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Rimcolliana

Mr. S. Chaudhari (Ex-Pratap), Assistant Branch Manager, Union Carbide, Lucknow paid a visit to the College on Saturday, 24th February.

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Mr. D. Kapoor (Ex-Shivaji), State Bank of India, New Delhi, visited the College.

We are grateful to Mr. Chaudhari and Mr. Kapoor for their kind visit to their Old School.

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College News

Our warmest congratulations to Cadet Rahul Chaturvedi on his securing the first position in the Hindi Essay Competition organized by the Youth Service Committee of the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun on 11th February.

Our congratulations to Cadets Pan-kaj Kumar, Harbhajan Singh and D.N. Singh also for participating in the Competition and contributing their best to our overall first place.

The College won the coveted running trophy for the Hindi Essay Competition for 1973.

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Cadet S. Imam (Shivaji) has been appointed Captain of the College Cricket team and Cadet Atul Verma (Ranjit) its Vice Captain. Our congratulations to both of them.

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On Saturday, the 3rd instant, Mr. M.P. Mehrotra gave a talk to the cadets on his impressions of Tanzania where he stayed for four years. The talk was informative and interesting and was followed by the screening of various coloured slides depicting life in Tanzania.

We are grateful to Mr. Mehrotra for an amusing evening.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition, 1973

The Inter-Section Squad Drill Competition was held on Wednesday, 28th February on the Parade Ground at 1530 hrs. Major H.S. Mangat, Capt. Ravindra Singh and Capt. Chaudhari were the judges. We are thankful to them.

Results of the Competition are as follows:—

Shivaji Section	535½	points	First
Pratap Section	479	„	Second
Ranjit Section	476	„	Third
Chandragupta Section	461	„	Fourth

Cadet Sartaj Imam of Shivaji Section was declared the Best Squad Commander.

The Squad Drill Trophy was given away by our worthy Commandant to the winners. Our heartiest congratulations to Shivaji Section on winning the Drill Championship Cup.

Inter-Section Rifle Shooting

Competition

Results of the Inter-Section Rifle Shooting Competition held in the College on Sunday, the 4th instant, are as follows:—

Shivaji Section	135	points	First
Ranjit Section	99	„	Second
Pratap Section	80	„	Third
Chandragupta Section	79	„	Fourth

Our heartiest congratulations to Shivaji Section on winning the Rifle Shooting Shield

Sportsfolio

CRICKET: RIMC vs Shamrock Club, Dehra Dun.

On 11th February RIMC met with the technical batting of the Shamrock Club who were good in their fielding too. The visitors having won the toss were first to bat.

The bowling of Imam and Dutta, as usual, was fairly effective. It was our misfielding that cost us a lot; their batsmen got 9 lives to our doom. We lost to them by 9 runs - theirs being 76, and ours 68.

The match in the beginning was seemingly monotonous until Dutta claimed his first wicket with their score at 3. Their total however kept on increasing slowly while their wickets fell prey to our spin-attacks. They were finally bundled out, with their score at 76. Their Manjeet Singh exhibited a few beautiful strokes.

With 10 minutes left for lunch we went in to bat, with Harinder Singh and Bishnoi as our openers. It surprised all of us that we could not cross their 76. Was it over confidence or lack of confidence that deprived us of our goal in sight? Or was it that our batsmen deemed it easier than what they were expected? Whatever it might have been, of one thing one may be sure that it cost us—and cost us our victory. In the opinion of the expectant spectators it was only mere SOMETHING that pushed defeat to us who in all respects, batted and fielded in as good a manner as the technical Shamrockians did or could.

The visitors' fielding was offensive—an attacking close-in-field. Their bowling too was deadly accurate. Their Ashok Gildyal claimed our 3 successive wickets, making a hat-trick—a just punishment to our outgoing batsmen who were bundled out for either hanging-bat in hand or momentary wandering attention. We were all out for a paltry total of 68 runs.

Our Pathania deserves laurels for his stroke play. He never hesitated while lifting up the balls or hooking them.

RIMC: Harinder c, 3; Bishnoi lbw, 14; Atul c, 14; Ranjan b, 0; Rana Dutta c, 0; Tomar c, 2; Pathania c, 15; Imam c, 11; Gupta b, 3; Yadav, not out, 0; Lingam, run out, 0. Extra runs—6.

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Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wicket
Yadav	2	0	6	1
Imam	8	1	31	2
Lingam	2	0	3	1
A. Verma	7	0	15	1
Pathania	7	2	18	2

our Fall of wickets:—1/4, 2/30, 3/30, 4/30, 5/36, 6/38, 7/57, 8/68, 9/68.

Cadet Abir Banerjee, III

Cricket: RIMC vs Lawrence Club, Dehra Dun

We played against the Lawrence Club, Dehra Dun, on our ground, on the 18th of February. The visitors having won the toss opted to bat. They proved to have better and more experienced batsmen who played technically and scored faster. One of our ex-cadets, P.S. Negi, played for them, being a member of that Club, and made a good knock against us, scoring 14 runs.

Our Imam claimed their first wicket by getting one of their openers plumb L.B.W. Their score then read 10 for the loss of one wicket. Thereafter they seemed to score on every ball. Before lunch all their wickets fell bagging 163 runs.

It left us with a Herculean task and it did prove to be one as we could score but 104 runs. Our openers were Harinder Singh and Bishnoi. Bishnoi was cautious, while Harinder Singh played lively Cricket, always keeping the spectators on their toes. His batting was an example of beautiful wrist-work. Their partnership was broken when Bishnoi was bowled lock, stock-and-barrel, our score being 20. Pathania made a splendid knock of 20 runs without being out.

Batting: Harinder c, 17; Bishnoi b, 3; Atul c, 5; K. Roy, c, 28; Imam c, 14; Gill, st, 5; Pathania, not out, 20; R. Dutta l.b.w.; Lingam run out, 1; D. Tomar c, 5; R.K. Yadav c, 0. Extras—5.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
Imam	7	0	3	24
K. Roy	5	0	0	22
A. Verma	11	1	2	25
H.S. Pathania	3	0	1	11
T.S. Lingam	11	0	2	47
R.K. Yadav	9	1	2	35

— Abir Benerjee, Class III

Hockey: RIMC vs F.R.I.

The hockey fixture on 8th February ended in a 1-1 draw. It was a match of intense interest and excitement. The visitors being short of two players borrowed one of our teachers, Mr. G.M. Khan, who played as their leftside-in, and Cadet V.S. Chhikkara who played as one of their backs.

The visiting team consisted of skilled and matured hockey players who displayed fine stick-work and team-understanding. Their planned attacks the home-team found too difficult to discourage in the beginning. But their forwards equally must have realised that our backs, H.S. Pathania and Yadav, and the goalkeeper S. Pradhan were invincible for them. Till half-time the visitors, in spite of their best efforts, could not score.

It was only after breather that Mr. G.M. Khan scored the first goal of the match against us. We were suddenly 0-1. The home-team now stopped their erratic shootings and in a short while H. Khoda sent a beautiful hit into the rival net, which their goal-keeper returned but S.M. Singh our team captain, was quick enough to turn it into an equaliser. The score board read 1-1 till end.

RIMC: S.M. Singh (Captain), P. Yadav, S. Pradhan (goal-keeper), Rongmei, K.R. Singh, A.K. Singh, B.S. Gill, S. Imam, B.C. Singh, Pathania, Atul Verma.

Cadet R.S. Sethi, VA

The Dawn of 21st Century?

Nineteen centuries have passed by. The twentieth is in its latter half. Many generations have come and gone. But human society continues to exist. We would be entering the 21st century within another three decades. Will the glittering sunrise of the first January of 2000 have any enthusiastic admirer left?

Our friends call us pessimists and they say that we take a bleak view of the future—we can neither deny it nor accept it. But we do not hesitate to say that we are disappointed. What else can we do? We are a part of the decadent world which is continuously trying to acquire new scientific knowledge without consolidating what it has gained already. We fervently wish that the world would be able to focus its attention on the consolidation of what it has gained.

The glorious past is gone. The uncertain future is drawing nearer and nearer. The curtain may come down on the present at any time.

Economic hardships are innumerable. Everyone is after money. But paradoxically the purchasing value of money is going down day by day. The poor are made pawns on the chequered board of life by the rich. Unrest is the order of the day. The down-trodden rise against a society which has all along been grinding them under its spring heels. Law has been outdated. It is not useful nor applicable in the limelight of the present day circumstances. Existence has itself become the main problem and survival is the chief worry.

Competition gives an impetus to industrial development. But there is 'cut-throat' competition. Everyone tries to excel the other because it is a matter of life and death to him. Darwin's theory of Survival of the fittest is repeating itself. The world is bound to be doomed.

Every nook and corner of the world is ringing with the clash of arms and the booming of guns. The bullet finds some living target or other brute pursuits. Man revels in the brutal art of killing his fellow beings. Vast sums of money are wasted on armaments while millions of people are starving. They have no roof to live under. Many millions do not have even an opportunity to earn their livelihood. But this mad world can yet spend the hard earned money on mere ostentation.

Man has stepped on the moon. But how many billions of dollars have been spent for this. Even here, there is the so-called space race. This conquest is a commendable one. But we all could have pooled our resources and worked for it as one body instead of wasting so much of money by pursuing it separately.

We will crash, if at all we survive in the 21st century, 7000 billions of us. Can our planet bear the burden? Our resources are drying up. There will not be enough space for us to stand even.

A scene of gloom hovers over everyone who thinks about it. Science has provided many comforts to man. But only a very few lie in the lap of this luxury.

The nuclear catalysm is also looming large before us. As long as one of us possesses these nuclear weapons our life is insecure. It can be terminated within a fraction of a second. We have to sail

across another three decades before we reach the shores of the 21st century. Can we?

Man is powerful enough to kill others. But he is not strong enough to protect himself. The evil elements of society have put on the garb of decency. The innocent are cheated, assaulted and hunted down to death. We are blind to reality. Disease is widely prevalent. Can the world save itself from annihilation?

The question still remains unanswered. Conceit, self-centredness, a false conception of nationalism, a wrong sense of values, misguided idealism,

misjudged progress, unexplored talent and misused opportunities have proved to be our grave diggers. Can we stand up as one and fight these formidable enemies? Can we face these onslaughts? Can we break through this barrier of artificiality and self-imposed seclusion to lead an ordinary man?

Unless we awaken ourselves from the deep slumber and unless we realise the value of peace and co-existence, our destination will recede farther and farther as we go nearer and nearer the century to come.

I. Ravindra Samuel

“वरद - अभिशाप”—१

धूप सुनहरी थी, हवा का प्रभाव भी मन्द मन्द था। प्रकृति ने तो हमारी पूर्ण सहायता की परन्तु भाग्य ने साथ नहीं दिया, अभी जब कि हम हरबर्टपुर से तीन किलोमीटर ही चले थे कि ट्रक का पिछला पहिया पंचर हो गया। सिर मुड़ाते ही ओले पड़े।

यहाँ से हमारा गन्तव्य पाँवटा साहिब करीब छः मील था। चारों ओर हरियाली थी, रोहों की सुन्दर बालियाँ मस्त मंगल हो रुझी-रुझी वायु में मनोहर नृत्य कर रही थीं। गन्ने से भरे हुए असंख्य खेत हमारा निशाना बने। रास्ते भर गन्ना खाते हुये मस्ती से गीत गाते, प्रकृति के सौन्दर्य का आनन्द लेते हम अग्रसर हो रहे थे कि यमुना जी ने अपने दर्शन दे हमें धन्य किया।

नाव द्वारा यमुना पार करने पर हिमांचल-प्रदेश की सीमा आरम्भ हो गई। अब हम भिल प्रांत के वायुमण्डल में स्वास ले रहे थे। रास्ते में अनेक सवारियाँ मिली। एक सरदार जी अपनी धर्मपत्नी को ट्रैक्टर चलाना सिखा रहे थे, जब हमने लिफ्ट माँगी, तो आप ने स्टेयरिंग ऐसे घुमाया जैसे अभी हम पर ही ट्रैक्टर चढ़ा देंगे। मजे की बात तो यह रही कि समय ११ बजकर ६० मिनट हो रहा था।

किन्तु हम निराश न हुए। कुछ ही देर में हमारे कुछ साथियों को मोटर साइकिल पर लिफ्ट मिली और पाँच मिनट में वह पाँवटा साहिब में थे जबकि हमारी कहानी विपरीत थी। पंदल चल चलकर पाँवटा पहुँचने पर बड़ी राहत मिली। यहाँ पर हमने गुब्बारा देखा। यही सिकखों के बारहवें गुरु गोविन्द सिंह जी ने सभी धर्मों के साहित्य का अध्ययन कर निर्वाण प्राप्त किया था।

अब मुसीबत थी वापिस जाने की। पदयात्रा असम्भव सी थी। सौभाग्य से सिकख रेजीमेन्ट के ट्रक ने हमें वहाँ से लिफ्ट दी, किन्तु यह ठसाठस भरा था, अतः हमको ट्रक की छत पर बैठना पड़ा। ऐसा प्रतीत हो रहा था मानो युद्ध-भूमि जा रहे हों।

अपने ट्रक के दर्शन किए तो स्थिति वैसी ही थी। मालूम हुआ कि शाम को सात बजे विजली आने के बाद ही जुगाड़ बन पायेगी। तीन बजने का वक्त था। “भूले भजन न होय गोपाला”, इसलिए हमने वही खेत में लगर जमा दिया। अब समस्या जल की थी। सब अपनी-अपनी प्लेटे लेकर पास की नहर के लिए चल पड़े, आत्म-निर्भरता सही अर्थों में प्रकट हो रही थी।

फुस.....एक और पहिया पंचर। लेकिन हमारे वाहन का नहीं बल्कि एक वायु सेना के अधिकारी की मोटर साइकिल की, आप अपनी नव-विवाहिता पत्नी के साथ हनी-मून मनाने मसूरी जा रहे थे। इस स्थान पर मानो लकिनी वास था, जो यहाँ से गुजरता उसकी छाया पकड़ ली जाती।

“हारिये न हिम्मत, विसारिये न हरिनाम” का पालन करते हुए हम पंदल ही हरबर्टपुर की ओर बढ़े। लेकिन भरे पेट वाला इंसान पंदल कैसे चल सकता? कोई रिक्शे पर सवार हुआ तो कोई साइकिल पर। जो इन दोनों पर स्थान न पा सका, उसे मिला राष्ट्रीय वाहन—बैलगाड़ी।

—राहुल चतुर्वेदी

(क्रमशः)

OBITUARY

We, members of the Staff and Cadets of RIM College, place on record our sense of profound sorrow at the passing away of Lady Rukmini Bewoor, mother of General G.G. Bewoor, Chief of the Army Staff, at Ahmedabad on the night of 16th February. We offer our heartfelt condolences to General Bewoor and his family and pray to God Almighty to bestow peace on the departed soul in the heavenly abode.



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Fifty-first Founder's Day and the Rimcollian Re-union assumed a special significance this year because of the presence of our distinguished Rimcollian General G. G. Bewoor, Padma Bhushan, PVSM, Chief of the Army Staff. With the arrival of many other proud products of the College to participate in the Founder's Day celebrations, the quiet cloisters and cosy corridors of the RIMC throbbed once again into animation and the gay hearts of our youngsters started reverberating with the sonorous accents of their distinguished predecessors who have lent grace and glory to their Alma Mater by reaching commanding heights that foster the ambition of our young Cadets. True to the spirit of RIMC, Rimcollians' sauntering about the College Campus gave a renewed assurance to their younger counterparts to aspire for exalted positions in life and thus keep the unbroken and unbreakable tradition of esprit de corps and camaraderie of which the College is justly proud.

This year, soon after their arrival at the College in the afternoon of 12th March the Old Boys managed to select a formidable hockey team and played a match with the present cadets. The match was evenly contested and exciting and it ended in a draw, both sides having scored two goals each. Later in the evening the Inter-Section Boxing Finals were held in the Open Air Theatre. A detailed account of the Boxing Competition appears elsewhere in this Chronicle. Chandragupta Section won the coveted Boxing Championship Cup for the second year in succession. The Boxing Cup was given away to the winners by Maj. General Tara Singh Bal (Retd), the seniormost Rimcollian present on the occasion. Cadet S.M. Singh of Shivaji Section was adjudged the Best Boxer and Cadet S. Upadhaya of Chandragupta Section the Best Loser. Our heartiest congratulations to Chandragupta Section on annexing the Boxing Cup.

The Boxing Competition was followed by dinner and dance in the Convocation Hall to the accompaniment of merry tunes of the GTC Band which was being played from the balcony.

Next day, at 9.45, a wreath was laid at the College War Memorial by Maj. General Tara Singh Bal and two minutes' silence was observed to pay homage to the departed braves who laid down their lives for the honour of our mother land. At the time of the solemn ceremony even the whispering wind, while treading softly across the corridors and dormitories of RIMC seemed to tell us the tales of those martyrs who have passed through these portals to become the living idols of worship and emulation for the Cadets, who look up to them for hope, ambition and enterprise. Everyone's heart was filled with a sense of pride at the heroic examples of those who reached the peaks of glory and achievement to guide the thoughts and actions of our countrymen. Everyone was reminded of those famous lines of William Collins on heroic death:

*"How sleep the brave who sink to rest
With all their Country's wishes blast"*

The wreath-laying ceremony having been performed, Old Boys and the Cadets moved to the Pavilion Ground where a Cricket match was played between the Old Boys' XI and the College team. The Rimcollians lost the match to us by 28 runs. The Cricket Cup was given away by Brigadier Gambhir Singh to the College Cricket Captain S. Imam. General G.G. Bewoor, Chief of the Army Staff, arrived when drinks were being served prior to lunch which was arranged in the garden facing the Pavilion ground. Cricket match and lunch were followed by tea and then the Rimcollians, guests and cadets retired.

In the evening the Rimcollian Dinner was held in the Cadets' Mess and it was preceded by a cocktail party thrown by Old Boys in the Ante-rooms.

It was a lively get-together and singular cordiality marked the occasion. Dinner was held with GTC Band in attendance and Rimcollians enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content by singing, dancing and exchanging pleasantries.

In the after-dinner speeches which were made by Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh, President, Old Boys' Association and General G.G. Bewoor, stress was laid on strengthening the bond of fraternity and camaraderie that bind Old Boys so close together. Gen. Bewoor recalled the year when he could not help missing the Rimcollian Reunion in a characteristic reminiscent strain and suggested that duty must be performed even at the cost of emotional attachment and personal longings.

Next day, the General Body Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held in the Senior Ante Room at which Lt. Gen. KP Candeth was elected President of the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association, Maj. Gen. B.P. Wadhera was elected Vice President and Lt. Col. B.K. Laroia the Secretary. Our warmest congratulations to these Rimcollians on their election as office bearers of the Old Boys' Association.

The Old Boys left for their respective homes just after the meeting was over and thus came to a close the function so soon after it had started. The names of the Rimcollians who attended the Reunion this year are given below:

Gen GG Bewoor
 Lt Gen JS Dhillon
 " PS Bhagat
 Maj Gen Tara Singh Bal
 " AS Guraya
 " Virendra Singh
 " Shiv Charan Singh
 " MR Rajwade
 " BP Wadhera
 Brig Gambhir Singh
 " VD Jayal
 " LS Negi
 " PR Dewan
 " Harbhajan Singh
 " AK Kochhar
 " TS Verma
 " IJS Johar
 " R Christian
 " BD Kale
 Air Commodore NP Nair
 Col GS Sodhi
 Lt Col Jai Krishna
 " RN Chopra

Lt Col Malvinder Singh
 " Narhari Singhji
 " BK Laroia
 " DD Jayal
 " VP Yadav
 " JC Varma
 " MML Tripathi
 Wg Comdr D Yadav
 " Verma
 Major MS Baidwan
 " RS Ratra
 " Balwinder Singh
 " SS Nadkeolyar
 " TR Bardhan
 " Upinder Kumar
 " SK Sharma
 " KJ Nadar
 " TAS Bedi
 " Satyendra Pal Das
 " D Banerjee
 Capt S Bhadra
 " AK Vashist
 " Ravinder Singh
 " NC Balachandran
 Lieut IP Singh
 " AC Katoch
 2/Lieut AP Sharma
 Shri Gurman S Gill
 " NN Khanna
 " Bikram Singh
 " Amrik Singh
 " RM Jolly
 " M Sharma
 " Anil Bhalla
 " SM Garg

College News

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of letters of appreciation from General G.G. Bewoor, PVSM, Padma Bhushan, Chief of the Army Staff and Major General Virendra Singh, Ex-President of the Old Boys' Rimcollian Association. We express our sincere thanks to them for their kind sentiments and publish the letters here under the Caption 'correspondence'.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice-Principal, on his being unanimously elected President of the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun.

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Major H.S. Mangat, Administrative Officer, who served the College as A.O. for over three years, was given a farewell dinner by the Cadets in the Cadets' Mess on 29th March on the eve of his departure from RIMC to Jammu and Kashmir where he has been posted now.

In his address, the Commandant appreciated the 'practical approach', 'youthful attitude' and amiable disposition of Major Mangat. Referring to the smart turn-out and ever-smiling face of Major Mangat, he called upon the Cadets to learn from the out-going A.O. the lesson of doing hard work when it was time for work and enjoy themselves when it was time for enjoyment. He welcomed Major M.S. Baidwan, another Rimcollian, as our new Administrative Officer.

In his farewell speech Major Mangat declared that he was all affection for the Cadets and even if duty required him to be a bit harsh to them on certain occasions. He advised the Cadets to work hard at studies, play well and learn sportsmanship. He further advised the Cadets to make the best use of the excellent library, extensive playing fields and other facilities provided at the College and thus keep up the proud name of their Alma Mater. He expected them to do for the College the best they could during their stay and stop contemplating of doing it only when they are Rimcollians.

Sportsfolio

Juniors Cricket:

R.I.M.C. vs. St. Joseph's Academy

On the 25th of February our Juniors played a cricket match against the S.J.A. on their grounds. K.P.K. was our team captain. The rivals having won the toss opted to bat first. The first few overs went completely without any runs. In the beginning there was a lot of misfielding on our side but our bowlers did extremely well keeping their batsmen to the crease. Some wonderful sweeps and cuts by their players dragged the score on to 7 when their first wicket fell. It was taken by A.K. Prasad. A.K. Ghosh kept the wicket well. After sometime Oka was brought in place of K.P.K. Kumar and proved himself fit to the occasion. His pace-cum-spin caused a terrible feeling of unrest among the Academy players and most of them turned nervous. Thus an attack of spin from one side by Oka and an attack of pace from the other side by A.K. Prasad wrecked the Academy team for a mere 53 runs.

Our dramatic innings was opened by Renchy and Naushad Imam. Renchy played confidently and after scoring 10 runs had to leave the wicket giving way to their spinners. The next batsman in was Thomas who did very little to better

the position of the team. It was in fact Gupta who did something for the team. The 2nd wicket fell at 13. Gupta's three brilliant boundaries promised us a victory. He, however, stayed for a short time scoring 21 runs which included 5 boundaries.

Next came our captain and a few boundaries by him helped our score to a total of 47. Due to the strenuous and cautious efforts of J. Chatterjee and K.P.K. we were able to score as many as 54 for 8, defeating our opponents by 2 wickets.

Fall of Wickets:

S.J.A.: 7/1, 13/2, 16/3, 16/4, 30/5, 35/6, 35/7, 40/8, 48/9, 53/all down.

R.I.M.C.: 8/1, 13/2, 25/3, 27/4, 32/5, 47/6, 47/7, 47/8, 54/8, declared

Bowling Average (ours)

	overs	maidens	runs	wickets
A.K. Prasad	8	2	19	3
K.P.K. Kumar	9	1	13	2
A.A. Oka	5	1	9	3

The best bowling average was Oka's gaining 3 runs to each wicket.

S. Mulcheriee, IV A

Inter-Section Boxing Competition (March 12, 1973)

- | RED | MATCH | BLUE |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| | MATCH (under 28 Kg) | |
| 1. Balraj Singh (C) | beat Sanjeev Sharma (S) | |
| | BUTTERFLY (under 33 Kg) | |
| 2. R.S. Kohli (C) | beat R.S. Bhatti (R) | |
| | WAFER (under 36 Kg) | |
| 3. R. Chaudhary (S) | beat S.K. Ahuja (C) | |
| | GNAT (under 40 Kg) | |
| 4. S. Bhatia (C) | beat Sunil Malik (S) | |
| | PIN (under 43 Kg) | |
| 5. P. Deb (C) | beat R. Sharma (S) | |
| | MIDGET (under 45 Kg) | |
| 6. B.S. Negi (C) | beat A.K. Sharma (S) | |
| | FLY (under 47 Kg) | |
| 7. M.S. Bisht (R) | beat G.P. Singh (S) | |
| | BANTAM (under 49 Kg) | |
| 8. M.S. Sodhi (P) | beat S. Upadhya (C) | |
| | FEATHER (under 55 Kg) | |
| 9. P.G. Rongmei (S) | beat N.K. Baruah (P) | |
| | LIGHT WELTER (under 57 Kg) | |
| 10. S.M. Singh (S) | beat S.S. Roy (C) | |
| | OPENS (over 57 Kg) | |
| 11. S. Imam (S) | beat Sher Singh (P) | |
| | Best Boxer—Cadet S.M. Singh (S) | |
| | Best Loser—Cadet S. Upadhay (C) | |

Correspondence

Maj Gen VIRENDRA SINGH (Retd)

President

No 11/PR/73
RIMCOLLIAN OLD
BOYS ASSOCIATION
C/O R.S. Junior
Modern School,
Humayun Road
NEW DELHI - 3
March 20, 1973

It was kind of you to have put us up
in your house and we were most comfor-
table.

With warmest good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) Virendra Singh

Lt Col HKL JOHAR
Commandant
RIM College
Dehra Dun

My dear Johar,

I write this to convey to you our
deep gratitude for the excellent arrange-
ments made for the Old Boys Re-Union
held at Dehra Dun from 12th to 14th
March 1973. All the Old Boys immen-
sely enjoyed their stay and this Re-union
was of special significance because of the
presence of General BEWOOR. We
are naturally all very proud of the fact
that a Rimcollian is now our Chief.

I fully realise how much trouble
you and your staff take to make the
Re-union such a success. We do put
you to a great deal of inconvenience but
our annual visit to Dehra Dun is like a
breath of fresh air.

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To
The Editor
The Chronicle
Rashtriya Indian Military College
Dehra Dun

Dear Sir,

I write to thank you for the kind
obituary notice that you published in
your issue of 15th March 1973 with
regard to my mother. I thank you all for
this kind gesture.

Yours faithfully
(Sd) (G.G.Bewoor)
General

"Birth and observance of forms cannot determine one's inferiority. Character is the
only determining factor."

- Mahatma Gandhi

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Inter-Section English Declamation Contest

(Saturday, 24th March 1973)

Under the aegis of the English Literary Society, the Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs.

Each of the four Sections was represented at the Contest by a team of four speakers — two seniors and two juniors. Senior speakers were allowed 6 minutes to speak and juniors 4 minutes. The contest was conducted by Cadet R. Ram-

aswamy, Secretary of the English Literary Society.

Capt. M G. Dutta and Capt. B.S. Malhotra of I.M.A. and Mr. F. Sharp, Senior Master in English, Cambrian Hall, kindly acted as judges of the evening. We are immensely grateful to these gentlemen.

The names of the participants and the topics chosen by them appear below:—

S.No.	Cadet's Name	Section	Topic
1.	Sanjiv Sharma	S	Life in the village is much better than life in the city
2.	S S Rosario	P	The earth belongs to the brave
3.	C. Hari Kumar	C	Neighbours are a nuisance
4.	Abir Banerjee	C	The earth belongs to the brave
5.	Arjun Subramaniam	P	Neighbours are a nuisance
6.	G.S. Bains	R	There should be co-education at the RIMC
7.	R S.N. Singh	S	There should be co-education at the RIMC
8.	V. Ramaswamy	R	The earth belongs to the brave
Seniors			
1.	B. Charles	C	Women have replaced men in every walk of life
2.	R. Chaturvedi	R	We live in deeds, not in years
3.	V.S. Chhikara	R	Peace in the world is a dream too good to be true
4.	Pankaj Kumar	C	We live in deeds, not in years
5.	Rajiv Anand	P	We live in the world of money and not of morals
6.	Naushad Imam	S	Air pollution is the curse of Science
7.	B.S. Kohli	S	Adversity is a boon to mankind
8.	R. Ramaswamy	P	Modern youth is a frustrated lot

Towards the close of the Competition Mr. F. Sharp was kind enough to speak a few words of valuable advice to the young speakers. He advised them to choose topics which suited their taste and temperament and be fully convinced of the ideas that they put across to the audience. He advised them to modulate their voice and guard themselves against errors of pronunciation and construction.

He observed that English being a foreign language to the young speakers, considerable practice was required to make effective speeches. He appreciated the sincere efforts of the cadets and expressed deep satisfaction over their uniformly high standard of performance.

The function drew to a close after our worthy Commandant had given

away Mr. S.P. Sharma English Declamation Cup to the winners of the Contest—Chandragupta Section.

Our heartiest congratulations to Chandragupta Section on winning the English Declamation Cup.

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On Saturday, 31st March, the Staff Club arranged a tea party in the Staff Room to bid farewell to Major H.S. Mangat, our outgoing Administrative Officer and to welcome the incoming Administrative Officer Major M.S. Baidwan to our College. Mr. K. Kumar, Secretary of the Staff Club, praised Major Mangat's contribution to the socio-cultural life at the College and his close, willing cooperation with the Staff. On behalf of the Staff he wished Major Mangat the best of luck. In his speech Major Mangat said that he had enjoyed his stay at the College and had received utmost cordiality from the Staff. He extended a standing invitation to the Staff and Cadets to visit the places wherever he might be.

In his speech Major Baidwan assured the Staff of his fullest cooperation and best efforts to ensure the maximum welfare of the cadets and members of the Staff.

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We welcome Major M.S. Baidwan, another Rimcollian, to our College as our Administrative Officer and wish him a very happy stay at the College.

We welcome Mrs. Baidwan also and hope she would enrich the cultural life at the College.

Co-Education at RIMC

As the world is going through an age of social advancement, India is also marching with the rest of the world towards this transformation. Science has introduced new changes which have completely upset the world values. New approaches have been thrown open to us. These approaches have brought men and women to a state of equality. Gone are the days when women were considered unsuitable for higher education or military service. Such ideas do not hold good any longer.

The role of women, in the modern society, while they are justifying their equality with men, has also proved beyond doubt that the system of successful co-education has been very

In view of this I feel convinced that co-education should also be introduced at the RIMC. Already we are having N.C.C. training for the girls in schools and colleges. What is the need of this segregation, I say? The girls can learn much more at the RIMC than at their N.C.C. Camps. After all we are established and well known institution for feeding the National Defence Academy.

Once our young girls are trained in the military education, they will form the second line of defence for our country. Besides, these well-trained girls can also be entrusted with the development work in the various walks of life during peace time.

The question of introducing co-education at the RIMC is not a dream. Many countries are training their young boys and girls together in the same institution.

Besides, co-education at the RIMC will make our Cadets less militant in their language and behaviour. They will learn not to shout during the breaks in the periods, as well as they will learn to converse politely. Moreover, co-education at the RIMC shall turn the shy, delicate and introvert girls into fit and healthy extrovert citizens. It will help the Cadets and the girls to come together and mix freely without developing any complexes.

Co-education at the RIMC will have the healthy effect of making the Cadets and the girls well-mannered, cultured and sophisticated. Moreover, with the introduction of co-education in our College, there will be no need of our Cadets to look lost and helpless at the District Athletic Meet where the other school boys keep on roaming around with the girls of their sister institutions.

Moreover, our Cadet appointments will hesitate to award punishments to the classes in the form of front rolls and back rolls on the bajri after lunch and after dinner. They will be more considerate when there are girls attending the classes.

With the introduction of co-education at the RIMC we will also have the privilege of receiving instruction from the gay and cheerful lady teachers. Ah, what a change it will be for us, with the lady teachers in their attractive sarees and the girls with their pig tails and bobbed hair! The atmosphere of the RIMC will certainly become more attractive and fascinating.

Besides, co-education at the RIMC will also make our worthy Commandant more agreeable to our requests for longer mid-terms, more holidays and better places to visit. With the girls around; I am sure we will see our Commandant

and Administrative Officer in more cheerful moods. We will certainly not be asked to do front rolls in the playing fields and on the roads.

I therefore, feel that there should be co-education at the RIMC at the earliest.

— Cadet R.S.N. Singh, IIA

Results

Juniors	1. Ranjit Section	209	points	First
	2. Chandragupta Section	202	„	Second
	3. Shivaji Section	170	„	Third
	4. Pratap Section	165	„	Fourth
Seniors	1. Pratap Section	223	„	First
	2. Chandragupta Section	202	„	Second
	3. Ranjit Section	194	„	Third
	4. Shivaji Section	168	„	Fourth

Overall placing

1. Chandragupta Section	404	„	First
2. Ranji Section	403	„	Second
3. Pratap Section	387	„	Third
4. Shivajit Section	338	„	Fourth

Individual Positions

Juniors	1. Cadet C.Hari Kumar (C)	}	107	points	First
	2. „ G.S. Bains (R)				
	3. „ V. Ramaswamy (R)	102	„	Second	
Seniors	1. „ R. Ramaswamy (P)	115	„	First	
	2. „ Rajiv Anand (P)	108	„	Second	

Sportsfolio

Hockey — RIMC vs Cambrian Hall

On the 9th of April, a friendly match was played against the Cambrian Hall which resulted in a 2-0 victory over them.

The match at first seemed monotonous. We kept on pressing them but they offered hardly any resistance to our attacks. Atul Verma rammed home the first goal, putting us on top.

They then changed their ways, and began to strike back. They were unlucky to miss a goal.

After sometime, our forwards managed to break through their defence with

a lot of difficulty. A.K. Singh, then, scored another goal. Cadets A.K. Singh, P.G. Rongmei and H.S. Pathania deserve appreciation for their splendid display of stick-work and skill.

RIMC XI

S.M. Singh, S. Imam, Atul Verma, D. Sharma, P. Yadav, P.G. Rongmei, H.S. Pathania, A.K. Singh, S. Pradhan, B.S. Gill and B.C. Singh.

Extras

R.K. Yadav, A.P. Singh.

— Cadet Abir Banerjee,
Class III

RESULTS: INTER-SECTION CRICKET COMPETITION—1973

Results of the Inter-Section Cricket Competition are published as under:—

Section	P	W	L	D	Positions	Points
Seniors						
Pratap	3	3	0	0	I	4
Ranjit	3	1	2	0	III	2
Shivaji	3	2	1	0	II	3
Chandragupta	3	0	3	0	IV	1
Juniors						
Pratap	3	3	0	0	I	4
Ranjit	3	2	1	0	II	3
Shivaji	3	1	2	0	III	2
Chandragupta	3	0	3	0	IV	1

Final Position and Points

	Position	Points
Pratap	I	8
Ranjit	II	5
Shivaji	II } Share	5
Chandragupta	IV	2

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap on winning the Cricket Cup.

वरद—अभिशाप (२)

“आठ मील लम्बी सुरेंगे” सुनकर आप चकित न हों, यह वास्तविकता है। डाक पत्थर पहुँच कर हमने यह निर्माणधीन सुरेंगे देखीं, जिनका मुख्य कार्य पहाड़ के दूमरी और टोंस नदी से जल लाना होगा। सन् १९६४ में इन पर कार्य प्रारम्भ हुआ एवं सन् १९७६ तक पूर्ण करने का लक्ष्य है। यकायक मस्तिष्क में यह भावना उत्पन्न होते ही दिल में एक सिहरन भी दौड़ गई कि जहाँ आज हम अपने पद रख रहे हैं, वही तीन वर्ष पश्चात् जल के अथाह सागर में डूबा होगा।

इन सुरेंगों द्वारा लाए हुए पानी द्वारा टरबाइन की सहायता से विद्युत उत्पन्न की जाएगी। इन सुरेंगों के अन्दर मजदूरों एवं सामान ले जाने के लिए रेल के छोटे-छोटे डिब्बों का प्रयोग होता है।

शाम ढल चुकी थी, सूर्य क्षितिज के उर में छिपा जा रहा था, लेकिन इस अन्धकार को डाकपत्थर डैम के जगमगाने बल्बों ने प्रकाश में परिवर्तित कर दिया। वह उजाला जो कभी भूला नहीं जा सकता। जब इन रंगविरंगी बस्तियों की परछाई जल में वितरित होती तो ऐसा प्रतीत होता कि जैसे सतरंगी इन्द्र धनुष निर्मित हो गया है।

इस स्थल के सुन्दर प्रांगण में भ्रमण करने के पश्चात् हम उस तिराहे पर आ टिके जहाँ से कालसी के लिए सड़क जाती है। रात के नौ बजे चले थे, लेकिन ट्रक का नामो-निशान तक न था। सबके चेहरों पर हवाइयां उड़ रहीं थी एक बड़ा प्रश्नवाचक चिन्ह था। बस, देखती कुछ भी

उलब्ध नहीं था, सब यही सोच रहे थे ‘अब क्या होगा?’ डूबते को तिनके का सहारा मिला, किसी भले आदमी ने हमारी विषम परिस्थिति को समझा और अपना ट्रक हमको उस स्थान तक के लिए दे दिया जहाँ पर हमारा धायल ‘एक टनर’ खड़ा था।

हमारा ट्रक अभी भी जैसे का तैसा था। अंधेरी रात और सुनसान स्थान, बड़ा ही रोमांचकारी था। इतने में ही झाड़वर रिकेशे पर टायर रखकर ला रहा था। हममें भी जोश की एक नवीन धारणा जागृत हुयी। तुरन्त ही सूखी घास इकट्ठी कर उसे जलाया जिसके प्रकाश ने ट्रक के पहिये को पुनः अपने स्थान पर विराजमान करने में बड़ी सहायता की।

बड़ी तसल्ली मिली रात के ६:३० बजे, ठंडी-ठंडी हवा चाकू की माँति चीरती बह रही थी। सभी निद्रा के भोको में अ्रोत-प्रोत थे। सभी ने अपने-अपने तौलिए मफलर की तरह बांध रखे थे। जब ट्रक ‘एन्टीरम’ के सम्मुख थमा तो घड़ी १०:४५ बजा रही थी। खाना टंडा होने पर भी स्वादिष्ट प्रतीत हो रहा था।

सौभाग्य एवं दुर्भाग्य से मिश्रित यह यात्रा पूर्ण रूप से सफल एवं रोचक रही। भाग्य ने हमारा साथ दिया या नहीं इसका निर्णय करना अत्यन्त विषम है। अतः मैं यह आप पाठक बन्धुओं पर छोड़ता हूँ कि आप क्या इसे दुर्भाग्य कहेंगे या सौभाग्य?

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College News

Nb/Subedar R.S. Ghale, Quarter-master, has been transferred to 6/8 G.R. on the completion of his 5 years' devoted service to the College. We wish Nb/Sub. Ghale the best of luck.

We welcome Nb/Subedar Nand Lal Sharma, Q.M. in his place and wish him a happy stay at the College.

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We welcome Subedar R.S. Thapa, APTC as our Head PTI and Nk. K.N. Tiwari (Catering) to our College and hope they find their stay pleasant and rewarding.

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All India Inter-School Hindi Declamation Contest

(Saturday, 14th April, 1973)

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti the 11th Akhil Bhartiya

Antar-Vidyalaya Shri Kashiraj Vagvibhuti Pratiyogita was organized in the Convocation Hall at 1600 hrs.

Seven Public Schools including local institutions, two external public schools and RIMC took part in the Competition. Each School was represented at the Declamation by a team of two speakers.

The competition was presided over by Shri Bhola Dutta Saklani, President, Municipal Board, Dehra Dun and the performance of speakers was evaluated by Sarvashri V.K. Chhibber, Shri Ram Sharma and H.N. Tripathi, who kindly acted as judges of the evening. We are immensely grateful to Shri Saklani and the learned judges for their finding time to encourage the young speakers.

The names of speakers along with their institutions and the topics chosen by them appear below:—

क्रम	वक्ता	विद्यालय	विषय	प्राप्तांक १५० में से
१	वीरेन्द्र प्रताप सिंह	सैनिक स्कूल, घोड़ाखाल	मन के हारे हार है मन के जीते जीत ।	८५
२	रवि चौहान	" "	फैशन एक आसाध्य रोग है ।	६०
३	कुमारी आर० कुकरेती	ओकग्रोव स्कूल, मसूरी	पुरुषों की अपेक्षा स्त्रियों जीभ चलाने में अधिक प्रवीण हैं ।	६४
४	आर० मिनोचा	" "	जहाँ न पहुँचे रवि वहाँ पहुँचे कवि ।	७५
५	कुमारी मधु अरोरा	कैम्ब्रियन, हाल	जीवन दर्शन का अभाव तथा चारित्रिक पतन भारत की सबसे विकट समस्याएँ हैं ।	६७
६	कुमारी जागृति बहुगुना	" "	युद्ध विजय शान्ति विजय से महान है ।	७४
७	धर्म प्रकाश गुप्ता	सेंट जोसेफ, एकाडिमी	वैज्ञानिक उन्नति ने इस धरा को स्वर्ग बना दिया है ।	६७
८	सुनील गुप्ता	" "	भारत में प्रजातंत्र सफल रहा है (विपक्ष में) ।	७४
९	सचिन सेन	सेंट थॉमस स्कूल,	शान्ति विजय युद्ध विजय से महान है ।	८१
१०	राजीव गुप्ता	" "	वैज्ञानिक उन्नति ने इस धरा को स्वर्ग बना दिया है ।	६६
११	हरीश चौधरी	डून स्कूल,	मन के हारे हार है मन के जीते जीत ।	८८
१२	कुमारी हिमानी भट्ट	" "	युद्ध विजय शान्ति विजय से महान है ।	१०३
१३	राहुल चतुर्वेदी	आर०आई०एम०सी०	मेरी सबसे बड़ी अभिलाषा ।	१०६
१४	पंकज कुमार	" "	जीवन दर्शन का अभाव तथा चारित्रिक पतन भारत की सबसे विकट समस्याएँ हैं ।	६३

सभापति—श्री भोलादत्त सकलानी, अध्यक्ष नगरपालिका देहरादून ।

निष्ठाधिकरण—१—श्री वी० के० छिब्वर

२—श्री श्रीराम शर्मा

३—श्री एच० एन० त्रिपाठी

परिणाम (व्यक्तिगत)

वक्ता	विद्यालय	प्रस्तांक १५० में से	स्थान
राहुल चतुर्वेदी	आर० आई० एम सी०	१०६	प्रथम
कु० हिमानी भट्ट	दून स्कूल	१०३	द्वितीय
मधु अरोरा	कैम्ब्रियन हाल	९७	तृतीय
कु० आर० कुकरेती	ओकग्रीव स्कूल	९४	चतुर्थ

सम्मिलित रूप से

विद्यालय	प्रस्तांक ३०० में से	स्थान
आर० आई० एम० सी०	२०२	प्रथम
दून स्कूल	१६१	द्वितीय
सैनिक स्कूल, घोड़ाखाल	१७५	तृतीय
कैम्ब्रियन हाल	१७१	चतुर्थ

The speeches having been made, Shri Sri Ram Sharma acceded to our request by reciting two of his thought-provoking poems which pointed out the widening gulf between the rich and the poor and also underscored the supremacy of the will of people in shaping their own future.

After the announcement of results, Shri Saklani, in his Presidential address, appreciated the sincere efforts and creditable performance of the speakers and called upon them to strive tirelessly for still higher achievements. He stressed the value of effective expression to impress the audience and wished the youngsters all success. He declared that he was very much impressed by the high standard of speeches both in content and language.

Then he gave away the precious ivory shield (donated by Maharaja Vibhuti Narain Singh of Banaras) to the Doon School team and distributed individual prizes also. Ours being the host institution, we do not contest for the trophy and it is therefore, awarded to the team who secures the first position besides RIMC. In the end our sincere thanks are due to Mr. G.S. Bisht and Mr. K. Kumar for a successful organization of the Declamation Contest.

Sportsfolio

Hockey: RIMC XI vs Doon School XI

We had an opportunity to play a friendly match against our old rivals the Doscocs, on April 12, on their grounds. Every player that evening was zealous to score against the rival team. We pressed them hard, and most of the time the ball was seen in their 'D' line. Our Centre-forward, A.K. Singh, and the right-out, Sartaj Imam, tried their best to score but could not succeed. Many a good chance was missed. Had those attempts been materialized into goals we could have defeated the Doscocs by several goals. But, as ill luck would have it, each of our moves got messed up one way or the other, either the ball hit the goal-post or someone was found off-side. We missed several short-corners given to us, whereas the opponents turned one of the short corners into a goal; it was like a bolt from the blue.

Our players now started making vigorous attacks on the Doscocs defence but the Doscocs had started a tricky game; they, in order to pass time and retain their solitary score, were hitting the ball out all the while. And we lost the match to the Doon School by 0-1.

RIMC: S.M. Singh, A.K. Singh, S. Imam, P.G. Rongmei, B.C. Singh, B.S. Gill, A. Verma, V.S. Chhikara, S. Pradhan (Goalkeeper), H.S. Pathania.
Cadet B.S. Kohli,
Class III-A.

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Hockey: Staff Match—RIMC vs Doon School

A friendly match between the teachers of the two schools was played on Wednesday, the 18th April, on our grounds.

The visitors, as soon as the match started, seemed to press us hard but soon we retaliated their strong moves firmly. Our players too were seen dribbling through their defence line. Till half-time, however, no goal could be scored by either side.

Soon after the breather our forwards dribbled through their defence line and Mr. G.M. Khan (right-in) making use of an opportunity sent the ball crashing into the rival net, leaving their goalkeeper, Sheil Vohra, baffled. Thus the first goal of the match was scored

amidst loud cheers and clapping from the eager spectators. But as if this goal had been a powerful stimulus to the Doscas, they started playing remarkably well and showing a fine combination and an unflinching stick-work, they soon scored the equaliser.

As the game neared its end, and only ten minutes were left, both the teams started playing with renewed vigour and spirit struggling for victory. Just then luck favoured the Doscas as two of their balls escaped through our goal-posts. The score-board read 3-1 in their favour.

The visiting team's forwards were very good dribblers. Their understanding and combination was superb. Of the home-team Mr. R.C. Sharma (Captain), Col. H.K.L. Johar (Centre-half), Mr. L.N. Thakur (right-out), Dr. S.K. Chakravorty (goal-keeper) and the guest player Mr. Mohinder Singh of Cambrian Hall (back) deserve praise for their impressive game.

The Doon School staff that evening returned home cheerfully bagging a 3-1 victory.

Rajiv Kumar,
Class V.

INTER SECTION HOCKEY COMPETITION, 1973

Results of Inter Section Hockey Competition 1973 are published as under:—

Sections	(Seniors)	P	W	L	D	G for	G Ag.	Match pts	Position	points
PRATAP		3	2	×	1	4	2	5	4	
SHIVAJI		3	2	1	×	4	2	4	3	
RANJIT		3	1	1	1	4	3	3	2	
CHANDRAGUPTA		3	×	3	×	1	6	Zero	1	
	(Juniors)									
PRATAP		3	1	×	2	3	2	4	3½	
SHIVAJI		3	×	2	1	—	2	1	1	
RANJIT		3	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	
CHANDRAGUPTA		3	1	×	2	2	1	4	3½	

FINAL POSITIONS AND POINTS

	Points scored			Points	Position
	Seniors	Juniors	Total		
PRATAP	4	3½	7½	8	I
CHANDRAGUPTA	1	3½	4½	6	II
RANJIT	2	2	4	4	III
SHIVAJI	3	1	4	2	IV

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section on winning the Hockey Cup.

My experience of a hike

The examination fever abated as abruptly as it had risen and we forgot the whole thing. We were in a jubilant mood to start on our mid-term hike. While the sun was rising in the east, our truck was speeding towards Langha, about seven Kilometres short of Kalsi. We began our hike from Langha taking the easier but longer route. With a heavy pack on each back we walked downhill and ended up in a valley. The valley was almost dry except for a small spring which flowed down its middle.

We were eleven in all including two Masters Mr. Khan and Mr. Dangwal.

Another hillock, another valley, the sun had grown scorching hot. We felt the packs heavier as we trudged along continuously over ascents and descents. The heat of the sun tired us but we didn't spend any time for repose. At noon, we reached a village Kotli/Koti, nothing more than three or four houses. The people there were farmers. They lived a hard life. They derived a vicarious satisfaction in earning their daily bread through rough jungle work. They lived away from the deafening noise of urban life in the silence of the mountain ranges. Though deprived of the fun and frolic,

which they and their families have only imagined but never enjoyed, they continue to live with hope and lead a pious and patient life. We left them to their fate (for that was all we could do) and proceeded on our hike. The path to Mussoorie seemed endless; each mountain we climbed there was another before us and much higher than before. The same panorama all the time made the hike rather monotonous. To think of me a pessimist would be wrong. When I say that the hike was charmless and boring especially when we knew what awaited us at the end of our arduous hike. Some of us were physically worn-out but they did not lose spirits for our Masters were great morale-boosters. If not for them we could have stranded ourselves in some lovely shady place and called it a day. Anyhow, with faith and courage we overcame the desire for the alluring cool shade of the trees and marched onwards, higher and higher.

Some local inhabitants who met us on our way were not much helpful. Ignorant of the real unit of miles, their one mile seemed to us as long as ten miles. Moreover after covering this distance another would tell the distance to Mussoorie more than we had been told at the base of the mountain. We were gasping for breath and we hadn't tasted water after our stock had finished four hours ago.

It was dusk when we reached Dudhli. The sky above the peaks grew crimson and beams of light shone through the mountain openings to guide us on our way to Mussoorie. It grew darker and darker as we walked briskly on jungle paths. The birds rested in their nests retiring after the day's work but the day was not yet over for us. We must make it to Mussoorie.

Then five men, all clad in dark clothes, met us and asked us to stay in a Raja's (Sirmur) palace not far from where we were, saying that it could not be practical for us to reach Mussoorie that night. We reached the palace guided by a man showing the torch on the path for us to follow. The man was the Chowkidar who held a vicious barking dog in one hand and held the torch in another. He gave us accommodation in two rooms. The house had been deserted long ago and had a ghostly aura about it. The horns of a wild deer and the skull of a deadly bear hung on

the walls, covered with cobwebs and layers of dust. There, over a cup of tea, which the chowkidar prepared for us, we talked about the harrowing experiences of the day. While some of us slowly drifted off to sleep, Mr. Dangwal's and Mr. Khan's talk on ghosts was very entertaining (and spine-chilling to some who even felt a ghost's presence during the night). After refreshing our brains with jokes, quips and stories we hit the sack. The hard cold floor was all we could expect in that haunted looking palace, to lie down upon and close our eyes and dream and let the restless mind escape into the forgetfulness of sleep.

As the first rays of the sun shone through the window-panes, we were up and were walking down to the hill of Mussoorie. Within a couple of hours, we found ourselves walking on the familiar Mall and soon after we were resting in the Forest Rest House near the Gun Hill which was made available.

The shoe-shine boy who polished our shoes must have been only five years old. His lean limbs worked with utmost skill. Necessity had turned him into an adept labourer. The colossal problem facing the children of India will, however, remain for undernourished and for poor children like him life is one long struggle. They do not have childhood. They are rather born adult.

We devoted the next few days to as much pleasure as we could derive from the Queen of the Hills, and the most delightful thing about it was that we had earned it. We visited restaurants, cinema theatres and did quite a bit of horse-riding. We danced and sang even at the dead of night. We had real fun. Then suddenly something made us realise that we must not drown ourselves in pleasures; that riches do not cover up the poverty of the mind. We had to achieve something in life which we could only do by working hard. The roots of education are bitter but the fruit is sweet. We must visualise a better and brighter world and dream brave dreams of finer things and keep the goal in view. With determination and toil we will succeed and make our dreams true.

Soon the day arrived for us to return to our alma mater. Our last mid-term trip was over and we would carry these sweet memories throughout our lives.

Cadet Rajiv Kumar
Class V



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College News

On Thursday, 19th April, Mr. W.B. Maillfert of the United States Information Service, delivered a lecture on 'Apollo; A Space Odessy' in the Science Lecture Room. It was a very informative and highly instructive talk and the Cadets and Members of the Staff were indeed enlightened by it. The talk was followed by a colour film—'Windfall From Space' which entertained us very much. We are deeply beholden to Mr. W.B. Maillfert for such an educative programme.

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On Wednesday, the 10th instant, a tea-party was held in the Staff Room to bid farewell to Mr. I.R. Samuel, Master in History, who, on the completion of his temporary tenure of one year and a half, chose to join the Sainik School, Bijapur.

Mr. Samuel's dedication to duty and his meritorious services to the college were lauded and fervent hopes expressed by the Staff Club for all

success and the best of luck to him in his career. Then the College Crest was presented to him by the Staff club as a token of our affectionate regards to Mr. Samuel.

Inter-Section T.T. Competition, 1973

The Inter-Section matches were played from 1st to 3rd of May. Excitement rose high among the cadets. Ranjan Singh (R) established his supremacy over others by winning all his matches and thus becoming No. 1 player of the College. A. Subramaniam added a feather to his cap by winning all his No. 2 matches. He gave a good display of chops and excellent services. S. Mukherjee and S. Imam did well in their various matches. This time the matches were keenly contested and in the end Pratap Section came out victorious once more and annexed the Table Tennis Cup.

All those who were unlucky this year including me, should try again next year. After all 'failures are the pillars to success.

Section	Pratap	Ranjit	Shivaji	Chandra-gupta	Matches won	Position	Championship Points
Pratap	—	Won 4-1	Lost 2-3	Won 3-1	two 9-5	I	4
Ranjit	Lost 1-4	—	Won 3-2	Won 4-1	Two 8-7	II & III	2½
Shivaji	Won 3-2	Lost 2-3	—	Won 3-2	Two 8-7		
Chandra-gupta	Lost 1-3	Lost 1-4	Lost 2-3	—	NIL 4-10	IV	1

Renchy Abraham, Class IV A

Return Hockey Match : vs Doon School

On the 26th of April, a return Hockey match was played against the Doon School which resulted in a draw, one goal being scored by either side.

The Doscas, in their grey shorts, walked up to our College, and as they were a bit late, they started cheering the moment they came in sight of the playground and saw the match in progress. We welcomed them with warm cheer, and one can very well understand what boos and curses were exchanged, and what feats of cheering were displayed.

It was a very exciting match right from the beginning. In the first few minutes, however, the match was confined to the centre as both the teams were playing their best, each vying with the other to score the first goal of the match. Gradually, we began to have a slight edge over them. However, no side could score till half time.

After the breather, our players took advantage of a corner shot, and Atul Verma shot home the first goal.

The Doscas started cheering their team lustily. Their shouting worked, as their players began to press us, and

The following Cadets constitute the Squash ladder of the College for the January Term, 1973.

No 5-D	Cadet Deepak Sharma	—	Capt	—	Shivaji
„ 682	„ Harinder Singh	—	Vice Capt	—	C. Gupta
„ 606	„ S.M. Singh	—		—	Shivaji
„ 620	„ B.S. Gill	—		—	Pratap
„ 625	„ Atul Vrama	—		—	Ranjit
„ 601	„ A.K. Sharma	—		—	Shivaji
„ 574	„ Kushal Roy	—		—	Pratap

Inter-Section Basketball, 1973

Results of the Inter-Section Basketball competition 1973 are published as under:—

Section	Points	Position
Ranjit	6	I
Shivaji	4	II
Chandragupta	2	III
Pratap	0	IV

Our heartiest Congratulations to Ranjit on winning the Basketball Cup.

finally scored a goal by a penalty shot.

Atul Verma and A.K. Singh in the home team deserve appreciation for their splendid display of stick-work and skill.

RIMC XI : S.M. Singh, S. Imam, D. Sharma, Atul Verma, V.S. Chikkara, B.S. Gill, P.G. Rongmei, P. Yadav, H.S. Pathania, S. Pradhan, A.K. Singh

EXTRAS : K.R. Singh, B.C. Singh, R.K. Yadav.

— Cadet Abir Banerjee,
Class III

Our Congratulations to the following Cadets on the award of College Colours to them in the games stated against each.

Cricket

Cadet Sec Comdr S Imam — Blues
Cadet B.S. Gill — Half Blues

Table Tennis

Cadet Capt S.M. Singh — Blues
Cadet R.K. Singh — Half Blues

The Man Who has Impressed Me Most

The green back-waters and pastures of Switzerland had been my centre of attraction for a long time. I had longed to go and spend a month or two there for quite some time. Now I got the chance. I had appeared for the All India Juniors Essay Competition and was adjudged the best essayist. The prize

was a free flight to Switzerland, a stay there for three weeks with free food and lodging and back by means of the transport ship to the port of Calcutta.

I started off from Dum Dum airport with the steadiest Boeing plane and was served dinner soon afterwards. I made myself easy and it was the matter of an hour that I reached Kerala. The plane was seen coming down and this was the first stop. After this I had gone to sleep. Next morning at about six-thirty we reached Switzerland.

From there I was taken to 'Hotel Intercontinental Suiz' and given lodging. Soon I finished my early duties of dressing and all and went to see the city. It was a beautiful city, dotted with skyscrapers and tall buildings. Suddenly I heard someone shouting from behind. I looked back and found a person holding my money bag with a smile on his face and telling me to take it back. I asked him how he had got it to which he replied that it had fallen down. He also asked me if I was an Indian or not. I was surprised on his asking such a question and as I replied that I was, he took my hands in his and told in my own language that I had to come to dine with him in his house that day.

Then he took me to all the nooks and corners of the town showing me possibly everything and explaining it. This gave me a very good impression of him. In the evening I dined with him and we went together to see a picture. It was quite late at night and when we were returning from the hall we were suddenly attacked round the bend by some four rash men demanding money with pistol in their hands. My friend coolly replied that it was impossible for us to pass money to such hooligans. At this they attacked us fiercely but my friend (by name Abinash) took three of them at a time leaving for me only one

to thrash up. His presence of mind and strength combined together enabled us to make them lick the dust of our feet within no time. This again formed a very nice impression him on me. The next day we decided to go to lake Eu (the most famous in Switzerland) and do some rowing.

We got up early next morning and started off in his Impala-Victor car after having our breakfast. The cool breeze and the picturesque scene thrilled me deeply. I opened the hood of the car. At about eight o'clock we reached Eu. It was a beautiful lake situated between the valley of the two mountains. We rowed till we sweated and at the same time we ate small eatables. It was my chance to row suddenly when the boat started leaking. I could feel it capsize. I jumped off the boat in great fear and could feel myself being dragged to the bottom of the lake as if by some unseen force. After some time I became unconscious. When I regained consciousness I found myself in hospital with my friend sitting beside me. He told me that after I had jumped from the boat a huge Eaml (a sort of wild water-snake) had wrapped me up and was pulling me down. He (Avinash) just in the nick of time had saved me by killing the snake by means of repeated blows of knife and pulled me to the shore.

For a man living in a foreign country and doing all these for me seemed too much and this has left an ever-lasting impression of goodwill on me.

When my day came to go back home I was really sad to leave my friend Avinash who had done so much for me. I can never forget him. Very often he writes to me a letter and very often do I drop him a line. Thus he is the person who has impressed me most.

Cadet S. Mukherjee,
IV A

पशुओं में सफाई की प्रवृत्ति

अधिकांश लोग इस बात के समर्थक हैं कि पशुओं में सफाई की प्रवृत्ति बिल्कुल नहीं होती। उनके मतानुसार प्राणिक-जीवन एक ऐसा जीवन है जहाँ सफाई का नामो-निशान तक नहीं है यहाँ तक कि पशु गंदगी एवं असभ्यता के प्रतीक माने जाते हैं। परन्तु उन लोगों का मत बिल्कुल आधारहीन एवं असत्य है। इस आधुनिक वैज्ञानिक युग में यह कहना बिल्कुल सार्थक सा प्रतीत होता है कि पशुओं में भी सफाई की प्रवृत्ति होती है। सफाई के सबसे निम्न स्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह कहना सार्थक होगा कि प्राचीन काल में पशु मानव से ज्यादा सफाई का ख्याल रखते थे। साथ ही साथ उस समय पशु अपने स्वास्थ्य का ख्याल मानव से कहीं ज्यादा रखते थे।

उदाहरणार्थ सबसे पहले हम घरेलू बिल्ली को ही लें जो पूर्ण सफाई की आश्चर्यजनक मिसाल है। अपने को साफ रखने के लिए वह बहुत प्रयास करती है। खैर, यह तो हुई घरेलू बात; अब हम जंगलों के पशुओं की सफाई के बारे में सोचें। शेरनी जो क्रूरता एवं क्रूरता की मूर्ति है जंगल की वह भी खुद को साफ रखती है। वह अपनी तथा अपने बच्चों की शारीरिक सफाई अपनी दानेदार जीभ से करती है। घरेलू बिल्लियों की तरह वह भी अपने बच्चों को सफाई का पाठ पढ़ाती है।

अधिकांश पालतू कुत्ते, स्नान करने से डरते हैं परन्तु एक बार स्नान कर लेने के बाद निश्चय ही वे ताजगी का अनुभव करते हैं। ठीक उसी प्रकार चिड़ियाँ भी समय-समय पर अपने को स्नान के द्वारा साफ रखती हैं। यह कथन आज तक चला आ रहा है कि ईश्वर ने चिड़ियों को सफाई के लिए उनके शरीर में ही कुछ साधन बना दिये हैं। इनके आधार पर जब चिड़ियाँ अपनी चोंच को शरीर की ओर लाती हैं तो उनकी ग्रथियों से चोंच के द्वारा एक तरल पदार्थ निकलता है जो उनके शरीर को स्वच्छ रखता

है। उदाहरणार्थ पशुओं में कंगारू को ऐसा उपकरण प्राप्त है। लेमर बन्दरों के जैसा ही एक छोटा प्राणी है जिसके चार दाँत बाहर निकले रहते हैं। इन दाँतों की सहायता से वह अपने बाल संवारता है। कंगारू को भी कुछ ऐसी ही ईश्वरीय देन है।

कुछ प्राणी ऐसे भी हैं जो अपनी सफाई के लिए सेवकों पर आधारित रहते हैं। मगरमच्छ इनमें मुख्य है। यह अपने मुँह को खोल कर नदी के तट पर लेट जाता है, जहाँ लम्बी चोंच वाली एक चिड़िया इसके दाँतों की सफाई करती है। गोताखोर आपको यह बतला सकेगे कि मछलियाँ अपने दाँतों की सफाई, छोटी मछलियों से करवाती हैं। परन्तु मछलियों में केवल इस प्रकार सफाई का कार्य नहीं चलता। बहुत सी मछलियाँ अपने शरीर को साफ रखने के लिए अपने को पत्थर से रगड़ती हैं।

बोड़ा एव अन्य पशु भी अपनी सफाई के लिए अपने शरीर को किसी ठोस पदार्थ से रगड़ते हैं। यहाँ तक कि, आप शायद विश्वास न करें, सूअर भी अपने को साफ रखने के लिए यही उपाय करता है। यह एक ऐसा प्राणी है जिसे सभी तुच्छ दृष्टि से देखते हैं परन्तु आधुनिक सूकर-पालन के प्रयोगों ने यह सिद्ध कर दिया है कि सूअर को स्वच्छ जल मिल जाने पर वह भी अपने को पूर्णतः स्वच्छ रखता है।

साँप का तो कहना ही क्या ! संसार का कोई भी प्राणी सफाई में उसकी तुलना नहीं कर सकता। उसके शरीर पर धूल का एक कण भी पाना असम्भव है। यहाँ तक कि वर्ष में वह एक बार अपनी त्वचा को उतार फेंकता है।

अतः हम इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँचते हैं कि पशु-जाति गंदगी नहीं, स्वच्छता का प्रतीक है।

वीर कुमार दिलीप नारायण सिंह
सचिव, प्रकृति-अध्ययन क्लब



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Visit

Maj. Gen. A.M. Vohra, Director of Military Training, Army Headquarters, New Delhi paid a farewell visit to the College on Tuesday, 31st July. He was received by the Commandant at the main office and was taken to the Staff Room where members of the Staff were introduced to him over a cup of tea. He was then conducted round a few portions of the Education Block.

We are grateful to Gen. Vohra for his visit.

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Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to Col. H.S. Mamik, a Rimcollian and our Ex-Administrative Officer, on his promotion to the rank of a Colonel and thereupon assuming the charge of Officer Commanding of 11 Gurkha Regiment at Dehra Dun.

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Our heartiest congratulations to our following Ex-Cadets on the achievements mentioned against their names:—

GC D.C. Kumaria on his being awarded the President's Plaque for having been adjudged the Best All Round Pupil Officer at all the three stages at the Air Force Academy, Hyderabad and also on the award of Ramchandani Trophy for his being the Best Cadet in Ground Subjects when he was commissioned as a fighter pilot on 2nd June.

GCs A.K. Nayak, S.P. Ojha and B.K. Singh on their being Commissioned as fighter pilots from the Air Force Academy, Hyderabad on 2nd June.

GC B.R. Bhatia on his having stood first among Naval Cadets at the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla.

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College News

Shri D.D. Dangwal, Master in English, left the College on the completion of his temporary tenure of one term. We wish Shri Dangwal the best of luck.

We welcome Capt. K.D. Tewari, A.E.C. to our academic family and hope he will find his stay at the College happy and rewarding. Capt. Tewari will teach English in place of Mr. Dangwal.

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Veer Makrand Ghanekar Scholarship

Rashtriya Indian Military College feels deeply indebted to Shri Raghunath Dhondo Ghanekar, who in the loving memory of his valiant son 2/Lt Makrand R. Ghanekar, who was killed in action on 6th Dec. 1971 during the Indo-Pak War in Bangla Desh, has instituted scholarships worth Rs. 1000/-per year to be awarded to the deserving cadets from Maharashtra, tenable for the period of the cadet's stay at RIMC.

2/Lt M.R. Ghanekar joined RIME on 31st July 1961 and passed out on 10th Dec. 1965 to join the 35th Course at the N.D.A. Kharakvasla. He was known at the College for his sincerity, uprightness and devotion to duty. The scholarship instituted in his memory will be known as 'Veer Makrand Ghanekar Scholarship'. We assure Shri R.D. Ghanekar that the scholarship will serve as an unfailing source of inspiration and strength to our cadets who aspire for glory in life.

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We welcome our Cadets back to the College after the Summer Vacation and hope they will soon get down to their studies in right earnest.

We welcome the new Cadets also and expect of them an early acclimation to the campus life.

N.D.A. Results—50th Course

The following cadets qualified for admission to the 50th Course of the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla. We congratulate these cadets on their success both at the UPSC Written Examination and Services Selection Boards and hope that they will uphold the prestige of the College at N.D.A.

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| 1. | Cadet | A. Satyanarayan |
| 2. | „ | D.P. Das |
| 3. | „ | M.P. Singh Gill |
| 4. | „ | G.M. Verma |
| 5. | „ | S. Varughese |
| 6. | „ | R.K. Chadha |
| 7. | „ | R.K. Gulati |
| 8. | „ | K. Gopi Prasad |
| 9. | „ | K.M. Balsara |
| 10. | „ | Sartaj Imam |
| 11. | „ | S.M. Singh |
| 12. | „ | Dhiraj Mallick |
| 13. | „ | Sher Singh |

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Air Pollution—A Serious Menace to Mankind

Frustration is rising over our increasingly dirty air, filthy streets and malodorous rivers. The man-made pollution, bad enough in itself, reflects something even worse—a dangerous illusion that science can build bigger and bigger industrial societies without any regard for the iron laws of nature. The whole industrialised world is getting polluted and even the emerging nations are unlikely to slow their own development in the interest of cleaner air.

Man has tended to ignore the fact that he is completely dependent on the biosphere for his existence. By polluting the air, man is bringing his doomsday nearer and he is doing it with the help

of science and technology. Primitive man did very little to damage the air and his environment. But today's scientific man, master of the atom and the moon is so confident of his scientific superiority that he is unaware of his weakness i.e. the fact that his pressure on nature may provoke the release of powers which he will not be able to control. Many scholars now believe that air pollution may trigger off some atmospheric disaster. If the scientific progress is left to its present speed along with its power of polluting the air, man will soon find so many adverse changes in the atmosphere that his continued existence on the earth will be in peril.

In the polluting sense man is the dirtiest animal, and he must learn that he can no longer afford to send smoke casually into the sky and sewage into rivers as he did in the earlier days when vast reserves of pure air and water easily diluted the pollution. The earth is basically a closed system with waste disposal process that has limits. The winds which ventilate earth are only six miles high. Today scientifically advanced countries are straining their limits.

The huge bulk of big cities shows the cleansing winds. At the same time the rising heat of the cities helps to create thermal inversion which can trap pollutants for days—a crisis which in 1963 killed 400 New Yorkers. Cars complete the deadly picture, while chimneys throw out sulphur dioxide, motor vehicles add tonnes of carbon monoxide and other deadly gases. Automobile exhaust fumes often affect human nerves and decrease normal functioning of the brain.

Teachers in Japan claim that their students who are constantly breathing heavy polluted air, are less aggressive both physically and mentally than the children elsewhere. The teachers are also concerned about basic mental stability. Children get irritated easily in this atmosphere. They cannot concentrate. They lack the sensitiveness to understand what is beautiful and what is ugly.

With the increase in the scientific know—how our demands on natural resources have increased tremendously. Science is responsible for extending the limits of our knowledge and providing

numerous comforts to us. But it is also responsible for endangering our existence through pollution of air. Millions of cars, motor cycles, buses, factories and mills contribute to the pollution of the air we breathe. No doubt air pollution is a cause of science.

Air pollution not only endangers our existence but is also responsible for the decay of natural vegetation. It is responsible for new diseases. Besides the "killer smog" kills hundreds of citizens of advanced countries. An illness which numbs muscles has been discovered in N.E. U.S.A. Then there is bone-illness in Japan. This painful disease is responsible for the cracking of bones under slightest pressure. It is high time that we take pollution as a serious threat to our existence and try to find out various means and methods by which we can keep our atmosphere cleaner and purer.

I do not suggest to bring to a halt the scientific advance and the industrial progress but, is it too much to ask science which is responsible for this curse of air pollution, to depollute our atmosphere so that we can live and breathe fresh and pure air.

Cadet Naushad Imam, Class IV

शरीफों की पार्टी

आप सभी को बहुत बार, कम से कम एक बार तो शरीफों की पार्टी में शामिल होने का जरूर ही सुअवसर प्राप्त हुआ होगा। अब आप बताएँ कि पहली पार्टी में आपने कैसा महसूस किया? मेरी तो पहली पार्टी में दुर्गति हो गई और और तब से मैंने बहुत से नए नियम निकाले हैं। आइए, मैं आपको अपनी पहली पार्टी का अनुभव बताऊँ।

पार्टी में मैं उसी शान से पहुँचा, जिस शान से और मेहमान जो काफी अनुभवी थे, पधारे थे। पार्टी के शुरू होने के कुछ ही समय पश्चात् कोई गोश्त, कोई पुलाव, कोई सब्जी इत्यादि के डोंगे पर टूट पड़ा और मैं कोशिश करने के पश्चात् भी अपने हाथों में प्लेट एवं चम्मच भी न ले सका। मैं तो उन शरीफों को एक टुक देख रहा था जो अभी अपनी पूरी ताकत, दिल एवं दिमाग लगाकर खाने पर राक्षस की

तरह टूट पड़े थे। मैं महसूस करने लगा कि शरीफों की पार्टी में भोजन पर राक्षस की तरह टूट पड़ने का शायद रिवाज या नियम ही है। कुछ क्षण पश्चात् जब सोचना बन्द किया तो महसूस किया कि मैंने अभी तक कुछ भी नहीं पाया है। मन ही मन सोचा—“बेटे पहली बार इस तरह की पार्टी में आए हो लगता है, भूखे मरोगे। परन्तु अभी पश्चाताप करने का समय नहीं था। अतः मैंने अपनी पूरी ताकत बटोर कर एक गोश्त के डोंगे की तरफ हाथ बढ़ाया, परन्तु हाथ रे किस्मत, अभाम्य ने यहाँ तक भी साथ नहीं छोड़ा। किसी ने मेरे हाथों को डोंगे से एक ही भटके में अलग कर दिया। वया बताऊँ, इसी तरह भ्रष्टाने की कोशिश करता रहा परन्तु सफलता ने मेरे कदम नहीं चूमे। तब तक टेबुल के एक छोर पर पड़े दही-बड़े एवं पुलाव के डोंगे की एक झलक मुझे मिली। मैं विद्युत गति से उस ओर भागा और कुछ पुलाव एवं दूटे हुए आधे दही-बड़े को अपनी प्लेट में लेकर बड़ी तेजी में खाने लगा। खा ही रहा था कि एकाएक जोरों का हल्ला सुना। अभी मैं सोच ही रहा था कि पाया कि सब कुछ लुट चुका है। बात यह थी कि वैसे आइसक्रीम लाए थे एवं शरीफ मेहमान उस पर इस प्रकार टूट पड़े थे जिस तरह कबूतर पर बाज। मन ही मन कहा—लो बेटा एक मात और। वैसे की प्रार्थना के बावजूद भी मेहमान इतनी बुरी तरह टूट रहे थे कि आधे से अधिक जमीन पर गिर पड़ा। अभी आइसक्रीम का बाजार गर्म ही था कि उधर से फलों की टोकरी आई एवं बैरा इधर.....बैरा इधर के नारे से हॉल गूँज उठा। फलों का सफाया शरीफों ने बातों ही बातों में कर डाला। और मैं कुछ भी न पा सका। उस दिन थोड़े से पुलाव एवं अच्छे दही बड़े से ही सन्न कर लिया। घर पहुँचने पर पेट में चूहे बूद रहे थे परन्तु लज्जावश इज्जत का ह्याल कर सो गया।

तब से मैंने कुछ आवश्यक नियम निकाले हैं। पार्टी की शुरुआत में वहीं खड़ा रहना चाहिए जिधर से वैसे सामग्री लाते हैं। खाने समय बोलना एवं हंसना सख्त मना, जिससे अधिक से अधिक खाया जा सके। शुरू में ही उन चीजों को अधिक मात्रा में ले लेना चाहिए जिनका फिर से खाना शायद कठिन हो। यदि चाय की पार्टी हो तो सबसे पहले मिष्ठानों पर हाथ साफ करना चाहिए, क्योंकि प्रत्येक पार्टी में चाय व कॉफी की मात्रा प्रयाप्त होती है। जब से मैंने इन सब नियमों को अपनाया है, सच कहता हूँ, कभी भी इस प्रकार की पार्टी से भूखा नहीं लौटा। आप भी इन नियमों को बण्ठस्थ कर लें, जीवन की लम्बी दीड़ में ये काम आ सकते हैं।

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Our heartiest congratulations to Maj. Gen. A.M. Vohra, Director of Military Training, Army Headquarters, New Delhi on his well-deserved promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General.

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Rimcolliana

Our warmest congratulations to the following ex-cadets on their holding the appointments mentioned against their names at the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun and the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla respectively:

I.M.A.

GC A.K. Singh	S.U.O.
„ D.K. Paul	S.U.O.
„ N. Ravindran	S.U.O.
„ L.T. Singh	S.U.O.
„ K.S. Rawat	J.U.O.

N.D.A.

GC S.K. Singh	B.C.C.
„ Manvendra Singh	A.C.A.

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College News

Mr. S.P. Singh, Master in Chemistry, left the College on the completion of his temporary tenure of about one academic year.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Singh the best of luck.

We welcome Mr. A.K. Chakravarty to our academic family as Master in Chemistry and hope he will find his stay with us pleasant and happy.

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Independence Day Celebrations

Independence Day celebrations at the College started with the cadets' parade and unfurling of the tricolour by the Commandant at 9 A.M.

In his short, thoughtful speech the Commandant said, "On this day we remember those who laid down their lives to win freedom for us and renew our

pledge to retain our independence at all costs." Referring to the present-day socio-political situation he said that the country was passing through a transitional period and the crises with which the country was confronted were man-made. Condemning hoarding and black-marketing which have resulted in food shortage and spiralling prices, he termed them as anti-national activities and advised the young cadets to fight poverty, backwardness and ignorance when they come of age. He exhorted them to cultivate a rational, balanced approach to problems and quell emotions which, more often than not, blur our vision and render our views biased. He foresaw a bright future which would, of course, be the outcome of the strivings of the present growing generations.

In the evening a Guest Night Dinner was arranged in the Cadets' Mess and all members of the Staff attended it.

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Janmashtmi Celebrations

Janmashtmi—the day of Lord Krishna's incarnation on earth—was celebrated in the gaily decorated College Temple at 1900 hrs. The function was marked by traditional reverence and devotional fervour and the evening was altogether a success. Packed to the capacity the temple reverberated with the chanting of hymns to the musical accompaniment and also religious discourses. We owe special debt of gratitude to Shri Rameshwar Shukla—an eminent local scholar of scriptural lore, Shrimati B.R. Chhetri, a devout religious musician, Shri R.K. Sharma, our Music Master, Mrs. Sharma and their artiste.

Last but not least, our sincere thanks are due to our revered Panditji Shri B.D. Pande for his discourse and Mr. R.C. Sharma for organizing the function.

Our thanks are also due to Cadet Captain Atul Verma, Section Commanders A.K. Bishnoi, V.S. Chhikara, T.K. Guha, T.S. Mahadeo and Cadet D.V. Tomar.

OUR NEW CADETS

<i>Name of Cadet</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Previous Institution</i>
Yogendra Bhadauria	M.P.	Pratap	St. Paul H.S. School, Indore
Ravindra S. Bangari	U.P.	Pratap	Manav Sthali Public School, New Delhi
Yugal Kishore Gupta	Bihar	Pratap	Haranchandra High School, Gaya
Ashis Bhowal	Assam	Pratap	Don Bosco High School, Gauhati
M.S. Mahesh	Kerala	Pratap	St. Joseph's High School, Trivandrum
Arvind Chaturvedi	U.P.	Ranjit	St. Mary's Academy, Saharanpur
Gurmit Singh	Delhi	Ranjit	Frank Anthony Public School, New Delhi
Th. Brajakumar Singh	Imphal	Ranjit	Central School, Imphal, Manipur
Jaideep Hazarika	Arunachal Pradesh	Ranjit	St. Edmund's College, Shillong
Nikhileshwar Dhari Sinha	Bihar	Ranjit	Defence Services Public School, New Delhi
Kuldeep Mehta	Punjab	Shivaji	St. Xavier's, Patna
Nand Kishore Negi	H.P.	Shivaji	Central School, Simla
Ashish Kumar Mitra	U.P.	Shivaji	Central School, Varanasi
N. Nimai Singh	Manipur	Shivaji	Kakching Makha High School, Kakchina (Manipur)
Ajaya Kumar Sharma	Haryana	Shivaji	Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School, Bhiwani
Sunil Kalyandasani	Mysore	Shivaji	Bishop Cotton Boys' High School, Bangalore.
Amarbir Singh	Punjab	Chandragupta	Kundan Vidya Mandir, Ludhiana
Dharmendra Singh Gill	Haryana	Chandragupta	Happy School, Rohtak
Udai Raj Singh Bisht	U.P.	Chandragupta	Bishop's School, Poona

Sportsfolio

Football Fixtures at RIMC

vs Teaching Staff

The match played against the Staff team on 12th August marked the commencement of the football session at the RIMC. The Staff team lost to us by 6-1. It started on a quiet note. Cadets from the beginning had an edge over the Staff. No sooner did it start than Cadet A.K. Prasad making his way all through the Staff line of defenders scored a goal. Staff-forwards tried hard to score but the cadets parried all their attempts. Two more scintillating goals from the cadets left the Staff stranded.

After half time the match seemed to grow dull but the excitement mounted up when Mr. S.P. Singh from the Staff side scored a goal. Thereafter cadets scored three more goals declaring their victory over the Staff by 6-1.

vs Cantt Sporting Club

On the evening of 14th August the spectators from the RIMC pavilion witnessed the brilliant victory of the

College team over the Cantt Sporting Club that consisted of a few seasoned players from Dehra Dun town. The match was played under heavy rains that never stopped till the end.

The visitors were first to score which K.R. Singh equalised in no time. The next winning goal was also scored by K.R. Singh. The visitors in spite of their beautiful dribbling, footwork and combination could not equalise. The match, therefore, ended in the 2-1 victory for us.

Cadet A. Subramaniam
Class I A

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vs 58 Gurkha Training Centre

On Thursday, the 16th August, we beat the 58 GTC by 3-1 in a friendly soccer encounter on our playground. The two rival teams in the cloudless weather maintained such tempo that time passed unnoticed leaving the spectators greatly amused.

The visitors played with strong defence taking to 3-3-4 formation, realis-

ing their attacking potential mostly in their two forward players marked 8 and 9, Chandra and Indra. However our 2-3-5 proved to be an effective counter, neutralizing their formation. Our forwards broke through their defence line again and again with our left-in K.R. Singh causing panic among them.

The match started at 5.15. Our forwards were first to take the ball close to the rival net, dodging them beautifully. The Gurkhas in their turn responded vigorously. Their set strategic move was breath-taking. Displaying a brand of game that consisted of co-operation and skilful footwork, they scored the first goal of the match at 5.22; it was Chandra, their No. 8, who from his right-in position had delivered a powerful kick, from at a distance of 15 yds, that dipped right into our net, a little to the left corner.

Our reply to this was a furious attack on their defence that left their backs scattered and their citadel broken; a zooming kick from K.R. Singh missed its mark only by a few inches. Our third move was messed up by B.C. Singh who getting an opportunity to shoot from a very close range could deliver but a very timid kick which was conveniently collected by the rival custodian. B.C., however, in his next move compelled the spectators to reconsider him. He delivered a full blooded kick towards the net. The ball hit the goalkeeper making him stagger and rolled back idly crying for one of us simply to tap it in—none was there to avail the opportunity. And at last 8 minutes after the Gurkhas scored, K.R. Singh on a penalty kick scored the equaliser. The score board read 1-1.

The visitors took the alarm. The match caught the tempo once again. And a little later our forwards were seen breaking through their rear file and this time A.K. Singh getting an opportunity shot a sitter that hitting their custodian rolled back to his toe again and he conveniently drove it back into the net raising the score to 2-1.

After half-time a little before the end A.K. Singh on a pass from Yadav scored the third goal of the match.

The two forward players, Chandra and Indra, of the Gurkha team won our admiration with their skilful performance. They took the ball several times through our defence but as their ill luck would have it they couldn't shoot home any. Goalkeeper Pradhan of the home team played with dash. Rongmei's tapping,

dodging and control over the ball were remarkable.

RIMC—A.K. Gupta, H.S. Pathania, D. Tomar, B.S. Gill, P.G. Rongmei, Rana Dutta, K.R. Singh, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, P. Yadav, S. Pradhan.

B.S. Kohli
Class IV.

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vs Oak Grove School, Mussoorie

On the cloudy evening of 18th August the spectators from the RIMC Pavilion witnessed another glorious victory of the College team over the Oak Grove footballers. The visitors lost to us by 5-0.

3 minutes after the match started A.K. Singh, with a remarkable control over the ball, darted through the opponents' defence line like an arrow to deliver a powerful sitter from a close range that missed its mark, being a little wide. The visitors, after that, made two powerful attacks on the RIMC citadel that were discouraged by our backs Tomar and Pathania. Many other scoring chances they missed due to erratic shooting. In all their moves Oak Grove's left out, Salim had been prominent; he won our admiration with his quickness and skilful footwork. Twenty minutes passed Rongmei of the Home team got two successive corner kicks that he shot with his usual accuracy but somehow our forwards could not direct the ball into the net. The struggle continued for twenty minutes and then suddenly our B.C. Singh carried the ball all through the right line, dodging each of the rival defenders on the line and passed it to K.R. Singh who hammered a close-range kick that went straight into the rival's net. Soon after, A.K. Prasad headed a ball, passed from K.R. Singh, into the net claiming a 2-0 half-time lead.

Shortly after the breather the visitors' right-in delivered a powerful kick which, the spectators deemed, was going to be a sure goal, had it not banged our custodian, Pradhan and rolled out resulting into a corner-kick. The visitors for the next minutes pressed us hard and broke through our defence several times showing beautiful combination and speed but in most of their attempts one of their forwards always spoiled their moves by trying to walk with the ball into the net; they never tried from a distance, they came too close to the net.

Then at 5.10 one of their forwards collided with our goalkeeper and as he

came dashing both fell down. The attacker got his leg bone broken. Dr. Chakravorty, the R.M.O., rushed to the spot but the Oak Grove Principal preferred to take the injured player out to town for treatment. The play resumed at 5.15. In the remaining time 3 more goals were scored by B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh and K.R. Singh respectively. The match ended in our 5-0 victory. The visitors fought bravely and played a good game. Only their luck didn't seem to favour them that evening.

RIMC: Pradhan, Tomar, Pathania, K.R. Singh, Rongmei, Gupta, Prasad, Yadav, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, Rana Dutta.

— Cadet B.S. Kohli,
Class IV A

A Timely Help

Sunday morning was gray and dreary. Clouds drenched Bombay with one of the heaviest rains in months. Vikram 23, was driving north on the two-lane Eastern Express Highway. Vikram made a 35-minute trip to the Club every Sunday. The traffic was fairly heavy. Despite the heavy rainfall many cars sped past 100 km.p.h. As Vikram rounded a gentle curve he saw about 400 metres ahead of him a northbound car. He began to slow down. He thought it strange that none of the cars ahead of him stopped.

Vikram pulled on to the right and jumped out of his car. One lane separated him from the victim. No one of the passing northbound cars slowed down. His friend Vinod saw him poised to sprint through an opening in the traffic and called "Vikram, your knee"! "Somebody has got to do some thing" he answered erratically. Vikram had a weak knee. It sometimes folded under him without warning, and when that happened he collapsed as if shot through.

"Here goes with God" he yelled in English and ran a jagged course across the second lane of the northbound traffic to the fence. Sunita, the victim of the accident, lay in gutter with her nose and mouth in seven centimetres of water. Vikram gently turned her bruised face out of the water. One leg must have been broken. The foot was twisted in the wrong direction. Kneeling he held

her wrist and listened to her breathing. She was breathing and her pulse was strong. He pulled off his belt and applied a tourniquet to her thigh. Vikram rose and stood between the body and the oncoming traffic and waved. "Stop" he shouted. "Please, we need help." Approaching cars were swinging around him. He saw some drivers glare and open their mouth. Frantically waving his jacket like a flag, Vinod stood on the painted line between the first and second. A big articulated lorry thundered by and nearly snatched the jacket off his hands. For another minute he fluttered the jacket over his head and finally one car drew to a halt in front of him. The driver opened his window and leaned through. His face turned ashen. Without another word he revived his engine and drove off. Vikram wiped a wet sleeve across his wet face. "Somebody must stop. Somebody must help." He remained in the centre of the lane, waving his jacket. Another van stopped "Help me in blocking the traffic" Vikram pleaded. As the driver began to get out of the van, Vikram impulsively reached into the cab and pulled out the ignition key. Several cars stopped in the northbound lane now and a man on the other side of the fence yelled across to Vikram "Can I help you friend?" Vikram answered "Sure, sure, we need all the help we can possibly get." The man brought a huge piece of tarpaulin and held it over her. After a few seconds a speeding police car came to a halt near the accident. An officer in Khakhi uniform stepped out. Vikram asked him "Please call an ambulance." "One is coming. It should have been here by now." Hardly had he completed his sentence when an ambulance van came to a halt.

Cadet Rajiv Anand, IV

Obituary

We convey our heartfelt condolences to Mr. G.M. Khan on the passing away of his daughter and father-in-law.



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College News

Our heartiest felicitations to Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice-Principal, on the completion of 25 years of his stay at the College. We are proud of him and wish him all luck and good health to render many more years of useful service to the institution.

Mr. G.S. Pandey and Mr. L.N. Thakur, Masters in Mathematics, completed four weeks' sequential Summer Institute Course in Modern Mathematics at Bhuvaneshwar in May/June.

Our warmest congratulations to both of them on this achievement.

We welcome Capt. H.S. Jathoul, A.E.C. to our academic community and hope he finds his stay at the College fruitful and happy.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Singh on their having been blessed with a son on 1st September. Mr. S.P. Singh, who, till recently served this College as Master in Chemistry, has now joined the Air Force Central School, Faridabad in the capacity of a House Master. He has taken over Tagore House there.

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On Friday, 31st August, the following cadets were invested with 'Medhavi' badges by the Commandant for their having secured the first position in their respective classes during the preceding academic session.

All these meritorious cadets deserve our warmest congratulations. They must keep it up. We expect other cadets also to follow suit.

Cadet Rajiv Kumar (Pratap)	Class VA
„ Dinesh Syal (Shivaji)	„ V
„ G.G. Kumar (Pratap)	„ IVA
„ R. Chaturvedi (Ranjit)	„ IV
„ J.S. Gill (Chandragupta)	„ IIIA
„ A.K. Sinha (Ranjit)	„ III
„ V. Ramaswamy (Ranjit)	„ IIA
„ H.P. Rajkumar (Chandragupta)	„ II
„ G.S. Bains (Ranjit)	„ IA

Teachers' Day

Fifth September—Teachers' Day—was observed at the College with reverence befitting to the occasion. The Cadets arranged a grand tea party in the College Mess as a token of their respect to Members of the Teaching Staff. Cadet Captain Atul Verma shed light on the origin and significance of Teachers' Day and declared that the progress and prosperity of a nation depends on the quality of education received by its students and since teachers mould and shape the character of students, they are the real builders of a nation.

The Commandant thanked the Cadets for organizing the function and asked Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice-Principal, to speak on the occasion. Mr. Singhal, in his address stressed the importance and role of teachers. He compared the present-day Public Schools with the Gurukuls of the olden days and exhorted the students community to be obedient and respectful to teachers. Citing examples how even great kings stood up to receive illustrious students and took pride in granting their requests, he called upon the students to be worthy of such an honour by cultivating in them self-discipline, sense of responsibility and dedication to duty. He expected of them discipline which, he observed, should come from within and hinted at a better teacher-taught (Guru-Chela) relationship.

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On Saturday, 8th September, a Variety Entertainment Programme was presented by Pratap and Ranjit Sections in the Convocation Hall at 1845 hrs.

Besides presenting various items of vocal and instrumental music along with mono-acting, both the Sections staged plays.

While Pratap Section staged a scene from Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar', Ranjit presented a play entitled 'Toot-ti Deewaren' (टूट-टी दीवारें).

The evening was altogether entertaining. Our sincere thanks are due to

the participants and Cadets of both the Sections who put up a good show indeed.

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The Commandant has been pleased to appoint Section Commander T.S. Mahadeo of Chandragupta Section, Cadet Captain of the College, with effect from 10th September.

Our warmest congratulations to Cadet Captain Mahadeo.

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Preparations are in progress for the Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest, Swimming Competition and the Cross Country Competition. Excitement is mounting for all these events which will make the next fortnight very eventful.

Sportsfolio

RIMC vs Cambrian Hall

After their glorious victory over the Cantt Sporting Club, 58 GTC and Oak Grove School, Mussoorie, the RIMC met the Cambrian Hall footballers on its own ground on the evening of 22nd August. A tough aggressive team the visitors even with their tremendous individual potential, couldn't stand before our unfailing forwards who always moved with remarkable cohesion and team work, and lost to us by 5-0.

The only worth-mentioning rival invasion was made by Tashi, their left-out, who delivered a powerful kick that swept past the goal touching the upper bar.

RIMC, as soon as the match started were the first to break through the rival defence and A.K. Prasad from his left out position sent a lob that just missed its mark. During the next 15 minutes the Cambrian Hall team had to face a vigorous RIMC attack that included a goal by B.C. Singh who being fed by Rana Dutta and A.K. Prasad, sent a flag-kick into their net. The second goal was scored by Prasad who trapped an outgoing ball passed by B.C. Singh and kicked it into the goal. A little before the breather B.C. picked up the ball from the opponents and dashed ahead with considerable speed, never losing control, and mid-way passed it to A.K. Prasad who maintaining the same speed took it close to the net and scored the third RIMC-goal.

The remaining two goals were scored by B.C. Singh and A.K. Singh respectively, after the breather. Gill,

that evening, did not seem to be in his usual form. Rongmei, Prasad and B.C. Singh in the forward line, and Gupta and Tomar in the defence were superb. Mukherjee played as goal-keeper in the absence of Pradan who was admitted in C.H. due to a minor injury. Mukherjee's confidence reminded us of a match played last year in Col. Brown when in the absence of Gautam Paul he had to play the Custodian. Although he was then in the Junior team yet he faced alone in that Seniors' match a deadly penalty kick with teeming courage and confidence and foiled the rival attempt.

K.R. Singh who has scored in almost every match could not score that evening. He deserves consolation as he played beautifully.

RIMC—K.R. Singh, Pathania, Prasad, Gill, Tomar, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, Rongmei, Rana Dutta, Mukherjee, Gupta.

Cadet G.D. Chowdhury,
Class III A.

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vs Doon School Drawn (1-1)

RIMC on 25th of August played a gallant 1-1 draw on the Doon School playground. We all had marched up to them to shout for our College team.

The starting whistle brought the spectators to their feet as the Dosco Pack surged deep into the RIMC domain with precision and versatility. A few minutes' tentative skirmishing in the RIMC Zone seemed to have uprooted our defence but shortly our players found their feet and playing with skill, grit and sheer stubbornness thwarted the Dosco attempt who certainly played a little superior that day.

The match ran fast and exciting now. The equilibrium being maintained, the two teams struggled for the first score but neither could convert their superiority into a goal till quite some time. Our backs sometimes went so much ahead towards the forward zone that when the fast Doscos dodging them broke through they found it impossible to rush back in time, but however, on such occasions our custodian Pradhan always dejected their attempts. The Doscos once, in the heat of the moment, could not convert an indirect kick into goal and shot it high. Later in the 15th minute in their 5th move the RIMC Custodian, Pradhan, in his attempt to collect an

outgoing ball slipped and fell down leaving an unguarded net to the DOSCOS who quickly dashed in and did not miss the opportunity to ram a goal. The uproar in the crowd made the Cadets play with more pep and vivacity. Both rivals played indefatigably and for a long time the score remained 0-1 in favour of Doscos.

RIMC midway through the first half of the play did give one shock to the Doscos but before Gupta could do any damage, the Doscos-Goalkeeper charged in and brought a timely clearance.

The onlookers winced and flurried as the striplings indulged in their play with an unusual alacrity and unwavering determination. Once B.C. Singh got time to kick the ball high towards the Doscos' goal but their ever-agile custodian brought about a brilliant save deflecting the air-borne ball with his palms.

Unnerved by this, the RIMCOLS continued to attack the rival goal in waves but the Doscos did not yield.

For once our forwards gored in the Doscos defence and their custodian acted phlegmatically giving Rongmei a golden chance to send the ball flying into the net, and thus counter balancing the score 1-1, a little before half-time.

On resumption, RIMCOLS took the field and pressed the Doscos hard. And once centre-forward K.R. Singh kicked a low trajectory pass to centre-half Dutta who nearly put the ball into the net.

In the first half the Doscos defence stubbornly held its ground never giving away but in the other half they cracked up under tremendous pressure. Both sides were persistent in their endeavours until the long whistle.

Technically, Doscos seemed superior to us. The RIMCOLS got a little nervy but Tomar, Dutta and Gupta played a worthwhile game. The RIMCOLS still stand a chance to prove their mettle in the forthcoming return match to be played on our grounds.

RIMC:—A.K. Gupta, D.V. Tomar, S. Pradhan, Rnajan Singh, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, R. Dutta, P. Rongmei, A.K. Prasad, K.R. Singh, H.S. Pathania.

Extras:—P. Yadav, S. Mukherjee.

Cadet Rajeev Kumar,
Class V A

vs Doon School Juniors (Won 1-0)

The same evening our Juniors too

met the Doon School Junior team on their ground. The Doscos lost to us by 1-0 through a self-scored goal.

The Dosco Juniors played equally well. Some of them even surpassed our players with their splendid footwork and speed. Their small left-out was superb. None of the two teams was a match to him. The game was confined mostly to the mid-field. Once one of their forwards broke through our defence making an open clearing but fell down near the goal-mouth when he was on the point of kicking the ball home. The only fair chance for RIMC was availed by C.J. Thomas whose kick unfortunately hit the cross-bar. A little later the Dosco left-out, the most admired for his speed and good game, reaching close to the net delivered a powerful kick which our goalkeeper Girish Kumar deflected out, saving the day for us. The only goal of the match was by an error caused by their left-back who wrongly paved the way to his own goal.

RIMC Juniors:—G G. Kumar, Gajender Singh, Hage Batt, C. J. Thomas, K.B. Singh, P.K. Sinha, S.S. Rana, A.A. Oka, Joy Chatterjee, B. Charles, S. Chopra.

— Cadet C. J. Thomas,
Class V A

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vs Gurkha Military Inter College
(Won 7-0)

On 29th of August we played against the Gurkha Military Inter College on our play ground. As the Gurkha 1st XI was playing elsewhere they brought there 2nd XI that lost to us by 7-0.

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vs RIMC Old Boys at the I.M.A.
(Lost 3-4)

On Saturday the 1st September, the College team in a friendly encounter lost to the RIMC Old Boys at the I.M.A, their Seniors, and superior in game. The Old Boys' team consisted of D. Sood, custodian; A.K. Singh, left back; K.S. Rawat, right back; A.K. Yadav, left half; L.L. Singh, right half; Capt. Balachandran, center half; L.T. Singh, centre forward; Harmeet Singh, left in; D.K. Chowdhary, left out; Rathi, right in, and Negi, right out. After half time C. Arvinda replaced Capt. Balachandran. N. Ravindran, Y.S. Rawat, K.S. Rawat, K.S. Makin, D.K. Paul and B. Yadav were the other old boys who came along and witnessed the match.

The match caught tempo in a couple of minutes. The ball changed sides again and again across the centre line. Once A.K. Prasad got the ball to his toe near the Old Boys' net but his straight drive just missed the mark. 15 minutes passed Capt. Balachandran getting an opportunity scored a goal. RIMC, a little later, could not convert a corner kick into goal. Yet another kick which they shortly got went without a score. And when the ball once again entered the RIMC Zone, Pradhan found himself facing attacks after attacks but he defended the net valiantly and with remarkable alacrity. A little before breather, however, the Old Boys after wasting a corner-kick scored the 2nd goal through their left-in Harmeet Singh, getting a 2-0 half-time lead.

After the breather RIMC got several corner-kicks each of which was delivered with great accuracy but the Old Boys were fast enough to foil the attempt each time. A.K. Singh, however, claimed the first RIMC score. The score board read 2-1. This was, in no time, retaliated by the Old Boy A.K. Yadav, who raised the score to 3-1. Excited at this the RIMC Captain A.K. Gupta darted ahead with the ball and clearing and dodging all the way took it close to the net and lodged it in. The score was 3-2 now. The 4th wonderful Old Boys score was by Negi. K.R. Singh's was the 3rd RIMC Score on a penalty kick. The score remained 4-3 till the end giving victory to the Old Boys.

RIMC:— Prasad, B.C. Singh, K.R. Singh, A.K. Singh, Rongmei, Dutta, Gupta, Ranjan Singh, Tomar, Pathania, and Pradhan.

— Cadet B.S. Kohli,
Class IV

Vs Guru Ram Rai Public School (Drawn 0-0)

On September 1, our 2nd college XI met the A team of Guru Ram Rai Public School on our ground. As our 1st XI was busy playing with the old Boys we formed the 2nd college XI and played a scoreless draw.

RIMC 2nd XI: Thomas, Hage, M.S. Bisht, P.K. Sinha, R. Ramaswamy, T.K. Guha, A. Gosain, Mukhrjee, S.S. Rama, A. oka, Gajender Singh.

Cadet P.S. Gill,
Class 1 A

Vs Doon School — Return Match (Won 3-0)

After playing a 1-1 draw on their ground RIMC defeated the Doscos by a clear margin of 3-0, in the return match played here on 29th August. RIMC, thus, declared its supremacy over the Dosco-team in football this season. Doscos that evening fumbled and floundered tending to dispose of the ball with undue haste and long indiscriminate kicks; their backs failed to stop our dashing forwards. Doscos, no doubt, had played a much better game when we met with them on their ground; that evening they seemed to be technically superior but here they seemed to be just helpless.

The Doon School boys marched up to RIMC to shout for their team as the weather was cheerful and after receiving a warm welcome from us gathered round the main playground facing the pavilion.

The match started with great excitement among the players and spectators. The Dosco-moves in the initial stages were dangerous but our goalkeeper, Pradhan, always disappointed the charging rival forwards with his courage, agility and defending techniques. The Doscos' enthusiasm, however, quietened down a little when within three minutes B.C. Singh scored a goal. Dosco-forwards in retaliation made furious counter attacks but Tomar and Pathania in the back line were invincible for them. Their powerful clearing kicks always crossed the midfield. The rivals made a few nearly-scoring attempts but always one of their players wasted the ball which used to be so painfully brought, inch by inch, close to net.

From the RIMC forward line Rongmei and Dutta broke through the rival defence, again and again, displaying speed and footwork. Prasad from his outline position always sent score-tempting passes. Soon, Dutta 15 minutes after the match had started, passed the ball to K.R. Singh who with a remarkable speed took it up leaving all the players behind, excepting one of the Dosco-backs chasing him close to heels, and tapped the ball conveniently inside the net before the pursuer could touch the ball or impede him. Their custodian dived in his try to prevent it but couldn't. RIMC score rose to 2-0. Meanwhile one of their players got hurt and was replaced. In another RIMC move K.R. getting a pass from A.K. Singh, darted ahead of all the rest, as he had done once before, but as he wavered and delayed the kick the Dosco-backs rushed

to him and saved the goal with their timely clearance.

A little before half-time the rival-invasion in the RIMC danger zone was severe. Our back, Tomar, once fell down, getting dodged in his speedy rush as the attacker advanced with the ball. Pathania and Gill came to the rescue but the opponent had already delivered a powerful kick that luckily being mis-aimed hit the outer net left side.

After the breather RIMC was always on the attack. We got several corner kicks which none could convert into goals. Prasad, Rongmei, A.K. Singh and K.R. Singh, each got a chance to try for a score but somehow or the other they missed their mark. 3rd RIMC goal, however, was scored by A.K. Singh when 10 minutes were left for them to play. The struggle continued but the score remained 3-0 till end.

The best game throughout was played by the team Captain A.K. Gupta, who always took the ball up with remarkable control and electrifying speed and fed others, never being selfish.

RIMC: A.K. Gupta, A.K. Prasad, Rongmei, B.S. Gill, Rana Dutta, A.K. Singh, K.R. Singh, Tomar, Pathania, B.C. Singh and Pradhan.

—Cadet B.S. Kohli and
A.P. Singh, Class IV A

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Vs Doon School Juniors—Return Match (won 6-1)

The same evening, on another RIMC ground, behind the pavilion, our Junior football team played against the Doon School Juniors. It being one-sided battle we defeated them by 6-1.

RIMC Juniors opened their account through Thomas who scored on the 8th minute on a pass from Gajender Singh. 4 minutes passed Hage Bat getting a clear pass from Joy Chatterjee scored the 2nd goal. Doon School forwards tried their best to score but our backs P.K. Sinha and S.S. Rana always kept them away. The 3rd RIMC goal was by Thomas again. The 4th goal was an excellent left-footed kick by K.B. Singh. The Doon School left-out played beautifully in his Line but luck did not favour him for a score. By half-time we were leading 4-0.

After beather on a cry for more goals J.K. Singh scored the 5th RIMC goal

entirely by his own efforts. Doon School on a penalty kick scored their first and only goal. The score board showed 5-1. Refreshed by this score the **Doscos** played with greater vigour and excitement but our backs did no mistakes thereafter. A little before the final whistle Batt scored the 6th goal on a pass from K.B. Singh.

RIMC: G.G. Kumar, Gajender Singh, Hage Batt, C.J. Thomas, K.B. Singh, Joy Chatterjee, J.K., Singh, A.A. Oka, P.K. Sinha S.S. Rana, M.S. Bisht.

—Cadet C.J. Thomas, Class VA

Correspondence

DO No 11352/AMV/DMT

From:—Maj Gen AM VOHRA

Director of Military Training
Army Headquarters
New Delhi-11
22 Aug., '73

My dear Johar,

Thank you very much for your message of good wishes. I am indeed grateful for your kind thoughts.

Please convey my gratitude to the staff and cadets of the RIMC.

With my regards,
Yours sincerely,
Sd/ AM Vohra

Lt Col HKL Johar
Commandant
Rashtriya Indian Military College
Dehra Dun Cantt

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Words of Wisdom

1. 'Education is discipline for the adventure of life.'
—A.N. Whitehead
2. 'Wisdom is the ability to discover alternatives.'
—Paul Eldridge
3. 'War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can also invent peace with justice.'
—Norman Cousins
4. 'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.'
—Emerson
5. 'Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none.'
—Benjamin Franklin
6. 'Good nature will always supply the absence of beauty, but beauty cannot supply the absence of good nature.'
—Addison

Cry for Peace

The world is quiet, the dawn is calm,
No trace of blood-shed, nor any alarm.
The birds sing joyously, from dawn to dusk,
And make us all happy in our everyday work.

The gallant soldiers return, to their dear motherland,
To live in peace, and dance hand in hand.
Let us now forget all, the wreck and woe,
We have fought and crippled our insolent foe.

But how can we get back, the relatives we lost,
How can we revive, our dear departed past.
Both sides now feel the irreparable loss,
That they have inflicted by their lack of thought.

Why can't we prevent such a ghastly bloodshed ?
Live in peace and earn our honest bread.
Why can't we be friendly with one another,
And treat everyone as our own brother.

Let the people no more fear the wretched war,
Let us silence for ever, booming guns and mortar.
We should replace them, with love's sweet
And welcome mother's melodies to our content.

Let us march on towards lasting world peace,
And enjoy mother Nature's bounties and bliss.
At last we have reached the detente age
Let us not rise again, with furious rage.

Let us bury our hatchets, deep down the earth
So that they may not grow out from the wretched dust.
Let not the human hand, draw any more sword,
And learn to forgive others, to save the glory of God.

Cadet A.K. Ghosh, Class V.

पन्द्रह अगस्त

ओ पुण्य पर्व पन्द्रह अगस्त !

तव शखनाद गर्जन से ही सम्पूर्ण एशिया जागा था,
तेरी रणभेरी को सुनकर, दासता दनुज दल भागा था,
तूने कुचक्र सब तोड़ दिये, पर-सत्ता को कर दिया ध्वस्त ।
ओ पुण्य पर्व पन्द्रह अगस्त ।

हे आज अपेक्षित फिर गर्जन, है आज अपेक्षित रणभेरी,
बेकारी और गरीबी की, दानव सेना है आ घेरी,
सब चाह रहे सुख शांति पुनः, युग चाह तव वरद् हस्त ।
ओ पुण्य पर्व पन्द्रह अगस्त ।

मिट जाय भेद जन का जन से, सुख साधन वितरित हो समान,
पश्चिम को आलोकित कर दे, प्राची का नव उज्ज्वल निहान,
हम करें कामना सब मिल कर, हो प्रजातन्त्र का पथ प्रशस्थ
ओ पुण्य पर्व पन्द्रह अगस्त ।

रोको उनको जो रोक रहे, औरों का मग औरों का पग,
रोको उनको जो जुटा रहे, शस्त्रादि मिटा देने को जग,
रोको नित नये परीक्षण में अणु-बम अन्वेषक विज्ञ व्यस्त
ओ पुण्य पर्व पन्द्रह अगस्त ।

वीरकुमार पंकज कुमार, ५ अ

Obituary

We place on record our profound sorrow on the sad and timely death of Pilot Officer Parminder Singh in an air crash on 23rd August near Jamnagar. He was the elder brother of our Cadet Harinder Singh.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to Cadet Harinder Singh and his parents and pray to God Almighty that the departed soul may rest in peace in the heavenly abode.



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Visit

Brigadier P.N. Khanduri, Sub Area Commander, Dehra Dun, paid an official visit to the College on Monday, the 24th September at 0900 hours. He was received at the Main Office by the Commandant and was conducted round the Education Block while teaching was in progress.

He then visited the Cadets' dormitories, College hospital and other important buildings and discussed matters concerning the college administration.

We are grateful to Brigadier Khanduri for his kind visit.

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College News

Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest, 1973

The Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was organised in the Convocation Hall on Saturday, 15th September at 1845 hours. Each of the four Sections was represented at the contest by a team of four speakers—two seniors and two juniors. The contest was held under the auspices of the College Sahitya Parishad and was conducted by Section Commander Atul Verma (Ranjit) and NCO Rajiv Kumar (Pratap).

Shri K.B. Kshetriya of St. Josephs' Academy, Shri Navindra Paneoli of the Doon School and Shri Kulbhushan Bhatia, a Hindi enthusiast of the town kindly acted as judges of the evening. We express our sincere gratitude to all these gentlemen.

Names of the participants, the topics chosen by them and the results appear on page 2.

Towards the close of the contest Shri K. B. Kshetriya was kind enough to offer many valuable suggestions to the young speakers to improve upon their performance. He declared amidst a wave of applause that the standard of Hindi speeches at R.I.M.C. was steadily growing higher every day. He recalled the occasion when he was first invited as a judge and expressed his entire satisfaction over the very high standard of Hindi Declamation at the RIMC. He wished the young cadet speakers all progress and success in years to come.

At the end of the competition Mrs. S P. Sharma Hindi Declamation Cup was given away to the winners—Ranjit Section—by the Commandant. Our hearties congratulation to Ranjit.

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Mr. Suraj Bhatia, our Art Master, organized an exhibition of his paintings in the St. Joseph's Academy Hall on Thursday, 27th September.

This was Mr. Bhatia's second one-man show in which twenty oil paintings, four pencil-sketches and a few plaster-of-Paris models, were displayed. It was a spectacular representation of the artist's fine aesthetic perception. The exhibition was kept open for three days and it attracted large numbers of distinguished spectators.

Our warmest congratulations to Mr. Bhatia on this remarkable achievement.

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Our Football XIA and XIB deserve our heartiest congratulations on winning the Inter-School District Football Tournament and annexing the coveted Mahant Lakshman Dass Football Championship Trophy.

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प्रथम वर्गीय—JUNIORS

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१.	लव टण्डन	रंजीत	भारत देश महान है।
२.	हरी कुमार	चन्द्रगुप्त	भगवान बचाए 'परीक्षा' से।
३.	आर० एस०एन० सिंह	शिवाजी	जो तोकू काँटा बुवै ताहि बोई तू फूल!
४.	वाइ० के० गुप्ता	प्रताप	भारत देश महान है।
५.	अरुण आनन्द	रंजीत	ग्राम्य जीवन नगर जीवन से अच्छा है।
६.	आर० एस० भंगारी	प्रताप	जय जवान जय किसान।
७.	कुलदीप मेहता	शिवाजी	हमारी स्वतंत्रता के पचीस वर्ष।
८.	अभय प्रकाश	चन्द्रगुप्त	जो तोकू काँटा बुवै ताहि बोई तू फूल।

उच्चवर्गीय—SENIORS

१.	एल० के० पाण्डेय	प्रताप	नारी को नौकरी शोभा नहीं देती।
२.	पंकज कुमार	चन्द्रगुप्त	जीभ का स्वराज्य सब बुराइयों की जड़ है।
३.	ए० के० जायसवाल	चन्द्रगुप्त	दुःख भी मानव की सम्पत्ति है, तू दुःख से क्यों घबराता है।
४.	डी० एन० सिंह	प्रताप	मरो परन्तु यों मरो याद जो करें सभी।
५.	एस० आर० स्वरूप	रंजीत	आज देश के कोने कोने में भ्रष्टाचार, विभाजन तथा फूट का बोल-बाला है जो हमारी स्वतंत्रता के लिए सबसे बड़ा खतरा है।
६.	राजेश कुमार	शिवाजी	विद्यार्थी राजनीति में न पड़ें।
७.	नौशाद इमाम	शिवाजी	राष्ट्र भाषा हिन्दी का अनादर राष्ट्र के लिए घातक सिद्ध होगा।
८.	राहुल चतुर्वेदी	रंजीत	कलम देश की बड़ी शक्ति है, भाव जगाने वाली।

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Following are the results of the contest :—

Individual placing

Juniors

1.	Cadet Arun Anand (Ranjit)	98/150 points	I
2.	„ Hari Kumar (Chandragupta)	93/150 „	II
3.	(a) Cadet R.S.N. Singh (Shivaji)	} 89/150 „	III
	(b) „ Y.A. Gupta (Pratap)		

Seniors

1.	Cadet S.R. Swaroop (Ranjit)	106/150 „	I
2.	„ Pankaj Kumar (Chandragupta)	102/150 „	II
3.	„ L.K. Pandey (Pratap)	98/150 „	III

Section Positions

Juniors

1.	Ranjit	178/300 „	I
2.	Chandragupta	167/300 „	II
3.	Shivaji	162/300 „	III
4.	Pratap	157/300 „	IV

Seniors

1.	Ranjit	203/300 „	I
2.	Pratap	185/300 „	II
3.	Chandragupta	182/300 „	III
4.	Shivaji	152/300 „	IV

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Overall Placing

1.	Ranjit	381/600 points	First	3.	Pratap	342/600 „	Third
2.	Chandragupta	349/500 „	Second	4.	Shivaji	314/600 „	Fourth

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Swimming Competition—1973

(Monday—Tuesday, 7th & 18th Sep. '73)

The Semi-Finals and Finals of the Inter-Section Swimming Competition were held on 17th and 18th September respectively. Chandragupta Section got an edge over the other three Sections on the very first day and that it would annex Swimming Trophy was almost a foregone conclusion.

On the final day Colonel H.S. Mamik, Officer Commanding 11 GRRC an ardent Rimcollian, kindly presided over the competition and Mrs. Mamik gave away the swimming cup and other prizes to the winners and other swimmers.

We are deeply indebted to Col. Mamik for his kindly presiding over the function and Mrs. Mamik for gracing the occasion and distributing the prizes.

The results of the competition appear below :—

INTER-SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION 1973

Sl. No.	Division	Events	Position	Name	Sec.	Dist. Time
1	C	60 Yds Free Style	1st	K.R. Singh	C	35.00S
			2nd	D.S. Tomar	C	46.00S
2	B	60 Yds Free Style	1st	A. Tangri	R	49.00S
			2nd	R. Madhusoodan	C	50.8S
3	A	30 Yds Free Style	1st	J. Satyanarayan	S	22.4S
			2nd	A. Das	C	22.6S
4	C	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1st	A.K. Bishnoi	S	21.4S
			2nd	D.V. Choudhry	S	22.8S
5	B	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1st	Inderpreet Singh	P	26.1S
			2nd	Raj Kapur	R	26.2S
6	A	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1st	P. Roy	R	27.1S
			2nd	S. Kalyandasani	S	29.5S
7	C	30 Yds Back Style	1st	K.R. Singh	C	21.2S
			2nd	D.V. Choudhary	S	22.2S
8	B	30 Yds Back Style	1st	A. Tangri	R	24.9S
			2nd	Raj Kapur	R	25.6S
9	C	30 Yds Butter Fly	1st	K.R. Singh	C	18.5S
			2nd	A.K. Bishnoi	S	21.5S
10	A	4×30 Yds Free Style Relay Race	1st	Chandragupta		1 Min. 52 Sec.
			2nd	Shivaji		1 Min. 52.1 Sec.
11	B	4×30 Yds Medlay Relay Race	1st	Chandragupta		1 Min. 39.9 Sec.
			2nd	Ranjit		1 Min. 43 Sec.
12	C	4×30 Yds Medlay Relay Race	1st	Shivaji		
			2nd	Chandragupta		
13	A	Any Dive from Spring Board	1st	P. Roy	R	
			2nd	P. Singh	S	
14	B	Any Dive from Spring Board	1st	A. Tangri	R	41.5 Pts.
			2nd	S. Patra	R	40.5 Pts.
15	C	Any Dive from Top Board	1st	G.P. Singh	S	41 Pts.
			2nd	B.C. Singh	S	35 Pts.
16	C	Plunging	1st	D.S. Dutta	P	50'2"
			2nd	A. Ranjan	R	44'7"
17	C	Treasure Hunt	1st	G.D. Choudhary	C	
			2nd	M. Kumar	S	
18	C	Obstacle Race	1st	G.P. Singh	S	30.5 Sec.
			2nd	D.V. Tomar	C	32.8 Sec.
19	C	Dive from Spring Board	1st	G.P. Singh	S	
			2nd	K.R. Singh	C	

Results—Swimming Competition

Section	Points	Position
Chandragupta	130	I
Shivaji	124	II
Ranjit	98	III
Pratap	72	IV

Best Swimmers:—

Seniors—K.R. Singh 'Chandragupta'
Juniors—A. Tangri 'Ranjit'

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Squash: Staff vs Cadets

Last fortnight the Staff played a friendly Squash match with the Cadets in the College Squash Court.

Mr. R.C. Sharma was the only Staff member who could get a set after a hard hitting game with Harinder Singh. Our Commandant gave a good fight but went

1. Mr. R.C. Sharma	beat	Harinder Singh	(2-0)
2. Col. H.K.L. Johar	lost to	A.K. Bishnoi	(1-2)
3. Major M.S. Baidwan	„ „	R.K. Singh	(1-2)
4. Mr. R.C. Singhal	„ „	Gajender Singh	(1-2)
5. Mr. L.N. Thakur	„ „	Atul Verma	(1-2)
6. Mr. G.S. Pandey	„ „	D.V. Tomar	(0-2)
7. Mr. M.P. Mahrotra	„ „	Harbhajan Singh	(0-2)
8. Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi	„ „	K.B. Singh	(0-2)

—Cadet Renchy Abraham, Class V

D. Dun District Basket Ball Tournament Vs Woodstock School

On the 20th of September our College Seniors Basketball team led by Staff Bhonsle played against the Woodstock School, Mussoorie at the Cambrian Hall Court. Amidst the cheering of spectators the two teams took their respective positions. As scheduled the match started at 4.30 P.M. Both the teams put up a good show. After sometime the first basket was scored by the Woodstock player. We did not lose heart. A pass from Bishnoi to Thomas found the basket. All the Woodstock players were six footers and were no match for us. The Woodstock team had an upper hand due to their height. They frequently raided our basket and were lucky many a time. Bishnoi and Staff Wali built a strong defence. At half time, however, the score stood 27-16 in their favour.

After the breather our forwards Thomas and Chhikara reduced their lead in the early second half. Bisht showed a good piece of dribbling sometime. Staff Wali was the backbone of our team. He knocked down many Woodstock players when the game was in progress. He was the centre of attraction of the witnessing crowd. Having committed five fouls he

was out of the court, but a large section of the spectators started shouting "We want 68 back", because Wali's chest number was 63, Sardul Singh also showed some exciting basket ball and injured a Woodstock player. Towards the end of the game they were increasing their lead. When the final whistle blew the score was 61-29 in their favour.

The Woodstock School won because of their advantage in height and their good short passes. They rarely missed a scoring chance. We lacked in short passing and missed many a sure scoring chance.

Our main scorer was Bhonsle 10 points. Others were Chhikara 8, Wali 6, Thomas 2, Bisht 1 and Bishnoi 2. The following represented the College team:-

Staff Bhonsle, Staff Wali, Staff Sardul Singh, Staff Sharma, Chhikara, Bishnoi, Thomas, Bisht and M.P. Singh.

—Cadet Renchy Abraham, Class V

Words of wisdom

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow, the shadow is what we think of it, the tree is the real thing".

Abraham Lincoln



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Rimcolliana

Our Ex-Cadet V.V. Singh, who is now a student of Ramjas College, Delhi, knocked down Devinder Ahuja, an old boy of St. Xavier's School, Delhi early in the second round with a flurry of merciless, solid punches and ceaseless pounding that left his opponent gasping, grimacing and reeling at the First Delhi State Juniors and Schools Boxing Championships held at the St. Xavier's School ground on Saturday, the 22nd September.

V.V. Singh scored a technical knock-out in the second round as his rival who had survived two mandatory counts faded out of action after the third count of eight, and thus provided a grand finale to the Boxing Competition by emerging champion of the Welter-weight in the Juniors Section.

Our warmest congratulations to V.V. Singh on this remarkable victory.

Our Ex-Cadet S.B. Singh, now at Ramjas College, Delhi also deserves our heartiest congratulations on his beating Vats Shourie, an Old Boy of St. Xavier's School in the Bantam Weight (51-54Kg)

and coming out victorious on points (5-0) after three punishing rounds of the day's best bout in the Juniors Championship.

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College News

During the Mid-Term Break which commenced on Monday, the 1st October, and lasted a week, educational excursions, hikes and trips were organized. Parties of Cadets were taken to Badrinath—Hemkunt Sahib, the Valley of Flowers, Gangotri, Gomukh, Kalsi—Dak Pathar, Renuka Lake—Paonta Sahib, Rishikesh—Narendra Nagar and Mussoorie. Cadets seem to have enjoyed the break and benefited a lot by these outings which involved initiative, adventure and self-reliance.

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The Commandant has been pleased to appoint Section Commander T.K. Guha of Pratap Section Cadet Captain of the College with effect from Saturday, 6th October.

We congratulate C.C. Guha and expect of him good performance in this capacity.

Sportsfolio

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Cross Country held on Saturday, 22nd September:—

<i>Juniors</i> —	1. Shivaji	366 points	First
	2. Pratap	494 "	Second
	3. Ranjit	426 "	Third
	4. Chandragupta	544 "	Fourth
<i>Seniors</i> —	1. Pratap	298 points	First
	2. Shivaji	376 "	Second
	3. Chandragupta	559 "	Third
	4. Ranjit	597 "	Fourth
<i>Overall Placing</i> —	1. Shivaji	742 points	First
	2. Pratap	792 "	Second
	3. Ranjit	1023 "	Third
	4. Chandragupta	1103 "	Fourth

Individual Position:—

Seniors ... Cadet K.B. Singh (R) 26.8 mts.

Juniors ... Cadet Pranava Kumar (P) 15 mts.

Our heartiest congratulations to Shivaji Section on annexing Admiral Katari Cross Country Cup.

Football Fixtures
Mahant Laxmandas Memorial
Football Tournament

To add one more feather to Rashtriya Indian Military College its footballers brought home two championship cups awarded to them for emerging sensationally Victorious in the Mahant Laxman Das Memorial Football Tournament. The matches were played on the well known pavilion ground of Dehra Dun and witnessed by a huge gathering of football lovers. There were two series of matches termed as 'Seniors' and 'Intermediates' in which RIMC entered its 'A' and 'B' teams. In each series 5 English Medium Schools of the town had participated. Our 'A' team winning the Doon School in the tie-breaker by 4-3, in the semi final, defeated the Cambrian Hall in the final by 1-0. Our 'B' team defeating the Col. Brown's in the semi-final, met St. Joseph's Academy who lost to us in the tie-breaker by 3-1.

SNEIORS

Semi-Final:

vs Doon School (Won 4-3).

Getting walk-over from a team the RIMC met the Doon School in the semi-final of the tournament. The two teams displayed marvellous football before a huge crowd of spectators in the Pavilion ground.

No sooner did the match start than the Doscocs were seen trying for an early goal. It is to note here that the Doscocs felt quite at home on the Pavilion ground as they had already played a tournament before and were quite used to the outside public spectators whereas RIMC felt a little uneasy there as it was for the first time that they were playing before a gathering of public spectators. It was therefore, quite natural for RIMC to take a little time to find their feet but once they developed familiarity with this new situation their first 15 minute-confusion stopped and the Doscocs started getting a hard time.

Doscocs' hopeful plans soon started crumbling when the RIMC came up with their retaliatory actions. A.K Singh was the first with a try. The second was A.K. Prasad with his lob that narrowly missed its mark. Rongmei, shortly receiving a clear pass from Tomar fed B.C. Singh whose powerful kick definitely would have been a goal had the rival custodian not come up with a spectacular save.

The Doscocs-raids mainly came through their left-out 'Choppy' who was considered to be their backbone. One of his moves was really deadly but it goes to the credit of Gill who saved this sure goal. Gill after this, however, returned to the pavilion with a minor leg-injury. He was replaced by Yadav who played equally well. The half-time whistle declared a scoreless result.

After the breather the struggle continued but as none of the two teams could score, the decision was left to the tie-breaker.

The Tie-breaker

It was a battle of nerves. The excitement rose to its peak among the crowd as well as the players. The victory now mostly depended on the agile and clever performance of the goalkeepers and the players who took the kicks. RIMC was awarded the first kick which Rongmei with his powerful drive converted into the first goal. The breathless spectators broke into wild clappings. Doon School's Arun soon equalised it. Thereupon RIMC's K.R. Singh raised the score to 2-1. Doon School equalised this also. RIMC's Vice-Captain Dutta was the next to try and raised the score to 3-2. It was now Doon School goalkeeper who tried but shot wide. He was followed by RIMC's Gupta who delivered but a failing kick. Doon School Captain, however, equalised it raising the score to 3-3. Soon RIMC's B.C. Singh raised it again to 4-3. The final penalty kick the Doscocs missed, losing the well fought battle to us by 3-4 and leaving us to meet the Cambrian Hall in the final.

Renchy Abraham, Class V

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Final:

vs Cambrian Hall (Won 1-0)

Cambrian Hall defeating the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hathibarkala, a team most admired for their quick footwork and up-to-date techniques at football, reached the final to meet RIMC on the Pavilion ground.

With the appearance, zeal and restlessness among the players of the two teams it seemed it was going to be a tough match. The spectators thronged the pavilion and loud cheers were heard from time to time. The match started after the players were introduced to the Chairman of the Municipality Board of Dehra Dun who shook hands with them.

Cambrian Hall during the first 5 minutes of the match played in the

danger zone of RIMC, with a corner-kick-try and two deadly moves from their left-out and right-in which were all valiantly faced and discouraged by our players in the defence line. Tomar as one of the backs and Pradhan in the RIMC net were invincible. RIMC in their first retaliatory invasion got a corner-kick delivered by Rongmei which A.K. Singh trapped. At that a Cambrian Hall back realising the inevitable scoring chances of RIMC rushed to him and prevented him with a foul play for which a penalty kick was given. This unfortunately K.R. Singh shot a little wide. A little later, on another corner-kick one of our forwards sent the ball straight into the rival net but the goal was not given as K.R. Singh was declared off-side.

Cambrian Hall, several times, penetrated into our defence inch by painful inch but always disposed of the ball from a considerable distance, finding it quite difficult to dodge our backs and come close to the net. It seemed their forward-line was short of scorers. They mostly fed the ball to their left-out who was made ineffective by Gill who having marked him well chased him from end to end. For 25 minutes, however, none of the two teams could score although they tried their best. At last RIMC-Captain Gupta getting bored up by this fruitless struggle took the ball through the rival defence, managing an electrifying burst of speed, and reaching the centre close to the net he fed it to K.R. Singh who drove it into the net breaking the long spell of silence. RIMC, thus, claimed a 1-0 half-time.

The score remained the same till end. RIMC as they couldn't score another goal always faced the impending danger of the equaliser. Prasad that evening failed to keep pace with the fast moving game, and a few wrong throws of Pathaina badly irritated us. Worth mentioning players, however, on the pavilion ground that evening are Gupta, Tomar, Rana Dutta, K.R. Singh, Rongmei, B.S. Gill and S. Pradhan

RIMC (Seniors):- S. Pradhan, A.K. Gupta, D.S. Tomar, Rana Dutta, K.R. Singh, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, P.G. Rongmei, A.K. Prasad, B.S. Gill, H.S. Gill and H.S. Pathania
—Cadet Anoop Ghosh, Class V

INTERMEDIATES

vs **Guru Ram Rai Public School**
(Won 2-0)

The first match of the tournament that our 'B' team played was against

Guru Ram Rai Public School who lost to us by 2-0. The venue was St Joseph's Academy.

Soon after the match started C. J. Thomas managed to head the ball into the goal. Shanker Chopra, after some-time replaced Medhi for a better performance. Several times their forwards broke through our defence but the agile custodian, Mukherjee, was too alert to allow the ball into the net. Once the centre-forward of the rival team brought the ball very close to the goal only to be foiled by our backs, Rana and A.K. Sharma. Once our right-out, Hage Batt, carrying the ball near the goal tried to score but couldn't succeed as the rival custodian kicked it out that resulted into a corner-kick. Joy Chatterjee took this corner and delivered it accurately but our forwards failed to avail of this opportunity.

The second goal was scored by K.B. Singh after the breather. After that the opponents didn't allow us to score any more. The score, therefore, remained 2-0.

Semi-final:

vs **Colonel Brown's School**

Col Brown's team was not allowed to play as after 20 minutes of play on the ground of St. Joseph's Academy they were discovered to have entered a few of their Senior teams' footballers in the Junior Section. Thus our 'B' team reached the tournament's Intermediate Section final.

Final:

vs **St. Joseph's Academy**
(Won 3-1)

The venue was the Pavilion ground for this final encounter. There were many delightful moments for the spectators as the players of the two teams displayed quite an amusing football. Mukherjee has become the talk of Dehra Dun town for his agility and skilful performance as the RIMC's junior goalkeeper.

The two teams, however, having played a goalless match, were left to decide with the help of the Tie-Breaker.

The Tie-breaker

RIMC was the first to try. A low volley of J.K. Singh left the rival goalkeeper dumb-struck. The crowd counted 1-0 for the RIMC. Then came St. Joseph's turn. Their Captain took the kick which was gracefully deflected out by Mukherjee. The score remained 1-0 to boost the morale of our team. Our Thomas was the next. His lob dipped

straight into the left-corner of the net raising the score to 2-0. The second St. Joseph-try was through one of their backs who raised the score to 2-1. The third RIMC kick was by K.B. Singh who missed his mark. St. Joseph's centre-forward was the next whose low-kick our goal-keeper prevented from crossing the goal-line. The fourth RIMC opportunity was missed by Hage Batt who shot straight into their goal-keeper's hands. St. Joseph too missed their fourth kick. S.S. Rana of RIMC converted the last try into a goal, raising the score to 3-1. St. Joseph's last could not bring any change in the 3-1 score and we were the champions.

RIMC 'B' Team:

Joy Chatterjee, Mukherjee, C. J. Thomas, S.S. Rana, Sharma, Chanda, A.A. Oka, J.K. Singh, Hage Batt, K.B. Singh, and Shankar Chopra.

Extras:

Daljit, Chakravorty and Dilip Prasad.

Thus RIMC players for their championship in both series of matches, Seniors and Intermediates, were awarded with two championship cups, and one certificate and one cup each before the honorable guests of the town and a crowd of spectators, on the Pavilion Ground.

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vs. 11 G.R.R.C. (lost 5-2)

RIMC in a friendly encounter with the 11 G.R.R.C. lost to them by 5-2 on their ground. They were much senior to us in age and far more skilled in football. The three forward players marked as 8, 15 and 17 were the backbones of the rival team. Their No. 15 alone scored 3 goals of the match.

In spite of all the handicaps our players, however, faced them boldly and bagged 2 goals. One was a brilliant sitter by K.R. Singh and the other was a

self-scored-goal by the rival back who in his hasty attempt to return an approaching ball kicked it into his own net.

— Cadet B.S. Kohli, Class IV

Individual scores this term in the matches played so far

Seniors

1.	A.K. Gupta	Left-half	1
2.	Rana Dutta	Centre-half	1
3.	K.R. Singh	Centre-forward	8
4.	A.K. Singh	Right-in	6
5.	A.K. Prasad	Left-out	3
6.	P.G. Rongmei	Right-out	2
7.	B.S. Gill	Right-half	0
8.	B.C. Singh	Left-in	6
9.	P. Yadav	Right-back	0
10.	H.S. Pathania	Left-back	-
11.	D.S. Tomar	Right-back	-
12.	S. Pradhan	Goal-keeper	-
13.	R.K. Singh	Centre-half	0

Juniors

1.	C J. Thomas	Centre-forward	4
2.	Hage Batt	Right-out	1
3.	Gajender Singh	Left-in	0
4.	K.B. Singh	Right-in	2
5.	Joy Chatterjee	Right-out	0
6.	J.K. Singh	Left-out	2
7.	B. Charles	Right-half	0
8.	S. Chopra	Left-half	0
9.	P.K. Sinha	Right-back	0
10.	S.S. Rana	Left-back	1
11.	A.A. Oka	Centre-half	0
12.	G.G. Kumar	Goalkeeper	-
13.	T.K. Chanda	Centre-forward	0

OBITUARY

We express our profound sorrow on the sad and untimely death of Cadet S.S. Arora's mother at Karnal on Tuesday, 9th October.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Arora's father Mr. M.S. Arora and the bereaved family and pray to God Almighty that the departed soul may rest in peace in the heavenly abode.



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Visit

Brigadier P.N. Khanduri, DehraDun Sub-Area Commander, was on an annual inspection visit to the College on Wednesday, 31st October.

He was received at the main office by the Commandant and was conducted round the Campus including buildings like Cadets' Dormitories, Hospital, Mess, Stores and the Education Block. Members of the Staff were introduced to him over a cup of tea in the Staff Room. Then he discussed with the Commandant problems concerning College administration. He also took lunch with the Staff and Cadets.

We are grateful to Brigadier Khanduri for his visit to the College.

College News

Class IV employees of the College and their families staged two Hindi plays on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st October respectively.

On 20th they successfully staged a play entitled 'Kafan' and on 21st 'Graduate Pagal'. Besides these plays, they presented a few items of vocal and instrumental music and comic episodes which entertained the gathering thoroughly.

Moreover, 11 G.R.R.C. sent a party which presented a variety entertainment programme which was highly appreciated by the audience.

Of the Dramatis Personae whose roles drew considerable applause, the following deserve special mention:—

- (a) Shri Dharampal (Cook) as Seth in 'Kafan' and Hero in 'Graduate Pagal'.
- (b) Shri Kishan Singh Bora (Groundsman) as Tota Ram in 'Kafan' and Beggar in 'Graduate Pagal'.
- (c) Shri Shree Prasad as Hero in 'Kafan'
- (d) Shri Banwari
- (e) Shri Umrao
- (f) Shri Balbir

Our sincere thanks are due to Shri H.S. Bisht, our Ground Superintendent for the successful organization of the

dramatic performances, Shri Mohan Swaroop for acting as Stage Manager, Shri Dharampal for directing the plays and Shri Pandey for proving his versatility as the best comedian.

In the end we express our sincere gratitude to Colonel H.S. Mamik, Officer Commanding, 11 G.R.R.C. and Rimcollian for sending a party from his regiment to present a Variety Entertainment Programme.

The function was presided over and the prizes were given away by the Commandant.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Athletic Competition, 1973

The Inter-Section Athletics started at the College on Tuesday, 16th October on the Pavilion Grounds. The semi-finals were held on 17th and the finals on Friday, 20th October.

Brigadier P.N. Khanduri, Sub-Area Commander, Dehra Dun kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and Mrs. P.N. Khanduri graciously gave away the prizes. We are grateful to Brigadier and Mrs. Khanduri, the guests, Cadets' guardians and Rimcollians who graced the occasion by their presence.

At the semi-finals, Chandragupta Section stood out with a comfortable edge over the other three Sections and the rivalry for supremacy would be largely stepped up between Chandragupta and Shivaji on the final day was almost everybody's guess, but in the highly competitive events like athletics the possibility of many a surprise in store for spectators could not be ruled out.

On the final day Chandragupta did establish its supremacy by scoring 99 points and annexing General Hira Lal Atal Athletic Championship Shield for the year 1973. Our heartiest congratulations to Chandragupta Section on winning the coveted Athletic Championship trophy.

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Results Inter-Section Football Competition held from 10th October to 12th October are given as under:—

Section	P	W	D	L	F	A	Position	Points
(Seniors)								
Pratap	3	1	-	2	3	4	III	2
Shivaji	3	3	-	-	5	-	I	4
Chandragupta	3	2	-	1	7	5	II	3
Ranjit	3	-	-	3	3	9	IV	1
Juniors								
Pratap	3	1	1	1	6	4	II	3
Shivaji	3	1	-	2	3	8	IV	1
Chandragupta	3	-	2	1	5	7	III	2
Ranjit	3	2	1	-	8	3	I	4

FINAL POSITION

GOALS

SECTION	Total Points	F	A	Position	Championship Pts.
Pratap	5	9	8	I	8
Shivaji	5	8	8	II&III	5
Chandragupta	5	12	12		5
Ranjit	5	11	12	IV	2

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section on winning the Football Championship Cup.

The results of the Athletic Competition appear below:—

Sl. No.	Event	Position	Name	Section	Time Distance	Record	Remarks
'A' DIVISION							
1	100 Metres	I	BK Singh	R			
		II	URS Bisht	C			
2	200 Metres	I	BK Singh	R			
		II	Abhay Prakash	C			
3	Broad Jump	I	Aklesh Kumar	S			
		II	A Chaturvedi	R			
4	4 × 100 Metres	I	Chandragupta				
		II	Ranjit				
'B' DIVISION							
1	100 Metres	I	Pranav Kumar	P			
		II	R Chaudhary	S			
2	200 Metres	I	Pranav Kumar	P			
		II	A Tangri	R			
3	400 Metres	I	R Chaudhury	S			
		II	HP Raj Kumar	C			
4	110 Metres	I	R Chaudhury	S			
	Hurdles	II	RS Chaudhury	P			
5	4 × 100 Metres	I	Pratap				
	Relay	II	Ranjit				
6	High Jump	I	S Patra	R			
		II	HK Sharma	C			
7	Broad Jump	I	R Chaudhury	S			
		II	HK Sharma	C			

'C' DIVISION

1	100 Metres	I	DV Tomar	C
		II	AK Gupta	S
2	200 Metres	I	DV Tomar	C Record broken from 23.4 sec. to 23.2 seconds
		II	Gajendra Singh	C
3	400 Metres	I	DV Tomar	C
		II	Gajendra Singh	C
4	800 Metres	I	DV Tomar	C
		II	RK Yadav	S
5	1500 Metres	I	DV Chaudhary	S
		II	AP Singh	S
6	3000 Metres	I	KB Singh	R
		II	DV Chaudhary	S
7	100 Metres Hurdles	I	KR Singh	C
		II	NI Singh	P
8	4 × 100 Metres Relay	I	Pratap	
		II	Shivaji	
9	High Jump	I	AK Gupta	S
		II	NI Singh	P
10	Broad Jump	I	HS Pathania	C
		II	Gajendra Singh	C
11	Triple Jump	I	S Upadhyaya	C
		II	KB Singh	R
12	Discuss Throw	I	HS Pathania	C
		II	RK Singh	R

'D' DIVISION

13	Javeline throw	I	BS Gill	P
		II	KR Singh	C
14	Putting the Shot	I	KR Singh	C
		II	RK Singh	R
15	Pole Vault	I	RK Yadav	S
		II	AK Burmani	C
Best Athlete—		'B' Division —	R Chaudhary	(S)
		'C' Division —	DV Tomar	(C)

RESULTS

	Section	Points	Position
4	Chandragupta	99	I
3	Shivaji	76½	II
2	Ranjit	52½	III
1	Pratap	52	IV

Our heartiest congratulations to Chandragupta on winning the Athletic Championship Trophy.

गोमुख की ओर

मनुष्य इच्छाओं का दास होता है। यदि मनुष्य इच्छाओं को खो बैठे तो न केवल उसकी ही, वरन् सम्पूर्ण समाज, जाति एवं राष्ट्र की उन्नति स्थगित हों जाए। आज उन्नति के सर्वोच्च शिखर पर पहुँचा हुआ विज्ञान हमारे पूर्वजों की प्रबल इच्छाओं का ज्वलंत उदाहरण है। यह सत्य है कि केवल इच्छा करने से ही कार्य सफल नहीं हो सकता, परन्तु यह भी सत्य है कि बिना इच्छा के मंजिल डूँढ निकालना नितान्त असम्भव है। हृदय रुपी सागर में इच्छाएँ रुपी प्रबल लहरों की तीव्रता से ही मानव चाँद पर पैर रख सका एवं इस भाँति संसार के असम्भव कार्यों को सम्भव बना सका। अतः किसी कार्य में सफलता प्राप्त करने के लिए यह आवश्यक है कि मनुष्य इच्छाएँ करे एवं पुनः कठिन परिश्रम द्वारा उन इच्छाओं की पूर्ति का यत्न करे।

ऐसी ही इच्छा हम वीर-कुमारों को हुई गोमुख देखने की। विद्यालय से प्रत्येक साल कुछ वीर-कुमार गोमुख की सैर करते हैं। इस साल हमारी बारी आई और हमारा हृदय खुशी से फूला न समाया। १ अक्टूबर को सुबह ८ बजे हम १८ वीर-कुमारों का दल अपनी मंजिल की ओर चल पड़ा। रास्ते में विश्राम करने एवं प्राकृतिक छटा का अवलोकन करते हुए हम वीर-कुमार २ अक्टूबर को गंगोत्री पहुँच गए। गंगोत्री की ऊँचाई समुद्र-तल से १०,००० फीट है। गोमुख गंगोत्री से १६ कि० मी० दूर है। गोमुख देखने की हमारी इच्छा इतनी प्रबल थी कि उसी दिन हम दोपहर के खाने के बाद गोमुख की ओर चल पड़े। हमारे दल का नेतृत्व कर रहे थे कप्तान तिवारी, जिन्होंने निश्चय ही हमारी गंगोत्री से गोमुख की पैदल यात्रा को बहुत ही आनन्ददायक एवं शिक्षाप्रद बना दिया। हम सभी वीर कुमार गोमुख देखने की खुशी में दीवानों की तरह झूमते एवं गाते चल पड़े। पहाड़ों के ऊपर से गुजरता संकीर्ण रास्ता, रास्ते के नीचे भीषण गड्ढों में गंगा का चंचल एवं मस्त गति से पहाड़ एवं पत्थरों से टकराते हुए आकर्षक ढंग में प्रवाह, शीतल मंद-सुगंध समीर की सनसनाहट, वीरान वनों की भँकार इत्यादि से हम वीर-कुमारों का मन आकर्षित हो गया। हमें अपने देश की प्राकृतिक छटा पर गर्व एवं आश्चर्य दोनों हुआ। शाम को करीब ६ बजे हम गंगोत्री से ५ कि० मी० दूर चिड़ीवासा नामक स्थान पर पहुँचे एवं रात्रि-विश्राम वहीं किया। वहाँ पर रात में खुले स्वच्छ एवं निरञ्ज गगन के नीचे सोने से मुझे ऐसा प्रतीत हुआ मानों मैं एक सुन्दरतम प्रकृति की गोद में सो रहा था। मैं बेमुघ सो रहा था कि

गोमुख की याद आई एवं मैं झट उठ कर ऊपा रानी के आगमन के पूर्व ही अपने मंजिल की ओर दृढ़-कदम से अपने दल के साथ चल पड़ा। गोमुख करीब हम ४ बजे सुबह पहुँचे। चिड़ीवासा से गोमुख का पहाड़ी चढ़ाव जहर ही कठिन है परन्तु प्रबल इच्छाओं के कारण हमें इन कठिनाइयों का कुछ भी आभास नहीं हुआ। झूमते-मचलते घाटियों को पार करते रास्ते के पत्थरों को पैरों तले कुचलते हम गोमुख पहुँच गए। गोमुख की ऊँचाई समुद्र-तल से १२,७५० फीट है। गोमुख पहुँच कर हमें ऐसा आभास हुआ मानों हम स्वर्ग पहुँच गए। वहाँ की छटा अद्भुत एवं निराली थी। गंगा की जल-धारा में तैरते बर्फ के बड़े-बड़े चट्टान बर्फ के पहाड़ एवं चारों ओर बर्फ का ही साम्राज्य। वहाँ से शिव-लिंग स्पष्ट दिखलाई पड़ता है जिसकी ऊँचाई समुद्र-तल से २३,००० फीट है। कहा जाता है कि यह शिवालय है अतः आज तक यह चोटी विजित नहीं है। कुछ समय तक हम इस हिम-प्रदेश का दृश्यावलोकन करते रहे, इसकी छटा पर मोहित हो बेमुघ हों गए, परन्तु फिर आभास हुआ कि पेट में चूहे कूद रहे थे। परन्तु बर्फ के इस प्रदेश में भोजन का मिलना असम्भव है। परन्तु सौभाग्यवश एक पर्वतीय दल से मुलाकात हो गई, जिसका नेतृत्व कप्तान मुखर्जी कर रहे थे। उन्होंने हमें बताया कि उनका एक दल बाशुकिनाथ चोटी पर विजय पा चुका है जिसकी ऊँचाई २३,००० फीट है। बाद में उन्होंने हमें पर्वतीय-प्रदेश के बारे में बहुत सी बातें बताईं। कुछ समयपरास्त हम उनसे विदा लेकर गोमुख को छोड़ चले। रास्ते में भुजवासा नामक स्थान में, जो गोमुख से ३ कि० मी० दूर है, हमने एक ऋषि के आश्रम में विश्राम किया। ऋषि में परोपकार की भावना को देख कर हम दग रह गए। आश्रम एक बड़े ही शान्त वातावरण में स्थित है। सामने दो पहाड़ एवं बीच में स्वच्छ उजले बर्फ के पहाड़ का फीलाव, जिन पर रवि की चंचल एवं चमकती किरणों का स्पर्श सचमुच ही हृदय आनन्द विभोर हो जाता है। वहाँ से पुनः हमारी वापस की यात्रा कायम रही एवं ६ अक्टूबर को हम पुनः विद्यालय पहुँच गए।

इस प्रकार गोमुख की यह यात्रा बड़ी ही आनन्ददायक एवं शिक्षाप्रद प्रतीत हुई। ईश्वर करे हमें अपने भावी जीवन में ऐसी ही यात्राओं पर जाकर प्राकृतिक-सौन्दर्य का दृश्यावलोकन करने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त होता रहे।

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College News

It is a matter of deep satisfaction and pride that General GG BEWOOR, Chief of The Army Staff and distinguished Rimcollian, has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest at our End of Term Function which will be held on Saturday, the 8th December. Preparations for the occasion have started in right earnest and we hope to put up a good and impressive show in consonance with our proud traditions.

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On Saturday, 3rd November, Shivaji and Chandragupta Sections organised a Variety Entertainment Programme in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hours.

Besides presenting different items of vocal and instrumental music alongwith mono-acting, comic episodes and folk dances, both the Sections staged short plays.

Shivaji Section staged dramatic scenes in English entitled 'In Saloon' and 'In Ambush' and Chandragupta Section presented a topical scene-'A School Report'.

The evening was altogether entertaining for which our sincere thanks are due to the participants and Cadets of both the Sections who took pains to organize the show.

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Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated in the gaily decorated College Gurudwara on Saturday, 10th November at 1830 hours. The discourse on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak by Granthiji was punctuated with the

chanting of hymns and the recitation of passages from the holy text.

Our thanks are due to the Sikh Cadets and Mr. G.S. Bisht for a successful organization of the Gurudwara function.

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The following Cadets deserve our warm congratulations on their winning the prizes mentioned against their names at 'On-The-Spot Painting Competition' organised by the Lions Club, Dehra Dun on 28th October.

1. Cadet B.C. Singh ... Special Prize
2. „ K.R. Gazmer... Merit Prize
3. „ V. Ramaswamy... Merit Prize

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section PT Competition, 1973

Following are the results of the Inter-Section PT Competition held on Monday and Tuesday, 5th and 6th November respectively:—

Juniors

Section Total Points Position

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|-----------------|--------|-----|---|
| 1. Ranjit | 599 | I | 4 |
| 2. Pratap | 538 | II | 3 |
| 3. Shivaji | 528.33 | III | 2 |
| 1. Chandragupta | 467.33 | IV | 1 |

Seniors

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----|---|
| 1. Chandragupta | 779 | I | 4 |
| 2. Pratap | 726.27 | II | 3 |
| 3. Shivaji | 706.09 | III | 2 |
| 4. Ranjit | 625.17 | IV | 1 |

Section Positions**Juniors Seniors Total Points Position**

1. Pratap	3	3	6	First
2. Chandragupta	1	4	5	Second (1246.33)
3. Ranjit	4	1	5	Third (1224.17)
4. Shivaji	2	2	4	Fourth

(a) Best Leader in Juniors—Cadet NCO
Rajeev Kumar (Pratap)

(b) " " in Seniors—Cadet NCO
Gajendra Singh (Chandragupta)

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section on annexing the PT Championship Cup.

A Trip to Badrinath

During this Mid-Term Break our trip to Badrinath was indeed very enjoyable and adventurous. The Commandant, Col. H.K.L. Johar and Mr. M.P. Mehrotra along with fifteen of us started off for Badrinath on the 1st of October. We went up to Rishikesh by a truck and at Rishikesh we were picked up by the Officers' Bus. As all of us were very keen to visit Badrinath we were in high spirits when the bus moved forward. We reached Deoprayag at noon. At Deoprayag river Bhagirathi and river Alaknanda meet to form a confluence with the Ganga. It is said that Lord Rama undertook penances here after killing Ravana. There is a temple where Sage Narad prayed for many years. After seeing the confluence we started off for Rudraprayag where we were to stay that night. On our way we passed through a place named Srinagar. Here the P.M., Mrs. Indira Gandhi had come to deliver a speech to the villagers that very day. All of us were lucky enough to see her. She had come to inaugurate the Electricity Project. After hearing her speech we proceeded to Rudraprayag. At Rudraprayag river Mandakini and river Alaknanda meet. There is an old temple also.

The next day we set off on our journey to Badrinath. Landslides had occurred at many places along the road. This made our trip more adventurous. A car coming from Badrinath got stuck in a small fast-flowing stream. We went to its rescue at once as we were the only people nearby. All of us took off our shoes and managed to push the car out of the icy cold waters of the stream. We were all drenched to our skin. But all of us were happy as we had helped someone

in distress. We reached Joshimath in the afternoon. We were all received by the Officers of the 14th Mountain Division with open arms. After spending about an hour at Joshimath we started off in a Jonga while we followed them in a truck. We were all fascinated by the beauty of nature. The milky white waters of the streams looked more like milk than water. Badrinath is 42 Km. from Joshimath. On our way up our truck broke down. We could neither go back to Joshimath nor proceed farther towards Badrinath. The Officers had proceeded farther but not seeing us following them they grew worried. So they came back to look for us. All of us with our luggage huddled together into the little Jonga. It was the remarkable efficiency of the driver and the power of the little vehicle that saved us many a time from tumbling down the mountains. All of us expected to be in some gorge or the other any minute as it was a steep ascent all the way. God Almighty heard our sincere prayers and we reached Badrinath safe and sound. The Rajput Regiment welcomed us and we stayed there in a rest house.

Next day we went to the temple early in the morning. All of us took a dip in the three kunds or hot springs. After this we went into the temple with our offerings. The temple of Lord Badrinarayan is very huge. One has to go through many rooms before reaching the idol. The room in which the idol is kept is very small. Only the idol and priests stay there. The idol has three big diamonds. Whenever the Pujari burns the Dhup or incense the light falls on the diamonds and they change colours. It is also said that people of all religions see in the idol of Lord Badrinarayan the image of their own deity. This is unique indeed as Buddhists see Lord Buddha, Christians Jesus Christ and so on. After seeing this and offering our prayers we all went to the adjacent temple where there are five iron slabs on which the Pandavas are believed to have inscribed many texts. The letters can still be seen but one cannot read them as the language is completely different from the languages of the present day. A big sheet or 'Bhoj Patra' is there on which the whole Bhagwat Gita is written. One of the five iron slabs of the Pandavas has been sent to Russia for the study of the mysterious language.

Badrinath is one of the four 'Dhams' or the abodes of God. It is also said that by visiting Badrinath one secures

place in the heaven. Geographically it means that one must be fully familiar with all the four frontiers of one's motherland. Badrinath is also the place where Adi Shankaracharya underwent penances and prayers. The place where he sat is known as 'Sidh Pith'. So this is a very holy place. The most surprising thing is that before closing the temple in November the priest lights a lamp and even after six months when the temple is opened again in May the lamp is found burning with the same lustre. Badrinath is at a height of approximately 12000 ft.

After seeing this we went to Mana which is one of the base camps of the Indian Army. We had a look at a mountain 'Buber Ka Khazana' also. Last year some soldiers had gone there and had found some iron vessels buried in the earth. Near Mana there is a place Vasu Dhara where sage Ved Vyas, the author of Mahabharat had meditated. Vasu Dhara is also a big waterfall. From Mana we came back to Govind Ghat, a place between Badrinath and Joshimath. From Govind Ghat we set out on foot to Ghagaria. Ghagaria is at a height of 10,000 ft. whereas Govind Ghat is at a height of 6,000 ft. and is situated nine miles from Ghagaria. We all started off at 12 noon from Govind Ghat and reached there by 4.30 P.M. Cadet B.S. Negi and some others proved very good hikers by reaching Ghagaria by 3.00 P.M. There is a Gurudwara there and we slept there at night.

Next day we hiked to Hemkunt Sahib which is $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Ghagaria and is situated at a height of 15,000 ft. The climb to Hemkunt was very steep. We started at 6.30 in the morning and reached Hemkunt at 9.30 A.M. Again B.S. Negi proved an excellent hiker by reaching there at 8 A.M. Here Guru Govind Singh meditated. There is a big lake here. We had to climb 1061 steps before reaching Hemkunt Sahib. A big Gurudwara is under construction. The lake is surrounded by huge snow-covered mountains and it looks really marvellous. We returned to Ghagaria while our worthy Commandant and K.R. Singh decided to go to the Valley of Flowers. There are some very rare flowers in the valley which are not even known to botanists. This is a unique place in the world. It was already raining. The Commandant's determination is worth commending. The rest of us set out for Govind Ghat along with Mr. Mehrotra. We repented for not accompanying the

Colonel but then it was too late. It is surprising that our Commandant, at such an age, covered as many as 25 miles of steep climb in a day. They said that they reached the Valley of Flowers which is 3 miles from Ghagaria and returned to Govind Ghat at about midnight. Only experienced hikers can hike through those narrow, wet and slippery paths at night. One should emulate the example set by the Commandant and K.R. Singh for an excellent performance.

The rest of us reached Govind Ghat at 4 P.M. and set out for Joshimath. Next day at 10 o'clock, the Commandant and K.R. Singh arrived at Joshimath. They had undergone severe strain the day before. On their arrival, however, we set out on our journey back to the College. Again that night we stayed at Rudraprayag. The next day, on 6th Oct. we started for the College halting at many places on the way. Finally we all reached the College in time for tea. This trip will ever remain fresh in our memory for the snow-capped, awe-inspiring mountains with undefined flora around them will 'flash upon our inward eye' and urge us to respond to the ever-alluring call of Nature in its pristine glory.

Cadets B S. Negi & G.G. Kumar,
Class IV-A.

Food for Thought

'Every piece of marble has a statue in it waiting to be released by a man of sufficient skill to chip away the unnecessary parts. Just as the sculptor is to the marble so is education to the soul.'

—Confucious

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'Self respect is the noblest garment with which a man may clothe himself—the most elevating feeling with which the mind can be inspired.'

—Pythagoras

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'More character is needed for administration than for war.'

—Napoleon

भेद की बात

गुरु नानक ने अपने जीवन का बहुत बड़ा भाग यात्राओं में व्यतीत किया। इन यात्राओं में वे देश-विदेश के अनेकानेक स्थानों पर गए और प्रायः सभी प्रकार के व्यक्तियों से मिले। इन यात्राओं में मरदाना और भाई बाला उनके साथ थे। अपने सिद्धान्तों का प्रचार करते हुए उन्होंने पूरे भारत की पद-यात्रा तो की ही साथ में श्री लंका, नेपाल, सिक्किम, भूटान, बिलोचिस्तान और अरब देश तक गए। इन यात्राओं में गुरु नानक को अनेक विपत्तियों और विरोधों का सामना करना पड़ा किन्तु संत-स्वभाव सदा ही अमोघ कवच बनकर उनकी रक्षा करता रहा।

एक बार अपने प्रिय शिष्य मरदाना के साथ भ्रमण करते हुए गुरु नानक एक ऐसे गाँव में पहुँचे जहाँ के लोग बड़े ही भ्रमणालू, भूटे, मक्कार और आलसी थे। मरदाना ने उन लोगों को गुरु नानक के आने का समाचार दिया तो वे उन्हें गालियाँ देने लगे। ठहरने की व्यवस्था करना तो दूर रहा कोई उनकी बात तक सुनने को तैयार न हुआ। मरदाना बहुत दुःखी हुआ किन्तु गुरु नानक शान्त रहे और एक पेड़ के नीचे रात बिता कर प्रातः दूसरे गाँव की ओर चल पड़े। चलते समय गुरु नानक ने उस गाँव के लोगों को आर्शीवाद देते हुए कहा 'हे भगवान इस गाँव के लोग सदा यहीं बसे रहें।'

दूसरे गाँव के लोग विल्कुल भिन्न स्वभाव के थे। जैसे ही गुरु नानक के आगमन की सूचना उस गाँव में पहुँची, सभी लोग उनके स्वागत के लिए दौड़ पड़े। ये लोग बड़े ही परिश्रमी, सच्चे और मिलनसार थे। गुरु नानक के उपदेश उन्होंने बड़े ध्यान से सुने। उनके रहने और खाने पीने के लिए अच्छा से अच्छा प्रबन्ध किया गया। दूसरे दिन जब गुरु नानक चलने को हुए तो सबने उनसे कुछ दिन और

ठहरने की प्रार्थना की, किन्तु गुरु नानक को तो अभी अनेक स्थानों पर जाना था इसलिए रुकना सम्भव न हो सका। ग्रामवासी बहुत दुःखी हुए और गाँवों में आसूँ भरे थे उन्हें गाँव के बाहर तक भेजने आए। उस गाँव से विदा लेते हुए गुरु नानक ने प्रार्थना की और कहा 'हे भगवान इस गाँव के लोग उजड़ जाएँ।'

गुरु नानक की इस प्रार्थना को सुनकर मरदाना आश्चर्य में पड़ गया। वह बड़ी देर तक सोचता रहा किन्तु उसकी समझ में कुछ न आया। अन्त में उससे न रहा गया और उसने गुरु नानक से इसका भेद जानना चाहा।

मरदाना ने कहा 'गुरु जी' जिस गाँव के लोगों ने हमें गालियाँ दीं और हमारी बात भी नहीं सुनी उस गाँव के लोगों को तो आपने बसे रहने का आर्शीवाद दिया और इस गाँव के इतने अच्छे और सदाचारी लोगों के लिए आपने उजड़ जाने की प्रार्थना की। इसका क्या रहस्य है?"

'रहस्य की कोई बात नहीं है मरदाने!' गुरु नानक ने कहा, 'बात बड़ी सीधी सादी है। अच्छे लोगों को एक ही स्थान पर स्थिर नहीं रहना चाहिए। ये लोग उजड़ कर नए स्थानों पर बसेंगे और जहाँ भी जाएँगे अपने सद्गुणों और उत्तम आचरण से और लोगों को भी अच्छा बनाएँगे। इस प्रकार संसार में अच्छाई बढ़ेगी। दूसरी ओर जो लोग बुरे हैं उनका एक ही स्थान पर रहना अच्छा है, नहीं तो झूत की बीमारी की तरह उनकी बुराइयाँ औरों को भी लग जाएँगी, और दूसरे लोग भी भ्रष्ट तथा बुराचारी हो जाएँगे।'

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College News

The following cadets deserve our hearty congratulations on their securing the positions mentioned against their names at the Mathematical Contest held on 14th October under the auspices of the Doon Mathematical Society, Dehra Dun:

1. Cadet B.K. Chandrashekharan, Class IV stood First amongst standard X students.
2. Cadet R.S. Sekhon, Class VA stood Second among Standard XI students.

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We congratulate the following cadets on winning the prizes mentioned against their names at 'ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION' organized by Col. Brown Cambridge School Inter-Act Club on 11th November to celebrate the birthday of our Prime Minister, Smt Indira Gandhi:

1. Cadet Taposh Kumar Chakraborty secured I Position in Group 'D'.
2. Cadet B.C. Singh secured III Position in Group 'D'.
3. Cadet V. Ramaswamy stood II in Group 'B'.
4. Cadet N.K. Gogoi stood III in Group 'B'.

Poetry Recitation Contest

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society the Inter-Class Poetry Recitation Contest was held on Saturday, 24th November, in the Convocation Hall at 1800 hrs.

Four Cadets from each class took part in the competition. Class VA, however, could not participate owing to the Higher Secondary Examinations which were being held at the College those days. Thirty four Cadets recited various poems of their own choice. A few of them recited their self-composed poems.

Colonel H.K.L. Johar Mr. R.C. Singhal and Mr. R.P. Dwivedi kindly acted as judges of the contest. The

contest was presided over by Cadet Captain T.S. Mahdeo. Cadet Gurupal Singh acted as the secretary.

The evening was altogether a success and the credit for this goes to all the participants. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. G.M. Khan for successfully organizing the contest at a very short notice despite his heavy preoccupation with the drama that is to be staged at the End of Term Function on Saturday, 8th December.

Following are the individual positions—

1. Cadet K.S. Aiyappa, Class IV, 105½ points—First
2. Cadet A. Gossain, Class IIIA, 105 points—Second
3. Cadet S. Rossario, Class IA, 102 points—Third

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Our Cadets K.B. Singh and K.R. Singh, who attended the XIX Adventure Course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, during the last summer vacation (from 27th May to 17th July) have secured grade 'A' and earned highly laudatory reports from the Principal, HMI, for excellent performance in their Course.

Our warmest congratulations to both of them on their very creditable achievement.

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Our young athletes won the 'C' Division Championship and various Certificates of merit and were also placed Second in the 'D' Division Championship at the District Athletic Meet which was held at the Doon School Grounds on 26th and 27th October.

We congratulate our Cadet athletes on their creditable performance and expect of them still better results in years to come. A detailed account of the individual performance is given overleaf.

DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET**'B' Division**

1. Rakesh Chowdhury	—	Broad Jump	—	Third
2. Rakesh Chowdhury				
3. A Tangri				
4. B.K. Yadav	—	4 × 100 M Relay	—	Fourth
5. Pranav Kumar				

'C' Division

1. M.S. Sodhi		200 M	—	First
2. D.V. Choudhry		400 M	—	First
3. M.S. Sodhi		400 M	—	Second
4. S. Upadhyay		Triple Jump	—	First
5. N.I. Singh		High Jump	—	First
6. B.C. Singh		Broad Jump	—	First
7. R.K. Sinha		Shot Put	—	Second
8. M.S. Sodhi		Shot Put	—	Third
9. A.K. Sharma				
10. M.S. Sodhi				
11. A.K. Gupta		4 × 100 Relay	—	Second
12. K.B. Singh				

'D' Division

1. Rana Dutta		100 M	—	First
2. D.V. Tomar		100 M	—	Second
3. D.V. Tomar		200 M	—	First
4. Gajendra Singh		200 M	—	Second
5. D.V. Tomar		400 M	—	First
6. Gajendra Singh		400 M	—	Second
7. D.V. Tomar		Shot Put	—	Third
8. K.R. Singh		Javelin	—	Third
9. R.K. Yadav		Pole vault	—	Second
10. D.V. Tomar				
11. Gajendra Singh				
12. Rana Dutta		4 × 100 M Relay	—	Second
13. A.K. Gupta				
14. P.G. Rongmei				
15. R.K. Singh				
16. B.S. Gill				
17. H.S. Pathania				

'E' Division

1. D.V. Tomar				
2. Gajendra Singh				
3. Rana Dutta				
4. A.K. Gupta		4 × 100 M Relay	—	Third
5. A.K. Singh				
6. D.V. Choudhary		1500 M		
7. A.K. Bishnoi		Shot Put		

Cadet D.V. Tomar, Captain
Athletic Meet

Basketball Vs Staff Team

Last fortnight the College Basketball team had a friendly encounter with the Staff team led by Capt. Jathoul. The match caught tempo in a couple of minutes. Gill proved to be very quick in his scoring adventure.

Hav. Wali seemed to be in a cheerful mood adding charm to the play and enthusing the co-players.

The scoring was very quick. In the beginning the Cadets seemed to have a slight edge over the Staff team. Hav. Bhonsle and Hav. Wali were the backbones of the Staff team.

Technically the Staff team seemed superior to us. Mr. Pandey had the advantage of his height over others and tiny Thomas, therefore, had a tough time in scoring. A minute before the breather a pass from Thomas to Bishnoi found the basket. The score at the break stood 22-19 in favour of the Cadets.

After the breather Dilip Kumar was replaced by Rana Dutta. Capt. Jathoul advanced with the ball towards our goal and beautifully basketed the ball from a distance. Hav. Bhonsle basketed the ball twice within a minute putting the Staff team on a 6 point lead. This didn't dishearten us. The cheer in the gymnasium all crowd made the Cadets play with more dash and vivacity.

Once more our forwards penetrated into the Staff defence. Their custodian acted phlegmatically giving Gill many a golden chance to send the ball flying into the net bringing victory to the Cadets by a narrow margin of 38-36.

Staff—Col. Johar, Capt. Jathoul, Capt. Tiwari, Mr. Pandey, Mr. Khan, Mr. Sharma, Mr. Bhatia, Hav. Sardul Singh, Hav. Wali and Hav. Bhonsle.

Cadet—Bishnoi, Gill, Thomas, Dutta, Bisht, Dilip, M.P. Singh, Tomar, H.S. Sandhu and R.K. Singh.

Vs Staff Team—Return Match

The Staff team had earlier lost the first match but this time they played a superior game and had an upper hand over the cadets throughout.

We therefore lost to the Staff by 73-42.

Staff—Col. Johar, Capt. Jathoul, Mr. Sharma, Mr. Mehrotra, Mr. Pandey, Mr. Khan, Mr. Bhatia, Hav. Wali, Hav. Bhonsle and Hav. Sardul Singh.

Cadets—Bishnoi, Chikara, Bisht, Sandhu, Dutta, Atul, Rajeev Kumar, M.P. Singh, Mangat and R.K. Singh.

Cadets A. Medih and R.K. Yadav.

Words of Wisdom

CHARACTER

Remember, it is character that is the only test, and the only true fruit of living. It is not knowledge; for knowledge will fail. It is not money; for money cannot be carried away from earth. It is not fame; for fame's laurels fade at the grave's edge, and its voice gives no cheer in the valley of shadows. It is not culture or education or refinement. It is life—not what we have or what we know, but what we are—that we can carry with us into the eternal world.

चाचा हो ।

कितने आश्चर्य की बात है कि संसार के सबसे समृद्ध एवं शक्तिशाली देश की विशाल सेना अठारह वर्ष तक विनाश और विध्वंस के सभी उपाय अपना कर भी एक छोटे से देश के गरीब और पिछड़े हुए लोगों को अपने विचार बदलने पर मजबूर न कर सकी। कौन सा था वह छोटा सा देश और कौन था वह अद्भुत नेता जिसने वहाँ के लोगों को अपराजेय बना दिया? वह देश है उत्तरी वियतनाम और उसका नेता था डा० हो० ची० मिन्ह ।

दो हड्डियों वाला दुबला पतला बूढ़ा इंसान, चेहरा फुरियों से भरा हुआ, लम्बी पतली सफेद दाढ़ी, छोटी छोटी किन्तु निष्कपट आँखें, पैरों में रबड़ के टायरों से बनी चप्पल, शरीर पर रुई की मिर्जई—कुल मिलाकर एक गरीब भोले-भाले देहाती वृद्ध जैसा व्यक्तित्व—यही थे उत्तरी वियतनाम के गाँधी—डा० हो० ची० मिन्ह जिन्हें वियतनामी जनता प्यार से चाचा हो कहती थी ।

डा० हो० ची० मिन्ह का असली नाम नगु-ग्येन था और उनका जन्म १९ जुलाई १८९० ई० को एक निर्धन किन्तु क्रान्तिकारी परिवार में हुआ था । १२ साल की आयु में ही नगु-ग्येन ने अपनी मातृ-भूमि वियतनाम को फ्रांसीसी दासता से मुक्त कराने का दृढ़ निश्चय कर लिया था । उस छोटी सी आयु में ही वे उन संगठनों के सम्पर्क में आ गए थे जो फ्रांसीसी शासकों को देश से निकाल भगाने की योजना बना रहे थे ।

फ्रांसीसी शासकों को जैसे ही इन गुप्त योजनाओं का पता चला वे उन पर कड़ी निगाह रखने लगे। १९ वर्ष की आयु में ही नगू-म्येन को उनके परिवार सहित जेल में बन्द कर दिया गया। नगू-म्येन वेप बदलकर जेल से भाग निकले और एक जहाज पर अंग्रेजी जलाने का काम करने लगे। अपना नाम बदल कर उन्होंने 'बा' रख लिया। एक बार जब वह जहाज लदन में रुका तो वे जहाज से भागकर लदन के एक स्कूल में बर्फ हटाने का काम करने लगे। कुछ दिनों बाद बर्फ हटाने का काम छूट गया तब उन्होंने होटल में प्लेट धोने की नौकरी कर ली।

प्रथम महायुद्ध समाप्त होते ही वे पेरिस चले गये और वहाँ फोटोग्राफी तथा चित्र बनाने का धंधा अपना लिया किन्तु गुप्त रूप से एशिया-मुक्ति-आन्दोलन के लिए क्रान्तिकारी संगठन बनाने में जुट गए। क्रान्ति के लिए उन्हें कलम के महत्व का अनुभव हुआ और उन्होंने रंग और कूची के स्थान पर लेखनी का प्रयोग आरंभ कर दिया। उनकी लेखनी सचमुच बहुत सशक्त साबित हुई। एक पत्र-कार, सम्पादक, कहानी कार, नाट्य कार, कवि और लेखक के रूप में उन्हें बहुत ख्याति और क्रान्तिकारी-संगठन को अपूर्व बल मिला

एशिया-मुक्ति आन्दोलन में सहयोग प्राप्त करने के लिए उन्होंने रूस जाकर लेनिन से मिलने का निश्चय किया किन्तु दुर्भाग्य वश उनके मास्को पहुंचने के दो दिन पहले ही लेनिन की मृत्यु हो गयी। रूस से वे चीन गए। चीन में उन्होंने सिगरेटों का धंधा शुरू कर दिया। सिगरेटें बेचते और रात में स्वतंत्रता के लिए कार्य करते।

हांगकांग में अंग्रेज पुलिस ने उन्हें पकड़ कर मृत्यु दण्ड देना चाहा किन्तु एक वकील किसी प्रकार उनके जीवन की रक्षा करने में सफल हो गया। दूसरे महायुद्ध के दिनों में च्यांग काई शेक की सरकार ने उन्हें जेल में डाल दिया नव-जागरण-संदेश बहुत दूर दूर तक फैल चुका था और वियतनाम-स्वतंत्रता आन्दोलन की नींव बहुत पक्की हो चुकी थी।

बहुत दिनों तक किसी को पता नहीं चल पाया कि नगू-म्येन का क्या हुआ। दूसरे महायुद्ध के समाप्त होने से कुछ पहले एक नया नाम 'हो० ची० मिन्ह' रख कर वे सारे वियतनाम में प्रसिद्ध हो गए। अनेक संघर्षों के बाद १६ अगस्त १९५५ को उनके हाथ में सत्ता आई और वे उत्तरी वियतनाम के प्रथम राष्ट्रपति बने। इस पद पर वे जीवन पर्यन्त बने रहे। ३ सितम्बर १९६७ को हनोई में उनकी मृत्यु हुई।

वीर कुमार पंकज

OBITUARY

We, members of the R. I. M. College Staff, express our profound sorrow at the passing away of the grand mother of Mr. L. N. Thakur and pray to God Almighty to bestow peace upon the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

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General G.G. Bewoor, Chief of the Army Staff Presides over the R.I.M.C. End of Term Function

(Saturday, 8th December)

This year the End of Term Function, which was a grand show by all standards, commenced with the arrival of our Chief Guest General Bewoor, Chief of the Army Staff and illustrious Old Boy of this college. Minutes within his arrival at the college General Bewoor took salute and inspected a Guard of Honour presented by the cadets at the Parade Ground. Then Members of the Staff were introduced to the General by the Commandant. General Bewoor met the Old Boys also including Brig. V.D. Jayal and Brig. T.S. Verma who were present on the occasion. Then, accompanied by the Commandant, he went to the war Memorial and paid homage to the Rimcollion War Heroes, who laid upon the country's altar their dearest and the best and whose undaunted and supreme sacrifice will always shed lustre on the path of duty and dedication not only for all the succeeding generations of cadets at the R.I.M.C. but also for those patriots whose love for their motherland is "entire and whole and perfect." Thereafter, before going for luncheon arranged in his honour, General Bewoor went to the Commandant's office where he signed the Visitors'-Book. He then presented to the college the Cricket ball (with a beautiful stand) which he as Rimcollion skipper had played in 1965 against the cadet's team on the occasion of Rimcollion Reunion and had scored.....runs for.....wickets.

In a jovial and reminiscent mood as he was, General Bewoor mixed and conversed with the boys who thronged round him in their characteristic juvenile eagerness and obliged them by posing with them for photographs and giving them autographs. Lunch having been over, the General went back to the M.E.S. Inspection Bungalow where he

was putting up for a short afternoon siesta.

Later, at 5 P.M. General Bewoor, Rimcollins, guests and the parents of cadets went round the exhibitions organised by different Hobby-Clubs at the college. The entire Education Block wore a gaily festive look and the rooms, Science Lecture rooms and the corridors where the exhibits were on view were humming with zealous activity as the spectators were shown round and various exhibits were explained to them by the presidents, secretaries or members of their respective hobbies. General Bewoor and the guests were highly appreciative of the young cadets' talents in organising spectacular show on the occasion. Mention must be made here of the clubs which organised the exhibitions—(a) Stamp-Collecting (b) Nature-study (c) Photography (d) Aero-modelling (e) Young Newtons (f) Alchemists (g) Art & Painting (h) Clay-Modelling (i) Current Affairs Gallery.

We congratulate the cadets who took pains to put up a creditable show. Our sincere thanks are due to the Masters In-Charge whose able guidance and help enabled the young cadets to organize such a ceremonial display of articles made and arranged by them.

At 5.30 p.m. General Bewoor and the guests entered the Convocation Hall where the Commandant read out his annual report in which he highlighted the achievements of the Cadets in various spheres of activity and the progress the College has made during the academic year under review.

After the Commandant's report the General was requested to give away the President's Gold Medal, U.N. Jha Gold Medal, Col. Haughton's Silver Medal and Maj G.C. Verma's Memorial Silver Medal and other outstanding prizes and awards to the Cadets for their having stood first in the respective classes or for having been adjudged the best

contributors to their hobby clubs. The names of awards and their recipients appear on page 3.

The prize distribution was followed by General Bewoor's short and stimulating address, the text of which is as under:

General G.G. Bewoor's Address

Colonel Johar—Commandant, Members of the Staff, Cadets of RIMC, ladies and gentlemen,

The last time I came here at the End of Term Function was 1960 when I went through the same drills that I have gone today and I had also the pleasure of presenting the President's Gold Medal to my son who was at that time in the N.D.A. and by the kind courtesy of the Commandant, who (Maj. Gen. R. Bakshi) also as the ex-Commandant is present here today, allowed him to come like the two N.D.A. Cadets who have been able to come today.

Since then (nearly 13 years) the RIMC historically closes on the 10th of December as the End of Term Function is normally held on the 8th and no Cadet is ready to function on the 9th. This is exactly 13 years ago that I came here for this End of Term Function.

This institution, of course, has a great personal link with me because my elder brother came here in 1925 and I came here in 1928. I cannot remember the dates that my two sons came but they were both educated at this institution. Since there are no more Bewoors left now to come here, I am afraid they won't come (as one of the teachers said "I hope you will send your grandson").

I can only say that I have been to this institution every year in March when we have our Reunion when a large collection of Old Boys gather here for that function. Today also I am happy to note one very Old Boy is here and there are also some of the younger ones and by kind courtesy of the Commandant of the Indian Military Academy some of the GCs have also been able to come.

This institution has a good history. It has produced a large number of soldiers, still in the Army. It has also got, I am happy to say, gentlemen who did not, after their training here, join the Armed Forces but they are in certain higher positions in the business world and they are making money. That probably was taught here at this school.

The institution of Public Schools—I went the other day to the Scindia School,

Gwalior where they asked me to come for the celebration of their 75th year, there seems to be a feeling that people are opposed to the concept of the Public School. I do not think that there is such a feeling as such except that perhaps there is a desire that it should not be confined only to those who have the financial capacity to send their boy to Public School. The answer, of course, as they have tried to find the answer in certain western countries is that those the Government desires that the institution should get the benefit of such an education for the children of others who cannot afford it the Government should help them in enabling them to attend such schools.

We have in RIMC a certain tradition and a certain code. Perhaps I am not wrong in saying that the cadets in the past and today are maintaining it. My advice to them is learn to work hard, learn to enjoy your work and last but not least be honest and truthful in all that you do.

As you go out from this institution, you go to another great institution—the National Defence Academy of which not only we in the Armed Forces but the nation is also very proud. And it is there that the fact that you have come from this great institution that you will be judged as to whether you have learnt the qualities which go to make a good man. The English word Character is something which is difficult to define but perhaps that word character which is being told to you all the time is: being honest and telling the truth and not letting down your friends in whatever you may do in order to gain advantage for yourselves. I am sure that if you imbibe the teachings that your teachers are giving you, you will adhere to these small but important things of life.

Those of you who are going to the N.D.A. this term, I wish you luck. To rest of you, I am sure you continue to work well and hard, enjoy yourself, continue to do well in games and keep the good name of this institution.

My good wishes also to the Staff, the Commandant and all the other people who are in this College.

May I, finally, on behalf of myself, give a small trophy to this College in the memory of this visit of mine, as I have said there, from an Old Boy also.

At the close of his address General Bewoor kindly presented a beautiful trophy to the College which was gratefully received by the Commandant. The Commandant expressed his sense of deep

gratitude to Gen. Bewoor for presenting a lovely token of his affection for the College which, he assured, would inspire our cadets for further achievement.

The English Dramatic Club of the College then presented an English play entitled "On Approval" written by Frederick Lonsdale. Written in 1927 the play is entirely ageless in its theme—the people given to pretensions of personality, sometimes smother their real and very nice selves. The playwright chose to project this serious observation in the form of a comedy bordering on farce. The farcical aspect of the theme make the spectators sit back and chuckle at the absurd behaviour of the people on the stage.

The play has four persons as its characters—Maria, a millionaire widow, Helen, a millionaire orphan, Duke who has gone bankrupt, and Richard who is a middle class businessman. Richard admires Maria and wants to marry her. Helen, on the other hand likes Duke and is willing to marry him. The Duke is a flirt and admirer of the ladies, he wants to marry Helen for her money. Maria, however, being a fussy type takes Richard on approval for a month to her house in Scotland to stay with her and perform the duties of a husband but sleeping at night in a hotel.

The Duke and Helen accompany them—Duke to help his friend Richard to win Maria, and Helen out of her love for the Duke. During their stay of a month in Scotland, Richard and Helen realise that Maria and Duke are unpleasant people respectively. The story ends in a refusal from Richard and Hele to marry Maria and Duke.

The play was indeed a great success and the credit for this goes to the characters, of course, who, steeped in the spirit of the dramatic situations, acted remarkably well and drew well deserved appreciation and applause from one and all by their commendable performance. We owe sincere gratitude to Mr. G.M. Khan, who, like a Trojan, worked day and night and without whose able direction and guidance the play would not have been a success. We are, in no less a measure, indebted to our worthy Commandant whose kind patronage and vast experience made available to the Dramatic Club all resources and facilities needed for successfully staging the play.

At the close of the play, General Bewoor, kindly gave away prizes to all the four characters of the play. And thus drew to a close the End of Term Function all too soon after it had started.

President's Gold Medal for the Best All Round Cadet

First Term 1973 — Cadet Captain S.M. Singh (Shivaji Section)
Second Term 1973 — Cadet Captain T.S. Mahadeo (Chandragupta Section)

Col. HAUGHTON'S Silver Medal for the Second Best All Round Cadet

Second Term 1973 — Section Commander T.K. Guha (Pratap Section)

U.N. JHA Memorial Gold Medal for standing First amongst RIMC Cadets for entry into N.D.A.

49th Course — Cadet NCO K.G. Prasad (Pratap Section)

Major G.C. VERMA'S Memorial Silver Medal for standing First in the RIMC Diploma Higher Secondary Examination

First Term 1973 — Cadet NCO A.K. Sharma (Shivaji Section)
Second Term 1973 — Section Commander T.K. Guha (Pratap Section)

Educational Prizes for 1973

Subject	IA (May)	IA (Dec)	IIA (May)
1. English Lang.	—	—	—
2. English Lit	—	—	—
3. English	HP Rajkumar	GS Bains	Gurpal Singh
4. Mathematics	A Swaminathan	GS Bains	NK Jha
5. History	HP Rajkumar	SR Deshpande	Rajesh Kumar
6. Geography	A Swaminathan	Ravi Pratap	NJK Singh
7. Science	AK Rai	RS Chowdhary	NK Jha
8. Physics	—	—	—
9. Chemistry	—	—	—
10. Higher Hindi	Purshottam Singh	RS Yadav	Rajesh Kumar
11. Lower Hindi	P Roy	RS Chawdhary	JH Kahlon
12. Sanskrit	—	—	AK Sinha
13. Art	J Chatterjee	RS Yadav	JS Kahlon

IIA (Dec)	IIIA (May)	IIIA (Dec)	IVA (May)	IVA (Dec)
—	—	—	D Syal	B Charles
—	—	—	AK Gupta	GG Kuma
V Ramaswamy	R Chaturvedi	JS Gill	—	—
RW Madusoodanan	V Chandrasekharan	S Mohanty	D Syal	MS Patil
Sunil Singh	V Chandrasekharan	S Mohanty	AK Bishnoi	B Charles
V Ramaswamy	AK Jaiswal	RK Yadav	AK Bishnoi	GG Kumar
Raj Kapur	R Chaturvedi	JS Gill	—	—
—	—	—	Harbhajan Singh	HS Pathania
—	—	—	Harpreet Singh	BS Negi
Rajiv Misra	DN Singh	BK Yadav	RK Singh	AK Prasad
HK Sharma	BS Kohli	AK Barman	Gurpreet Singh	R Ramakrishnan
Abhay Prakash	DN Singh	BK Yadav	—	—
Raj Kapur	DS Dutta	KR Gazmer	—	—

LIST OF PRIZES

First in the Class

I-A (May)	Cadet H.P. Rajkumar
I-A (Dec)	Cadet G.S. Bains
II-A (May)	Cadet N.K. Jha
II-A (Dec)	Cadet V. Ramaswamy
III-A (May)	Cadet R. Chaturvedi
III-A (Dec)	Cadet J.S. Gill
IV-A (May)	Cadet D. Syal
IV-A (Dec)	Cadet G.G. Kumar

Hobbies

Photography	Cadet A.K. Bishnoi
Music	Cadet H.K. Sharma
Craft	Cadet A.P. Singh
Clay Modelling	Cadet A. Ranjan
Naturr Study & Gardening	Cadet D.V. Chaudhury
Young Newtons	Cadet P. Gupta
Alchemist	Cadet B.S. Nagi
Rifle Shooting	Cadet R.K. Singh
Aera-Modelling	Cadet B.S. Dhanoa
Stamp-Collecting	—
Poetry Recitation	Cadet S.T. Upasani
-do-	Cadet S. Aiyappa
-do-	Cadet A. Gosain
Debating English	Cadet R. Ramaswamy
-do-	Cadet G.S. Bain
-do-	Cadet C. Hari Kumar
Debating Hindi	Cadet R. Chaturvedi
-do-	Cadet A. Anand
Dramatics	Cadet Rajiv Anand
-do-	Cadet A. Banerjee
Art	Cadet D.S. Dutta
Capt. Laroia's Cup for the Best Sportsman of the Year	Cadet D.V. Tomar
Lord Rawlinson's Inter Section Championship Cup	Chandraugpta Section

College News

The Staff Club, at a special dinner arranged for this purpose, felicitated Mr. R.C. Singhal, Vice Principal and senior most Member of the Teaching Staff, on the completion of his 25 years' stay at the College and his dedicated and highly meritorious services to the institution in various capacities.

In an after-dinner panegyric Mr. K. Kumar, our Staff Secretary, lauded the devotion to duty and varied contributions of Mr. Singhal to the growth and progress of the College during the last 2½ decades. Later, our worthy Commandant Lt. Col. H.K.L. Johar presented Mr. Singhal a silver memento on behalf of the staff.

In his address Mr. Singhal expressed his gratitude to the Principals under whom he worked and said that he enjoyed teaching Mathematics to the last 52 NDA courses.

He stressed the significance of cordial and happy relations among the members of the staff, which he declared, sustained him all through his long stay here. In a reminiscent mood he recollected many interesting incidents of his gradual acclimatization to the College life during the British days. He expressed the hope to serve the College for many more years to come.