



# THE OLIPHANT

*Never bang a door behind you; you might have to go back.*

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## EDITORIAL

The grand spectacle, "Toad Of Toad Hall" met with grand success. It was greatly appreciated by a considerably large audience of parents and guardians. Best of all, was the super acting of Gaurav Kampani as Mr. Toad. All the hard work put in by the director, Miss R. Ward and the cast did not go waste, judging from the thunderous applause they got from the audience. We give you a detailed coverage of the play inside. Also, Mr. Kandhari hosted a special dinner to the whole cast, stage management and audio-visual squads. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all of them.

A good number of us received quite a jolt when we were all informed that we would be having short exams from the 19th of this month. All play came to a standstill and all last minute work started off in full swing. In the classes, in the dorms, under the tree and in the field; everywhere boys were seen mugging away, poring over their books with heads bent in

intense concentration. But now we were in for a greater shock (or surprise). News broke out that there would be no exams which was soon verified by the teachers. Some boys were livid with rage while others were simply happy. Anyway, all of us (or rather most of us) are back to the old routine, "All play and no work".

The swimming pool had been closed to everyone for the last few days, as it was undergoing some clearing. We hope that it shall be well cleaned before the swimming competition, which is to be held sometime later in the month,

We apologize for the mistakes last time. Hopefully they shall not be repeated. That ends this column, and I leave the rest of the magazine for you to read and enjoy.

Vijit Sawhney

## THE GIANT RULERS

It was when humans had just taken up civilization and yet there were many nomads, the rulers or a superior race were not humans but Giant Red Ants. They had a very advanced technology but their civilization was not so widely spread as Man's.

One of the head scientists of the ants had just invented a Translator which could help them in communication with creatures of outer space. He needed a specimen to test it. He was walking about in the vast campus grounds looking out and hoping for a space

creature to come down for his work. "Ouch!" he shrieked in pain startled suddenly. Something pricked him, it was a small village or a group of humans. One of them had pricked him with a sharp weapon. As he was going to give a crushing blow to it he got a wonderful idea and in his joy he forgot his anger and immediately picked up a strong man. He had found his specimen.

But he had to be careful, he had to be sure of the ability of his specimen. So, he gave a few tests first. He put the man in a box and brought fire near. But no

matter how fast he tried, the ant could not touch fire to the quick reaction of the man. But it was evident, the giant was slow.

Next, he brought the man to a plate and tried to pin him down with a pointed rod. But, in his struggle for survival the man did all he could to dodge the point from getting him. The ant was amazed. Here was a creature who was as intelligent and clever, as the ants themselves.

And just to assure, the ant gave a last test. This would be the hardest and if the creature managed to live through it, he would be a creature of the most cleverness. Soon, the man was set on the task of swimming up for air through water and dangerous aquatic animals. But he cleverly defended himself with the spear (arrow headed) rod and managed to reach the surface in time for breath. He climbed it, but to his dismay, in a maze.

But, the man cleverly got out of that too and tried to run away but was caught. Now, the ant was too impatient to know what the creature had in mind. He immediately got the man in position and turned on the communicator.

First he heard some murmurs. He adjusted the set and soon got it. His Translator was working and in order. But..... What's this? What was the man saying? It..... it was incredible. The man had caught hold of the ants secret weapon which protected them but also, it was their fear, Their greatest fear. Fire!!! The man had understood how to make fire and was

preparing with his human fellow a wide spread but controlled which would destroy the whole succession of ants from their life on Earth as it's rulers.

A grotesque thought struck him! He ran as fast as he could and warned them of the threatened danger. But who would listen to him? All of them just laughed at him and the thought at what the puny, two legged, thought by the scientist would dare to do.

Meanwhile, the man had run away. He told his fellows to act out their plan immediately. At the ant city, the scientist got all the eggs together and set off in a time set the rocket to orbit around the Earth for 20,000 years.

No, sooner had the rocket left, the city was enveloped in huge, monstrous flames.

But that was not the end of the giant rulers. The rocket silently and steadily one day came back on a mysterious night after 20,000 years. By now man had made considerable progress and, the ants had come back to rule. Be master of all, the high and mighty. But what's this? The ants were as small in proportion to man as man was in proportion to the ants in the beginning due to certain rays in space. The ants in the beginning were as big as blue whales.

So, it finally seemed that, man, who had worked hard to gain title of Master of All and would rightly continue to keep it. Even though the ants to this day work hard, they have not and will not be able to become the "Rulers of Earth".

—Amit Kamra : IX

## The Three Horses

Three horses came  
to the meadow's edge  
they poked their noses  
over the hedge.  
One was grey  
One was white  
and one was black  
as a winter's night.  
I patted the white horse  
I stroked the gray

and I rode the black horse  
far away.  
We went by the woods  
we went by the hill  
We galloped along  
by Medlicot Mill.  
Oh, If my mother  
should question you  
I may be back  
in an hour or two.  
By Aditya Darbari-V

## WHAT THEY SAID

"Its four O' Clock,"  
said the cock.

"It's still dark"  
said the dark

"What's that?"  
said the cat.

"I want to sleep."  
said the sheep.

"A bad habit,"  
said the rabbit.

"Of course,"  
said the horse.

"I'm very big,"  
said the pig.

But the dog said  
"Bow-Bow It's late now"  
Ashutosh Pant : VII

## This Or That (Sport)

1. Was boxer Henry Cooper awarded the M. B. E or O B. E. ?
2. Is an Olympiad one who has won an Olympic medal or is it a span of four years ?
3. Is the Eton college and Harrow school annual cricket match held at the Oval or Lord's.
4. Is a Kestrel 604, an archer's bow or a sailplane ?

## QUIZ

1. Where was the first newspaper of the world printed ?
2. Where did Circus start first ?
3. Among all hunting animals which animal has got the smallest heart ?
4. What is the name of the biggest theatre and where is it situated ?
5. What is the name of the biggest flower of the world and what's its weight ?
6. Cartoons were first published in which British Magazine ?
7. When was Rubber invented and by whom ?

## THE TRIGAN EMPIRE

Though I have already read about this story earlier. I found this story very interesting and picked up the idea of writing this story in my own words and giving it for the Oliphant.)

Zooming across the outer space, a cosmos craft, out of control ran an unknown object unearthly with all the people in it who lay dead at their positions to it come a glowing fragment of the sun which missed the cosmocraft but changed its direction towards earth. Out of control as it was there was the commander's dead hand on the Auto-Helm control.

Moving to the earth in America in the city Florida two friends were having a rest under a shady willow after those horrible rainy days enjoying the sunlight twinkling on the water of the Red springs lake Suddenly to their horror and surprise they discovered a large object moving rapidly out of control to the sruface due to the gravitational pull of the Earth. Awaiting their ends the two friends lay still at their position. Fortune depended which took their side

when the cosmocraft missed them and landed on the lake with a great splash. Its evidence about the unearthly cosmocraft spread all over the world like fire and terrified the people every where.

People from different corners of the world came to witness the cosmocraft which was held up in exhibition in Florida. All the people in the spaceship were found dead. Books with strange handwriting were found in the cosmocraft to which many scientists and philosophers applied their minds to find the solution to that strange script. Learning the language in those books was too much for them, soon all gave up. One student from San-Francisco did not give up and applied every spare second to find out the key to the strange script. Time went on and he soon got married and had two children but still continued on working on that hardest of projets. Time went on and the day came which was expected since long when he translated one sentence on the computer and soon translated the books.

The book meant some historical fact about a planet in a different galaxy far away from Earth named Electron. The biggest continent in planet Electron was vistris with five countries in it named Loka, Thara, Vorg, Daveli and Cato.

To one corner was a country of native barbarians named Vorg. Citizens of Vorg were no less the native or savages roaming about the vast jungle area of a Virg. These people were tribal and habitual hunters lead by three brave courageous brothers named Trigo the eldest, Barg the second and klud the youngest respectively. The Vorgan, these valarous hunters, were once roaming about in the jungle when Trigo called his brothers and said 'We strongest of Vorgans have since our birth have just been roaming about and doing nothing but depending on animals, & beasts we hunt and sleep on dry hard ground. Why not build an Empire on the yonder five hills on the banks of river Zabriz. We strongest of Vorgans are capable enough for building such an empire which shall exist forever and remain one of the glory and wonder of Electron Think it over, Brothers I await your decisions ?

Both the brothers fell into a thought and the plan but klud the youngest hesitated to agree but in the end he gave an unwilling reply.

The work began and soon the wall around the five hills was built. Trigo happy as he was said that the citizens of Vorg Friends It is my pleasure to know that my long lasted ambition is now progressing in reality-He had just spoken these few words when a storm struck the carelessly built walls and destroyed them. Lightning followed and the heavy rains. People were crushed under the destroyed wall and running here and there in panic.

When all was calm all the people of Vorg started cursing Trigo to forget his ambition and started again with their normal schedule, but Trigo shook his head "The day will soon come" said Trigo solemnly.

Days passed and Trigo still hoping that his ambition may come true while the others had almost forgot about this incident

There the strongest country of Loka with full scientific and mechanical properties had the aim of destorying the whole of Electron as they had chosen to

destroy the peaceful country of Thara as their next step. Those mechanical crafts of Loka were easily able to destroy the peace and quiet land of Thara. Destruction caused panic in Thara all the citizens who escaped to the nearest and the only native and detested Land of Vorg.

Trigo took pity on them who promised, as they were much more civilized that they would help them to grow vegetation on this hard deserted area and help it to turn into a fertile land

Trigo was able to recognise Peric the most famous architect born on Electron who had planned the unmatched country of Thara had a request to him if he could fulfill his ambition.

Peric who agreed started his task and all his citizens of Vorg who trusted him and Trigo worked hard as they could and soon the city on five hill which was going to be built was in progress.

God probably did not want Trigo's ambition to fulfill when the Vorgan's heard of the Lokan's next step of destruction was the country of Vorg.

Cato the country on the southern area of Vorg got worried about their own country for their country be the next step of destruction of Ickz. Cato too was a very civilized country and was able to win the ocean ship fleet of Loka The aircraft from both countries had a fierce fight. The native Vorgan's too helped in the ground fleet, when Trigo the leader fell unconcious This caused panic in the Vorgans. Trigo was given special treatment but all the doctors gave the decision that there was no chance for him to survive. Citizens of Vorg could not bere to see their brave leader dead on his death bed and could not help crying.

All of a sudden all the sad faces brightened as they saw Trigo walking out of his tent. Happy news followed when a messenger came galloping to Trigo and said that Loka had been destroyed and they could continue with their normal routine Trigo and Peric continued with their work and soon within few years the empire was complete and forever remained the strongest empire of Electron admired by all citizens of the planet. Trigo's birth ambition was at last fulfilled and the city on five hills on the banks of river Zabriz. remained forever one of the glory and wonder of Electron. It was named after Trigo, 'The Trigan Empire.'

Ranjan Amit-VII

## ANSWERS

1. Germany.
2. Rome.
3. Lion
4. Vahes hahi in Russia.
5. Rahelashia-8 Kg
6. Punch.
7. In 1770 by a English Chemist Joseph Priestly.

Pankaj Raheja.

## ANSWERS

1. O. B. E.
2. It is the four years between two celebrations of the Olympic Games.
3. At Lord's cricket ground.
4. It is a Sail plane . . . . .

Pankaj Bhardwaj, Vikram Chopra. VI

## TOAD OF TOAD HALL-A REVIEW

Saturday 5th May, 1984 is day to remember.

I had heard a few weeks earlier of the ambitious plans of Welham Boys' School, to stage A. A. Milne's full length play, "Toad of Toad Hall". I had apprehensions-(a) Not many schools can do full justice to a play of this genre; it appears simple to perform on the surface, but requires exacting and talented direction. (b) It involves a large cast : and if the supporting characters cause an imbalance, it could lead to a fiasco. (c) A play such as this must for total dramatic effect make use of natural settings and depend on elaborate costumes.

The performance made the grade in satisfying the above criteria. If for that alone-then it was a success.

It is not in the fitness of things to review a school performance, having professional norms and standards in mind. The cast in general were certainly well above average, and any adverse criticism must end there.

Gaurav Kampani did justice to his role as 'Toad' and deserved the applause he received. Sanjay Bharwani Anil Bharwani and Sanyog Mehta performed with the right amount of restraint, and this naturally put 'Toad' into the limelight at the appropriate times.

The Wild-wooders created an atmosphere that motivated me at times, to try and leave my seat and join them in their frolic.

The Field-Mice were charmingly entertaining.

If Milne himself was present, he would have been delighted by the performance of the Rabbits, Squirrels, Turkey and Duck.

Sangya Singh and Sawant Singh had small roles :

and these are usually the most difficult. But all things being equal, theirs was a good performance.

The Court-House scene was a bit time consuming, but redeemed itself by provoking the audience into out bursts of genuine laughter.

I have not attempted to make an Act by Act analysis, but it would have made the play more "racy" if it had been descreminatedly edited. It was a bit too long to hold the sustained interest of even the best of audiences.

It was the silent, behind the scene helpers that contributed greatly to the success of the play. The audio visual effects were of professional standard. Every word could be heard and seldom was a character left in shadow, when it was not necessary.

If given the opportunity to stage a public performance, I would give my eye-tooth to have all those who were responsible for the Props and Art Work. Well done silent ones! You deserve a special treat.

The direction was superb. Rosalind Ward put not only her mind and body into the production, but her soul as well. Directors like her are in a class by themselves.

Finally, no school project can be a success unless it has the whole-hearted support of its Principal. This support was evident by the appreciative comments of the audience present.

Congratulations Welham Boys'.

T. D. Walsh

**“यादृशी भावना यस्य सिद्धिर्भवति तादृशी”  
जिसकी जैसी भावना होती है, उसको वैसी ही सिद्धि मिलती है**

**विचार मंच**

जैसे की आप सबको मालूम है कि हमारे प्रधानाध्यक्ष दण्ड के विरुद्ध हैं, इसलिए हमने उचित समझा की इस विषय के ऊपर (“दण्ड देना चाहिए या नहीं हैं तो कैसे और ना तो क्यों”) आपके विचार जाने। इसलिए हमने स्कूल का सर्वेक्षण किया और आपके विचार जाने और उनमें से कुछ विचार आपके सामने हैं। सर्वेक्षण करते समय कक्षा ४ ने हमें आश्चर्य चकित कर दिया क्योंकि कक्षा ४ के सब बच्चे दण्ड चाहते थे।

मुझे दण्ड इसलिए अच्छा नहीं लगता क्योंकि मुझे खड़ा कर देते हैं। और मैं थक जाता हूँ।

विशवाजीत कुमार १

सजा देनी नहीं चाहिए क्योंकि सजा बहुत बुरी चीज होती है। मुझे जैसे तो सजा मिलती नहीं परन्तु जब मिलती है तो बहुत बुरी लगती है।

यासना सिंह १

सजा देनी चाहिए और शैतान बच्चों को मैदान के दस चक्कर कटवाने चाहिए।

नील ग्रान्ट ३

सजा देनी चाहिए और शैतान बच्चों से होस्टल की खिड़कियाँ साफ करवानी चाहिए।

विक्रान्त लाम्बा ४

शैतान बच्चों को दण्ड बार-बार नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि आजकल के लड़कों पर दण्ड का असर ही नहीं होता।

विक्रान्त जैन ६

अगर लड़कों से अनजाने में कोई गलती हो जाए तो उन्हें माफ कर देना चाहिए।

आदित्य मोहन कौशिक ६

लड़कों को दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि दण्ड मिलने के बाद लड़कों के मन में भय बैठ जाता है तथा वे अपना काम दण्ड के भय से ठीक प्रकार से नहीं करते।

सौरभ सिन्हा ६

दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि दण्ड देने से बच्चों और अध्यापक-अध्यापिकाओं के बीच में गलत फहमी हो जाती है।

अविनाश कुमार ७

दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि दण्ड मिलने पर लड़का प्रतिशोध की आग में जलता रहता है।

गौरव कम्पानी ६

दण्ड नहीं मिलना चाहिए क्योंकि जब बड़े लड़के हमें दण्डित करते हैं, जैसे ही हम भी बड़े होकर अपने से छोटों को दण्ड देंगे इसलिए दण्ड हटा देना चाहिए।

विलयम लौलेस ८

कठिन दण्ड देने से बच्चों को मानसिक चोट भी पहुंच सकती है इसलिए दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए।

कपिल गुप्ता ६

दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि जब प्रातः पी. टी. के लिए उठना पड़ता है तो हालत खस्ता हो जाती है।

अभयजीत घोष ६

दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए। बच्चों को प्यार की अधिक जरूरत होती है।

मयूर जैरथ ८

दण्ड देना चाहिए नहीं तो बच्चे काबू से बाहार हो जाते हैं। छोटे बच्चे काबू में रहें तो वे बड़े लड़कों का आदर भी करेंगे।

मानवेन्द्र सलकलस ६

दण्ड नहीं देना चाहिए क्योंकि दण्ड देने से विद्यार्थियों में बगावत करने की भावना जागृत होती है।

तनुज सेठी १०

प्यार से समझाने से तो आजकल कोई मानता नहीं, बल्कि प्यार से समझाने से लोग सिर पर चढ़ जाते हैं। इसलिए विद्यार्थियों को अनुशासन में रखने के लिए उन्हें छोटे मोटे दण्ड देने चाहिए। बगावत करने की भावना तो तभी पैदा होगी जब विद्यार्थियों के मन में किसी का भय न हो। विद्यार्थियों के साथ संस्ती से व्यवहार होने पर ही उनके मन में भय उत्पन्न नहीं होगा, अतः बगावत पैदा होने की कोई सम्भावना न होगी।

प्रकाश कोठारी १०

**पुस्तकालय में नियमित रूप से आने वाली  
हिन्दी पत्रिकाएँ।**

नन्दन	पराग
सरिता	चंपक
साप्ताहिक हिन्दुस्तान	धर्मयुग
कादम्बिनी	

## Cultural and Literary Activities

So friends we meet once again. This time to discuss another wide range of events.

The first as everybody knows is the show that a Yogi Maharaj gave us. We were actually expecting a demonstration of mental abilities, but on the other hand it turned out to be just the opposite. It was a function comprising of demonstrations of Physical Strength. The Yogi Ji had the audience enchanted by his unmatched feats, like bending bars with eyes, neck and also stopping two moving cars with the help of a rope. The onlookers were very much impressed.

Everyone is aware of the major production staged by our school; The Toad of Toad-Hall, written by A. Milne. The play was staged on the 2nd for Junior School and Welham Girls, on the 4th for The Doon School and finally on the 5th for the parents, staff and all other invited guests. The base of the play was a dream of an animal world by a girl named Marigold.

Under the able guidance of Miss Ward, the boys had worked really hard and it was their effort which brought about its grand success. The credit at the same time goes to the stage setting and audiovisual boys, whose effort enhanced the whole effect. The boys real'y deserved the grand party that Mr. Kandhari hosted in their honour later on.

Everybody loves circus and Mr. Kandhari did just the right thing by arranging tickets for the whole school in the New Grand Circus just come to Dehra Dun. It was a pleasurable experience for the boys watching it. The White Elephant boys made a good job of arranging for chips and cold drinks there. I suppose the boys did get bored at the end of the circus due to its length (4 hrs).

Now let me not go on for too long . .

Truly yours  
Udeshpal Singh Mann

## SPORTS REVIEW

The Welhams' Senior hockey XI met Col. Brown in the semi finals of the S. J. A. Golden Jubilee tournaments. It was indeed a very close contested match as neither team could make in-roads into the others defence. The match ended with the score of 1-1. The tie breaker was applied to decide the winner. Each push was looked forward to with anxious expectancy. An atmosphere of suspense dwelled amongst both, the teams and the spectators.

In the end welham's emerged victorious with the final score of 10-9, The scores were:

Neeraj Thakran	2 goals
Kundanveer	2 ,,
Sandeep Rawat	4 ,,
Rupinder Brar	1 ,,
Anil Thakur	1 ,,

With the end of this match Welham's entered the finals alongwith the Doon School. Every minute of the game was full of suspense and excitement. Both teams displayed equal talent and perfect team co-ordination though in the end The Doon School got

the all important second goal and we lost (1-2) with Neeraj Thakran scoring the sole goal from our team

So that marked the end of the hockey tournament with Welhams as Runners Up. Our heartiest Congratulations to the team for their great performance.

After the defeat against the Doon School our team was itching to play a return game. But this time we suffered a heavier loss (1-4). Anyway from all accounts ours is a comparatively young side with tremendous potential and we should be hitting the high spots next year.

The first inter house chess tournament concluded with Cauvery as the unexpected winner. Each player put in his fullest concentration and combined with his team mates, put their house in their present positions. But Cauvery with the better players topped them all receiving tough competition from Krishana and almost on resistance from the others.

The results being as follows :

Group I (4 points for each game won)

1. Sandeep Rawat (C) 12 pts.
2. Harjeet Saluja (K) 6 pts.
3. Shishir Kumar (G) 4 pts.
4. Sashikant Kedia (J) 2 pts.

Group II (3 points for each game won)

1. Rajshekar Saxena (C) 6 pts.
2. Sanjay Sahni & Kaplesh Jerath (J) 4½ pts.
3. Anshul Jerath (K) 3 pts.

Group III (2 points for each game won)

1. Abhijeet Ghosh (K) 6 pts.
2. Anil Kumar (C) 4 pts.

3. Rakesh Dewan (G) 2 pts
4. Sanjay Sen (J) 0 pts.

Group IV (1 point for each game won)

1. Umesh Shivlani (K) 2 pts.
2. Rupinder Brar & Udeshpal Mann (C) 1½ pts.
3. Sameer Dudhoria (G) 1 pt.

Grand Total

Ist Cauvery	23½ pts.
IInd Krishna	17 pts.
IIIrd Ganges	11½ pts.
IVth Jamuna	5 pts.

Signing off—  
Umesh Shivlani.

## WELHAM NEWS

—The 'Toad of Toad Hall's' first shows were staged in front of the audience recently. It met with a grand success, thanks to the actors, the stage crew, the Audio-Visual boys and most of all, the staff members involved in its production.

—A dinner of appreciation was given to the entire cast in the Dining hall.

—A new set of lighting equipment has been bought for the Audio-Visual Squad.

—About a hundred new story-books have come in the library.

—Mr. Nibblet gave a small speech on 'Good Friday' in the Assembly Hall.

—The entire school went to see the circus being held on parade-ground.

—The cycle store has issued 15 bikes to the boys of the Junior School.

—An entertainment programme was held on 'Tagore-Jyanti'.

—A new water-cooler has been installed in the Geography room, with tap connections leading to the outside wall.

—The boys of the E.V.S were thrilled to see a weaver bird making its nest, through the outside window of the Junior School library.

## Humour On The Campus

Paju—Vineet your pants are very tight.

Vineet—They came off just now.

Pankaj—Their death was postponed.

Tarun Bagga—"I just can't climb down! I am ~~ने~~ dead before dead.

Pankaj—"What about her financee?"

Viresh—"Finance?"

Pankaj—"I mean finance?"

Viresh—"Financee"?

Pankaj—"I mean fiancée.

Amitabh—Look at that broken tree.

Vineet—Today is Sunday.

A—Ram wanted to explore the River Amazon in south Africa.

States one of Mr. Raina's students.

Work—The amount of work done during prep time is known as work.

Power—No one in school has got as much power as I possess.

Energy—When we eat food we give out energy.

A—"Err..... How can I remember, Policeman Sergeant, Constant (Constable).. .. ! ! ! !

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