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Editorial

"If winter comes can spring be far behind?" Spring has come back to campus with all its glory and the bright prospect of the re-union. The cycle has taken a complete turn and the hue and glow of spring is already perceptible on the young faces. The re-union of this premier institution is unique by all standards. It is an event which can only be experienced because of the heart-warming bonhomie that goes with it. It is a sight to see the nostalgic older generation moving back to their good old days in the prophetic time machine of HG Wells for the same old adolescent pranks, shedding off all barriers of age and rank and coming down to the level of a vivacious Rimcol. They have remained a perennial source of inspiration for the young ones by their personal examples of elan, valour and gallantry. The College extends a warm and hearty welcome to its old boys who are here again with us on this memorable day.

In and Around RIMC

RESULT : LORD RAWLINSON INTER SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP—1985

	<i>Pratap</i>	<i>Ranjit</i>	<i>Shivaji</i>	<i>Chandragupta</i>
Sports and co-curricular activities	23.600	37.600	26.400	18.400
Education	23.655	24.424	26.446	25.475
OLQ	19.430	21.080	24.670	28.820
TOTAL	66.685	83.104	77.516	72.695
POSITION	4th	1st	2nd	3rd

Awards for 1985

	<i>Jan 85 term</i>	<i>Aug 85 term</i>
1. President Gold Medal for best all round Cadet.	Sandeep Singh	AV Joshi
2. UN Jha Memorial Gold Medal for standing first amongst the RIMC Cadets in All India Merit List for entrance to NDA.	DS Bhattacharya	AS Mallapurkar
3. Col Haughton's Silver Medal for being second best all rounder of the term joining NDA.	DS Bhattacharya	Vikram Varma
4. Brig KL Atal's Medal for being the best athlete of the year.		WJK Singh
5. Girish Verma Silver Medal for standing first in the RIMC SSCE (Class XI).	Sandeep Singh	Mohit Gandhi
6. Lt Col RK Sen, VrC, Memorial Silver Medal for standing first in SSE (Class X).	Sanjiva	Akshay Joshi
7. Lt Col Onkar Singh's Cup for the best turned out Cadet for the year 1985.		RS Manaise
8. Darshan Lal Cross Country Cup for the best runner for the year 1985.		SBS Bajwa
9. Best sportsman of the year.		Vikram Varma
10. Gen KS Thimayya Shield for Co-curricular activities for the year 1985.		Ranjit Section

11. Mr RC Sharma Cup for section getting highest points in Inter Section sports events.

Ranjit Section

12. Inter Section Education Cup.

Shivaji Section

13. Gen GG Bewoor's Cup for the Inter Section Character Qualities for 1985.

Chandragupta Section

14. Section standing first in overall sports events for 1985.

Ranjit Section

15. COAS Trophy for section sending the maximum number of Cadets to NDA for 1985.

Ranjit and Pratap Section

16. Lord Rawlinson Inter Section Championship Cup 1985.

Ranjit Section

Inter Section English Debate

The Inter Section English Debate Competition was held on Thursday, the 13th of February. The juniors argued whether "Science is a bad master" while the seniors debated on whether "Poverty anywhere is a threat to the prosperity everywhere". Both sides in both seniors and juniors delivered fiery and full throated speeches like professional firebrands putting forth their respective view points. It was a keenly contested event with each section giving the others a stiff fight. In the juniors, Cadet Michael Mawlong and S Sivashankar shared the first prize and Nitin P got the second place. Among the speakers in seniors, Cadets Vijay Singh and Peush Pawsey came first and second respectively while Cadet S Mathai was adjudged the best on the rebuttal panel.

The results were as follows :

Chandragupta	I
Ranjit	II
Pratap	III
Shivaji	IV

Sports Round Up

Hockey

The conventional hockey match between the staff and the cadets was played on 05 March 86 with traditional spirit and enthusiasm. The older generation was banking on the technique and skill whereas the vigorous and agile Rimcols displayed speed and stamina. Though the members of the staff lacked the much needed co-ordination due to the want of practice, they compensated it with their match experience and put up a good show by giving a neck to neck fight. The Rimcols snatched the match in their favour by scoring three goals as against two.

LN Thakur
OIC Hockey

Cricket

The cricket season this term has been a lively one. There were almost 50 aspirants for the college senior and junior teams. Once the selections were over the college team settled down to a regular practice session of 2½ hrs each day. The college senior team won matches against FRI, Welham Boys, Hindustan Sports Club with comfortable margins. Their winning spree was, however, broken by SHAMROCKS Club to whom they lost by 9 runs. The college junior team lost matches against Welham Boys (by 13 runs) and St. Joseph's Academy (by 9 runs) before beating Welham's by a comfortable 7 wkts margin in the return match.

The Staff Vs Cadets match turned out to be a lively affair. The staff team scored 85 runs in 16 overs. Main contributors were Capt D Choudhary (37) and Lt Col AK Dutta (29 not out). The Cadets replied with 87 for 7 in 14.5 overs.

Throughout the session creditable performances have come from Sec Cdr Sugandh Sharma and Cadet DS Bisht with the bat and Cadet S Dubey and Sec Cdr Robi Kapoor with the ball. Cadet Bhadra has been outstanding as a fielder. In the junior section Cadet Anuj Kalia has shown tremendous all round performance with the bat and ball. Cadet Akshay Joshi, our most accomplished batsman, missed the entire season due to hospitalisation. We wish him all the best and speedy recovery.

The college team is now eagerly awaiting the traditional match against the Rimcollians on the eve of the Founder's Day.

Capt D Choudhary
OIC Cricket

Commandant's Mail Bag (Excerpts)

Maj AK Singh S.M.
TRISHNA

St Helena Island
South Atlantic
3rd Dec 85

My dear Commandant

2. You may be aware that we are sailing round the world in our yacht 'TRISHNA'. Maj KS Rao, the skipper is also a Rimcollian.
3. Gods have been kind and after a severe storm while rounding the Cape of Good Hope, we reached St. Helena yesterday, thus completing about 1/4 of our voyage. India lies over a year and 2000 nautical miles ahead.

With regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely
Sd/-

Maj AK Singh S.M.
TRISHNA

Belem
Amazon Delta
Brazil
10 Jan 86

My dear Colonel

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As an old boy, the farther I am from civilisation on this yachting venture, the more I think of my days at the great institution.

With sincere regards

Yours sincerely
Sd/-

The excerpts of the two letters given above have no connection with the TV serial 'Trishna' and ought not misguide our readers.

.....
Two of our old boys are on a sailing cruise around the world on the yacht 'Trishna', an adventure sponsored by the Army Adventure Foundation, which has put the Rimcollians again in the forefront. A brief account of the sailing cruise is given below for our readers to undergo the same experience as the two Rimcollians who are out in the open seas braving the vagaries and fury of nature. The college wishes them "Bon voyage".

YACHT 'TRISHNA' REACHES BARBADOS

Yacht 'Trishna' of the Army Corps of Engineers, sponsored by the Army Adventure Foundation, reached Barbados on 08 Feb after a 6 days hard sail from Port of Spain, Trinidad. Maj KS Rao, the skipper (and a Rimcollian) talked to Col TPS Chowdhury, Team Manager, and said, "Winds were against us all the time in the 660 nautical miles journey, and sometimes even reached the intensity of 40 knots. All the crew members and the boat are absolutely fine although the boat is showing a little sign of wear and tear. During the voyage, one of the sails was torn off by the strong winds and the depth mounder became faulty. Even the speed log has not been working very satisfactorily. All these problems are being thoroughly checked up at the Barbados Yacht Club, and will be rectified here itself. We will be leaving Barbados on 10 or 11 February. On arrival at Barbados, we were given a very warm welcome by the local Indian population here and they were really excited to see our Yacht Trishna. According to some of them, ours was the first Indian Yacht to be seen in Barbados during their life span." Maj KS Rao was delighted to get the news that he had been blessed with a baby girl on 07 Feb 86 at Bombay. It was unanimously decided by all the crew members that the new born girl would be named 'TRISHNA' after the name of the yacht.

The crew of Trishna met the President Ellis Clarke of Trinidad and Tabago at Port of Spain, alongwith the High Commissioner Mr Placido D'Souza. The skipper, Maj KS Rao, presented the President with a book "Indira Gandhi—statesmen, scholars, scientists, and friends remember", which contains a tribute by the Prime Minister George Chambers of Trinidad. Trishna will reach Panama by 28 February.

"Bhagat Bhavan" and "Somnath Library"

In deference to the wishes of Rincollian Old Boys Association, Convocation Hall and the Library of the college have been named as "Bhagat Bhavan" and "Somnath Library" so as to perpetuate the heroic memory of two of our most illustrious and outstanding alumini, late Lt Gen PS Bhagat, VC and late Major Som Nath Sharma, PVC.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**"If you want to be beautiful, spend a minute before the mirror,
five before your soul and fifteen before God."**

— Rosa Maria Alves de Sa

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Editor's Note

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NDA Merit List : 75 NDA Course

It is with immense pride and supreme delight that we inform our readers that in continuation of our enviable spree of sustained excellent results in the immediate past, the cadets of RIMC have yet once more done proud to their *Alma Mater*. In the Merit List for 75 NDA Course, our cadets have secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 9th positions in the Army/Navy List and 1st, 2nd and 6th ranks in the Air Force List, thus taking the tally yet once again to a towering 9 out of top ten places in the nationally combined Merit List for the three services. Undoubtedly, an outstanding achievement in itself but what really makes it even doubly so, is the fact of its being an unprecedented successive repeat-performance as for 74 NDA Course also our cadets had brought us similar laurels. But what is even more, they have concurrently claimed (this too is a consecutive repeat-performance) 1st and 2nd positions in both the Army/Navy and Air Force Lists. This is really a matter of rare distinction for the Alumni of any one institution to achieve.

Further, two of our cadets who were not able to make the grade at the SSB for 74 NDA Course have now done so in their second attempt, thereby claiming for their batch of RIMC a hundred percent success score both in the UPSC written examination and SSB selection.

SSE RESULTS, NOV. 86

It is equally heartening to bring to the notice of our readers that in the RIMC Secondary School Examination (Class X) held in November 1985, all but one of our 26 cadets who appeared have passed in first division with a magnificent and enviable haul of 50 distinctions in various subjects. This result is by far the most outstanding as it surpasses in qualitative terms even that of May 1985 which had been our best-ever performance since the very inception of RIMC SSE in 1978.

MEDHAVI BADGES

The following cadets have been awarded Medhavi Badges (for standing first in their respective classes/for 1st term 1986) :

Classes	Cadet's Name
I A	Cadet Vivek Sharma (P)
II	.. US Rathore (R)
II A	.. D Rastogi (S)
III	.. A Mittal (C)
III A	.. RD Sharma (S)
IV	.. Sandeep Verma (C)
IV A	.. Prabhat Kumar (R)
V A	.. SK Upadhaya (P)

CADET APPOINTMENTS FOR THE FIRST TERM 1986

Cadet Captain : Cadet Sanjiva (P)
" Adjutant : " Vishal Sharma (P)
" QM : " Gagan Rathi (S)

Section Commanders

Cadet Robi Kapoor — Pratap
" Vijay Singh — Ranjit
" D Ahuja — Shivaji
" Sugandh Sharma — Chandragupta

Dormitory Sergeants

PRATAP Cadet MK Zaki, Cadet SK Upadhaya, Cadet B Bhadra
RANJIT Cadet Ravi Sharma, Cadet SS Negi, Cadet IS Samyal
SHIVAJI Cadet Akshey Joshi, Cadet Pradeep Singh, Cadet Sajal Jain
CHANDRAGUPTA Cadet D Narwal, Cadet Sugeet Jain, Cadet Rohit Chaudhry.

Inter Section Events

A Committee headed by the Administrative Officer and consisting of Mr VG Nene, Section Master, Shivaji Section and Capt D Chaudhury will examine the feasibility of reducing some of the Inter Section competitions so that more stress and time could be given to academic aspect of training. It has been felt that there are for too many Inter Section events and these events affect the academic training of the cadets.

HMI Course

Once again the cadets of RIMC have done very well at the Basic Adventure Course held at HMI Darjeeling from 20 Dec 85 to 09 Jan 86. First three Best Cadets of the course are from RIMC. Cadet WJK Singh has been declared the Best Cadet of the course. Most of our cadets have been awarded distinction certificates. Out of 54 prizes and awards, 36 prizes and awards have been bagged by six cadets of RIMC.

Inter School Essay Writing Competition

In the Inter School Essay Writing Competition organised by ONGC, Dehradun. Two of our cadets, Cadet SS Pundir and Cadet Akshey Joshi were awarded third and second prize respectively. Cadet SS Pundir represented the Junior group and Cadet Akshey Joshi represented the Senior group.

RESULT OF INTER SECTION EDUCATION CUP 1985

<i>Section</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Position</i>
Pratap	585	IV
Ranjit	604	III
Shivaji	654	I
Chandragupta	630	II

RESULT OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 1985

<i>Section</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Position</i>
Pratap	6	II
Ranjit	8	I
Shivaji	2	IV
Chandragupta	4	III

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr DN Thapliyal, Master in Mathematics on his marriage. We wish the couple a happy and prosperous married life.

Mr Md Qusim, Master in Geography who joined us last term has left us to join Bihar Police.

Rimcolliana

Congratulations to Lt Gen VS Sharma, AVSM on the award of PVSM and also to Maj Gens MA Zaki and KM Rai on the award of AVSM and to Brig SP Sinha on the award of VSM.

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The countdown for the summer vacation has started in the young minds least realising that life's unending run is still about to begin. Blackboards and desk tops in class rooms are promptly updated each day with meticulous regularity to indicate DLTGH (Days Left To Go Home). The yearning to go home and the nostalgic feelings about "Home Sweet Home" become more and more alive as the day comes closer and closer.

The reunion acts both as a catharsis and catalyst which refreshes and invigorates young Rimcols to take on new and routine tasks besides motivating them to strive for the best. The Re-union 86 was a shade different from those of the recent years as it was attended by a large number of Old Boys. It was a pleasure to have as many as 70 Old Boys, including 10 GCs under training at IMA, amongst us during the "Founder's Day" celebrations. We are extremely grateful to them and their lady wives and would request the Rimcollians to attend this function in still larger numbers. We tried our best to simulate the old times to give the Old Boys a feel of their long lost days and we believe we

did achieve to an extent. It was a sight to see the old and the young in their characteristic flamboyant mood recapitulating their days at their beloved *Alma Mater*.

The programme of the reunion ran its course by clock like precision as per the traditions of this great institution. The section spirit was clearly evident in the full throated gusto of the Rimcollians in cheering up their respective sections in the Inter Section Boxing Championship. The conventional hockey and cricket matches between the Rimcols and the Rimcollians kept the audience and even the participants wondering which team to side. The clear blue sky with patches of woolly white clouds was just the climate for the matches.

The reunion celebration brought in its wake the mid-term tests followed by hikes and excursions to various places of educational interest. The holidaying is over and the cadets are seen glued to their study tables for the forthcoming terminal tests. We wish them good luck.

NDA Results (Written Test)—76 NDA Course

The much awaited NDA result (written only) for the 76 NDA course is out. 19 cadets out of 22 who attempted for the first time in December 85 have come out successful. All the 8 cadets who attempted for the second time have also made the grade. The College and the Chronicle wish them the very best at the SSBs.

Inter Section Cricket Championship

The Inter Section Cricket Championship for the year 1986 concluded on 12 April 86. It was a closely contested affair with as many as three matches going into the final over. Ranjit Section created a record of sorts winning all their six matches while favourite Pratap finished third. Chandragupta deservedly claimed the second position. The performance of Shivaji was rather poor both with the bat and the ball. This year a total of 49 prizes were awarded (5 special prizes and 44 prizes to the winners and runners up in both senior and junior sections). The winners of special prizes do deserve a mention. They are :

Best Cricketer of the year	— Cadet VS Rana
Best Bowler of the year	— Cadet RD Sharma
Highest Scorer of the championship	— Cadet JS Sandhu
Best Six of the championship was hit by	— Cadet KPS Sirohi
Only Hat-trick was claimed by	— Cadet Sorabh Jain

Rimcols Vs Rimcollians Cricket Match (13 March 86)

This traditional cricket match was again played with usual fanfare, watched by a good beering

and cheering crowd. The Rimcols maintained their record of past 3 years by winning again in style by 7 wkts. The final scores were :

Rimcollians	—	83 all out
Rimcols	--	84 for three

On 20 April 86, the College Cricket Club played a match with 2 Corps cricket team. The College Club won with a comfortable margin of 5 wickets. The scores :

2 Corps	—	122 all out
RIMC	—	124 for five

For the College, Sanjay Bhardwaj returned excellent bowling analysis of 3 for 15, while RD Singh, our consistent run getter this season, carried his bat through the innings for a sound unbeaten knock of 48.

Inter Section Boxing Championship—1986

The inter section boxing championship 1986 was held on 12 March 86. The open air theatre was packed to capacity and the old veterans were seen cheering the young boxers. Each bout was fought till the ringing of the last bell and each boxer displayed tact and stamina. It appeared as if they had preserved all this for 12 March. The results were as follows :

Ranjit Section	— 1st	— 22 points
Pratap Section	— 2nd	— 19 points
Shivaji Section	— 3rd	— 18 points
Chandragupta Section	— 4th	— 17 points
Best Boxer	—	Cadet BS Rawat of Pratap Section
Best Loser	—	Cadet Rakesh of Chandragupta Section.

Our chief guest Maj Gen MS Chopra was kind enough to give away the prizes to the proud winners.

Inter Section Hockey Competition—1986

Results :

<i>Section</i>	<i>Total Score</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Championship Points</i>
Ranjit	7	I	8
Pratap	6	II	6
Shivaji	5	III	4
Chandragupta	2	IV	2

Special prizes awarded for showing a good game during the matches :

Seniors	—	Cadet Captain Sanjiva
Juniors	—	Cadet Lovekesh Thakur

Commandant's Mail Bag

Extract of letter dated 15 March 86 received from Maj Gen SC Sinha, PVSM :

"Please allow me to thank you for the wonderfully enjoyable time we had, during the RIMC Founder's Day celebrations. All the events were excellently well organised and very well done. Please kindly convey my appreciations to your staff for this good efforts and also for the warm hospitality that was extended to us all."

Extract of letter dated 15 March 86 received from Maj Gen Virendra Singh :

"I write this to convey to you and your staff our grateful thanks for the excellent arrangements made for the Old Boys' Reunion. We all immensely enjoyed our stay at our *Alma Mater* and it always brings back many happy memories.

I am very glad that we had a very good gathering of Old Boys covering a span of over 60 years. This is always a good opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

You and your staff can be justly proud of the excellent results both at the UPSC examinations and at the NDA itself. Your results at the SSE (10th class) examination have also been very commendable. There has never been any doubt in my mind that our college has fully justified the aims and objects set by the authorities. It has produced outstanding material for the Armed Forces and will continue to do so in the future."

Yacht, Trishna

Trishna, the 37 foot long sail boat has reached the Port Balboa after crossing the Panama canal. The yacht has been lifted out of water as planned and repairs to the radio set, repainting the bottom with anti fouling paint and other minor repairs are being carried out. Maj KS Rao, the skipper (a Rimcollian) confirmed that the crew was in high spirits and fine shape.

Trishna sailed off from Bombay on 28 September 85 and has covered approximately 13,500 nautical miles. It will now sail through Pacific to New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Jakarta and is expected to be back by March 87. Bravo! We wish you the God speed.

A Request

The Chronicle requests all the old boys to keep us informed and to keep our knowledge updated about you so that we may not have to fight shy when a probing question is asked of us regarding you.

List of Old Boys who attended Rimcollian Meet 1986

1. Lt Col AK Dutta
2. Lt Col PKK Raju
3. Lt Col Raj Manchanda
4. Maj Gen Virendra Singh
5. Lt Gen KN Dubey
6. Lt Gen KP Candeth
7. Lt Gen VN Sharma
8. Col Rajbir Singh Yadav
9. Brig Niranjan S Malik
10. Maj Gen BP Wadhera
11. Brig LS Negi
12. Lt Col Jasbir S Khurana
13. Brig BD Mansingh
14. Lt Col U Das Gupta
15. Maj TAS Bedi
16. Air Commodore Satwant Singh
17. Lt Col P Barua (Retd)
18. Maj Gen SC Sinha
19. Maj SP Sinha
20. Lt Col MS Dutta
21. Maj Gen Karam Singh
22. Maj KS Makin
23. Shri Santokh Singh Chopra
24. Col Malvinder Singh
25. Prof AS Panwar
26. Shri RK Gulati
27. Maj KC Anand
28. Maj SM Johar
29. Brig Charanjit Singh
30. Maj PK Sinha
31. Maj Gen GS Gill
32. GC Rakesh Kapoor
33. GC Adosh Kumar
34. GC Ajay Kalia
35. GC H Dharmarajan
36. GC ADS Badwal
37. GC NS Mangat
38. Shri PK Khosla
39. Shri Gurinder Singh
40. Shri Raji Thapa
41. Col Amrik Singh Khaira
42. Rajesh Gusain
43. Lt Col Rajendra Singh
44. Maj Krishan K Sharma
45. Brig K Gajinder Singh
46. Capt N Ghosh
47. Maj Gen TS Verma
48. Sandip Singhal
49. Lt Col BK Laroia
50. Sqn Ldr Yogendra Singh
51. Sqn Ldr R Mahaveera
52. Maj Ravindra Singh
53. Maj Sudhir
54. Shri Rakesh Jaiswal
55. Shri Baldev Singh Pawar
56. GC YS Meitei
57. Capt SS Hailikeri Chandu
58. Col Ranjit Singh
59. Capt AK Mitra
60. Flt Offr S Ghosh
61. Maj Gen MS Chopra
62. Lt Col DD Jayal
63. Air Marshal NC Suri
64. GC KV Kumar
65. GC SK Prasad
66. Shri A Mahapatra
67. GC Rajeev Bhatia
68. Capt Balwant Negi
69. Shri Neel Kamal
70. Col DK Khullar

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away."

— Ben Hecht

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Rashtriya Indian Military College has come a long way since its day of inception on 13 March 22 and is poised to leap into the next century so as to continue to manifest itself as an exclusive institution. The College is in the threshold of 21st century and is passing through a state of flux. The changes in nature as well as the passage of the time have however never affected the working of this college.

The Doon Valley experienced a short lived summer this year followed by occasional pre-monsoon downpours towards the middle of June. The effect was quite prominent in the campus with rolling greenery all around providing a soothing impact to the eyes as well as to the mind. The placid atmosphere prevailing in the campus till date appears something out of the world. It's the nature giving its final touches to the landscape before life starts throbbing with its spirited beat. With the nature's magical powers the college appears to have opened up its arms, ready to embrace the newcomers and renew the vigour of the old ones. The nature with its green surroundings, melodious chirping of birds and the rhythmic beat of rainfall appears to provide the right mental state required to take on tasks ahead in life.

Staff Notes

There has been quite a number of prominent changes in both the academic and administrative staff of the college :

To start with, our beloved Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, left us last month on promotion to the rank of Brigadier, to take over as Director, Recruiting and Resettlement, Central Command, Lucknow. We wish him and his family further glory in the days ahead. During his 4 years tenure (July 1982 to July 1986) as the Commandant, the RIMC earned to its lasting credit a series of outstanding laurels, thereby enhancing further its towering stature as a premier national institution. It had indeed been a long and continuous catalogue of extraordinary repeat performances and an enviable haul of successive records of either equalling old or creating new in almost all important and major fields of college activities such as games and NDA as also academic results where one after another have been improved by a subsequent one. The legacy has passed on to the able hands of Col CV Venugopalan, who took over this prestigious institution on 11 Sep 86. His career is replete with achievements and needs no elaboration. The college community extends a very warm and hearty welcome to Col Venugopalan and his family.

Besides the head of the family, we bid farewell to Maj TRS Nair who went on posting to AEC Training College and Centre, Pachmarhi. We also bid farewell to Capt D Choudhary, a distinguished sportsman and an able instructor, who left us to assume his appointment as Adm Offr, Mil School, Belgaum. We welcome Maj HS Yadav, Maj PRS Bisht, Maj KB Newar, Capt Vijai Singh, Sub BR Paliwal and Sub PB Rana and wish them and their families a happy and fruitful stay. We are sure that, with their experience and capability they will be able to keep the RIMC banner high in all spheres of activity.

In the administrative set up we lost a few good hands like the catering SM (Hony Lt) Suraj Bhan and the SQM Sub PB Rana who left for their pension establishment and unit respectively.

Cadet Appointments : IInd Term—1986

Cadet Captain	— Pradeep Singh	(S)
Cadet Adjutant	— KS Sanewal	(R)
CQMS	— SS Negi	(R)
Section Commander,	Shivaji Section	— A Joshi
"	Ranjit Section	— Prabhat Kumar
"	Pratap Section	— RS Atwal
"	Chandragupta Section	— Rohit Choudhury

Malaysian Open Junior Squash Championship

Cadet Pradeep Singh and Cadet Akshay Joshi of this college, were selected by The Squash Players Association (SPAD) of Delhi to take part in Malaysian Open Junior Squash Championship held from 26 to 29 Jun 86. Both the cadets have shown tremendous acumen and skill in the game of Squash at this tender age and were deservedly selected for this prestigious tournament. Cadet Pradeep Singh has the credit of being the National Sub Junior Squash Champion in the year 1984. Cadets Singh and Joshi have participated in several tournaments at both national and zonal levels and have brought laurels to their *Alma Mater*. Besides participating in Malaysian Championship, they also played some friendly matches in Malaysia and Singapore. Cadet Pradeep Singh bagged the 7th position and Cadet Joshi got the 9th position in the final seeding. However with this brief exposure in the international arena, we are sure that they will bring honour to the nation in the time to come.

Inter Public School Squash Tournament—1986

Our College Squash team took part in the "Inter Public School Squash Tournament, 1986", hosted at The Scindia School, Gwalior under the auspices of Squash Players Association of Delhi. We fielded two teams in under 16 and under 14 year groups. Our team under 16 played a gallant game, throughout the tournament with tremendous confidence and beat Doon School in the finals. In the Individual Championships in under 16 and under 14 groups Cadet Captain Pradeep Singh and Cadet Atinderjit Singh showed the desired grit and determination but unfortunately finished as runners up in both groups. The college team indeed deserves a pat. ●

Trishna

It has been our endeavour for the past few months to keep our readers informed about the progress of Yacht Trishna, the sailing cruise around the world, with two Rimcollians on board. The warm feeling and deep concern of a Rimcollian for his *Alma Mater* can be judged from an excerpt of Maj KS Rao (Skipper)'s letter addressed from Tahiti: "RIMC must know what is happening around. One thing you must insist that music club must be compulsory. Every one cadet should know to play an instrument (at least two tunes) and should be able to sing one or two songs—English & Hindi This can come of use anywhere in life." ●

Hobby Teachers

This Institution, to bring about an allround growth of a balanced personality from the very initial stages, has been imparting instruction on both co-curricular and extra curricular fields. The need for hobby teachers in music and photography has been strongly felt by the authorities for proper guidance to the young cadets. A statement of case has been forwarded to the Army HQ requesting for the provision of two part-time teachers in these fields. The response from Army HQ is still awaited. ●

NDA Results (UPSC Written), May 86

Out of 24 cadets who appeared in the UPSC Written test for entry into NDA, as many as 23 have come out with flying colours, which has almost become an oft repeated performance for the Rimcols. ●

The Basketball

The Basketball fever gripped the cadets fair from the beginning of the term. One could see cadets—ranging from Cl I to V—playing basket ball immediately after lunch. Yes even on Sundays, cadets are busy in basketball courts.

The traditional Staff Vs Cadets match was played on 16 Aug 86. Although the cadets exhibited a fast game, they could not match the experience of the members of staff. The match ended with the score board reading 90-52 in favour of the staff team. For the members of staff, Capt S Ashokkumar was the top scorer with 30 pts followed by Mr Joseph and Capt D Choudhary who scored 26 and 20 points respectively. Lt Col AK Dutta, the Adm Offr excelled in defence and Capt Vijai Singh also played a pivotal role. For the cadets team Cdt Sgt Shahi top scored and was ably supported by the college team Capt Cdt IS Samyal; Cdt Arunachalam thrilled the spectators with some of his three point baskets.

"Best men learn their lessons from their own mistakes," so goes a saying. The college team also learnt many a lesson from the defeat they suffered at the hands of the members of the staff team.

This could be seen from the match played between RIMC and Col Brown School. Rimcols led the match right from the beginning and ended the match with the score 51-43. For our college team, Cdt Arunachalam, Cdt IS Samyal and Cdt Shahi played well. The defence of Cdt RD Singh, Cdt Aggarwal and Cdt Sirohi is also worth pointing out. The victorious spirit was kept high when Rimcols took on 2/5 GR. They defeated 2/5 GR by 41-33 points.

For the first time in recent past, the Cdts combined with the members of staff and fielded a team against FRI Dehradun. The popular "Come along.....Joshy.....Joshy... .." cheering of Rimcols echoed the air and in the minds of players too. No wonder the college team was rejuvenated with the loud cheers and exhibited a marvellous game. This could be seen on the score board which read 96-40 in favour of our college team. Capt S Ashok Kumar top-scored the match with 30 pts followed by Mr Josesh and Cdt IS Samyal with 26 and 16 respectively. Well, the readers will hear more about basketball after the Inter section basketball tournament, which falls on 16 Oct 86.

—Cdt M Jagannath (Class-V)

Music Club

The music club of RIMC participated in All India Group Song Competition held at Nari Shilp Intermediate College Dehradun, organised by the "Bharat Vikas Parishad" Dehradun. In the Juniors section out of 16 schools who participated in the competition, RIMC got the first position consecutively for the second time. In senior section RIMC came 4th amongst 11 participating schools.

Rimcolliana

We are proud to say that the following Rimcollians received the COAS Commendation Card :—

1. Capt Gurdip Singh Bains
2. Capt Rajiv Anand
3. Capt Rakesh Kumar Yadav
4. Wg Cdr AG Bewoor

Our heartiest congratulations to all of them.

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In and Around RIMC

October promptly brought in the pleasant nip in the air just as the Cadets were "warming up" for the three big events of the term—football, basket ball and athletics which were programmed for the month.

The Pratapians just had to step out in to their front courtyard—the green top football ground. In true style they stepped out and went back to the section with the football trophy. Ranjitiens finished second, Shivaji and Chandragupta sections filled up the third and fourth positions respectively.

Movies on the video are a popular weekly feature. This month it was Amitabh Bachchan who dominated the RIMC idiot box with "Lawaris", "Mukkadar Ka Sikander" and "Satte Pe Satta". We screened "Kati Patang" to break the monotony of Bachchan punches. It was not all *desi* stuff. The Cadets were shown some Hollywood favourites too like "Silverado" and "Tuf Turf".

A word about the goal of RIMC. The SSB results are just one hundred percent—23/23 this time. In addition three second timers also cleared. The Commandant calls this "beginners" luck—for him yes, perhaps! but not for the 23—everyone put in his best. We are certain RIMC will bag quite a few top positions in the merit list too.

Mr Thapliyal, the master I/C music has two reasons for his beaming smiles these days—besides winning the trophy for "Rashtriya Samuha Gana Pratiyogita" organised by "Bharat Vikas Parishad" he is the proud father of a sweet little darling daughter—his first baby. Heartiest congratulations!

Back to games and Basketball. The Chandraguptians emerged the best scorers. The Shivajians did give them a run for their money finishing a close second. Ranjit and Pratap were III & IV in that order.

The Inter Section Athletic Meet 86 was the grandest RIMC show in recent times. This major event is dealt with in detail elsewhere in this issue. It was Diwali eve 31 Oct to be precise. The entire campus was brilliantly illuminated and the crackers which started booming on the eve continued to pop till midnight. Diwali evening itself was celebrated with great solemnity in the Mandir—It was soul stirring to listen to the junior Cadets' Bhajan Mandali singing the famous Bhajan "Allah Kaho, Ram Kaho, Nam Ek Hai" The sweet fare was topped by the famous "Chum Chum" in the dinner pack.

We congratulate Mr KP Mandal for his promotion as section master.

"On the spot painting competition" organised by the "Akhil Bharatiya Tarun Club" Dehradun, made the creativity of our cadets manifest itself. The following cadets bagged the prizes :—

- Cadet Devanshu Rastogi (Class III)—II
- Cadet A Chatterjee (Class IV)—III
- Cadet Suraj Kishore (Class II A)—Certificate of Merit.

The 24th All India Hindi Debate organised by our College on 11th of October revealed some fire and fury of the young speakers, battling for the coveted ivory shield donated by Kashi Naresh Shri Vibhuti Narain Singh. The members of the rebuttal panel lent further punch to the debate by asking tricky and testing questions. The results were as follow :—

- 1. Miss Poonam Sharma (Scholars Home)—1st
- 2. Miss Archana Srivastava (Welham Girls School)—2nd
- 3. Master Shailesh Sharma (Sainik School, Tillaya) and Miss Sheeja Navi (Welham Girls School)—3rd

Individually amongst the members of the rebuttal panel :—

- 1. Cadet Sanjay Kumar (RIMC)—1st
- 2. Master Himanshu Tripathi (Doon School)—2nd
- 3. Master Subeen Kumar (Sainik School, Tillaya)—3rd

The shield was lifted by Welham Girls School with 535 points followed by RIMC with 530 and Scholars Home with 521 points.

Festivities and holidaying have fast-disappeared from the minds of the cadets with the count down for the terminal exams. They are seen glued to their seats during preps and seated at isolated places on holidays with books in their hands. The Chronicle wishes them the very best of luck.

Morning PT What a Pity

We don't have any historical evidence as to who started morning PT but I am sure it was a person suffering from insomnia, a misanthrope or a super-human. I don't debate the finer points of morning PT that it makes you fresh, improves your health etc but talking about these without taking a look at the other side, is being over optimistic.

On a typical winter morning, when even the sun god prefers not to venture out, we are forced to discard our dreams and leave the comfort of our cozy-cozy beds. On one hand man has made things like electric blankets, quilts, central heating systems etc for his comfort and on the other hand we have to bear the wrath of the winter gods in a flimsy pullover not to mention the wrath of our PTIs.

Few of our ever enterprising cadets have found a cure to this i.e. not to attend PT at all. It's a risky business but the stakes are also high—about half an hour more of lovely uninterrupted sleep. This often results in a keen battle of wits between the cadets and our ever vigilant PTIs.

In case the absence of the culprit is discovered, his other friends try to give very imaginative excuses by proxy. These excuses may range from a toothache to meningitis fever—mercifully no AIDS. Or it can be the loss of his shorts, PT vest or the very keys to his cupboard. He might also have fallen down and hurt himself on his way to the PT field or may even have gone for a run on his own before. Its rarely that our PTIs digest these excuses and I am afraid they lack imagination. Once the PTI is seen coming towards the dormitory the culprits can be seen running here and there to find any possible hide-out. Some of the popular hideouts are the bathrooms, the cupboards, the roof of the dormitory, under the beds and in extreme emergencies even in the dustbins.

The PTIs have quite a thorough knowledge of these hideouts and finally when the culprits are caught, they can be seen with packs on, doing punishment for the next few days. But these things are forgotten soon and the adventurous ones never cease from trying to skip morning PT because life would be dull without all this excitement and fun.

—Cdt DS Bisht (Class-V)

Who was She ?

It was a cold night and time was about to be nine. I was passing through a graveyard. Needless to say that the graveyard was known to be haunted. As I was alone I was scared while passing through it. But however I managed to pass across it. As soon as I came to the other end suddenly I felt that I was being chased by a female apparition. I was so afraid that I dare not look back. Soon I was walking on the main road, but still she was chasing me. I felt as if I was frozen, because of fear and cold. Now I thought there was no other way therefore I started running. I was running at great speed, but what a surprise she was still chasing me. I went inside my room and closed the door! But my bad luck she came in there also. Do you know who she was! She was the cool breeze.

—Cdt AK Pandey (Class I-A)

Ram : What is the difference between a Superman and a common man ?

Shyam : A common man puts on the underwear beneath his trousers while the Superman puts on an underwear over his trousers.

—Cdts Rohit Teotia & Atinder (Class III)

Wonders of Mathematics

Suraj was very intelligent but he said he had done very bad in maths exams as he did not learn table of 9. Still out of 100 he may obtain 20 marks as he knew only $9 \times 1 = 9$ and $9 \times 10 = 90$. But still he got 100/100. How ?

Ans. He started counting how many mistakes he will make first from top then from bottom and then the table of 9 was completed

$$\begin{array}{l}
 9 \times 1 = 9 \\
 9 \times 2 = 1 \mid 8 \uparrow \\
 9 \times 3 = 2 \mid 7 \\
 9 \times 4 = 3 \mid 6 \\
 9 \times 5 = 4 \mid 5 \\
 9 \times 6 = 5 \mid 4 \\
 9 \times 7 = 6 \mid 3 \\
 9 \times 8 = 7 \mid 2 \\
 9 \times 9 = 8 \mid 1 \\
 9 \times 10 = 90
 \end{array}$$

8 mistakes from both ends.

—Cdt AJ Singh (Class III)

RIMC Records—Not Quite Guinness Stuff

1. Seniormost Cadet : PK Deoli—1193/C
2. Juniormost Cadet : A Verma—1480/R
3. Tallest Cadet : RS Atwal (6 ft)
4. Shortest Cadet : Caesar Basu (4 ft 3 inch)
5. Heaviest Cadet : Himmat Singh (75 Kgs)
6. Lightest Cadet : Caesar Basu (25 Kgs)
7. Busiest Cadet : Pradeep Singh
8. Maximum Packdrills : Jointly held by JS Kaberwal and AK Tewari
9. Maximum Cutting Bounds : JS Rajput
10. Greatest Hogger : A Banerjee (22 Bhaturs)
11. Jack of Maximum Trades : Vishal Agarwal
12. Maximum Absence from Parades : KPS Sirohi
13. The Most Sleepy Cadet : S Shahi
14. Best Break (Limbs) Dancer : JS Kaberwal
15. Best Mimic : KK Sukhen
16. Biggest Dandy : AR Choudhary
17. Most Ideal Cadet : RIMC still awaits.

दो शब्द

हो तुम विश्व के निर्माणकार,
आर० आई० एम० सी० के वीरकुमार,
जीवन में कुछ करो इतना महान,
पीढ़ियाँ गायेँ तुम्हारा गौरव गान,
कुछ कर डालो इतना विशाल,
नाम तुम्हारा जिससे हो बेमिसाल,
मन में सदा रखो विश्वास,
होगे तुम जीवन में पास,
अपने को रखो इतना मजबूत करके,
दाँत खट्टे कर सको दुश्मनों के,
हे! नवभारत के कर्णधार,
आर० आई० एम० सी० के वीरकुमार,
जिज्ञासा तुम में हर वक्त रहे,
घमंड हृदय से कोसों दूर रहे,
मन में विद्यमान् रहे उत्तम विचार,
किसी को न करनी पड़ेगी तुम्हें गुहार,
भरो अपने में तुम इतनी उमंग,
पर्वत लाँघ सको होकर भी अपंग,
कर लो आज तुम यह प्रण,
हारोगे नहीं कोई भी रण,
हो तुम आर०आई०एम०सी० के वीरकुमार,
काम तुम करो इसी के अनुसार।

—निर्मलेन्दु कुमार 'कश्यप'
रंजीत कक्ष III 'अ'

चुटकुले

★ एक बार एक गणित अध्यापक के बेटे और एक इतिहास के अध्यापक के बेटे में लड़ाई हो गई। तो इस पर इतिहास के लड़के ने कहा "मेरे पिताजी पूरी सिकंदर की फौज बुला लेंगे"। इस पर गणित अध्यापक के पुत्र ने कहा, "डरो मत, मेरे पिताजी उन सबको ब्रैकिट () में बंद करके रख देंगे।

★ एक लड़के की आदत थी कि वह हर गाने के शब्द बदल कर उन्हें दोबारा गाता था। एक बार रेडियो में गाना आ रहा था "एक डाल पर तोता बैठा, दूसरे डाल पर मैना—बोलो है ना"। तो इस पर उस लड़के ने इस गाने के वाक्य ऐसे बदले—"पहले साल में शादो हुई, दूसरे साल में गौना, तीसरे साल में बच्चे हुये, एक लंबा—एक बौना—बोलो है ना"।

Inter Section Athletic Meet, 1986

The Inter Section Athletic Meet 86 began on 29th Oct with a big bang. It was altogether a changed affair from the previous years. The celebrations and the competitions started with right earnest with the opening ceremony and the oath taking by the athletes on the 29th, with the burst of crackers and the floating of balloons in an azure October sky, the pavilion wore a new and colourful look. Video coverage of the events added new enthusiasm to the competitions. Needless to say that the young athletes were in the right state of mind and physique to strive for gaining new heights in all spheres of activity. The knowledge of the video coverage goaded them to put in their very best; if not during the competition atleast after it while facing the camera. They exhibited all the characteristic style of a professional athlete and simulated the Asiad to a great extent. It was quite evident that the college authorities had taken pains and gone into the minute details to put up a grand show.

The favourites of the A & B divisions Cadets Rahul Kesar (S) and Pankaj Sinha (P) proved their worth and were adjudged the best athletes. In the C Division Cadet JS Rajput (P) nonchallantly snatched away the Hira Lal Atal's trophy for the Best Athlete of the year. For the team championship it was a close neck to neck race between the Chandraguptians and the Shivajians. With just the last event 4 × 100 m relay left, the teams were tied at 91 points each—it was Hitchcockian suspense—Many missed a heartbeat. Mercifully the relay proved to be the clincher and placed the Chandraguptians at the top with a wafer thin margin of 2 points followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Ranjit in that order. The old boys race was good fun. It is worthwhile to mention that the stagger was given with due consideration to the age and arm/service of the participants. Lt Col Rajendra Singh the seniormost old boy present, being from the EME was at an advantage both ways. However he could maintain the lead all the way closely followed by Lt Col AK Dutta who beat the youngsters probably with his conserved stamina. Maj Gen S Chengapa, Officiating Commandant, Indian Military Academy graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Athletics ended but the celebrations did not. It was followed by the burst of crackers as a curtain-raiser for the Diwali. In our over enthusiasm probably we roped in so many events that we got our timings a bit wrong. Evening followed dusk, but our crackers came to our rescue with the backdrop of beautifully illuminated Pratap Section.

Trishna Enters Indonesian Waters

Trishna, the yacht going round the world skippered by Maj KS Rao (an old boy) and with Maj AK Singh (another old boy) as a crew member touched the Indonesian port of Kupang in Timor on 19th Oct. We are grateful to Maj Rao for maintaining constant touch with us and for dropping a line from every port they touched. Passing through severe weather conditions and facing the vagaries of nature, Trishna was again in the news when it touched Djakarta on 09 Nov 86. The nation is all set to welcome the dauntless heroes—RIMC is more eager to welcome the daring Rimcollians and looks forward to their arrival at their *Alma Mater* in the coming reunion.

We Feel Flattered

"I have just received the Chronicle dated 15 Oct 1986, and reading the Editorial, found it so very fascinating that I re-read it; feeling quite enchanted! Somehow it so vividly brought back memories of over 45 years ago, to nearly 50 years ago, of the beautiful "rolling greenery", "nature giving its final touches to the landscape", "melodious chirping of birds...", "rhythmic beat of rainfall-which you mentioned and also what is no longer there, the magnificent, tea-gardens behind the Cricket Pavilion! As a keen nature lover, I suppose your editorial struck chords deep within my mind, and I think my boyhood days at the RIMC (1937-1943) made me feel many things without at all understanding them then, but perhaps fully understanding them now—fifty years later! So many thoughts brought to the surface reading your Editorial."

From:—

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"By God's grace and your best wishes I have managed to get an admission in +2 here so that if I don't get into the NDA this time I'll continue with my studies.

As you know I was medically unfit the last time so if I get through this time it will be a sure stroke of luck. In spite of the fact that I barely have a chance, I just cannot take NDA out of my mind. May be it is the effect of the five years that I spent at RIMC. I will be going to Bangalore on 4th November 1986 and I hope to do well and get through both SSB and Medical examinations."

From:—

Shashi Kant Upadhyay
120th Course

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