



THE OLIPHANT

Many people refuse to give secrets away, but they are willing to trade.

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EDITORIAL

As an experiment, we have appointed Pratikaksha Basu and Amar Singh Khalon from class V as reporting members to the 'Oliphant', to help the Board in presenting extensive coverage of activities being conducted in the Junior school.

We regret that we are unable to print a few letters to the editor of the newsletter owing to paucity of space. The board, in a move to promote the newsletter, continues to explore new endeavours and assures its readers that the articles published will be more school oriented and not as Ashu Khanna suggests "a collection of old facts".

We also regret that the editor of Welham News, by an oversight referred to the major production as Gandhi, instead of 'Gandhi-a profile'. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Oliphant failed to publish a letter from the English Department. However the letter has been published in this, issue of the newsletter.

Lastly the board would like to appeal all its avid readers for contributing articles to the newsletter.

As we are embarking on an extensive programme of improving the magazine, we would like to hear from you.....

-Gaurav Kampani

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. KANDHARI

Q. 1. When were you born ?

Ans. I was born in the month of November in the year 1935 at Amritsar.

Q. 2. Where did you study ?

Ans. I studied at Welhams then at The Doon School and then at St. Stephens.

Q. 3. When did you start your teaching career and whereall did you teach ?

Ans. I started my teaching career in 1956. I first taught at the DOON SCHOOL, then I taught for a few years in Ethiopia after which I went back to Doon and then to Welhams.

Q. 4. What do you think about the behaviour and manners of the boys of Welham ?

Ans. The boys' behaviour is good apart from in the dining hall. Firstly they should hold conversation on the table. Then they should also learn to use the cutlery and to say 'please'.

Q. 5. Could you give us some information of computers in Welhams ? Which computer are you buying ?

Ans. Well, firstly I shall have it as a C. C. A. Than when we have got around 25 computers I shall let each class get at least one period in a week for computers. I shall be buying B. B. C. (B.) COMPUTERS.

Q. 6. Why do you allow extra P.T. ?

Ans. The main reason is that I do not allow the teachers and prefects to hit the boys and the cutting of outings does not seem to work and so I allow extra P.T.

Q. 7. Sir, you should allow the non swimmers also to get a chance of extra swimming ?

Ans. Thank you for telling me. I shall see to it that the non swimmers also get extra swimming.

—Saurav Sinha & Suvig Mohan : VII

THE TRIP

Ever since I came to Dehra Dun, early this year the lure of the Garhwal beckoned me. And a visit to the valley of flowers became a sort of obsession with me. The Garhwal Vikas Nigam offered an opportunity and I found that one of their conducted tours of the valley of flowers, Hemkund and Badrinath offered just what I was looking for. I found Ravi Prasad equally keen. We both were off on 7th August. In a way Ravi's company was Godsend because he carried the ruck sack which was a relief to my old bones !

Just after the trip started someone suggested that we visit Kedarnath and in a jiffy Kedarnath was also in our itinerary. The trek throughout was an arduous one and as it turned out the valley of flowers was the easiest part of the trek.

We travelled all along picturesque valleys with meandering streams, their sounds sweeter than any song and the twittering and chirping of birds. What sweet names Alaknanda, Mandakini and so on. I would love having girlfriends and daughters with these names.

These streams looked so inviting, but dash it they

were so ice cold that all I could do was to dip all my ten fingers into them.

When you have climbed above 2,500 metres, you get a glimpse of the majestic snow peaks and all along you have cascading waterfalls and impish Garhwali children with a twinkle in their eyes and running noses (chochweet)

We walked about 120 Kms. atleast. Our trek was arduous with a steep descent.

Why I did this crazy thing. I don't know nor do I know why I will do it again. Is it because I want to meet Alaknanda, Mandakini, Nandakini again or because I read somewhere.

Lace up your shoes,
Strap on a ruck sack
And head for Garhwal.

J. K. Kapoor

P. S. In the next issue or two, I shall write about the details.

ARE YOU HONEST ?

Before you explode with righteous indignation, try answering the following questions truthfully and you might get a revealing picture of yourself.

Tick (a) or (b) according to choice, and then check your score at the end.

- 1 (a) In the event of your finding a bundle of rupee notes in the street, would you immediately hand them in at the nearest police station ?

- (b) Or would you tell yourself that anyone who can throw money about can obviously afford to lose it, and keep the cash ?

- 2 (a) When a shopkeeper gives you too much by way of change, do you keep it, reasoning that they're all thieves and that it's about time you caught them ?

- (b) Or do you point out the mistake ?

3 (a) Supposing you were going through a chain store with a child and he helped himself to something from one of the counters, and if you found he would not relinquish it, would you return and pay for the article in question ?

(b) Or just keeping walking ?

4 (a) When making out an insurance claim, do you consider it in order to boost the value of the item you are claiming for ?

(b) Or do you state its true value ?

5 (a) Supposing you stumbled across a source of income which could not be traced by the Income-tax authorities would you include it in your tax returns ?

(b) Or would you exclude it, saying to yourself, "They make enough money out of me as it is".

6 (a) If you're on a bus or a tram and the conductor doesn't bother to ask for your fare, do you stick to the money ?

(b) Or do you go to the trouble of seeking out the conductor and making him take the fare ?

7 (a) Supposing you found a tip under a plate in a restaurant, would you draw the waiter's attention to it?

(b) Or would you hold on to it until after you finished your meal and then pretend you'd left it ?

8 (a) If you received a letter, and the stamp hadn't been franked, would you put temptation to one side and relegate it to the wastepaper basket ?

(b) Or would you carefully remove it and use it again ?

9 (a) If a rich relative left you a lot of money on the condition that you didn't drink or smoke, would you take the money and carry on drinking etc, and excuse your actions by saying to yourself that the said relative was quite mad ?

(b) Or would you live up to the agreement ?

10 (a) If a shady customer offered you some "hot" goods for almost nothing, and there was absolutely no risk of detection, would you immediately notify the police ?

(b) Or make a deal with him ?

ANSWERS :

Score 5 points for each correct answer

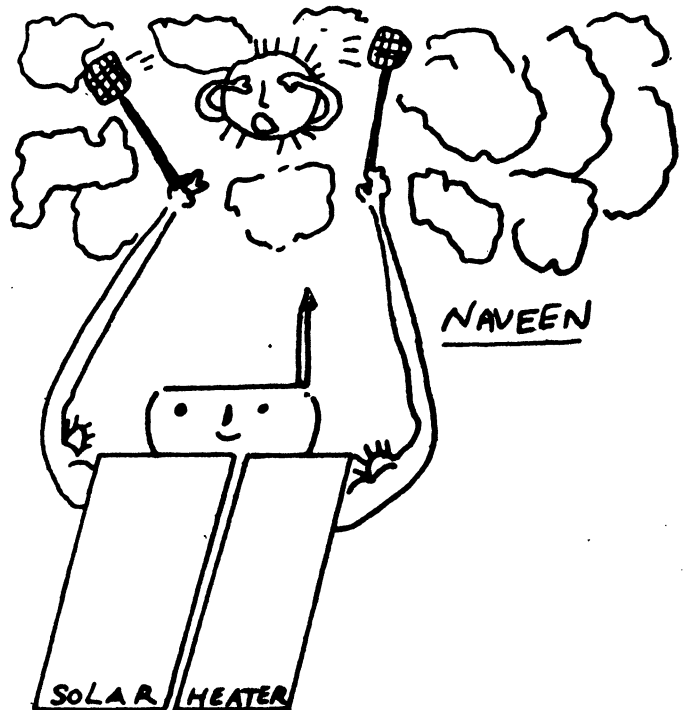
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"	3	a.
"	4	b.
"	5	a.
"	6	b.
"	7	a.
"	8	a.
"	9	b.
"	10	a.

Maximum score 50

If you have genuinely scored 40-50 points, you are a paragon of virtue and a shining example of honesty to the rest of the world.

25-35 points indicate that you're pretty human and far from perfect—in other words, just average.

20 points and under—you're headed for trouble !



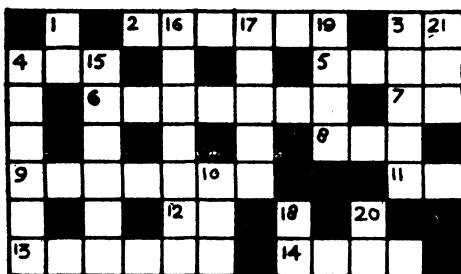
MY SCHOOL

In my school,
We have a pool,
In the pool,
We take it cool.
All the boys go
"Splish, splash".
But me being

in the pool
is a fool".
We have classes,
with no glasses.
And we have teachers,
Who think we are creatures.

-Akash Mathur

CROSSWORD



NOTE : The 5th block in the 5th vertical row is darkened

Across :

- 1- The english equivalent of Alpha.
- 2- No clues.
- 3- An excellent example of an indefinite article; not very difficult to find in the dictionary.
- 4- Protrude.
- 5- A heroic legendary tale.
- 6- "Log 19822-stardate, the U.S.S. Enterprise is....."-
Not an unknown voice.
- 7- Who dare go against the P M. ?
- 8- Used as fodder.
- 9- A highly criticised form of loyalty to husband.
- 10- Short for Hello.
- 11- Steven Spielberg was never afraid of this expensive personality with a glowing forefinger.

- 12- Short for Hello
- 13- An insect eating beetle.
- 14- "My position is 12° S, 172° longitude. Could I have landing clearance ?". The reply of the control tower was-"East or West?" Where could this be happening?

Down :

- 1- The symbol of gold.
- 4- Falling into place bit by bit.
- 15- Houseflies irritate people when they sleep, can you think of a fly which sends people to sleep ?
- 16- The 'son' of volcano Krakatoa in Indonesia which came up in 1928.
- 12- Same as 10 across.
- 10- Same as above.
- 17- A beach with which the boys have been familiar lately; seen 'Gandhi' ?
- 18- A small word which can take one to Rutopia in one breath.
- 19- An eminent organisation of space research.
- 3- A hard variety of Chalcedony used in places where the depreciation rate is high.
- 20- Today.
- 21- Held in 1983.

-Aresh Shirali

ANSWERS TO THE PREVIOUS CROSSWORD

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| Ans. 11 Bloody | 12. Abraham | 13. Albania | Down : 1 Magadha | 2 Arena | 3 Cheap |
| 14 Niagra | 15 Dia | 16 Nest | 4 Lib | 5 Yuan | 6 Marx |
| 17 Atlas | 18 Kobo | 19 Lo | 7 L.A. | 8 Nab | 9 Nest 10 Ho |

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

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| 1 Mark Twains real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens | 7 Israel. |
| 2 Shakespeare's first play was-'A Comedy of Errors'. | 8 'A Flight of Pigeons' is the original book on which Junoon' is based. |
| 3 Vishakhadatta. | 9 Duran Duran same 'A view to a kill'. |
| 4 'Mouse Trap' - by Agatha Christie | 10 Paul Hardcastle. |
| 5 Poltergeist was directed by Steven Spielberg. | |
| 6 'The teachings of Don Juan' was written by Carlos Castaneda. | |

-Aresh Shirali.

A LITTLE BIT OF FLUFF

All in the name

English actress Hermion Baddeley has a prized note from Bernard Shaw. When he saw her on the stage for the first time, he scribbled this message :- "Change your name from Miss Baddeley to Miss Goodley."

What was that again ?

New item in the Indian Express in the release of a new postage stamp depicting a Siberian Crane : "Facsimile of the special multicolour stamp to be issued my the Siberian crane on the occassion of the International crane workshop to be held at Bharatpur.

On the cover of a pre-recorded cassette : 'Lata Mangeshkar's hunting melodies ?

SIGN OUTSIDE a newly opened cinema theatre : "We have sweating capacity of 3000 people.

Cartoon Quip

Government official to foreign tourists: "You want to see the best examples of Indian art, architecture and handicrafts ? I am afraid you've come to the wrong place-You must go to paris.

Vintage remark

After landing at an airport in California, a woman discovered that her luggage was missing, and reported her loss to an airline representative. He asked her "What colour is your suitcase ? "wine coloured", she replied.

"Oakly", said the official, continuing to write, "Red of white" ?

The last word

Whenever one of the office staff mentioned having an ill friend or relative in the hospital, the others wanted to know in which ward they were and claimed to have been admitted in that particular ward.

One of the senior staff members dying to out smart his boss, said to him one day, "By the way, sir my niece is in the hospital. "His face lit up. Really ? Which ward is she in ? Enjoying his moment of triumph, he replied "Maternity-You've never had reason to be in that ward."

"Of course I have", He answered. "Even men are born in 'maternity' you know".

Age Bound

The 80 year old man, although still in excellent health, felt it necessary to regist the determined advances of a widow some twenty years his junior

"Mother and father are both against it," he explained.

"You are not going to tell me that your parents are still living ?" Cried the woman.

"Quite the contrary, I'm referring to Mother Nature and Father time".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,
The Oliphant,
Welham Boys' School,
Dehra Dun.

Dear Sir,

This is in reference to your Newsletter of 19th May 1985 distributed only on the last day of the term that is on the 29th May '85

Regarding your article, "The State Of School Affairs Part II", we would like to refute your statement that "This was followed by the revival of English Elocution after a span of two years.....competition successfully". To remove the erroneous impression generated by the Newsletter we may mention that the following functions were held by the English Department since 1983:

Spring Term '83

1. Inter School English Prose & Poetry Elocution Competiton.
2. English Essay writing competition
3. Inter House English Elocution Competition

Autumn Term '83

1. English Essay Writing Competition

Spring Term '84

1. English Letter Writing Competition
2. Inter School English Prose & Poetry Elocution Competition.
3. Extempore.

Autumn Term '84

1. Debate (Inter House)
2. English Essay Writing Competition
3. Debate (Inter-Section)

Spring Term '85

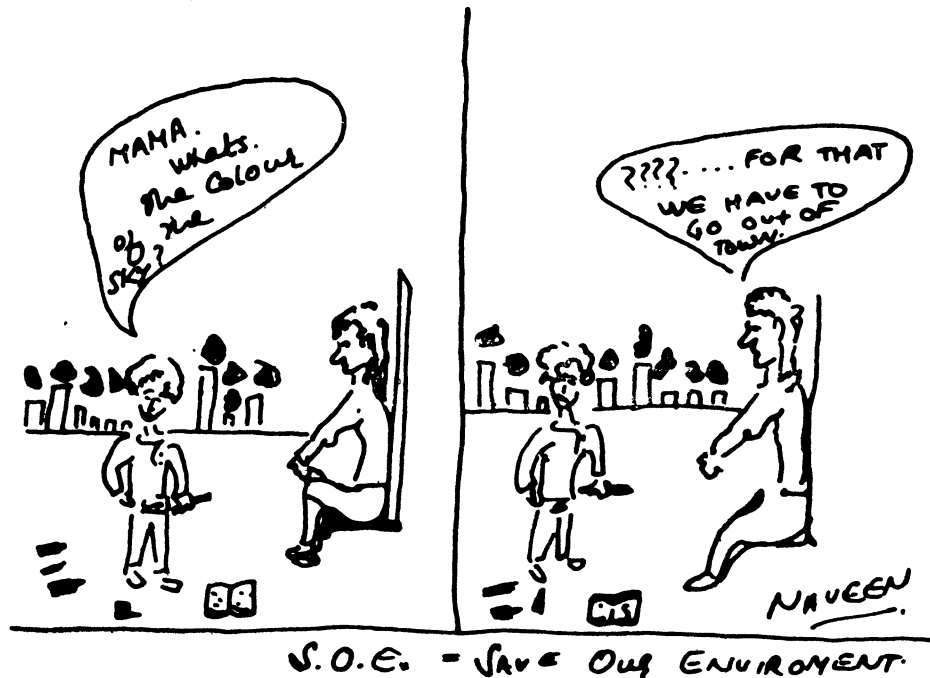
1. English Essay Writing Competition
2. Inter House Elocution Competition

The Inter School English Prose & Poetry Elocution Competition is being held every year-ever since Mr. Kandhari launched it in '83. And all this was done quite spontaneously and not after the 'nudging & prodding' by the Editor.

Journalism requires ethics which includes meticulous checking of facts before publication.

The irony of it is that the editor has not only been participating in all the functions but also winning many prizes.

Yours truly,
The English Department



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Many new books have been brought by the school library. Amongst them being quite a few titles by Agatha Christie, Graham Green, Daphne Mauries James Harriot, Isaac Asimov. Many new reference books both in Hindi and English have also newly come to the Library. It would take a lot of time and printed pages to print the whole list of new books at one time. We however intend to print a list of twenty five books every issue, as we are doing this time.

TITLE

Cacti and the other Succulents
To read fiction Poetry Drama
Complete book of Indoor Games
Guinness book of World Records 1985
Facts of life
Encyclopedia of Science Fiction
India's Foreign Policy
Second World War
Selected Poems by Rabindranath Tagore
Mountains in Tibet
Practical English Grammar (Exercise-1)
Studying Drama
The death of King's Canary
Practical English Grammar (Exercise-11)
Iliad of homes.
Government Inspector
Rehearsal
Jason and the golden fleece
Ragged School
Pip and the Convict
Mask of the Amubis
Selected poems
Death under Soil
Son of the Revolution
Conversation with children
Flowers and Design to copy
Master of the world
Rough Passage
Latter day Psalms
Water colour step by step

We appeal to the boys to make good use of the library which is now well stocked with books of all kinds and with nearly all good magazines. Dwelling on the point of the library we would request to maintain silence in the library and also to work after books which for any avid reader are treasures. Tearing of pages destroying books is unforgivable. Some of the books in the library are listed below :—

AUTHOR

Roeford, Thomase
Hall Donald
Arnold Peter
Mc. Whister Norris D
Miller Jonathan
Holdslock Robert
Dutt. V. P.
Taylor A. J. P.
Tagore, Rabindra N.
Allen Charles
Thomas A. J.
Crow Brian,
Thomas Dylon
Thomas A. J.
Cavander Kenneth
Williams Guy
Owen Bill
Cavander Kenneth
Owen Bill
Dickens Charles.
Thomas, G
Fernando, Patrick.
Snow C. P.
Heng Liang
Liang R. D.
Ades Lolu.
Verne Jules.
Parthasarathy. R
Ezebile Naisim
Petersan Kolani.



गांधी - मेरी दृष्टि में

जब भी किसी देश में बुराई उत्पन्न होती है, या अन्याय, अत्याचार गुलामी से जनता परेशान हो जाती है, तब एक महापुरुष जनता को इन कठिनाइयों से मुक्ति दिलाता है। मैंने इन नेताओं को हर दृष्टिकोण से देखा और इन में सबसे अधिक प्रभावशाली गांधी जी को पाया है।

मैंने उनके जीवन के विषय में अनेक पुस्तकों को पढ़ा है और एक चलचित्र 'गांधी' भी देखा। पूर्ण जानकारी पाने के बाद मैं उन्हें महापुरुष नहीं पर एक महात्मा के रूप में देखता हूँ। उन्होंने देश के लोगों में प्रेम, एकता, त्याग और राष्ट्रीय भावना जागृत करने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ी।

उनके इस कार्य में कोई बाधा नहीं टिक सकी। यहाँ तक कि उनकी पत्नी एवं संगिनी की मृत्यु भी। उनकी देश के प्रति सेवा भावना क्षीण नहीं हुई। वे ज्ञानी, विचारशील और सहनशील थे और अपना कर्तव्य निभाते रहे। इससे अच्छा उदाहरण देशभक्ति के लिए और क्या होगा? उन्होंने आने वाली पीढ़ी, जो हम लोग हैं, उनके लिए यह सब किया।

मेरे विचार में वे ऐसे व्यक्ति थे जिन्होंने गुलामी के विद्रोह के साथ-साथ जात-पात और धार्मिक दंगों का विरोध भी किया। यह कोई मामूली विरोध नहीं था। उन्होंने उपवास रखकर अपनी जान की बाजी लगा दी थी। वे न मन्दिर जाते थे और न छूत-अछूत में विश्वास रखते थे। वे एकता की खातिर घर-घर जाकर समझाते थे।

हर लेखक ने उनके साधारण रहन-सहन पर अत्यधिक प्रकाश डाला है। वे एक धोती पहनते थे और जाड़ों के समय एक

चादर ओढ़ते थे। वे आम व्यक्ति की तरह भोजन खाते थे। वे पढ़े-लिखे थे और अच्छे परिवार से सम्बन्ध रखते थे। वे चाहते तो आपार सुख-सुविधा प्राप्त कर सकते थे। पर उन्होंने ऐसा नहीं किया? वे देश से विषमता निकालना चाहते थे और इस और उनका यह पहला कदम था। उन्होंने भाषणों द्वारा ही नहीं परन्तु 'हरिजन' पत्रिका में लेख देकर अपनी भावनाओं और देश के सुधार के विषय में विचारों का प्रसार किया।

इन सब बातों को जानकर मैं ही नहीं बल्कि कोई भी, गांधी जी की सेवा में निःस्वार्थ भावना देख सकता है। मैंने किसी की ऐसी देश-भक्ति की लगन न देखी है न पढ़ी है। उन्हें 'बापू' और 'बापू' कहकर बुलाया जाता था। परन्तु अब मैं कहूँगा कि वे हमारे लिए उससे कहीं ज्यादा थे। हमें उनके जीवन का अनुकरण करना चाहिए।

न ट ख ट पा ण डे

नटखट पाण्डे आए आए
चुरा किसी का घोड़ा लाए
घोड़े पर हो गए सवार
घोड़ा चला कदम दो-चार
नटखट पाण्डे थे शैतान
लगा दिए दो कोड़े तान
घोड़ा दौड़ा देख मैदान
नटखट पाण्डे गिरे धड़ाम।

सौरभ जैन



THE FOOTLIGHTS ARE FLASHING AGAIN

'Blastfighter' was the name of the film the senior boys got to watch the first saturday, last night. A harassed young man decides to set 'each and every one of them' right. It was amazingly similar to 'First Blood'.

The juniors were shown the much talked about

'Karate Kid' the sunday after 'Milkman' was the name of the film they were shown the following sunday.

The Krishna and Jamuna entertainment show fell within the course of the fortnight. 'Aaj ka Seth' the hindi comedy was with which the show was given

a start by Krishna House. Samarendra and Devrja sang 'Blowin with the wind' Jeetendra gave a monoacting performance of a person trying to commit suicide. Maneesh Marwah and Rohit Sinha came up with a skit on a 'Sharabi' to receive a crescendo of cheers, while Deepak Rishi sang a Hindi song. The group song 'He mere Vatan ke Logon' concluded Krishna's show.

Jamuna began with a so called 'Surprise' performance by Manjul Sharma. He came up with a unique new 'instrument', a mouth organ to be more distinct, consisting of a hair-comb and a sheet of paper. Indeed an unusual and flabbergasting contraption! It left the audience amazed. The English play entitled- 'The Mechanical man' followed. Rahul Priyadarshi

sang a short hymn and Sauravan Akshay, a hindi song. The Hindi play 'Talakha ka Mukadma' was interesting to watch, not to mention how funny it was. Manjul Sharma's second 'organ-recital' was the finale, which followed the hindi play.

Gaurav Kampani and Kapil Gupta represented the school in the hindi debate at the Welham Girls School. The Welham girls bagged the Trophy.

The school soccer team - (The first 22) watched a documentary on the techniques of soccer

'Gandhi-a Profile' - the light and sound production is scheduled for the 2nd. Wishing it a success.

-Aresh Shirali

CULTURAL NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

On the 21st September a Quiz contest was held and was supervised by Mr. Benjamin. The houses taking part were :

TOAD HALL, WHITE HOUSE, RIVER SIDE
and NEW UPPER. The boys participating were :

TOAD HALL - PRATIKAKSHA BASU V
RANDHIR SINGH IV
WHITE HOUSE - BIKASH CHOUDHARY V
ASHISH DEBROY IV
RIVER SIDE - NIRAJ KAKATI V
AVIRAL SINGH IV
NEW UPPER - GAURAV MURGAI V
PRANAV PRIYADARSHANI IV

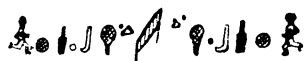
It was a very good and exciting Quiz. White House did superbly well and at the end of the last round White House came first with 70 points. Toad Hall came second with 45 points New Upper came third with 30 points and River Side came fourth with 20 points. But when the results were called out the White House boys shouted and before rest of the points could

be called out some boys left the auditoriom. They were called back. Mr. Kandhari was very annoyed by their behaviour and walked out in a huff. Thats all on the Quiz front. On Sunday evening i.e. 22nd Sept. the 'B' houses entertainment programme was held. The teachers involved were:-Miss Banerji, Miss Torres, Mr. and Mrs. Chaturvedi, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. Chopra and Mrs. Torres. The participants acted surprisingly well but best of all was the behaviour of the audience. It was much, much better. Special mention goes to Aviral Singh for his superb mono-acting. It was a very good comedy mono-acting. When finished, the audience gave a thunderous appaluse. An extra appaluse was given to Toad Hall, because all the boys took part. 'King Canute and His Courtiers' the play done by IV class boys was superb. It was directed by Mrs. Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin's play 'Half the profits' was also done well, another play worth mentioning was 'Maharaja Uday Singh Ka Antim Din', directed by Miss Banerjee. Thats all for this week see you soon.

Flash : The latest news is that a cobra had been sighted in one of the lower School blocks, on the 23 Sept. '85. It has brought great excitement for the IV and V class boys. It was killed next morning and is lying in the

Biology laboratory Where Mr. Mahendroo may do a dissection on it.

—Pratikaksha Basu-V B



IN THE ARENA OF SPORTS

Not anything much this time in sports, though I did have a tough time tailing the thin trail of activities.

Welham Boys and R. I. M. C clashed in a football match on the 23rd of September. The game was almost one sided. In the first ten minutes of the match, the R.I.M.C. smashed the Welhams offensive. The opposing team put a lot of pressure on Welhams when they penetrated their defence and scored two goals. With standing the pressure, Welhamites were able to reduce the margin, through Masroor Hussain. According to experts Welham played far below their known potential. The final score was 2-1.

The first 22 of the football team were shown a documentary film on football techniques.

The Inter-House Diving competition took place on the 21st September. In the Sub-Junior section the results were as follows :—

KRISHNA	-25 points	Cauvery	-23 points
JAMUNA	-24 points	Ganges	-19 points

In the Senior section Ganges emerged the victor and bagged the Diving Trophy for the second time consecutively.

The final scores read—

Ganges	— 103 points
Cauvery	— 98 points
Jamuna	— 97 points
Krishna	— 91 points

Ashish Goswami exhibited an exceptional talent of diving and was awarded a medal, as he emerged as the best diver. Our congratulations !

Basketball has been resumed. Boys seem to be rather enthusiastic and the machinery of the sports Department continues to hum with activities as winter approaches.....

—Manvendra Salklan

SPORTS NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Inter-House diving competition was held on the 21st of September, in the Sub-Juniors, the following boys took part—Raghav Banta, Vikram Singh and Hitesh Mahajan from White House, Amit Arora, Gurinder Bir Singh Sandhu and Pratiksha Basu from Toad Hall, Neeraj Kakati, Ashish Garg and Piyush Kedia from Riverside, Gaurav Murgai and Chetan Kandhari from N. U.

Gaurav Murgai got an Individual prize for being the best diver in the sub-juniors. Riverside took away the cup and N.U. followed by just half a points difference, third came Jamuna with 23 points and then Ganges with 16 points. Mr. Ravi Prasad was the judge. That's all on the front of the diving competition.

On the 18th of September we had a friendly match with Hill-grange school. We beat them 2-1. Niladri Ghosh and Manav Mohan scored the goals. The Hillgrange boys played rough after the half-time

but our backs Anup Kumar and Munish Suri were tough enough to block their moves. It was an interesting match.

—Amer Singh-V A

WELHAM NEWS

The school got a Micro computer recently which is now being used. They boys of classes 11 and a few selected boys of class 10 are being taught the method of using and programming it. Mr. Bhatia has been made the head of the Computer Section. The new course is a brainchild of Mr. Kandhari, who is the guiding spirit and an active participant of the computer programme.

The Inter-House Quiz competition took place on 21st September. The result showed Jamuna as the victor with 13 points and Krishna second with 9 points. There was quite an improvement in the presentation of the Quiz. We were given facts regarding the question to help increase our knowledge. A great amount of credit for it's success goes to Mr. R. Prasad and Dr. S. Saxena, the organisers, and to Manvendra Salkalan, Ritesh Yadav, Kapil Gupta, Anurag Chadha, Sanjay Sen and Anuraj Gambhir among the boys, who helped in conducting the Quiz.

The Inter-House Diving competition was held on 21st September. The result showed Ganges as the victor and Cauvery second. Krishna emerged victorious in the Junior School. Ashish Goswamy was declared the best diver in Senior School. The accomplishment of boys while diving shows the great amount of hard work put in by Mr. Gurung in order to

train the boys.

The play 'Gandhi, A profile' is being held on 2nd October which is 'Gandhi Jayanti'. It has a total cast of about 90 boys. It will be a public performance Mrs. Devendra and Ms. Yadav are central figures perhaps the most enthusiastic participants. They are the co producers and directors of the play. The Audio Visual squad under the guidance of Mr. Raina are doing an excellent job in perfecting the lighting system. The stage committee under the guidance of Mr. Gusain has constructed a new hut for the play.

Mr. Neeraj Jayal is often seen moving about with his Sitar and the Oliphant is informed that he will be playing the instrument in the play. Mr. Rajiv Jayal also joined the choir practice session which were conducted by Mrs. M. Mishra and Mrs. Devendra, who has sung a few solo lines in the play. Dr. Saxena and Mr. Ravi Prasad are busy working on the costumes. Mr. J. K. Kapoor and his team, are busy in the construction of props.

All around there is hectic play activity with rehearsals going on as late as 10:30 p.m.

Two adventure courses of mountaineering for classes 9th and 11th are scheduled for December. and

in late March for classes 10th and 11th. These courses are being organised by Mr. Kandhari in the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering Uttarkashi.

Mr. Ajeet S. Rawat, Warden of NU left for other problems at the end of last term. Boys will remember his enthusiastic and vigorous coaching at games.

Mr. R. Jayal is working hard to organise the starting of a new C. C. A., Archery. He has made standard sized bows and arrows already. We welcome this new C.C.A. and wish it all success.

—Amit Kamra

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