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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

We are back here after a refreshing and enjoyable winter vacation. The August term ended with a happy note after a successful and colourful cultural evening accompanying the Graduation ceremony. Moreover, a lot of activities were also organised for cadets at the end of the term.

After the mountaineering expedition, a second expedition was set off as a part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It was a Camel Safari under Maj Nanda, from Bikaner to Gajner via Deshnokh covering a distance of almost 167 km on camels. Not failing the traditions, many cadets went for mountaineering courses to the NIM and HMI. Due to the large response received last time, two Naval Courses were also organized this time. The college football team participated in the LIMCA SOCCER tournament, and reached the quarter final stage.

Our academic faculty has been expanded with the addition of three new masters- Lt A K Tyagi, AEC, Mrs A Vohra and Miss S Kothiyal. The beginning of the term has been jampacked with activities like Basketball, English Debate, Squash, Table Tennis opens and of course, the prestigious Boxing. The college Cricket division has taken a good start by defeating NIIT boys and so has the Hockey division by defeating the staff and class IV employees.

Watch out for the forthcoming edition of the college magazine. We will be back with more news in the next edition of the Chronicle.

- Sumantha Roy
Saurav Kar

RIMC CAMEL SAFARI EXPEDITION

The RIMC Camel Safari Expedition or 'Operation Desert Jaunt' as it was called was part of the RIMC Platinum Jubilee Celebration. For the successful commencement of this expedition Rs. 14500 was sanctioned from the army adventure cell. A lot of hard work was put in by the Administration as a result of which on Nov. 27th, a team of 20 cadets under Maj Shailesh Nanda left for the expedition.

We arrived at Bikaner on 29th morning and were glad to see the excellent arrangements made by the 222 Med Regt.

We had a two day familiarization on the camels which was tough on our backs; and on 1st Dec we were flagged off by Maj Gen H C Ganguli GOC, 24 Inf Div and his wife in the presence of a number of senior officers and excited students of nearby schools.

We were to follow a triangular route from Bikaner to Deshnokh, to Gajner and back to Bikaner, covering a total distance of 167 kms. We had Maj S P Singh accompanying us who has been on numerous Safaris.

We completed the distance in three days which according to everyone was a big feat in itself. We were given wide Press and TV coverage and were excited about the whole trip.

We saw a lot of old monuments, had campfires in the evenings and got the feel of sands. It was a thrilling experience, very informative, a lot of fun and tough riding, all at the same time.

When we all left for our homes on the 4th Dec, we were in high spirits and happy to have been a part of such a joyful expedition.

Here, we are indeed most grateful to our 'Old boy' Lt Gen H M Khanna, AVSM, GOC 12 Crops who was instrumental in arranging the camels for the expedition through the BSF. We are also grateful to Maj Gen H C Ganguli, GOC 24, Inf Div and his wife for all the help, guidance and encouragement given to us.

- Digvijay Singh

LIMCA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The much awaited call for the Limca Tournament came at the end of the Aug term 94. The tournament was scheduled from 23rd November to 3rd of December. So we left for Delhi by the Mussoorie Express on 21st night. We were accommodated at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. We were to play the match the next day. So at night we sat along with our coach and discussed strategies for the match.

Next day at 15.30 hours, our match started at the Modern School, Barakhamba Road, against Chotulal Memorial School, Sonapat.

Though our team played well, we couldn't match our opponents and lost 3-0. We were out of the tournament now and had to play another match two day later to qualify for the next year's Limca Tournament.

On the first of December, we reached the Modern School to play our last match against Government School, Motibagh. We started off with a good header from Rahul Pathania getting us 1-0 lead.

It was soon followed by another fascinating goal again by Rahul Pathania. In this way the first half ended with RIMC leading 2-0.

The same trend continued till most part of the second half as well. But in the last fifteen minutes, our defence was under pressure and two continuous goals were scored. Thus within a span of 10 minutes, the opponents equalized and the match ended in a draw.

In this way the tournament ended and from there itself we dispersed off to our homes.

- Cdt Avnish Mallik
Cdt Kranti Kumar

Sports Round-up

CADETS VS STAFF CRICKET MATCH

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The nice weather favoured the match. The staff team under Col D H Parab won the toss and elected to field. The cadet team was led by Cdt Rajneesh Giri. The college team started very well but the near hat trick by Capt Shivender caused a debacle for the college batting lineup. Their innings finished at 110 for 9 in 25 overs, the highlights being an unbeaten knock of 46 by Cdt Saurabh Chopra and a spirited batting by Cdt Ratnesh.

The staff side met an early setback with the loss of four quick wickets. The staff team seemed enmeshed but the excellent batting by Capt Sandeep gave the staff side new hopes. Capt Sandeep also got out and then the excellent batting by Col D H Parab and Maj Nanda led the staff side to the gateway of victory. They won by one wicket.

Though the college team could not perform so well yet the match made them aware of their mistakes.

- Cdt Sumeet Bhat

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The cadets were leading the score board till half time with the scores reading 22-34 but in 2nd half the staff made up the score with the help of some tactful play by the Commandant. The match came to a nail-biting finish with the score-board reading 49-50- in favour of the staff.

- Cdt V Moudgil

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c M Salkian
d Mandeep Singh
e Manish Karki
f P Shankar Swaroop
g S Mor
h Shailender Singh

i S Kapila
j Sidharth Chopra
k S K Behara
l T Massey
m Uday Bikram Chowdhari

RESULT OF RIMC SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAM

The following cadets have cleared their Secondary School Examination :-

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| a | V Banta | m | A Thapar |
| b | A S Siwach | n | Siddhartha Sharan |
| c | J S Patial | o | G K Saini |
| d | D Nautiyal | p | K M Nithin Kuttappa |
| e | K Selvam | q | SCR Barman |
| f | Rakesh Kumar | r | Nithin Carriappa |
| g | R Richardson | s | Amol Raina |
| h | Akshey Sher Randeve | t | PPS Mann |
| i | A Pathak | u | Rochak Bakshi |
| j | Ashish Bhattacharaya | v | ASL Sharma |
| k | A Mohapatra | w | Akash Karwal |
| l | Santha Ram Sure | | |

NEWS FROM NDA

The following Rimcollians hold appointments at the NDA in Jan' 95 term :-

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|-----|---|------------------|---|-----|
| 1 | Pramod Kumar Ex.(P) | - | ACC | 4 | J S Negi(R) | - | BCC |
| 2 | Rajnessh Mohan (S) | - | BCC | 5 | K Vijay Singh(C) | - | BCA |
| 3 | Pradeep Singh (P) | - | BCC | 6 | Shakeel Ahmed(R) | - | SCC |

NEWS FROM IMA

Appointments :-

ACA Dinender Singh Kadian Ex (R)
BCA Ashish Vasudeva Ex (S)
BCA Ashish Kashyap Ex (P)
SUO H Duggal Ex (C)
CSM Prem Singh Ex(P)
CSM V Aggarwal Ex(R)
JUO Salil Bisht Ex(S)
JUO Parag Mukherjee Ex (P)

AUO Vardhan Kumar got the Silver Medal in Dec 94.

Blazers :

Salil Bisht(S) Squash
M Grewal (C) Squash

Rohit Teotia(R) Squash

The above three GC's represented Services in the Nationals :-

Blues :

Prem Singh (P) Football
Balraj Gurung(C) Cross Country

Half Blues :

Parag Mukherjee (P) Football

RIMCOLLIAN NEWS

Awards:

Following Rimcollians have been awarded for their distinguished Service :-

PVSM

Lt Gen MM Lakhera (Ex Ranjit)
Lt Gen R N Batra (Ex Pratap)
Lt Gen R K Gulati (Ex Shivaji)

AVSM

Maj Gen HRS Mann (Ex Ranjit)
Maj Gen Vinay Shankar (Ex Ranjit)

VSM

Col Ashok Samantray (Ex Shivaji)

Sena Medal

Col PV Singh (Ex Shivaji)

Promotion:

Following have been approved for Maj Gen
Brig RP Aney(Ex Shivaji)
Brig JS Verma(Ex Shivaji)
Brig AR Raikar (Ex Shivaji)
Brig AR Kumar (Ex Shivaji)
Brig SD Mohanti (Ex Pratap)

Higher Command Course Ser 24

Col SK Singh and Col Gautam Dutt, both (Ex Pratap) have been selected to undergo the Higher Command Course.

Approved for Brigadier

Col RK Sinha(Ex Shivaji)
Col SS Dhillon(Ex Shivaji)
Col KVM Nair(Ex Ranjit)
Col AK Chatterjee (Ex Ranjit)
Col Randhir Singh(Ex Ranjit)
Col HS Gill (Ex Pratap)

We congratulate all the above for their achievements

Maj RSN Singh (Ex Shivaji) has been very helpful in sorting out our problems with the CDA Merrut

Following cadets have joined the Class I RIMC this term :-

Pratap Section

Rawool AK Prakash

Tejas Candade
Makshi Jamir
Jitesh Singh
Anand Subba
Abhishek Goswami
Padi Batt
Abhik Mukherjee

Shivaji Section

Dushyant Chaddha
Rajat Shahi
Satyam Singh
Harsh Vardhan Singh
Sandeep D' Souza
Jagdish Singh Samant
Tribhuvan Shankaram

Ranjit Section

Shailesh Kumar
Bhaskar Shukla
Sandeep Shankar S/o Col N.M. Shankar (R)
Raja Wangdi Sherpa
Amit Umakant Kothawade
Kaushang Shah
C Srinivas

Chandragupta Section

Sushri Chandan Ray
Ankur Kaushal
O Marjit Singh
Ajay Saxena S/o Lt Col M B Sexena (Ex 'C')
M J Sanjeev Kumar
Shakti Singh

Results of the NDA Written Exam, Oct 1994

Pass

a Ex-Cadet GK Shukla
b Sidharth Chopra
c SK Behra
d K Aiyar
e Saurabh Chopra
f ANSN Tyagi
g Parimal Verma
h Rajat Mehta

i Saurabh Batta
 j Amit Kumar
 k Saurabh Sood
 l S Chakraborty
 m K K Giri
 n G S Hamal
 o Rajneesh Giri
 p Ajit Kumar
 q Vijyant Singh
 r Ravi Shankar Prasad

Failed

a H Choubey
 b UB Chowdhury
 c Sumeet Sharma
 d Harpreet Singh
 e Saurabh Gupta
 f Nirvikar Singh
 g Jaspreet Singh
 h Ashutosh Sharma
 i Shantanu Mukerjee

CADETS JOINING NDA JAN 1995

| | | |
|----|------------------|-----|
| 1 | Shravan Kapila | (P) |
| 2 | Tarun Massey | (P) |
| 3 | Saminder Mor | (R) |
| 4 | K Ranjit | (R) |
| 5 | Shankar Swaroop | (R) |
| 6 | Shailender Singh | (S) |
| 7 | Manish Karki | (S) |
| 8 | Mandeep Singh | (S) |
| 9 | M Salkalan | (C) |
| 10 | Abhishek Tiwari | (C) |
| 11 | Sandeep Mishra | (C) |
| 12 | R Shankar | (C) |
| 13 | Deepak Kumar | (C) |
| 14 | Gaurav Bhandari | (R) |

OBITUARY

Mr SP Sharma (Ex Principal)

Mr SP Sharma joined RIMC as a Senior Master in Oct 1949. He taught English, History and Current Affairs. A keen sportsman, he took an active part in sports and played for the School in Hockey and Cricket. Promoted as Section Master, Shivaji Section, in 1952 he took over as Principal from Mr Din Dayal in Feb. 62. During his tenure as Section Master, Shivaji Section were the Champion Section from 1956-62 and during his tenure as The Principal RIMC Cadets topped the NDA All India Merit list from 1962 to 68.

Born at Chandausi in Feb 1911 where he studied upto High School, he completed his graduation and post graduate studies from St Stephen's College, Delhi. His formal training as a teacher was at Banaras Hindu University where he completed his BT. In 1959 he was sent to UK under a British Council sponsorship programme.

After retirement from RIMC in Jul '68, he set up the Shishu Niketan Schools at Mussoorie and Clement Town. He headed this institution till 72 when he took over as the Principal of Guru Ram Rai Public School at Dehra Dun. He finally took his retirement in Dec. 75.

Mr Sharma died at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife Mrs Savitri Sharma, his daughters Mrs Shashi Sharma and Mrs Shobha Kaushal and sons ex-Capt AP Sharma (Pratap) and Mr Manu Sharma (Shivaji). Mourned by all Rimcollians.

RIMC TENNIS OPENS

The RIMC Tennis Opens were held in the Oct/Nov' 94. The Opens started on 16.10.94. It had only one category-Doubles. All those who took part were made partners by drawing lots. There were two pools-Pool A and Pool B. The first semi final was played between Col DH Parab and Rahul Anand vs Capt Shivendra Singh and Nithin Rakeja. Capt Shivendra Singh and Nithin Rakeja won it. The other semi final was played between Rahul Pathania-Sarfraj Singh and Maj S Nanda- SK Behra. Cadets Rahul Pathania and Sarfarz Singh won it. In the finals, again Cdt Rahul Pathania and Sarfraz Singh defeated Capt Shivender Singh and Nithin Rakheja to win the Tennis Opens. All the semi-final and final matches were held on 13th November'94. After the finals, lucky dips were held in which, chocolates, wrist bands and biscuits were given to those who took part in the Opens.

Winners- Cdt R Pathania-Sarfraz Singh
Runners-up- Capt Shivender Singh-Nithin Rakheja
Best Match- Match between Maj S Nanda-SK Behra
and Cdt R Pathania and Sarfraz Singh for qualifying for the finals.

THE WESTERN AND MAHARASHTRA OPEN SQUASH REPORT-94

The Rashtriya Indian Military College sent a team of 10 cadets for the recently held National Squash Tournaments at Bombay. The two tournaments were the ANZ Grindlays Western India Squash Tournament and the Hong Kong Bank Maharashtra Opens.

For the first tournament held at the Cricket Club of India all our draws were very good and proved challenging for all of us. This tournament was from 25th Nov to 2nd Dec.

In the first round everyone got through and all of us were very happy. The competition was very tough especially in the under 16 where 64 participants had entered.

The next round also proved to be easy for us and except for some of the Junior inexperienced players, everyone got through

All of us had very tough matches in the third round. Cdt Nitin Rawat, Cdt. PPS Mann, Cdt A Jayswal & Cdt R Bhattacharya were the only ones who managed to enter the quarter finals after very exciting and nail biting matches in the pre-quarters.

Nitin Rawat played against Parth Doshi, the under-14 first seed and even though Rawat was playing the Nationals for the first time he put up excellent show and stretched Doshi to 4 games.

Cdt PPS Mann and Cdt A Jayswal also put up a very tough fight against their opponents Rajat Khanna and Shondip Ghosh, the third seed and second seed respectively.

Cdt R Bhattacharya was the only one who managed to reach the semi finals defeating fifth seed Arjun Krishnan.

Now Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya met the India number one Deepak Abraham. He fought hard and did not give up till end but Deepak Abraham managed to defeat him.

Thus the first tournament ended with Ritwik Bhattacharya maintaining his position of third seed and A

Jayswal and PPS Mann remaining in the first eight of the under-16 category. Cdt Nitin Rawat also came in the first eight in under-14 category.

We had four days before the next tournament started, and we practiced a lot with the Services team.

The Maharashtra State open started on 4th Dec. This time our draws were slightly better.

Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya was seeded third in the under-16 category and he also got a seeding in the under-19 category.

The first round saw all the Rimcols winning their respective categories. Some of us took part in three categories, i.e. the under-16, under-19 and the Opens.

The competition in this tournament was tougher than the previous tournaments. The second round proved to be unlucky for us and five of us lost out though all put up a very good fight.

Cdt Ricky Raj Parab created a major upset by defeating a very talented opponent Rohan Joneja qualifying for the next round.

PPS Mann, A Jayswal, Nitin Rawat & Ritwik Bhattacharya qualified fairly easily for the next round.

In the pre-quarters again the draws were unfavourable and Ricky Parab met Ritwik Bhattacharya and PPS Mann met A Jayswal.

A Jayswal and R Bhattacharya both qualified for the quarter finals where they played each other.

After a very tough match Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya managed to defeat A Jayswal.

He now entered the semi finals where he played against his arch rival Rajat Khanna. As per statistics, he had lost twice and beaten him once.

This match was very close and could have gone either way. It ended with a nail biting finish where Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya lost to Rajat Khanna.

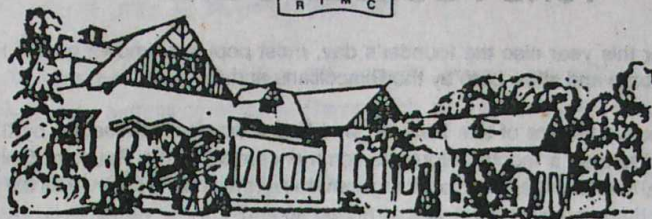
Now as per the Squash Raquets Federation of India(SRFI) Ritwik Bhattacharya, A Jayswal and PPS Mann are seeded 3, 5 and 8 respectively.

Overall the Squash tournaments in Bombay proved to be a very good exposure to the cadets and has improved their game a lot.

BOOK - POST

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Dear Readers,

We welcome you to a new informative edition of the chronicle.

This issue covers the old boys meet and the various events that preceded as well as succeeded it.

In the sports area, the college cricket, football and basketball teams displayed excellent quality of game in the matches they played. The inter section hockey and cricket competitions were very keenly contested and there were many nail-biting finishes.

In the academic field, the cadets studied very hard for their examinations, both NDA and mid-term, while two staff members, Capt. Sandeep Singh (ex-Shivaji, Sword of Honour) and Mr. Shaukat Ali tied their nuptial knots.

The Co-curricular activities like inter school Debating, Elocutions, Story-writing and Quizzing flourished.

A very good news indeed was the award of Army Commander's (Central) Commendation card to seven cadets who formed part of the Kedar Dome mountaineering expedition. The remaining four have been awarded COAS Commendation cards. Another happy news was the performance of our boys in the NIM and the HMI, where all of them were awarded 'A' grading.

With this we bid farewell to you. We hope to be back after the summer vacation with more news.

73RD FOUNDER'S DAY

Like every year this year also the founder's day, most popularly known as the Reunion was celebrated with great pomp and show both by the Rimcollians and Cadets.

The only distinctive feature of this Reunion was that it was not preceeded by the traditional 'Shramdan' which used to start a month before the commencement of the Reunion. Only the cadets involved with the cultural evening seemed to be doing something towards it. However all the preparations were completed in due time and everything was arranged accordingly.

The Rimcollians started arriving on 12th in squads of two or three and from the moment they entered Thimayya gate they had started cracking scotch eggs as we commonly say. And all that came from within. It was certainly not superficial. The quality of these cracks varied from period to period and it was then that I got the concept of 'generation gap' cleared up in my mind. The Rimcollians were given a hearty welcome at the reception near the office where they were forced to pay a sum of Rs. 250 or more depending on the no. of people they had got along. They were offered a cup of tea subsequently which could help them cool down.

In the evening, in the traditional hockey match between old boys and cadets, the cadets team won in the penalty shoot out. Late in the evening the boxing finals were held in the auditorium. Gen V.N. Sharma was the chief guest for this occasion. The so called young Rimcollians i.e, the GC's of IMA and young officers came up with some funny but spirited slogans which motivated the boxers. The cup was won by Ranjit.

As the popular RIMC Slogan goes, "it is not the place but the company which matters" the same held true for the dinner which the cadets enjoyed in the isolated venue i.e. Gymnasium.

On 13th morning after breakfast which was again dominated by scotch eggs everyone moved for the guard of honour which had Brig. Bhagat as the chief guest. This was followed by the wreath-laying ceremony and subsequently the foundation stone of the much awaited RIMC guest house was laid down. The capabilities of the cadets and old boys was put to test again in the traditional cricket match which the cadet's team won quite convincingly. It was very good show by the cadets as the Rimcollian's batted both from inside and outside the field simultaneously and an over extending up to 9 and sometimes even 10 balls. This was followed by a grand lunch which everyone had together in the center-lawn. After two defeats the Old Boys decided to make up for these losses and took on the cadets' basketball team which again they lost.

Evening was the time for the most coveted event of the year i.e the cultural evening. Gen. V.N. Sharma was the chief guest. You all will agree once I say that cadets get emotional once the trophies for various disciplines are awarded. So the cultural programme which followed cheered up everyone. It was a grand show and was quite evident as many people had left their seats and stood next to the wall in order to have clear view of the stage. The day finally ended with a delicious dinner.

On 14th morning the cadets assembled behind the ante room to bid farewell to Rimcollians and in spite of putting in a lot of hard work they could just manage a day off.

To conclude I would like to put up the point that duration of Reunion must be extended by a day so that we get to know more about the Rimcollian, their life style, their likes - dislikes and last but not the least the 'scotch, eggs'

Dipanker Trivedi

INTERSECTION BOXING

The most prestigious cup and the most popular sport in R. I. M. C. is Boxing. The competition commenced on 9th of March and concluded on 12th of March with Ranjit lifting up the cup followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap. Every Section started practicing around a month before. On the first day 16 bouts were held. Some of the interesting bouts were :-

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| (i) Nitin Nayal | - | Ameek Singh. |
| (ii) A.C.Tembe | - | A. Jakhalu |
| (iii) Anand Subha | - | Saurabh Gairola |

On the second day there were 14 bouts. Some of them were:

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| (i) Saurabh Verma | - | Aayush Vaish |
| (ii) S. Nayak | - | A. Bhauguna |
| (iii) H. Panwar | - | Koijam |
| (iv) A. Malik | - | Saurav Dey |

In the bout between S. Verma and A. Vaish, A. Vaish gave a tough fight but at last S. Verma won it.. On the final day 6 bouts were fought. Some fascinating bout of final day were:-

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|------------------|---|--------------|
| (i) A. Tembe | - | S. Kar |
| (ii) H. Panwar | - | Rexon |
| (iii) N. Kuttapa | - | M. Chopra |
| (iv) A. Malik | - | Manish Kumar |

Saurav Kar gave a very tough fight to A. Tembe. But at last decision went in favour of A. Tembe. The most unexpected victory was of A. Malik since Manish Kumar Singh is a good boxer. In this way Boxing Competitions ended. Alongwith the cup, cadets were given other awards like

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Best loser | N. Manjunath |
| Most promising boxer | A. Subha |
| Comdts' special prize | S. Kar |
| Best Boxer | Punar Mann |

by Punar Mann



A REPORT ON SQUAD DRILL

COMPETITION - 1995

Squad drill is an essential factor that goes into the making of an officer apart from academics & sports and is held only in this session. In IMA & NDA and other military academies world over, drill is given a high preference. In RIMC too there is a high preference for drill. And to keep up the standards of drill there is an intersection squad drill competition held every year. This year too this competition was held. This competition is different from all other competitions because in this there is a lot of suspense right till the name of the winner of the 2nd position is announced. The period before this competition is characterised by the monotonous banging & stamping of OP shoes in parade ground or else where at all moments of free time. Cadets practise drill during classes break, after lunch, before roll call, after roll

call, after dinner and of course during IP. inspection parade. This period is also characterised by the heavy sales of OG kit items like belts, beret, OG Trousers, OG shirts, Lanyards and shoes. But many cadets find the short & cheap route out of the crisis: they manage to fill up their deficiencies from 1st termers who generally don't take part in the competition. A few days before the competition, the dhobis too like cadets have a tough time handling the kits because they are involved in cleaning & pressing them. Like every year this year too these characteristics could be observed in the period before squad drill comps. And then finally the day came. By after lunch all arrangements were ready for the competitions to commence. First there was a kit inspection in which all four sections stand and the judges assess your kits. Now this year like always the serial of marching & drill demonstration was Pratap, Ranjit, Shivaji & Chandra Gupta. Pratap entered first with Cdt NCO Ashish Sunder commanding the squad. They marched well but some flaws could be made out in their marching as well as 'banging in' They put up a good show but with a few faults. Next came in Ranjit, the defending Champions with Cdt SecCom Amit Kumar commanding the squad, Ranjit too did well, some aspects of their drill were perfect like the 'bangs' and 'Dhire Chal'. Next to come in was Shivaji the hard contenders and hot favourites. The Shivajian squad was commanded by Cdt Sub NCO D. Trivedi'. The Shivajians as expected were doing well without many faults but in the end it added up to quite a few mistakes though their marching & salutes were just perfect, They lost upon 'Dhirechal' and turns. Last to come in was Chandragupta squad commanded by Cdt. NCO Shantanu. Chandragupta also did put up a good fight but they lacked perfection in places like in the salutes & "DhireChal". After the Chandragupta squad moved out there was a lot of suspense and discussion going on as to who is the winner this year. After the hollow square formation was made in front of the saluting base, a brief introduction was given about the competitions, the cup & the history of the competition in RIMC. Then started the announcement of the section positions. This is a very critical moment and of course a kind of its own. All sections are highly anxious & eager to know if their hard work paid up or not. Ranjit appeared highly crest fallen at this moment. But their spirits rose high as the positions were announced. 4th Pratap 3rd Chandragupta 2nd Shivaji, Ranjit section exploded with great joy & happiness. Their hard work paid up. Sec Com Amit Kumar went forward to receive the trophy from the chief guest of the ceremony, Col DH Parab our commandant. After dispersal of cadets Ranjit section stayed back and took some group Photographs along with staff members and the chief guest. Thus the Squad drill competition for the year 1995 ended. And the day saw Ranjit winning the trophy for the second consecutive time.

By - Thomson Zacharia
Class III

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NIM

Nine cadets of RIMC were nominated for the 100th adventure course, NIM Uttarkashi. The course began on the eve of Christmas and the cadets were still completing their course on the New Year's eve and till 13th of Jan this year. The NIM adventure course was made more enjoyable this time as outings were organised for higher altitudes and went further up starting NIM for our numerous outings rather than coming down like the earlier courses. The course is meant to initiate youngsters into adventure sports and the cadets made the most of it. It was a very exciting and interest arousing time. We really enjoyed our introduction on to the various adventure sports like rock climbing river crossing and trekking to heights upto 10,000 feet. We were also fortunate to experience a live snow fall and slept in our tents with the snow falling outside. It was a very enjoyable, exciting and a time full of adventure and thrill. Hope our college sends more cadets for the course next time onwards.

A. Kadian

AWARD OF GOC-in-C'S COMMENDATION CARDS

The following cadets have been awarded the central Army Commander' Commendation cards. They were part of the successful Mt. Kedardome Expedition team.

- i) Ajit Kumar (C)
- ii) Jaspreet Singh Chahal (C)
- iii) Abhijeet Tembe (R)
- iv) Sonam Bhardwaj (P)
- v) M. K. Singh (P)
- vi) Shivender Singh (P)
- vii) Saurav Verma (R)

These awards are in addition to the 4 COAS Commendation Cards awarded earlier to four other cadets who were successful in reaching the Summit.



MIDTERM HIKES JAN 95

The eagerly awaited midtermbreak arrived and all the cadets left with full enthusiasm for their respective hikes. This time a new hike was introduced which was to Agra and class III A cadets were the lucky ones to go there.

As usual class I (one) left amidst full thrill and excitement for Kanesar with Mr. Ahlawat and Mr. Chaturvedi as the hike masters. They were enraptured by the scenic beauty & the nature's bounty which has been bestowed upon Kanesar by the kind Gods. They spent these days learning many new things like Cooking, Tent -pitching, Trekking and wood-hunting. Commandant too was satisfied by the successful conduct of the hike. Moreover, the cadets also met the Doon school boys of their own class from whom they learnt many things about Doon School.

Class IA went to Patiala hike along with Mr. P.K. Sharma. Their accomodation was arranged at 98 Armoured Bde. They spent their day visiting NIS, where they saw various sports equipment and the Sheesh Mahal, famous monument of Patiala. They also learnt various things about our country's latest defence equipment and its use. They had a nice Tank-Ride, all this at the Div. Battle School. Evenings were generally spent in spend thriftness in the AC Market, which held a great attraction for the cadets due to the glitter & show.

Class II went cycling to Chandigarh along with a 3-Ton and Mr. Yashbeer as the hike master. Chandigarh being a well panned, beautiful and polution-free city. the cadets had everything at hand required to make a hike enjoyable. They enjoyed themsevles visitings places of tourist attraction like Sukhna lake, the Rock garden, the Rose Garden and the Chatbeer Zoo. They enjoyed these outing to the utmost and reminiscence them till today. They also enjoyed an evening spent in the sector -17 marketing complex. They also learnt about the functioning and management of an Airforce Station. They came back playing a mischievous game of hide seek with their hike master on the way.

Class IIA had an excellent hike in Landsdowne where their accomdation was arranged in the War memorial boys hostel. Their hike master, Mr. S. Ali and Ms P. Sangal took them to various places of

interest like the Sadar bazaar, the Tip-n-Top which is an excellent picnic spot, satpury rivers where they enjoyed swimming and the GRRM museum and the officer's mess which is one of the best in the whole of Asia. They were highly impressed by the love & affection shown to them by the boys & girls of the W.M.Hostles They still cherish vivid memories of this excellent hike.

Class III left for the Marchula hike with Mr. Tyagi as the hike master. Marchula was a place of dazzling natural beauty surrounded on three sides by the Jim Corbett National park and open on one side to the majestic Himalayas. The jolly cadets of class III went trekking to the highest point among the nearby hills. Mostly they spent the days fishing swimming & cooking. They also had a nice shopping outing to Ramnagar city. They also had a visit to the Kumaon regimental centre at Ranikhet. They also enjoyed watching the wild-life in Corbett national park. As we have already written, the new feature of the term hikes, the coveted Agra hike was bagged by class III A. They made the most out of it by enjoying themselves admiring various beautiful monuments and brilliant architecture like the Tajmahal, The Agra fort etc. Their accomodation was well furnished. Mrs. Deengar and 2 Lt Tyagi contributed to make the hike a Grand success.

Class IV went to Ranikhet and were accorded a red carpet welcome by the personels of the Kumaon regiment. Mr. Thapliyal was their hike master. They enjoyed a lot under the able guidance of Brig Sinha, a Rimcollian. They learnt the use of the latest guns like SLR and LMG. The cadets were also full of admiration for the well maintained KRC Museum. They also played football & basketball matches with the KRC teams and defeated them. They were highly impressed by the food provided to them by the regiment. The best part of their hike was a short visit to Nainital which they still remember.

Class IV A went for an exciting hike - the Rafting hike. Their basecamp was at Byasi from where after learning basic techniques about rafting they went up to Tehri and their Bhagirathi expedition commenced. During night they stayed on sandy beaches along the river. They rafted down till Devprayag crossing many dangerous rapids. They were also accompanied by Maj. Gen. RPRC Naidu, offg DGMT who also rafted along with the cadets. It was really an interesting & exciting hike.

● ● ● HMI

HMI is situated on the beautiful hills of Darjeeling. Like every year, this year also cadets of our college attended this adventure course of 15 days.

The required items like jungle boots and sacks were issued from the JQM store.

We all assembled at HMI on the 21st Dec 94'. After all formalities, we were given rooms. We all settled down and the next day our day started off with the morning PT The weather was cold, still we bore it. We were all divided in different patrols. Our course director, Dorjee Latoo, an Everester gave us an introduction. We were shown the HMI campus and issued medical and other equipments. We were given lectures on the topics regarding mountaineering and shown movies on HMI itself.

We also had the experience of obstacle course and rock climbing which was exciting and thrilling. Capt. Choudhuri a Rimcollian invited us for dinner in the Officers Mess that day.

The next day we were taken to a place called Yuksom 110Km from HMI by bus, where we stayed in trekkers hut from there we trekked 16 km to a place caled Bakhin(9000ft) where we did rappling which was entirely a new experience for us.

The most exciting activity of this course was the solo night in which we had to spend a night all alone.

We were given light rocks. After spending the night, in the morning all of us had nice stories to tell each other.

From Bakkhim we trekked 10km to a place called Dzungri(14100ft) from there we could get a fascinating view of Kanchenjunga from there we trekked back to Yuksom. From Yuksom we had to trek back to HMI, through Tashiding, Rishi, Singla where we had interpatrol cooking and shelter competitions. We had a river crossing exercise, which was exciting. The last day's route was very rough and tiring, but we managed to reach HMI.

Next day we had interpatrol cross-country and obstacle cross training experiences. With all these experiences our course came to an end and we were all interviewed by the Principal, Col Ajit Dutt,. The next day we had a graduation ceremony and members of the course were given graduating badges followed by tea.

The following cadets attended the course.

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| 1 | Parimal Verma | (P) |
| 2 | A Patnaik | (C) |
| 3 | Ameek Singh | (C) |
| 4 | Joy Mowar | (P) |
| 5 | Shanta Ram Suri | (P) |
| 6 | S.B.Singh | (P) |

By S B Singh
Class II A



INTERSECTION BASKETBALL COMPETITION - 95

The basket ball competitions for the year 1995 commenced on the 20th of February. This year's basketball competition were much awaited, as eyes were set to watch if the previous 9(nine) years champions Shivaji could maintain their hold over the game.

The competition's inaugural match in the seniors division was played between Ranjit and Pratap. This match was a good display of the game's skill. The match was won by Ranjit convincingly.

In the juniors section Shivaji and Chandragupta played the inaugural match. It was a very exciting match and Chandragupta won against Shivaji in a nail biting finish.

The next day Pratap vs Shivaji match in the juniors section took place and was won by Shivaji convincingly. The same day Chandragupta vs Ranjit match in the seniors division took place it was a close match till the half time but then slowly Chandragupta came up and ultimately emerged as the winner.

On the 22nd Shivaji vs Ranjit juniors match took place it was a close match won by Ranjit.

No matches were conducted in the evenings due to the heavy downpour of rain.

23rd being a Thursday had no matches scheduled for the morning. In the evening the Chandragupta vs Staff match took place .

In the evening on the same day Shivaji had a match with the Staff which was won by Shivaji very convincingly.

The final and the concluding match of the Basketball competitions was held on the 25th in the evening between Pratap and Chandragupta & it was a very exciting and thrilling match, Chandragupta won this match thus emerging as the competitions winners.

The intersection Basketball comps. concluded with the final section positions as Chandragupta 1st Shivaji 2nd, Ranjit 3rd and Pratap 4th.

VIVEK MOUDGIL



INTERSECTION HOCKEY

Hockey has been a favourite game with the cadets & this term also the practices for the competitions started soon after the midterm & all sections practised hard. The competition was a keenly contested affair. The competitions started from the 24th April. In the rabbits section the positions were Shivaji & Ranjit -1st, Partap-3rd Chandragupta 4th & thus Shivaji & Ranjit did excellent jobs in procuring the most wanted point/match for their sections. T.S. Tomar (P) was the highest Scorer.

In the Juniors section the positions were:-

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| 1st | - | Shivaji |
| 2nd | - | Chandragupta |
| 3rd | - | Ranjit |
| 4th | - | Pratap |

Cdt. T.T.Zamir(C) was adjudged the highest scorer(5) in the middles section. The matches were keenly contested. Ranjit came 1st followed by Pratap, Shivaji & Chandragupta.

There were 5 highest Scorers

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| 1 | S Bhatt | (P) |
| 2 | S Jugran | (P) |
| 3 | A Pathak | (R) |
| 4 | N Nayak | (S) |
| 5 | D Nautiyal | (S) |

They all scored 2 goals. In seniors sections Pratap made a clean sweep by defeating every section comfortably including staff team. In its final match it defeated its strongest rival C'Gupta 3-1.

D.K.Singh(P) P.Verma (P) and R Giri (C) were adjudged the highest scorers by scoring three goals each. The final position in seniors was

- 1) Pratap
- 2) C'Gupta
- 3) Shivaji
- 4) Ranjit

In the end the score board read 1st Pratap 23pts, 2nd Shivaji 20.5pts, 3rd C'Gupta 18 pts & 4th Ranjit 16.5pts with Pratap section winning the cup. This year standards were high and every section had put in their best and fought spiritedly. This competition was well conducted by organising committee.

- S Mittal
- N Nalhani

AFZAL KHAN MEMORIAL BASKETBALL

This tournament had some good news in store for us as it was not to be played on the knockout round robin league basis and we were to play more than 2 matches if we won a single match out of our 2 pool matches. The teams in our pool were DPS, Mathura road and S.P. Vidyalaya. In the first match we played a hard game and put up a very spirited fight before losing 55-53 to D.P.S eventually. But we didn't lose heart this time and prepared ourselves mentally for the next match, which was with Sardar Patel Vidyalaya. The match was dominated by us from the word 'go' in spite of their display of dogged determination and willingness to fight. We won quite convincingly in the end, the scoreboard reading 55-30 for RIMC We played Woodstock, Mussourie in our next match The last time we had met in courts was in a friendly match and then we had been overawed by their speed and skill but this time we vowed to put up a spirited display and to go down fighting in case we were to lose. We fulfilled our desire by putting up a really nice front and winning the sympathy, admiration and appreciation of one and all who was sitting among the spectators. After this defeat we were to play a last match against Scindia School, Gwalior in a play off for 5th & 6th positions. The match went neck to neck till the end of the first half. The second half was simply dominated by them and we were too obviously outplayed as they effectively checked our scoring rate. Eventually we finished 6th after losing this match and thus this term ended for the basketball division

- Vivek Moudgil
- Anurag Kadian

8TH WELHAM BOYS GOLDEN JUBILEE TOURNAMENT

After the term long-hard and tedious practices the time came for our college basketball team to prove its mettle in the first major tournament which marks the beginning of hot season in the Doon valley. In the inter-school basketball circuit seven teams participated in the tournament viz Welham Boys school A and B teams, Y.P.S.Patiala, RIMC, Vasant Vihar, Doon school, Woodstock Mussoorie and Modern

school. The teams in our pool were Welham B team, Y.P.S.Patiala and Woodstock, who did not turn up in the end due to the tournaments coinciding with their mid-term break. Our first match was with Welham B team. Both the teams played very well and with true sportsmanlike spirit. We dominated the proceedings in the first half and were leading till the last minute infact. But in a heart-rending, nail-bitingly close finish they wiped out the one point deficit byscoring a three-pointer in the last half minute of the match and notched up a victory. Our second match was with Y.P.S.Patiala. The match was again played with a good spirit and saw Y.P.S. winning comfortably by a margin of 23 points. This way the first Tournament ended without any heartening news for our college.

Although our college did not fare so well in the Welham Boys tournament this did not weaken our team's spirits. We were confident of ourselves and sure to put up a better show in the coming Afzal Khan Memorial Tournament

- Anurag Kadian

RIMC QUIZZING

The annual event of the RIMC challenge Round of Quizzing was held for the third consecutive year.

This year it was different from the preceding years in the sense that three outstation teams were participating. These included the Scindia School from Gwalior, Military School, Ajmer and the Bishop Cotton from Shimla. The other teams included the defending champions Doon school, last year's runners-up the Welham Girls and of course the host team.

The preparation had commenced well in advance. The outstation teams arrived on the 17th and 18th. They were provided accomodation in the college campus. Cadets were appointed to look after them. The teams had a good outing in the town as well as a trip to Mussoorie.

On the 19th at 6.30 p.m. the quiz started. The quiz mistresses were Mrs. Chandra Joshi and Mrs. Sujata Deengar. The venue was the Bhagat Hall. The quiz consisted of six rounds-entertaining, inquisitive and exciting. The college team consisting of Amit S Tomar, Sambit Mishra and Vikram Banta was on the lead from the word 'go'. The competition was close between the schools till the 2nd last round. The last round was the buzzer round the fate deciding one. It has always been the most interesting and most crucial one for the quiz. Again it was proved crucial. The college team leading in the previous rounds came to such a position that the last question would have put them at the acme or at the nadir i.e. first or fifth. And lady luck could not force a smile. A half answered question made them go down. The Welham Girls' who even didnot attempt a question in the Buzzer proved the cool winners. As the Commandant said like good girls they let the boys fight and went away with the prize. Military schol Ajmer stood second.

It was an excellent evening. The enjoyable rounds like the display round(an innovative idea) and the enteranting audio-video caption kept the audience in all ears and eyes. The large number of audience questions accompanied with toffees also had the audience alert.

Certainly the quiz was an astounding sucess and the people to be commended for it are the OIC 's of quiz Mrs. Chandra Joshi and Mrs. Sujata Deengar The organisation was flawless and the administration and staff have this word of praise. The quizzing has become extremely popular in the college and has an excellent future for the younger brains. To end, the college team has maintained its losing spree on home ground.

- Sambit Mishra

TABLE TENNIS OPENS

"The table tennis opens" commenced in the first week of February after a long span of time, the officer in-charge being Mr. Yashbir Singh. This was the third time that T.T. Opens were organised in the college, the previous two times being won by M. Jagganath and Lokesh Kandpal. This year, they started off with a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement amongst the cadets. The hot favourites being Mr. Yashbir, D.K. Singh, Nitin Rawat and Abhishek Thapar. The opens were branched into three categories singles, doubles and mixed doubles. But unfortunately, due to shortage of time, doubles could not be held. This time the lady teachers and the staff members also took part. Towards the end of the opens the four contestants left were Mr. Yashbir, Abhishek Thapar, D.K. Singh and Nitin Rawat. According to draw, Abhishek Thapar defeated D.K. Singh and Mr. Yashbir defeated Nitin Rawat. In the finals Abhishek Thapar after a nail-biting finish, unprecedentedly defeated Mr. Yashbir. In the mixed double section too, Abhishek Thapar and Mrs. Dheengar defeated Mr. Yashbir and Mrs. Joshi. The star performances amongst the cadets were from D.K. Singh and Nitin Rawat and amongst the staff members were from Capt. Sandeep, Mr. Yashbir, Mrs. Dheengar and Mrs. Gidh.

Thus the opens came to an end with Abhishek Thapar emerging victorious in singles section as well as in mixed double along with Mrs. Dheengar.

- A.Thapar
Class-IV



THE MOUNTAIN FOLK

As the dark curtains subside,
the bright sun light each thing,,
As the white clouds skim uphill,
The cold birds warm their wings.
The dew on pine and leaves sparkle,
The hay in shed seems gold.
To the mountain roosters calling,
Wake up all, young and old.
The birdlings chirp in nests
And the cattle suckle their calves,
Village girls pick flowers and berries,
Amidst the hearty laughs.
Women folk with sickle and baskets.
Walking to fields, together sing.
The blue sky and the green lands,
Brighten up in mountains in springs.
Village boys gobble in their breakfasts,
For the walk to school faraway,
Village men while away the time,
Under 'Pipal' life can never be grey.
The small tea shop has been there for years

And the old look and darkenss it always
bears.

The small post office
is a fresh new sight,
Only the landlords cottage,
In darkness has lights.
That the life in mountains,
has hardhips - I agree,
But there is aroma of fun,
and happiness of being free,
The village folk strive
In heat cold and rain,
But share joy and laughter
In stress and strain,
Though we may be learned
And they illiterate brains
We still have a lot to learn,
from people of mountains.

- Deepankar Nautiyal
Class-IV

ACADEMIC ROUNDUP

As the stress on academics in college is gradually increasing we find a heartening rise of standard in studies. Last term, the performance of cadets in terminals is worth mentioning as there was a large number of cadets getting gold or silver feathers.

This term the increase in minimum percentage required for award of feathers has resulted in cadets working even harder. The results in mid term exams speak clearly of the hard work being put in by cadets.

The change of routine a week before, i.e beginning of morning and night preps helped the cadets to put up a good performance in midterm exams.

Class-III A has also been given adequate time by organising morning preps and night preps, a month before their boards.

The holding of pre-NDA exams for class-V and the provision of question bank in various subjects shall hopefully help in raising the standard of performance of cadets in NDA entrance examinations.

The cadets weak in studies have been well looked after and compulsory weak cadets classes are being taken by different subject masters since the beginning of the term.

Another event, worth mentioning was the induction of Mr P K Gupta as the Physics master for the junior classes.

With the fast approaching terminal exams, cadets are busy with their routine of morning, evening and night preps working hard to ensure high standards of academic in RIMC.

- Deepankar Nautiyal
Class-IV

BAISAKHI

Religious integrity has been one of the features of RIMC. We now present an account of celebrations of few of the numerous festivals.

Baisakhi was celebrated on 13th of April.

This festival was well planned by the Sikh cadets, well-in-advance and the college celebrated it with the usual joy. On that day, a function was organised at the Gurdwara which was attended by all the cadets and members of the staff. After the function, 'Langar' was served which the cadets relished. As the function at college was over, the Sikh cadets then went to the city. Baisakhi was celebrated with the usual happiness.

HOLI

Holi, one of the most celebrated festivals of India was celebrated this year also with the usual pomp and show on 17th March. That day, on the morning as usual, there was a temple function, The

cadets got their colours which they had ordered for. The celebration began with putting colours on each other. We played Holi as long as the colours in our hands lasted. Cadets also went to teachers houses and greeted them on the happy occasion. After playing Holi, the cadets went out to 'Garhi-Nala' to take the traditional bath. Thus, the college celebrated the colourful festival with great happiness and enjoyment.

ID-UL-FITR

Id-ul-Fitr was celebrated by the college on 7th March. It was a holiday and the cadets went out on leave to nearby Masjid to celebrate the festival. Even in the college itself a function was held in the Mosque where we were told about the festival, its origin and the way of celebration. The priest also explained to the cadets some lines from the holy Quran.



CRICKET MATCH : JUNIOR TEAM vs SENIOR TEAM

As a consequence of the hard thrashing meted out to the 'evergreen' staff 'B' team by Juniors, it was decided that there would be a match between the college Juniors and Seniors teams.

The aim was to see the level of our Juniors and also the reason was the drubbing given to the Wellham's boys by the Seniors team.

The match was scheduled on the 3rd March '95, a Friday, it being a holiday on the occasion of Id-ul-fitr. The umpires were the Comdt. and Mr. Yashbir. The match started at 09.30 hrs.

As decided earlier, the Senior team had to bat first. The Juniors bowling attack was spearheaded by Santharam and Rizwan. Their opening spell had the Seniors tied up in knots, and at one stage only 9 runs were scored in 6 overs. The opening batsman Avnish Mallick was soon leg before and the important wicket of D.K. Singh also fell soon. This put the morale of the team down in dumps. But Ritwik managed to stay on the wicket and got the score board moving.

The second spell of bowling was by Ricky and Nitin. They bowled steadily. There were a few misfields which resulted in boundaries. The combination of left and right of Jagrut and Ritwik upset the Junior bowlers line and length. They also missed a few catches and soon lost control of the situation. Seniors scored 122 runs due to Ritwik supported by Jagrut. It was a very good score, compared to their shaky start, and it looked beyond the reach of the Juniors team. From the Juniors, the maximum wickets were claimed by Rochak Sethi.

The Juniors started off steadily with D.Hazarika and Praveen opening the batting. They faced some hostile fast bowling from D.K.Singh and Deepankar Nautiyal. However, they were unflinched and did not even rub their injuries though they were hit all over. Deepankar softened his attack slightly, but was advised by the umpiring Commandant to show no mercy. "No quarters taken no quarters given"- as he put it.

D.Hazarika was lucky to survive for some time. He snicked a catch behind, but D.K. came in the line of the Umpire's vision and the benefit of doubt was given to the batsman.

But Hazarika was soon bowled out by Deepankar, and Praveen making the cardinal mistake of

playing back, lost his wicket to Deepanker again. Nitin Rawat was in his element and striking the ball very well. Unfortunately while playing a hook, he played on to his wicket. In the meantime, the asking rate kept rising. Anurag Mohaptra was advised by the umpire (read the Comdt.) to open out. He took it literally and started swinging his bat at all the balls that came his way, and lost his wicket. Thereby Juniors lost their chance of victory. In the end, Ricky played well and remained not out at 14 runs. Juniors did manage to get their score to the important and morale boosting mark of 100 runs.

It was an interesting match. It brought out clearly the lack of batting depth in Seniors and the strength of Juniors bowling attack which was right on target. It was a very good match and immensely enjoyed by all.

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WATER

(An Efficient Categorising Agent)

Though at RIMC the cadets can be divided into many categories and these different categories hold different views and attitudes over some topics e.g cadets can be categorised on the basis of academics, but I feel water is the best matter available to categorise RIMC cadets.

My views may sound absurd but certainly the RIMC swimming pool proves my theory and thus by making my work easier categorises RIMC into swimmers and non-swimmers.

This is true that the swimmers are the privileged lot and non swimmers always strive hard to fight against their own orthodox views about a chemical compound-"water".

Swimming along with the topics we now discuss the clash in the views of a swimmer and a non-swimmer.

- (1) For a swimmer the pool is a paradise and water the abode of happiness and joy.
- (2) For a non-swimmer's joy lies outside the pool when he dons back his cloths. Pool is an endless ocean for him but still he plunges into it just to join the first category. Though my men, or the "Dare-Devils" of the second category slowly and steadily swim forward to be titled the "Privileged lot" but I, still wait and summon my other comrades to be happy in what they are.

- N.Nalhani

P.S. - Printed on behalf of the President of the NSAL (Non-Swimmers Association Ltd.)

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OFFG. DGMT'S VISIT TO THE COLLEGE

In April 1995 mid-term break, class-IVA went to Byasi for the River Rafting expedition. The expedition was on the Bhagirathi river from Tehri to Rishkesh passing through Devprayag and Byasi. The

second last day of our expedition was marked by the visit of our new DGMT, Maj General RPRC Naidu, VSM. He was accompanied by his wife & children, the Commandant, his wife Mrs Geeta Parab, Mrs. Gidh and other staff members. They arrived at Byasi in the afternoon of 8th April. The DGMT went around our camps and talked to the cadets about the expedition. He was very friendly with us. He was very much impressed by what he saw.

After having a hearty lunch, the DGMT and all staff members were to join us for the last phase of our expedition from Byasi to Rishikesh. On the way we had a lot of fun. During one of the rapids, the Commandant had a fall from the raft because he had got disbalanced. The DGMT had a good time with us. He was also fully taking part with the cadets in the expedition. He even narrated some incidents of his college life when he used to go for mountaineering and other adventure activities. It was fun to exchange our personal experiences with him.

In the evening, we returned to our camps at Byasi after our successful expedition. The evening was marked by a campfire. We played Antakshiri where even the DGMT sang some good old English rhymes and songs. It was so much enjoyable to see him laughing and singing with us.

The dinner followed the campfire. It was a very grand meal. The DGMT was talking to us about his college life. He was also very much interested in knowing about the college and the various college activities. He also promised us that he will always be ready to lend a helping hand to RIMC whenever required.

After dinner we bid farewell to him.

- Amit Singh Tomar



INTER SECTION CRICKET COMPETITION-95

The Inter-Section cricket competitions commenced on 25th March, the very day the Mid-term exams finished off. The cadets had spent a lot of their precious time during exams practicing for the Cricket competitions.

On 25th evening, the matches between Pratap seniors v/s Staff and Chandra Gupta seniors v/s Shivaji seniors were played whereby staff and Chandragupta seniors emerged victorious respectively. In the junior section, there was stiff competition between Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta teams for the first position. In Middles and Seniors, all teams were equally strong.

In Juniors, in an interesting match Ranjit lost a winning battle to Shivaji. In the Juniors section Shivaji and Chandragupta shared the first position followed by Ranjit and Pratap.

In the middles section, Pratap team made a clean sweep to stand first winning all their three matches. However, in their match against Ranjit, the Pratap team had to fight very hard to win the match with just 3 balls to spare. They were followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta respectively.

In the seniors section, there was a tough competition between Pratap and Chandragupta seniors. However, Pratap emerged victorious by winning all their 3 matches with convincing margins.

The cricket competitions finished on 31st of March with Pratap section lifting the cup. Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta stood second, third and fourth respectively.

This year's cricket competition saw a general rise in the batting standards, especially in the junior's section. This year, a lot of half centuries were scored showing the ability of the batsmen to stay at the wicket. The standards in bowling did show a satisfactory rise.

- Cdt. Sumeet Bhat
Class-III, 1760/P



CO-CURRICULAR ROUND UP IN AND AFTER MARCH-95

After the much celebrated 73rd Reunion the college had less look upon to in term of co-curricular activities. The college took part in many debates and a few quizzes. The college quiz team participated in Himalayan Geology science quiz. Vikram Banta, an A grade quizzier bagged the 1st position. This term as usual the RIMC challenge round of quizzing was hosted by the college. Schools came from Gwalior (Scindia school), (Militray school) Ajmer and Shimla (Bishop cotton). They were looked after in terms of accomodation and hospitality in a royal manner. The trophy was lifted by the Welham Girls High School. Our college came 5th. But the team put up an excellent show. The teams left the college with an excellent impression of our college. An english extempore debate was organised at the Welham Girl's School. Our college performed well. Further an English debate was organised at the Welham boys school. Ashish Pathak and Akshay came 5th and 6th respectively out of a total of 24 participants. An elocution contest was also organised over there. Dipankar Nautiyal & BTZS Appu put up a praise-worthy show. The second round of Intersection quiz was conducted on the 6th of May and ended in a nail-biting finsh when Pratap lifted the cup by defeating Ranjit by a solitary point. The dramatics club is putting in their heart and soul in practising for the Hindi play for the Graduation day. The music hobby is also rehearsing everyday in order to sing rythmically during the graduation ceremony.

TIME

To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose;
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant and
A time to uproot the planted
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones
and a time to gather them;
A time to embrace
and a time to gather them;
A time to seek and a time to lose;
A time to keep and a time to cast away;
A time to tear and a time to mend;
A time to keep silence and a time to speak;
A time to love and a time to hate;
A time for war and a time for peace.

VISIT TO THE NDA BY THE COMDT & MRS PARAB

The Commandant's ten days leave this time coincided with a visit to Delhi and the NDA. On the 24th of April he attended a presentation, 'Schooling a Gifted Child' at Col Satsangi's Kiran Memorial Educational Complex at Mehrauli. This presentation had an audience of the COAS who had directed the Principals of all the Army Public Schools and Comdt. RIMC to attend. It highlighted the concept of the development of the gifted children by making them meaningful and responsible partners in the upliftment of those children whose academic performance is below the desired level. Infact it is a concept which we at the RIMC follow in an informal manner. This takes the form of 'Dorm Preps', the super syndicate in a class helping the relatively weaker boys in their own class and the class V NDA examination preparation where in a few boys who can be termed as the 'gifted children', help out the other boys. The COAS desired that we should examine this concept for implementing in RIMC.

From Delhi the move was to the NDA on the 25th. It was the Commandant and Mrs. Parab's fourth visit and the multitude in which the old boys flocked around on hearing of their arrival, spoke volumes of how welcome this yearly routine visit has become. Besides the exchange of news, there's always the added attraction of being treated to the home cooked goodies by Mrs. Parab. When she commented on how much she'd been looking forward to this visit there was a chorus of 'we were looking forward to it even more eagerly!'

It was nostalgic being back in the old surroundings and still seeing a few old faces like the officers' mess waiter Samuel who with his warm looking - after made one feel very much at home. The Commandant had a meeting with Air Marshal S.S. Sethi, Commandant NDA and it was most heartening and encouraging to hear him speak highly of the old boys at the NDA, with Pramod Kumar as the ACC Rajnesh Mohan and Pardeep Singh as the BCCs and K Vijai Singh as the BCA. Besides excelling in academics the boys are performing very well in other fields also with Rajnesh Mohan being adjudged the 'Best Boxer' and Saurabh Saxena the Most Promising Boxer. It was an unbelievable but a welcome sight to see the NDA succeeding where the RIMC despite their best efforts had failed - in taking out a slim and trim and fit as fiddle Shraavan Kapila. The advice given by all the old boys for all of us here at the RIMC was to do well in academics, PT and swimming as these were the fields that required special attention. The visit finally culminated with lunch with Col P Rajagopal Col Adm. and other Rimcollians like Lt Col Sunil Jog, Maj Akshay Tangri & Lt Rathore (IN).

Tangri

- Editor

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Rimcollians are requested to give wide publicity to this. Subscriptions could be sent in the form of Bank draft to the Comdt, RIMC.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

It was a good opportunity to see the 11th Standard Cadets at the rafting trip on the Ganges. The visit to the College itself and meeting some of the boys in their dormitories and the teachers formally and informally gave me a good insight.

It was nice to see the able support Geeta is giving you in the assignment. Such support can neither be legislated nor quantified. It was also nice to see that you are running a happy team.

I'll assure you of all support from this end to ensure that the RIMC is a premier nursery of leadership for our armed forces.

- Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, VSM
Ofg DGMT

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 27th April 1995 initiating results of the RIMC Quiz.

Our team was most touched and honoured by your warm hospitality and we are indeed grateful for your many courtesies.

- Kabir Kumar Mustafa,
Headmaster, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla

My belated congratulations to the college on this remarkable achievement. We always learn from mountains to be majestic but modest.

I have been at Udhampur for the past one year and on 19 Feb 95 we organised a Rimcollian get together here at the 5071 ASC Bn. The following Rimcollians along with their families formed part of the gathering.

- (a) Maj Gen A N Sinha, Chief Engr, HQ Northern Command
- (b) Maj Gen R K Batra, MGEME, HQ Northern Command
- (c) AVM V Patni, Vrc AOC J & K
- (d) Col P Mittal, Comdt 15 FAD
- (e) Col G S Kochar CO 5071 ASC Bn.
- (f) Col Y S Rawat CO, 5/8 GR
- (g) Sqn Ldr B S Sandhu AF Stn, Udhampur
- (h) Capt A Ahuja - ADC to GOC - in - C

- Capt Yash Saxena
9 Para Commando, C/o 56 APO

Thank you very much for an enjoyable weekend at the RIMC. It was a first class show. As I generally live abroad with my son, I had visited the RIMC after many years.

I congratulate you and your charming wife for the efforts you have made to keep the RIMC at international standards.

Well done.

- Brigadier N L Kapur MC

Just to say what a wonderful time we had during the Rimcollian get-together at the RIMC. Our sincere thanks to you, your staff and the cadets for having taken so much of trouble to make our visit so very interesting. We particularly enjoyed the variety entertainment and going round the exhibition. RIMC is full of talents.

- Brig S P Sinha (Retd)

My heartiest congratulations to you on exemplary conduct of the Reunion function. It was indeed a pleasure to meet colleagues and also get a glimpse of the younger generation. The conduct of events was meticulously planned and well executed. Do convey my sincerest appreciation to all the staff who made the get together a memorable occasion.

Well done and keep it up.

- Lt Gen M M Lakhera, PVSM, AVSM, VSM
Adjutant General

I must compliment you on the excellent arrangements for the Rimcollians Reunion. We really enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you.

- Brigadier Yash Malhotra
Chief Engineer

Capt. Sanjay Bhardwaj, an ex-student of RIMC (Chandragupta) lost his life in a fatal road accident while on duty, on 5th July, 1994.

Sanjay was at the RIMC during the period from 1982 to 1987. He was Commissioned in the Indian Army in December, 1991 and was allotted to 43, Armoured Regt.

He was deeply attached to the RIMC and was a keen sportsman there. During March/April, 1994, he had specially come on leave to participate in the get-together and games at RIMC and won a prize in sports.

In view of Sanjay's long association with RIMC, I wish to institute one or two scholarships of the value of Rs. 1,000/- per month each for deserving student(s) at the RIMC in the memory of late Capt.

Sanjay Bhardwaj. It can be known as "Capt Sanjay Bhardwaj Memorial Scholarship" and financed from the interest accruing on Long Term Fixed Deposit of a suitable amount.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly help me by indicating the manner in which this can be done.

- Shakuntla Bhardwaj
M/o Late Capt. Sanjay Bhardwaj

As always all the functions were extremely well organised and it really was worth our while being there for the functions.

- Samir C Singh

It was indeed a great event, being in the School for the Re-Union on 13 March. I enjoyed every moment of it. The moments were made memorable because of you, your officers and your wife-Geeta who made untiring efforts in making the event a great success. All of us were looked after in the most suitable and appropriate manner. Thank you very much.

I shall be very shortly sending an article to you on Army Static Switch Communication Network (ASCON), which was my brain child. It was fielded in the Western Sector of our country by me and is now on its way to becoming a sub-continental Network.

- Brig B K Kataria, VSM

I take this opportunity to convey to you and all Rimcollians who have gathered at the school this year for re-union, my greetings, regards and good wishes. May our clan and our Alma Mater prosper and flourish.

- Brig A K Dutta

I am very happy to learn that this year you are celebrating Rimcollians Reunion in a big way. I would have been very happy indeed to be with you all on this great occasion, but due to my ill health and old age (89), I am unable to come. Kindly remember me to all attending the Reunion and also convey my heartiest greetings to every one.

- Brig L S Negi, IA (Retd)
(Ex- KCIO)

This is to thank you, Mrs. Parab and all your staff for the excellent comp-five and dinner to which Dr. Babul Das, Mrs. Das and all my for-cates were invited. We felt sorry for not being able to reciprocate with a similar gesture, but hope to call you over some day. Reitevating our heart felt thanks..

- Veer Nanavatt

1. Please refer to your letter no.307/2/CE dated 08 April 95.
2. I am extremely happy to see the performance of the cadets in scaling Mt Kedar Dome has been recognised, leading to the award of the GOC-in-C's Commendation card to seven of the cadets. Please accept my heartiest congratulation and do convey the same to the award winners as well.
3. I am confident that the RIMC will keep up its high standards and strive to achieve greater laurel in the field of adventure activities.

Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, VSM
Offg DGMT

Scindia School has not always had the privilege of being invited by RIMC for something as interesting and as well organised a competition like your Inter School Quiz. Mr. Zorawar Singh and my students have, though vanquished in the buzzer round, have returned home conquered by the warmth and courtesy extended to them by everyone in your school.

Mr. A N Dar
Principal
Scindia School
Gwalior

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Following is the extract from the school magazine of Mr. Catchpole's old School :

Distinguished Old Ipswichians

The first of occasional series

Hugh Catchpole, M.A., C.B.E., S.I.

Hugh catchpole (1919/24), Head of the English Department at Abbottabad Public School and College in Pakistan, achieved a remarkable 65 years not out in the teaching profession in 1994. His C.B.E. and S.I. were awarded for "long and meritorious service in the cause of education" in 1979, when he was 72 years old.

At School he confesses that he was more interested in games than in studies. He was Captain of Hockey and Athletics and Vice-Captain of Cricket, as well as second Prefect and House Captain. He was awarded an exhibition to University College, Oxford where he studied History, graduating in 1928. In that year he was appointed Assistant Master at the Royal Indian Military College at Dehradun, whose Principal he became in 1948 after twenty years interrupted by military service in the Indian Army from 1941-46. In 1953 he became Founder Principal of Hassan Abdal Cadet College in Pakistan, and in 1958 Principal of the Pakistan Air Force College at Sargodha. In 1967 he retired from that post at the age of 60 and became Head of English at Abbottabad, the post he still holds in 1994.

Hugh Catchpole has been a most generous benefactor of the school, endowing a Scholarship trust which bears his name. The latest issue of Rotarian International describes him fittingly, as "a great educationist philanthropist who has dedicated his life to the service of humanity."

निबन्ध प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक 4 मई को वेल्हम ब्यायज स्कूल में हिन्दी निबन्ध लेखन प्रतियोगिता हुई। इस प्रतियोगिता में आर0आई0एम0सी0 सहित दस स्कूलों ने भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता वरिष्ठ एवं कनिष्ठ दो वर्गों में विभाजित थी। वरिष्ठ वर्ग में सुरजीत सिंह तवर ने विद्यालय का प्रतिनिधित्व किया, जबकि कनिष्ठ वर्ग में विनीत कुमार शामिल हुए। विषय प्रतियोगिता स्थल पर ही दिया गया।

प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम अभी प्रतिक्षित है।

अखिल भारतीय लेखक सम्मेलन

'राष्ट्रीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान' में दिनांक 6 एवं 7 मई को 21 वॉ अखिल भारतीय लेखक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया। इस सम्मेलन में देश के विभिन्न स्थानों व विभिन्न भाषाओं के लेखकों लेखक सम्मिलित हुए। सम्मेलन में सम्मिलित होने वालों में सर्वश्री पद्मनाभन, राजेन्द्र अवस्थी, डॉ0 गंगा प्रसाद 'विमल', डॉ0 सरोजिनी प्रीतम, डॉ0 सुधा पाण्डेय आदि प्रमुख नाम थे। आर0आई0एम0सी0 की तरफ से हिन्दी विभागाध्यक्ष श्री चन्द्रशेखर विश्वकर्मा इसमें सम्मिलित हुए।

प्रतियोगिता का उद्घाटन उत्तर प्रदेश के राज्यपाल श्री मोतीलाल बोरा ने दीप जलाकर किया। एम0के0पी0 (स्नातकोत्तर) विद्यालय की छात्राओं ने स्वागत गान गाया। अखिल भारतीय लेखक सम्मेलन के अध्यक्ष श्री पद्मनाभन ने लेखक की समस्याओं का उल्लेख किया। महा सचिव श्री राजेन्द्र अवस्थी ने लेखक की अस्मिता का सवाल उठाते हुए 'लेखन स्वातंत्र्य में धर्म' विषय पर अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए। डॉ0 दीनानाथ तिवारी ने 'लेखन की चुनौतियाँ' विषय पर विचार प्रकट किए। उ0प्र0 विधान परिषद के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष श्री नित्यानंद स्वामी ने लेखक के महत्त्व का वर्तमान संदर्भों में उल्लेख किया। अंत में श्री मोती लाल बोरा ने अपने पत्रकार जीवन की कुछ घटनाओं का उल्लेख करते हुए लेखक की गरिमा का उल्लेख किया। मंच संचालन डॉ0 सुधा पाण्डेय ने किया।

अपराहन में विभिन्न भाषाओं के लेखकों द्वारा अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए गए। कार्यक्रम के इस खण्ड की अध्यक्षता डॉ0 गंगा प्रसाद 'विमल' ने की। आर0आई0एम0सी0 हिंदी विभाग से श्री चन्द्र शेखर विश्वकर्मा ने प्रतिष्ठित लेखकों से मुलाकात की। प्रसंगवश उन्होंने श्री गंगा प्रसाद 'विमल' तथा डॉ0 राजेन्द्र अवस्थी को आर0आई0एम0सी0 में होने वाली प्रतिष्ठित काशी नरेश व शिवमूर्ति नारायण सिंह अखिल भारतीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के लिए आमंत्रित भी किया जिसे उन्होंने सहज ही स्वीकार किया।

कादम्बिनी महोत्सव के अंतर्गत कहानी प्रतियोगिता

हिंदी की प्रतिष्ठित साहित्यिक पत्रिका 'कादम्बिनी' के द्वारा एम0के0पी0 (स्नातकोत्तर) कॉलेज में एक कहानी प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। इसमें आर0आई0एम0सी0 के 23 क्रेडिट एवं एक शिक्षक श्री बृजेश गुप्ता ने भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता के पूर्व कादम्बिनी के यशस्वी संपादक श्री राजेन्द्र अवस्थी ने प्रतियोगियों को संशोधित किया। प्रतियोगिता के पश्चात् सभी प्रतियोगियों को प्रतियोगिता स्थल पर ही प्रमाण पत्र दिए गए।

दूसरे दिन आठ मई को स्थानीय टाउन हॉल में पुरस्कार वितरण किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता उ०प्र० विधान परिषद के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष श्री नित्यानंद स्वामी ने की।

आर०आई०एम०सी० के सौरभ गुप्ता की कहानी 'नागफनी' सर्वश्रेष्ठ पांच कहानियों में चुनी गई तथा उन्हें तृतीय पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। आर०आई०एम०सी० के दिग्विजय सिंह को सात्वना पुरस्कार दिया गया।

श्री राजेन्द्र अवस्थी ने आर०आई०एम०सी० के केडेटों के स्तर की प्रशंसा की। प्रतियोगिता के स्तर को देखते हुए आर०आई०एम०सी० के केडेटों का प्रयास प्रशंसनीय रहा।

वेल्लहम गर्ल्स स्कूल हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता

दिनांक 10 मई को वेल्लहम गर्ल्स स्कूल में अन्तविद्यालय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। इस प्रतियोगिता में आर०आई०एम०सी० के आशीष पाठक, बी०के० चैतन्य तथा सौरभ गुप्ता ने भाग लिया। आर०आई०एम०सी० को यद्यपि इस प्रतियोगिता में चतुर्थ स्थान प्राप्त हुआ पर आशीष पाठक एवं चैतन्य के प्रयास सराहनीय रहे।

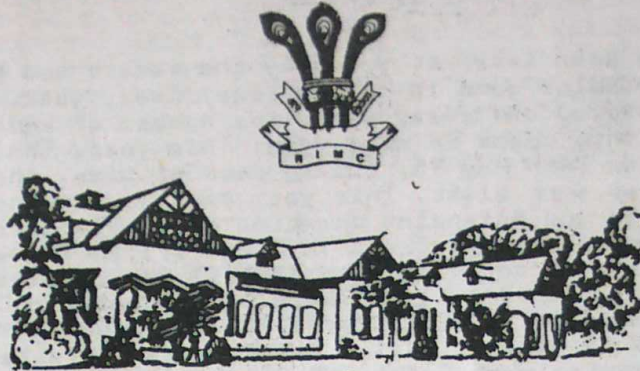
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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

It is nice to be back with you after a long term of vacations. This term began with a lot of enthusiasm and cheerfulness both amongst the cadets as well as the staff and they were overjoyed to be there in each others company.

Once again, during the vacations, many important visits and events took place, so in this edition of ours we have tried to cover all those events and topics in a simple and effective manner. This edition also finds a mention of the previous term's graduation ceremony and the cultural evening which were a total success.

On behalf of the club, I heartily congratulate Lt AK Tyagi and Maj Shivender Singh, the former being very fortunate to be blessed with a daughter and a promotion simultaneously and the latter also getting promoted. I also welcome Capt AK Sharma, SM and Miss Jaya Gupta who have joined the academic staff as Science and Social Science teachers respectively. We wish them all the best.

As usual this edition covers all the major burning topics and issues amongst the cadets and the staff and also the various activities that come along.

Wishing you a happy reading.

Neeraj Naithani

CHESS OPENS 95

The keen interest taken by the cadets has made Chess a very popular game in our College. Every year, Chess Opens are conducted and every year, the number of cadets taking part in this opens is also more. This year, the opens started on 24th May 95. Due to lack of time, the schedule of matches was tight. This year saw the losing of the unbeatable and defending champion Mr CS Vishwakarma to a new upcoming player, Cadet YM Singh (P) in the second round only. He could only reach till the quarter finals last year. The semi finals were played between Cadet BK Chaitanya and Cadet T Kranti Kumar and Cadet YM Singh and Cadet KB Singh. Cadet T Kranti Kumar defeated Cadet BK Chaitanya to meet Cadet YM Singh in the finals. Though, both of them gave a tough fight to each other. Cadet YM Singh emerged victorious to win the RIMC Chess Championship 95. The most upcoming player's prize was given to Cadet VV Reddy. The opens were concluded on 27th May. The Chess Opens were a great success, as a large number of cadets took part and a number of new upcoming players emerged.

B. Divakar
Class IIA

HOW THE STAFF SPEND THEIR VACATION

The 29th of May and the boys are off for their summer vacations. A week of winding up and then the staff finds itself at a loose end. 'What does the staff do when we are away?' is a question asked by the boys. It is very difficult to explain how the very atmosphere of the College changes when the boys are away. The sections wear a deserted look and very often one tries to avoid walking past them. The College cliché of the company making a place what it is, somehow sounds very apt here! The one and a half month is spent by the staff in varied ways. The golf course generally finds the Commandant and Capt Sandeep making hay while the sun shines and catching up on their days of missed out golfing. The Basketball courts are also active with morning matches played within-station units like 4/8 GR. The evenings are kept busy with swimming and badminton.

During these summer holidays there was an innovative 'tin and bottle' competition on the basis of seedings. One strong player was paired with a weak player and some very interesting combinations like Mr KS Ahlawat being the strong player to Mr Sanyam Bhardwaj, turned out. They ended up having a record-breaking loss of every match they played! Each game was of five points and every pair had to play every other pair. The winners of this competition were Maj Shivender and Ms Shruti. Mr Prashant Sharma had the competition

alive with his loud exclamations, while Mr Sanyam tried his level best to charm the shuttle across the net more with smile than with his playing prowess. The matches lasted for about four hours and were followed by a 'Pot luck' dinner at the Commandant's residence. Each family had to get one dish and by the time the table was laid it had a wonderful variety of food spread out. There was the famous 'Antakshri' between the ladies and the men with stalwarts on both the sides not giving in for a long time.

Besides this Badminton Competition, there were also one or two trips to a place short of Mussorie with food packed up. And that is how a month and a half just zoomed away leaving the staff refreshed for the new term.

Mrs C Joshi

STAFF Vs CADETS FOOTBALL MATCH

On 21st July 95 the cadets football team played against the staff football team. The lack of practice was evident from the fact that the staff maintained pressure throughout the first half of the game. In the first half itself the staff members took a lead through Mr Yashbeer Singh scoring a commendable goal. The second half saw the scores being equalized as Cadet Dipankar Nautiyal scored a marvellous goal for cadets.

The staff team dominated the match as a whole specially with the active interest shown by the referee Capt YS Meitai in making the cadets lose. In the second half of the play Lt Tyagi, taking advantage of the situation ~~got a pass~~ managed to push in the ball and gave a lead to the staff team. The score board now read 2 - 1, in favour of the staff and the figure was maintained till the end of the game as the cadets were denied several golden chances by the partial whistle of the referee. Finally the match ended with the staff team beating cadets team 2 - 1. Though the cadets had lost yet the defeat did not matter much as the losers vowed to avenge the defeat provided the referee remained 'neutral' in the next return match.

A Thapar

APPOINTMENTS

College Appointments

Cadet Captain - Deepak Kumar Singh (P)
Section Cdr. Pratap - A Mohapatra
Section Cdr Ranjit - Soubhagya Nayak
Section Cdr Shivaji - Dipankar Trivedi
Section Cdr Chandragupta - SS Randhawa

IMA Appointments (RIMCOLLIANS)

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| AUD | - S H Patil (R) |
| ACA | - S Kapoor (C) |
| BUD | - K Rana (R) |
| BUD | - A Bathla (P) |
| BCA | - R Gupta (R) |

NDA Appointments

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| ACC | - Amit Dhama (R) |
| ACA | - Rahul Kesar (S) |
| BCC | - V Srimali (R) |
| BCA | - Ravi Kumar (R) |

Award of Medals

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| Silver Medal (NDA) | - Pramod Kumar (P) |
| Bronze Medal (IMA) | - Dhinender Singh Kadian (R) |

Medhavis (For Jan term 95)

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| Class I | - Shaillesh Kumar (R) |
| Class IA | - Ashish Kumar (C) |
| Class II | - Nitin Rawat (S) |
| Class IIA | - Shwetabh (R) |
| Class III | - Maneesh Mahlawat (C) |
| Class IIIA | - Amit Gupta (R) |
| Class IV | - Vikram Banta (R) |
| Class IVA | - BK Chaitanya (R) |
| Class V | - Nitin Rakheja (R) |

SATYANARAYAN PUJA

On 25th July, the Satyanarayan Puja was held for the smooth passage of the July term 95 and also for the well being of the cadets and all those who are working in and for RIMC.

Like all the previous terms, this term also the temple was flooded with a large number of devotees which included both the staff and the cadets.

The temple was beautifully decorated in and around with decorative materials like the coloured paper cuttings and also the wavy, long bannana leaves.

The temple function began at 1700 hours in the evening. Each section was represented in the front by a cadet who carried on the proceedings for the puja.

This term the College had called the temple priest of the Military Hospital (MH). His delivery of the 'Katha' was a very interesting one. It was full of examples from the day to day life. He filled his delivery of the Katha with hymns which interested all sitting there. The proceedings of the Katha were filled with a religious air in the temple.

The puja came to an end by 1830 hours. The temple priest distributed the "Parshad" to the staff and the cadets. The smile on each cadet's face could reveal the fact that the parshad was a delicacy.

At the end of the Katha the temple was left by all with a prayer to God to help the College and the cadets to do well during the term to follow.

Vivek Moudgil

INTER SECTION X COUNTRY - 1995

Cross Country - the ultimate test of speed, stamina and endurance is a major event held annually at the RIMC with great show and enthusiasm. This year, despite the heavy rains and the negligible practice on the main route, the cadets gave an excellent display of their physical fitness as well as mental toughness.

The cross country competition this year saw many changes which made this sport more challenging and tough.

The route chosen was neither too long nor too short and was run on grass. It required the perfect blend of speed and endurance.

5th August - the D day, saw all the juniors as well as the seniors bubbling with anticipation and 'Josh'.

The juniors started off first from inside the Golf Course and after taking a round of the Golf Course, ended at the Pavilion. The juniors section saw Pratap leading followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta.

The seniors started off amidst cheers and deafening applause from the pavilion. On entering the Golf Course, they followed the foot steps of the juniors and ended back at the pavilion. The seniors section saw Shivaji coming first followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta.

The overall Inter Section Challenge Shield was bagged by Pratap Section although the juniors nearly get disqualified for taking extra time for warming up and not reporting on time. The next day saw jubilations and celebrations as Pratap Section went out on a 'free' leave and saw the latest movie in town - 'Criminal'. They were followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Chandra Gupta who had to be contended with 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions respectively.

In the seniors section, the individual position were :-

- (a) Cadet Joy Mowar (P)
- (b) Cadet Surjit Singh (S)
- (c) Cadet Ujjwal Khatiwada (C)
- (d) Cadet Sushil Minhas (S)
- (e) Cadet Praveen Kumar (R)
- (f) Cadet Sumeet Bhatt (P)
- (g) Cadet Rochak Bakshi (P)
- (h) Cadet Vivek Moudgil (S)
- (j) Cadet Anurag Mohapatra (C)
- (k) Cadet Amit Gupta (R)

In the juniors, the positions were :-

- (a) Cadet Hari Narayan (S)
- (b) Cadet T T Zamir (C)
- (c) Cadet Ashish Kumar (C)
- (d) Cadet Digvijay Singh Parihar (R)
- (e) Cadet S B Singh (P)
- (f) Cadet Naveen Pandita (S)
- (g) Cadet B Divakar (P)
- (h) Cadet S K Kishore (S)
- (j) Cadet Kanwal Bir Singh (P)
- (k) Cadet Rohan Falnikar (P)

Cadet Anand Subba (P) stood first among 2nd termers.

Another interesting change was that masters also competed with the cadets in both the sections. Their physical and mental fitness awed the cadets and was a source of inspiration for them. Mr KS Ahlawat, our Vice Principal competed with the juniors and his performance at his age is really commendable. Mr Yashbir Singh, Mr PK Sharma and Lt AK Tyagi were the other competitors with the juniors.

The seniors saw Capt Sandeep Singh finishing an impressive 13th despite returning from the Western India Squash Opens only the day before the competition.

There was wide scale radio coverage by the Camera Club and they got excellent shots of the cadets displaying their mental and physical fitness.

This event once again highlighted the enduring and fighting spirit of Rimcols and the traditional 'die hard and never say lost' spirit instilled in us by our Alma Mater was very evident.

Amit Gupta
Class IV

INTER SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION

This year's Swimming Competition was held after a gap of two years as last year the competitions had to be called off due to the outbreak of conjunctivitis in the College. All sections were given ample time to practice and although Chandragupta section was given the offer of Masters swimming for them, they gallantly turned it down. The swimming tests were also very serious as the points from them contributed to the final results.

The competition commenced on the 10th of August 95, a holiday, and ~~were~~ concluded on the 12th of August 95. On the first day were conducted the heats for various events. The important heats were those of freestyle and breast-stroke for all the three divs that is A, B and C and backstroke for 'C' div. The hero of the first day was Cadet Ahindra Dey (C) who fired the imagination of Chandragupta Section and it seemed that they might not finish last. It was also quite apparent that the RIMC swimming pool's undisputed lord was Ranjit Section. All the big names like Cadet AC Tembe, Cadet MK Singh, Cadet Kannan Selvan, Cadet R Bhattacharya and Cadet Vishal Mann proved upto their reputation. The position at the end of the first day was that Ranjit was leading and Shivaji, Chandragupta and Pratap following respectively in that order.

The second day of the competitions started off with 'B' div backstroke and ended with 'C' div backstroke finals. The events in between were the heats of 'C' div butterfly, finals of 'A' div breaststroke and freestyle and relays of 'A' and 'B' div. Ranjit consolidated its position further by winning both the relays. The fastest cadets in 'A' Divs freestyle and breaststroke came out to be Cadet Gaurav Rana (R) and Cadet Varun Gidh (S). At end of the second day Ranjit and Shivaji were safely placed first and second respectively whereas Pratap and Chandragupta sections were fighting it out hard for the third place. One more event of importance was the disqualification of several cadets due to foul strokes or starts due to the strict vigilance of Capt YS Meitei. Cadet Ahindra Dey was again the hero of Chandragupta Section whereas Shivajians found an up-coming and rising star in Cadet Varun Gidh.

The final day was marked by incessant rains which anyhow did not affect the conduct of the competition. Everyone was there to watch the excitement reaching its climax and its subsequent anti climax as it was the last day. Ranjit continued its victory match unruffled by a few setbacks. Their stars were Kannan Selvan in 'C' div and Ritwick and Robindro in 'B' and 'A' divs respectively. Meanwhile as Shivaji was on its way to second place, the hopes which Chandragupta was harbouring of not coming last were shattered in the very last event, was the 'C' div relay in which Pratap finished second behind Ranjit to pip Chandragupta down to the last place. Cadet D Nanaiah was the fastest in 'C' div butterfly, Cadet K Selvan in 'C' div freestyle, whereas 'C' div breaststroke and backstrokes were won by Cadet Vishal Mann and Cadet R Bhattacharya respectively.

Thus Ranjit Section won Swimming Cup for the 10th consecutive time in a very convincing manner. Cadet Kannan Selvam further enhanced their happiness by winning the trophy for 'best swimmer'. The most promising swimmers' awards were given to Varun Gidh(S) and Ahindro Dey(C). This way the swimming competitions in RIMC lived upto the expectations by generating a lot of interest and enthusiasm among all competitors and spectators. The suspense which lacked a bit was compensated to some extent by the nail biting finishing tussle between Pratap and Chandragupta. We hope the future is even better and further and greater horizons are approached in the future Swimming Competitions. Tejas Candade(P) and Gaurav Rana (R) were also adjudged as most promising swimmers.

TRIP TO SHIMLA

The College received an invitation from Bishop Cotton School, Shimla during the term break. Since they had been accepting our invitation every year for a Football match, we were obliged to accept their invitation for a Basketball and a Football match. The trip had been planned to last for two days with two more days devoted to the journey.

The College Football and Basketball teams practised hard in anticipation of the trip. The College bus was also prepared for the long journey to Shimla with music system being installed to provide on board entertainment.

The College visiting team consisted of the College Football team, Basketball team and a photographer (who was a footballer recovering from his injury). They were accompanied by Capt Sandeep, Mr Yasbir Singh, a PT JCO, Mrs Chandra Joshi, Mrs Parab and the Commandant Col DH Parab. I was also pulled along in this trip, thanks to my club membership, viz, Journalism Club.

Capt Sandeep, who controlled the boys travelling in the bus wished to start off on 18th August before the sun arose but his efforts were foiled when the bus returned back to College after having travelled a kilometre, because

the blankets had been left behind. The mess staff who had worked overnight, equipped the travellers with boxes that contained an excellent packed breakfast and lunch. The point of interest here is that these boxes did not survive to serve as lunch. The Commandant accompanied by Mrs Parab and Mrs Joshi started in the Gypsy about 0800 hrs. However, he was very reluctant to leave the campus and did not fail to warn all the senior boys not to miss out on their games and PT and not to cut bounds.

The journey was a pleasant one marked by picturesque scenery, melodious music and hairpin bends. Our bus ran out of breath on the way and had to be cooled down, by which time the Gypsy caught up with us. We reached Bishop Cotton School, Shimla in the evening.

Bishop Cotton School is situated in a picturesque surroundings. It is the oldest Public School in Asia (founded in 1859) and also the first school to implement the precast system. It comprises of a senior school and a junior school. There are boarders from Class I to Class XII.

In Bishop Cotton ~~xxxxx~~ School we were accorded a warm welcome by Col R Diwan and Mr Kabir Mustafi. We were served with hot tea and delicious cakes in their mess. The cakes were soon gobbled down. We were shown our accommodation. One group of boys were to stay in their infirmary and the rest were to stay in their dormitories. After settling down and getting refreshed we were served with dinner. The Basketball team did some shooting practice after dinner. The next day the basketball team practised in the morning and prepared themselves for their match which was scheduled in the afternoon. The match turned out to be a very well contested one.

Our Basketball team was led by Sandeep Singh Randhawa while the Bishop Cotton School Captain was Jene Sambi. The first few minutes of the match went equally well. The scores read 4 - 4. But an inspired performance by Sandeep Randhawa and Kranti Kumar, who incidentally was suffering from fever, enabled RIMC to zoom ahead. At half time the score board read 21 - 8 in favour of RIMC.

In the Second half, the referees took good control over the game and the game became quite fast. The home crowd coupled with some aggressive marking of our players helped the Bishop Cotton School team catch up rapidly. Vineet Kumar and Nihil Amin of Bishop Cotton School put up a very good game. At one point they went ahead of us with 37 - 33 points in their favour. However, our team did not lose control. Vivek Moudgil was very good off the board. Chaitanya, who was being substituted continuously by Santosh Jugran in order to let the team rest during the change overs, also put a very good show. In the end, the match was progressing towards a nailbiting finish. But a 3 pointer by Kranti followed by conversion of a free shot by Randhawa turned the tide in our favour. The final scores read RIMC 44 points and Bishop Cotton School 39 points.

Happy with the win, the RIMC set out to explore the beauty(ies) of Shimla. They had a very enjoyable time and came back late in the night.

The next day morning the Footballers did some light practice before breakfast. The match was scheduled for 1030 hours. The football Ground was very fast and devoid of grass. The game required superb ball control which we lacked. In the first few minutes of the match, the Bishop Cotton School team made quite a few attacks. After about

20 minutes into the game, there was a large lapse in defence which Bishop Cotton School forward GS Kochal capitalised on and sent a very powerful grounder past the helpless goal keeper Punar Mann. Before RIMC could recover from this shock, two brilliant grounders from V Singha and Bishop Cotton School skipper Vinayak Jitsu put the score at 3 goals to nil. The absence of Wati Jamir our left half who could not make it to Shimla due to illness, was felt as the left wing was almost non-functional. Ashish Dutta who was suffering from fever, was compelled to go in and did a fine job. During the half time, the Commandant came down to the field and told the team not to lose heart and fight back. That the team did and in the second half our team matched their team in terms of the number of attacks. Our right-winger Dipankar did not click and our forwards could not manage to score any goal. Sandeep Randhawa was playing up. So, our back line up of Kranti and Manish did a commendable job under sweeper Avnish Mallick. All the attempts at the goal by Bishop Cotton School were foiled by some lively keeping by Punar Mann. In the end, Bishop Cotton School won the match by 3 - 0. During the match the cheering up team of Bishop Cotton School was in full swing with drums to augment their cheers. After the match, the Bishop Cotton School team lined and gave an applause for the visiting RIMC team.

RIMCOs left Bishop Cotton School, Shimla early the next day. We were provided with a lovely packed lunch by the Bishop Cotton School Catering Staff later on. When the Commandant was leaving, the whole school lined up and cheered for RIMC while their Principal presented a memento.

We thank the Bishop Cotton School for their gracious hospitality and do hope that they accept our invitation to come over next year.

Anshuman Mohapatra

ALL INDIA GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMORIAL ENGLISH
DEBATE, PILANI

As usual, our College was invited for the All India Debate held at the Birla Public School, Pilani. On the 16th of Sep, our english teacher, Mr Virendra Sharma told me that BTZS Appu and myself were to represent the College for this debate. I was quite surprised because there was no trials before this. Appu and I were selected on this criteria that we shared the first position in the Inter-Section English Debate last term. A manager had to be selected for this trip and Vikram Banta of Class IVA was chosen. We started practising in full earnest for the debate on 31st. Our speeches were ready a week before the final day, thanks to the help given by Mr V Sharma and Cadet Sec Cdr A Mohapatra.

We left the College on the 29th by Mussorie Express and arrived in Delhi on 30th. Thereafter walking through knee deep water in the Inter State Bus Terminal due to heavy rains, we got into our bus. This was not all ! Our bus had a flat tyre and almost fell off the road. At last, we reached Pilani at 9.00 p.m on the 30th. We were heartily welcomed by the students of the School and taken to the place where our accomodation was made. After refreshing ourselves, we met the other debators from various schools and colleges like the Daly College, Mayo College, Sainik Schools, Springdales.

The next day was to be quite eventful. In the morning, we visited Birla Science Museum, BITS Campus and the school itself. After lunch, we changed and proceeded to the auditorium where the debate was to be held. The topic was in the opinion of the house "Environmental Pollution is bound to ressurect". There were a total number of 18 schools i.e 36 participants. The quality of the speeches was very good. We both were youngest people there as Appu was in the 9th class and I was in the 10th. The others were from 11th and 12th. In the positions, BTZA Appu came 8th and I was 6th.

After dinner, we took photographs with the others and chatted till late in the night. The next morning at around 5 AM we left alongwith 3 or 4 other schools who had to go to Delhi. The journey was very enjoyable, not because of a good bus, but because of all the company we had. It was so enjoyable that we did not feel like parting at Delhi. But all is well that ends well ! In Delhi, we all went to Vikram Banta's house who was a local. At his house we enjoyed a lot watching TV, playing games and listening to music. The next day we left for Dehradun and reached the College at 9.30 PM. We reported back to Mr V Sharma who was very happy with our performance, as we had come second out of a total of 18 teams.

Our College should send such trips more and more often so that our debators get some exposure and experience.

Cadet A Ayush Giri
Class III

YOGA CLASSES IN RIMC

The Yoga classes have been introduced for the first time in RIMC. Mrs S Gidh (wife of Lt Col Vy Gidh), AO) is the Yoga Instructor and is assisted by Mr PK Sharma.

The cadets are quite enthusiastic about joining these classes, as they are already aware of the uses of Yoga in daily life. A large number of cadets volunteered for it, though a very few of them could get chance due to the limited numbers of seats.

The Yoga classes are held every day during the PT Parade in ante rooms. The classes are not held on Sundays and Holidays.

It is quite enjoyable as the cadets of this class do relaxing and effective exercises whereas, the other cadets work hard while doing PT at the same time. The 'Shavasana' is the most popular amongst cadets because it gives a complete relaxation in just 10 - 15 minutes.

It has benefitted the cadets and gained an increasing popularity in the College.

Cadet Gautam
Class 2A

SEEN IN CLASS V : CADET SUSHIL MINHAS DISSCUSSING SOME MATHS QUESTIONS WITH ANIRUDHA CHOUDHRY AND SEEKING HIS EXPERT ADVICE ON SOLVING A RELATIVELY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. LOOKING ON, HOWEVER, WERE AKHETO JAKHALU AND DEEPAK NANIAH.

KIT INVENTORY

As usual this term also kit inventory was carried out during the 2nd week of the term. It is a noble scheme under which cadets are required to present all the required clothings in an arranged manner. A panel of teachers carry out inspections of the various items of clothing and identify the various defeciencies of the cadets, which the cadets are made to by later.

The kit inventory held for the cadets this term was a total success. The deficiencies, though a few in number were identified and the very next day cadets were seen swarming around the tailor shop ordering for various kits.

Kit inventory though a good scheme seems troublesome to the cadets as the proper laying out and marking of the kits is a tough and an out of pattern job. Even their confused faces can reveal the fact that they can bear all sorts of physical labour but a little mental activity puts them into a Catch 22 situation.

But as a whole kit inventory is a must and should continue likewise in future too.

Cadet Neeraj Naithani
Class IIIA

VISIT TO AN INFANTRY UNIT

20 Cadets of Class VA accompanied by Lt Col VY Gidh, Adm Officer visited 10 BIHAR on 08 Sep 95 as part of familiarisation cum motivation visit. The Cadets were given a good talk by the CO of the unit about the Battalion History and special achievements during operations against militants in J&K. Later we visited the Unit Quarter Guard, were familiarised with the weapons and equipment of the unit, witnessed training of the Support Weapons and got an opportunity to fire Rifle, LMG and MMG. Finally we were entertained to a High Tea in the Officers Mess, where one gets a lovely view of Mussorie. Capt Jasbir Singh, a Rimcollian, was our LO. The visit was very interesting and motivating for we young Cadets, as we got an opportunity to see the important aspects of an Infantry Battalion, as also fortunate to fire the major weapons. It was also a memorable occasion for Lt Col Gidh, who was visiting the location after 16 years, having served at this lovely place with his Battalion from 1977 to 79.

Cadet Arnab Sarkar
Class VA

NEWS IN BRIEF

A number of interviews were carried out during vacations for the selection of new history teacher in place of Mrs Deengar who left College in June 95. Miss Jaya Gupta has since joined as the new teacher for history and civics.

Lt Gen AN Sinha (Ex -P) visited College in Jul 95. He is presently the Commandant of College of Military Engineering, Pune. He will also be visiting the College on 27 Nov and will be the Chief Guest for this term's graduation ceremony.

Maj Nanda and Mrs Deengar were bid farewell by the College.

Capt Ajay Sharma, SM has joined the staff as a science teacher.

Maj Shivender, Maj S Nanda, Capt YS Meitei, Maj JPR Ismail have appeared for the DSSC examination.

Col MP Yadvav (Ex-P), Principal NIM has scaled Chaukhamba II.

Capt Sandeep leaves on TTC, Pune in Oct 95.

The repair work of various bathrooms has started.

Badminton opens have reached 2nd round.

Mountain cycling expedition leaves in October. Cycles have been procured.

The annual fees has been increased from Rs 10,000/- per annum to Rs 12,000/- per annum.

Vice Admiral Inderjit, DGAFMS visited the College.

Mr Shaukat Ali, English Master has successfully cleared his IAS prelimns and is working hard for his mains and interview.

For the first time in the College history, yoga classes have been held during PT time.

A new Assistant Football Coach, Hav Raj Kumar Gurung has joined the College.

Capt Jasbir Singh Kaberwal (ex-S) was honoured with a Shaurya Chakra.

Maj A Mitra (Ex-S) has joined Tech Staff Course, Pune in Jun 95.

Brig RK Manchanda (Ex -S) visited the College.

Col Manvender has taken over as CO of 14 GUARDS.

RIMC played squash matches with 2 Corps team. RIMC won 5 - 2.

Mr Shaukat Ali went to Delhi to submit RIMC master's memorandum to the 5th Pay Commission.

College debating team went to Pilani and came IInd out of 18 Schools.

NOTE

All Rimcollians are requested to intimate their latest rank and address to the Hony Secy, Rimcollians Old Boys Association as well as to RIMC. This is required to update the Rimcollians Directory and records at RIMC.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

I was delighted to hear of the excellent results achieved by the RIMC in the Apr 95 NDA Entrance Exam. Very well done.

Maj Gen SC Sinha, PVSM(Retd)

I am indeed delighted to know of higher pass percentage achieved by our cadets at the NDA entrance test. I am sure boys would qualify in their interviews as well and RIMC would continue to do well in future.

Lt Gen MM Lakhera, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC

The GOC-in-C is very pleased to know the outstanding results achieved by the institute in NDA written exam held in Apr 95. He has asked me to convey his appreciation to you and your team for putting in dedicated effort to achieve this end.

Lt Col Suresh Khajuria
MA to GOC-in-C
HQ Eastern Command

I was happy to learn of the good performance of our cadets in the NDA written exam. I hope the same high standard will be repeated in the selection boards as well. My compliments to you on your excellent stewardship of our 'alma matter'.

Lt Gen S Padmanabhan, AVSM, VSM
Director General Military Int

I consider it a singular honour and privilege to have been invited as the Chief Guest for graduation ceremony scheduled on 27 Nov 95 and have great pleasure in accepting the invitation.

Lt Gen A N Sinha
Comdt, CME, Pune

It was indeed heartening to learn of the progress of the cadets since you have been there. I am sure you will keep up the good work and ensure that all cadets qualify in the written examination as well as the SSB.

Rear Admiral Harinder Singh, AVSM
Asstt Chief of Personnel (CP)

I am very glad to learn about the results in NDA entrance exam. You have worked on the cadets and laid due stress on academic, so it had to show results. Well done. Keep it going.

Maj Gen M A Gurbaxani
GOC, 28 Inf Div

It was our privilege and pleasure having you and your wife with us and to meet the fine young men who represented RIMC Soccer and Basketball teams. They are a credit to you and your commitment to the institution, as well as to their families.

We certainly look forward to the cementing of relationships between the two schools and to your next visit.

Mr Kabir Mustafi
Headmaster
Bishop Lotton School, Shimla

Please accept our compliments on your team's excellent conduct and performance in the recently concluded Inter-School Soccer and Basketball fixture held at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla.

Mr Kabir Mustafi
Headmaster
Bishop Cotton School, Shimla

The peak for your 1996 expedition may be changed from Chaukhamba-I to Abi Gamin which is much higher and comparatively easier. The peak is next to Kamet in Garhwal Himalayas.

Col MP Yadav, VSM, FRGS
Principal, NIM, Uttarkashi

I have just heard of the excellent results achieved in the NDA exams. On behalf of Ranjana and self, kindly convey our felicitations and good wishes to all the cadets and members of staff. Needless to say Sir, your contribution to the school and appreciation of your work cannot be measured in words.

Col Manvendra Singh
CO, 14 GUARDS

RIMCOLLIAN NEWS

Lt Gen MS Wadalia (Retd), Ex Pratap(1923-27) visited Srinagar Valley from 16 to 24 Jun 95. An ex VCOAS, he is a keen Rimcollian beside being a philanthropist. Gen Wadalia started a flower plantation at Sonamarg in 1988 which provides employment to locals as well as benefits the area ecologically. The Gen Offr spent time at the plantation and also donated Rs 25,000/- for med aid to the poor. He had donated a similar amount in 1989. A grand old man indeed !

To facilitate the Gen Offr, a small get together of Rimcollians in the station was arranged by Maj Gen HS Mangat, COS, Corps HQ.

Contributed by Col AK Kapur

I am writing to give you an update of a Rimcollian Meet that we had at Mhow on Jun 20th, details as below :-

- (a) Occasion. We had oftrs attending JC, YO's and Sigs courses present. It was also a tremendous pleasure to have 4 Gen Oftrs attending the Combined Operational Review and Evaluation Programme present.
- (b) Attendance and Addresses. Please ref list attached. Sorry all information as per format given by you is not given.
- (c) Photographs. Two group photographs are enclosed.
- (d) Menu. Scotch eggs; etc.
- (e) Payment. In cash, no cheques accepted. Past experience of bouncy Shivajian cheques calls for this. Our per head cheques worked out to Rs 50/- only, drinks for all were on individual basis.
- (f) Stores. Maj Gen Mann scored the highest bill (bearing all the way), Maj Gen Chowdhuri did not even open his account (he had already had a soft drink before)!

Col Arjun Mangain
Col GS (DOCMIL-I)
Faculty of Studies
College of Combat, Mhow

OLD BOYS NEWS

1. Brig SD Mohanti (Ex Pratap) and former Commandant and Col SS Dillon (Ex Shivaji) visited RIMC in July while at IMA in connection with a seminar.
2. Vice Admiral AR Tandon, AVSM (Ex Shivaji) has taken over as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.
3. Maj Gen AR Kumar (Ex Shivaji) has gone as GOC 23 Inf Div, where he has two other Rimcollians under him, viz, Brig NS Pathania (Ex Pratap) and Brig AK Dutta (Ex Shivaji). Brig Pathania has since moved as Deputy MS(B).
4. Brig N Deka (Ex Shivaji) has joined the NCC Directorate in Shillong.
5. Maj Gen SS Grewal (Ex Shivaji) has been approved for Lt Gen.
6. Brig D Mukherjee (Ex Pratap), Commander 116 Inf Bde has been a great help to RIMC.
7. Col Manvendra Singh (Ex Shivaji and Ex AO) has taken over as CO, 14 GUARDS.
8. Air Marshal Vihod Patney, VrC has been appointed as SASO, HQ Western Air Command.
9. Capt Jasbir Singh Kaberwal, 10 BIHAR has been awarded Shaurya Chakra on 15 Aug 95, for his gallantry during operations against militants in J&K.
10. Col NM Shankar (Ex Ranjit) has taken over as CO 5 JAK LI

CORRECTION

One of the letters in the last Chronicle under the Commandant's Mail Bag was wrongly ascribed to Samir S Singh. The letter, in fact, was written by Maj Gen SC Sinha, PVSM (Retd). The error is deeply regretted.

- Editor

कादीम्बनी कहानी प्रतियोगिता

देहरादून में एम.के.पी. [स्नातकोत्तर] कॉलेज में एक कहानी प्रतियोगिता आयोजित हुई। इसमें सभी स्तर के प्रतियोगी शामिल हुए। आर.आई.एम.टी. से भी लगभग 23 कैडेट व एक मास्टर श्री ज्ञानेश मुप्ता इसमें शामिल हुए।

कैडेट तौरभ मुप्ता को इस प्रतियोगिता में तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त हुआ जबकि दिग्विजय सिंह नाभा को साहित्य पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ। तौरभ मुप्ता की कहानी "नामकनी" की "कादीम्बनी" के यशस्वी संपादक राजेन्द्र अग्रवाली ने भुरि-भुरि प्रशंसा की। यह कहानी कादीम्बनी के जुलाई 93 के अंश में प्रकाशित हुई है। स्मरणीय है कि तौरभ मुप्ता आर.आई.एम.टी. साहित्य परिषद के पूर्व अध्यक्ष तथा कॉलेज की सांस्कृतिक संस्था "तृण" के सचिव रहे हैं।

बी.के. वैतन्य
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अंतर्कीक्ष्य हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता

अंतर्कीक्ष्य वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता हमारे कक्ष में काफी लोकप्रिय हो चुकी है। प्रत्येक वर्ष अगस्त मंत्र में हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की जाती है। इस प्रतियोगिता में कनिष्ठ एवं वरिष्ठ वर्ग के छात्र भाग लेते हैं। प्रत्येक कक्षा से दो कैंडिडेट एक पक्ष हेतु तथा दूसरा पक्ष हेतु भाग लेता है। इस प्रतियोगिता को तयान दो कैंडिडेट करते हैं, जो कि क्रमशः अध्यक्ष एवं तयारपाल होते हैं।

इस बार भी इस प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हमारे भ्रत हॉल में 9 अगस्त को हुआ। प्रतियोगिता दो बरणों में हुई- प्रथम बरण के अध्यक्ष कैंडिडेट तुमंत रांय थे और इसके दूसरे बरण के अध्यक्ष थे कैंडिडेट अभिजित तेम्बे। कनिष्ठ वर्ग के प्रतियोगियों ने इस प्रतियोगिता को श्रीगणेश किया। कनिष्ठ वर्ग का विषय था-

प्रतियोगियों ने बड़ा ही शानदार प्रदर्शन किया। बयामंतक रांय ने बड़े ही अच्छे ढंग से अपने विचार व्यक्त किए किन्तु बीच में लड़खड़ा जाने के कारण कुछ पिछड़ गए। टी. हणारिका ने बड़ी अच्छी तरह से अपना भाषण दिया और प्रथम पुरस्कार जीता। विनीतकुमार को दूसरा एवं बयामंतक रांय को कमांडेंट के विशेष पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

वरिष्ठ वर्ग को भी प्रदर्शन अतुलनीय था। वरिष्ठ वर्ग को विषय था-
"एक तमान नागरिक संहिता देश की अखण्डता के लिए अनिवार्य है।" वरिष्ठ वर्ग के सभी वक्तव्यों को प्रदर्शन अच्छा रहा। मण की बात यह थी कि कृष्णमैतन्य और आशीष पाठक, जो कि पिछले बार के विजेता थे, को तीसरे स्थान पर ही संतोष करना पड़ा।

इस वर्ग के प्रथम पुरस्कार जीतने वाले थे चंद्रमुप्त कक्ष के अकुर तिवारी तथा द्वितीय पुरस्कार चंद्रमुप्त कक्ष के टी. रितेश सिंह। प्रतिवादन में कैंडिडेट नीरम नैयानी को प्रथम पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

डाक्याकि अंकों की दृष्टि से रंजीत कक्ष ने अंतर्कीक्ष्य वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता लगातार सातवीं बार जीत ली। चंद्रमुप्त कक्ष ने तिरफ 3 अंकों से पिछड़ कर दूसरा स्थान प्राप्त किया। शिवाजी और प्रताप कक्ष को क्रमशः तीसरा और चौथा स्थान प्राप्त हुआ।

प्रतियोगिता के स्तर से निर्णायकण बहुत हुआ थे और इसी क्षणी में बढकर एक निर्णायक ने अषमदि ओजस्वी वाणी से तथा को पूरे एक घंटे तक बंधि रखा।

सभी वक्तव्यों की प्रशंसा करते हुए कमान्डेन्ट महोदय ने भी रंजीत एवं चंद्रमुप्त कक्ष को तराहा एवं प्रतियोगिता के उत्तम आयोजन के लिए प्रबंधन समिति की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की।

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