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Editorial

At the very outset we wish our readers a very happy new year. The chirpy days are back in the campus with the cadets' return from their short winter vacation. The campus was soon alive with bustling activity all around. The campus was well spruced and as clean as a mirror largely due to the presence of the Pre-Staff Course Offrs who kept it ship-shape. The chilly cold wave which was prevailing subsided to give way to clean sunny days with short breaks of rain in between.

In December last year we bade farewell to Brig SD Mahanti who has since taken over as Commander, 33 Arty Brigade. The cadets and Staff of RIMC shall always remember with gratitude his

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dedication and services to the Alma Mater. We wish Brigadier SD Mahanti and Mrs Bharati Mahanti a very bright future.

Our hearts ring with pride on the advent of the second Rimcollian Commandant Col DH Parab. His presence added glamour to the atmosphere. He inspected a Guard of Honour laid out especially for him, by the cadets on the 20th of January. In only a matter of days he has, for a matter of speculation, found place in all our hearts with his constant *caring* and queries. We wish him and his family a hearty welcome and a fruitful stay at the College.

We welcome Mr Nirmal Kala, Master in Physics and Mr Laxman Singh, Master in English to our academic faculty, we wish them a happy stay here in this College of ours. We bid adieu to Maj Mathew Muricken who grew very close to the cadets with his quick wit and humour.

The first-termers arrived on the 25th January. The system of holding section for them has been regained after a gap of a term. We wish them a fruitful stay and hope they make full use of the marvelous opportunities the College provides.

A welcome step has been the induction of table lamps in all dormitories, a brainwave of the last Commandant Col. SD Mahanti. Due to this, the cadets are able to study properly for ample time. The cadets are very enthusiastic about independently—organised trekking and biking hikes. Classes IVA & V have been to Paonta and Rishikesh respectively while classes IA, IIA, III and VA went to Mussoorie. Such a change in the attitude of the administration is welcome to the cadets.

The College played host to Maj Gen MM Verma, GOC UP Area on the 8th February. We hope this visit will help in solving the never-ending water problem. We did manage to extract a colour television from him.

The College is *gearing* up to host the 69th Re-union in full pomp and show. We will spare no effort to make it an unforgettable one.

We hope to make this chronicle a regular issue. Due to lack of information we are unable to fill in on the position of our cadets at the NDA and IMA. However, we have no doubt that they are right on top. Our request to them is to help us fill in the gaps.

We wish our readers a very happy and fruitful term.

With this we take leave.

—Cadet NCO Vinod Mathews

Pratap Section Gossip

New year '91 came with a loud bang for the Panthers.

Viru Dada still spearheads the mighty force, his chief of staff being Kacchu. This love crusader

does not need anybody's help to make a fool of himself. He does it very well on his own. He occupies the ragged shack and really roughs it out with a smile.

Directly opposite him stays the cadet equivalent of catering JCO and JQM rolled into one—none other than Chakro. He's taken to his favourite past time of shamming. Under the same roof is Ponga Pandit, Sec Comdr of the Kiddies. He is often seen singing Lullabys to his section. Nubendu Bharatendy, like the romantic devil he looks, is always gazing at the lovers, a little smile playing on his lips. I wonder what the Casanova has in his mind.

Now that we're at it, we might as well take a look at the shaggy bunch occupying the South Block. Bhad is still lost in his world. Jumma-chumma has hit the top of US charts as far as he is concerned.

Baket Ball Murari has taken to his Mouth organ and keeps playing it hopelessly out of time. Big Burns Bhaiji, the share consumer is at it again. He's on a muscle building-spree and often seen lifting the entire section shares at once. Of course Funny Poltu has not receded to the background. He's still the jester of Pratap Section and his crazy antics are still as hilarious as ever.

That about ends the report on the top brass of the Panthers. This is your favourite reporter signing off.

—The SLY Guy

Ranjit Section Gossip

A new year has started and Ranjit Section has made fresh start. Deva (Brother of Devi L) has taken up residence in sissy's room. I wonder if he has ever heard 'Deva aaya hai'.

Kosalaya rani governs Ranjit Section from sick-sham room. This disproves the theory that bulls dislike red.

Danny in his quest to look over more dashing, has introduced goggles and a neck patka into his attire. Beware of this 12th termer in 12th standard. The latest volunteer of the KCF, stay out of the range of his swinging hockey stick.

Table lamps have come and new wiring has been put up. Just touching a table lamp at one of these few times when the wiring is working, gives you considerably more precise knowledge about the law of electricity than the best of Edisons' books. Someone did say, "You learn faster through practical experience." As far as the structural stability of the table lamps, 'as fragile as a table lamp', puts 'as fragile as an eggshell' to shame any day.

A few day back, Gen Verma paid a visit to Ranjit Section. The day before his visit was one full of hectic activity for the section. The rough terrain in the interior of the cupboards of the cadets which usually remain untouched by the hand of man, until an impending cupboard inspection renders it necessary—had to be levelled and all excess clothes had to be taken out (there were barely any excess clothes in our cupboards owing to our habit of keeping half our possessions under our mattresses). Had the Gen

decided to take a surprise *kitbox* inspection that day, he would undoubtedly have been swamped by walkmans, grub, underclothes, shoes and of course that royal perfume 'Old stocking'.

Anyway Gen Verma wisely avoided inspecting our kitboxes. Unfortunately, the Gen left RIMC quickly rendering useless the *bets* we had made as to what we would get for grand lunch that day.

—The Spy in the Sky

Shivaji Section Gossip

The wheels of time continue rotating regardless of people, their feelings and emotions. 10th Dec, seems like yesterday but today again we the Shivajians have started functioning like a number of parts made into a machine all greased and ready for action.

With the difference in their ruling aristocracy, changes however subtle have to set in. This term saw a more dignified and disciplined aristocracy, the result—the senior dorm lost its appearance of a still from a contemporary modern art painting of highly irregular blotches of colour, and instead has started looking more like the residence of the elite homosapiens—i.e. Shivajians. The difference is so much that even our aesthetic sense is jarred by so much uniformity and cleanliness. The senior dorm commander thinking that his change was too good to last, told his dorm to start changing in kitrooms. That's a protective measure because if we don't use the dorms, it will naturally remain ship-shape.

The pugilists in the section have also got down to serious business. This is because of their love for the section. However, the puzzling part is the reason for the non-boxers of the aristocracy showing so much josh for the boxing practices and their having a fight for the gloves. They even had earnest discussion on their route and the time to run from place 'A' to place 'B'. However, after running the route once, their zeal and enthusiasm to *run* the route became clear. The Kaulagarh road was swarming with the school kids especially of the fairer sex. There might have been boys but they passed *unnoticed*.

—The Key Hole Eye

Chandragupta Section Gossip

The heirs have taken over. There are five kings sharing the throne. Of them some rule wearing crowns while others believe in ruling without crowns. King Dhyan Chand rules the province of senior dorms, a star which perhaps forgot to sparkle. He is presently very busy in imparting some vital tips of hockey to his trainees. His gait is simply a class of its own. Vibrant and embedded with a lot of style and grace, Dhyan runs and walks grabbing every passer-by's attention. Training is tough but the boys are taking it in the right spirit, says a shyly smiling Dhyan. The dream of yet another king to become the world heavy weight champ remains unfulfilled till date. Meanwhile, he has taken to the training of the budding section boxers. The fire on the other side is being kindled by some militant

groups. Each militant leader commands his own force. On the other hand the ruling king has not given up fighting to build a congenial atmosphere to reach a sort of agreement with the militant leaders within the framework of the CHEETAH constitution.

But right now it is what is "THE RULE OF THE GUN".

We have uncrowned king from the high altitudes. Poor chap, of late, he has not been able to find out time for his extra curricular activities, a wide range of them including composing music on his mouth organ, singing to his own lyrics and many more. His dream has come true—he has made it to the college cricket team, this short *mitochondria* of the section also shares a punch in Boxing, a Basket in Basketball and of course a goal in hockey.

—Sports Correspondent,
Cheetah News Agency

Sports Round Up

The term had hardly begun when the sports activities began with a bang.

Starting with Cricket. In the traditional staff vs Cadets match the cadets' win was only engulfed by some fine batting by the Commandant and a double batting by the AO. The College XI also played the Alwyn club where some inspired batting by Cadet Kamaldeep Singh, who made 70, enabled us to coast to a smooth victory. We also defeated Welham Boys—trouncing them in seniors, and winning after a good fight in Juniors. The College will be playing against Doon School soon. Let's see how they fare.

A novel introduction this term was the match between the Staff and the holding section. Defying all expectations, the holding section amassed a respectable total of 95 runs in 15 overs. Only another bout of fine batting by the Commandant, and a double batting by AO. (He seems to have made it a habit.) was able to see the staff through to victory. Hats off to the holding team for putting up a magnificent show, and full credit to the staff for readily acknowledging their draw-backs and the superiority of the holding team.

From Cricket to Hockey. It has been a lack lustre term so far with the College team having played only one match—the traditional staff Vs Cadets match which the cadets won 2-0 after managing to sustain a spirited fight put up by the staff in the dying minutes. The College team is practising hard and are hopeful that they may enter some tournament soon.

Basketball has been given a new status with the New Commandant taking a special interest in the game. Hence a lot of interest was generated by the staff vs cadets match which turned out to be unique-in decisions. The staff team of seven, five players and two referees, played against the cadets. The staff won 52-49 amidst cries of the cadets to award the 'most unfair play' team award to them. However, their cries went unheard and the staff retained the satisfaction of the win. Now practices are on in full swing and there are plans to allot more time and emphasis on training. Let's see how it works out.

Finally on to Boxing. The College took part for the first time in the District Sub Junior Boxing Competition, Dehradun. 8 boxers entered in 6 categories and our boxers fared extremely well to bag 3 1st prizes and 2 IIInd. Congratulations to all of them. All this would not have been possible without the able guidance of the Commandant Mr SK Tyagi and the dedication shown by the three trainers cadet NCOs Parag Mukherjee, SH Patil and Cadet Balraj Gurung who were aptly selected for the job. Full marks to them for a magnificent job done in so short a time. Mr SK Tyagi went on to win a prize for his contribution in making the competition a resounding success.

At the inter section level, practises are on in full swing. It is a common sight to see the the boxers roughing out the rigorous training with more than mere smiles. All this with just one thing in mind. To put up a good show during the Reunion.

Well that's all in stock for now. We'll be back next month with lots more. So till then-adieu.

—Cadet NCO Vinod Mathews.

Co-Curricular Round-Up

The co-curricular season this term, in fact this year, opened with a very good note.

Debating has always held a special place in our co-curricular scene and once again our debators brought back home the memory of an excellent performance and a couple of prizes. An inter school debating competition was held in Kendriya Vidyalaya, ONGC on the 23rd of January. Our College had re-opened only on the 19th and therefore it was with such an extremely short notice that the debators were thrown into the battlefield. We were in a holiday mood and the settling down problem was hindering any progress. Nevertheless, our debators accepted the challenge bravely and were ready for the show by the 23rd. The topic was “दूरदर्शन शिक्षा का सशक्त माध्य है” for the junior speakers i, e class VI to VIII and “The day is not far away when computer will be the master of man” for the senior speakers. Our junior speakers were Cdt Manish Kumar and Satyam Sahu and our senior speakers were Cdt Sec Comdr P Nitin and Cdt K Vijay Singh. There were about 15 participant schools, the majority being Kendriya Vidyalayas. Our debators put up an excellent performance. Cdt Sec Cdr P Nitin stood second in the senior section and Cdt Satyam Sahu earned Rs 100/- for himself by standing fourth in the junior section.

From debating, we move to an activity which is very popular with RIMC cadets and that is letter-writing. An ‘Inter-School letter-writing competition’ was held, in the Post Master General’s Office in Ghantaghar, On 3rd February. There were 2 levels of competition—one was the UP State level and the other was an international level contest for the SAARC countries. Our team comprised Cadets Arumilli Anand, Satyam Sahu, Soumanditya Chakraborty, Manish Kumar, SK Singh and Siddharth Jyoti. The topics were ‘why I’m writing to my mother today’ for the State level and ‘What will happen if the postal system ceases to work’. The results are eagerly awaited.

It’s time to come back to our very own Inter-Section Competitions. First it was the ‘Inter-Section English Debate’ on the 13th of February. This time the College Debators, with the change in policies,

were also allowed to participate. The topic was 'There should be no holding section in RIMC' for the juniors and 'India does not deserve democracy' for the seniors. Both the topics were given to the cadets 48 hour before the debate and, therefore, it was a race against time. It was a very lively debate with a lot of humour and it was exciting to watch the rebuttal in the seniors section. The individual results were.

JUNIORS : 1st Cdt Satyam Sahu (C)
2nd Cdt Siddarth Jyoti (P)
3rd Cdt Kartikeya Sharma (C)
4th Cdt Pawan Choudhary (P)

SENIORS : 1st Cdt Sec Cdr P Nitin (C)
2nd Cdt K Vijay Singh (C)
3rd Cdt D Ramanand (R)
4th Cdt Mohd Faisal (P)

REBUTTAL : 1st Cdt NCO Anjul Saivastava (S)

As it is obvious from the results, Chandragupta won the cup after an excellent performance in which all their speakers won prizes. The final tally was : 1st—Chandragupta, 2nd—Pratap, 3rd—Ranjeet and 4th—Shivaji.

After debate, the very next day was the first round of the 'Inter Section Quiz Competition'. Once again Chandragupta Section won it very gracefully with 160 points leaving Shivaji way behind with 110, followed by Pratap with 100 and Ranjit 10 points.

With that, we can call it a month and wait for the next round of the quiz and other activities which would bring with them excitement and fun. This is Goodbye from the co-curricular desk.

— Cdt Sec Cdr P Nitin
Class VA

Academics

After all, it all comes back to academics. All fun time and joyful reminiscences disappear under the looming dark dreary threat of examinations. The cadets have just weathered the Assimilations and the mood has started rising again. However this does not prevent us from going over the performance of the cadets during the last term and giving credit wherever it is due.

In the XIIth standard exams last term—Cadet Suraj Kishore of Shivaji Section topped with 86.75%. All the passing out cadets managed to secure above 70% thus bringing about a good overall result.

In the Xth standard examinations cadet Amit Jain again of Shivaji stood first with 80%. This class also had a good result with all the cadets managing to secure a respectable first division.

The remaining Toppers or Medhavis (as termed here) of last term are as follows :—

Class I	— Cadet Somaditya Chakraborty	(R)
Class IA	— Cadet Shailender Singh	(S)
Class II	— Cadet Rohit Kapil	(R)
Class IIA	— Cadet Vivek Mittal	(S)
Class III	— Cadet Anup Kumar	(S)
Class IIIA	— Cadet Amit Jain	(S)
Class IV	— Cadet SS Singh	(R)
Class IVA	— Cadet NCO KS Chaddha	(P)
Class V	— Cadet Sec Com. P Nitin	(C)

We congratulate all of them and also all the cadets of the Xth and XIIth for their achievement.

Last term much ado was made about a set of golden, silver and bronze feathers to be presented to proficient students for good showing in academics. This was meant to boost interest in academics. We hope that the authorities have not gone back on their words as there is no sign of them.

The NDA written results came of a surprise to the cadets a few week ago. 23 out of 26 got through to provide a respectable result. They will soon be getting on to their preparations for the SSB. These results have jolted Class V out of hibernation and they are down to serious studies.

In the Inter Section Education Cup Shivaji emerged a clear victor with 651 points.

The next time this column is filled in the cadets will be facing the ominous threat of the second assimilations. The break in between which includes the Re-union will indeed provide us with a welcome respite.

—Cdt NCO Vinod Mathews

An Encounter

The College wore a lovely look like a pearl which has been freshly washed. The cadets in high spirits were seen all around moving with vigour and enthusiasm.

The newly appointed appointments (mostly of Class V) are very eager and *anxious*, for on that day they are to be tabbed. As usual they came with their long hair, but then came an order from the AO like a thunderbolt to have a proper haircut.

Two adventures set out early in the morning braving the cold January breeze to Garhi bazar shop. It was only fun and laughter as they proceeded unsuspectingly towards their destination. And LO! they found the shop closed and with down trodden faces were trodding back to the College.

A distant figure with a trackbottom and a private sweater with a big scarf around his neck (heavily

clothed as if he was in Siberia) was approaching them. One of the adventures had even passed a comment on the person. The heavy looking personality (heavily clothed) approaches the boys and asks them "What are you doing here"? The boys taken aback by this, are surprised to find a stranger coming and asking so boldly about their whereabouts. The stranger takes the boys for a run and talks on various subjects related to the College with them. In the due course of their journey light dawns on the two adventures and they realise that he is their new Comdt !! As they come to the Main gate, he quietly tells them to go and report to the AO about the incident. This took them by storm but they just prayed to God and hoped for the best (of course prepared for the worst for you are dealing with the Comdt).

Comes the tabbing ceremony and the two aspiring NCO's are eagerly awaiting their fate. The Comdt comes out of his office and scans the faces lined up for tabbing. One could hear the heart beats of the two adventurers. Then the Comdt tells them to come in a semi circle and talks to them. He then mentions about the morning incident and looks at the guilty faces smiling. The two offenders were awaiting their fate. Then comes the thunderbolt !

The Comdt praises them for their bravery and the spirit to take the punishment for they did not take the name of the AO who himself had permitted the cadets to go out and take a hair cut. And also for not pleading with him not to mention about this incident to anyone of the authorities. Oh ! what a sigh of relief ! The storm had passed and the two adventurers had a sigh of relief and were inflated by the new recognition and commendations.

Well, life's like that you think of something and what happens is the otherway round.

—Cdt NCO Ramakrishna

The New Commandant—A Profile

Col Dileep Harischandra Parab joined the Rashtriya Indian Military College in Aug 1958 in Shivaji Section at the tender age of eleven. Before joining RIMC he was in the St Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun. He was excellent in sports, right from the first term itself. He was always a cheerful, active, sincere and disciplined boy as is evident from his section master's and AO's reports.

His section master writes "A hard working and sincere cadet, takes keen interest in his work. I am very pleased with his smart turn out and gentle behaviour".

The then AO writes in his remarks "A cheerful and active cadet who has made an active start in the College. He is well behaved, always well turned out and disciplined. Takes keen interest in sports and shows promise. He represented his section in Football and participated in Doon Olympics for the College team and I am very satisfied with his work".

Throughout his stay in the College he was excellent in games representing his section in swimming, PT, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Basketball, Boxing and squad drill. He was in the College Football, Athletics and Boxing teams. In Clas III-A he set up a new record in high jump at the Doon athletics. He was an appointment in his last two terms.

In his NDA written and SSB he came out 13th in the all India Merit list. He was awarded the Col Houghton Silver Medal for being the second best all rounder. He continued to do well in out door activities in NDA, but was average in academics. In his first term itself he won the boxing tittle. By sheer hardwork he reached a high level in academics by his fourth term. In his fifth term he was made a sergeant and was also awarded the Radhy Akshan Trophy for being the most scientific boxer. He was also awarded a blue. He was finally made a Battalion Cadet Adjt in his final term.

He fared well in IMA too which he joined in June 1966. He was in the academy boxing and football teams and was subsequently made an AUO.

After passing out from IMA he was commissioned in 2/8 GR on the basis of parental claim as his father Col HS Parab was the first Indian officer to command that battalion. When he was in the College itself his father had written to the then AO; Capt Onkar Singh "My dear Onkar, once again thank you for the trouble you have tuyen to build up Dilip's career. Remember he is the 8th Gorkha potential officer". He had finally fulfilled his father's dream. As a young officer he did exceedingly well in all his courses, sports included. Based on his overall performance he was posted as an instructor in the NDA.

He did his staff college in 1980 and was then posted as a brigade major. His other assignments have been as an AMS and Col MS in the MS Branch and as a Col co-ord in the Officers Traning Academy before he took over as our Commandant.

Thus, as all of us have seen, Col Parab has shown us that it is possible to rise through sheer hardwork and dedication. Due to his dogged determination he has gradually reached the top. He is famous for his Rimcollian 'josh' and affinity and innumerable tales of his going out of his way to help a Rimcollian are known. In the short time we have come to know him, his sincerity is quite apparent. He should be a source of inspiration for all of us. We salute you, O Sir !

— Cdt NCO Vinod Mathews

VISITS

The following officers/parents visited the College during Oct 90 to Feb 91 :—

SNo	Date of visit	Name of visitors	Location/Units
1	01 Oct 90	Maj Gen Ashok Mehta	GOC 57 Inf Div
2	02 Oct 90	Col IC Massey	MS-7 Army HQ
3	07 Oct 90	John Mery Jehu Widow of Brig IVOR JEHU	England
4	07 Oct 90	Mr D Ghosh F/O Cdt AB Ghosh	Rampur (UP)
5	07 Oct 90	Mrs Renu Kochhar	
6	10 Oct 90	Maj PS Gurung (Retd) 9 GR	Himalayan Endeavours Pvt Ltd, Siliguri
7	15 Oct 90	Mr DN Kapoor F/O Cdt Sumit Kapoor	Modinagar (UP)

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8	15 Oct 90	Brig VB Batra	Cdr 33 Arty Bde
9	17 Oct 90	Brig JRK Bhattacharji	HQ 6 Mtn Arty Bde
10	17 Oct 90	Col SPS Dhillon	311 Field Regiment
11	20 Oct 90	Maj JS Sidhu	HQ 3 Corps, EME
12	20 Oct 90	Mrs Paramjit Sidhu	
13	21 Oct 90	Mr JP Ahlawat	Panchkula,
14	21 Oct 90	Mrs Raj Kadian	Chandigarh
15	21 Oct 90	Mr GC Bahuguna	Batagungpur
		Vice President, PROD	
16	21 Oct 90	Maj Gen MM Rai (Retd)	New Delhi
17	21 Oct 90	Mrs Lekhu Rai	New Delhi
18	25 Oct 90	Maj SK Makin	OLF, Raipur
19	07 Nov 90	Maj Gen RD Rudra (Retd)	25, Kalidas Road, Dehra Dun
20	17 Nov 90	Mrs Anuradha Dasgupta	Calcutta
		M/O Cdt Angshuman	
21	18 Nov 90	Flt Lt Atanu Guru	125(H) Sqn AF
22	18 Nov 90	Shri Sutanu Guru	Times of India, New Delhi
23	29 Nov 90	Mr MC Pathar, Director	Ghaziabad
		RUDSET Institute	
24	01 Dec 90	Mr Parmanand Prasad	Patna
		F/O Cdt Ravi Shankar	
25	05 Dec 90	Mr Baljitsingh Chhikara	New Delhi
		F/O Cdt Pramod Kumar Chhikara	
26	07 Dec 90	Shomie Das	Doon School
27	11 Dec 90	Maj Gen Surjit Singh	Addl DGMT (B)
28	15 Dec 90	Lt Gen VK Tiwari	DG AFMS, Min of Def
			New Delhi
29	25 Jan 91	Mr SS Godara F/O	Haryana
		Cdt Vikas Godara	
30	25 Jan 91	Shri SD Sharma Guardian of	Dehra Dun
		Cdt Vivek Moodgil	
31	25 Jan 91	Lt Col Din Dayal	Army HQ New Delhi
		F/O Cdt Nitin	
32	25 Jan 91	Lt Col CN Tembe	
		F/O Cdt Abhijeet	
33	00 Feb 91	Maj Gen MM Veama	GOC UP Area, Bareilly

"The Gulf Crisis"

In the South-West
Where the Arabs rest
lies the richest gulf
but it did engulf
as the deserts oasis
Soaked in the crisis
was being led by a spark
towards the foreseen dark.
President Saddam wanted
to take for granted
the neighbouring Kuwait
setting up a filthy trait
for Baghdad;
also threatened King Fahad
but on the faintest clue
Bush came to his rescue
with his crew
in the midst of dew.

On the other hand
the Russian band
went on to toot
but supported the loot.
Gorbachev's loose loop
has him in thick soup
for he beat about the bush
whereas George Bush
grandly played his role
as he found the loop hole.
In spite of UNO's efforts
the introverts
did not even blink
and carried on to drink
to themselves, their feat,
unaware of the defeat;
But after forty days of war
there is no open bar.

—Cadt NCO Praveen Bhal

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Editorial

This issue has an embarrassment of riches and exclusive ground breaking stories. The autumn term began with extensive planning for an investigative report on the last term's SSB debacle and with some rectifications, the cadets of Class VA are optimistic of their chances. Our team fanned out in several directions. Senior correspondent Mohd Faisal went with the College teams to cover the sports section. Correspondent Satyam has covered the co-curricular activities and other cadets have contributed to give the finishing touches to this issue.

21 mischievous new faces have joined the elite Rimcol club. We also had new masters joining our faculty. They are Capt S. Srivastava (Ex-Chandragupta) - Physics department, Mr YK Singh - Mathematics department, Miss Sunita Diwan-Chemistry department, Mr Saukat Ali- English Department, Mr Shakeel Mohammed-English department, Mr Vineet Kumar- Biology department. We also had Maj Juneja (Ex-Chandragupta) who was here to acquaint Class VA cadets with, as to what S.S.B. is.

The College teams, both football and basketball, are sweating it out in the fields and courts respectively and the results themselves show as to what the teams are made up of (see inside for details).

With introduction of aero-modelling and rifle shooting in full form, the co-curricular activities have got a new look and are now being taken seriously by the cadets.

Horse riding has been re-introduced in RIMC, as a hobby after a gap of many years. Cadets of Class IV of each term will be the lucky ones to go to IMA for horse riding.

The Commandant has worked out a new plan and is experimenting it this term. He has proposed to have all the appointments from VA, thus relieving Class V of their responsibilities, except for the Section Quarter Masters.

To add to the joy of the cadets and pride of the college, the Hunter Aircraft was installed in the college. It will be officially presented to the college by the Air Chief Marshall on 27th September.

With the first month having gone so well, and the college achieving so much in this short period, we are all set to have a glorious and a memorable term.

All's well that ends well. We hope the readers will feel the same sense of excitement we experienced in putting this issue together.

- Cadet Pawan Choudhary

PRATAP SECTION GOSSIP

The college reopened on 31st July and we Panthers were looking forward for this term, as it has always proved lucky for us, especially in terms of sports. We have high hopes of winning the X-country shield and the football cup and are sure of becoming the athletic champions for the fourth time in a row.

The term started by presenting a very grave problem to the cadets of Pratap Section. Reason - there was no electrical supply to the Section Commander's room and we had a tough time trying to locate our Section Commander.

Dua, the ace X-country runner, is on a shamming spree nowadays. May be he is following the footsteps of his idol. Said Aovita Vijender, this crazy Bihari Babua has some simple needs, which if fulfilled he is the happiest man on earth. His needs sleep, a big glass of tea (thrice a day) and tea-shares.

Bathla and Lalit are at last facing the sorrows of separation. Bathla has got new kids to look after and so he is temporarily happy. We all are sorry for Lalit, but all of us have the same piece of advice for him. After sorrow comes happiness.

Teddy is trying for the Mr RIMC title and one can see him working away for hours on the bullworker in the SB Gymnasium. Ardhaman has got into the good books of the Commandant, but not into the good books of the cadets. It is as if he has left all his things, except his black baggies, at home and the section is having a tough time trying to manage things for him.

Chaddha at last has got promotion - from SQM to CQM. The job is not new to him and one can see a touch of a professional in whatever he does.

With these above stalwarts to lead and guide our section from the front, we panthers, are all set to win and break records in the forthcoming championships.

- The Inside Eye

RANJIT SECTION GOSSIP

A new term and bright faces emerged in the section. The toughies are commanded by 'Somu' who is very capable. The Class VA cadets are preparing well for their S.S.B.

With many activities the section was very busy preparing hard for it. The first competition was cross-country in which the Jr Roberts gave a scintillating performance bagging the first position. But unfortunately their senior brothers could not perform well. The 'Josh' however had not died out and the section stood a respectable third restoring its lost colour. Then came swimming. With an epidemic of viral fever soon spreading in the college there were 'rumours' about swimming competitions not being held. But the Commandant all of a sudden changed his ideas. A bright light of hope stood ahead. The stalwarts began putting in their hard work even though there were only a couple of days for the competition to commence. But there were no doubts of our emerging as winners. We are undefeatable. Ramu and Kapil bagged the 'best swimmer' awards to no surprise of their team mates.

So the section is still standing out impressive with three cups in its name. Hoping for more cups of luck coming our way.

- The 'Invisible Eye'

SHIVAJI SECTION GOSSIP

The hike fever was quite rampant in the first month, especially among the Shivajians. They were the leaders in all hikes. Many of them had amusing anecdotes to narrate. We heard them talking about man-eater elephants - elephants which eat man. And then there was almost an all-Shivajian hike by some cadets to Mal Devta. The highlights included a Vikram as their mode of transport and a late night puppet show.

Wait on for the next edition of this column. Till then Goodbye! And happy gossiping.

- The Key Hole Eye

CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION GOSSIP

The term has begun and everyone is back on his good old tracks. Mr Cool is at the apex of the chain of seniority. His OG ideas have sprung back into action. The next one is the Jat. Presently he's taking a lot of pains in setting Dorm test papers. But when it comes to invigilation he requires to pay a bit more of attention. Podo isn't far behind with his trips to the telephone booth picturing a significant increase. Oh ! you mean the lad from Tatanagar. How can one sideline him. A great patron of Nautanki - this man, I hear, is having plans to altogether renovate "New Rajkamal" theatre. The last one is on a dieting spree. But chances of slimming appear to be meek. Having motivated the section to win the Cross-Country shield the present rulers appear to be a determined lot and one can hear the whisper of their hearts. It goes like this:

"The woods are lovely dark and deep.

But I've promises to keep. And miles to go before I sleep",

– Private Eye

CO-CURRICULAR ROUND-UP

Our last term was a rich period in terms of co-curricular activities. This term too started with a boom - and a drizzle of Debate accompanied by showers of Quiz interrupted by lightning of other hobbies and activities greeted us. It was all a pre-planned activity-Yes ! I am talking about the Inter-Section Hindi Debate. The topic was

(Seniors)

(Juniors)

Each and every section prepared their speakers whose names were known but whose speeches were top secret, revealed only on the debate day. The Juniors position was bagged by Cadet Saurabh Gupta of Shivaji Section and seniors section 1st prize was bagged by Cadet Anshuman Narang of Class IV Ranjit Section. In each section i.e. juniors and seniors, Chandragupta Section bagged the second prize. In juniors Cadet Satyam Sahu and in seniors Cadet K.V. Singh, both from Chandragupta, came second respectively.

The award for being best verbal fighter, rebutter went to Cadet Gaurav Mishra of Pratap Section. By the valour of his tongue he inflicted shattering blows on the intelligence of the speakers who lost their balance to continue further. On 22nd of August we participated in a Hindi debate held at Cambrian Hall. Cadet Anshuman Narang and KV Singh represented our school there. There too the Rimcols left an indelible imprint on everyone's mind and performed a very good and commendable job. There the topic was the same as the senior's topic in our school. 29th August was again a memorable day because on this day our Debating Knights

1. D Ramanand
2. S Jyoti
3. A Narang
4. M Faisal

left for Pilani. They returned on 2nd of September after doing an impressive job there. Our college was ranked 7th among all schools. About 44 speakers from 22 different schools participated here. Besides when the others were busy in other activities Class IV mostly sauced their way through and had horse riding hobby on their name. Rifle shooting also came up successfully this term and it is functioning well. Aeromodelling hobby is also good, going under good care. The end of this month witnessed a Debate at Children's Academy where Cadet Parul Joy and Cdt RR Singh participated. Cdt RR Singh did extremely well but to his bad luck or it was his hard luck to say that he landed up second among the participants who won consolation prizes. They really did a commendable job.

I close the co-curricular round-up chapter with hopes that the spirit, which has set it's roots among the cadets to leave a mark in this field too, shall remain sky high and they shall allow their abilities to reach out far and thus keep themselves much above the ordinary.

– By Cadet Satyam Sahu
Class II

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Come the autumn term, come the soccer fever and although the hysteria Italia 90 had thrown the college into has cooled down it hasn't died out. The college can, with aplomb, boast of a team well equipped with sublime skills and topping technique to set the football ground on fire.

Though the term began with a 4-3 defeat of the team at the hands of the staff, it was nowise an indicator of the team's poor form. The man of the match, undoubtedly, was the Adm Officer Lt Col BK Sinha, who made it an alluring show by netting all four goals. But it was on 17th Aug that the college came vis-a-vis a team of their genre. RIMC took on a wishy-washy Cambrian Hall only to trounce them 9-0. From then on the footballers haven't looked back.

We have added to our records a glorious triumph over Col Brown's, two exquisitely repulsed draws against Doon School and a promiscuously played draw against Cambrian Hall.

On 22nd as well as 24th Aug we showed Doon School that we are not a vigourless lot by playing charismatic football and although held 2-2 and 1-1 in our and their ground respectively, we nearly had walked off with a 2-1 victory in the first match. In a return match against Cambrian Hall, the team relaxed the whole 1 hour in the field. No wonder Cambrian Hall managed to draw 1-1. Nevertheless, against Col Browns it was a fairy tale. We pipped them to the post by a score of 8-0. For Devjeet Basu, the protagonist of the match, it was memorable day for he went on to score five cherishable goals. A thing of beauty is a joy forever. Well, it may or may not be but the beauty of Devjeet's game surely is a joy forever, which makes him indomitable in the field.

While seniors are on a winning spree, juniors cannot just sit and watch. They are busy proving their ability with the ball and have won where even seniors haven't. They began on a creditable note beating Doon School by a solitary goal and went on defeating Col Browns 2-0 and 3-0 in two different matches and although the Welham Boys held them to a goalless draw, they are all set to win the next match against anyone. They may not be teeming down on the opponents by scoring large numbers of goals but they are a motivated bunch with the desire for exposure and the will to conquer.

And then, to be left without a mention, there was our staff team, keeping their flag high by winning over Doon School once again, this time by a solitary goal which came from the 'Pele of Staff' Hav K.K.Rai.

Be it winter term or autumn, basketball is a game of all seasons and the basketballers haven't been sweating for nothing. There has been a conspicuous improvement in the standard of the team. Never mind we lost to Doon School and lost by a big margin (72-36), the impetuosity, the vivacity and the will to fight was evident throughout the match. Let's take it, Doon School is a well-balanced team. But we didn't make compromises against the other team viz, Cambrian Hall. Amidst the acrimony and jeers, we won on their grounds in a nail biting tussle. The scoreboard read 40-34. It is surely the result of the confidence which stems from the victory achieved early in the term over the staff by a score of 35-27. The hard work they are putting in, augurs favourably for the team. Whether the change comes about or not, shall be seen in a tournament they are likely to play in near future.

While the college football & basketball teams were busy with their respective game, the cadets, section-wise, were engaged in a more tedious affair. Cross-country, the sport of 'josh', scheduled for 28th August was postponed to 1st of September and when the day came the cadets gave out their best, not for money, not for glory but as a whole for section. But then there can be only one champion and that was Chandragupta followed by Shivaji, Ranjit & Pratap. Individual honours were grabbed by Mandeep Singh & RK Pathak of Chandragupta Section (1st & IInd in juniors respectively) and in seniors by Harminder Singh of Shivaji (1st) & S Supradeepan of Pratap (IInd). Overall it was good and enthusiastic show.

Taking an overall review of the first month, we find a praiseworthy record with us of games field and with youngsters getting inspired to set higher goals we can expect lot of fire works in the coming month. Cadets want to win where they have lost and win again where they have already done so, that is to say to do better than ever before and, anyway, don't forget, sky is the limit.

FLASH: On 7th of Sep, College football team (juniors) defeated Welham Boys 2-1. Both the goals were scored by Devjeet Basu. On 9th of September College basketball team defeated Col Browns 76-28. The highest scorer was Cadet Pramod (17 baskets). On the same day our staff lost to their Doon School counterparts 1-2. Hav Rai scored the only goal for us.

– By Cadet Mohd Faisal
Class IV A

INTER-SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION - 1991

'Come along.....Up,up.....,high up....., joshi-joshi.....' Confusion, bedlam, cacophony blah, blah, blah. The applaud, the cheers were at their motivated best. The Inter-Section Swimming Competitions 1991 had begun. Swimming - the word itself is so soothing in the scorching heat of an August afternoon. It is surely the most loved, most desperately awaited sport in RIMC and inspite of getting barely a week to prepare, the cadets were pumped with high spirits for the competitions. Swimming competitions - the thrill, the extravaganza the bonhomie of this competition is inexplicable. This year the competitions were scheduled for 6th and 7th of September and inspite of fast spreading viral fever trying to balk it's way, it was conducted successfully. The day had come and the enthusiasm and the razzle-dazzle was evident among all the cadets.

The first day's events included heats for all divisions of all events and the finals of 4x30 yards medley relay ('B'Div)& 60 yards freestyle ('C' Div). From the very beginning we had Vishal Mann & Ashish Sunder dominating the 'A' Div & Rahul Man & D Ramanand leading in 'B' Div. But it wasn't a smooth sailing all the way. At the end of the day, we had lot of surprises and upsets in store. One of them was Kapil Bhatia, emerging from nowhere, making it to the final of 30 yards backstroke ('C' Div) and the other was Shvsnath moving all the way to the final of 60 yards freestyle ('C' Div) and, unexpectedly, grabbing the third position. Then there were Vishal & Ashish, who alongwith their domination in 'A' Div, hogged the limelight in 'B' & 'C' Div too by qualifying for all the finals. But the most surprising event of the day was 60 yards freestyle ('C' Div) in which Amit Dhami gave all he had to beat the favourite, Kapil Rana clocking 38 seconds. One of the major upsets included the failure of Lokesh Kandpal, the best swimmer in his category for 1989, to qualify for the final. He said that it was due to lack of practise and probably the improvement in the stand-ards of other swimmers. In spite of competitive rivalries, the most attractive event was the 60 yards freestyle ('C' Div) heats in which Nagendra Rawat failed to complete the second stretch. He blamed it on the back ache which has been troubling him for three days. The day ended with Pratap having sent 12 finalists, Ranjit & Shivaji 10 finalists whereas Chandragupta had none. The points tally read P-5, R-15, S-6, C-4. Alongwith others, AJS Jauhal & Jitendra Singh were also outstanding.

'Jyoti.....Jyoti.....' the second & the final day began with cheers for the fastest Pratapians in 'B' Div. Prior to the events, all swimming captains expressed hopes for winning the cup, even the nearly overthrown Chandragupta. The individual stars were also pretty optimistic and full of vigour. The events began and the positions were becoming more and more vivid with the passing of each event. Vishal Mann, Dhiraj Ramanand and Kapil Rana were moving ahead of their rivals in their respective divisions. But an unusual incident happened in the fifth event of the day (30 yards breast-stroke 'A' Div when Anirundha Choudhary went all the way to the end while all his counterparts were stopped for a foul start. Anyway he did well to pick up the third position. Then there was Amit Dhami, the controversial swimmer, who had three officials watching him because he did butterfly in an un-prescribed manner. But even with six eyes strictly on him, he went on to grab the second position. But when the two relays, the last two events, were to begin, Vishal Mann, Dhiraj Ramanand and Kapil Rana had made a clean sweep in their divisions. When the 'A' Div relay began. Pratap and Ranjit were very close but still Ranjit's chances were bright. The relay brought life back into the Pratapians as they went on to win both 'A' and 'C' Division. But Ranjitians were least concerned as they had already reached the top and were just waiting for the prize distribution to lift up the cup for seventh successive year. Vishal, Dhiraj and Kapil walked off with the best swimmer's title in A,B and C Divisions respectively.

As usual the end brought delight for some and sorrow for others; some were victorious others defeated; there were gloomy faces, there were glistening faces. While Dhiraj and Kapil attributed their success to the Sections support, Rahul blamed loss of rhythm for his defeat. Vishal and Ashish were full of joy because of their praiseworthy performance in senior divisions too. The final points tally read R-56, P-50, S-37 & C-8. Five cadets-Kapil, Amit, Dhiraj, Vishal and Ashish were proud winners of the merit cards.

Whatever may be the case, every event saw all the swimmers giving out their best. The underdogs as well as the favourites, battling it out to reach before the other person. The will to conquer, the desire to reach to top was present throughout. Now isn't that what a sport is all about!

- By Cadet Mohd Faisal
Class IV A

THEY SAY

"Considering the amount of practise they got, the standard was exceptionally good."

- The Commandant, on the standard of swimming.

"This pool is very dangerous. We shall resume only after the new pool is constructed."

- The Commandant on being asked whether diving is stopped forever or only for the meantime.

"The A Div was the most impressive of all."

- The Administrative Officer,

"If an obstacle race or something is introduced, it shall make it more exciting."

- Capt Gajendra Prasad, giving an idea to add more fun to the swimming competitions.

"The C Div was very poor."

- Capt JPR Ismail, comparing the standards to his time.

"No comments."

- Capt Gajendra Prasad on his section's performance.

- Compiled by Cdt Mohd Faisal, IVA
Cdt Pawan IIIA

(A) CROSS - COUNTRY IN VOGUE

The heat is on in Pratap Section. As the strong summer rolls on the trees and leaves outside, the Panthers boil up with ideas. Yes - The runaway ideas! After maintaining a clean state for many a years, the runaway loo whirls in the dormitories of Pratap Section. Within a month of this August term, one fine night, we the Panthers, miss Cadet P from the dinner table. Cadet P went down as far as Bihar carrying the RIMC torch and hiding himself in bathrooms, under the bunkers and changing compartments too often, lest he get caught by the dreaded Ticket Collectors. Cadet P's 'Run for Fun' came to an end after 20 days.

The next case came up just two days after the Cross-Country Competitions. Cadet R belonging to the same dormitory tried to compensate for his poor performance in the recent cross country competitions. And that too in style - The famous RK style - hanging a bag on his shoulders and singing 'Awara Hoon', he went out through the back gate. Ironically, Commandant's famous sentence 'Work it Out' fell of deaf ears and the Panther on the run was trapped near Narendranagar.

This adventurous sport has caught up with junior cadets and has come to light at a time when the college is becoming liberal day by day thereby making it a 'good place to live in'.

The fault, rather the weakness, lies in the thinking of the cadets who fail to grasp the positive sides of such an organisation. For years together we have functioned and all without much of this and now, we are living in a much better, much freer atmosphere.

This is not just another article of the Chronicle, it is a message - a message to those who are in the darkness of negative thinking. If this message changes the pre-concieved thoughts of even one of those unique cadets who take their own routes, the aim of writing this article shall be achieved.

— Cadet Devjeet
Class III-A

LONESOME

The pond, lonesome, lay alone
none to care, to love;
amongst the greenest wild,
where persist salutes but for mild.
Lonesome in blue as ever,
the green grows yellow,
the soil, thirsty, pleads
in anger, the sun bleeds.
The eyes, perplexed and yellow
into the blue, they look,
to find themselves green,
merely an illusion of screen,
Bliss in blue as ever,
the wild grows green,
the soil turns fertile,
the sun no more volatile.
The pond, lonesome, lay alone
none to care, to love;
A deserted child,
amongst the greenest wild.

VISITS

The following officers/parents visited the College during May to Aug 91:-

Date of visit	Name of visitors	Location/Units
20 Jun 91	Maj Gen Surendar Kumar	ADGMT (B) Army HQ
17 Jul 91	Col Prakash Singh	Co 7/8 GR
02 Aug 91	Ex-Capt S Indarjit Singh F/O Cadet Aameek Singh	Sr Supdt of Police Srinagar (J&K)
19 Aug 91	Brig PN Kaul	Brig (PCT) Army HQ
22 Aug 91	Shri Dig Vijai Singh (Rimcollian)	Dehra Dun
18 Sep 91	Lt Gen (Dr) ML Chibber PVSM, AVSM (Retd)	New Delhi
27 Sep 91	Air Chief Marshal NC Suri, PVSM, AVSM VM,ADC	CAS
27 Sep 91	Brig JK Chadda	Dy Dir Gen ML(C) Army HQ

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