

THINK ABOUT IT...

Those who like my work, raise your hands and those who don't like my work raise your standards... -Warren Buffet







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As the winter sun prepares to grace us with its presence, the rains have finally started retreating. This year's monsoon was the worst possible experience and it broke several records. Welham is ready for the transition and we definitely appreciate the winter sun above us. There is lot to look forward to in the latter half of the term as the forthcoming month promises to be frenzied and busy with Founder's just around the corner.

This issue of the Oliphant is unfortunately delayed thanks to the mid-term examinations. Since the editorial board did not want to compromise on quality, we took a stand by postponing this issue to the present date. The Oliphant board is to be commended upon for taking it out in such a short span of time and, as the stand-in Editor, my grateful thanks to everyone. The Oliphant offers to you a ribtickling Lasagne, which I am sure, will relieve you of your tension. As always, this section of the Oliphant talks about how Welhamites utilize the gift of 'time', optimally.

'Rising Intelligentsia' -as the name suggests, gives you something to think about. It puts forth different perspectives to CCE (short for Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation). Students will now have to face exams every month and will be awarded marks on the basis of their behavior, class conduct and socializing skills also.

Ringside View brings you up to date with all the sporting events and there has been plenty of action in the sports field.

Happy reading,

Parambir Singh Bajaj

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thanks for giving me the honour of "Dudette of the Month". I am really humbled by the article. We all contribute in some form or the other to make the LRC a vibrant place. It is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm with which Welhamites come to the LRC to access books and information while maintaining the sanctity of the place.

Ever since the LRC was built in 1990, it has been a benchmark library not

just amongst schools but also amongst Universities and research institutions. Over the years each one of us has contributed, (some by reading the books and removing the dust between the pages!) in making it what it is today.

We always endeavour to make LRC a dynamic place, changing with time using technology and looking of the needs of its users. Thanks once again.

Amita Kandhari

RESPONSE

Dear Ma'am,

It has been our privilege to acknowledge a person every month for the service they provide to this school and we, as a team, could not have thought of anyone more suitable than you. Maintaining the books in the LRC and at the same time keeping a check on the boys is no less than a herculean task. And you perform this task with efficiency and for that, Oli congratulates you, yet again. Thank you for your response. Please keep writing to us.

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WRAP UP

The football team started their season by participating in the CBSE Cup. Both the U-16 and the U-18 had high hopes as both of them were the defending champions. However, hopes were soon shattered for the U-18 Soccer team who suffered a defeat against the Asian School in the semi-final. However, the U-16 team were crowned the champions again. After claiming the CBSE championship, the U-16 team looked forward to the District championship. They kept their spirits up as they won the District championship in a nail biting penalty shootout (6-5) in the final against Colonel Brown School. The U-18 team, yet again, had a disappointing performance as they crashed out in the quarterfinal of the District championship going down to Carman School.

After a series of losses the school team wanted to prove their worth in the All India RIMC Cup. In the opening match against Doon International School the team came from a goal down, to win the match 2-1 with Umair Ali scoring a brace. Next, the team faced St. Joseph's Academy who defeated us 3-1. The last match of the group stage against Doon Valley Public School was crucial as its result would





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decide whether we would qualify for the quarterfinals. We won the match 2-1 with goals coming from Shivesh Kumar and Umair Ali. In the quarterfinal we faced the Asian School again. This time we gave them a run for their money as we won the match 2-0 in a game which we totally dominated. Kishlay Jha put us ahead through an early penalty and Shantabya Rana hit an unstoppable volley into the back of the net just minutes before half time. In the semi-final, we faced the defending champions, the Tibetan Nehru Memorial School. We outclassed them on the field but were unable to score a goal. The game came down to the penalty shootout where we lost 3-2. The team's winning streak ended but they had good reason to be proud of themselves. Thanks are due to the leadership of the captain,

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Kishlay Jha, and the tactics of the coach, Mr. Barthwal.

With the interschool football events almost coming to an end, the school got to see some skills through the football interhouse. Krishna house with the reputation of the best team on paper, proved it again on the field. They defeated Cauvery and Ganga house both by the score line of 2-0 and a draw against Jamuna house earned them the football trophy.

The school tennis team have slogged it out on the courts, under the guidance of the captain Shriyam Gupta and have left for their IPSC tournament. The squash team had been gearing up for their IPSC and their wait was over as they battled it out in RIMC. Talents like Vanshaj Singh, Raghav Dahuja and Shubham Gupta were hopeful of earning a name for themselves. The team started their tournament with a loss to Modern School, Delhi as they beat us 2-1. Our next opponents were The Doon School and we beat our rivals 2-1. Then, we thrashed DPS, R.K. Puram 3-0. Our last match in the guarter-finals was against the host team RIMC. They shattered our fate of entering the semifinals by beating us 2-1. Much was expected from the squash team as their performance was spectacular but it was a good show put up by them as it was their first IPSC tournament.

The school badminton team participated in the IPSC badminton championship with Nirvan Tibrewala, Dhruv Changoiwala and Anirudh Saraf making it to the quarterfinals. Nirvan Tibrewala and Vansh Chaudhry reached the semi-finals. Vansh has been selected to represent IPSC in the National Badminton tournament.

Our ever active basketball team continue their rigorous training regime as they consider the sky as their limit. The U-17 team left for Ghotan, Rajasthan for the IPSC. The tournament was interrupted due to the inhospitable behaviour of the host school, L.K.S.Singhania as they had a spat with the Scindia School. Hence the tournament was called off.

FOCUS

No matter whether there is rain or it is sunny, no matter how hot or how cold, you will always find people on the field. They train and they play. They play the beautiful game,- 'Football.' The football team trained hard and though it didn't get them any silverware, hard work never goes waste! We had one of the youngest teams comprising several 15 year olds. This may be the best football team the school has seen in many years. They stunned their older counterparts with their talent and also gained valuable experience which is essential in every sport. With experience you get to know your mistakes and learn from them. The more experience you gain, the better player you become. The future of Welham football is secure and this team can create history by becoming the most successful football team till date.

The football season is almost at an end, and here I must mention some players -

Kishlay Jha

Our captain who leads the team by example is a pure talent. He can tear the defence apart with his Ronaldo- like moves and clinical finish. He is quite a role model in school as he seems to emulate Cristiano Ronaldo in his skills as well as his looks. His inspiring speeches are much like the speech given by Mark Antony as he succeeds in creating in us a thirst to win. Hats off to our captain!

Shantabya SJB Rana

The Wesley Sneijder of the team. Be it a perfect pass or a cracking shot which can rattle any keeper, he can do it all. He is able to mesmerize the crowd with his skills. He can make a defender dance to his beats. He is considered to be the most skilful footballer in the school. People always have high expectations from him and he does not disappoint them most of the time.

Divij Gupta

One of the 15 year olds who played for the school team for the first time, this young man may be short in terms of height but can bring down anyone who comes his way. He plays with a 'neversay- die attitude' and is determined to win the ball. He will surely be one of the best in school as time passes and he becomes strong, both mentally and physically.

Shivesh Kumar

His height once again is no barrier to his potential to run the ball through any kind of defence no matter how strong. A bit temperamental moody he really has the thirst to score goals when he is in a mood to play. Unfortunately his thirst for goals has of late, not been fulfilled as his shots are more often off target than on. He is said to be a look alike of Asamoah Gyan of Ghana.

Sushant Vashisht, Viraaj Bhullar, Deepesh Gupta, Vishal Singh and Fahad Siddiqui

The wall of the team has not been very successful in saving their post this season. As this was their first season in the senior team, I am sure that they have learnt from it and will take the necessary steps. Viraaj Bhullar, one of the main defenders, seems to be dreaming of mouth watering delicacies but still is very hard to beat. He can be the best defender of the team if he is successful in losing some weight. Deepesh Gupta, the short man in the defence line, is always determined to clear the ball or the player; a young man who can really hold the strikers. Vishal Singh and Fahad Siddigui are the youngest members of the team. They have had a marvellous season as they are capable of anticipating every move of the opposing team. They have been amongst the best performers this season. They still have many more years

to play for the team and are the future of football in school. Last but not the least the keeper, Sushant Vashisht; it is difficult to predict his capabilities and wonderful reflexes by just looking at him.

Oli acknowledges the football team for their dedication to this sport and hopes they cross every hurdle next year. I smell success and victory!

The common rooms are occupied again by the football and the cricket fans. With Manchester City dominating the transfer market and Jose Mourinho's arrival at Real Madrid, fans are looking for a change. As far as cricket is concerned the Champions League Twenty 20 has begun with the Chennai Superkings, Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers, Bangalore carrying the hopes of the Indian fans. Things didn't turn out to be as expected for the tennis fans as they were hoping for another Nadal vs. Federer final. It was Novak Djokovic who faced Rafael Nadal in the finals with Nadal emerging victorious and claiming his first US open title. This victory gave Nadal his 9th Grand Slam title and he is the 7th man to win a career grand slam. Kim Clijsters won the women's title for the 3rd time and 2nd time in a row. Rohan Bopanna and Aisam UI Hag Qureshi made the subcontinent proud by reaching the finals of the US open in the men's doubles. Leaving the rivalry and the hatred of the two countries behind, they showed the world how they could work as a team. They are an inspiration to the youth of the both countries to join hands and move forward towards glory!

The countdown is on for the Common Wealth Games. The country hopes for its success. The stars will surely be missed in the grand event , but young Indians will get a chance to show the world the potential of India. I do hope that the Indian talent will take this opportunity and become the stars of tomorrow!

> Kunja Shrestha XI-Humanities



Artist: Eminem

Album: Recovery

Genre: Rap



When the whole world forgot about Shady, he came back to leave everyone awestruck. Eminem hit the US charts with his latest album 'Recovery' and has remained in the Top Five for the past twenty three weeks.

The title song 'Not Afraid' defines his character better than any other song before. He has already received three awards for it. His other hits are 'Love the way you lie' featuring spicy Rihanna and his solo 'Cold Wind Blows'.

Eminem promises something different in each song of his, bringing in Jazz, Rock, R&B, club music and a touch of metal. No wonder he is the artist with the highest TRP this year and a favourite to win the Grammy.

If you got the taste for Rap Music, Eminem should be your pick. For starters, listen to some of his previous hits and find out more about his history and then hit on Recovery. Trust me, you really need some of this!!

> Pranav Chadha 10 - A

MATHS

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One, two, three, four, five, Which subject do you like? Maths will be the most popular of them all,

If all the methods you can recall.

Studying math's can be a lot of fun, But if you don't concentrate in class, Your problems have just begun, There are sums full of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, But math's requires a lot of revision.

Into higher classes as we go, Math's gets tougher, I think so. But I love to do all the problems and equations, The fractions and also the four operations.

In math's you really have to use your brains,

On your mind you have to put lots of strain.

The calculations have to be done as fast as a train,

Or you will be left behind standing in the rain.

In math's mugging up will not help you, You have to remember all the formulas, old and new.

Logic and understanding play a huge role,

They help you in achieving your goal.

Devansh Raheja



Nature has a lot to offer. Its beauty and bounty are endless. It is up to us to how we take this offer. Nature's admirers definitely can have a great time appreciating what was served on their plates. Let's catch a glimpse of a few of these showers of autumn: Common Name: Mexican Silk Cotton Botanical Name: Chorosia speciosa Location: Indus Gate

A medium sized deciduous tree with small and sharp conical prickles. The leaves of this silky cotton flower tree are palmately compound. A softwood tree, its seeds are generally sown in the rainy season, and they germinate in eight to ten days. Overall, it is a beautiful tree with a bottle shaped green trunk. These days the beautiful pink flowers that have flowered on the tree add to its beauty.



Common Name: Golden Rain Tree

Botanical Name: Koelreuteria Paniculata

Location: The corner of the Skating Rink, Young plants near Oliphant House, Near Activity Centre.

These trees grow upto 15m high and have a cylindrical trunk. The bark is dark grey and shallowly fissured. The leaves are abruptly bi-pinnate and sometimes odd-pinnate. Presently, the tree can be seen changing colour from golden to red.

> -Shreyansh Bhalotia X C



25 YEARS AGO IN WELHAM

- Mrs. Talukdar held an art exhibition in Jehangir Auditorium in Bombay. The exhibition was a great success and was given wide coverage by several magazines.
- Every term the number of books in the library gets bigger and the same has happened this term. A few of the books that arrived are: ENGLISH
 - 1) Guiness Book of World Records
 - 2) Vet in Harness
 - 3) Opus 100
 - 4) 1000 Photo Tips
 - Many other books on art, literature, and fiction have come. 'TIME' a world famous magazine has started coming to the library.

MY FRIENDLY **PET NECKY**

My pet is a giraffe. Its name is Necky. Necky likes to eats lots of green leaves and vegetables. When I don't like to eat vegetables I give them to Necky. It finishes the vegetables in two or three seconds. After that Necky puts me on his back and plays with me. On Mondays, Wednesdays and on Sundays I give him a nice bath. When I throw water from the pipe he dances with delight. Then he splashes water on me.

Once I tried to train him for the friendly pet competition. First I asked him to dance with me, then I tried to make him jump. He tried but failed. On the day of the competition we worked hard, however we couldn't win the first prize but we won the second place.

When we came back home, Necky was tired, dirty but very happy. Necky is my best friend ever. We will always be together.

> Chetanya Motani 788 IV B

To, sur dearest teachers happy teachers day for 5th of september. We love and everpect all of you very much. We see you working hard from morning to night. You be subjects but more than that you teach us to be teach us subjects but more than that you teach us to be honest, hord working and well behaved. Some times you are honest, hord working and other times you are lowing and strict and scold us and other times you are lowing and strict and scold us and other times you are lowing and infort us. We understand that you all have dedicated your life for us. We will try to be good now but more import we will never forget you, because you all have more a huge difference to our life. We thank you from the bot

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of our heart. From From all students of Junier school.





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Sports

- The under-16 Soccer team won the CBSE and the District championships, while the Under-18 team managed to reach the semifinals of the tournaments. Well done, team!
- The Table Tennis team played the CBSE table tennis tournament held in Pestleweed College. The team comprised of Samarth Jain, Tushar Badjate, Rachit Nandwani and Ambrish Sarma.
- In the inter-house squash for the senior school, Jamuna house emerged victorious. Vanshaj Singh was adjudged the best player of the tournament while Krishna Agarwal was adjudged the most promising player.
- The Skating inter-house was held from the 14th to the 18th of September, Cauvery House emerged victorious. Congratulations!
- The school U-17 Basket ball team participated in the IPSC tournament held at Gotan, Rajasthan from 26th September to 1st October.
- The Badminton team participated in the IPSC badminton championship held at Pestelweed College, where Dhruv Changoiwala and Anirudh Saraf made it to the quarterfinals. Nirvan Tibrewala and Vansh Choudhary reached the semi-finals.
- Vansh Choudary has been selected to represent IPSC in the National Badminton tournament.
- The school Tennis team has gone to

Patiala to participate in the IPSC tennis tournament starting 25th of September.

- A 'Yoga' inter-house was held in which Cauvery house emerged victorious in the middle school as well as senior school. Congratulations!
- In the Soccer inter-house Ganga house emerged victorious in middle school while Krishna house bagged the trophy in senior school.
- The Squash team participated in the IPSC squash championship held at RIMC.

Debates

- The school was represented by Raj Shekhar and Jaskunwar Kohli in Bro J.L. D'souza Inter-school English Debate held at St. Josephs' School. Our team stood second and brought the trophy home as St. Josephs' School who stood first were not eligible for the trophy.
- A team comprising Tushar Badjate, Jaskunwar Kohli, Yuvraj Goswami and Raj Shekhar participated in the Chuckerbutty debate held at The Doon School.
- The school hosted the Oliphant Memorial Inter-school English debate on the 12th and 13th of September, The team consisting of Yuvraj, Jaskunwar and Raj represented the school and stood first. Jaskunwar was adjudged the best speaker and Raj the most promising speaker. St.George's College were the runners up and took the trophy to Mussorie with them. Well done!!

- The school participated in the Maharani Gambhir Kumari Interschool Hindi Debate held at Cambrian Hall School on 14th September in which Chirag Joshi and Shreyansh Bhalotia represented the school and stood second. Even though the school stood second, they brought the trophy home as the host school was not competing for the trophy.
- The English department organised the Arthur Hughes inter-house debate where Jamuna house stood first, and Jaskunwar Kohli was adjudged the best speaker.

Quizzes

- The school participated in the 75th annual Doon School Quiz held on 5th September but unfortunately could not qualify for the final round. The school was represented by Akul Gurtu, Shreyansh Bhalotia and Pranav Chadha.
- The school participated in the Eureka Science quiz held at the Welham Girls' School on 28th August,2010. The school was represented by Rachit Nandwani, Shivam Khanna and Satyendra Pal.
- An Inter-house written Science Quiz was held on 1st of September for the entire school.
- A Ramanujan Mathematics Interhouse quiz for senior school was held on 18th August.
- The IPSC quiz for classes 6 to 12 was held on 18th September.



Model United Nations

• An inter house MUN was organised by the school on 27th, 28th and 29th of August. There were 100 delegates, five Chairs, 5 Directors, a Secretary General and 5 councils. Jamuna house emerged victorious for the second time in a row and the best delegation was Russia.

Mock Parliament

• The young and future leaders of the country battled it out on various important issues during the second inter-house Mock Parliament for Middle School held on the 30th of August. Ganga house emerged victorious.

Bird Flu... Swine Flu... and now, "EYE FLU"!

• The school has been a victim of the 'eye flu', which has affected more than 150 students including the faculty. The hospital ran out of space to accommodate such a huge number of patients and they had to be shifted to their respective hostels.

Welham going International

 Samarth and Veer of class 11 are going to Wasatch Academy, USA for an exchange next month. They will be accompanied by Mr. Ajay Kailkura.

New addition to our 'W' community

• Finally, the school can serve better and faster internet facilities. The internet connection has been changed from BSNL to Tata Indicom, after being impressed by its photons!

The young ones

- On the 14th of August a power point presentation was conducted by the IT department for classes 3, 4 and 5.
- Junior school had English Handwriting competition on 21st August and a Hindi Handwriting competition on 28th August.
- The Music department organised an

inter-house music competition on 28th August.

- An Inter-house written Science Quiz was held on 1st of September for classes 3, 4 and 5.
- A JAM (Just A Minute) was held on 9th of September for class 5.
- A group of boys went to The Doon Girls School to participate in a Hindi elocution.
- Boys of classes 3 and 4 went to Welham Girls' School to attend a workshop on Art and Craft on the 4th of September.

Budding Film-makers

 Mr. Gael Metroz conducted a film making workshop for the students and finally came up with a movie made by each house. It also resulted in an Inter-house film making competition which was won by Ganga house followed by Jamuna and Krishna house.

Linguistic Excellence

- The English department conducted a spelling bee competition for classes 6 to 10 in the month of September. Jamuna house stood first in the Middle school and Ganga house in the Senior school.
- The Hindi department organised a Hindi elocution in which Krishna house bagged the title. Chirag Joshi was adjudged the best speaker.

The Emerging Talent

Sanat Anand of class 9 stood thirty fourth in the All-India National Talent Search Examination all over India. Congratulations!

Dude of the Month

From paisa paisa karti hai to awesome Hindi shayeris, Mr. Murlidhar Joshi tries everything to make his class interesting. The explanations he gives to the class are lively enough to make a dead man jump from his grave. He has a story to support each and every sentence he speaks.

He is very strict about discipline in his class and starts off with his moral lectures to influence and motivate his class. His check of hygiene is the most famous with his common punch line "don't sow me yor ditty tith." When he is to address the class, he begins with "mie dear istudants" and ends with "You to yaaaaaar but". His superb dialogue delivery and linguistic skills have led him to be in-charge of "Charan das Chor", - a hindi play, which promises to steal the hearts and minds of Welhamites and guests on Founders Day. Mr.Joshi added a feather to the cap of the Hindi Department by helping it to get its first debating trophy by his tireless efforts with the two participants. The joy on his face the day the students won the Maharani Gambhir Kumari Memorial Interschool trophy, sums up his zeal to achieve the trophy. Who can forget the Sankalp issues and the inter-house competitions he has conducted where he made the audience enjoy each and every moment with his extravagant sense of humour. He has the verbal skills to pinch without hurting. When his class gets 'grastic' change in their behaviour, he gives them bun-tikki parties. All said and done, Mr. Joshi is a very dedicated, committed and above all a very helpful teacher who surely will take the Hindi Department of the school From Strength to Strength. Oli wishes him the very best for his plans and future stay in Welham.

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While the whole world was busy discussing or rather criticizing the CWG 2010 and our own politicians were playing their favourite blame-game, a whole new 'league' of politicians and diplomats was in the making here, at school. As in the past, the school hosted an inter house MUN as well as a Mock Parliament for the senior and middle schools respectively. Oli focuses on one of the most successful 'student driven' activities of school.

WBSMUN 2010

"The world is here. Are you coming?" This tagline of the WBSMUN 2010 was more than enough to make the WBSMUN '10 one of the 'classiest' and most awaited activities in school. With 100 delegates, 5 chairpersons, and 20 press members and with a gigantic participation of more than 150 students this MUN was one of the best things that have happened this year. The following numbers tell a better story:

No. Of Delegates: 96 Suspensions: 43 Expulsions: 2 Photons used per house: 1 (except Ganga which got 4)

Sheets of Paper used: 4000!!

Let's see what one of the delegates had to say about the WBSMUN 2010...

HRC

The hallowed day which was feared by a large number of Welhamites had finally arrived. It was the 27th of August and that meant the beginning of the experience of a life time as the Humanities Department. It was this on day the motion to set WBS MUN to action was finally passed. An electrifying ninety -six Welhamites were transformed from students into delegates. Some were even seen consulting the dictionary to make their opening speeches impactful. I was present in the HRC council as a delegate. I was on my way to becoming a diplomat. The council was dominated by the students of class XI. On the first day the council turned out to be very dull and the delegates were familiarised with the basics of MUN procedure. It was the second day which bought the council to discuss critical issues such as the rights of LGBT's. There was also a 'motion of entertainment' which finally meant that the delegates could convert themselves to students for a very short while. There were many motions to adjourn the house but our chair did not agree. Our council also had the Gupta brothers from Dehrionson. Surprisingly one was the chair while the other was the best delegate.

I would like to sum this three days spent in the Geography Lab as a rejuvenating one. It felt as if I was surrounded by the whole world and I got an insight about their views on the rights of LGBT's.

> Ananya Khemka Delegate of Iraq

MOCK PARLIAMENT

If anyone have had walked into the LRC on the 4th of September he would not have believed his eyes. Of course, believing that fifty little 'innocent' Welhamites were sitting and "seriously" discussing issues like 'reservation for women in colleges' is a formidable task. For those of you who are new to this mad-house, this was the Mock Parliament whose main aim is to introduce middle school students to a demonstration of what they study in their civics books. The participants took on roles as representatives of their parties (houses). It was conducted by the students of XI Humanities, with Samarth Chaudhari as the speaker of the Lok Sabha and Sahil Jain as the chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, and they did a commendable job. After three hours of non-stop debate the meetings were finally suspended and surprisingly, the students had come up with very innovative and practical solutions to the problems. Here are reports as they say, directly from the horses' mouths:

RAJYA SABHA

August 30th was a memorable day for all the up-and-coming parliamentarians. In the cool seating of the AV room a heated discussion took place on the issue of a thirty-three percent reservation for women in universities/colleges.

The Chair Sahil Jain and the director, Rema, managed the proceedings by combining the formality of a professional chairman and the fun element of a true Welhamite. After three hours of discussions, questioning, voting and a million other procedures a final bill was passed with five clauses. This was followed by a discussion on the bill in the Lok Sabha on the issue 'Less Supervision



of teachers'. In conclusion it was an enjoyable way to spend a Saturday evening.

> Harshun Mehta Class VII B

LOK SABHA

When I was told that XI-Humanities had to administer the Mock Parliament I was rather depressed. Sacrificing a Saturday evening for something like Mock Parliament was not something I would like to do. But my experience of the mock parliament changed my impression. Managing the Mock Parliament turned out to be a very exciting affair. Looking at the Middle School students putting forward and substantiating their arguments was delightful. I must admit that their way of articulating points was sometimes far superior to that of the senior school boys. First we discussed the bill-'Less supervision of Teachers' and had some exciting debates. Some questions were even fired at me leaving me dumbstruck. Later, we discussed the bill in the Rajya Sabha-'thirty-three percent reservation for women in universities/colleges' clause by clause and passed it after making some amendments. At the end of the event I was cribbing about the limited time, wishing that the event had been a little longer. It was an exhilarating experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

> Samarth Chaudhari XI Hum

SUMMING UP

Considering that this was just the second time that the Mock Parliament was held in school it turned out to be a huge success and I obviously do not need to talk about how the WBSMUN '10 turned out. Since there has been quite a huge demand for extending these inter house activities to Inter School ones, both from the students and the teachers, Oli wishes them a very best of luck in their endeavours.

> Politically Correct Shivam Khanna

Interview with **Mr. Swashpawan Singh**

It's not every day, you meet someone who has represented his nation and secured its national interest, by setting new heights of proficiency and diplomacy. Yes, I am talking about none other than Mr. Swashpawan Singh. Mr. Singh, an officer of the IFS has served as India's permanent representative of India to the UN, and also a representative of India to Geneva. He visited Welham on the 27th of August, and graced us with his presence during the WBSMUN-2010. He was one of the leading personalities who was responsible, for the formation of the HRC. Here is an insight into the conversation Oli had with Mr. Singh.

Oli: Sir, starting with your career, you did your BA (Honors) in English from St. Stephens, after which you worked for three years in the private sector and you also taught English Literature at St. Stephens College. Which post were you in when you joined the Indian Foreign Services? Sir, what made you shift from the corporate sector and then, to the Indian Foreign Services?

Mr. Singh: When I joined the corporate sector, I was very young. It was a career which was very promising so I joined it. It took me three years to realize that, that was not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. So I got an opportunity to come back to my college at St. Stephens, where I studied, to teach. And I enjoyed teaching but then I realized that I was teaching a foreign literature; I was teaching English Literature, and for Indian students it was interesting, but not something I saw myself doing for the rest of my life. I also had an interest in getting into public life, and I felt that even the privileged background I had and the kind of education that I thought I should get an opportunity to serve my country, to be a part of the representation for my country, and that is how I got into the Foreign Services.

Oli: Sir, why did you feel that it was important to form the Human Rights

Council and how did you go about it, since you played a key role in it?

Mr. Singh: Human Rights has been a region of concern for the United Nations. It's one of the major objectives that United Nations addresses itself to. There was earlier the Human Rights Commission. It was felt by some countries particularly those in the developed world that the Human Rights Commission had ceased to be as effective as they would have liked it to be. The HR Commission had a provision for special procedures wherein, if some particular country violated Human Rights, there could be complaints against them. Those would then be considered but they found the Human Rights Commission did not permit discussion of some of these the members were with the developing countries. So the initiative this into a council came from the developing countries and it was a part of the reforms process that type Security Council General, Mr. Kofi Annan, promoted.

Oli: Sir you were the ambassador of India to Kuwait between January 2002 to October 2005 and you were a part of the team that negotiated the release of Indian hostages in Iraq. So sir, could you tell us a little about what the crisis was all about, and what India's stand was?

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Mr. Singh: You know, those were difficult times for us, because as you know, the forces that went into Iraq, went from Kuwait, and a lot of logistical support was provided by people from developed countries. So, there were Indian truck drivers who the Americans had hired. A few of these boys along with one Egyptian were driving the American trucks with military equipment and they were, in a sense, hijacked by the opposition and taken hostage. And those were forty extremely difficult days for us, because we did not know what type of a situation it was, and how to get in touch with them, or at what location they were, or whether they were being shifted from one venue to another. So, we had to use all our diplomatic skills, including the help of our host government, the Kuwaitian government, as well as the Kuwaiti company which had hired them, and also the Americans who were in charge of the military, to first locate them and then negotiate their release. I was assisted in this by an Indian team which was already in Baghdad, who had been sent there for this purpose. And between us, with a little

bit of luck but a lot of hard work, we were able to save them and bring them out in a special aircraft. It took forty days of negotiations and a great amount of uncertainty, but we were fortunate.

Oli: Sir, you have been in UN for so many years. What skills do you think are required to be an ambassador to another nation, and how exactly does one go about joining the UN?

Mr. Singh: Well, I was India's ambassador to the UN. I did not work for the UN. The UN has its own civil service and its own way of joining it. They advertise vacant seats. But if you join the UN, then you work as a civil servant for the UN it's different from working for your own government, and in representing at an UN institution. I was in Geneva as India's ambassador to the UN. The primary requirements was to first define and then protect the Indian interests within the UN system which is a very complex system, with multilateral institutions and organizations, with its own procedures, own ways of arranging and managing things. What you need to be an Indian Ambassador to the UN are three thingsone, great commitment to your country's interests, second, taking great pride in being an Indian and third, being a great professional. You must be as good, if not better than every other person who you have to sit across at the table and negotiate with.

Oli: Sir, having been an ambassador of India, how do you think the world looks at India in the UN?

Mr. Singh: You know, over the thirty five years I have served in the IFS, there has been a very significant change in the way the world has begun to look at India. We used to be seen as a poor, developing country, and we, a lot of the time had to be defensive. That has changed. What has changed is that India has started doing well. It has become the world's largest democracy. It has a political stability, and all of this has changed the way the rest of the world looks at India.

Mr. Swashpawan was with the school for two days. Oli hopes he had an enjoyable stay with us. Oli wishes him the very best of luck.

Rajat Arora and Shreyansh Bhalotia

The Oliphant Memorial Inter-school English Debate

Just like every year, this year too, The Oliphant Memorial Inter-school English Debate 2010 was held on the 12th and 13th of September. The qualification round commenced with the great enthusiasm amongst the eight participating teams. The debate was organized in the Oxford format and the house assembled to discuss the 'Basic Principle of Life is to Enjoy it' on the 12th September.

The top four teams qualified to the next, that is, the Welham Boys School, Mayo Girls College, St. Georges College and YPS, Mohali coalition round held on the 13th of September. This round in the modified parliamentary format created more attention and appreciation than anticipated. Here Welham Boys School and St. Georges College were clubbed and pitted against Mayo Girls College and YPS, Mohali. Leaving no stone unturned the teams argued to thoroughly convince the audience that 'Form is better than Content'. As the sun sank in the horizon, it was the proposition consisting of Welham Boys School and St. Georges College that cleared this nail-biting event.

Finally, at the much awaited 'Grand Finale', Welham Boys School and St. Georges College put up a great show giving the listeners a real insight into a sensitive issue of national concern. The topic before the house was, 'The Commonwealth Games are a waste of national money'. Unfortunately at the end of the day the winner stands alone,



when 'Welham' emerged victorious in the neck-to-neck challenge. Jaskunwar Kohli was adjudged the best speaker and Raj Shekhar was awarded the most promising speaker title.

The event received great appreciation. Thanks are dueto our judges and Chairpersons for sparing valuable time for us and the school gives kudos to the English Department for this herculean task. Oli hopes this legacy moves from strength to strength each year.

Raj Shekhar



THE RISING INTELLIGENTSIA

word war **REDEFINING** Indian Education

I remember when I was in class X, last year, we had two very disruptive classmates, who tried their level best to ensure that the teacher could not teach the class the way he wanted to. Last week I peeped into my ex classroom: and I could not believe my eyes! How were the pupils of the present class X so attentive? On asking my friend standing beside me, I was told that this had to do with CCE!

Time has changed rather fast and so has the entire ethos of the education system. And a system of continuous comprehensive evaluation (CCE) in India is a decision well appreciated. The CCE is applicable for the classes IX and X at present. A system that evaluates a student on a day to day basis unlike the traditional system where the entire show runs on that piece of paper you write at the end of the year in each class. That obviously does not mean that taking a written examination does not have any significance. CCE recognizes its importance and that is why it includes written examination as one of the criteria to judge a child. It thus evaluates a child on a wider range of parameters ranging from your formal examination to your role as student in the class. It definitely takes into account your co-curricular activities, the sport you play, your linguistic skills and your fitness as well.

Why do we really need to introduce a system like the CCE? A question I am certain everyone ponders about. Does this system not teach you two plus two as four? The same thing what was being taught to kids earlier? Yes it does teach you the same thing but there are essential life skills that have never been measured. This system tries to strengthen those qualities and skills in children, qualities that are an essential part of their upbringing. On a macro scale, it lets us see where individuals would stand when they have to compete with the big bad world outside, irrespective of the level they compete at. Gone are those days when access to information was a problem and smartness was proportionate to the matter inside your head, but today, smartness is determined by the application of the information one has in his grey matter. Thus, there is a need for a revised education system, one based both on academics and the development of other skills essential for life as well.

My observation reveals another interesting fact. Most of the developed countries in the world have adopted a system somewhat similar to CCE. School education is one of the primary factors that determine the development of any country. We need to produce thinking minds, minds that are questioning and certainly minds which are rational. This system would surely make a difference. Being a student of class XI, I haven't had the privilege of experiencing this new system. So, here are some views of other students and teachers.

> Raghav Dahuja XI Sc

FOR CCE

I strongly believe that the new system of CCE that has recently been introduced in CBSE schools is going to benefit the students in a way that they will never have anticipated. First of all, it will provide students with a platform to showcase their creativity in many things. For example, as there are quite a few projects given to the students to make charts, the students can express themselves freely, and what's more, be graded for it! CCE also provides students with a solid platform to prepare themselves for the future by assessing them for many things that matter, like their behavior in the class, or the time they take to submit their projects. These criteria for marking also make sure that the students do not concentrate only on their marks, but also on their character traits, which may even play a bigger role in deciding the career of a student if he opts to do something not related to scholastics. Another positive factor of CCE is that the students do not only have to memorize textbook material for only one examination. Instead, they have to keep working their brains throughout the year as there are frequent class tests and graded assessments for the students to prepare for. Last but certainly not the least, CCE provides a student-centric education, revolving not only around school books, but also taking into consideration the students health and physical education, including sports and games. So, a student cannot afford to only study and not play games! In the end, I think that the introduction of CCE is a positive step taken to only improve the lives of the students in all aspects.

> Mr. Pushpak Bhandari English Dept.

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OLI POLL

Do you think CCE will be able to serve the purpose for which it has been implemented?



Welham Pie



Those Ones

- "When you can't find a solution, you look for a distraction."
 - Mrs. Indrani Lahiri
- "We don't want a mere squad, we want a team"
 - Aniruddh Saraf
- " Spend a day like me, you'll have a sound sleep"
- Mr. Aseem Tripathi
- "I confess, I am going to be the first man in our batch to get married and also the first to get divorced!"
 - Rohan Sharma
- "It is not your height that matters, it is the heights you reach that matters."
 Divij Gupta, on his sporting abilities.
- "Only your conscience can be your true role model." - Dr. Bhandari to XI Sc.

AGAINST CCE

In my perspective, the introduction of CCE in Welham will almost certainly leave an impact on the lifestyle of the students. Now in vogue, CCE is the new education system that I personally feel should not have been implemented. It basically functions on giving grades for almost everything, ranging from confidence to the spirit shown on the sports field. I mean to say that students are basically graded for everything. With CCE, I think that students will genuinely concentrate on their behavior in front of all their subject teachers. Cautiousness will now be the motto for the students of classes 9 and 10, lest they should get on the wrong side of the teachers and consequently receive a dismal C or a D+ in their lengthy report cards! I feel that giving grades for things that are not in the least related to scholastics is a step in the wrong direction, and moreover, the constant pressure of class tests being held almost every day is enough to drive a student around the bend. It is reasoned that students will be confined to an extent with the constant pressure of CCE lingering over their heads. But obviously, a teacher's perspective on this issue may be entirely different from the scenario I have just created in a student's perspective. I fervently feel that normal examinations should be conducted, and students should not be failed for a little indiscipline, for we are children after all!

Akul Gurtu IX A

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THE DREAM OF AN INDIAN

India is a land of diverse people i.e. people with diverse ideologies, diverse views and above all diverse opinions. But our notion of diversity has different perceptions because of which we have forgotten the true sense of being diverse. Many of us are segregated and discriminated on the basis of gender, religion, caste or status in the society. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. Why is it that only on the 15th of August we remember the struggle for independence, the unity of the different communities which shook a mighty colonial empire? On Independence Day, we unite, no matter what our positions and together we relive the past.

We often relate Independence with Mahatma Gandhi. True, but Mahatma Gandhi was just like a support to the creeper, the creeper being the citizens of this country which now is an independent democratic republic. His plan would have been a distant reality, if he had not been supported by millions of people. In the time when India required unification, if Dalits had remained Dalits or Muslims had remained Muslims and not joined hands under the common name India, you never know, maybe we would still be under the rule of the Union Jack and the Tricolour would have been a dream. Although a separate state was demanded by the Muslim league, the zeal to be independent awakened a spirit of unification.

If we take a look at the present politics in our country and compare it to the British policy of divide and rule, is it not the same? Why divide such a great power? Imagine, what we can do with this great power? If we can unite for this one day, why can we not unite forever and show to the world, the real talent of Indians, their real calibre?

We may not have East Bengal and West Bengal, but we certainly have 28 different divisions of our homeland which have within themselves various sub-divisions. A Marathi and a Bengali salute the same tricolour; the saffron colour does not exchange its position with the green one for a Marathi, so why do we have such labels like Marathi or Bengali?

By this I do not wish to say that we forget our identity as an individual belonging to a certain community. We need to be different people at different forums. Our identity cannot remain the same at all platforms. In a way, our identity should carry the label 'Indian' along with our distinct identity. Before actually identifying ourselves as a Marathi or Punjabi or Bihari, we should identify ourselves as 'Indian'.

So, my point revolves around identification, but in a broader sense, it is not just about identification, it also includes in itself unification and as said: Unity is Strength

Where is the strength? Where is the power?

Coming closer to home, why can we not be united in school? Why can a senior not treat his junior like his brother? It is because, we have a gap, an identity gap and this is why a junior does not want to present his views to a senior to take the school from strength to strength? 'Why do we identify ourselves as seniors or juniors?' We are all Welhamites! Oh sorry! Indian Welhamites...

> Shreyansh Bhalotia X-C

Poliphant

I am "I"

A few days back I got into an intense discussion with one of my so called 'liberal' friends, when he put across this statement - "It does not matter what you really are; all that matters is what you show to the outer world. Values, principles are all archaic now and are no more a part of the twenty first century". This very 'liberal' thought of his set me thinking and here are some ideas.

Life is not a term just used to define the years one has lived on earth. Breathing, eating and sleeping, this definitely can't be termed as one's LIFE. Animals fight for their survival and presumably humans as well. But what differentiate them are their beliefs and the path they take to achieve it.

Winning and losing are synonymous to life. But what makes the equation of life unbalanced is the excess hunger for the former and phobia of the latter. You may win or lose, but when somewhere in your heart you know and remember the hard work you did to achieve what you have achieved, it fills your heart with pride. When you recollect the two months of intensive practices, while lifting the cup, your heart has an extremely pleasant feeling. This feeling seems to lie somewhere between joy and pride. There is nothing artificial or superficial about this feeling. But this feeling only comes when you have worked substantially for that moment, when you have cruised through all the rough and smooth roads to reach the final destination. However reaching the final destination is not the point; the point is whether you did what was desirable to reach the final stop. Maybe you are one of the most pretentious beings on earth but at the end of the day you can't run away from yourself. There is no point of time in life where you can hide yourself from your own eyes. Maybe today principles have temporarily faded in the bright "awesome" things, but the

truth stands unchanged. A life without principles is identical to one without direction.

You live one "important life" and have multiple roles to perform. As a son whose father has endless expectations from him, as a friend whom people look up to, every day our roles increase and so do our responsibilities. Thus, value yourself; maybe change for the better but don't lose yourself at any cost. The basis of you being an individual is the fact that you are unique and therefore you ought to preserve that individuality. So the next time you look in the mirror, you must see a unique person standing in front of you, who has dreams to chase, and is definitely not a duplicate of the existing world. You must be able to divide the world into two groups-At one end the whole world stands, and at the other the person in the mirror.

Trying to find that person...

Abdul Manan Bhat

WELL...HMMM...







LASAGNE

Lampoon

My first time writing the Lampoon. I wonder how I should go on with it...I have a standard to maintain, my erstwhile columnist has been advising me tirelessly lately, but I'll try and put my own flavor in this. So here goes...

What is the thing that drives Welhamites berserk or crazy with joy; makes the Principal shudder in dread and parents howl in delight? Just guess for a moment. What do you think it is? Let me give you a hint: The 'Dreaded O-word.'

Got it? No?

OUTINGS!

Personally I thought you'd be smarter. Anyway, outings are an integral part of the typical life of a typical Welhamite. Without it, no Welhamite can keep sane; it is a necessary evil. After every 'out', a group of Welhamites chatting about the day is not an uncommon sight. Each Welhamite has his own story to tell, from meeting his girlfriend and the tight slap he got that still stings, to the birthday party he'd been to, to the fly in the soup that his friend swallowed. Here's what the most common stories are based on:

• **Pamper the Tramp-er:** Generous Welhamites are often taken



Cafe' De' Piggy's

advantage of by professional beggars who swamp them constantly asking for alms in return for blessings that will get them good marks in exams and good wives! A certain , very tall Welhamite was swamped by such a group of beggars once and ended up looted after one of them slipped his hand into his pocket and ran off with his money. The story goes that this tall, 'Brave' Welhamite now plays basketball for a living and plans to go to play in the U.S.A. soon. • Another unfortunate individual went out with a girl, last outing, and once again met with the infamous group of tramps, and ended up handing out all his money to them just to impress the girl he was with. In the end he had to tell her, "Let's go somewhere else... I'm kind of 'bankrupt' right now."(blush-blush)!

ONALDS

• **Pain in the Rain:** This is something I'm not very eager to emphasize. To be honest with you,

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something very embarrassing happened to me two years ago. It was one of those outing days when there was heavy rain, so heavy that the road turned into a river and I was stranded near the Ghanta Ghar as no auto-rickshaw could run on the roads. I decided to move towards Astley Hall and so I waded up the 'river'. Halfway, I suddenly fell into the water, as if some underwater predator had pulled me in. It was one of the most common things seen on the Indian street- the dangerous open man-hole! I was lucky enough to grab the edge and pull myself out just before I sank in and drowned. On the other hand, it was not so lucky after all because there were some girls from 'another 'school who had seen me come out. covered in filth. I'd like to end the story here because it gets even more embarrassing after this.

Hole in the Pocket?: Though Welhamites get a fairly substantial amount of pocket money for an outing, it is not enough, what with the high cost of living and the outing plans he has made. He needs a ride to ,say, Astley Hall, plus a ride back to school in the evening (Transport Expenses: Rupees 30+30=Rs.60) Then he has to taste that McChicken Burger or else he'll go insane, and he also needs a coke and some chips(Food Expenses: Rupees 25x4 = 100). Then he has to go to and watch that new movie, and chat with his girlfriend on STD, and update his Facebook status (Entertainment Expenses: Rupees 70x3=210) Wait, how much has it totaled to...Rupees 370!! Small? No. In fact, this exceeds the maximum amount of money a Welhamite ever gets for a self-out (Rupees 350)!!! Conclusion, the Welhamites will have to cut down some of his expenses, hence, alternative plans. Else he has to go with a group of people so that they can all be happy cooperating and contributing money to support each other. I guess that's exactly what the

ever- wise school authorities are trying to do- promote teamwork among the students by forcing them to learn how to share money with others. Bravo! Bravo!

Meet the Parents: When the boys come back from their outings the gate becomes one of the most interesting places in the school. Just watching the relatives once again leaving their loved ones behind is enough to inspire any filmmaker into making a tragic film about walls separating families. They fight with the guards, shout out their "goodbyes" and "I-love-you's" to their children and reach out from behind the gate, attempting to reach out and touch each other for the last time...The scene reduces one to tears. I remember one parent saying in melancholy, "Beta! Until the next outing!"

But that's not all. The parents play a much greater role than that in association with outings. When an outing is cancelled, it's always the loving and ever-ready parents who come to the boys' rescue. They take to drastic measures to oppose the cancellation, and give Mr.Lahiri sleepless nights, and torment him by ringing constantly. Truly, with all my heart, I sympathize with you, Mr.Lahiri, and I also suggest you buy a Virgin mobile before you cancel the next outing. That way, at least, you'll gain something from the numerous incoming calls.

• Lala Re Lala: One extraordinary phenomenon among Welhamites going out is that some of them have opened khatas in the (in) famous My Shop. No, it is not a misprint and I don't have a shop. It's one of the most important landmarks known to Welhamites I'm referring to. Some lala-s in school actually go out just to sit outside My Shop and stuff themselves with junk the whole day! No wonder the owner of My Shop loves Welhamites.

That Girl I Met !: Many

Welhamites come back to school intoxicated by love. They talk of the divine beauties they have seen outside. Many of the stories go like this-

"I was just walking out of McDonald's when I saw this beautiful girl from Hopetown. I was dazed by her presence and the atmosphere she created around her, and my eyes followed her as she came towards me. Her fragrance was overwhelming- it was as if she was an angel from Heaven! And I still remember how she looked at me, those eyes, and she gave me an inquisitive smile, but I was speechless! I watched her as she got into a car, until she had left Astley Hall. I'm telling you- I THINK I'M IN LOVE!!!"

"Yeah. So what was her number?"

"Number? Oh, fish! I don't even know her name!"

And they still find themselves deeply, madly, and truly in love. Sheesh!

Other Welhamites come back teary and depressed. Guess why? The hard, painful let-downs, heart breaks and breakups they suffered from, during the day. It makes you go soft in the heart when you see these poor, depressed souls as they starve themselves or try and gorge their sadness away (No, Ashutosh. We already know that the reason you got fat wasn't a broken heart. So you don't fool us at all. And Pranav, we also know you didn't get thin because you broke up with your girlfriend.) To stay fit, you've got to stay single. Thank God I'm single!

Outings are truly miraculous events. Let's hope we get more and more of them...everyday, if that's possible. Is it possible?

Going out?

Lalremtluanga (Rema) XI Humanities



THROUGH THE KEYHOLE...

- Anirudh Saraf: Guys I am the editorial...
- Deepanshu Sharma: Guys bada sar dard ho raha hai...KEROSENE de do...
- Mr. Painuli: All "PLAYBOYS" to report outside...
- Devanshu Goyal(referring to the duties of the care takers): Their main job is to 'care take' of the school.
- Saksham Goel: Ma'am do we have to write the harmful uses also...
- Boy (to Mr. Mishra): Sir, how good are you at squash? Mr. Mishra: Buldy, I'm so good that people call me 'ROGER MISHRA.'
- Khole to Rema: What cartoons do I have to make for Welham hmmm...
- Umair Ali : I was playing PSP on Suri's Ipod.
- Dhruv Changoiwala: My articles dont need any 'edition' (He meant ' Editing')
- Peyush Trehan while talking to Parambir," I don't want anymore girlfriends ...I am a one man woman"!!!
- Tushar Badjate (so proud): I have been for two debates as a reserve and in both we have not qualified!! (Achievement?!)

Separated at birth

Mr.Dhingra	Mukesh Khanna(Shaktimaan)
Raghav Dahuja	Govinda
Divesh Bidhuri	Chulbul Pandey(Dabangg)
Mr. Lahiri	Morgan Freeman
Gursimran Singh	Ali Zaffar(Tere bin laden)
Siddharth Singh	Sultan Mirza (Once upon a Time in Mumbai)
Samdish Khurana	Bijender(Khosla ka ghosla)
Gaurav Prasad	Ayush Jindal
Ashutosh Agarwal	Rishabh Dixit

OLI'S BELIEVE IT OR ELSE

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- Shubham Gupta was adjudged the Best Delegate of his council. (Guess who was the Chair?)
- Sahil Jain blinks at a sensational speed of 120 blinks per minute.
- Jimmy was reading the 'SANKALP'...
- Abdul Manan is prone to shoe bites.

EVER WONDER WHY...

- Deepanshu Sharma says the grace only during dinner?
- Tushar Badjate is apprehensive of the topic "malnutrition"?
- Rachit Goyal is thinking of joining a Matrimonial Services Agency?
- Shashwat Agarwal is obsessed with Babban Biscuits (Bourbon)?
- Eleventhies are upset with some decisions Mr.Lahiri has made for them (They've lost all 'HOPE')!
- Rohan Sharma expresses a peculiar dislike for Spiderman. (How is your 'sister', Rohan??)

WHAT'S IN WHAT'S OUT

OUT	IN
Socials	PR Squad
Wanted	Dabangg
Toast	Hot Bread
Suryanshu's animal	Manoviraj's animal
Swine Flu	Eye Flu
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Glimpses...

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