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Editorial

Welcome back readers and a very Happy New Year.

The cold wave has struck the Doon Valley and the college has repented with a few changes—some welcome and some not. The first period has been temporarily cancelled and it is a welcome change. But at the sametime PT has begun from 23rd Jan and is still not welcome due to the ever growing cold.

There has been a change made in the arrangement of class rooms. This is a blessing in disguise for the classes VI & VIA, not to mention how. The library has also purchased a few good books after a long time.

Tapkeshwar temple is being visited more often now. The boxers are going there twice a day running their heels down in the process.

The Journalist Club has also got back into action and hopes to do more justice to the college affairs than everbefore.

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Visit of Brig Karim

The year 87 saw the visit of Maj Gen Mohd Mumtaz and last year we had the opportunity to welcome in our midst one more Rimcollian from Pakistan, Brig Karim, who visited us in December. His visit was really a wonderful surprise. He was accompanied by Maj Gen SC Sinha.

We had the traditional wreath laying ceremony and then a gathering in the Bhagat Hall. We all could feel the way he felt. Though there was an age gap between us and the Brig but all the same we could feel the good old days of RIMC being recreated. He sure did make us all nostalgic.

He talked of other Rimcollians in Pakistan about whom we know very little. They include such well known personalities as Sahebzada Yaqub Khan, their Foreign Minister, Air Marshals Nur Khan and Ali Asghar Khan, both ex-Air Chiefs of PAF, the Governor of NWFP and many others. We also came to know through him about the new breed of Catchpolians in Pakistan. His visit filled in a lot of blanks regarding Rimcollians in Pakistan. We keenly look forward to future visits by Rimcollians from abroad.

Cadet SS Pundir

Hockey Report

The Hockey season began this term with the traditional staff vs cadets match. The match was keenly contested by the staff members both on and off the field. It was nice to see the staff members struggling with the help of 11 players and 2 referees. But the cadets were not to give up easily and finally the score board read 4-0. According to the latest reports plans are being hatched and strategies planned to reverse the score in the next encounter. The journalism hobby wishes that the staff members pull off the coup.

The hockey season has earnestly begun with the college team practising with a lot of vigour. At the time of going to press no matches had been played, but we do hope to do so in the coming weeks. The Hockey faculty is as follows.

OIC Mr L N Thakur
Cdt Adjt AJS Sandhu (Captain)
Cdt Sec Cdr JS Dhillon
Cdt Sec Cdr R D Sharma
Cdt S S Pundir
Cdt Vivek Singh
Cdt Sgt S Sinha
Cdt K Sonpar
Cdt V Kumar
Cdt P Singh
Cdt A Kalia
Cdt N Sundar (GK)
Cdt S Thapa (GK)
Cdt P Bahl

Pratap Section Column (Gossip)

Dear readers

Pratap has been in the midst of all activities in the college. Luckily the previous cronicles came out a bit late so the identity of the writer remained unknown. Therefore the club has decided to keep the writer's name a secret for security purposes. Royal Rawlinson is finally going to bid farewell to its many permanent members who believed in the policy "Staff members may come and staff members may go, but we the cadets stay on forever." Ultimately the final term has come for our Riaz (Rawlinson) members. Knowing the way things work in India and also in our Club I thought why not bid farewell to our Riaz members in the very first issue, so good bye dear Sandy, Jeeta. Nauty, Pundit, Kuchik and Chuha. All Pratapians shall miss you.

Yeah: one more interesting thing: Our three musketeers (you know, whom I mean) felt the pangs of hunger one fine evening. So in the precincts of Riaz HQ the plans for "Operation Chicken hunt" were hatched. Our three self styled commandos set out on the mission. After a few minutes of stalking through the undergrowth they come into contact with the enemy. The commandos jumped on the poor soul, the melee which followed was worth seeing. After a minute or two of struggle the enemy was silenced forever. The 'Chicken' was skinned and preparations for the way back home began. But this is when disaster struck. Our "PT Saab" came from nowhere; probably after hearing the sound of gunfire and shells landing. By now the fight was out of our commandos and they couldn't even think of escape and surrendered without a fight. What was worse! the chicken turned out to belong the PT Saab!

Our commandos are presently being held POW and life for them is not very easy. So the moral of the story is "Never go after somebody else's chicken especially when it is a PT Saab's".

The Peeping Tom (Sam)

Shivaji Section (Gossip)

Confessions

One of common problems shared by the rest of the country and Shivaji Section is the terrible problem of FOOD. Yes, in capitals, food is an acute problem rampant behind the Cadet Captain's room. With hunger acquiring unprecedented dimensions and this being the beginning of the term, till now, like the post monsoon season, cupboards and kitboxes have been overflowing with a bumper grub crop. Finding green pastures & fields with crops ranging from chocolate pastures, to home made "laddoos" to saltless "namkeen" the senior cadets get down to harvesting. Some time tested formidable camouflage fail, some survive. Some new techniques come up lending a new apparel every time to the same old cold war. This time the raid harvest could extract about 41 1/2% of the grub content. An improvement, needless

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to say, over the summer term rating of 27 1/4%. However, the remaining food catered to the feeding needs of the juniors but not for long. Unauthorised dispossession, local illegal non-coercive tax collection by phantom collectors, better known by the fancy technical term—"thefts", accounted for over 48 1/2% of reserves.

However, another problem has struck. Though being a very old one, it still lacks a stable solution. Boxers! With all the tea shares of the section going into their stomach. (Only semi-officially, unofficially greater parts of them go into the senior cadets' stomachs), there has been an imbalance among the non-boxers at both gastronomic and psychological levels. However, it is a known natural technique that every imbalance is soon rectified by some other method, hence the boxers are frequently knocked out at discovering the disappearance of their tea-biscuits & samosas. Many a boxer can be found staring disbelievingly at their huge locks, blissfully unaware of the loose nails in their latches (cupboard latches). This has resulted in a compromise. Some boxers are getting their shares distributed among their termers so that, they, at least, secure their own legitimate share of biscuits. Thus it is suggested that the college authorities sanction extra shares for the boxers so as to reduce the social local stigma of illegal dispossessions.

By— The Shivaji Sleuth

Ranjit Section (Gossip)

Life is moving along a sid track with bird watching relegated to a secondary occupation and boxing taking the first place. The ritual runs to Tapkeshwar are taking their toll with the boxers getting a headache before the run and a headache after (guess why). The run to Tapkeshwar has its advantages too. On the fast track a few members of the fairer sex are observed. On sighting them the boxers immediately put up their guards, puff up their chests and take longer strides giving an impression of the Indian Boxing Team under training. And guess who swoons?

By— The Roving Eye

Chandragupta Section (Gossip)

By the Section Room Spy

Thinking of doing "Murga" or legs up hands down punishment inside the Chandragupta Section room is no more painstaking or a drudgery. As a matter of irony certain cadets are eager to do so. Some boys are eager to be sent to get the sauce bottles from the section room while the breakfast is in progress, though just a couple of days back, it was the opposite. Certain cadets are found strolling up and down the corridor behind the section room—shooting quick, surreptitious glances through the glass panes of the section room. The cadets who are sent to get a book from the section commander's cupboard, do not find it for moments together even if it is lying most openly. After coming out from the room a look of satisfaction

and brightness covers their face. Jobs which were carried out perfunctorily last term are carried out with extra ordinary zeal.

Could you guess the reason for all these unusual and ironical situations which have engulfed the section room ?? It is just that the section commander has pasted certain posters of saucy models—showing off their vital statistics to good measure.

Chandragupta Section (Gossip)

The clock strikes eight. It's dinner time. The actors are Junior cadets—B,R,E and their victim—a beloved senior Mr P. The venue of the act is under the dining table. Everyone is engrossed in charging for the plate of rice, because the dinner is good. Head Butler Bachan Singh gets cadet B a plate of rice. But the big glancing eyes of cadet P fall on it and the next moment it is in his hands. Poor B is left with an empty plate. Now, by using their coded message Cdt B conveys to Cdt R and E that Sr Cdt P is in dire need of a stiff lesson. Then starts the affair of aiming football kicks at the victim under the table. Moments later the so-far-jolly Sr P drops his plate of rice which attracts the attention of the section cadets. This results in inquiring glances from his course mates. Sr Cdt M was the first to ask to which Sr Cdt P replied with a sullenly bewildered face.

“Chaps are kicking me under the table”

But the curtains are not yet down. Again after dinner this becomes a gossip & sets Cadets B,R,E and the rest of the section rolling with laughter.

By—The Charming Catcher

RIMC Ante Room Buster

I am really afraid that the music which was a source of inspiration and a welcome change to the monotonous routine has been stolen! The stereo has forever been busted by some enterprising intruders. “But wherever you are, dear stereo : we shall remember thee; for music never dies. It lives on, so what, if not for the cadets, may be for somebody else”

Awarded Rimcolians

The Institution is proud to have the names of following Rimcollians added to the list of Award Winners from RIMC :—

AVSM

(i) Rear Admiral Kasz Raju, NM

(ii) Commodore P D Sharma NM

Mention-in-despatches

(i) Lt Col PVK Choudhary, Arty

(ii) Lt Rawat, 4/5 GR

COAS Commendation Card

(i) Maj J S Sidhu, Engrs

(ii) Capt Kurup

Cadet Akshay Joshi from NDA has the unique distinction of representing India at the World Junior Squash Championship currently being held at Bahria.

The entire RIMC family extends its heartfelt congratulations to its 'achievers'.

News from NDA/IMA

As usual our Rimcollians in NDA and IMA have kept the flag flying high. I am afraid the Air Force Academy and Naval Academy people are not very fond of writing to us so we are totally cut off from them. I hope if this chronicle reaches you, do respond.

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Bronze Medal
Appointments

— ACA V. Jaswal
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BCC V. Verma
SCC M. Gandhi, C Desai
CSM MPS Gill
DCC R. Sharma, AV Joshi, RK Singh and
NC Sharma.

Achievements

Blazers. Roveen (PT), V Verma (Squash)

Blues. Pradeep Singh, A Joshi (Squash)
D Saha (Football)

Half Blues. V Jaswal (Squash), DS Bajaj (Squash), C Desai (PT),
D Ahluwalia (Football)

Merit Cards. VS Pundir (Football) and S Mathai (PT)

Bayonets. In service Subjects— V Verma, V Jaswal, AS Mallapurkar, M Gandhi
and T Kashyap.

76 NDA Course. We are yet to get much information but two appointments are :—

SCC — Sandeep Arora and Rohit Chaudhary.

IMA

ACA — Sandeep Singh

BUO — R S Manaise

We are sorry if we've missed out a few of you.

Cdt S S Pundir



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Editorial

It is a very heartening feature that the chronicle is now much awaited in the college campus. The efforts of the young journalists are bearing fruit and the new look chronicle inspires the young 'Js' to work even harder.

This being the Re-union Term all eyes are on 12 March '89. Tear-off calenders are now thinning down and the count down has begun. Whether it is the hockey field or the cricket nets or the Tapkeshwar Temple—the young, eager faces of cadets reflect exuberance and the sparkle in their eyes shows their pleasure in being a part and parcel of the 67th Founder's Day.

The college campus now wears a neat, glossy look. The flowers are in bloom and every thing which is stationary is painted—as every thing that moves, is to be saluted.

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The college is witnessing a flurry of activity—the dramatists dusting their old and musty costumes, the break dancers trying to break everything while dancing, the music hobby singing itself hoarse and the other hobbies running helter skelter to procure their inputs so that their show is the most outstanding when the Rimcollians visit us again on 12 March 89.

We wish all readers a very, very Happy (And sumptuous) Re-union.

—The Editors.

Pratap Section Column (Gossip)

This being the Re-union issue, the Pratapians have a lot to re-unite as also re-organise.

The Number 10 Dorm has to be vacated to accommodate the visiting Rimcollians. Since Pratapians are the most compulsive hoppers (see the number of them over weight and inspiring others too), the stalwarts are rubbing their hands in glee and anticipation. Once they change dorms mercy will be sought by the cadet with whom they will share the cupboard. Lip smacking contemplations have already started and the mental computers are already busy in computing the maximum gains (with minimum efforts) during the week. The yardstick for calculating these gains is the number of cold drinks each of our stalwarts have been able to procure, and the number of cats they are able to 'manage'. The after effects of the Re-union will definitely be felt when the stalwarts with bulging waist lines and extra weight of lard will have to make all out efforts to get their pre-re-union trousers to fit them, without breaking the buttons or bursting at the seams, of course.

The Peeping Tom.

Ranjit Section Column (Gossip)

Times have changed from noodles being cooked in the boilers to Maggie noodles being cooked on heaters; from cadets in flares chasing girls in maxies to cadets in baggies chasing every convertible mini skirt in motion. But the basic element still remains the same: the cadet remains cadet; the zest and enthusiasm still grows and the maxies and minis still excite the you know who. Three cheers for Brooke Shields.

Moving on to lighter moments. The college purchased a computer which did not print a 'L' and 'E' (Ask Lt Col K K Sharma about it). The letter I wrote to my girl therefore read: I OV you. This computer course certainly paid rich dividends. We can now boast that we are objective base graduates which makes us sound like senior nuclear research reactor scientists.

This I am sure will make the Rimcollians lean back on their easy chairs and remember their days in the Alma Mater when they ran behind girls, heard the college bell and stole chicken from the mess. The pollution in Ranjit Section senior dorm made the senior cadets decide that India had learnt a costly lesson from the Bhopal Gas tragedy. With the leakage of methyl isocyanate. To prevent such a fatal leakage of the deadly gas in the senior dorm the anti-pollution squad sealed the cupboard No 3 occupied by a Bhopali which was proving to be such a fatal menace. Law breakers watch out—the Ranjit Section senior dorm anti-pollution squad is on the prowl.

—The Roving Eye

Shivaji Section Column (Gossip)

The famous saying of RIMC (among the cadets) "Beg borrow, steal marrow; but manage it" has come true in Shivaji Section. Our respected seniors have been using this phrase too often nowadays. Cadets (Juniors) have been told to keep too many weights in their pockets for example six handkerchiefs, two pens and many more. The pockets have been bulging out all the time even in games kit.

At last our boxing captain has found out why the weights of the boxers are increasing day by day instead of decreasing. The main reason is the extra diet of the boxers. They eat extra diet more than they work out. Now, the non-boxers are happy of their shares of the delicious puddings.

Thesedays waiters in the mess are afraid of visiting the section table. You can find Bachan Singh always looking after the desires of the senior cadets. The whole college can hear the senior cadets howling at the waiters.

Mess manners have been turned into fundamental duty by the Shivaji Section. But those who abide by these rules suffer. For example—you are told not to charge for food in the mess. The cadets who take up the duty as a goat keep waiting for food until the mess gets up. So, the phrase "Don't charge" is out of the dictionary of the cadets.

The Shivaji Sleuth

Chandragupta Section Column (Gossip)

Dear Reader,

It all started on a merry night. The grand dinner was on. Junior cadet 'R' was busy in gulping down his grub resembling a barbarian of modern times—in a well pressed blazer and tie. When he was engrossed in his food, he was not aware of the pair of cat eyes staring at him. Soon a message was passed between the tables for Cdt R to report to senior cadet P after the meal, the next day. Lunch was over and the poor junior Cdt R ran to senior cadets P's kit room. Seeing the red hot P advancing, an idea struck his mind and he found out a genuine way of handling the situation. He walked up to the senior and told him that he had to get Sgt K's cheque cashed. The senior did not lay down arms yet, and asked him to report back after the job is done. After being released from the deadly clutches of his senior he planned to forget the matter.

During dinner time, Sr Cdt P, howled out the junior's name in the mess. Suddenly, a shock went through the junior cadet and he found his legs propelling him automatically up to the senior. The senior questioned the junior on his failure to report to him after getting the cheque cashed. The junior cadet replied with a sullen face, "Please, I didn't get my cheque cashed !!!"

By saying this sentence he had already put him self in thick soup and was asked to report back, later on. Thereafter the junior also made up his mind and then started the game of hide & seek.

After a week's search he was caught and when was asked about his hiding place, he replied: "I used to hide myself behind the dressing table".

The Charming Satcher.

Eagerly Awaited-NDA Results

You might have heard about class VIA waiting for their NDA results but isn't it amazing that Class VA, alongwith junior cadets are waiting for the NDA results more eagerly than the VIA cadets. Sometimes rumours are spread that NDA results have come and class VA rejoice that new 'Mukho' will give us some liberties.

Junior cadets wait for the NDA results as much as they wait for the Re-union. Of course everyone is optimistic in thinking and junior cadets take it for granted that everyone will pass.

There is a tradition coming up in RIMC that all those cadets who pass in NDA will treat their juniors namely the full college. The very idea of NDA results symbolises treats of cold drinks and liberties for some days from the senior most class.

That is why lot many rumours are floating in RIMC. Some say that NDA results will come in the 1st week of March and some say by 10th March.

On the other side, Class VIA cadets are often seen visiting Tapkeshwar Temple. Senior cadets run with the boxers to Tapkeshwar Temple. By doing this they kill 3 birds with one arrow. Firstly, they pray for their NDA success. secondly they show their josh towards their sections and running with boxers gives them the permission certificate to eat the extra diet given to boxers. Thirdly due to the Mela being held around Tapkeshwar Temple, they get the opportunity to see some interesting young faces.

Moreover, for the lazy ones of class VIA there is an indigenous NDA God Temple. In front of CC's Room, the cover of the water pump serves as NDA God and any VIA cadet who passes from that area prays to it, bows and touches it.

Let's hope that all the cadets who appeared for NDA entrance exam pass so that we can taste the cold drinks & samosas and off course some liberties too. Best of luck to VIA.

Cdt D Rastogi

"CODE OF SURVIVAL"

Statutory Warning- The contents of this passage are not to be taken seriously.

Survival is for the fittest. You have to understand the underlying principles, it is a matter of touch and go. Survival in RIMC doesn't mean possession of a bayonet, an automatic weapon etc, etc. All I mean is how to bluff one's way out:—

- (a) Never ever retain what your senior says ie. follow the formula take in from one, ear out from the other.
 - (b) Keep on the right side of seniors.
 - (c) Even kings are susceptible to praise, after all seniors are humans; a remark like a "Good goal, Sir! simply marvellous" can take you a long way".
 - (d) Try to be inquisitive. Though you well know that you are excused running it's never bad to remind the Section Commander that the Cross-Country is approaching and the other have to practise.
 - (e) Last but not the least, be a "Lost case". The senior tells you to roll the only problem is that you have a minor cut, so go ahead with a story, "Sir, my grandfather had Artharitis and Sonambulism etc, etc" he wouldn't be able to make out head or tail of half of what you say, then come down to your ganeration. By now the senior will be totally lost if you see his face wrinkling with pain and incomprehension you've won the day, if not try another lead.
- Following, half these unwritten laws can lead you a long way. In case of failure don't blame us You have been warned.

By Cdt SS Pundir
VA

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

1. Excerpts from the letter received from Mr H Catchpole, MA, CBE, SI of Abbottabad Public School & College, Abbottabad, Pakistan.

"I intend to retire from here in April or July and shall certainly visit Dehra Dun about September if everything goes according to plan. For the last several years I have spent the long winter vacation in Karachi, helping with the teaching of English at a Cadet College.

It seems strange that I am still teaching as keenly as ever.

- 2 Excerpts from the letter received from Maj Gen BKN Chhibber, AVSM, VSM, GCC 15 Inf Div:—

"I am in receipt of the chronicle of your esteemed institution. It has indeed come off well and speaks volumes for the excellent work and atmosphere being maintained in the RIMC".

3. Maj Gen AK Mehta from Sri Lanka:—
Have been in Sri Lanka since Aug 88. Plenty of fun and games here, but things are not funny here.

My usual safari to Nepal extending over 300 KM with my ADC, Lama and boys from 2/5 and 4/5. Happy meetings with "burhas".

Short trip to Singapore too enroute to Nepal.

Getting old, less bold, grey and fat. But not losing sense of humour.

4. Excerpts from the letter received from Brigadier MM Karim, Pakistan is reproduced below:—

"I have no words to thank you and your staff for looking after us so well. Such warmth and love scarcely seen.

You showed such genuine affection which we will treasure as long as we live. Coming back to Alma Mater after 41 long years was something I had never dreamt—in fact, there was a time that I had reconciled to the fact that never will I see my college again. Spent two memorable days. hope and I pray that we would be able to come again.

I recalled my days when I was a new cadet, an NCO, Section Commander of Roberts Section & finally cadet Captain. It was Nostalgic.

Please convey my affection and love to all the cadets. I would very much like to have the names of the Cadet Captain and the Section Commander of Ranjit Section, as I would like to drop a line to them as well. I wish we could have spent more time and gone round in details—recounting the old days and events—not to speak of the pebbles which I treat doing rounds & extra drills.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

Fareweel To Pali

Rimcollians in Shimla go together to bid farewell to Maj Gen KS Kohli, GOC HQ PH and HP Area, Himla.

Maj Gen Kohli (PAALI) is from the erstwhile Kitchner Section.

Rimcollian in Bahrain

Cadet Akshay Joshi, a Rimcollian from NDA, after excelling in Limca Juniors' Squash

Championship in India had the distinction of being selected to represent the country in the 4th Junior Asian Squash Championship held at Bahrain in February this year. India finished third in the 12 team Championship, finishing second in their pool behind the fancied Pakistan. Newspaper excerpts of Akshay Joshi's exploits.

"India finished second in their pool behind Pakistan with very creditable wins over favourites Hongkong and Kuwait. Full credit for this excellent performance is to be given to Akshay Joshi who won all his matches. Special mention should be made of Joshi's win over Kuwait's Khaled-Al-Subaiy where a very dogged and determined Joshi unable to match his opponent speed very cleverly changed the pace to upset his rhythm and win in a very close match at 10-8 in the fifth game.

India beat Singapore convincingly to gain the third position. The No. 3 seed Akshay Joshi won a five setter with Roy Lim. Joshi lost the first game but fought well in the second and fourth games to clinch the match in the fifth.

The RIMC family wishes that Akshay Joshi keeps up the excellent work and goes on to achieve new height of glory for the country and himself. Well done Akshay- we are all proud of you. Keep it up.

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