal

MARS

I am a Marrog from Mars.  
I ate twenty Five Stars.  
I destroyed many cars.  
I reached Earth in twelve hours.  
And I came here in my jet Mars.  
I painted all the stars.  
I ate a sweet candy bar  
Nobody knows me except one boy but  
he can't talk to me because I live very far.  
I took a ride on many cars.  
The grapes were very sour.  
I smoked many cigars.  
I can be very tiny and go through the iron bars.  
And I ate many choco bars.  
But now I can't go to Mars and I can't paint the stars  
because someone stole my jet Mars.  
Now if any body asks me, I say I am a Marrog from Mars.  
I am a Marrog from Mars.

Varun Shiag  
Class III B

Brain Teasers

EQUAL SUMS

A B C  
D  
E F G  
H  
I

Each of the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 is :

- (1) Represented by a different letter in the figure above.
- (2) Positioned in the figure above so that each of  $A + B + C$ ,  $C + D + E$ ,  $E + F + G$  and  $G + H + I$  is equal to 13.

Which digit does E represent?

ORIENTATION :

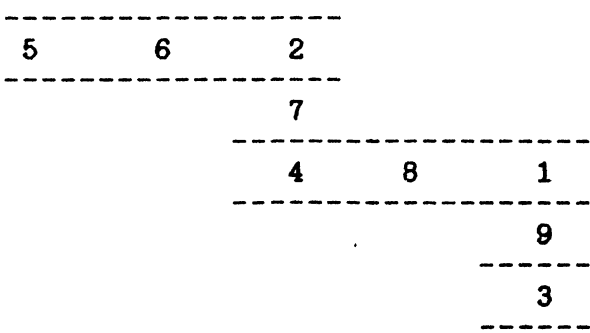
A, B, C and D are respectively and simultaneously interchangeable with I, H, G, and F; only E can be determined certainty.

Each of

A, B, D, F, H and I occurs in only one sum; each of C, E and G occurs in two sums.

SOLUTION SCHEME :-

Make a diagram for yourself as follows :-



Write a digit in each box so that no condition is contradicted.

SOLUTION TO THE PREVIOUS TEASER

The table given in the last edition should have been filled in as follows,

	CASE I	CASE II
Statement A	True	False
Statement B	False	True
Statement C	True	True

Case II is the right one. Then, from statement A and from (line 2) and (line 3), the speaker of statement A is a father; and from statement B and from (line 2), the speaker of Statement A is a son. So, from (line 1), Gregory made statement A.

## Discovery

### A REPORT ON THE SEVEN DAY SKIING COURSE AT AULI

Auli is a comparatively new skiing resort in the magnificent Garhwal hills. It was instituted in the winter of '84. This year, Auli experienced unusually heavy snowfall - the heaviest since '62. Due to this, the motorable roads from Joshimath to Auli were covered by snow.

Our instructors for this course were Mr. Mehta and Mr. Rawat. Mr. Mehta incidentally, was the Chief Instructor of the skiing resort at Gulmarg before he was sent to Auli on deputation.

We arrived at Auli on 22nd January after an arduous 2 1/2 hour trek, through 4 feet of snow from Joshimath. We stayed in fibre-glass cabins, which provided us with the ideal protection against the sub-zero temperatures prevalent in these hills. A considerable amount of time was taken by us in getting acclimatized to these freezing temperatures.

Gaining 'balance' on the skis was the primary stage in this 7-day course. In the process, we fell many times, but as we were skiing on powdered snow, we did not receive any

major injuries.

Next was the 'snow-plough'. It is a method of reducing the speed while skiing down a slope. As this called for immense pressure on the knees and ankles, many of us got cramps.

When we gained some confidence, we learnt to manoeuvre ourselves on the skis. The 'Snow-plough turn' and 'traversing' were the techniques by which we controlled our speed and changed direction. The 'motor-operated' ski lifts were on the higher stretches of the camp, therefore, we were compelled to walk up 'side-stepping' till we reached the desired place from which we wanted to ski down the slopes. This was an extremely enervating exercise and by the time we reached the top, we were exhausted.

A film was screened every evening before dinner. The evenings gave us an opportunity to socialise with other members of the course who had come from all parts of the country. At the end of the 15 days certificate course in March this year, we hope to be able to participate in competitions which are hosted in Auli.

Dhiraj Kakati

### LAMPDON

#### Why do I bunk Assembly ???

\* Assembly time - time for my morning ablutions.

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\* In the earlier times. I mean long time ago, the king listened to the people's problems and sorted them out and now all we hear is the principal's problems about the children.

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\* When I last went for assembly it was called off due to heavy

showers of rain ! (I beg the newsletter not to print my name).

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\* Hate standing in line after a good and scrumptious breakfast.

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\* Since my name was announced in the 'paper case', the very word assembly brings terror to my mind.

\* The sepulchral hymns, put me off for the rest of the day.

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# Happenings

## Welham Now !!

\* A film by the name of 'Oxford Blues' was screened by the picture club.

\* The aquarium has acquired new fish and is functioning once again.

\* A new Commerce Society has been formed. It aims to make us aware of the current economic and commercial situation of the country, and will initiate career counselling.

\* The new badminton court on the

upper ground has been completed and is being used by the boys & staff.

\* The badly needed book shelves outside the dining hall are being constructed.

\* The construction work on the new Resource Centre is being carried out very quickly.

\* A Debate Society has been formed for classes 6-8. The President elect is Ashish Debroy.

### \* The members elected for the School Committee

CAUVERY	:	1. Shailendra Sharma	Class IX
		2. Ashish N. Debroy	Class VIII
KRISHNA	:	1. Kabir Bajaj	Class IX
		2. Saurav Paliwal	Class VI
JAMUNA	:	1. Nitin Jain	Class IX
		2. Sachin Karol	Class VII
GANGES	:	1. Varun N. Bhaskar	Class XI
		2. Neeraj Kakati	Class VIII
PRINCIPAL HOSTEL	:	Mohinderjeet S. Bedi	Class XI

## In the Welham Arena of Sports

As usual anything that Welham does is from 'Strength To Strength' and this cricket season is no exception. Our Senior XI has done us proud. It is one of the best seasons we ever had. But simultaneously the visits to the hospital have increased. Nitin Bhanot and some of the other unfortunate chaps have managed to take some good treatment from chaps like me and Avinash. Talking about that, I think the touring Indian side should get their players marshalled.

This fortnight the main attraction was our Juniors Council semi-final. Our boys had to play S.J.A. at St. Thomas ground. Three run-outs and some good bowling by Chirdeep saw us through the S.J.A. batting

side. They scored 104 runs for the loss of 8 wickets at an average of 4.16 runs/over. We started off well with a good opening start of 32 for the first wicket before Harjyot fell. After that we never really recovered and were bundled out for a mere 97 runs.

Scores :

S.J.A. - 104 for 8 wickets

W.B.S. - 97 for 6 wickets in 25 overs.

Our next match was against R.I.M.C. in the seniors division. It was played on their ground. The rain on the previous night had left the field quite damp. So, high scores were not expected. Avinash won the toss and put the opposition into bat. We started off in a dream-like manner, with Avinash claiming a

wicket on the very first ball of the match. No batsman really made an impression and the Rimcollians were bowled out for 104 runs. This time Devraj, I and Avinash Kumar doing the real damage claimed four, three and two wickets respectively. Taking it easy we went into bat but received a few jolts when we were reeling at 32 for 3. But some sensible batting by Vikrant Lamba and Yogeshwar Singh just saw us through. It was a toughly fought match which went into the last over.

Scores :

R.I.M.C. - 104 all out

W.B.S. - 105 for 8 wickets in 35 overs.

This season the only team to beat us was the Challenge Club. So we arranged a return match. Once again Avinash won the toss and was more than happy to put the challengers' into bat. Apart from Eeshwar Kumar no one was impressive and this time they scored a total of 117 for 8 wickets.

Avinash got 2 wickets and so did Kabir. We went into bat determined to win and that we did. And for the loss of five wickets we easily got to the target with some tough batting from I, Vikrant Lamba and Devesh Singh scored, 31, 27 and 25 runs respectively.

Scores :

Challenge Club - 117 for 8 wickets

W.B.S. - 119 for 5 wickets.

Next we played a return match with Thomasian Club. Mr. Gardener won the toss and elected to bat. He opened the innings and with some exquisite shots and blasted our bowling with ease. For the first time

this season our bowling was really tested. We were really, as you say, "Bashed." They scored a total of 173 runs in 30 overs with Mr. Gardner top scoring with 46 runs. Once again our batsmen lived up to their reputation. With substantial contributions from everyone we did it. Mohinder Bedi complete his 4th 50th score, scoring 54. Avinash gave him a valuable stand and himself scored 33 runs. Mr. Gardner claimed 5 wickets.

Scores :

Thomasian Club - 173 for 6

WBS - 174 for 6 in 30 overs.

That's enough from the cricket field. Now for some Basketball. Our juniors proved once again that they are too good for the Welham Girls. As usual they thrashed their rivals by a wide margin. Amer Singh, once again emerging the "KING" of this sport.

The school T.T. team entered the YMCA open tournament and did a reasonable job. To win or lose is not the criterion. To gain experience was the main purpose.

The following captains of the various games have been declared :

Cricket	- Avinash Kumar
Hockey	- Yogeshwar Singh
Football	- Mohinder Bedi
Athletics	- Devraj Singh
Basketball	- Mohit Saigal
Badminton	- Nikhil Kriplani
Chess	- Ankush Bansal
Swimming	- Dheeraj Kakati
Table-Tennis	- Himanshu Agarwal

Congratulations to all concerned.

Mohinder Bedi

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