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The
Editor
Writeth

A cold wave ushered in the new term and the new year. The cadets and the members of the staff, however, undaunted by the cold weather, came flocking to their beloved institution from all parts of the country after a refreshing winter break. With their arrival the deserted campus slowly bloomed once again and fast returned to its hectic life only a day after. The dormitories, the class-rooms, the mess, the play grounds that had worn a desolate look during their absence, delightfully hummed with activity.

Those of us familiar with the routine, did notice a major change this term. Unlike the past terms, we didn't have the young new entrants to welcome into the portals of the Thimayya Gate this term.

It is heartening to note that the administrative clearance will soon be forthcoming for the construction of a new squash court from the money donated by Mr H Catchpole (reported in the Diamond Jubilee Issue of the Chronicle) Ex-Principal of this College.

We are naturally thrilled and overjoyed to report that three of our 'Old Boys' have been honoured for their distinguished services, on this year's Republic Day. Col Padmanabhan and Major RK Manchanda have been awarded VSM and 2/Lt Prem Prakash has been awarded 'Sena Medal'. We are also happy to report that Brig KN Sardana our previous Commandant had also been awarded VSM. To them our heartiest felicitations.

Campus News

The College re-opens

The College re-opened on 20 January after a long winter break. The cadets however, continued to trickle in, even after 21 Jan.

Mr H Catchpole visits the RIMC

Mr H Catchpole, an Ex-Principal of the College visited us on 22 Jan 83. A dedicated teacher and an ardent well-wisher of this institution, he has shown his affection by visiting us as often as he can, and by donating Rs. 1 lakh last year for the construction of a squash court.)

He was introduced to the cadet appointments and was also interviewed by the Editorial Board. Later he had lunch with the cadets in the mess where he spoke at length about the value of academics and advised the cadets not to neglect it for the sake of other activities. He also played a game of Table Tennis with some of the Cadets.

Sub Area Commander's Inspection

The Dehra Dun Sub Area Commander Brig MM Pandit inspected the College on 24 Jan. Later he had tea with the members of the staff and Cadet Appointments.

Cricket Match

A cricket match was held between the RIMC and the Himalaya Sports Club on the 30th of January. The Home team lost by a narrow margin of 27 runs.

Oath Taking Ceremony

The Oath taking ceremony was held on the 31st of January, 1983. The Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, administered the oath to all the Cadet Appointments.



The 34th Republic Day was celebrated in the Convocation Hall. Cadets Ranjit Kumar and S Misra explained the significance of the Republic Day. The Cadets of the Music Hobby added gaiety to the occasion and sang a few patriotic songs. The Commandant spoke at length about the Republic Day and explained the meaning and value of a democratic republic. The function ended with tea and tasty snacks. Earlier, in the morning, Mrs Damyanti Chaudhry distributed sweets to the children of class IV employees.

Mr Catchpole Interviewed

Cadets Q. Sir, Please tell us something about your tenure at RIMC.

Mr Catchpole A. I joined RIMC in 1928. I became the Principal in 1948 and continued till 1953.

- Q. Sir, Why did you leave India and go to serve in Pakistan? How is your stay there?
- A. In 1953 a regulation was passed by the Indian Government according to which no foreigner could serve in India for more than a year. I could not continue to stay here by renewing my permission to serve, every year. At that time, I got a good job offer in Pakistan and that is why I migrated to Pakistan. I opened the first cadet college and spent five years there. Then I went to PAF College in Sargodha, where I stayed for 9 years. It was a very warm place, therefore I left it and joined the Abbottabad Public School as head of the English Department.
- Q. Sir, what is your age?
- A. I am '99'. Not out.
- Q. Sir, Could you tell us about some Rimcollians in Pakistan who are doing well? Do you keep in touch with any of the Old Boys?
- A. You know, there are four Provinces in Pakistan. The governors of two, are Rimcollians and that of the third is the son of adjutant of RIMC. Thus in a way Rimcollians are at the helm of affairs of the three provinces.
- Yes, I have very good associations with the Old Boys and whenever I approached them for any help or assistance they did not disappoint me.
- Q. Sir, Do the students in your school join the Pakistan Army?
- A. No, most of the students choose careers in engineering or medical Sciences. Only 10% of the total students join the Army.
- Q. Sir, May we know something about your earlier schooling?
- A. My earlier schooling was in my native place. Later I went to Oxford on scholarship. I was there for 3 years.
- Q. What are your favourite games and past times?
- A. I was an eager sportsman in the old days. I used to play Cricket, Squash and Hockey. Nowadays I play only Table Tennis. As far as pastime are concerned, the chief one is correcting exercise books. I also enjoy watching the telecast of the Cricket match.
- Q. Sir, what do you like about the present cadets of RIMC.
- A. You are all cheerful and mostly converse in English.
- Q. Sir, you must be aware that the UPSC had selected a lady to teach English at RIMC, but she has not responded.
- A. The cadets should have gone on strike, when she did not turn up.

Satan's Gift

"So, you are trying to behave as a bossy character. Turn up for rounds and I will drain these ideas out of your brain", says a harsh, bitter and sardonic voice of a senior to a weak voiced innocent

junior. What is that about which the junior is to be blamed? Usually, nothing except the fact that he is a junior and the exploitation of a junior is a self attained right of a senior. He is just a puppet, whose threads are being manipulated by the cruel fingers of their sadistic seniors. And, who are these seniors? Of course, the degree holders in the area of imparting rigorous punishment. The honours in this field have been earned as a result of two characteristics, one being in possession of an inhuman attitude towards their juniors, from whom they always remain aloof, and other being the absence of any sentiments or feelings in them.

A senior while enjoying at the cost of his juniors, is totally oblivious of all sufferings, he is inflicting on them. He enjoys despotism, which is earned by resorting to traditional tyranny. There may be an age difference of just a few months but there will be decades of difference as far as privileges are concerned between senior and a junior. This rich tradition, originated due to the folly of a maniac, has now found deep roots in all academic institutions. It has become a part of the student life. The junior lot have accepted this tradition with stoicism, when the seniors are able to have all their wishes fulfilled at their cost; the seniors could not be sure of getting a Devil-sent gift like this again in their life. These seniors are such distinguished personalities, that they are empowered to knight themselves and get the title 'Sir' prefixed to their names when addressed by juniors, without having to go through the troublesome rituals of the knight-hood ceremony, normally held at the instance of the Queen of England.

It is not that the seniors are born to be what they are. They too underwent the sufferings of the bad days as a junior. At that time there was a silver streak in their dark clouds of despair, which proclaimed that the days of happiness and enjoyment as a senior would soon come to them. They hoped that those bad days would pass soon and dreamt of the luxurious life as a senior. They all learnt the attitude of stoicism and bore all the pains, because they were weak and could not raise a voice against this tradition. Their weakness, which made them an easy prey to the evil influence of this tradition, further buttressed this tradition's hold. In the process of getting punished as a junior, the mentality of the student is modified so that he indisputedly accepts whatever is concerned with their tradition. Hence it is not really surprising as to how a powerless puppet transforms in no time into an omnipotent puppet master.

The staff as well as the weapon of these royal seniors, is corporal punishment. Corporal punishment, the means of entering discipline, is the result of Lucifer's evil eye on those modern educational institutions where it is prevalent. It, apart from being a physical strain is also a mental stress on those students who are under its tyrannous subjugation. Its presence is a proof of the fact that some barbarous trends continue to exist even in the space age of today. It does ensure discipline but at a heavy cost. In return of this favour, it allows itself the gifted privilege of being the cause of the downfall in academics and sports standards in all educational institutions.

Sometimes, in the commonly heard moral sermons, it's preached that the seniors should be like elder brothers and guardians of their juniors. It is to be kept in mind that such things are only preached never practised. The seniors, it seems, are often in the habit of getting mixed up between antonyms and synonyms of a word. Most of them misinterpret the above mentioned sermon and resort to 'tyranny and enemy' instead of the expected 'love and brother hood'. Same unfortunate treatment is given to other moral proverbs associated with leadership, like 'Practise what you preach', 'Do not exploit the weak' etc. May be they are not to blame, as these proverbs and quotations are meant more for creating some interest, glamour and appeal in a dull write up by some unskilled author, than for any practical application.

By what I have written so far, I have got the assurance to the fact that I would not have to complain of having free time in the College, in future. There will be a hungry pack of wolves always there to entertain me with their bare teeth snarls. Before I fall a prey to them, I would make just one request to my to be predators, "Kindly, reflect on your days as a junior and ask yourselves if you have done anything to improve the situation for those juniors, to whom you are seniors".

'If a cane can do wonders in restoring and ensuring discipline then a smile can bring about miracles'.

—Cadet A Nugyal
Class IV-A



A Commanding Officer of a unit on the border was inspecting a forward post when two sniper bullets whizzed past his head. He dived into a nearby trench and ordered the post Commander to locate the sniper.

"Sir, we know exactly where he is," the post Commander replied calmly. "Then for heaven's sake, why don't you shoot him?" the Commanding Officer demanded. "Well Sir," the post Commander explained, "The chap has been saiping at us for the last 3 weeks and hasn't hit anyone yet. We're afraid that if we kill him, they might replace him with one who can shoot accurately".

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The actors were new and incompetent, the dress rehearsal had proved it beyond doubt that the play would be a disaster if it was staged. Yet the director decided to go ahead. On the final day, just before the performance, he tried to encourage the actors. He gathered them and said, "I want you to go there boldly. You are not afraid of that audience, are you?"

"Definitely not", came the reply, "We've got them outnumbered".

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The kid rushed into the room and shouted excitedly. "Pa, Pa, I've learnt how to write."

"What did you write?" asked a somewhat surprised father.

"I don't know. I haven't learnt to read yet."

Compiled by
Cadet V Mohindra
Class IV

Commandant's Mail Bag

Messages of congratulation on our spectacular results for the 69th NDA Course received from Maj Gen K Bhagwati Singh, (Retd); Gen GG Bewoor, PB, PVSM (Retd); Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd); Lt Gen Mohinder Singh, AVSM; Mr H Catchpole; Mr Din Dayal; Brig MM Pandit; Maj Gen VN Sharma, AVSM; Maj Gen T S Verma; Col Ashok Luthra; Lt Gen M Thomas, AVSM, VSM; Maj Gen S C Sinha, PVSM; Maj Gen D N Chibber, AVSM; Maj Gen A M Joglekar; Maj Gen M M Rai; Mr E J Watson; are gratefully acknowledged.

(The names appear in the order in which their letters were received by us. —Editor)

After his visit to the RIMC on 22 Jan 83, Mr H Catchpole wrote to thank the Commandant Col O P Chaudhry, VSM, for making his stay enjoyable. He was particularly impressed by the smartness of the cadets and was glad to notice that they appeared to be cheerful. He wished to visit the RIMC next year again, by which time, he hoped, the squash court would be ready.



Thought for the Month

The world improves through the extra ordinary, but the average give it stability.

—Paul Valery

BOOK-POST

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More often than not, faced with vicissitudes, people in other walks of life, are compelled to associate, grow and flourish with fellowmen. Unlike this ephemeral tie, the bond, that evolves in an invigorating climate of long formative years in the life of a Rimcollian while at RIMC, is not only precious, worthy and everlasting but also quite rare in the annals of educational institutions of our country.

Back 61 years ago this day, this great institution was born. It is quite natural that such a day should attract a large number of alumni to their Alma-Mater every year. Their ever-abiding love, persistent efforts, passionate aspirations have brought forth fame and glory to this institution. The Mess, the class-rooms, the dormitories and the playfields are reverberating with memories of spent days. These echo the noble objectives of love and learning. As the Spring knocks the door, the architects of our armed forces enter the Thimmaya Gate to re-live those times of corporate life. The following few lines are dedicated to this great day :—

The Reunion Day—the Rimcollians' Day
Is celebrated on March thirteenth.
In the campus of the Alma - Mater
Join from all parts, the Rimcollians umpteen.
A year after the Diamond Jubilee
RIMC is sixty one years old.
The raw iron ore of all the States
Is transformed here into a mine of gold.
There will be pomp and show
Enough to make everyone forget his sorrow
We are happy and wish these moments of bliss
Linger after the fourteenth morrow.

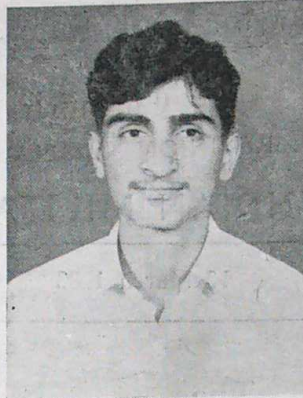
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The whole RIMC family extends the valiant sons of RIMC and their families, an effulgent, effusive and exuberant welcome and a Very Happy 'Reunion'.

THEY FORM THE AUREOLE



Cdt H Dharmarajan
First Position



Cdt K Dixit
Second Position



Cdt AA Zaki
Third Position

In All India Merit List for 69th NDA Course

Morning Assembly

The Morning Assemblies are a nerve-centre and have a special significance in the life of the College. These provide a means of self-improvement and they continue to remain, a source of inspiration and ennoblement. Prayers in the Assemblies teach the boys humaneness and inspire them to inculcate what is good and noble in life. Reading of the news imparts to the young cadets the basics of the stage—management. Short lectures on a variety of subjects not only prepare the boys for current affairs but also equip them with the techniques of facing the audience so necessary for the SSBs.

In one of the Morning Assemblies held on 14 Feb, the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM exhorted the cadets to work harder and prepare their speeches thoroughly before coming to face the audience. Highlighting the importance of thorough preparation, the Commandant said that this alone would instil in them the requisite amount of confidence and improve their power of expression.

Campus News

The cadets of Class V and VA went to Mussoorie to feel the 'warmth' of the first snow fall of the season on 29 Jan 83.

The College went to see Sir Richard Attenborough's epic movie 'Gandhi' on an equally appropriate Martyrs' Day—the 30th Jan 83. In addition, the cadets saw 'Stir Crazy' (02 Feb); Sawal (06 Feb); Sanam Teri Kasam (12 Feb) in the IMA auditorium.

A few cadets were taken to witness the Sky-diving and para-jump demonstration at the IMA on 05 Feb. The drone of the vintage 'packets' gripped the attention and heralded the dare-devils' jumping from an altitude of 8000 feet. The plume of the bright multicoloured canopies of the parachutes against the back drop of the Tons Valley presented a fine spectacle in the clear blue sky.



Col OP Chaudhry, VSM receiving Lt Gen Mohinder Singh AVSM, Director Military Training



During this period the College had a very busy schedule as far as the games are concerned.

Hockey

A Hockey match was organised on 07 Feb between the members of the Staff and the cadets. This keenly contested match presented some hard-hit shots, skillful dribbles and tactically manoeuvred attacks on both the sides. Cadet AS Bhullar scored a quick goal only to be equalized by Capt RS Khatri. But soon the members of the staff succumbed to the mounting on-slaught of the cadets. Just before, when the match was about to end in a draw, Cadet Cyrus Minwalla dribbled past the Staff Team's Back and scored a decisive match winning goal. The cadets won by a narrow margin 2 : 1.

Basket Ball

The first Basketball match of this term was organized between the Cambrianites and the Rimcollians on 10 Feb 83. The visitors outclassed us outrightly—score being 53-23. In a return match on 17 Feb too, the Cambrianites retained their supremacy on us, the score was 55-27.

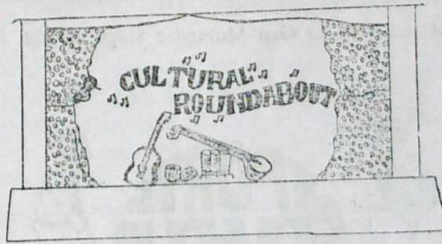
Soon after a week another match was organized between the Doscos and the Rimcols in the College premises. Our boys playing a spirited game gave the visitors a good fight. In a well contested match the visitors won by a narrow margin. The score was 42-37.

Cricket

The second Cricket match of this season was played between the Doon School and the College on 13 Feb. The Seniors played on the home ground and lost to the visitors by 9 wickets. However the Juniors who had gone to the Doon School, settled the score beating their hosts by 5 wickets.

In yet another cricket match, the College XI met the District Champions YMCA XI on the field No. 1 on a sunny 'Sunday' on 20 Feb. The Juniors played against the Welham Boys XI on another ground on the same day. The seniors, in reply to the visitors' pre-lunch score of 135 all out, gave an excellent performance and scored a 3 wicket victory for the College over the YMCA XI.

In an equally interesting match against the Welham Boys XI, the juniors' scathing attack dismissed the visitors for mere 43 runs. Frugal 58 runs—first inning's score was added to massive second inning's score of 101 for 9 wickets declared. The juniors won the match on the basis of the first inning's lead.



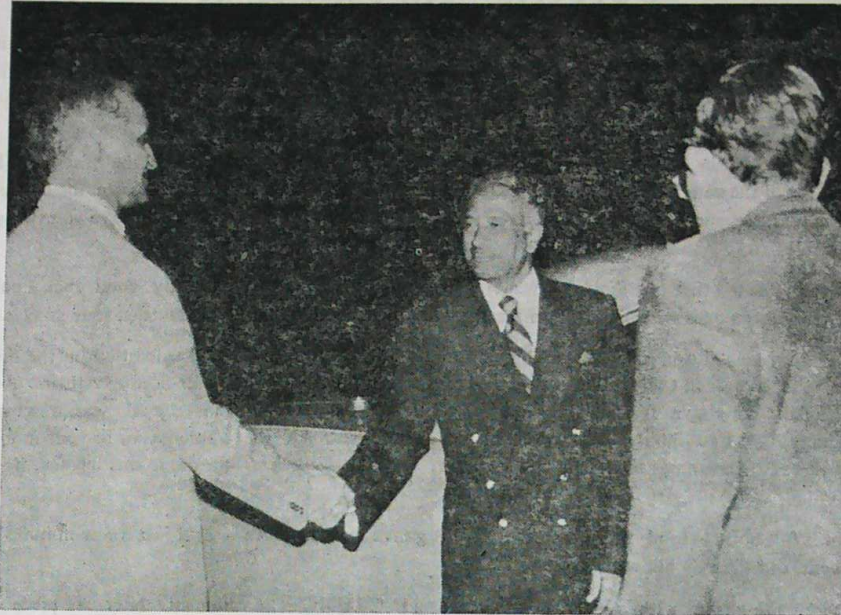
An Inter Section Quiz Competition was held on 10 Feb in the College Convocation Hall. The Quiz Master selected a variety of questions covering almost all disciplines that lent interest and increased the knowledge of the participants and the audience alike. Shivaji Section took the lead, closely followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Pratap Sections.

Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM declared Maha Shiv Ratri a closed holiday. The cadets visited the temple in the campus and a few others offered their prayers in the nearby Tapkeshwar Mahadev Temple on this auspicious day.

Staff Notes

We bade farewell to Mr M Samaddar, our Master in Mathematics, who left us on 30 Jan to join the ONGC. We wish him success in his new assignment. Capt TRS Nair, Instructor Cl 'C' joined us on 21 Feb from an Infantry Brigade. Capt Nair has been an instructor at the NDA and we hope he finds his job interesting and stay here enjoyable.

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Col OP Chaudhry, VSM welcoming Lt Gen M Thomas AVSM, VSM

RIMCOL

A Rimcol outside the Thimmaya gate
Can be easily spotted out,
Because of his 'dig heels' gait
And conspicuous turn out.
For him fashion is insignificant
Yet he is smart and elegant;
His haircut is a perfect crewcut
Which can rarely go unnoticed.
His behaviour is decent
And his manner is polite;
He usually remains calm and quiet
And never picks up a fight.
A dignified personality and
Strong character in olive green outfit
Easily distinguish out
A Rimcol from the Common crowd.

- Cdt Aman Nugyal
Class IV A

GUAVAS---The Spice of life

Guava plucking at the RIMC is a very common and popular source of amusement, entertainment and gluttony for the cadets. Mango plucking is also common but not very popular. Thus on a fine sunny Sunday it is common for a passerby to mistake the vague human forms for monkeys sitting in guava trees.

Every Sunday in August the dormitories are empty and the boys migrate to their favourite haunts on the fringes of the campus. After the plucking session, transactions are carried out in the dormitories. For example : "See, such a big fat juicy guava for only one coffee pudding" or "I'll give you two guavas for one egg."

It so happened that one Sunday I went sneaking on a guava raid. To my good luck I collected around twenty large ones which I hid in my cupboard. I then decided to have at least four guavas a day.

For four days my luck held me but on the fifth day..... It so happened that on the fifth day I was sitting in a chair in the pavilion watching the preparations for the Inter-Section Athletic events in progress. Taking a guava from my pocket, I bit into it, not realizing that the AO was watching me. And suddenly, "So I've finally caught one of you clots. Now put the whole guava in your mouth and let it stay there till the games bell goes." I groaned, because well over an hour was left for the games bell to go.

For a full hour I stood there with the awful guava in my mouth. And just a few minutes before the bell went, did the AO allow me to take it out.

I threw the guava with a lightning speed and CRUNCH; a moment later a piece of it was in my mouth. Mind you, my back was towards the AO all the time. And as I started running towards the parade ground I had visions of myself sitting in a tree eating guavas, the AO shouting and shaking his fist at me from below; unable to climb up the tree. How's that for guava lovers?

—Cadet Atul Bhatia, Class IV A

The Barber Shop

On Sunday afternoons after lunch,
If you see the boys running non-stop
You must guess that they are making
A beeline for the Barber Shop!

Such days are busy for the barber
As boys keep rushing in,
You wouldn't be surprised to hear
That they create quite a din.

Tomorrow is Monday, and if the cadets,
Take haircut of their own choice and will;
They are sure to have regrets
When they are sent to do some pack drills!

But again, dear reader, there exists,
Another side of the story;
A cadet with a proper haircut,
Is a Rimcol in his true glory.

—Cadet Raja Bhattacharjee, Class IV A

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Riddles To Riddle Your Brain

1. What kind of house weighs the least ?
2. Which pine has the longest and the sharpest needles ?
3. What is always found between here and there ?
4. When is a 'stock' like a boat ?
5. What kind of cans are found on the floor of the US Congress ?
6. What is the best thing to put in the cake ?
7. What would you plant first in a rose garden ?
8. Which animal has a head of a cat, tail of a cat and ways of a cat but still is not a cat ?
9. Which pets make sweet music ?
10. Why is it hard for a leopard to hide ?
11. What smells most in a bakery ?
12. What is the difference between a postage stamp and a woman ?
13. Which is the laziest mountain in the world ?
14. Why is a miner like a boatman ?
15. Why do the children have to go to the school ?

—Compiled by Cadet Rajeev Thapa.

(Answers on page 8)

Eight Periods A Day

I get up at six in the morning
And go for the daily P.T.
But its at seven thirty five
That here begins my ditty.

The first period is very dull
Besides its very chilly.
If you write what the teacher tells you,
Your handwriting looks so silly.

The second is somewhat similar
But the third's a better one.
If the period emerges free,
Every boy stands in the sun.

Fourth and fifth pass by quickly
In a very fine manner too,
But then comes the awful break
With a lot of 'reporting' to do.

Sixth, seventh and eighth are mere dreams
Of what happened that day.
'Cause all sit daydreaming of lunch
Its lovely to end studies that way !

— Cadet Atul Bhatia, Class IV A



SMILE



Sandeep joined the others in guessing the height of a pole. Surprisingly, he guessed exactly right.

"How did you do it?" he was asked.

"Oh that's nothing" he boasted, "sometimes I can do even better."

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A person with a glass eye once swallowed it and was rushed to the hospital. The doctor put a long instrument with a light at one end, into the stomach through the gullet. The moment he looked through it, he screamed in horror.

"What happened?" enquired the fellow doctor. "I've looked into hundreds of stomachs" the doctor said, "but this is the first one that looked back at me."

Compiled by Cadet RK Singh, Class IV

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ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

1. Light-House
2. Porcu-pine
3. The word 'and'
4. When it is with sales (sails)
5. Republi-cans
6. Your teeth
7. Your foot
8. Kitten
9. Trumpets
10. Because it is always spotted.
11. Your nose.
12. One is a mail-fee and other is fe-male.
13. Mount Ever-Rest (Mt. Everest).
14. Because both handle ores (oars).
15. Because school won't come to them.

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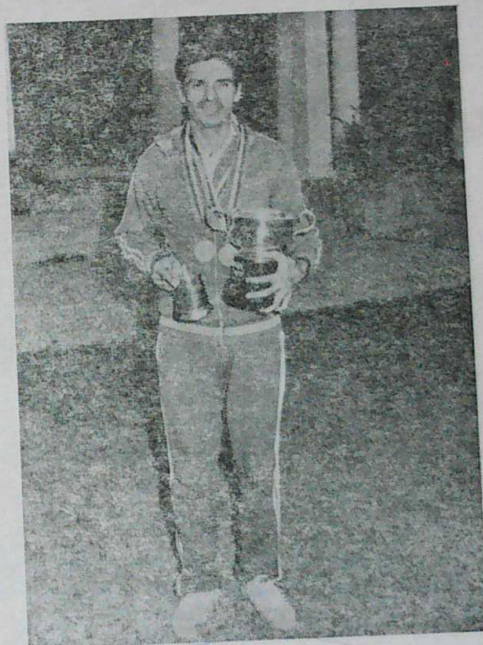
—Our heartiest felicitations to Flt Lt DC Kumariya on award of 'Vayu Sena Medal.'

—Our congratulations to GP Captain PK Dey on his promotion to the rank of Air Commodore.

WE ARE PROUD OF THEM



Col Padmanabhan
Awarded VSM



Major Manchanda
Awarded VSM

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"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

—Abraham Lincoln

WE ARE PROUD OF THEM



2/Lt Prem Prakash
Awarded Sena Medal



GC Vivek Pandit and GC YPS Bhaduria as
Cane Orderlies with Field Marshal Manekshaw MC

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"No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty."

—Ulysses S. Grant

33 YEARS AGO

The College catering department which was run by contractor, was taken over by the Army catering. It was agreed by the government to employ all existing catering staff which was under the contractor and thus they became government servants. Jemadar C L Datta of the Army Catering was posted to the College on 10 July.

(Incidentally, our present Catering JCO is Sub M Datta—Editor)

Essay Contest

It is brought to the kind notice of our esteemed readers that the response to the essay contest announced in the Diamond Jubilee Number of the College Chronicle has been in the negative. It would be greatly appreciated if the entries are sent in time so as to enable us to disburse the prize money. For the convenience of our readers, the topic and the rules are reproduced below :-

“Do you believe that during your life, religious teaching at the College has helped you in times of crisis and stress ? To what extent compulsory religious parades imbibed the necessary moral values and respect for comrades ? If physical training is a necessity to build a healthy body, are religious parades not a necessity for inculcating moral values and respect for Divine Authority ?”

- (a) The essay typed in double space on foolscap paper not exceeding 2000 words, should reach the Editor, RIMC Chronicle not later than 13 May 1983.
- (b) All Old Boys, Masters and cadets are allowed to participate.
- (c) Winning entries will be awarded prizes.

The prize money amounting to Rs. 500/- has very kindly been donated by Air Commodore RHD Singh (Retd) our only distinguished Old Boy who entered the Royal Air Force Cadet College Cranwell (UK) in April 1933.

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“One thing about the speed of light is that it reaches too soon in the morning here in the dormitories.”

—Cdt Zubin A Minwalla

Recollections of Diamond Jubilee

"The Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, whose alumnus record reads like a who's who gallery of battle decorated heroes, celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in March 1982.

Boasting of two former Chiefs of Army Staff - the late General K S Thimayya and General G G Bewoor - a former Chief of the Pakistan Air Force, Ali Asghar Khan, and a host of Corps Commanders as its Old Boys, the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) completes 60 years of existence on March 13.

The first Indian officer to win the Victoria Cross in 1941 Lt (later Lt Gen) PS Bhagat and the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, Major SN Sharma, were both products of this institution.

In a 40 years span, 92 Rimcollians as RIMC Old Boys are called, have been awarded the highest Indian and British honours, probably the maximum for any single institution. Among the honours are one Padma Vibhushan, 14 Param Vishist Seva Medals, three Orders of the British Empire, and on the battlefield 13 Military Crosses, 12 Vir Chakras, four Distinguished Service Orders and a host of lesser medals."

(Excerpts from Indian Express—Dec. 4, 1981)



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Everybody wants sympathy, but no body wants people feeling sorry for them." —Beryl Pfizer

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Writeth

The poet who wrote 'April is the cruellest month', I guess, must have had the taste of Indian summer in the Thar desert. I wish he came to the RIMC and spotted the budding trees, the blooming flowers that clothe the campus in an apparel of splendour and beauty in Dehra Dun. He would have peremptorily agreed with us, the inmates of the campus, that 'April is the nicest month'.

More than in one way April is the harbinger of good tidings. Hardly had we got over the euphoria of glittering success story of our boys who crowned their Alma Mater with superb distinction by claiming the first, second and the third positions in the All India Merit for entry to the 69th NDA Course, ~~that~~ the heady news of HUNDRED PERCENT results at the UPSC examination for entry to the 70th NDA Course is ^{most} heartening. Mid-Term hikes and treks of April were exuberant, sportive and refreshing. April couldn't be a better month than what it is.

Excellent Performance at the UPSC Examinations

Our results at the UPSC examination for entry to the 70th NDA Course have been exceptionally good. A total of 15 cadets appeared and passed thereby giving us a qualifying rate of HUNDRED PERCENT. The names of the successful candidates are as follows :-

1	1068/P	Cadet	Asim Mahapatra	9	1069/S	Cadet	Sanjeev Agarwal
2	1080/P	„	Sanjay Nandal	10	1075/S	„	Jayant Kumar
3	1059/R	„	R P Singh	11	1050/C	„	C A Minwalla
4	1067/R	„	Ranjeet Kumar	12	1064/C	„	Yash Saxena
5	1070/R	„	S K Verma	13	1065/C	„	Suyash Sharma
6	1087/R	„	A S Bhullar	14	1066/C	„	Prashant Gupta
7	1061/S	„	Arun M Sabnis	15	1074/C	„	Arvinder Singh
8	1063/S	„	D K Chugha				

Our results represent the most impressive and splendid performance achieved since 1958. The cadets are now busy preparing for the SSB interviews. It is hoped that all of them would make to the portals of the National Defence Academy.

Campus News

The 61st Reunion, held from 12 Mar to 14 Mar, was a tremendous success. The Rimcollians arrived on 12 Mar. A Hockey match was held between the Rimcollians and the Rimcols in the evening which ended in a draw. The hockey match was followed by the finals of the Inter Section Boxing Competition. The Old Rimcollians from amongst the spectators in the 'Open Air Theatre' recalled their College days and cheered their respective Section Boxers. On 13 Mar, the Guard of Honour was inspected by the seniormost Rimcollian Brig L S Negi who also laid the wreath on the 'Martyrs' Memorial. The cadets in their best turnout lived up to the solemnity of both the occasions. This was followed by the cricket match in which younger blood proved to be better and won. Later the Rimcollians went to see the various exhibitions. In the evening, the Commandant Col O P Chaudhry, VSM welcomed all the dignitaries and read out the Annual Report. Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd) gave away the prizes. The highlight of the evening was a scintillating variety entertainment programme. The boys of the Music Club hobby did a commendable job by presenting song after song to the dancing multi-coloured lights, on the frequent requests of 'once more' from the audience. As the evening grew older it became more colourful and joyous. The three days splendour came to an end on the morning of 14 Mar when everyone departed.

Soon after the 'Reunion' celebrations, the cadets started preparations for the Mid Term Examinations which were to commence on 24 Mar. The month end coincided with the refreshing mid-term break. The cadets went to the following treks and hikes :-

- (a) Chakrata-Mussoorie
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Nainital
- (d) Kulu-Manali

After a short sojourn in the most beautiful places the cadets are back to class rooms with fresh minds to study hard.

In the Morning Assemblies held on 21 Feb, 2 Mar, 16 Mar, 18 Mar and 6 Apr the cadets of Class VA got opportunities to give lecturattes.

We are grateful to the Chief of the Army Staff Gen KV Krishna Rao PVSM for presenting a 'trophy' to the College. The trophy to be known as the 'COAS CUP' will be given to the Section sending the maximum number of Cadets to the NDA. Looking at the recent results, it is going to be tough for the authorities to decide the winner.



Cricket

The Rimcols beat the Cambrianites by 75 runs, in a match played on 27 Feb. We amassed a huge score of 116 runs and dismissed the visitors for a mere 41 runs. The highlight of the match was an impressive score of 45 runs by Cadet Y Saxena.

The DOSCOs met us on the cricket pitch on 06 Mar when they beat us in both Seniors and Juniors by 7 wkts and 5 wkts respectively. We played well but they played better.

On 13 Mar there was a match between the Rimcols and Rimcollians, in which the younger blood scored 91 runs for the loss of 5 wkts in the limited 'overs' match and dismissed the Rimcollians for 83 runs thus securing a 7 run victory for themselves.

The Inter Section Cricket matches were held from 16 Mar to 23 Mar. In these bat-ball encounters Pratap and Shivaji emerged as combined winners and Ranjit and Chandragupta shared the III position. Shivaji and Pratap Sections were adjudged the best in Juniors and Seniors respectively.

Hockey

On 12 Mar there was a very energetic and keenly contested hockey match between the Rimcols and the Rimcollians. It ended in a draw 1-1. Cadet R Parmar received the ball when an unlucky attempt rebounded from the goal post and he made the best of the opportunity by slamming the ball into the planks. The equalizer from the Old Boys' side came when a penalty shot was awarded and 2/Lt Y S Nehra hit the ball past the defender into the goal.

Squash

The College Squash champions Adhiraj Yadav and Sanjeev Agarwal went to Jaipur to participate in National Opens Squash Meet from 1 Mar to 6 Mar. There the standard was exceptionally high and they couldn't shine. But it was a good experience for them.

Boxing

The principal and the most popular of all the sports competitions with the cadets at the RIMC - the Inter Section Boxing Competition was held on 10 and 12 Mar. The tournament presented many interesting hard-hitting bouts to the spectators who were enthralled by the high standard. Continuous cheering and applauding made their voices hoarse. Pratap won the prestigious cup outright. Cadet Ajay Ramdev (P) and Cadet Vikas Kohli (S) were adjudged the 'Best Boxer' and the 'Best Loser' respectively. Brig L S Negi gave away the prizes



The first competition of the year 83-84, the Inter Section English Debate, a keenly awaited and practised-for competition, was held in the Convocation Hall on 28 Feb. Maj Gen RS Pannu, Deputy Commandant IMA, was the Chief Guest. The topic for Juniors was 'Man is the master of his fate. Luck and chance don't play any significant role in his life'. Everyone put up an excellent show and one could well imagine how difficult it must've been for the honourable judges to judge, considering the high standard and very close competition. Cadet Vijay Singh (R) and Cadet V Sabharwal (P) stood first and second respectively. The topic for seniors was 'The Asiad-82 was a wasteful luxury'. Once again the participants displayed a very high standard. This time there was also a Rebuttal Panel which posed tricky questions to the debators who had to answer them, showing their repartee and presence of mind. Cadet Ranjit Kumar (R) and Cadet JS Kairon (S) shared the first position and Cadet Asim Mahapatra (P) stood 2nd. Pratap Section won the debate followed by Ranjeet, Shivaji and Chandragupta Sections. Maj Gen RS Pannu gave away the prizes and brought the eventful evening to a close with an excellent speech laced with wit and humour.

On the same occasion the results of the Inter Section Essay writing competition, held earlier, were announced and prizes were distributed to the winners. Among seniors S M Ismail (P) and Manoj Kumar (S) bagged the first and second prizes respectively and among juniors, Tanmay Kashyap (P) and Vivek Jaswal (S) won the first and second prizes respectively.

On 5 Mar the cadets watched a Yoga show. They were all spellbound by the amazing feats performed by Yogi K Kumar.

The Festival of colours 'Holi' was celebrated very colourfully in the College on 29 Mar. A small cultural programme was arranged in the Convocation Hall where speeches highlighting the significance of the Festival, were delivered by Cadets S Misra and R K Chaudhry and also some songs were given by the Music Hobby club. After this, one could see colours everywhere sprayed in the air, applied on the faces, thrown on the white games rig which was no more white but matching the dress of the 'Pied Piper'. 'Colour and get coloured' was the prevailing mood and everyone got into it in the true Ricol spirit.

The College went to watch 'Ship wreck' (01 Mar); 'Juggernaut' (15 Mar); 'Teri Kasam' (27 Mar); and 'Gloria' (30 Mar) in the IMA auditorium.

The Night Visitor

I well remember that stormy night last June. The wind shrieked and howled outside, as it rode the rainswept night sky. The rain came down in sheets like a giant waterfall. Above all, sounded the cannon like claps of thunder, as the Gods in heaven above, unleashed their fury on the earth. The flashes of lightning seemed to be showing them anything they had missed in their tirade of wrath.

The lights had failed about an hour earlier just as I had sat down to furnish a repast for myself. I was alone in the house, as the rest of the family had gone away for a couple of days. I lit the candles, and amid their darting shadows sat down to eat, just as a tree, at last surrendering to the forces of nature, crashed somewhere nearby, I finished my meal and as there was nothing else to do, I prepared for bed. Just as I was getting between the sheets, the candle flame jinked to one side, like something possessed. At first I was puzzled, but when I felt a draught of cold night air come into the room, I thought I must have left a window open somewhere.

Picking up the candle, I advanced in the next room. On reaching the far side, I saw a window ajar and prepared to close it. Suddenly the wind howled a bit louder outside and my candle flickered and extinguished. I retraced my steps to get a light, and on way, I bumped into something which appeared like a bundle on the floor. It had certainly not been there on my outward journey, on hearing a muffled cough a bare couple of yards away, I cringed in fear. Gently footsteps approached and my obstacle was lifted away.

Next morning, I found a lot of our silver ornaments and jewellery missing. The burglar might have been armed and I nearly walked into him. I shall never know who it was, nor why he chose a night such as that to strike out.

Cadet S M Ismail
Class IV A



SMILE



A farmer took his dangerously ill wife to the doctor. The doctor, on examination told him that the farmer's wife wouldn't live for more than 10 days. The farmer left her in the hospital and came back a week later.

"I am happy to inform you" said the doctor "that your wife will be able to live"

"What do you mean she'll live? he demanded. 'You said that she would'nt live for more than 10 days'"

"I've been able to cure her after all" said the doctor, "Aren't you glad?"

"Glad? Well it does put me in a fix", Said the farmer. "I sold off all her clothes to pay for her funeral."

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An Old Boy was telling the cadets about how a teacher always cautioned him not to go to the theatres showing movies marked 'A' (For Adults only). "I asked, why Sir?" Continued the Old Boy. "Because you may see something that you shouldn't" the teacher replied.

"This naturally made me curious so I decided to cut bounds and go".

"Then, did you see something that you shouldn't have?" enquired the cadets in a chorus.

"You bet I did" replied the Old Boy "there I saw the teacher".

Compiled by
Cadet Vikas Kohli
Class III A

Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to Brig ID Vashishtha on award of AVSM on the last Republic Day.

Commandant's Mail Bag

Letters expressing their best wishes for a very Happy Reunion were received from Midshipmen Anil Jagtiani (S), RP Singh (R). BM Antony (P), MS Mahesh (P), K Prasad (P) and Lt S Banerji (IN) (C).

Brig D K Chawla, Ex Commandant wrote to compliment Col O P Chaudhry VSM, on the successful Founders' Day celebrations.

Capt Mahendra Bahadur Saxena of 8th Assam Regiment wrote to thank the commandant for making his stay during the Reunion comfortable.



Thought for the Month

Optimism : A cheerful frame of mind that enables a kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

— Anonyonous.

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The Chronicle

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Our boys, ran the race with a determined grit and are now close to the victory stand. The gruelling PT Competition, tough Basketball matches, keenly contested Hockey stick battles, and the last but not the least, the term ending Obstacle Race Competition did exhaust them. But that was not to be. Amidst these hectic activities, they continued to devote time to their studies and their sheer persistence, and indomitable will power have driven them to show the might of their minds in the Terminal Examinations. The feeling of excitement that goes with the long long summer vacation, prevails over the torment of the Terminal Examination. The cadets depart today for homes, their thoughts guided by the dictum "Do thy duty, that is best; leave unto thy God the rest."

As we go to the 'Press' we pray for our 'finalists' facing the various Services Selection Boards to come out with flying colours. Their toil of long five years will hopefully blossom in deeply aspired entry to the NDA. The Spartan roads they have trodden through the alleys, by the oaks, the pine, the eucalyptus, the mango and the 'leechi' trees, of the campus, have moulded and transformed their very being to be fit to join the selected band of officers. 'Contentment's cup runneth over' and surely. We wish them all the very best in life.

Campus News

A dinner was organized on 29 Apr to bid farewell to the passing out cadets of Class VA. The electricity failure transformed the party into an exceedingly charming candle-light dinner. The Commandant Col O P Chaudhry, VSM, congratulated the cadets on their excellent performance and hoped that they would bring further glory to their Alma Mater by an equally glittering SSB result.



Inter Section Basketball Competition

The Inter Section Basketball Competition commenced on 11 Apr. The Section teams had been practising very hard for quite some time and they did put up a spirited performance to the delight of the spectators. Matches played on the 'League' system gave all the teams a fair chance to prove their worth. Because of the intermittent showers the competition was stretched over to 16 Apr. The first match of the day was between Ranjit and Shivaji Sections. The Ranjities were a better side and they scored 22 against 14 by Shivaji. In another match on the same day Pratap Section won against Chandragupta by a close margin. The Chandraguptians were leading though marginally, in the first half, the Pratapians won through sheer endurance and good defensive play, the score being 41-32. Due to continuous rain on 12 Apr matches were postponed to the following day. In the first match of the day Chandragupta won outright defeating Ranjit Section by a wide margin, the score being 41-25. In yet another match Pratap won (36) against Shivaji (22). On the last day of the Competition, Pratap (18) won against Ranjit (14), and Chandragupta (35) defeated Shivaji (18). The overall results were as follows—Pratap secured first place closely followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji Sections.

Inter Section PT Competition

On the heels of the Basketball came the Inter Section PT Competition for which the PT tests commenced on 18 Apr. The Competition started on 22 Apr. The Seniors' PT Competition could start only after the Juniors' on the same day. Despite a long session of approximately two and a half hours, in which both the teams of each Section displayed marvellous mat-work, rope climbing and exercises on the vaulting horse, the competition could not be finished the same day. The remaining two Sections of Seniors could only be tested on 23 Apr. Pratap took the lead in the Juniors followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Ranjit. The Pratapians retained their supremacy in the Seniors too by winning the first place followed by Chandragupta and Ranjit Sections. The combined results were as follows :—

Pratap Section secured 1 position. Shivaji secured second place followed by Chandragupta and Ranjit.

In the Juniors' Cadet V Mohindra was adjudged the Best Commander. Among the Seniors, Best Commander's position was shared by Cadets Jaidev Singh and Kaushik Sircar.

Inter Section Hockey Competition

The Inter Section Hockey Competition started on 02 May and came to an end on 05 May. In the first match played between Chandragupta and Ranjit Sections, the former proved superiority by scoring 5 goals against two by the opponents. In another match on the same day Shivaji defeated Pratap by 2-1. In the Juniors Section Ranjit clinched victory by defeating Chandragupta by a close 2-1 margin and Shivaji emerged victorious by a lone goal against Pratap.

The results of the matches played on 03 May were as follows :—

Ranjit (6) won against stiff opposition from Pratap, Shivaji (2) however drew with Chandragupta (2). In the Juniors Section Shivaji proved outright winners by defeating Chandraguptians by 4-0. In other matches played on 04 May, the Chandragupta Section (2) drew with Pratap (2) and Shivaji defeated Ranjit by 4-0. Among the Juniors, the Pratapians (3) won against Chandragupta (0) and Shivajians defeated Ranjit by 4-0. On 05 May, the last day of the Competition in a lone match Pratap defeated Ranjit by 2-0.

Travel by train

Seeing cows, horses, farms and sheep,
Passing over rivers deep;
Travelling through the burning land
Scanning 'mags' that lay close at hand.

Rumbling along on a bridge,
Overlooking a high ridge,
Crossing a dangerous river,
That sets the heart a shiver.

Seeing Mango-groves passing by,
And colourful kites flying high;
Stations with hordes of people around,
Where all colours of the rainbow abound.

Rushing along through the night
Not a single soul in sight;
Fireflies among the trees,
Flashing their lights in the breeze.

This is the 'Life' on a train
Seeking your journey's end, all in vain,
The train sways gently to and fro,
Two days have passed; one more to go.

This travel-night and day,
Is enjoyable all the way;
But lest you should like to travel by train
I suggest, don't travel again and again.

—Atul Bhatia
Class IV A

Nainital Excursion

'Nainitalo.....Nainitalo' the song echoed in the luxury bus, as all of us sang intermittently in a joyous chorus while motoring to Nainital. The normal routine becomes monotonous over a period; the familiar surroundings become dull with every passing day. A change from this is what is dreamt by all. And when this change comes in the form of a trip to a place, which is like a miniature Paradise, it is a golden dream come true.

Nainital is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful hill resorts in the country. Everyone in our lucky group was relaxed and joyous. The journey was very pleasant and everybody passed his time in a sing-song mood.

We reached our destination just before the sunset, when the fading light reddened the horizon and the last departing 'rays' reflected by the lake's glossy surface, seemed to merge into a blend of captivating colour, then the night lights of the bustling city, around the lake, were on. The brilliant reflection of the innumerable glimmering lights in the sparkling lake, presented a breath-taking sight. All of us were spell bound and even when we were attempting to settle down in the rooms provided by the ASC Mess, the trance of Nainital's beauty hadn't broken.

The next morning we did a lot of trekking to the formidable tops of two peaks—'Snow View' and 'China Peak'. Our O.I.C. encouraged us to the top of the former one but thereafter it was everyone on his own. And only the strong-nerved and strong willed managed to reach the top of the China Peak. The return journey, after the exhausting climb, was full of knee breaking descent. But the thought of comfortable beds and nice sleep kept us going and the journey was bearable. Quite a number of shops which could cope up with the gargantuan appetite of the starved Rimcols underwent a full sca'e raid. The rest of the day was spent in rowing, window shopping, movie watching and other enjoyable pastimes like 'bird watching'.

On the third day we went over to Bhimtal by bus and had another fun-filled day. We rowed to an island in the lake and were disappointed to find the eats in the sole island restaurant being sold at very exorbitant rates. We rowed back and satiated our voracious appetite in the lake side 'eat stalls'. Some of us, who had developed some personal distastes, remained in the bus. After a brief visit to Nakuchia lake we started our return journey singing and laughing.

We started on our journey back to Dehra Dun early in the morning on the fourth day. Everyone wore a sad look, on having to leave that beautiful place so soon. The oppressive heat during the journey was very uncomfortable and nearly everyone slept it out. When we were in the vicinity of Dehra Dun the weather had cooled down and the lethargy prevailing in the bus had vanished. As we entered the Thimayya Gate, our enthusiasm and spirits revived. The hike had refreshed us all and we were now better equipped to face the remainder of the term with renewed vigour.

—Cadet Aman Nugyal
Class IV A

A Warrior

He nurtured himself into a noble man,
He wanted to serve the motherland more than anyone can,
That's why he joined the Army Wing of the Armed Forces,
He had no difficulty in clearing all his courses.

The war broke out,
"Look after my family," to his friend did he shout.
This was the time he could prove his worth,
Of courage he had no dearth.

The battlefield to him seemed a playground,
Where he had to spray his bullets around;
He hated to kill mankind,
But in order to defend his land he had to be blind.

"Fire", boomed the commander's voice,
Now there was no time to rejoice;
Throughout the war he fought very hard,
Played shrewdly his every card.

Though a lone 'Jawan' he destroyed enemy flanks,
He hoped of being promoted to a superior rank;
Despite a lot many cramps,
He crawled a long distance to destroy enemy tanks.

Unnoticed went his great deeds,
He did not get help when he was in need,
He did not have friends having a garland,
But he is held in esteem by the loving and grateful motherland.

'Busts' and 'Statues' are seen only when visited, but,
His valour is immortal as it lives on the tongue of the people,
To many, he is an unknown gallant jawan,
To me he is a great warrior.

—Cadet H S Bainsla
Class III A

The Way of the World

I was given a hard push,
I landed in a thorny bush.
I pricked the thorn with my finger,
The thorn stung me like a stinger.
I crushed the thorn in my palm,
And surprisingly, it became calm.

—Cadet RR Bashyam
Class IV

Importance of Time

Think of now and not of past,
For the time is passing fast,
The 'now' will soon become the past,
And you will remain thinking till the last.

—Cadet M Gandhi
Class III



Baisakhi Celebrations

Baisakhi was celebrated on 14 Apr in the College Gurdwara. The Music Hobby Club gave some Shabads. The speech highlighting the great ideals behind the Baisakhi celebrations were delivered by Sardar Joginder Singh. The celebrations came to a close with liberal helping of 'Kadah Prasad'.

The College witnessed 'Mangal Sutra' (9 Apr); 'High Anxiety' (12 Apr); 'Moon Raker' (17 Apr); 'The Voyage' (26 Apr); 'The First Great Train Robbery' (03 May) in the IMA Auditorium. 'The Land of Sanikov' (10 Apr) was screened in the College Convocation Hall.



SMILE



One fine day in the middle of the night,
Two dead men got up to fight,
Back to back, they faced each other,
With their swords they shot each other.

One deaf and dumb Policeman,
Who heard the noise ran up to them and shouted,
"If you don't believe this lie is true,
Ask the blindman who saw it too."

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The head of a town zoo was placing an order for a mongoose.

It occurred to him that he could use two, so he wrote, 'Send me two mongooses'.

That didn't seem to him right so he wrote, "Please send me two mongeese,". Since that too didn't seem to satisfy him, he scratched it out and wrote, "Please send me a mongoose. Make it twins."

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A naughty boy couldn't solve a Geometry problem. The teacher said "Why can't you solve the problem ? When George Washington was of your age, he could solve all the problems."

The boy said, "Sir when he was of your age, he was the President of the USA".

Compiled by
KS Sanewal
WJK Singh

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'If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap than his neighbour, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.'

—Emerson, 1871

Commandant's Mail Bag

Lt Gen K Chiman Singh expressed his appreciation and happiness over the performance of boys at the UPSC examination for entry to the 69th NDA Course. He hoped that the Commandant and the members of the teaching staff would continue to work hard with zeal and dedication to uphold the great name of the institution.

Midshipmen Benny M Antony, Anil Jagtiany, RP Singh, MS Mahesh and KG Prasad on board INS Brahmaputra from Mauritius wrote to inform that they celebrated the Rimcollian Day there.

Maj Gen DN Chibber, AVSM wrote to congratulate the Commandant and the members of the staff on hundred percent results achieved by the RIMC Boys in the UPSC examination for entry to 70th NDA Course.



Thought for the Month

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

—Branch Cabell

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As one enters the Thimayya Gate, one cannot but be wonderstruck at the sheer splendour of the campus. The 'green' of the grass is at its greenest best. The wide roads have sideways thickly carpeted with grass. The avenues tree-lined and bordered by lush green lawn, the roundabout of the sacrosanct Martyr's Memorial dripping pure snow white colour in the moonlit nights, the effervescent nooks and corners of the arena emit sweet, scented 'chameli' and 'mogra' fragrance and amidst all this, the mellifluous notes of the nightingale enthrall the minds of the old and young alike. The new entrants are justly proud of being associated with the Rimcollian family. We extend them a warm welcome. They now have a renowned past, from where they should seek inspiration and feel exultant. At the same time we have to move ahead with renewed dedication to make our future still brighter and glorious.

Campus News



Morning Assembly

In the first Morning Assembly of the August term this year on 02 Aug the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, administered the oath of office to all the new Cadet-Appointments. Earlier on 01 August the Commandant had given the tabs to all the appointments in his office. The Commandant welcomed all the cadets and especially the new entrants to this prestigious institution. He expressed hope that their stay here would be enjoyable and fruitful. The Commandant exhorted all the members of the RIMC family to strive hard to achieve further glory and success. Later on the same day, he distributed the certificates of proficiency to the cadets who had attended the HMI Course. He congratulated these boys and ~~hope~~ that more cadets took to such sport.

Cadet D S Nehra (P) deserves our appreciation and commendation for securing the 'Distinction' grade and having broken the HMI Rope Obstacle record by 44 seconds, besides he was awarded the trophy for the 'Best Cadet'. Cadet Aman Nugyal of Ranjit Section did us proud by securing 'D' grade on the Course and he was also the recipient of the special prize for 'Best Leader' of the 47th Adventure Course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, 'Jawahar Parbat' Darjeeling. The names of those who were given proficiency certificates are as under :-

1. 1126/P Cadet D S Nehra
2. 1108/R „ Aman Nugyal
3. 1107/S „ S P S Dhillon
4. 1124/C „ B Ajay Kumar
5. 1127/C „ R Bhattacharjee

In the Morning Assembly held on 05 Aug, Cadet D S Nehra Class V who secured 'D' grade at the Mountaineering Course recounted his thrilling experiences at the HMI. His informal talk was quite interesting and alluring to the cadets.

During the Morning Assembly held on 08 Aug the Commandant gave the 'Medhavi Badges' to the cadets who had stood first in their respective classes. The recipients of the 'Medhavi Badges' are :-

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| 1. | 1259/R | Cadet Subodh Kumar | Class II |
| 2. | 1246/S | „ Pradeep Singh | „ IIA |
| 3. | 1220/P | „ Sanjiva | „ III |
| 4. | 1179/P | „ Mohit Gandhi | „ IIIA |
| 5. | 1153/S | „ Sandeep Singh | „ IV |
| 6. | 1136/S | „ R K. Nair | „ IVA |
| 7. | 1108/R | „ A Nugyal | „ V |
| 8. | 1092/S | „ A R Saluja | „ VA |

It is interesting to note that Cadet Sandeep Singh and Cadet Pradeep Singh are real brothers and both are equally brilliant in their respective classes.

The College Reopens

The College reopened on 31st of July after the long Summer vacation. The new boys, however, are still arriving in small batches. This term though the intake was to be more, a number of boys who qualified in the written test got medically rejected. Only 26 boys have so far arrived.

The Bridge on Thimayya Road

The ageing bridge could not withstand the fury of the monsoon despite its repairs last year. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to the visitors and the college community and hope that we use the main gate instead of the 'back-door' soon, as the repairs are in progress.

(The Thimayya Gate is now open to traffic—Editor)

They found the Portals of the NDA

Our cadets have once again found their places in the All India Merit List. Cadet Arvinder Singh secured the 3rd position in the Army and Navy. Cadet Sanjiv Agarwal was placed 3rd in the successful list of the candidates for the Air Force. Cadets A M Sabnis, Y Saxena have been placed 10th and 11th respectively in the Army and Navy whereas Cadet D K Chuggha stood 18th in the Air Force List. Our

congratulations to them all. The names of successful candidates who got admission to the NDA are as follows :-

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| 1. Cadet | Arvinder Singh | 9. Cadet | Suyash Sharma |
| 2. " | Arun M Sabnis | 10. " | Deepak Kumar Chugha |
| 3. " | Sanjeev Agarwal | 11. " | G S Dhillon |
| 4. " | Kuldeepak Mittal | 12. " | N Biswas |
| 5. " | Asim Mahapatra | 13. " | Yash Saxena |
| 6. " | Cyrus A Minwalla | 14. " | R P S Gill |
| 7. " | Ranjeet Kumar | 15. " | Vivek Karnawat. |
| 8. " | Sanjay Kumar Verma | | |



Right from the very day the College reopened, the sprawling fields have hummed with the sports activity. Football, the most popular sport started the day the boys arrived. A few selected ones got opportunity in the college seniors' and Juniors' teams. It was quite difficult for the selectors to choose from amongst a number of promising aspirants. Both the teams started practising hard. The first match of the term was organized between the college Eleven and the members of the Staff. The Cadets dominated the proceedings from the very start. After near misses by Cadet Dewgun and Cadet Rupesh Kumar, Cadet S K Yadav lobbed the ball goalwards and the Staff team's goal keeper Mr Chaturvedi was beaten by the flight resulting in the opening goal. Five minutes later Cadet SK Yadav sent a long pass to Cadet Dewgun who found the target with a long ranger. After that the cadets took the score to 5-0 till the near end of the match time. After the barren half time from the Staff team's side, Capt D Chowdhry scored a lone goal a few minutes before the end of the match but by then the cadets had completed the tally; the score being 6-1.

After a heavy downpour on the morning of 12 Aug the College Seniors and Juniors went to Col Brown's School to play friendly football matches in the evening. The wet fields did not deter our boys. The Seniors scored a 2-0 victory over their opponents. The goals were scored by Cadets SSK Singh and CS Dewgun. Cadet R Parmar was the lone scorer for the Juniors' 2-0 victory for the College.

District Table Tennis Tournament 1983

Eleven of our cadets participated in the District Table Tennis Tournament 1983 organized by the Doon Table Tennis Association on 19 Aug 83. Cadets DS Gargey and M Jagannath had the distinction of reaching the quarter finals in the sub juniors' section in this event. It is hoped that these boys will do better in future and would bring glory to the Alma Mater.



Independence Day Celebrations

The College celebrated the 37th Independence Day on 15th August. Mrs Damyanti Chaudhry the wife of the Commandant distributed sweets to the Class IV employees and their children. Soon after, the cadets of the Music Hobby Club entertained the College. Cadets JS Kairon and Salil Mongia gave speeches on the significance of the Independence Day in English. Cadet S Mishra spoke in Hindi on the "Freedom and its relevance to women in Independent India". A movie "Wisdom and Valour" highlighting the training at the IMA, was screened after the musical programme. The function came to an end with tasty 'Kreamy' ice cream to everyone's heart's content.

The cadets and the members of the Staff enjoyed an all English songs evening with a Canadian named Mr Joseph and everyone enjoyed alike. A number of our cadets had participated in the Inter School Essay Competition organised by the ONGC on 10 Aug 83. It is heartening to note that Cadet SK Dubey secured the III position and Cadet Subodh Kumar was given a consolation prize amongst Juniors. Both the Cadets SK Dubey and Subodh Kumar were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 100 & Rs. 50 respectively. The Commandant complimented them for their good performance.

The College witnessed 'Kamchor' (06 Aug); 'Escape to Victory' (09 Aug); 'Bemissal' (13 Aug) in the IMA Auditorium.



Once during the Second world war at a PW camp in Germany, the Commandant of the PW camp asked the three captives as to how they would like to die. The English man thought for a while and said that there are seas all around England and he would prefer to die of drowning. The French said they were revolutionaries hence he would like to get shot and die.

"Since we believe in peace, I would like to die of old age" was the Indian's reply.

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Once we were asked to suggest a suitable grace to be said before meals in the Cadets' Mess. One such that reached the authorities from a cadet, read "O God; bless this bunch as they crunch and munch their lunch".

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One day a Man was sitting under a tree and was crying. A passer by asked him—"Why are you crying?"

He replied, "Last night I was feeling thirsty so I sold my wife for a bottle of Scotch."

The man asked him, "Do you realise your mistake now"?

"Yes", he replied, "I am feeling thirsty again."

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One day a man wanted to purchase a house. People in the neighbourhood informed him that the house was a haunted one. At night he met two people and asked them, "May I know if this one is a haunted house?"

"We don't know as we died five years ago" was the reply.

Sandeep Singh
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Rimcolliana

Our congratulations to —

Brig VP Yadav

On promotion to the rank of Major General

Col TV Manoharan

" " " " " " Brigadier

Col JB Singh

" " " " " " Brigadier

Lt Col SP Singh

" " " " " " Colonel

Cadet DS Nehra

On being awarded Trophy for the Best Cadet on the HMI Course.



Thought for the Month

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Henry Adams.

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CAMPUS NEWS



A return match was organized between our College and Col. Brown's School on home grounds on 19 Aug. Both the seniors' and juniors' teams were playing in the grounds No. 1 and 2 respectively. From the pavilion one could watch simultaneously both the teams at play. The seniors were quite confident of their game right from the time they scored two goals in the very first twenty minutes of the start of the game. Cadets C S Dewgun and SSK Singh scored these goals. Cadet SK Yadav scored the first goal in the second half and CS Dewgun took the tally to 4-0 by scoring the last goal just before the end of the game time.

The juniors were almost twice as smart as their elders. They beat their opponents very badly and scored a magnificent 8-0 victory over the younger 'Brownies'. It is recalled that both our teams had scored 2-0 victory over their opponents in matches played on their grounds on a very wet evening on 12 Aug. In yet another football match on 25 Aug against the FRI College we drew scoring 5-5.

Inter Section Cross-Country Competition

The shrill sound of the College siren woke up all the cadets at 05.30 A.M. on Sunday the 21st Aug reminding everyone of the Inter Section Cross-Country Race. Twenty days of profuse sweating was to be tested and everyone had to run on 5 to 9.5 Km of route depending on his age. It was the most spectacular event, the boys running in their respective Section colour vests. The juniors started first. Cadet WJK Singh came first clocking 17 minutes 35 seconds followed by Cadet JS Rajput. The seniors started a bit later on 9.5 Km route. Cadet S Mehta came first. He clocked 34 minutes 5 seconds. He was followed by Cadet SK Yadav. Ranjeet Section was placed first followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Shivaji Sections.

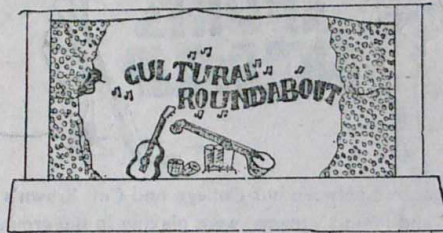
Basketball match

A Basketball match was organized between the cadets and the members of the staff on 24 Aug. Despite intermittent drizzling, the match continued non-stop. Undeterred by the weather—the perspiration and sweat made the clothes wet more than what the rains did—both the teams played an extremely brilliant game of close passes, and team spirit. The very fact that the Staff team won the match by a close margin of 5 points, score being 38-33, shows that it was a very well fought match. The top scorers of the Staff team were Mr CA Joseph (22) and Capt D Chowdhry (10); whereas Cadets V Mohindra (12); and S Mehta (10) were the best scorers from their side.

Football match

Welham Boys' seniors and juniors came to the College to play friendly football matches on 25 Aug. Our Seniors scored 3-0 victory whereas Juniors who were a still strong side scored an outright 8-0 victory over the Welham Boys.

The football matches played against the formidable Gorkha School Boys and the DOSCOs proved quite a set back to our Seniors team. In the match played against the Gorkha School we lost by 5-0 on 02 Sep. In yet another match against the Doon School our boys could not measure up. The Doscocs beat us by a comfortable 6-1 lead in the Seniors. A healing touch was provided by our bright juniors who beat the DOSCO juniors by 5-0.



Inter Section Hindi Debate Competition

The Inter Section Hindi Debate Competition was held in the College Convocation Hall on 30 Aug. The topic for the juniors was "इस सदन की राय में शस्त्रों की होड़ से स्थायी शांति नहीं हो सकती।" Cadet Bibhore Bhadra, Class III bagged the first prize closely followed by Cadet Vijay Singh of the same class. After a brief intermission for the tea the seniors debated on "इस सदन की राय में मृत्यु दण्ड तुरन्त समाप्त कर देना चाहिये।" Cadets S Misra and RK Chaudhri were selected first and second respectively. Cadet R Negi was adjudged the best followed by Cadet SK Yadav in the second place from the Rebuttal panel. From amongst the speakers from the house Cadet S Uniyal came first followed by Cadet Harkesh Singh. Mr Vipin Bihari 'Suman' a local poet recited three poems including a 'gazel' in Hindi which was admired and appreciated by all. On the basis of overall performance, the first place and the Cup was shared by Ranjit and Pratap Sections. Shivaji was placed third followed by Chandragupta Section.

Janmashtmi Celebrations

Janmashtmi the birthday of Bhagwan Sri Krishna was celebrated in the College temple with traditional fanfare and gaiety. The Music Hobby Club sang a number of bhajans. Mr SK Dwivedi gave a thought provoking speech in Hindi highlighting the significance of the festival in the modern context. A liberal helping of "Prasad" marked the end of the function after the Aarti.

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A movie "Circus on the Parade" was screened in the Convocation Hall on 15 Aug. The cadets saw "Sixty Seven Days" (16 Aug), "Breaking Away" (23 Aug) and "Rang Birangi" (28 Aug) in the IMA Auditorium.

Visit : Nepalese Officers

Lt Col BK Chhetri Go Da. Ba. and Maj NR Bista of the Royal Nepalese Army are currently with us for a month to study various aspects of organisation, training and administration.

Postings

This term we had the privilege of welcoming Capt D Chowdhry Instructor CI 'C' in Physics who took over from Capt PC Pathy posted to 39 GTC Varanasi. Mr KS Ahlawat replaced Capt Manmohan Singh Instructor in Geography who was given a warm send off, on his posting to an Infantry Brigade in the Western Sector. Hav Gajanand Singh AEC replaced Hav JK Adhikari AEC, our Biology teacher Hav JK Adhikari goes to Clementown.

The Soldier

Up in the mountains above,
Wearing a jacket and a pair of boots;
Stands the soldier
Guarding the Frontiers.

His hands are numb
And eyes burning.
He stands undaunted;
For a bed he is yearning.

Facing the snow
In the dead of the night;
He'll face the enemy
With all his might.

His eyes are open
His hands on his gun;
He'll shoot any enemy
Who tries to run.

So far from home
So near to death;
For his country
He will give away his breath.

And even if dies,
He leaves behind him
Fame for the country
And a name for himself.

Mohit Gandhi
Class III-A

My Experiences at HMI

Cadet DS Nehra a keen sportsman was adjudged the Best Cadet on the Himalayan Mountaineering Institution, Adventure Course where he secured Distinction Grade and was awarded the trophy.

—Editor

We left for HMI on 13th May, soon after our SSE finished. It was after a very unpleasant and arduous journey that we reached our destination and that too at 3 O'Clock in the early morning when everybody was fast asleep. We had to put up for the night on the floor of a hall.

The course began on the 16th morning and all of us were thrown into a whirl pool of hectic activities. Straight away we were divided into six patrols each having 8 to 9 boys. We also heard Tenzing Norgay's speech on the first day about his experiences on the various Everest expeditions of which he was a member. In the first few days we were taught map reading, knot-tying etc. We also did a lot of rock climbing and standard obstacles. Rock climbing was new to us and naturally very exciting. On all 'Adventure Courses' the students are taken out on two long treks during which they are required to employ their knowledge of map reading, knot-tying, rock climbing, shelter pitching etc. taught at the HMI located on Jawahar Parbat. The first expedition of our course was the Newa Valley Traverse. This dense tropical forest is supposed to be an unexplored region. A special patrol was chosen comprising 10 boys accompanied by 5 instructors and 5 porters. We traversed this jungle in a record time of 3 days. A previous party with 50 porters had done it in 7 days. Though it was an exciting experience, some horrifying memories still linger our minds like at one time 3 to 4 leeches stuck to our bodies.

After returning from Newa, we had one day's rest and immediately set off for our second trek to Sandakpur which is the highest point in that area climax and is located on the continuation of the Kanchenjunga ridge at a height of 13000 ft. This was the climax of our expedition. We reached this place in two days' time and then started down to reach a place called Singla at 900 ft. During both the treks we used to cook ourselves, and build shelters using ground sheets and bamboos. At Singla we did swimming, watermanship and a bit of canoeing in the Rumbum river. We were shown many aids to cross water hurdles.

One night during this trek, each one of us had to spend totally alone. We were given separate posts by our instructors in the jungle and we had to build our shelter, light fire to keep animals away and then cook our own food. This serves as an individual test. For many incapable boys that must have been a memorable night for they ate 'Kuchcha rice' and 'Kuchchi dal' with salt as they could not light fire.

We returned to Darjeeling from Langli on 1st June. There after we had various inter patrol competitions involving shelter building, cooking, cross-country walk, rope and standard obstacles, group-task and debate and also individual competitions like extempore speeches and written examinations. The cross-country and obstacles records were broken. I broke the rope obstacles record by 42 seconds.

One day before the course was to close we had a social night and a grand dinner. Everyone was full of joy and there were a lot many things said between one another over the lavish dinner.

The graduation ceremony was held in which everyone got his badges and the prizes were distributed. I got the 'Best Cadet's Award. After this grand finale of the course, we bid adieu to the HMI and returned home carrying unforgettable sweet memories of various exciting experiences during the course.

Cadet DS Nehra
Class V

Rimcolliana

We are happy to note that Lt. S. Kohli is participating in the Trans-Himalayan Car Rally. He represents the Army Ordnance Corps.

An Old Boy Ex Capt. P.K. Munshi visited the College on 07 Sep. He is a reputed contact lens specialist.



SMILE



"Are you not ashamed of yourself? You've been learning for three years and you can only count upto ten. What will you do in life if you go on like that?" said the Mathematics teacher to Shyam.

"I'll be a referee at boxing matches", replied some what enthusiastic Shyam.

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"Spell the word neighbour", announced the teacher in an English Class.

"N - e - i - g - h - b - o - u - r", replied Naresh.

"That's right. Now, Deepak, can you tell me what a neighbour is?"

"It's a woman that borrows things," answered Deepak quickly.

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Teacher—"Suneel, your handwriting is terrible. You must learn to write better."

Suneel—"Well, if I did you'd be finding fault with my spelling".

Teacher—"Is there anything that you can do better than anyone else?"

Suneel—"Yes, Sir, read my own handwriting."

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Teacher—"Give me an example of the word 'coincidence'.

Gagan—"Sir, both my mother and father happened to get married on the same day".

Compiled by

Cadet Gagan Rathi
Class III



Thought for the Month

There are certain things that our age needs. It needs, above all courageous hope and the impulse to creativeness.

Bertrand Russel

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The drenching days of monsoon are over. The cadets had worked hard for the mid-term examination. The mind needs rest and respite after gruelling studies. The hikes during the mid-term break therefore, came as a welcome change and made the cadets forget the unpleasant task of examinations. They went to discover and explore the wide world outside and returned refreshed and better equipped for toil and moil during the rest of the term.

A very substantial majority of our finalists have come out victorious from various Services Selection Boards. The last month had been quite eventful in that one of our Section Masters Mr RC Sharma retired and the other Mr GS Bisht put up his papers for pre-mature retirement due to ill health. The College played host to two visiting Royal Nepalese Army Officers for a month.

Campus News

Morning Assembly

A special Morning Assembly was held on 30 Sep 83 to bid farewell to retiring Section Master of Shivaji Section, Mr RC Sharma. The Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, commended Mr RC Sharma's services to the College and recounting his manifold contributions added that it would be extremely difficult to fill the vacuum created by the retirement of an all-rounder stalwart of Mr RC's towering stature. The Commandant presented a memento to Mr RC Sharma. Mr RC Sharma expressed his gratitude to the College and presented a Cup to be awarded each year as a running trophy to the Section scoring the highest points in sports.

In the Morning Assembly held on 10 Sep 83, the Commandant gave away the prizes and certificates of proficiency to Cadets Siddharth Mishra and SM Ismail for their creditable performance in the English Debate held at the DPS Delhi and to A Bhattacharjee of Class I for securing second place in On-the-Spot Painting Competition held at Col Brown's Cambridge School.



Football

Return - Football matches were organised against the Doon School on their grounds on 16 Sep. The seniors' match was certainly the most exciting match of the season. The Rimcols had practised hard to avenge their earlier defeat. (Reported in the 15 Sep 83 issue of the Chronicle). The intermittent heavy down pour did not deter the boys. The Doscocs had put up an equally brave front by not allowing the Rimcols to pierce through their defence. However, to the delight of the spectators, the visitors advanced fiercely and attacked time and again, though, without success. The Doscocs got a few chances but they too were unsuccessful to score. Though dominating all through, it was a pity that Rimcols could not score any goal. The match ended in a goal less draw.

Our promising juniors kept up their reputation by beating the opponents once again by the same comfortable margin (5-0) with which they had won on home ground on 05 Sep 83.

Inter Section Football Competition

Inter Section football competition started on 20 Sep 83. All the matches were played on league system. The results of the matches played among juniors and seniors and their overall results are as follows :

Juniors Section	Matches			Points	Goals scored		Position
	Won	Lost	Drawn		For	Against	
Pratap	2	—	1	5	8	1	I Due to goal Average.
Ranjit	2	—	1	5	4	1	II
Shivaji	1	2	—	2	5	7	III
Chandragupta	—	3	—	0	2	10	IV

Section Points : Ranjit 3½; Pratap 3½; Shivaji 2; Chandragupta 1.

Seniors Section	Matches			Points	Goals scored		Position
	Won	Lost	Drawn		For	Against	
Pratap	1	2	—	2	6	3	III
Ranjit	2	—	1	5	8	4	I
Shivaji	1	2	—	2	4	11	IV
Chandragupta	1	1	1	3	3	3	II

Section Points : Pratap 1½, Ranjit 4; Shivaji 1½; Chandragupta 3.

OVERALL RESULTS

Section	Section Points		Total	Position	Goal Average	
	Juniors	Seniors			For	Against
Pratap	4	1½	5½	II	14	4
Ranjit	3½	4	7½	I	12	5
Shivaji	2	1½	3½	IV	9	18
Chandragupta	1	3	4	III	5	13

Two of our athletes Cadets S Mehta Class IV-A and Vikram Verma Class III-A participated in 1500 mtr race in the recently concluded Div Athletics Meet held at Birpur, Dehra Dun.

Hockey

A hockey match between the Staff and the Cadets was played on 28 Sep as part of the week long activities to bid farewell to Mr RC Sharma. The star player of the match was Mr RC Sharma, who despite the age, showed his usual remarkable physical agility and wielded the stick with professional acumen. Lt Col Chhetri of the Royal Nepalese Army joined the Staff team. The young players were outsmarted by the old though the match ended in 2-2 draw.

Tennis

A keen and regular player of Tennis, Mr RC Sharma was presented a beautiful memento by the Commandant after a tennis match played on 26 Sep to bid him farewell.

Squash

Earlier on 24 Sep squash matches were organised between the members of the Staff and the Cadets as part of week long farewell activities for Mr RC Sharma.

Basketball Match

The College basketball team played a match against the Doon School on home ground on 15 Sep 83. The Doscos gained an upper hand in the second half and maintained their lead till the end of the match. They beat the Rimcols 27-17.

In yet another match against the FRI played on home grounds on 19 Sep 83 our boys put up a brave front. The visitors were quick to shoot a number of baskets within the first ten minutes of the start of the game and took a comfortable lead. Soon the cadets spearheaded their counter attack through accurate passes and shooting and equalized their score. The Rimcols ultimately beat them by a narrow margin of 39-36.

Inter Section Athletics Competition

Inter Section Athletics Competition for the year 1983 commenced on 08 Sep 83.

Visits

The GOC UP Area Maj Gen AE Joseph, AVSM visited the College on 16 Sep 83.

Mr Brian Stokes, an English School Master from England touring Indian Public Schools, came to RIMC on 27 Sep 83. On return, he would be writing articles for British Head Master's Conference Journal and for The Times Ed. supplement.

The two Royal Nepalese Army Officers Lt Col BK Chhettri, Go. Da. ba., and Maj NR Bista who stayed for a month with us (reported in the Sep 83 issue of the Chronicle) departed for their country on 30 Sep 83. They had studied various aspects of organisation, training and administration of the RIMC.



Cadets Vishal Sharma, Class III and SK Upadhyaya, Class III participated in the Hindi debate competition held at Welham Girls High School on 16 Sep. Their performance was highly appreciated.

A grand dinner was held in honour of the visiting Royal Nepalese Officers on 22 Sep 83 in the Cadets' Mess. The Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, presented a memento to both of them as a token of remembrance. Lt Col BK Chhettri, Go. Da. ba. in his speech on the occasion, appreciated the co-operation extended to the team and thanked the Commandant for the fine gesture. He was full of admiration for the College.

Cadet A Chatterjee of Class I was awarded second prize in Group 'B' division in "On-the-Spot Painting Competition" organized at Col Brown's Cambridge School, Dehra Dun.

Farewell : Mr. RC Sharma

By far the most important event marking the month of September was a very warm and emotional send off for Section Master, Shivaji Section, Mr RC Sharma who retired on 30 Sep 83 after a long eventful and dedicated service of 30 years and five months. His contribution to the field of games and sports in the College will ever be gratefully remembered. Spruced and sprightly, Mr RC Sharma was the very epitome of a dignified Public School Master. It will indeed be hard to fill the void created by his retirement. Befitting his contributions, an elaborate programme of farewell spreading over a week, in which he was presented with a number of mementos and souvenirs to remind him of our love and affection, was chalked out.

On the morning of 30 Sep, after the wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, he was bidden farewell in an atmosphere surcharged with emotion and sentiments.

Mr RC Sharma interviewed

Q-1 How many years of service have you completed at RIMC ?

A 30 years and 5 months, to be exact.

Q-2 Did you intend to become a teacher to start with ?

A Yes.

Q-3 When did you become a "Fellow of the Royal Society of Geography" ?

A It was in 1959.

Q-4 When did you become the Section Master of Shivaji Section and how did you feel at that time ?

A In February 1962. It was a challenge which I accepted.

Q-5 Are you satisfied with the facilities given to the teachers ?

A Yes, I am. If I was 30 years younger than what I am, I would join this College again as a teacher. I love this College and will be very happy to serve again.

Q-6 Have you experienced any changes in the College during your tenure ?

A R.I.M.C. has not changed much though changes have been there. The old keep giving place to new.

Q-7 Sir, your way of imparting instruction is quite different than other teachers, would you like to comment on this ?

A Thank you. I have always believed in maximum student involvement as part of teaching-learning process.

Q-8 Do you have any reminiscences of early days which you would like to recall.

A There was less emphasis on academics in olden times and boys used to take more interest in games.

Q-9 Did you have any experience of teaching prior to your joining this College ?

A Yes, I was teaching at Delhi College, Delhi. I left that in March 1953 and joined R.I.M.C. in April 1953.

Q-10 Which College did you graduate from ?

A F.C. College, Lahore.

Q-11 What do you feel about the present standard of sports in the College ? Has it gone down as compared to the early days ?

A As a matter of fact we have improved as we are winning trophies at the district level. We have also participated at national level in the junior section in squash.

Q-12 Please cite some funny incident which happened during your tenure.

A A cadet once asked in the class if there was any road joining Sri Lanka and India. This was the funniest question ever asked, that I can recall. I would not name that cadet, he is a Brigadier in the army now.

Q-13 What are your hobbies ?

A Mostly reading books and going on long treks.

Q-14 You are a good sportsman and play all games. Were you associated with any national or international event especially in hockey ?

A I played for Aga Khan Cup. I played for the "Rest of India" against the national hockey team.

Q-15 Can you tell us about the places which you have visited from this College ?

A I was sponsored to go to England by R.I.M.C. I played hockey at the state as well as national level, then my name used to appear in national dailies. I played for University of Dublin Vs. London.

Q-16 Are you a member of any organisation for the teachers ?

A Yes, only one, that is the local Geographic Society.

Q-17 Why did you prefer Geography as your subject ?
A I had a liking for it I used to trek through Dalhousie, Chambal, Jammu and Kashmir. And above all, my teacher inspired me to take this subject.

Q-18 Tell us something about your youth.
A I enjoyed it very much. I am still young.

Q-19 When you see your students coming up high in life, how do you feel ?
A I feel greatly honoured and it is a big reward for a teacher.

Q-20 Would you like to comment on the location of the College?
A The location is most picturesque. I do mean it. I have been to a number of schools and colleges but not one is as good as R.I.M.C.

Q-21 How do you feel leaving the College and colleagues with whom you have stayed for three decades ?
A I do feel upset because R.I.M.C. had become a part of me and therefore leaving this place is sad.

Q-22 Do you suggest any changes in the administrative set-up ?
A R.I.M.C. should expand and make itself a tool of effective change in the country's educational set-up. Riding should be re-introduced.

Q-23 What are your plans after retirement ?
A Not yet decided; if I get good accommodation I intend opening a small school in Dehra Dun.

Thank you.

Riddles

- (1) Name the thing which never uses its teeth for eating ?
- (2) What kind of 'fare' is worst for a man to live ?
- (3) Which room is never swept ?
- (4) Which table in a class has no legs to stand on ?
- (5) What is that which goes up the hill, down the hill, yet never moves ?
- (6) What is that which has a mouth, yet never eats, has no feet, yet runs, has a bed but never sleeps, has banks but no money ?
- (7) Give the word which has a mile between two letters ?
- (8) Name the thing that can make a deaf woman hear ?
- (9) How can you make this line shorter without cutting or rubbing it a———b
- (10) There is 20 meters of cloth. How many days will it take to finish it if we cut one metre a day ?

(Answers to Riddles p. 8)

Why Worry ?

There are only two things to worry about,
either you are well or you are sick.
But if you are well there is nothing to worry about.
But if you are sick there are two things to worry about.
Either you get well or you will die.
If you get well there is nothing to worry about.
But if you die there are two things to worry about.
Either you go to heaven or hell.
If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about.
But if you go to hell, you will be so damn busy shaking hands with friends,
That you won't have time to worry.

Gagan Rathi
Class III



SMILE



"Well I am falling in love and I think I should go to a palmist or a mind reader. Which would you suggest?" asked a modern Romeo.

"You better go to a palmist—you know you've got a palm", was the friend's reply.

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An old 'Gorkha sailor' after retirement approached a rich farmer and asked "Will you give me a job?"

"Have you ever done any farm work?" said the farmer.

"No, I've been in the navy but I will do any job you like to give me", said the sailor.

"All right. Do you see that flock of sheep grazing on the hill side? Get them all through the gate and into the yard", said the farmer. About an hour later the farmer saw the sailor leaning on the gate wiping his forehead.

"Did you get them all in?" asked the farmer.

"Yes", said the sailor. The farmer looked, and sure enough all the sheep were gathered in the yard. And then the farmer saw a hare running around among the sheep. The sailor saw what the farmer was looking at.

"Yes", the sailor said, "that little fellow there gave me more trouble than the rest put together".

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On hearing some noise, the wife of a police constable woke her husband up at night.

"There seem to be thieves around in the house, get up and see," the wife said.

Half awake and trying to sleep back the constable replied "Don't disturb; go to sleep. I am not on duty."

Compiled by
Cadet S Shekhar
Class-IV

Rimcolliana

Our heartiest felicitations to Lt Gen K Chiman Singh on his taking over as GOC-in-C Eastern Command. We are proud to note that this distinction and glory to the Alma Mater has come after a long time.

Our congratulations to Lt Col DS Ahluwalia on his appointment as CWE Dehra Dun Garrison.
Our congratulations to Capt BS Kohli on getting married.

Lt Col MM Zaki and Major HS Bisht visited the College on 05 Oct 83.

Answers to Riddles

- (1) Saw
- (2) Warfare
- (3) Broom
- (4) Time-Table
- (5) Sun-Shine
- (6) River
- (7) Smiles
- (8) Nothing
- (9) Draw a bigger line c ——— d
a ——— b
- (10) 19 days

Cadet D Ahluwalia
Class III A



Thought for the Month

"Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but his inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary".

Reinhold Nuebuhr

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The Chronicle

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News in Brief

With the launching of this issue of the Chronicle a daring venture is being undertaken and thereby a new chapter is added to its glorious and eventful history. The cadets have volunteered to be responsible hereafter for bringing out the Chronicle with Raja Bhattacharjee as the Chief Editor assisted by the media boys of the College.

These media boys have also resolved to take upon themselves the challenge of restoring the fortnightly publication of the Chronicle. This venture will hopefully open avenues to new thoughts and ideas; ideas that the young fresh minds dream of, helping to make the Chronicle more colourful and interesting than ever. We of the editorial board assure you that we shall strive hard to make our newsletter a piece of interesting reading. However, we are bound to have shortcomings. No one is infallible, nor are we. We would be really very glad to entertain constructive suggestions and ideas for the improvement of the Chronicle. We expect a favourable response from our readers. With the assistance of the readers and guidance from the members of the Staff, we are sure to take a great leap forward in the right direction.

Meanwhile, the College has seen a lot of hectic activities. The cadets have been taking active part in the outside competitions like the debates, Cross-Country, essay and painting competitions and last but not the least the athletics. Recently, we hosted the 42nd Dehra Dun Athletics Meet on our College grounds. The horizons are ever widening for a cadet of the RIMC.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to those who have won laurels for the institution and the best of luck to those venturing out to do their best. Let us continue to move on.....



Inter Section Athletics Meet

The Inter Section Athletics Meet was held from 08 Oct 83 to 12 Oct 83. The annual event was conducted with clocklike precision in the College pavilion. Maj Gen RS Pannu, Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor of the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun was the Chief Guest. Mrs Pannu graced the occasion by giving away the prizes. The Chief Guest was highly pleased with the manner in which the meet was conducted and expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the organizers and the participants who had worked hard with dedication to make the event a great success.

The highlights of the track and field events were - equalling of the Pole Vault record by Cadet Nasser Prakash and erasing of the 1500 metre race record by Cadet Sandeep Mehta. Nasser cleared the height of 8' 4" and thus bracketed himself with Cadet LT Singh who established the record in 1968. Sandeep Mehta, a promising long distance runner breasted the tape in the gruelling 1500 metre race in 4 minutes 7 seconds shattering the previous record of 4 minutes and 25 seconds set by Cadet Ranvir Singh in 1961.

Chandragupta Section bagged the Trophy closely followed by Pratap, Shivaji and Ranjit Sections.

The best athletes in the respective divisions were as follows:

- A Division - Cadet SK Sinha
- B Division - Cadet WJK. Singh
- C Division - Cadet V Mohindra

Brig KL Atal's Medal for the best athlete for the year 1983 was awarded to Cadet Vishan Mohindra.

The Old Boys' race was won by Maj Hiram S Sen, our Administrative Officer who had been an excellent athlete in his days at the College. Capt BK Sinha, Instructor Class C, IMA had to contend with a close second followed by Maj KK Sharma of HQ 14 Infantry Division EME Battalion.

The annual athletics meet ended with the retreat sounded by the buglers of 2/5 GR. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Commandant, IMA for the brass band; CO, 2/5 GR for the buglers and CO, 22 Rajput for the 'Starters'.

The Commandant expressed his appreciation for the smooth conduct of the event.

Dehra Dun District Athletics Meet

The Dehra Dun District Athletics Meet was held in our grounds from 22 Oct 1983 to 23 Oct 1983. All schools of Dehra Dun and Mussoorie look forward to this event eagerly every year. The cream of all the schools assemble to display their talent in this prestigious meet.

Over and above, extending the full cooperation to the DDSA, the hosts, RIMC were as hospitable as ever. Everything—the arena, equipment and officials were provided to them. Even the Pavilion came to the rescue of the DDSA when the event was threatened on the final day by the unpredictable rains. The meet was marked by the colourful opening ceremony. Col OP Chaudhary, VSM, Commandant RIMC took the salute and administered the oath to participants in their splendid school attire. Amidst stiff competition, our contingent brought many laurels to the institution by bagging the trophies in B and D Divisions. The March Past Trophy remained in our kitty and it has been in our possession since its inception. Our athletes performed well in A, C and E divisions also. Among our Athletes, Sunil Yadav, Vishan Mohindra and WJK Singh stole the limelight.

In the gruelling Marathon event, the second, third and fourth positions were bagged by Vikram Verma, Rajdeep Singh Manaise and Jagdeep Singh Kairon.

The Dehra Dun District Athletics Meet came to an end with the prize distribution by Col Wahi, Chairman, ONGC. The end of the function was marked by the evergreen IMA band playing "Saare Jahan Se Achha"

YMCA Marathon

One event follows the other. The YMCA Marathon for under 20 years was held on 23rd October 1983. Our 'Marathoners' JS Kairon, RS Manaise, Vikram Verma, Chetan Desai, MK Singh and JS Rajput took part in the tough event. The going became tough by the heavy downpour but our runners roughed it with distinction. RS Manaise stood 2nd, JS Rajput stood third, Chetan Desai 9th and MK Singh 11th. It was a splendid performance indeed and the institution is proud of them.

Sub Junior's Squash

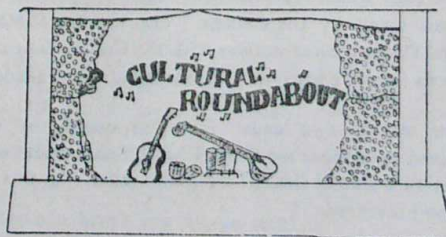
RIMC has been the breeding ground for many national and Services Squash players. Major Raj Manchanda, the most distinguished squash player in the country as we know is a Rimcollian. Squash has always been a popular game in the College.

Following the footsteps of luminous predecessors, our budding players, Cadets Akshay Joshi, Pradeep Singh and DS Bajaj of Class IIA represented the college in the National Sub Juniors' Squash Tournament. The tournament was held at Delhi from 12th to 16th Oct.

It is heartening to note that Cadet Akshay Joshi entered semi finals but unfortunately lost to Farouq Pandole of Bombay who ultimately won the finals of the event.

There was also a 'plate event', a competition for those who could not qualify for the semi finals. Cadet Pradeep Singh emerged first in the plate event. He won against Ashish Gupta of Doon School.

We are indeed proud of our budding squash players. Keep it up.



DPS Debate

"An eye for an eye will make the world blind." This was the topic of the Delhi Public School

Debate organized on 7th Oct. JS Kairon, S Mishra, RK Chaudhry and SM Ismail were sent to represent the college. Our cadets spared no efforts to do their very best in this prestigious event. In the face of stiff competition, Cadet S Mishra bagged the second prize followed by Cadet SM Ismail who emerged fourth in the rebuttal panel. The Commandant congratulated them in one of the Morning Assemblies.

All India Hindi Debate—13th Oct

The life of a cadet of the RIMC is never dull. He is, in fact, busier than the bee. As one event is about to come to a close, the other is round the corner close on the heels of the first. 'Kashiraj Bhashan Pratiyogita' an all India Hindi Debate was held in the Convocation Hall. The topic for the debate was "पश्चिम का अनुकरण भारत के लिये अहितकर है।"

The Convocation Hall, which has witnessed silently many a rumbling during the last sixty odd years of its eventful life, could barely withstand the fire and fury of this debate! Cadet JS Brar stood first in the debate. Cadet R Negi stood second in the Rebuttal Panel. RIMC team stood first, followed by Sainik School, Tilayya and Welham Girls High School. Brig Prakash Singh, Commandant, ACC Wing of IMA graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Chakraborty Memorial English Debate (19th Oct 83)

The prestigious debate organised by Doon School was held on 19 Oct 83. Cadets S Mongia and RK Chaudhry represented the College. The Topic was "Man is a freak of Creation". Cadet RK Chaudhry stood second. The College came a close third next to Laurence School, Sanawar, and the Doon School.

Is man really a freak of Nature?

Other competitions

It is heartening that in the recently held "On the Spot Painting Competition" organised by the Wild Life Club of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, two of our cadets figured in the coveted prize winners' list. They are :—

- (a) Cadet B Ajay Kumar - IInd in Sketching
- (b) ,, JS Bisht — IInd in Painting

In an Essay competition sponsored by the FRI, Cadet R Bhattacharjee was awarded the first prize. The topic was 'Conservation begins at the door step; how we can improve our neighbourhood.'

Cadets' Meeting

The Cadets' Council is a body which represents the various sections and classes of the College and discusses the various problems faced by the College. This meeting is attended by the Administrative Officer, the Section Masters and Cadet representatives with the Commandant in the chair. There came a number of striking suggestions to improve upon the present standard of academics in the College.

One of the suggestions was that a cadet failing to qualify for the grade in the UPSC examination should not be allowed to appear for the HSC examination and should be made to stay back in Class V to take his examination a second time as a regular cadet. In this way, deliberate failures at the UPSC examination could be prevented.

Another suggestion pertaining to academics was that in order to cover the syllabus for the term a teacher other than the subject teacher of that class would set and correct a certain set of papers.

This would ensure completion of the syllabus and help in proper evaluation of the students' knowledge. This suggestion was unanimously agreed upon and is now being implemented with effect from this Terminal examination.

A proposal for acquiring a bus for the RIMC was put up. The Commandant said that this proposal would be put up to the board of Rimcollians' Association. The Commandant informed the council that the third Squash Court (presently under construction) would be ready soon.

To curb the loss of study periods due to IMA movies, the number of movies is to be reduced to one per week.

With these points the Cadets' Council Meeting came to a close.

Staff Corner

Soon after an emotional send off to Mr RC Sharma we regret to inform about the premature retirement sought by Mr. GS Bisht due to ill health. He has served as Section Master, Ranjeet Section. He is also a fine writer and the author of the book "Anokha Milan". We wish him the best of luck.

Mr KS Ahlawat joined the Geography department in the month of September. Dr S Mukherjee, MA. Ph. D also joined our out-fit to fill the void created by the retirement of Mr RC Sharma. Dr Mukherjee comes from the Welham Boys' School. We extend a hearty welcome to both of them and wish them happy and fruitful tenure at the RIMC.

Capt D Choudhury, AEC, our instructor in Physics represented the Central Command in the Services cricket. Recently he attended trials for selection in the services Cricket team. We wish him the very best of luck.



SMILE



Limericks

There was a fat man of the coast
Whose habit it was to boast.
He claimed to have seen
A cow that was green
Eating Marmalade on toast.

There reigned a Shah in Iran
Who belonged to the Pahlavi clan,
Till along came Ayatollah
A fanatical Mullah,
Who for Shahs didn't give a darn.

There was a a brave son of the soil,
Who was fascinated by fire and oil.
He lit a Cigar
Under his car
There was a brave son of the soil.

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A man with a double barrel gun
Shot pedestrians just for fun,
They fell in the drain
Minus their brain
While he admired what he'd done.

Atop a tall tower in Crete
A man got affected by the heat.
He thought he would fly
So he took to the sky
And spattered his brains on the street.

Composed by :
Cadet SM Ismail
Class V

My SSB Experiences at Bangalore

(Cadet Kaushik Sircar, the cadet Captain, here narrates his experiences at the SSB centre at Bangalore —Editor).

It is said that hard work bears fruit and, thanks to my hard work this saying came true. After having completed five years of rigorous training at the RIMC, I was determined to join the National Defence Academy. After passing the NDA written examination I had before me one last hurdle —the Services Selection Board (SSB). My interview call came and I left for Bangalore on 16 Sept. I was given a very warm send off and the way the college cheered me shall forever remain etched in my memory. After a long and uneventful journey, I reached Bangalore on the 19th.

Next day I reported to the SSB centre at 1600 hrs. There were quite a number of boys and we were given some forms to fill. We were also given our chest numbers. One thing worth praising about RIMC is that it makes us bold and I can say that from the beginning I dominated the scene. That day soon ended and we were told to report the next day.

Next day i.e., on 21st, we reported to the Centre at 7.00 AM. We had the psychology test and it went off fairly well. It's mostly a test of common sense. The questions asked sometimes are quite baffling. We were free after the test and I decided to see "The Last Escape" at the Symphony theatre.

On 22nd September we had the GTO's tasks beginning at 7.00 AM. The topic for the group discussion was "Should India go for space research when so many people in the country live below the poverty line?" After that we had the progressive group task. I fell down while doing one of the obstacles as it gave way under my weight. After the group task, we had the snake race in which 8 boys had to pick one ground sheet weighing around 10 kilo grams. Next on the list were the lecturettes in which I spoke on "Education system in India". I was quite thoroughly prepared for the topic and my performance was appreciated by all my batch mates. Then we had the interview and the Vice President, Col Suri, questioned me about the RIMC and my family back ground. I was quite self assured and answered all the questions to the best of my ability. After such a hectic schedule, I saw the movie "Herbie goes bananas" in the evening. It was an extremely hilarious movie.

On 23rd Sep, we had the obstacles, 8 of which I repeated. The more the number of obstacles a person repeats, the more points he gets. We also had the final group task which was the last test.

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I had a broken and restless sleep that night and could hear the creaking of the bed as I kept on turning sides.

Next day was the conference. I was asked about our stay and the quality of food etc. Soon after came the much waited announcement of results. On hearing the announcement that chest No. 8 has passed, my joy knew no bounds. I had passed ! I was oozing with happiness.

My stay in RIMC has been worth while after all !

Cadet K Sircar
Class V A

The Editor's Mailbag

Sir,

I am a regular reader of the Chronicle. I feel it fails to cover all the important happening of the college. It also fails to cover the contributions from the cadets. Articles from the cadets are very rare. I suggest that presidents of their respective hobbies should give an account of the work done in the month. The cadets of the junior classes must be encouraged to write. The journalism club should take care of these writings. The speeches delivered by cadets in assemblies, debates etc. can also be published in the Chronicle. This will be a great help to the junior cadets.

If my suggestions are accepted I am sure our chronicle would soon have a new look that every one would appreciate.

Peush Pawsey
Class I A

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Sir,

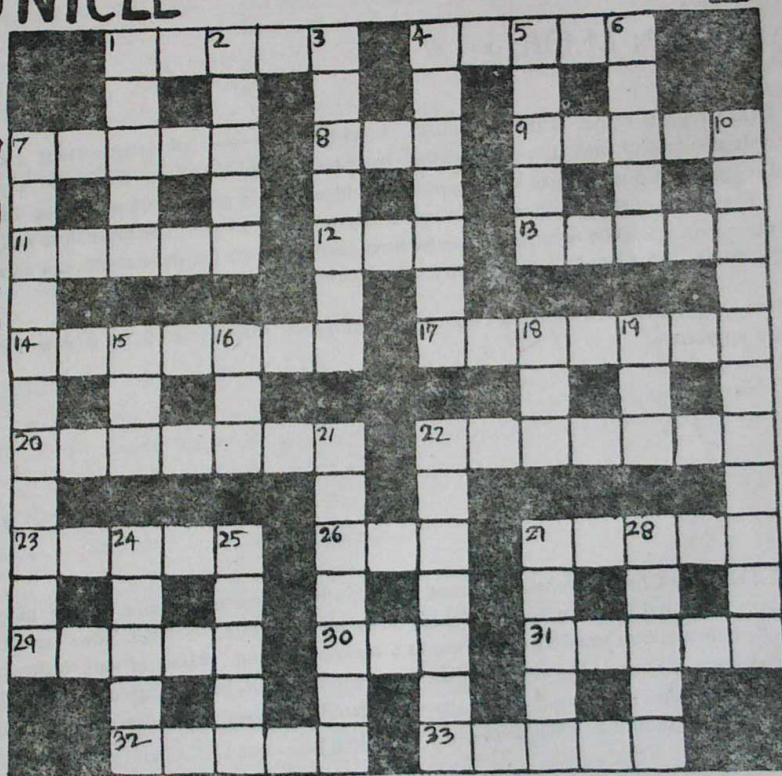
I feel that the Chronicle should be made fortnightly because in a period of one month, a lot of activities take place and information about them becomes very stale. Besides news about the college, some outside information should also be given in a separate section. Many of our cadets take part in various essay competitions. The essays of the prize winners can be published. The activities taking place in the college should be described in greater detail. Names of cadets doing well should be mentioned. Cadets should be encouraged to write articles.

Thus, the scope and coverage of the Chronicle should be enlarged with matters of varied nature and of course of better quality.

DS Bisht
Class II A

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Rimcolliana

Once again, a Rimcollian comes into the lime light. Always leading and always topping, that's what they do. We have this time, Col DK Khullar, who has been selected to lead the Everest mountaineering expedition during 1984. We extend him our heartiest congratulations and pray for his success.

Capt Manavendra Singh of Chandragupta Section has been posted as Instructor, Class C in the prestigious Indian Military Training Team at Bhutan. We congratulate him on this posting.

Mrs Mitra Vashisht, wife of Maj AK Vashisht of Pratap Section has been posted as Head of Chancery at the Indian Embassy at Thimpu. We offer our best wishes to her on this occasion.

Major Girish Pande of 15 Garhwal and Lt DP Singh of the Indian Navy visited the College recently.

Wedding Bells

We are happy to record the wedding of Capt Pankaj Kumar (ex-Chandraguptian) to Miss Alka Kaul. We wish them a happy married life. Capt Pankaj Kumar is the son of Mr K. Kumar, the Section Master of the Chandragupta Section.

Obituary

We regret to record the unfortunate demise of Shri Birbal. He had diligently served for a long period in the sunny days of his life. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family and relatives.



Thought for the month

Some people are wise and some are otherwise.

—GB Shaw

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News in Brief

Winter has finally set in. Now, we see the boys clinging tightly to their blazers and scurrying to the cosy warmth of their dormitories. There is in an understandable excitement as the term draws to a close. The terminal examinations are in progress and the cadets are seen moving around with their books wherever they go.

During the preceding fortnight all eyes were trained on the keenly contested Triangular Basketball Meet, held on the college basketball courts from the 7th to the 9th of November. The Delhi Public School, the Doon School, and the RIMC had taken part. In the tournament, conducted on a league-cum-knockout basis, the DPS emerged the victors.

In the Inter Section Squad Drill Competition held on the 12th of November, Shivaji annexed the trophy closely followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap Sections respectively.

Fortnightly Events

Triangular Basketball Meet

The Basketball season was at its prime this fortnight. For the first time—though the response was not as encouraging as we had expected—an Inter Public School Basketball Meet was organized and held on the College grounds. The Delhi Public School, the Doon School and the RIMC took part in the tournament.

Our team had practised tirelessly for a long time. Outstanding amongst our stalwarts were Cadets JJS Bhinder, Sandeep Mehta, Vishan Mohindra and CS Dewgun. Their hard and sustained

practice stood them in good stead. Both RIMC and DPS played magnificently on the 7 Nov 83. We gave a good fight to the DPS but lost.

On the 8th, the DPS beat Doon School 88-59. On the same day, in the RIMC Vs Doon School match, the RIMC established its supremacy by beating them by a narrow margin of 26-31.

On the 9th was the match between the finalists DPS and RIMC. Brig Jaggi had kindly consented to be the chief guest for the occasion. The match turned out to be almost a one sided affair. The DPS outplayed RIMC, scoring basket after basket for a final score of 111-42. Brig Jaggi gave away the prizes.

Cadet SM Ismail interviewed the DPS coach, Mr. Ashok Rangeen and the Doon School coach, Mr. Lahiri, during the Triangular Public School Basketball Meet. We reproduce below the excerpts of the interview :

Q : What do you think of this tournament held here ?

Mr. Ashok Rangeen : I feel this tournament will certainly be a good start for students of public schools.

Q : Do you hold any similar tournaments in your school ?

Mr. Lahiri : Not at the moment, but we hope to do something similar soon.

Q : Have you recently taken part in any such tournament ?

A.R. : There's no such tournament at the all India level but we have participated in some local tournaments in Delhi.

Q : In your school, do all the boys play basketball or is it only for those who wish to specialize in it ?

L : Well, almost everyone plays basketball though for a very short season of only two to three weeks a year.

Q : If such a tournament were held in your school, would you hold it as we have done ?

A.R. : Yes, we would. I must say the organization here was very good.

Q : What do you think of the future of such basketball tournaments ?

L : I think RIMC has taken a positive step by setting the ball rolling in a right direction.

Q : What do you think of the basketball standard of your school ? Do you think it is improving ?

L : It is a rather tricky question because we do not have much of play round the year. Moreover, boys play only in Inter-House matches and the school team as a whole hardly plays.

Q : What do you think of our standards ?

A.R. : Stamina-wise your team is the best, but it lacks a lot of technique and is weak in its fundamentals.

Q : What could you suggest to improve our game ?

A.R. : A lot of practice in your fundamentals.

Q : How long have you been a basketball coach ?

L : I've been a player for quite some time now.

Q : What is your opinion of the DPS—RIMC match held on the 7th ?

A.R. : I feel it was a good and interesting match.

Q : What do you think of the Doon School—RIMC match held on the 8th of November ?

L : I think the Doon School team did not do well because of over—confidence. We hope to turn the table next time.

Q : How was your stay here ?

A.R. : It was nice and comfortable—thanks to Major Sen who has been very nice to us.

Squad Drill Competition

“Left, Right, Left, Right.....”, the entire year's practice in Squad Drill came in for a hard and a critical test during the Inter Section Squad Drill Competition held on the afternoon of the 12th of November. All the four sections turned out in their very best of starched Olive Green and marched on the Drill Square in crisp and meticulous Drill movements. The competition was keenly contested. One just could'nt say for sure which section would win the competition.

After a dramatic suspense, Capt T R S Nair slowly unfolded the positions. As he announced, “Fourth—Pratap,, Third—Chandragupta”, there was pin drop silence in Ranjit and Shivaji sections. Then..... “Second-Ranjit,” and Shivaji Section jumped with joy. They had annexed the trophy!

The competition was a very close one. Each Section was ahead of the other by a few points only. Cadet Sunil Yadav of Ranjit Section was adjudged the best commander.

Death of a Mountaineer

Up he climbs with a will to conquer,
And scale the high peaks which with pride glow,
And just because of a slip of his feet,
He falls down the mountains into the snow below.

Cold and hard his body lies,
Atop the mountains above,
There is no one to mourn for him.
There is no one to give him love.

No pyre for him, no coffin for him,
Where will his dead body go ?
Along with the frost it will,
Forever be buried in the snow.

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What a glorious end for a man like him.
What a hasty way to die.
We'll seek him out in this dreaded cold,
and find out where his body lies.

So that he may live in our hearts,
For times immemorial.
May he find peace and happiness,
For we'll give him a fitting burial.

Cadet Mohit Gandhi
Class III—A

Runners to the Fore

(Cadet JS Kairon narrates his experiences in the YMCA cross country run—Editor)

"You chaps will be taking part in the YMCA Cross Country race, so better start your practice at once". This is what the Adm Officer told us not long ago on a rather cold morning during the PT time.

So, eight of us who were to take part, started practising under the exacting guidance of Nb Sub. TP Singh.

There were rigorous practice sessions, which lasted from 5 to 6.30 in the morning and 4 to 6 in the evening. We averaged 20 Kms of running every day. On the 22nd, we ran in the District Junior Marathon, and much to our delight, secured the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th positions out of the 25 runners who took part.

All the College runners ran exceedingly well. Cdt V Verma was second, followed by Manaise, my self, Rajput, Desai, Mehta and MK Singh close behind. The encouragement given to us by the AO kept us going. Mehta unfortunately had a bad stomach ache which affected his otherwise fine pace. We finished before the others but this was only a 5 Km race. Here we exhibited our supremacy over the rest of the participating schools, namely the Doon, Col. Browns', Cambrian Hall and Oak Grove.

The actual test was to come during the "YMCA Cross Country Race" scheduled for the following day. At around 4.30 in the morning, I woke up MK Singh and he in turn woke up Rajput, Manaise, Verma and Desai. Only six of us were to run, as Mehta and Sandeep Singh had their events in the District Athletics Meet. By 5.40 all of us boarded the vehicle along with Nb Sub TP Singh and set off for YMCA. The weather was cold and a slight drizzle had started. Although our limbs were extremely tired and stiff from the District Marathon, yet our spirits were very high indeed.

The race was flagged off by Mr Sood of the YMCA. We started at a brisk pace and were in the lead right from the beginning. We kept up our pace, but due to the uphill climb, had to slacken slightly.

Anyway, God too thought it to be a fine time to send rain! In no time it started pouring and much to our dismay, our shoes were filled with water. Mush, mush, we kept going on. The turning point, which was the Kishangarh toll tea booth, came after 9 Kms. Now was the time when we

started sprinting. Verma, who was running with me for some time, went ahead with real hard running. By this time Manaise and Rajput had already given us a 300 meters lead. Desai was following about 100 meters behind me.

I even took a tumble in one of the puddles. This hurt my knee and slowed my pace a bit. We finished the 10 Km route without facing much of difficulty. As the Adm Officer was present at the finishing line, we ran with even more enthusiasm and vigour.

Back at the YMCA, people were all praise for RIMC Cadets. Despite being very young in age and small in size, we finished in the following order out of 25 participants : Manaise-2nd, Rajput-3rd, Verma 4th, I-8th, Desai 9th, MK Singh-11th. At the prize distribution, we were all feeling exhilarated as RIMC cadets walked off with most of the prizes.

The hard practice paid us rich dividends and no doubt all credit goes to Nb Sub TP Singh who sacrificed his sleep on many a cold morning to give us gruelling practice.

It was in a jubilant mood that we returned to the College, though very tired and cold, yet full of joy and exuberance. In the College we were treated like heroes.

The first treat, of course, was a very welcome glass of hot milk !

— Cadet J.S Kairon
Class V A

The Editor's Mailbag

Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that the publishing of 'The Chronicle' is generally delayed due to reasons unknown to us. For instance, the chronicle dated 30.10.83 was given to us on 8.11.83. Efforts must be made to avoid such delays.

Yours, etc
— Cadet J S Kairon
Class V A

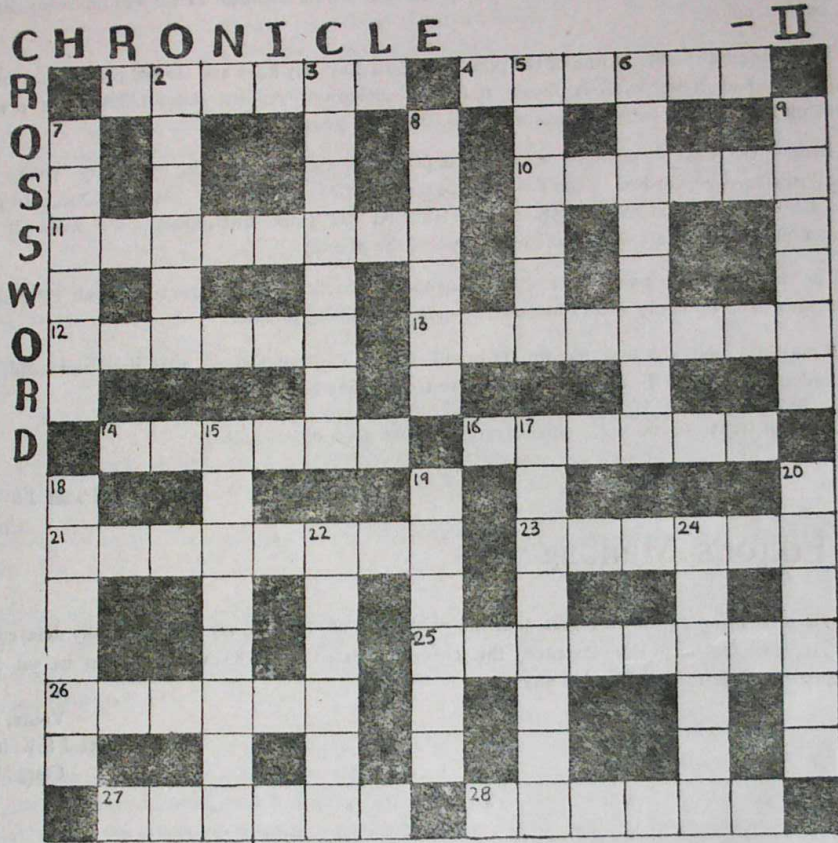
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Reply : Better late than never. Sincere efforts are being made to bring out the Chronicle in time.

Sir,

I am writing this letter about the recent exposure given to the College teams by allowing them to participate in the various matches and tournaments in which good teams of other public schools also participated. I feel that this step, which was initially on an experimental level, has proved very fruitful, considering the tremendous boost the college sports standards have got. Basketball, in particular, has gained tremendous popularity amongst the cadets since the conduct of the exciting Triangular Meet. One can now see both the basketball courts fully occupied by the game's enthusiasts.

The policy of giving exposure to the budding sportsmen should continue to be pursued and even further promoted

Yours, etc
— Cadet JJS Bhinder
Class V



Clues

Across

- 1. Television Programme (6)
- 4. Raise Spiritually (6)
- 10. Hockey team (6)
- 11. Enter private land without permission. (8)
- 12. On the adverse side of the game. (6)
- 13. Reasonable (8)
- 14. Kind of skates (6)
- 16. Wax colouring-pencil (6)
- 21. Cosmopolitan Indian City (8)

- 23 Rode (6)
- 25. Unrefined gasoline (5,3)
- 26. Give pleasure. (6)
- 27. Make someone happy. (6)
- 28. Regret. (6)

Down

- 2. Comes inside. (6)
- 3. Catch in a snare. (8)
- 5. Adjust ahead of time. (6)
- 6. Manner of thinking. (8)
- 7. Small. (6)
- 8. Make a claim to one's right. (6)
- 9. Blacksmiths' blocks. (6)
- 15. Tear flesh. (8)
- 17. Make stronger efforts. (8)
- 18. Happens. (6)
- 19. Smelling of decay. (6)
- 20. Substitute. (6)
- 22. Payment tags. (6)
- 24. Small stringed instrument. (6)

Answers to Crossword-1

- ACROSS : 1. Alter. 4. Bills. 7. Brain. 8. Cat. 9. A-Bomb
11. Aztec. 12. Use. 13. Solve 14. Debacle. 17. Yashmak. 20. Narrate
22. Riviera. 23. Royal. 26. Lot. 27. Merit. 29. Docks. 30. Via.
31. Glued. 32. Turin. 33. Eland.

- DOWN : 1. Await. 2. Tunic. 3. Recluse. 4. Battery. 5. Loans. 6. Seoul.
7. Branding rod. 10. Breakfasted. 15. Bar. 16. C.I.A. 18. S.L.V. 19. M.B.E.
21. Enliven. 22. Retrace. 24. Yatch. 25. LASER. 27. Magma 28. Round.

Rimcolliana

It is a heartening piece of news that Brig AK Mehta has been selected to attend the Royal College of Defence Studies, U.K. Another Rimcollian to have attended this College in the recent past is Maj Gen SV Giri, presently MGGS, Eastern Command.

Brig RN Batra has been selected to attend a course at the National Defence College, New Delhi.

We heartily congratulate both of them on their selection.



Thought for the Fortnight

And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

—St. Matthews

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News in Brief

The curtains have finally dropped on the term. In retrospect, one finds that the term has been quite a hectic and momentous one with the exciting football matches, the Inter Section Athletics, the Triangular Basketball Meet, the Inter Section Obstacle race and more. Along with the term ends the year 1983 and also the race for the Inter Section Championship. Now all eyes are set on the Inter Section Championship Trophy. The count-down for DLTGH (Days left to go home) has been completed and the cadets have left for their homes for the vacation. Only the Class V, VA cadets have stayed back. They have to appear at their NDA Examination on the 27th, 28th and 29th of December at Lucknow. Their preparations are in the final phase. We wish them the best of luck!

Fortnightly News

Inter Section Squash Championship

The 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November held in their grip another sports event of the RIMC—the Inter Section Squash Championship, bringing into play the final test of the weeks of squash practice.

The first day's matches were Pratap vs Shivaji and Ranjit vs Chandragupta. In the first round the Pratap V lost to the Shivaji V, 0-5. In the second round, Ranjit took a lead over Chandragupta, winning by a close margin 3-2.

On the 22nd of November, the first set of matches was Pratap vs Chandragupta in which Pratap got a lead by winning 3-2. In the second, Shivaji faced no opposition from Ranjit, winning 5-0.

The final day saw Pratap losing to Ranjit 2-3, and in the second set, Shivaji continued its winning spree by beating Chandragupta 4-1.

THE CHRONICLE WISHES IT'S READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thus the results of the Inter Section Squash Championships were as follows :—

<i>Position</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>
I	Shivaji	3	0
II	Ranjit	2	1
III	Pratap	1	2
IV	Chandragupta	0	3

Shivaji the Squash Pentagon stole the show. Barring Cadet A Dutt of Chandragupta Section who won against Cadet Sandeep Singh of Shivaji Section, they lost to no one for the year 1983. They can as well be called the squash kings ! Congratulations !

Services Squash

A number of cadets had gone to witness the 33rd Services Squash Championships held at the Indian Military Academy. They returned with praise galore for Maj RK Manchanda, who beat Capt Narjit Singh, India's No. 1 seed, in the individual competition.

Inter Section Obstacles Race Competition

The final competition of the term was the Inter Section Obstacle Competition, held on the sunny afternoon of the 7th of December. All the cadets were full of enthusiasm, as this competition virtually marked the end of the term.

Before the competition, strategies were being made by all Sections. One could hear "Bisen please help at the wall", "Ashok Kumar, you sprint in the beginning and reach the ladder first to help keeping it from oscillating"..... so on and forth. A number of cadets were also vying for the individual timing.

The defending champions, Shivaji, were the first to go. Colourful in their Section vests, it was a lovely sight to see them doing the obstacles. After Shivaji finished, it was Ranjit's turn. Then went Pratap, followed by Chandragupta. The brief spell of the obstacles really brings up the spirit of comradeship in the cadets. Each is bothered about the other. It is the team that really matters.

Soon after the obstacle races, the results were announced. Pratap Section emerged the victors, closely followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji. In the individual timings Cadet WJK Singh—the man machine from Chandragupta—stood first, followed by Cadet MK Singh of Shivaji Section and Cadet Nehra of Pratap Section. Cadet WJK Singh clocked an impressive 3'-07". He shattered the existing record of 3'-42" held by Cadet MK Singh. Congratulations !

Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner for the passing out cadets was arranged on 7th of December. This was a solemn occasion for the passing out class.

Many of the cadets had moist eyelids. However, some were quiet for a different reason. They were busy devouring the (slurp!) delicacies, courtesy Sub Maj Suraj Bhan ! The dinner also marked the end of term. Cadets were agog with excitement, thinking about their homes.

After the meal, the Commandant gave away mementos to the passing out cadets. Amidst thunderous applause, the cadets received their mementos. The Commandant expressed his satisfaction about the term's progress. He congratulated those who had made it to the NDA and encouraged the rest to strive hard. The Cadet Captain, Kaushik Sircar, full of sentiments, thanked the College for the dinner. It was a moving sight.

Soon, the farewell dinner was over. Next term, there will be another Class VA, another set of appointments. It is truly said "The old order changeth, yielding place to new".....

Juniors' Nationals Squash

On the 8th of December, Cadets A A Joshi, Sandeep Singh and V Verma left for the Nationals Junior Squash Championships to be held at Madras. We wish them the best of luck.

HMI 48th Course

Five of our cadets have been selected to attend the Adventure Course of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. They are - Cadets S Mehta, V Mohindra, RK Nair, A Shendye and RK Chaudhry. We wish them the best of luck at the Course.

Fools Rush in Where Wise Men Fear to Tread

What is the difference between a fool and a wise man? A fool overlooks his limitations and over-estimates his abilities, thus drowning himself into a sea of troubles, whereas the wiseman understands what he can do for himself and what he cannot. Thus a fool rushes into the unknown danger without realising what the result will be, but a wise man looks before he leaps.

That is why you are advised from your childhood to think first and then act. Only then you will be successful in life.

A wise person is known not by the degree of intelligence but by the degree of common sense. A very qualified person sometimes may not look before he leaps. For instance, let us take the story of the four friends, of whom three were highly qualified and the fourth a duffer. Yet the duffer was the wisest of them as he chose to climb the tree when the other wise men were planning to get a lion back to life. Their attempt, of course ended with the lion eating them up!

The wise man knows where to show his wisdom and where not to. A person who tries to show his wisdom by giving an aspirin to a lion or quinine to a bear, is surely inviting trouble for himself!

So let us all be wise men and think twice before doing a deed, for he who looks before he leaps can always stand up after he has finished his leap.

Cadet Mohit Gandhi
Class III-A

The Building

I wanted to know, what makes one great,
I read about Einstein and Edison,
I read about Nehru and Gandhi yet
I couldn't understand, what makes one great.

The question nagged me so,
Day in and day out
Till I went out for a walk,
Only till a stone's throw.

I saw a good building,
Painted red and white,
With beautiful shutters and lovely doors,
Oh ! such a good building !

But no ! what was that ?
Wasn't that a crack ?
Staring me blank in the face,
Across the base there was a crack.

The building was a lovely creation,
Yet the beautiful archway, and
The magnificent terrace, couldn't
Hide the flaw in the foundation.

And then it dawned upon me,
The whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
A man can only be a good creation,
If he has a strong, flawless foundation.

No powder, no cosmetics,
No false virtues, nor pretence,
Can hide the basic fracture
In a man's structure.

Cadet R Bhattacharjee
Class V

Wistfully, I think.....

May-be, someday I shall fly,
High, high—very high
Into the endless eternity,
Where there is love.
Love and faith everywhere,
Not chicanery and treachery,
Not hatred and jealousy,
Not suspicion but love.
I will go, go and fly,
Into the endless eternity,
Where love and faith
Form the basis of life.

Cadet Vijay Sikandar
Class V

The Editor's Mail Bag

Sir,

I, being a Cadet of the RIMC, feel it my duty to reflect some flaws in the Chronicle and request you to incorporate the necessary measures to improve upon it.

The write up of the Chronicle should be thoroughly checked and no wrong information printed. I would like to bring to your notice the Cultural Roundabout Section of the October issue. It has been written that Cadets Vishal Sharma and SK Upadhyay participated in the Hindi Debate at Welham Girls School. However, Cadet SK Upadhyay did not participate. Cadet MK Gupta took part in his place. In the Sports Section of the same issue, it has been written that the Inter Section Athletics Competition commenced on 8th September whereas it actually began on 8th October!

Such errors must be avoided. I hope you'll take positive steps in this direction.
Thanking you,

Yours etc
Cadet Mohit Gandhi
Class III-A

(We are, indeed, extremely sorry for the errors committed in the October issue. We assure you that such errors will be avoided in the future. We thank you for bringing the errors to our notice. Error is regretted.—Editor)

Sir,

I was highly impressed by the responsibility taken up by the Cadets to handle the Chronicle on their own. The Chronicle has covered all the past activities of the College. However, they are rather stale in news and therefore did not hold much interest. The Chronicle could also publish activities planned by the College. More articles should be encouraged. If my suggestions are looked into, I'm sure the Chronicle will near a new look.

Thanking you,

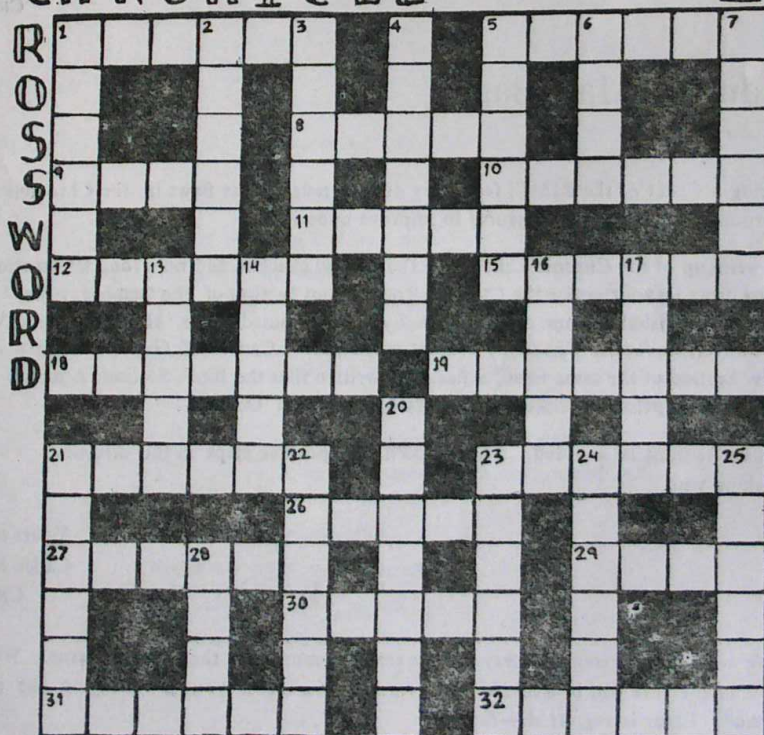
Yours etc
Cadet AV Joshi
Class III-A

(You cannot expect all the news till the date being given in the Chronicle. After all, it has to be given for typing, printing etc. too. The process is not very short. Thus, we regret that the Chronicle can not be up to date. However, we'll try to keep it as much up to date as possible. Thank you for your views.—Editor)

Staff Corner

With the term having come to a close, the staff room is bustling with activities. What with answer scripts to check, marks to deliver to class masters, and leave to go on, the teaching community is a rather hurried lot !

CHRONICLE - III



The first to leave station was Maj HS Sen, the Adm Officer. He left on the 9th of December for Calcutta. Dr. S. Mukherjee must also be dreaming of far off Calcutta! He is leaving on the 16th of December. Closer home is Delhi. Capt R Khatri and Capt D Chowdhury have set their sight at Delhi. By the way, wedding bells toll for Capt D Choudhury! We hope that the members of the staff enjoy their vacation and return in cheers for yet another eventful term at the RIMC.

Clues

Across

1. Place for a holiday (6)
5. Feed for the Cattle (6)
8. Bicycle plus meter cycle (5)
9. A famous composer (4)
10. Bring nature at home through it (6)
11. Express emotions (5)
12. Soft and delicate (6)
15. Conversed (6)
18. One who is invited (7)
19. Not Public (7)
21. Hue and cry (6)
23. Aim at (6)
26. Weapon of the bee (5)
27. Tile art (6)
29. Explosive device (4)
30. Off the oak (5)
31. Calm and peaceful (6)
28. A.M. as inmeridian (4)

Down

1. Hoppy animal (6)
2. Exotic flower (6)
3. Temperament (6)
4. Use for one's own good (7)
5. Move uneasily (6)
6. Entrance way (4)
7. Crumbled (6)
13. Not ever (5)
14. Come in (5)
16. Something wrong (3)
17. NCC Colour (5)
20. Three legged stands (7)
21. Well known (6)
22. Free oneself (6)
23. List (6)
24. Not Private (6)
25. Coal remains (6)

Answers to Crossword - II

Across

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|----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Series. | 4. Uplift. | 10. Eleven. | 11. Trespass | 12. Losing. |
| 13. Rational | 14. Roller | 16. Crayon. | 21. Calcutta. | 23. Driven. |
| 25. Crude-Oil. | 26. Regale | 27. Please. | 28. Repent. | |

Down

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2. Enters. | 3. Entangle. | 5. Pre-Set. | 6. Ideology | 7. Little |
| 8. Assert. | 9. Anvils. | 15. Lacerate. | 17. Redouble | 18. Occurs. |
| 19. Rancid. | 20. Analog. | 22. Tokens. | 24. Violin. | |

Rimcolliana

Two of our old boys, Maj Manchanda and Capt BK Sinha, participated in the 33rd Services Squash Championships 1983-84. In the team event, Maj Manchanda, India's No. 2, lost to Capt Narjit Singh, India's No. 1, 2-3; but in the individuals, Maj Manchanda beat Capt Narjit Singh. Congratulations!

In the offing

Vacations!

OBITUARY

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, a Rimcollian and an ardent patriot who commanded the Indian National Army under Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, died on the 10th of December. May his soul rest in peace.



Thought for the Fortnight

Use your light, but dim your brightness.

—Tao Te Ching

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