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We wish Our Readers A Very Happy New Year

—EDITOR

COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome our cadets back to the college after the winter vacation and wish them all health and happiness.

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We welcome the new cadets who have joined the college this term and hope that they will find their stay pleasant and fruitful. A brief interview with them is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

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We congratulate Section Commander J.S. Malhotra of the Shivaji Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College. We hope, he will prove himself worthy of and competent in his assignment.

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We congratulate the following cadets on their Section Appointments and hope that they will rise to the occasion in their new capacity.

Shivaji Section

Section Commander—D.K. Das.
N.C.Os. —G. Dawar,
S.S. Butalia,
J.J.R. Tewari,
S.V.P. Singh,
K.R. Rao,
Brejinder Singh.

Pratap Section

Section Commander—K.K. Panda.
N.C.Os. —S.C. Sharma,
A.P. Sharma,
A.K. Malhotra,
J.S. Narwal,
L.M. Krishnan,
P. Mittal.

Ranjit Section

Section Commander—A.K. Das.
N.C.Os. —C.P. Chaudhary,
R. Mohanchand,
M.P. Malik,
Inderpal Singh,
A.K. Bhalla,
S. Bhadra.

Chandragupta Section

Section Commander—A. Murgai.
N.C.Os. —A.K. Das,
G.N. Punj,
A.K. Arora,
K.S. Shrikant,
A.P.S. Keith,
Omit Sarkar.

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The following cadets have left the College to join the N.D.A. We congratulate them on their success and hope that they will keep up the reputation of the college.

U.R. Rao, J.P.S. Talwar, S.K. Dixit, Prakash Singh, B.L.N. Raju, R. Talwar, V. Haribabu, S.S. Gill, M.R. Ghanekar, C.M. Bali, Harjeet Singh, S. Mukherjee, G. Pande, A.K. Dutta, R.L. Tyagi, M. Sujit, G.S. Kochhar, N.S. Brar, and S.M. Garg.

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Friday, January 14, '66—Members of the Staff, with the Principal in the chair, observed two minutes' silence to pay homage to our beloved Prime Minister Late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. A resolution of condolences, expressing profound grief at Shri Shastri's death, was passed at the meeting. In his tribute to the departed leader, Principal S.P. Sharma recalled the sincerity, service and supreme sacrifice of Shri Shastriji to the nation.

Monday, January 24. The College routine started with the Assembly, at which the Principal heartily welcomed the cadets back to the College and wished them the best of luck and exhorted them to work hard and play well during the term.

He told that, unlike previous years, the winter vacation this year had been bleak owing to the passing away of our beloved Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, who, with his noble qualities of honesty, devotion to duty and love for peace, had made a valuable contribution to the nation. He expressed grief at the death of Gen. K.S. Thimayya, former Chief of the Army Staff and a distinguished Rimcollian. He recalled the qualities of head and heart that made Thimayya a great general. He exhorted the cadets to live up to the glorious ideals set forth by our great men like Shri Shastri and Gen. K.S. Thimayya.

Making reference to the crucial time our country is passing through and the tasks ahead of us, he expressed the hope that the young cadets of the College will shoulder the responsibilities worthily to be a stronger nation.

Later, the Principal inspected all cadets sectionwise and directed the Cadet Appointments to read out and explain the College Orders to the junior cadets and see that they set an example of upright behaviour and smart movement before their juniors.

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Wednesday, January 26—Members of the Staff had Republic Day dinner with the cadets in the dining hall at 2000 hrs.

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A Hindi film 'Love in Simla' was shown to the cadets at 10 in the Convocation Hall.

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Thursday, Jan, 27. At the Assembly the Principal told that we stood yet once more under the gloom of a tragedy. He referred to the air-crash, in which 117 valuable lives of our countrymen including that of Mr. H. J. Bhaba, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and leading scientist in the field of atomic research, were lost. He recalled the remarkable achievements of Mr. Bhaba and said that unfortunately he was snatched away from us at a moment when his services to the country were most urgently needed. He made reference to the need of the day and exhorted the cadets to fulfil the task Mr. Bhaba had set before us.

Saturday, January 29—Principal and Mrs. S.P. Sharma gave a dinner to the members of the Staff and their wives. The dinner was attended by us all.

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Monday, January 31—Some Commonwealth cadets, who had come to Delhi to take part in the Republic Day Parade, visited our College. They were from the Military Academies of U.K., Thailand, Ceylon and Singapore. They were taken round the College and were introduced to the members of the Staff over a cup of coffee in the Senior ante-room.

RIMCOLLIANA

Maj. Gen. K. Zorawar Singh, Commandant I.M.A., and a distinguished Rimcollian, has been posted at Sikkim as a Div. Commander.

We wish him the best of luck in his new assignment.

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We welcome Maj. Gen. J.T. Sataravala on his posting as Commandant, at the I.M.A.

'A Rimcollian Officer's Exploit'

Our ex-Cadet Maj. Mohammad Ahmad Zaki of the Maratha Light Infantry, who has been awarded Vir Chakra by the President of India and Rs. 3000.00 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for his conspicuous gallantry, equalled six armed Pakistanis in an encounter during the Indo-Pak conflict.

'On Sept. 20, a column of Indian troops led by Maj. Zaki ran into enemy defence holding a Pakistani village. His left hand badly wounded, the Major put in a lightning attack killing six Pakistani soldiers before achieving his objective.

Maj. Zaki hails from Hyderabad.'

We heartily congratulate Maj. Zaki on this achievement.

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Our heartiest congratulations to our ex-Cadet (Pratap) Captain D. Banerjee on his marriage with Sunanda. He is now posted at the I.M.A.

OUR NEW CADETS

We welcome the new cadets and hope that they would imbibe the best that the college affords and be happy.

1. Ashok Kumar Singh, IA (Chandragupta), 5'-2½", belongs to Faizabad

and comes to us from the Christ Church College, Lucknow, where he was studying in Class IX. He seems to be a good player of Badminton, Cricket and Hockey and makes good use of his leisure by collecting stamps (of which he has got a good collection) and drawing pictures.

2. Bhupindra Yadav, I (Pratap), 4'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " , has joined the college after studying at St. Patrick's High School, Asansol up to class VII. He plays hockey, cricket, football and tennis. He is interested in reading story books and pursues as his hobbies gardening and carpentry.

3. Rajendra Singh Bhandari, I (Pratap), 4'-4" , belongs to Port Blair, where he had his early education at the Modern Preparatory School. He plays hockey and football and is fond of good books.

4. Salil Chandra Chakravarty, I (Chandragupta), 4'-7" , hails from Bengal and acquired education at the Government-sponsored Multipurpose School, Calcutta up to class VII. He is a player of football, cricket and badminton. He has read a good many stories of English and Bengali and seems to be inclined to pursue a hobby at the College.

5. Nitin Malhotra, I (Shivaji) 4'-10" , is a product of Sainik School, Tilaiya (Bihar) where he studied up to Class VII. His favourite games are Squash, cricket, hockey and football and he seems to be keenly interested in handicraft and aeromodelling.

6. Ranvir Singh Kanwar, I (Shivaji), 5'-2" , has come to us from St. John's School, D.L.W., Varanasi where he was studying in Class VIII. He is an athlete who seems to excel in races and jumps. He plays hockey, cricket and football and takes delight in Philately and story reading.

7. Raj Saran Varma, I (Ranjit), 5'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " , had his education at Anisabad Central High School, Patna up to class VII. Football, cricket and hockey are his favourite games and story reading his chief pastime.

8. Sachchidanand Shahi, I (Ranjit), 5'-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " , has been a student of Sir Ganesh Dutta Patliputra H. School, Patna up to class IX. He is a player of football and badminton and seems keenly interested in reading books and reciting poems.

9. Sunil Sadanand Jog, (Ranjit), 4'-7" , is a local cadet and has joined us after receiving his education at the Cambrian Hall. He has a flair for games—cricket, football and hockey and takes delight in stamp collecting and books of information.

10. Bimal Rai Bhatia, I (Ranjit), 4'-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " , is another local cadet and a product of St. Joseph's Academy. Besides being keenly interested in stamp collecting and art, he seems to be a good player of football, cricket and badminton.

11. Vikram Singh Negi, I (Ranjit), 5'-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " , is a resident of Meerut where he was studying in class VII at St. Mary's Academy. He plays hockey, cricket and badminton and has love for philately.

12. Pritpal Singh, I (Ranjit), 5'-2" , hails from the Punjab but had his education at St. Edward's Higher Secondary School, Simla. Cricket, hockey and football are his favourite games and Philately is his hobby.

13. Narayan Moorthi Shankeṛ, I (Ranjit), 4'-6" , belongs to Madras and has entered the college after studying at S.L.B. English High School, Nagercoli. He plays football and hockey and seems keenly interested in reading books and collecting stamps.

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

You may ask me now—

'Why do we say this prayer? Why should we waste these five minutes which could be employed in learning something useful or making something gainsome? Why should we bother about God and religion which have no place in the modern scientific world and hence in our education?' But, I should ask you in return, 'what is the purpose of education? You and your educationists would perhaps reply that the purpose of education is to prepare the child physically, materially and morally for a better living in society. You may again insist on what has the teaching of religion to do with education. You will understand the place of religion only if you understand its real import and significance. Religion is, indeed, the essence of all that is good in mankind. It is the result of man's experiments, from generation to generation, in the way of living and thinking. It is religion that lifts man above the level of beasts. Hunger, sleep, fear and other instincts are common to man and beasts; the only distinguishing feature between the two, the scriptures say, is the religion.

Dharma is the way of life evolved through generations and generations of mankind. Whatever is the best in human thought and philosophy is embodied in the tenets of religion. Man has always striven for his material and moral

well being, aiming at eternal peace and wordly comfort. It would, therefore, be unwise for any individual or society to cast away the accumulated wisdom of the past for rash experiments. Religion has been a great force and has enlightened the great souls like that of the Budha, Christ and Shankracharya. They have brought from time to time the ideals of truthfulness, honesty, friendliness, sincerity, love, mutual trust and faith. These are the precious things of life which have made life worth living.

Further, all religions have preached the oneness of God and say that God is the creator of all. Thus, basically all religions preach the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. If the people all over the world understand this simple truth and act upon this common bond in their lives, the world would be a much happier place to live in.

The form of religion does, and should vary a little from place to place and time to time. And those who understand the basic truth, the brotherhood of mankind, would not quarrel over these local and personal variations. In order to get the best out of our religion we must develop a sense of understanding and tolerance towards other religions. The quality of श्रद्धा, that is, respectful regard, is essential, not only for a religious life but also for successful education.

It is, therefore, essential, that we start our day with a prayer to God to give us बल and विवेक strength and wisdom, to live up to the higher ideals of nobler life.

Science Corner

AN EXPERIENCE

It was 1st February. I was the duty master of the day. At 10 in the

night, after my rounds from the Dorms, I was going to change. As I was putting off my sweater, a hissing sound drew my attention. Then I put off my tereleyene shirt. I felt a sensation on my arms. With careful observation, I saw my hair of the arms standing on end. I just brought the shirt to my arm and began to enjoy the wave-like dance of the hair by fanning them with the shirt.

At that moment I recollected the hissing sound of the sweater. To satisfy my curiosity I put on my tereleyene shirt again, switched off the light and with that sweater began to rub my arm. Clear sparks with that friction could be seen along the movement of the sweater on the arm.

Now all of you must have followed this personal experience of mine and would not deny to agree with me in saying that it was nothing but "Electricity produced by friction."

—L.N.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Sir Winston Churchill, at 84, was said to have turned off his hearing-aid in the House of Commons so that he could doze or contemplate on other matters. But he had it on full blast one day when two other members were discussing him behind his back.

"The old man seems to be getting a bit past it these days," said one.

Sir Winston Churchill turned, cast an icy glance on the talkers, and rumbled: "Yes, they say he's getting a bit hard of hearing too".

S. Mukherjee.

'A HERO IN PEACE AND WAR'

We, the members of the staff and cadets of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, deeply mourn the death of our late Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, who died a hero at the height of his victory—the victory of concord over conflict, the victory of peace over war.

He successfully steered the ship of the nation at a moment when it was surrounded by violent storms and led it to safe harbour at the cost of his life. His integrity, devotion to duty, sincerity and spirit of selfless sacrifice will ever be cherished by our grateful nation and the ideals of amity, understanding and peaceful co-existence, for which he laid down his life, will ever inspire our countrymen to further achievements in the sphere of lasting world peace.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family in this hour of bereavement and pray to God to bless the noble soul with eternal peace in his heavenly abode.



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RIMCOLLIANA

Capt. R.S. Ratra visited the College. We are glad to learn that Capt. Ratra's marriage is going to take place on 10th March.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Saturday, February 5.

Under the auspices of the Current Affairs Association, a Juniors' Quiz was organized in the Geography Lecture Theatre at 1830 hours. An account of the competition is printed elsewhere in the Chronicle.

Wednesday February 9.

Cadets Satendra Singh and Inderpal Singh represented the College at the Hindi Declamation Contest held at St. Thomas' School under the auspices of the Rotary Club, Dehra Dun.

Despite a keen contest Cadet Satendra Singh secured the first place among individual speakers and our College won the trophy for the best performance.

We congratulate the Cadets and the Hindi Deptt. on their well-merited success.

Saturday, February 12.

An English film 'The Foreign Legions' was screened at 1800 hrs in the Convocation Hall.

SPORTSFOLIO

RIMC vs Aryans.

The Aryans as usual provided a strong side for the match on Sunday. The RIMC bowlers could find little help from the pitch, and faced with eleven good batsmen, could make little headway. It was creditable, therefore, that they were able to keep up a steady attack and

take 8 wickets for 206 runs, Mullick taking 4 of them. Sirohi and Bhadra batted very sensibly and gave a confident start to the innings, but a steady collapse saw Mr. Puri keeping up his end as batsmen came and went. Bhadra scored 40 and Mr. Puri was 26 (not out) when the game finished with the College at 106 for 6.

RIMC vs Shamrock Club.

Some fine batting by Mr. K.K. Dubey (43) and V.P. Singh (33) enabled the College to total 132 in their match against the Shamrock Club. The latter were all out for 123 after Mullick had been dangerous with the new ball and new comer. S.R. Gokhale had taken over and bagged 5 for 33. An exciting victory achieved in the dying minutes of the game, lively fielding and an idyllic debut.

RIMC vs Survey of India.

Rain had fallen the whole of the day before and in the morning of the match with the result that the field was a semi-quagmire. But play went on. The Survey of India never really got going and were all out for 122 after a combined bowling onslaught by M.S. Mullick, S.R. Gokhale and A. Malhotra. The home side proceeded to knock up 76 of which Mr. Puri scored 32, before the heavens opened and washed out the whole day's effort.

Staff vs Cadets.

The Staff team batted first and made a disastrous start. The openers were dislodged within the first couple of overs, and three wickets were down within 20 minutes. But with veterans H.D. Puri and K. K. Dubey at the crease, the staff pulled back and the total rose steadily to the eighties when these two retired, Mr. Dubey at 38 and Mr. Puri at 37 and shortly afterwards a declaration was made at 92 for 3. Batting that was often hesitant was matched with superb fielding and consistently good bowling by the

team of Bannerjee and Puri. The wickets fell regularly, for only Sirohi was able to get on top of the bowling, and by the close of play the cadets had scored 74 for the loss of 5 wickets.

—J.D.

C.A. QUIZ

A Juniors' Quiz was held on Saturday, the 5th February. Classes from I to III were divided into two teams consisting of Group A and Group B. Group A included classes I, IA and III and Group B classes II and IIA. Each group had its leader—S. Wangdi of Class II being the leader of Group A and Cadet D.C. Kumarya of class IIA being that of Group B.

Questions for the competition were based on the ability and achievement of the cadets in the sphere of General Knowledge and Current Affairs. They covered a wide variety of subjects including Everyday Science, Mathematics, History, Geography, Language, Literature, Games Sports, Current Affairs and other topics of common interest. The questions set were terse, ingenious, and thought-provoking. Obviously, special consideration was given to the mental equipment of the cadets in framing the questions. The competition was really very interesting and instructive. It provided the cadets with an impetus to widen the scope of their knowledge and sharpen their wits, at the same time. It afforded delight to all those who were present. The credit for the successful organization of the Quiz goes to the Current Affairs Department.

A few questions put to the cadets at the Quiz are given below:

1. Name the Russian Spacecraft which soft-landed on the moon?
2. If the Clock shows 12.30 in India, what will be the time by Big Ben at the same moment?
3. In the year 1556 there was a great flood in the Yamuna. The whole of the Red Fort area in Delhi was washed away. How was the Red Fort saved?
4. Name the capital of Mongolia. What is its Hindi translation?
5. On the 1st of February a flower was seen on the surface of water. The number doubled everyday. The tank was full on 28th Feb. When was it half?

6. Two Indians entered a shop. One of them was the father of the son of the other. What was their relationship?
7. Name the couple who has climbed a hill more times than anyone else?
8. How many members are there in the U.N. Security Council?
9. Name the Capital of India at the time of Ashok?
10. What is the script of Hindi?
11. Who was the greatest miser in Shakespeare's plays?
12. Name a city in Europe a part of which is not owned by the country which surrounds it?
13. What instrument is used to record the heart beats?
14. What symbol is used to indicate an aerodrome?
15. Where is the Rocket launching station in India?

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

O God

Grant us inner, spiritual strength,
To resist temptation and to control the mind
Free us from egoism, lust, greed and hatred
Fill our hearts with divine virtues.
Let us remember thee,
Let us ever sing thy glories,
Let thy name be ever on our lips,
Let us have our abiding trust in thee
both in our sorrowful and happy moments of life.

HIKE TO SANTHORA DEVI

Setting out on a dismal morning with rain threatening, the Nature Study Hobby started its hike to the temple of Santhora Devi. Cutting across from Garhi to Tapkeshwar, the route then led straight up the Nun Nadi to the base of the hill on which the temple stands. From Amwala, a thousand foot climb culminated at the temple itself. Once here, the light occasional showers let up to allow two uninterrupted hours of sunshine, which were most welcome. Coming back, a new track was decided upon

via Panditwari, but unfortunately the map did not correspond to the facts and the path petered out after a mile and a half. And so, making a detour through the jungle to the east, they came out to the south of Punjabwala and returned by the river route. Only in the last half hour of the 14 mile journey did the rain come, and after sheltering at Tapkeshwar, they pushed on to the college to arrive in good time.

J.D.

CADET'S JOKE

1. One evening George Bernard Shaw went out to attend a dinner. As he was very thin to look at, a fat gentleman remarked, "Looking at you anyone would think that there was a famine in the country". Shaw at once told the fat gentleman, "Looking at you anyone would conclude that you were the cause of it."

Cadet A.K. Das,
Class II

Science Corner

TRACER ATOMS IN CHEMISTRY

Radioactive tracer atoms are now used in organic and inorganic chemistry to investigate all kinds of processes.

Of interest is the use of tracer atoms to determine the percentage of content of chemical elements in mixtures, especially if the quantity of the element is negligible. The radioactive method is capable of detecting a millionth part of one per cent of an element in an alloy or ore!

A new field of science called Radiation Chemistry that deals with the chemical transformations of a substance caused by radioactive radiations is opening up broad vistas to industry. High powered nuclear radiations cause profound changes in the structure of complex organic materials, such as rubber. Nuclear radiations may be used to produce an exceedingly firm skin on metal.

Radioactive radiations are capable of changing the course of very important chemical reactions, such as the process of polymerization when several molecules combine to form one large molecule, called a polymer. In this way, plastics, synthetic rubbers are produced.

When two different plastic materials are irradiated they merge into a single whole, making it possible to create protective coatings on goods.

G.S.

MAN AND BOOKS—AN APPROACH

I rather shudder to profess myself to be a 'library cormorant' like Coleridge, and yet can scarcely think of a living, growing human civilization without books. For, as a matter of fact, books are not, and cannot be 'absolutely dead things' as most people are apt to think. They are as living as, or even more living (if I am permitted to say so) than any living being can be. Why? When they, at their best, are but symbols—quantitative or qualitative or both? How then, can they be so truly vital to us 'whose progeny they are?' The answer is not far to seek, if we just compare their function with that of man, who uses them presumably with a certain end in view, and the significant interaction between the two. Before I elucidate their functions, I want to make it clear that the aim of both is basically the same—to make human life grow richer, finer, nobler. But let us not confuse the means with the end, that is, book with the man.

Now I return to their functional aspects and the outcome of their interaction for humanity at large. Considered in the framework of the universe, both man and books are symbols, though with life and warmth and beauty and an active interaction between the two results in a dynamic socio-cultural change. Philosophically speaking, man himself is a 'symbolizing animal' that is, to quote Prof. Mulder, 'It is not merely that he thinks, that he is a rational animal. Only man seems to be aware that he is aware, conscious of his own consciousness' for he lives as much in a conceptual, imaginative world as in a physical world and hence he discovers that to live imaginatively is a distinctly human trait. He is, in fact, a 'creature, who does not merely react to his environment; he responds, transforming it and giving it new dimensions.'

And what is a library? Obviously, a collection of books—yes, of living symbols significantly responsive to man, who is in quest of a soul. And it was no less a thinker than Carlyle himself who said, 'The true university in our days is a collection of books'. What he seems to have meant by this statement is that books contain the essence of the wisdom of ages and the enduring values that have

fostered and sustained the process of evolution and have thereby kept the world going. Besides preserving in themselves the record of man's achievements, books continue to provoke human spirit to delve deeper into the mines of mystery and meaning.

Books, therefore, symbolize man's will to look, to listen, to create and recreate and libraries are the centres of study and schools of research. They provide seats for Humanities and Science in short, human experience, refracted, reflected, represented through arts—verbal, visual and tonal and sciences—pure and applied. Libraries are of a great value to us in so far as they create and cultivate a correct cultural environment, for books are as nourishing to man's mind as is fresh air to the lungs. Wisdom contained in books has a humanizing effect on readers and, to the extent to which it has been fully assimilated, it makes them cosmopolitan in thought and deed.

A lover of books is, therefore, never ignorant, neither of himself nor of the world around him, nay, its proud past, its fateful present and its imaginable future. And this is precisely what made Francis Bacon exclaim, 'Reading maketh a full man' for books yield new meanings to one who has learnt the art of intelligent reading. Reading with gusto and humility forges links with the past on the one hand and serves on the other as a stepping-stone to the future and thus leads us to nobler and sublimer regions of thought. Really speaking, reading is a sort of adventure into human values.

Remember, nevertheless, that a book is an instrument, and its use and the outcome thereof depend much upon the man who makes use of it. An instrument, in itself and by itself, can neither make anything good nor bad. It produces what it is made to produce and its efficacy varies from user to user. What I mean is that the judicious reading of a book by a reader, who is able to establish an emotional identification and aesthetic harmony with its contents, might transport him to imaginative emancipation and cultural awareness.

Let us therefore, not look down upon libraries as something smacking too much of academic pursuits, but approach them as sanctuaries of learning—learning that makes our short lives gloriously humanized. For if we let ourselves wean away from the pure and genial pursuits of letters, we will not only retard our growth towards the fulfilment of our imaginative potentialities but will also drag our race a step back to barbarism.

We live in an age which has produced micro—films of books and portable, pocket libraries and has made the vast store of human knowledge accessible to us. And as a result of all this, the prospects of our getting humanized and elevated have undoubtedly been rendered brighter than ever before.

R.P. Dwivedi.

WORDS OF WISDOM

We rise from life to thought and return from thought to life in a progressive enrichment which is the attainment of ever higher levels of reality. Tradition is something which is for ever being worked out anew and recreated by the free activity of its followers. What is built for ever is for ever building.

—Dr. Radhakrishnan

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Growth is slow when roots are deep. But those who light a little candle in the darkness will help the whole sky aflame.

—Dr. Radhakrishnan

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Duties to self, to the family, to the country and to the world are not independent of one another. One cannot do good to the country by injuring himself or his family. Similarly one cannot serve the country injuring the world at large. In the final analysis we must die that the family may live, the family must die that the country may live and the country must die that the world may live.

—Gandhi



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Rimcolliana

Thursday, February 24.

Col. S.N. Gay, Secretary, Old Boys Association, visited the college.

College News

We congratulate Sec. Com. K.K. Panda (Pratap) and Cadet R. Mahaveera (Chandragupta) on their securing the second place and a certificate of Merit respectively at a Mathematical Intelligence Test organised by the Doon Mathematical Society.

Saturday, February 19. Under the auspices of the English Dramatic Club, a mock session of the United Nations General Assembly was held in the Open Air Theatre at 1645 hours. An account of the mock session is printed elsewhere in this issue.

An English film 'Dam Bursters' was screened in the College Convocation Hall at 1800 hours. The film, which depicted the remarkable achievements of the Royal Air Force during the Second World War in destroying German dams, was really thrilling. It was full of numerous adventures and information which merit our deep concern today in so far as air force training is concerned.

Tuesday February, 22. Five English films concerning cricket and its various aspects were screened in the Convocation Hall at 1500 hrs. The films, presented by the British Council, were very interesting and instructive. They provided a fillip to the cadets to learn the game more fully. Following were the titles of the films shown:

1. Cricket Batting—strokes, cuts and glides.

2. Bowling—bowlers' Action.
3. Bowling—spin bowling.
4. Batting—forward, defence and attack.
5. Cricket in general.

Saturday February 26. An English film 'The Sea Chase' was screened in the Convocation Hall at 1800 hrs.

Sportsfolio

RIMC versus IRDE (*Home*)

Sunday, February 27

The IRDE won the toss and chose to bat. The opening pair batted steadily for four overs and ultimately fell a victim to Cadet Manu Dutt.

The second wicket-partnership lasted for quite some time with Banerjee who steadily scored 49. The scoring was very slow indeed and the IRDE was 100 for 3 by the lunch time.

After lunch they broke down and were 138 for 9. Cadets S.R. Gokhale and A. Malhotra proved very brilliant and successful bowlers—taking 3 and 2 wickets respectively.

Thereafter the RIMC took up the task of scoring 138 runs within one and a half hour. The opening pair did not stay long because, as luck would have it, S. Bhadra was bowled for 5. But when Cadet Mullick came in, he and L.M. Krishnan set themselves to making runs. L.M. Krishnan, in particular, showed some brilliant batting and was eventually caught on the boundary after a magnificent score of 40 to his credit. Then Mr. Puri went in, and after settling himself down, hit some lovely shots to the boundary line with Mullick, who rendered remarkable co-operation throughout.

Their batting resulted in our score reaching 126 for 2 wickets, much ahead of the clock with Mullick at 44 and Mr. Puri at 34 on the score board. Both the batsmen came out with bats in hand.

Thus the exciting match ended in a time-draw with the RIMC. only 12 runs behind those of the IRDE, but with 8 wickets in hand.

—Jasbir Singh, VA.

* * *
Sunday, February 20.

RMIC, (Juniors) vs Cambrian Hall (Home). Won by 2 wickets and 6 runs.

Our college put up a commendable show against the Cambrian Hall. The credit for the over-all success is due mainly to skipper S.C. Sirohi, under whose able captaincy we were able to keep our spirits high.

We won the toss and decided to field. We quickly occupied our positions and started to play with determination. The first wicket was soon down owing to an excellent ball by Ajai Sinha. The next few wickets tumbled down pretty soon. Then several changes in the mode of bowling were made and they proved quite useful. Spinners were brought in and a number of magnificent catches were thus made possible. It was Cadet P.P. Roy who spun the ball very nicely. The fielding was superb indeed. Dharminder batted well for the visitors and scored 32 runs. Ajai Sinha again rose to the occasion and got the last batsman bowled. Thus the visitors innings ended in a total score of 80 runs.

Then we started batting and our opening pair ended fast. Still we did not give up hope and fought for the victory with courage and finally achieved it. Much credit for the excellent batting goes to Cadet P.P. Aggarwal who hit four fours on successive balls and thereby demoralized the fielders.

Thus ended the first Juniors' cricket match of the season with a victory for us.

—Cadet D.B. Shivane, IVA.

Mock Session of the U.N. General Assembly 1995.

The English Literary and Dramatic Society at its inaugural function presented a mock session of the U.N. General Assembly to be held in 1995. It was an effective function not only in presentation but in the way that no fewer than 28 cadets from class VI participated in

it. It was staged at the Open Air Theatre, which was bedecked with flags and maps of the world of 1995.

Mr. H.S.K. Wilson, who was the convener of the show, had conceived that in 1995 the world would be partly united. There will be three continents or zones and these zones will be divided by geometrical straight lines down the map. There will be no countries and no boundaries of the nations. The control of these zones will be through governments at Delhi, Moscow and Washington. An idea of the world of 1995 and the events that went into its making, can be had through the introductory speech delivered before the session.

The programme was as under :

1. Entry and the introduction of the hon'ble representatives by the Secretary General (Sec. Com. D. K. Das).
2. Presidential address (Cadet Capt. J. B. Singh).
3. Presentation of the Agenda.
4. Point of order regarding the entry of Peking, by Moscow. Discussion on the point of order. It was vetoed by Washington.
5. Occupation of the Moon claimed by Johannesburg, Singapore and Paris.
6. Thermo-nuclear testing on Mars by Rio-de-Jenero.
7. Problem of food shortage and vital supplies, such as petrol and electricity by Madras, New York and Ottawa.

Mr. Jack Dunwell, a V.S.O. from the British Council at the College, rendered valuable help in making the flags, the maps and the stage setting.

(Following is the text of the speech delivered as an introduction to the Mock Session of the United Nations General Assembly 1995—Editor).

Principal Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

What you are about to witness today is the result of a wild imagination married to a riotous pen and the biosterous Sixth Formers out to have some fun. They say that coming events cast their shadows before, and there are various ways in which these shadows may be interpreted. The organisers of this mock session have interpreted it in a certain way and this is the result. We aim to give you a peep into the world of tomorrow—thirty years hence! But

what has happened in these thirty years—the great changes, the revolutions and the rise and fall of powers, I am going to tell you in three minutes.

1958. The International Geophysical year was declared and earth satellites were sent out with a view to forming space stations.

1960. Sounding Rockets were sent into space, and the first men went into space. The world started thinking of Nuclear armistice. Cold war still spread its clammy fingers over Cupa, Central Africa, Suez and Kashmir.

1964. The test ban treaty was signed at the Summit Meet at Geneva. A signal achievement towards the establishment of peace—but China blasted atomic bombs.

1965. Mariner IV and Luna I & II were sent to probe landing at the Mars and the Moon. U.S. Forces came to Vietnam to fight the Vietcong gorrillas, Indo-Pak trouble.

1965. Fighting continues in Hanoi, mysterious accidents started happening in and about India. The sudden death of the Prime Minister. No fewer than nine air crashes of IAC planes in which the greatest scientist Dr. Bhaba and a total of twenty seven other scientists died. Luna IX made a soft landing on the moon. It sent photographs for two days, then news came that Luna IX was moving or being moved. There was then darkness. The U.S. space craft to the moon soft landed but no photographs were sent.

1967. Dr. C.V. Raman on his sick bed was sent to the private laboratories of Dr. Bhaba to find out his exact line of work. Activity at Trombay and Thumba started again. U.S. Marines refused to move from Hanoi after U.N. indictment. Mass agitation against the whites and racial segregation started in Africa. The call was for the whites to quit Africa. New photographs were flashed by Luna IX and the American Mariner VIII. These photographs showed strange bodies moving across on strange objects. The Selenites of H.G. Wells were found. Was moon inhabited? What was the meaning of these movements?

1968. The U.S. dropped an Atomic Bomb over North Vietnam. China declared a programme of indiscriminate testing of Atomic and Nuclear Weapons. Revolution started in Africa. Cuba attacked New Orleans.

1972. Radio Activity spread over the world. A dark threatening cloud of

radio active dust started moving from the West towards the East, from China towards the U.S.A: Utter devastation spread over the world. Wherever the cloud moved it left in its trail death and destruction. Food, electricity and petrol were the most hit. Man was being destroyed by his own cunningness.

1973. Trombay declared the glorious invention of a new power. Five times more potent and antiradio-active—the Sigma Rays. The Indian scientists went out with a missionary zeal to save the world from devastation. Almost half of the world was destroyed. Attempts to reach the moon were forgotten. The crippled world tried to recover itself.

1982. The world was almost completely recovered. India, U.S.S.R., U.S.A., U.K. and South Africa were the greatest powers because of Sigma deposits and Sigma supremacy. A call for unification of the world was sent out. Africa was completely black. Nations were willingly merging under the control of these powers.

1985. The first men from the U.S.S.R. reached the moon, only to find that scientists from Singapore and South Africa were already there. These were the Salenites noticed in the Luna and Mariner photographs. This was the reason why Singapore had segregated from Malaysia.

1988. A summit meet was held at Geneva to discuss the final unification of the world.

1990. The world was united into three continents. The Western Continent, governed by Washington, had her continental control through the governments at New York and Rio-de-Jenero; the Central Continent governed by Moscow through London, Berlin and Johannesburg; and the Eastern Continent governed by Delhi through offices at Tokyo, Madras and Singapore. China was not included in any continent and was slowly dying a national death.

1995. China started experiments with Argon rays. Many nations lay claim to the occupation of the moon. The world has become emotionally united. There is an acute shortage of food and other vital supplies all over the world, specially in the areas more covered by radio activity in 1772.

Such is the state of the world today. This august assembly has been called because of a tension created due to the claims over the moon and other nuclear testing threats. We are still awaiting

the day when these walls will be removed and the world becomes one. That day is not far; who knows in this very assembly the foundation stone may be laid for the final unification of the world.

Now, I will call upon the Hon'ble Secretary General to take charge of the Assembly.

Prepared Mr. by H.S.K. Wilson,
Convener. Delivered by Cadet R. Pillai.

Science Corner

THEORY OF EVOLUTION AND CHARLES DARWIN

The Bible declared; "And God said; Let the water bring forth the living creature that hath life...Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind....Let us make man in our image." This theory of spontaneous, special and separate creation could not explain many questions such as: which had come first, the pumpkin or the seed, the chicken or the egg? Why did many living species appear to be the refinements of extinct, fossilised ones? Why was the world full of coincidences, likes and differences? Over and above all, Archbishop James Ussher fixed 4004 B.C. as the year of miraculous creation of all life. Darwin (1809) on the other hand sought an explanation, a better explanation than the special creation to account for the observable, undeniable basic unity of the entire living world. And with that explanation he gave modern science a rationale, a philosophy, an evolutionary theory and thereby a revolutionary way of thinking about the universe and everything in it.

Yet Darwin himself did not invent the concept that there is a kinship among all forms of life because all have evolved from the same ancestry and that the divergence between them is due to taking over the earth, its air and its waters separately. Thales, a Greek philosopher (546 B.C.) is supposed to be the first thinker who propounded the theory that all life originated in and arose out of water. The French naturalist Jean Baptiste Lamarch (1744—1829) also believed in evolutionary changes, but thought that the changes were brought about by environmental rather than hereditary influences and then passed on by inheritance. Perhaps there he missed the correct line of approach to this eternal question. Even Charles Darwin's grandfather Dr. Erasmus

Darwin was bold enough to declare in his book 'Zoonomia' that all warm-blooded animals have arisen from one filament. But Darwin had that rare opportunity of joining exploratory scientific expedition of the "Beagle" from Dec. 27, 1831 to Oct. 2, 1836; in which he could collect convincing proofs which helped him to establish the correctness of the theory of evolution in his two works namely:

1. 'On the Origin of Species, by means of Natural selection. Or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the struggle for Life'. (1859).
2. 'The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex.' (1871).

(To be concluded)

K.K. Dubey.

HIKE TO RAJPUR

Nature was not at its best when the Nature Study Club set out for a hike to Rajpur. We reached there at 1100 hours and hurriedly started on the Mussoorie road as the clouds were clearly foreboding the inclement weather by light showers now and then. Our first halt for half an hour at Shahanshah Ashram was a refreshing one and cadets made full use of swings and slides in the children's park there. Afterwards we pushed on further till we reached Kala Gad, a rainy season river which seemed to have originated from gullies from a nearby hill. Our efforts to have a better look at its source resulted in an exciting climb of about 500 ft. on another hillock. Besides that thrill we were rewarded with some wild fruits and a wonderful bird's eye view of Rajpur.

After lunch we paid an unscheduled visit to the Blind School. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Krishnaswami, who took us round it and explained in detail the method of teaching the blind there. It was fascinating to see them doing three Rs. It was very impressive and touching to see these handicapped boys making their best effort to lead anormal life.

Thereafter our party went on aimlessly wandering in a nearby Sal forest, where an old banayan tree proved a good source of entertainment to the youngsters.

We reaped a good harvest of wild flowers, leaves and stones.

P.S. Nagesh, II-A.



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RIMCOLLIANA

The Rimcollian Reunion 1966.

This year the Old Boys' Reunion was celebrated at the College on the 12th, 13th and 14th March. It was largely attended by ardent Rimcollians whose warm 'Hellos', fraternal chuckles and frequent 'How are you?' and 'Do you remember that?' filled the entire atmosphere of the College with gaiety and delight. Once again could Old Boys be seen busy reviving their old acquaintances with the reminiscences of the 'good old days' writ large on their faces.

The function of the 44th anniversary of the College Founder's Day started with a hockey match between the past and present Cadets in the afternoon of the 12th March. Brig. Rajwade, Col. Keshav Anand and Lieut. J.S. Varma played very well under the able captaincy of Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor. Despite the plucky resistance put up by the Old Boys, the College XI won by one goal to nil. Cadet J.B. Singh (Captain) and M.S. Mallick put up creditable performances.

In the evening the finals of the Inter-Section Boxing Competition were held in the colourful Open Air Theatre. The youngsters displayed remarkable grit and dash in the competitions and proved that the standard of their boxing was really high. The old boys joined the new in cheering lustily for the contenders of their respective sections. There was a close contest for the boxing cup which was finally annexed by the Shivaji Section. Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, who was the chief guest, presided over the function and gave away the prizes.

After this the Old Boys, members of the staff and their wives had dinner together in the Convocation Hall. The dinner was attended by the I.M.A. band. After dinner the Old Boys amused themselves to their hearts' content by singing, dancing and reciting delightful anecdotes about their stay at the college.

After breakfast on 13th March, the Old Boys watched a Mass P.T. Display put up by the College on the Cricket Field. The show was spectacular and thrilling and the well-coordinated movements of the cadets on the matwork, horse display and parallel bars drew applause from the spectators. This was followed by the much awaited cricket match between the Old Boys and the present cadets. Lt. Gen. Bewoor, the skipper of the Old Boys' team, won the toss and decided to field. Though the College XI acquitted themselves well, the youngsters could not score against veterans like Gen. Bewoor, Mr. Vikram Singh and Col. K. Anand, and dashing players like Lt. J.S. Varma, 2nd Lt. Ramani, and victory went to the ex-cadets. Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal presented the cricket trophy to Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor.

In the afternoon there was again a hockey fixture between the two teams and the Old Boys made good their previous defeat by scoring 4 goals to 2. Brig. Rajwade, Brig. R.N. Bhargava, Col. K. Anand, and Major Yadav; J.B. Singh, D.S. Chauhan, scored for their respective sides. The plan of attack was initiated for the present cadets by Mr. R.C. Sharma, centre-half, and supported by Mr. K.K. Dubey.

After the match the Rimcollians went to the Convocation Hall in which a Variety Entertainment Programme, consisting of the English play "Passion, Poison, Petrification and Those Pigeons", the Hindi play "Shadi Ka Chakkar" and a few items of musical entertainment was successfully organised. The commendable performance of the plays by the cadets drew thunderous applause and the organizers deserve our heartiest congratulations for a remarkable success. The Variety Entertainment was followed by the Reunion Dinner. The Old Boys assembled in the Senior Ante-room where refreshments were served with the I.M.A. band in attendance. Then the Old Boys and members of the staff

moved in to the Dining Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was served. Brig. L.S. Negi's several attempts at making a speech were drowned in joviality and laughter. Brig. U.D. Jayal could, however, deliver a short speech which was rich with reminiscent references.

Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal, President of the Old Boys' Association, then thanked the Principal Mr. S.P. Sharma for the good arrangements made in connection with the Reunion. The Principal expressed his joy to have the distinguished Rimcollians at the College. He felt proud of the keen interest taken by them in seeing their Alma Mater progress day by day. Toasts were then proposed for the prosperity of the college.

Thus the Reunion Dinner culminated in songs and dancing to some merry tunes by the I.M.A. band.

The General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held in the Senior Ante-room on 14th March. Our congratulations to the following on their election as office bearers of the Association.

Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal—President
Lt. Col. S.N. Gay—Secretary

Before the meeting, the Old Boys went round the various exhibitions organized by different Hobby Clubs and were greatly impressed by the exhibits prepared and displayed by the cadets. We heartily congratulate the Masters I/c of various hobbies for a successful organization of hobbies. With this the Reunion came to a close and the guests departed carrying happy memories of their short period of the Founder's Day celebrations.

The following Old Boys attended the Reunion:

1. Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal (R)
2. Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor
3. Maj. Gen. D.S. Brar (R)
4. Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh
5. Maj. Gen. Bhagwati Singh
6. Brig. Gambhir Singh
7. Brig. K. Gajinder Singh (R)
8. Brig. V. Jayal (R)
9. Brig. L.S. Negi (R)
10. Mr. Bikram Singh
11. Brig. N.L. Kapoor
12. Brig. P.D. Joshi
13. Brig. B.D. Man Singh
14. Brig. R.N. Bhargava
15. Brig. A.L. Kochhar
16. Lt. Col. Keshav Anand (R)
17. Col. S.C. Sabharwal

18. Col. N.K. Khanna (R)
19. Lt. Col. S.N. Gay
20. Lt. Col. D.D. Jayal
21. Maj. A.K. Kochhar
22. Mr. P.N. Talwar
23. Maj. R. Christian
24. Maj. B.K. Laroia
25. Maj. M.M. Rai
26. Maj. S.V. Giri
27. Mr. Dilip Sinha
28. Maj. H.S. Mamik
29. Maj. J.D. Katkar
30. Maj. S. Mukherji
31. Maj. Onkar Singh
32. Maj. V.P. Yadav
33. Maj. Nandkolyar
34. Capt. A Ghose
35. Capt. Wazir Kidar Nath
36. Shri K. Roy
37. Capt. V.K. Singh
38. Capt. H.M. Patel
39. Capt. D. Banerjee
40. Lt. P.F. Kewalramani
41. Lt. J.S. Verma
42. Capt. B.B. Sathpatti
43. Mr. K.K. Khanna

VISITS

Thursday, March 17

Lt. Col. K.K. Tewari, GSO I, MT/6 & 11, was on an official visit to the college.

Monday, March 21

Brig. M.M.S. Mathur, Commander, Dehra Dun Sub-Area, paid an official visit to the college. He attended the Morning Assembly at which the Principal shed light on genesis and growth of the college. In his address, Brig. Mathur evinced a keen interest in the progress of the college. Then he was introduced to the members of the staff and was taken round the college. He had lunch with the cadets in the dining hall and went back pleased with the standards maintained at the R.I.M.C.

COLLEGE NEWS

Sunday, March 20

Cadets and the members of the staff enjoyed 'My Fair Lady', a film based on Shaw's Pygmalion at Odeon Theatre under the College arrangements.

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We congratulate Section Commander K.K. Panda of the Pratap Section on

his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College. We hope he will rise to the occasion in his new assignment.

Cadet Captain J.S. Malhotra (Shivaji), who passed the tabs to Panda had done a good job.

The Inter-Section Boxing Competition

The Inter-Section Final Boxing Competitions were held on 12th March—the eve of the College Founder's Day and Rimcollian Meet—in the gaily decorated open-air theatre, which swarmed with spectators on all sides.

We are very grateful to Maj.-Gen. Tara Singh Bal, a distinguished Rimcollian and President of the Old Boys' Association for kindly presiding over the competition and giving away the prizes. Besides Maj. Gen. Bal, Lt. Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Maj. Gen. D.S. Brar, Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh, Maj. Gen. Bhagwati Singh, Maj. Gen. J.T. Sataravala, Commandant I.M.A., Brig. M.S. Mathur, Commander, Dehra Dun Sub-area. Brig. Gambhir Singh, Brig. N.L. Kapoor and the other Rimcollians, who had come to participate in the Founder's Day celebration and Reunion, graced the occasion by their presence. We are thankful to Maj. G.B. Phillips of the I.M.A. for kindly acting as Referee and Capt. D. Banerjee, Capt. I.K. Verma and Lt. Karnail Singh as judges of the competition.

The following is a brief account of the bouts held:—

- (1) *Under 63 Lbs.* It was a keenly contested bout between Cadet L.L. Singh (Shivaji) and S. Jog (Ranjit). S. Jog, with his better reach and frequent punches succeeded in defeating his opponent who put up a tough resistance.
- (2) *Under 70 Lbs.* D. Singh (S) established his superiority over Y.S. Dass (R) by means of his tactful defence and straight, hard-hitting punches. Dass, though smaller in height, displayed sufficient courage and endurance.
- (3) *Under 77 Lbs.* Though an experienced boxer, K.S. Makin (R) fell a prey to R.S. Kanwar (S), who showed remarkable dash in charging his opponent and putting up good defence at the same time.
- (4) *Under 84 Lbs.* J.S. Mann (P) was actually no match to Arvind Kumar (C), an experienced and skilled boxer. It was a hard-hitting fight in which Mann displayed ability in defending himself well against a much superior opponent.
- (5) *Under 91 Lbs.* S. Ramtri (C), though quite tough and tenacious, was all the time on the defensive against his smart and agile opponent V.K.S. Chandele (P) and this contributed to Chandele's victory.
- (6) *Under 98 Lbs.* In a hard-hitting and, at times apparently wild fight between S.N. Pavri (R) and C.S. Lehl (S), the former set to punching his adversary from the very outset of the bout and thus left for him hardly any chance to charge effectively. He was warned for his low, fatal punches and was finally disqualified by the Referee for hitting C.S. Lehl (S) below the belt during the second bout.
- (7) *Under 105 Lbs.* This was really the most thrilling and well contested bout between R. Bakshi (R) and A.K. Sinha (C). R. Bakshi (R), with all his tact and defensive measures, could not stand the unceasing and fatal punches hurled straight on to his face by A.K. Sinha (C) who manifested impeccable skill both in offence and defence and eventually ran out of stamina and fell an easy prey to A.K. Sinha (C).
- (8) *Under 112 Lbs.* A. Malhotra (P), a dashing and skilled boxer had no difficulty in defeating L.T. Singh (S), who put up a steady defence in the teeth of incessant punches from his opponent.
- (9) *Under 119 Lbs.* J.P. Mondle (R) with all his strength and grim determination, proved far superior to K.A. Ashok Raj (P) who was, for most of the time, desperately engaged in his defence. K.A. Raj (P) could hardly have chances of fierce attack and this led to J.P. Mondle's victory.
- (10) *Under 126 Lbs.* S.C. Sharma (P) showed a feat of agility in attacking his opponent J. Tewari (S) who had undoubtedly more strength and endurance but soon left his guard open and could scarcely seize any opportunity of direct attack in the third decisive round. This made J. Tewari (S) grow fierce in direct punches which contributed to his victory.
- (11) *Opens.* This was a very exciting and conspicuous bout of the evening and both J.S. Sidhu (C) and J.S. Narwal (P) faced each other with strong, terrific blows and it

seemed difficult to judge who was the better boxer but in the climactic moments of the bout, J.S. Sidhu (C) was hit hard on the nose by his opponent and was thus rendered medically unfit to fight any longer. J.S. Narwal (P) therefore came out victorious.

Placing

Shivaji	...	21 Points—First
Pratap	...	20 Points—Second
Ranjit	...	18 Points—Third
Chandra Gupta	...	17 Points—Fourth

• Besides the above positions, the following cadets were adjudged the best boxer and loser respectively.

Cadet J.P. Mondle (Ranjit)—the Best Boxer.

Cadet M.S. Mullick (Shivaji)—the Best Loser.

At the close of the competitions, the chief guest, Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal gave away the prizes.

Our congratulations to Shivaji Section for annexing the boxing cup.

Shillong—'A Gift of Beauty'

'Oh! What a wonderful place!' These are the first words that flow out of one's mouth when one visits the beautiful capital of Assam, Shillong. Wherever the visitor looks, he sees nothing but the loveliness of nature which seems to be at its perfect glory here. The ground is covered with greenery, which makes one feel like caressing it. Lying amidst clusters of trees and blooming flowers are tastefully designed houses. We feel we have reached the land of our dreams, indeed.

Shillong is situated on the eastern foothills of the Himalayas, known as the Khasi and Jaintia hills. There are two roads leading to Shillong, both of which are marvels of engineering. One of these roads connects Gauhati with Shillong. It is a 64-mile road, and it seems to crawl up the hillside turning and twisting like a snake. Every bend

has surprises in store for the visitors, for it reveals exquisite beauty. The poet in the visitor comes to the conclusion that nature has selected Shillong for its own eternal abode. To him, Shillong is the 'Scotland of the East.' The second road leads to Sylhet (now in East Pakistan) which is no less interesting to the visitor than the first.

At the very first sight of this beautiful hill station, visitors fall in love with it. A rich view consisting of green and red hues meets the eye. Beautiful green grass and trees present a soothing sight while the blossoming red flowers fill our hearts to the core with delight. In Shillong one cannot see many houses which do not have gardens. These gardens are specially attractive because of the great care taken by their owners. The flowers are grown in symmetrical beds and are surrounded by neatly trimmed hedges.

Shillong is famous for many picnic spots, most of which lie near water falls. The Sweet Fall, the Elephant Fall, and the Bishop's Fall, which falls from a height of 500 feet, are among the most outstanding ones.

In the summer evenings, the beautiful but artificial lake of Shillong—the Ward Lake—is thronged by thousands who come to inhale the cool and refreshing air.

The horse race track, near the Polo fields, is also an attraction on Saturday afternoons when horse races are arranged. Above the Polo grounds is the really beautiful Golf Link, which is said to be the second best in the whole world. The park known as the Lady Hydery Park, though small, is one of those spots to which people are fond of going and spending a nice, quiet evening there.

Last but not the least, has Shillong an ideal climate for those who are poor in physique and want a healthy climate. Its climate has restored to health many nigh-impossible cases of illness.

Shillong may, therefore, be rightly called the 'Queen of Hill Stations.'

Cadet Ranjan Dutta, IV-A.



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VISITS

Tuesday, April 5. Colonel Parm Pal Singh Gill, DDMT (A), Army Headquarters, New Delhi, paid a liaison visit to the College. He was welcomed by the Principal at the Assembly in the Convocation Hall and was introduced to the members of the Staff. He went round the College and had lunch with the Cadets. He evinced interest in and appreciated the progress of the institution.

Friday, April 8. Maj. Gen. Ranbir Bakshi, Commandant, National Defence Academy, Poona paid a liaison visit to the College. Welcoming him at the Assembly in the Convocation Hall, the Principal made a reference to his stay at the N.D.A and the facilities provided to him by Maj. Gen. Bakshi to get himself fully acquainted with the work carried on there. In his address Maj. Gen. Bakshi said that the RIMC cadets had proved good officers in the army and were still doing good work at the N.D.A. He exhorted the cadets to be systematic in their approach and consistent in their efforts both in academics and other activities to win laurels in life. He wished them all success and went back pleased with the progress of the college.

Tuesday, April 12. We are grateful to Mr. D. A. Scott, Deputy High Commissioner of U.K. in India and nephew of our Ex-Principal Mr. J.G.C. Scott, for paying a visit to the College. He went round the College and saw the co-curricular activities of the cadets. He was impressed by the academic and co-curricular standards maintained at the College and was kind to appreciate the work done at the RIMC.

COLLEGE NEWS

Thursday, March 31. The Staff-Club gave a farewell party to Mr. and

Mrs. I.J.S. Ahluwalia, who left us to proceed for Ghana to undertake a teaching assignment and pursue higher studies there. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ahluwalia and wish them all the best.

Mid Term Break. The College had its mid-term break on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th April. During this much-awaited recess parties of cadets went to Mussoorie, Hardwar, Rishikesh, Muni-Ki-Reti, Narendra Nagar, Kalsi and other places of interest in the Doon Valley under their respective Section arrangements. The cadets had nice time in hiking, sight-seeing and enjoying themselves in the company of their Section Masters and Tutors and came back to the College with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

We congratulate the following cadets of the Ranjit Section on the award of Section Colours to them in Cricket for their creditable performances in the Inter-Section Cricket Competitions:

- (a) Cadet Manu Dutt.
- (b) Cadet D.S. Grewal.

Monday, April 11 A farewell party was arranged by the members of the staff to give a hearty send off to Hony. Capt. S.S. Sandhu, the R.M.O. on the eve of his retirement. In his address the Principal shed light on the meritorious services rendered by Dr. Sandhu to the College during his stay of about a decade here and wished him a long and happy retired life.

We welcome Dr. S.K. Chakravarty, the Civilian R.M.O. to our fold and hope that he will find his stay at the College a pleasant one.

Wednesday, April 13. 'Baishakhi' was celebrated by the Cadets and the Staff

at the College Gurudwara with zeal and fervour.

Under the auspices of the College Hindi Sahitya Samiti the All India Hindi Declamation Contest will be held on Saturday, April, 16.

INTER-SECTION CRICKET COMPETITION

Juniors

March 22 to 24.

Ranjit versus Chandragupta.

Ranjit 132 and 82.

Chandragupta 58 and 82.

Cadet S. Misra (R) dominated the first innings by his hectic 67 runs and was not out. Cadet Vinay Sager (R) performed a creditable feat by bagging 6 wickets for 2 runs only in the first innings and 6 wickets for 32 runs in the second. Cadets R. S. Varma (R), P. P. Roy (R) scored 29 and 28 respectively. Cadets Harmit Singh (C) and P. S. Nagesh (C) scored 25 and 21 respectively. Ranjit won by 74 runs.

March 24 to 27.

Shivaji versus Pratap.

Shivaji 132 and 73.

Pratap 111 and 59.

The highlight of the match was the delightful batting of Cadets D. Singh (33), K.G. Bewoor (32), K. K. Ghosal (37) of Shivaji and J.S. Mann (58) of Pratap. Cadet J.S. Mann (P) took 14 wickets for 95 runs. Shivaji won by 34 runs.

March 27 to 28.

Pratap versus Chandragupta.

Chandragupta 56 and 62.

Pratap 128.

Cadet S. Bhalla (P) scored 40 runs. Pratap won by an innings and 8 runs.

March 28 to 30.

Ranjit versus Shivaji.

Ranjit 53 and 115.

Shivaji 110 and 32.

When the Ranjit Section was bundled out for 53 runs only in the first innings by Cadets K.G. Bewoor and K.K. Ghosal each sharing 5 wickets and, with a substantive lead of 57 runs, the match seemed to be a one-sided affair. But Cadet R.S. Varma's 50 runs and a total score of 115 put Ranjit again in the picture. Shivaji had to score 59 runs to win in the second innings. The match took a

dramatic turn when the first, second and third wickets of Shivaji fell one after another at 12 runs and then the fourth and fifth at 13 only. Excitement ran high as Cadet R.S. Varma (R) struck the blow and went on shattering the wickets as well as the hopes of Shivaji by his accurate bowling, thus taking 6 wickets for 10 runs. Ranjit won by 14 runs.

Seniors

March 22 to 24.

Ranjit versus Chandragupta.

Ranjit 150 and 107.

Chandragupta 82 and 73.

Cadets P. S. Negi (R) 36 and 22, C. P. Choudhary (R) 28, Jasbir Singh (R) 24 and 31, D.S. Grewal (R) 23, and Manu Dutt (R) 34. Cadet A. K. Sinha (C) scored 21. Ranjit won by 102 runs.

March 22 to 27.

Shivaji versus Pratap.

Shivaji 130 and 91.

Pratap 81 and 128.

Cadet M. S. Mallick's (S) 31 and J. B. Singh's (S) 21 put Shivaji in a good position with a total of 130 runs, but even after Pratap was out at 81 runs in the first innings, the match was yet far from being decisive as Pratap was the best team on the paper at least. In the second innings Cadet C. S. Lehl's (S) 39, provided a sound basis for Shivaji to keep fighting. Cadets C. S. Sirohi (P) 65, B.K. Choudhary (P) 90, V.P. Singh (P) 24 put up heroic efforts to make good the loss, but a wise move to put Cadet R. Pillai (S) on bowling broke the backbone of Pratap's batting and the remaining 7 wickets fell for 9 runs.

Cadet A. Malhotra (P), 16 wickets for 87 runs. Shivaji won by 14 runs.

March 29 to 31.

Ranjit Section versus Shivaji.

Ranjit 168 and 84.

Shivaji 92 and 140.

Cadet S. Bhadra of Ranjit provided a rare spectacle of masterpiece cricket with his fine batting. He was unlucky to miss his century by 7 runs only. Cadet D.S. Grewal (R) gave him valuable stand with 32 runs.

Shivaji's position was not ~~too~~ very happy in the first innings but they kept alive their efforts in a fine fighting spirit and got Ranjit out for 84 runs only in the second innings. They continued their struggle against heavy odds with determined contribution to it by Cadets

M.S. Mullick (50), S.R. Gokhale (28), and J. Tewari (14) runs respectively and it fell short by 20 runs only.

Cadet Manu Dutt (R) took 6 wkts for 24 and scored 34. Ranjit won the match.

RESULTS

Seniors:—(a) Ranjit First
(b) Shivaji Second
(c) Pratap Third
(d) Chandragupta Fourth

Juniors:—(a) Ranjit First
(b) Shivaji Second
(c) Pratap Third
(d) Chandragupta Fourth

The distribution of points is as follows:—

(a) Ranjit	10
(b) Shivaji	8
(c) Pratap	6
(d) Chandragupta	4

Our hearty congratulations to the Ranjit Section on their well-deserved victory and first place both in Juniors and Seniors.

THEORY OF EVOLUTION AND CHARLES DARWIN

The striking resemblance in the fossil of the skull of a horse sized ant eater of distant past to a small living ant eater of present times convinced Darwin that every species on earth could not have been separately created by "elemental atom" suddenly flashing into specialised living tissue. He argued that the fact which was true for ant eater must be true for other animals also. But how such great differences crept in the past and the present animals of the same species? Darwin realised that breeders of horses, sheep and other animals depended upon selection for desirable strains in the progeny. This selection made possible to preserve favourable variations and destroyed unfavourable ones. In the long run such improvements would bring the formation of groups altogether different from their predecessors to constitute new species. How was such selection possible in nature? Darwin got the answer in the essay on the Principle of Population" by Thomas Malthus in which Malthus maintained that the human race would overrun the earth if not held in check

by war, famine and disease. He pictured a constant unrelenting struggle for existence. Thus favourable variations would tend to be preserved and unfavourable ones to be destroyed. So Darwin based "The Origin of Species" on three facts;

- that all living things vary,
- that all living groups tend to increase in geometric ratio,
- that the number of species remains fairly constant.

Out of these facts he drew two deductions:

- that there is a struggle for existence,
- that in that struggle the fittest survive.

No one could doubt the truth of first fact that all living things vary. Why? Darwin confessed his ignorance about it. Reason for this variation was provided by Mendel. About second fact a simple calculation would convince that population of any living thing increases at tremendous rate. A single pair of fish which lay eggs in millions if not destroyed would fill the waters of earth within no time. Even man whose rate of reproduction is very slow in comparison to other animals could easily overrun the earth. But the nature maintains its own balance and there comes the third fact by Darwin that the number of a species tends nevertheless to remain fairly constant. How? Darwin deduced that there was a struggle for existence which inevitably follows from the high rate at which all living being tend to increase. By struggle for existence Darwin did not mean a battle of tooth and claw. He gave very simple example of a plant on the edge of a desert, constantly struggling against drought or fruit bearing plants always trying to tempt birds and animals to devour their fruits and disseminating their seeds. Also he pointed out that survival was incomplete without a progeny. Therefore, under this unrelenting struggle that individual having slightest advantage over others would have better chances to survive. Since all were not born alike and the continued preservation of the individuals with the most favourable variations might be accumulated into the wider differences characterizing species. The more diversified the descendents of a species became in structure, constitution and habits, the better they would be able to seize on widely diversified places in nature.

Result was that the different survived and multiplied less important groups were extinguished. Darwin faced yet another question which baffled him for long that why there was sexual difference in some species? Why males were of greater size, more strong, gaudy coloured and having other advantages over females? Since natural selection depended upon the success of both sexes in relation to the condition of life it could not have produced changes only in one sex not in the other. Darwin concluded that besides natural selection there must be other selection that was the selection in relation to sexes depending upon the success of certain individuals of the same sex over others in the propagation of the offspring and thus modifying the descendant in the same manner as in the natural selection. Thus Darwin by his logical approach provided firm footing to the Theory of Evolution. How life came on the earth is not a controversial question now yet it is awaiting a final proof. Although the gaps in the theory are yet to be filled in but no sane person would doubt the validity of the theory of evolution. So like Mendeleef, Darwin completed the theory and we have to complete the proof.

—K.K. Dubey

CADETS JOKE

Once a newly married couple got two tickets for a film festival. Enclosed with the free tickets was a chit on which was written, "Guess who sent these." They tried to guess but in vain.

Dun Printing House, D. Dun.

They went to the film festival and when they returned, they found to their utter amazement, that all the doors and windows of their house had been thrown wide open and all their valuables stolen. On a table was lying a chit on which was written, "Now you know who had sent the tickets."

Cadet A.K. Dass, II-A.

GEMS OF WISDOM

Art, unless it leads to right action, is no more than the opium of an intelligentsia.

—W. Somerset Maugham.

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We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility.

The false can never grow into truth by growing in power.

—Tagore.

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If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it.

—H. W. Longfellow.

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Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the dumb can understand.

—Anon.

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Fragrance clings to the hand that gives roses.

—A Proverb.



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RIMCOLLIANA

We are grateful to Maj. Gen. Tara Singh Bal (Retd.), President and Lt. Col. S.N. Gay, Hony. Secretary, Rimcollian Old Boys' Association for their letters of appreciation in which they have expressed their complete satisfaction at the successful organization of the Rimcollian Reunion this year. They have admired the way in which the healthy traditions of the College are being maintained and have made a special mention of the overall achievements of the cadets in various spheres of activity.

It is always a source of pleasure and encouragement for us to hear from our Old Boys.

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We express our gratitude to Mr. Naranjan Singh Gill, a distinguished Rimcollian and, at present, Indian Ambassador to Mexico, Cuba and Panama, for his kind visit to his Alma Mater. Welcoming His Excellency at the Assembly in the Convocation Hall, the Principal said that a Rimcollian of Mr. Gill's achievements and eminence needed no introduction. He further said that Mr. Gill was one of the founder cadets of the institution and had his own contribution in setting up the noble traditions of his old school.

In his address Mr. Gill expressed his joy at being once again in his old school. He drew upon the recollections of his stay at the college to show that, unlike his days, the Cadets of today, who are born in a free democratic country have undoubtedly a clearer perspective with regard to their loyalty and service to their motherland. He stressed the importance of purposive and well-oriented action in a military career and exhorted the cadets to cultivate in them perfect discipline and devotion to duty. He said that the Indian Officers and soldiers had always

commanded respect and admiration for their gallantry and dedication to duty and he wanted the cadets to equip themselves with all those virtues which might enable them to shape a 'strong India'. He held that India was destined to play a vital role in the shaping of world affairs and hence it should be our prime endeavour to lead her from strength to strength. He narrated several anecdotes to prove that, more than ever, we require oneness of purpose and strength of unity to steer the ship of our nation clear through numerous storms. He hoped that the cadets would rise to the occasion by living up to the noble traditions laid down by our heroes in war and peace.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Gill wished all luck to the cadets and the members of the staff and expressed his delight at the progress of the institution.

He was then introduced to the members of the Staff over a cup of coffee. He was kind to answer several questions put to him by the members of the Staff. All of us were greatly impressed by the clear vision, rich experience and a perfectly convincing approach of Mr. Gill with regard to a variety of topics.

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We congratulate Capt. R. Ratra on his marriage with Roop, daughter of Maj. K. Rai Singh.

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College News

We congratulate Section Commander A.K. Das II of the Ranjit Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College and hope he will prove his worth in shouldering the task assigned to him.

Cadet Captain K.K. Panda (Pratap), who passed the tabs to A.K. Das II, had done a good job.

Saturday, April 23

An English film 'The F.B.I. story' was screened at 1800 hours in the Convocation Hall.

Our NSQM D.P. Gurung has retired after serving the College for about 3 years. We wish him a happy retired life.

NSQM Puran Bahadur Magar took over from D.P. Gurung as our new NSQM.

The College Swimming Pool will start functioning after a few days and Cadets are expected to make the best use of it.

The Inter-Section Squad Drill Competitions for the Seniors and Juniors will be held in the College on 2nd and 3rd May, respectively.

All India Hindi Declamation Contest

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti, the fourth All India Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall on 16th April with Shri Mahesh Prasad, District Magistrate, Dehra Dun, in the chair. Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad, Miss Maria, Regional Inspectress of Girls' Schools and His Holiness Mahant Shri Indresh Charan Das kindly acted as judges of the competition. Seven schools, the names of which are given below, had sent their teams of two boys each to contest for the Maharaja of Banaras Ivory Shield. The RIMC participated in the contest but not for the shield.

The schools which participated in the contest were:—

- 1 The Delhi Public School, Delhi
 - 2 Sainik School, Sarojni Nagar, Lucknow
 - 3 Oak Grove School, Mussoorie
 - 4 The Doon School
 - 5 Col. Brown School
 - 6 St. Joseph's Academy
 - 7 St. Thomas School
 - 8 The RIMC
- } Dehra Dun

It was a well-contested declamation and every team put in its best efforts to

annex the trophy, which was ultimately claimed by St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun. The general standard of speeches was very high, for the speakers, besides speaking flawless Hindi, put forward sound arguments to impress upon the audience their right line of approach to the topics selected for the competition. The positions were as under:—

(A) Team Positions:

- 1 St. Thomas' School, Dehra Dun—221 points—First.
- 2 RIMC—219 points—Second.
- 3 Delhi Public School—216 points—Third.

(B) Individual Positions:

- 1 Kumari Aruna Kukreti, St. Thomas' School—120 points—First.
- 2 Mohammad Shaheed Mullick RIMC—116 points—Second.
- 3 Mukund Ekhote, Delhi Public School—111 points—Third.

In his scholarly presidential address, Shri Mahesh Prasad remarked that, adjudging the speeches from their content and form as well as the way in which they were delivered, it was amply evident that their standard was really very high. He further said that the prevailing notion that Hindi is still in a state of infancy in the English-medium schools was baseless. He observed that it is very difficult to explore the possibilities of a language and nobody can claim to have mastered a single language, yet it should be our constant endeavour to acquire a practical command over a language by practice and perseverance. He went on to say that the future of Hindi in India is very bright and, with a little effort and sense of dedication, we can give it its legitimate place. He gave a few valuable suggestions to the speakers with regard to their eloquence and dwelt upon the tremendous role of oratory in shaping the history of the world.

At the close of his speech, Shri Mahesh Prasad once again appreciated the performances of the speakers and hoped that they would keep up their efforts in doing still better. He thanked the Principal and the Hindi Department for organizing such a successful declamation contest.

Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad gave away the shield and other prizes to the winning team and individual speakers.

Thereafter Shri Mahesh Prasad, and the Judges of the contest had coffee with the participating teams and the members of the staff.

We are thankful to Shri Mahesh Prasad, Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad, the Judges and principals of the participating teams for their kind co-operation in making the contest a success. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. and Principal B.R. Prasicha, Oak Grove School for gracing the occasion by their presence.

Sportsfolio

Monday, April 25 (Hockey Match)
RIMC vs. F.R.I. (Home—won 3-1)

The day of the match dawned gloomily and the rough weather with stormy wind and showers of rain, threatened us to get the match postponed, but fortunately the clouds passed and the game started a bit late.

The F.R.I. and the College teams were evenly matched but the former's passing and dribbling seemed superior to ours. Except for some short dazzling 'spurts' by M.S. Mallick, it was a game of the halves. Then suddenly before the half-time, Mallick, with two brilliant bursts of energy, netted twice from the left. After the half-time the F.R.I. started playing very spiritedly but their attempts at breaking through our defence were foiled by V.P. Singh. Then a wonderful 'solo effort' by J.B. Singh found the net once more.

The F.R.I. retaliated with marked determination and their efforts were rewarded with a clean goal, but the game ended all too soon for them, as they couldn't avail themselves of any more chances.

In spite of putting up a plucky resistance the F.R.I. team could not win against the College. Our outstanding players were Cadets M.S. Mullick, J.B. Singh and V.P. Singh.

Cadet R. Pillai, V-A

A JOY TRIP

What a relief! The exams were over. The entire College rang with the happy notes of the Cadets. One could

see reflective faces everywhere, but they had a gleam of satisfaction in their eyes. The thing that the cadets now needed was a few days of rest at some quiet secluded place. So, under Section arrangements parties were taken out to different places of interest on 1st April.

Our party decided to go to Muni-Ki-Reti, a place about 2 miles away from Rishikesh. We set out at last, having earned for ourselves a good break.

The journey in itself was not very interesting. Most of the cadets fell asleep in the bus, thus leaving those who were awake to meditate by themselves. We reached our destination, which was to be our home for the next four days, at 5 p.m. We somehow managed to occupy two rooms in the Rest House, which housed the whole of our party of about 45. A few had to sleep in a closed verandah. However, the following day we occupied two more rooms, thus making ourselves a bit more comfortable.

The first evening passed. The cadets had a trip to the holy town of Rishikesh, and enjoyed sight-seeing, took a few photographs here and there, and came back in time for dinner.

The next morning we woke up refreshed, having forgotten the fatigue of the previous day. We got ready to enjoy the day with renewed vigour. We were told by Mr. Dube that we would hike up to a place known as Narendra Nagar. It was a distance of about 6 miles and the town was situated at an altitude of 4000 feet. We started off at about 9 a.m. and everyone began vying with others to know who would reach first. I fell in with a group of six, and we got it in our heads that 'slow and steady wins the race'. So within fifteen minutes we were left far behind. After hiking halfway, we saw a steep hill in front of us. So we thought that if we climbed the hill we would be ahead of all. So we tried our luck. But having climbed half of it, we felt half-dead. We were thinking of turning back, but when we looked down we knew that going down would be even tougher. So we carried on. As perseverance is always rewarded, we reached the top without any of us breaking his head. On the top we found Mr. Dube and his party waiting for us. They had seen us, but did not call out for fear of unnerving us. Climbing the hill took us double the time that would have been spent had we come by the road. Anyway we reached

Narendra Nagar at about 10.30 a.m. From there we decided to go to the palace.

The palace was about a mile and a half distant from Narendra Nagar. It was a beautiful piece of architecture. We were not allowed to go in through the main door, so we entered through the back gate. A beautiful view met our eyes. There was a garden inside and the place was quite open.

The caretaker of the palace was an Englishman. He talked to us politely and was kind enough to let us take a few photographs with him. We stayed there for about an hour, and then came back for lunch.

We came back at 2 p.m. The mid-day heat was really intolerable. On our request, Mr. Dube gave us his consent to bathe in the Ganges, and we certainly felt refreshed after the dip in the holy water of the Ganges.

In the evening we went to Lakshman Jhula. The cool breeze on the Hanging Bridge refreshed us very much. While returning, we crossed the Ganges by motor boat, and that joy ride was something that we will treasure in our hearts for the rest of our lives. Thus ended our second pleasant day.

The next day we went to Hardwar, 'the gateway to heaven'. Some cadets preferred seeing a picture, to visiting the town. Of course, the juniors went with Mr. Dube. We spent a memorable day there, and also took a dip at Har-Ki-Pauri. The town is not so clean as is expected of a religious place. We came back to Muni-Ki-Reti at 5 p.m.

After dinner, some of us went to the bank of the Ganges as it was a moonlit night. We spent over an hour there spellbound by the beauty of nature.

Our hearts were heavy as the 4th April dawned. The four days we spent there were like moments in paradise. But they had to come to an end.

We started for College at 2 p.m. There is a Sugar Factory at Doiwala. The manager was kind enough to let us see the process of manufacturing sugar.

But most of the cadets did not show any interest in the factory. Their eyes were attracted to the piles of sugarcane lying in the yard and some of them made good use of the sugar canes also.

We reached the College at 3.30 p.m. We shall never forget those four days of fun and frolic.

— Cadet Ranjan Dutta, IV-A

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A JOLLY BOY

Once there lived a fat boy,
Who could hunt for all joy;
He had a very huge belly,
That shook like the pudding of jelly;
Never did he play any game,
For 'gluttony' was enough for his name;
All boys laughed to see him come
For his belly bulged out like a drum;
He walked about in his boots 'number ten',
And frisked about like a simpleton;
Punishment to him was a sort of fun
And ever he posed himself as a chum.
His fatness earned him a great fame,
And made all people remember his name;
He was popular as 'Fatty' the great,
And was everready for the worst fate;
A day arrived when he went away,
Leaving behind his fun and play.

H.P. Chauhan-IV

WORDS OF WISDOM

(a) Truth is the will and purpose of God in man.

(b) The difficulty we meet in reaching our goal is the shortest path to it.

—Khalil Gibran

(c) Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

—James Barrie

(d) Self-control is strength;
Right thought is mastery;
Calmness is power.

—James Allen.



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Lt. Gen. K. Bahadur Singh addressing the Cadets at the Assembly.

Lt.-Gen. K. Bahadur Singh visits R.I.M.C.

Lt-Gen. K. Bahadur Singh, General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Central Command, on his farewell visit to Dehra Dun, was the chief guest of the Rashtriya Indian Military College on 12th May, 1966. The General is an ex-Cadet of this College. He was invited to the College to have breakfast with the cadets and was accompanied by Brig. Gambhir Singh, the Surveyor General of India and Brig. M.M.S. Mathur, the Sub Area Commander. The Principal received the General and escorted him to the Convocation Hall. During his address of welcome to the General the Principal, Shri S.P. Sharma said that it was a privilege for the College to have the General at the Assembly not only because he was the GOC-in-C of the Central Command but also a distinguished Rimcollian. He said 'As a Cadet Captain of the R.I.M.

College, it can be visualized back, you have laid down excellent traditions for the inspiration and guidance of the coming generations of cadets. You are, Sir, to-day the seniormost Rimcollian holding the highest appointment in active service in the armed forces.'

The Principal paid glowing tributes to the General and said that he was 'a prince among soldiers'. He said that the College could be proud of the abiding interest that the General took in the welfare and progress of his Alma Mater. The General lived up to the traditions pointed out by the Prince of Wales in his inaugural address of the 'Guru-Shishya' relationship. The Principal informed the General of the various changes that had taken place in the College since his time. He said that the College continued to send, on an average, twenty cadets per term to the National Defence Academy and maintained a high standard at the

Entrance Examination, where the cadets of the College topped the All India Merit List six times during the last eight terms. The cadets of the college secured high appointments at the N.D.A. and I.M.A. also. In the field of Academics too the cadets have done well at the I.S.C. Examination and the college kept up with the modern trends in Education by incorporating a large number of co-curricular activities.

The Principal lauded the achievements of the old boys of the College and mentioned the names of the five ex-cadets who laid down their lives in the battle-field during the Indo-Pak Conflict:

1. Maj. J.C. Pande
2. Maj. M.S. Bal
3. Maj. G.C. Varma
4. Flt. Lt. T.K. Choudhary
5. Lt P.K. Singh.

He also mentioned the names of seven old boys who received gallantry awards:

1. Lt-Gen. J.S. Dhillon—
Padma Bhushan
2. Lt-Gen. K.S. Katoch—
Padma Bhushan
3. Brig. S.M. Pahlajani—
V.S.M. Class I
4. Maj. Jitendra Kumar—
Vir Chakra
5. Maj. M.M. Zaki—
Vir Chakra
6. Lt R.S. Bedi—
Vir Chakra
7. Flt. Lt. Patney—
Vir Chakra

General Bahadur Singh, in his talk to the cadets at the Assembly, was in a light mood. He humorously mentioned that the Principal had invited him for breakfast and he did not expect that he would be asked to give a talk. His talk, however, was most illuminating and educative for the cadets. In a light vein, the General drew the picture of the modern youth and said that many new fashions in dress in the modern times were those that suited the ladies of his time. He compared the youth of today with that of his days and found many points of contrast. He pointed out that he did not consider that the modern youth by their fashions in dress were betraying a lack of character. He emphasised on the cadets the need of good and consistent character for being an army officer. In a reminiscent mood the General talked of his stay at the College and remembered his Sergeant-Major, who was most particular about hair-cut and general turn-out. The

General said, "Fashions might change but the one fashion that should not change is the fashion of having consistent and high character."

He met the members of the Staff and had breakfast with the cadets. His visit to the College was a source of great inspiration to the young cadets who are the would-be officers of the Indian Armed Forces.

COLLEGE NEWS

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. K.K. Dubey on his marriage with Prem on 8th May.

Thursday, May 12.

The Passing-out cadets of the term were given a hearty farewell at a special dinner arranged on the eve of their departure. The dinner was attended by the Principal, the Administrative Officer and the members of the Staff. In his address to the cadets, the Principal said that the idea of 'dining out' the passing-out cadets marked another milestone in the growth of a happy 'Guru-Shishya' relationship at the College and the credit of laying such a healthy tradition went to our A.O. Maj. J.D. Katkar. He said that the College felt proud of its old cadets whose achievements in the Indian Armed Forces as well as in other spheres of life added glory to its name and it expected its cadets to live up to the noble traditions laid down by their predecessors. He reminded them that the RIMC cadets had always distinguished themselves by their efficiency, integrity and sense of honour and they should continue to retain their privileged positions by hard work. He stressed the need of noble character, systematic work and devotion to duty and exhorted the cadets to strive tirelessly to achieve the best that they were capable of. In the end he blessed the cadets and wished them all good luck and success in life.

Section Commander K.K. Panda of the Pratap Section then presented a cup to the College on behalf of the passing-out cadets and it was received by the Principal. The cup, which is to be presented to the cadet who stands first at the Diploma Examination, was greatly appreciated by the Principal as a token of affection of the Passing-out cadets towards their young aspiring brethren and as an impetus to the latter for better achievement at the Diploma Examination.

The End of Term Variety Entertainment Programme—14th May

As an experiment, it was decided not to have a play by the senior cadets, but to let the juniors take the initiative to select, prepare and present a programme by their classes. The result was a fairly entertaining evening. Though only class III was able to prepare a presentable one-act play, yet the other classes, however, put up short skits which greatly amused the audience. The Music Hobby, under the guidance of Mr. Gurbachan Singh presented no fewer than six items of instrumental and vocal music.

The programme started with the College orchestra playing the tune 'Wooden Heart'. Cadets P. Kochhar, by his singing, S. Bhadra on the guitar, Sukumar and Gurung on the banjo and B.K. Sinha on the tabla and S.R. Gokhale on the harmonium provided lilting melody. Of special interest was an almost impromptu presentation of a three-piece band providing jazz music. Mr. Gurbachan Singh on the violin played a classical tune which was appreciated by the guests.

The one-act play 'Night At An Inn' by Lord Dunsany told the story of five sailors who had stolen the ruby-eye of an Indian idol. They thought that by murdering the priests who guarded the idol, they would escape with the loot. The appearance of the idol in person was a shock to them and the audience. Human evil was about to triumph but the supernatural power foiled it.

J.P. Mondle in the role of Toff gave a convincing portrayal. P.K. Gangoli as Bill, K.S. Jaiswal as Albert and N.V. Rao as Sniggers gave a creditable performance, considering the fact that it was their maiden appearance on the stage. S.C. Varma as an Indian priest gave a good fight to Mondle though D.K. Gupta and S. Wangdi as two other priests submitted themselves to a docile death. P.P. Roy could not show his face as he was putting on the mask of 'Klesh—the idol'.

Mr. Banerjee the class teacher of Class III deserves congratulations on taking pains in directing the play.

Brig. N.L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A. was the chief guest of the evening and, among the audience were the parents of the cadets, ex-cadets of the College and families of the Staff members.

Sportsfolio

(a) The Inter-Section Squad Drill competitions for the Seniors and Juniors were held in the College on 2nd and 3rd May respectively. The results of the competitions are given below:

Sections	Points		Total	Position
	Seniors	Juniors		
Ranjit	548	574	1122	1st
Shivaji	538	573	1111	2nd
Pratap	549½	532	1081½	3rd
Chandragupta	511	544	1055	4th

Points awarded for Leadership

Sections	Seniors	Points
Shivaji	Cadet J.S. Malhotra	21
Ranjit	„ A.K. Das II	20
Pratap	„ K.K. Panda	16
Chandragupta	„ M. Kumar	15

Sections	Juniors	Points
Shivaji	Cadet R.P. Singh	20
Ranjit	„ S. Bhadra	21
Pratap	„ S.C. Sharma	16
Chandragupta	„ J.S. Sidhu	19

(b) Results of the Inter-Section Rifle Shooting competition held on 5th May at 7.30 a.m. on the Miniature Range

Sections	Points	Position
Shivaji	127	First
Ranjit	111	Second
Chandragupta	85	Third
Pratap	83	Fourth

Best Shot: Cadet NCO J.S. Sidhu of Chandragupta Section.

(c) Results of the Inter-Section Basketball competitions held on 6th and 7th May

Sections	Points	Position
Chandragupta	19	First
Pratap	18	Second
Ranjit	15	Third
Shivaji	12	Fourth

Inter Section Hockey Competition (Seniors & Juniors)

Sections	Points	Position
Ranjit	10	First
Pratap	8	Second
Shivaji	6	Third
Chandragupta	4	Fourth

1965, IN—RETROSPECT

The nineteen fifties had heralded the call "After Nehru, who?" Such was the dazzling light of the magnetic and dominating personality of our late Prime Minister Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, that everywhere away from him was dark and gloomy. This man of patience and tolerance geared and guided the destiny of the country since 1947.

The man with the 'Rose' spread the fragrance of peace abroad and laid the foundation of prosperity at home. Who could have thought, that the emanation of that fragrance, transformed into a Sheela, the 'Panch Sheel', would be shattered by the second signatory. The nation, to exist, had to become vigilant. A vacuum was crated, when Shri Nehru's ashes were mixed with the country's soil.

The legacy of that veteran showed itself with the dawn of 1965, when from the same soil rose another significant peace maker. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri started with a physical deception. The forty five crores stood as one behind him. Volcanic eruptions started rising from Kashmir and the fumes suffocated all the Indians. The kettle of Kashmir thwarted the best efforts of the U.N.O. to settle the dispute between India and Pakistan. In this rage was heard the roar of guns at the western border.

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was adamant to have justice done. The spiritual intellect, our President Dr. Radhakrishnan had hinted, "If there be any war against India, it would be on other's land." Eighteen years of prevailing fear was crushed by strong hands. Epics seemed to be revived, taking us thousands of years back with the fight for "Truth over Falsehood" of Mahabharata.

Amidst the roaring guns of 1965 the lost glory of 1962 was brought back to the jawans. Thrilling scenes on the roads and booming sounds in the air were applauded. The sacrifice of the devoted, waiting impartial glory had paved the way for future harmony among our countrymen.

Destiny itself decides for the better. 1965 ended with a note of glory for India. The dawn of 1966 saw the prophet of peace signing a declaration with the seal of his own blood. He had reached the zenith of his achievement in 1965, and went to the soil leaving the space behind for a new bud to blossom and fragrate. Thus ended the year 1965—the year of reckoning.

L.N.

Smile, Smile, Smile.

The hearty welcome, the easy smile, are endearing traits. But they can be overdone. People in cinema commercials smile too much, families in magazine advertisements smile too much, and those who visit foreign lands smile too much to arrest the attention of those around them. Everyone wants to be liked.

Now there is clearly nothing wrong with a smile. It can illumine and often make beautiful—the features that have been dimmed by passivity or grooved by sadness. But the smile I am speaking of, and which so many wear so much, is less an expression of joy than a muscular reflex of popularity. No better, nor more apt example of this exists than the smile of the cinema sellers of products: a smile directed at everyone and, therefore, at no one—a mass ingratiating wholly devoid of feeling. This kind of promiscuity—for it is exactly that—robs a man of both his dignity and personality.

Now good and unflagging fellowship is the prime requisite for success in our society, and the man or woman who smiles only for reasons of humour or pleasure is a deviator. The passport photographer says "With a little smile, please". The lover, seeing a grave face, says, "What's wrong." The unsmiling face of a statesman portends bad news. To be serious is not to be loved, and that is unbearable.

K. K. Panda.



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VISIT

Lt.-Gen. P.S. Gyani and Maj.-Gen. D.S. Brar visited the College on 13th June.

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We welcome Maj.-Gen. M. L. Thapan on his posting as Director of Military Training.

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Maj. and Mrs. R.S. Batra and Capt. A.P. Dutta visited the College.

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Commander O.P. Sharma, Principal, Sainik School, Kapurthala and Mrs. Sharma visited the College on 20th June with a party of 16 cadets and 3 masters. They came to the College again on 8th July.

RIMCOLLIANA

We heartily congratulate the following distinguished Rimcollians on their new appointments/promotions:—

Lt.-Gen. K.S. Katoch as Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

Lt.-Gen. J. S. Dhillon as General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Central Command.

Lt.-Gen. K.P. Candeth as Deputy Chief of the Army Staff.

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We congratulate Gentleman Cadet Rajendra Singh on being awarded the Silver Medal at the I.M.A. for standing first in Academics.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Capt. R. M. Jolly on his marriage with Malashree.

COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome our cadets back to the College after the summer vacation and wish them all health and happiness.

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We welcome those cadets also who have joined the College this term and hope that they will not only find their stay pleasant and fruitful but make the best use of it as well. A brief interview with them is printed elsewhere in this Chronicle.

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We congratulate Section Commander A.K. Das II of the Ranjit Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College and hope that he will continue to do his job to the best of his ability and efficiency.

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We congratulate the following cadets on their Section Appointments and hope that they will rise to the occasion in their new capacity:

(a) Shivaji Section

Sec. Com.—Brejinder Singh, C. S. Lehl, (Off. Sec. Com.)

Cadet N.C.Os.—R.P. Singh, C. B. Menon, A.K. Mangain, R. K. Pillai and Bhanwar Singh.

(b) Ranjit Section

Sec. Com.—S. Bhadra.

Cadet N.C.Os.—M.P. Mallik, T. Jawaharlal, D. S. Grewal, J. Singh, A.S. Kajla and S.C. Rishi.

(c) Pratap Section

Sec. Com.—B.P. Singh.

Cadet N.C.Os.—J.S. Narwal, B.K. Sinha, P.C. Singh, R. Bhatia, M.M. Haroon and Ranjan Dutta.

(d) Chandragupta Section

Sec. Com.—J.S. Sidhu.

Cadet N.C.Os.—A.P.S. Keith, Naginder Singh, Madhu Kumar, Sumer Singh, D.D. Kapoor and B.M. Pillay,

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Thursday, July 28—The Staff Club gave a farewell party to Mr. M.P. Mehrotra and Mr. Gurbachan Singh on the eve of their departure to join posts elsewhere. Mr. Mehrotra left us to join, as Principal, the Central School, Kharakvasla and Mr. Gurbachan Singh proceeded to take up a job at the Yadendra Public School, Patiala.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mehrotra and Mr. Gurbachan Singh and wish them all the best.

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Tuesday, August 9. We welcome Mr. Alam Khan as Chemistry Master to our fold and wish him a happy stay at the College.

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N.D.A. RESULTS—36th COURSE

It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride that, in keeping with the traditions of the College, our cadets have once again topped the All India Merit List for admission to the 36th Course of the National Defence Academy. Their well-merited success reflects the sound academic standards and varied co-curricular programmes maintained at the College.

We congratulate the following cadets on their success and wish them all the best. We hope that they will continue to do well and keep up the reputation of their College at the N.D.A.

Positions

1. Cadet N.C.O. Omit Sarkar (Chandragupta)—First in Army/Navy and Second in Air Force.
2. Cadet N.C.O. A.C. Katoch (Pratap) Second in Army/Navy.
3. Cadet K. Ashok Raj (Pratap)—Fourth in Army/Navy and Third in Air Force.
4. Section Commander K.K. Panda (Pratap)—Fifth in Air Force and Sixth in Army/Navy.
5. Cadet N.C.O. A.K. Das (Chandragupta)—Ninth in Army/Navy.

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Cadets D. S. Chauhan, A. K. Malhotra, C.P. Chaudhary, S.C. Sharma, R. Mohanchand, L.M. Krishnan, Inder Pal Singh, K.S. Srikant, J.J.R. Tewari, P. Mittal, Y. C. Gupta, S.V.P. Singh, Sudhir Mehta, A.K. Bhalla, D.K. Das, Tamo Bage, P. Majumdar, Munu Dutt and G. Dawar.

Sportsfolio

GLUT OF GOALS IN STAFF Vs. CADETS FOOTBALL MATCH

Too weak defences and erratic forwards made a perfect set up for a glut of goals. And the Staff vs. Students match on August 4, 1966 produced six goals, five by the cadets and one by the Staff.

This year's football season at the R.I.M.C. had its start with this traditional match on a slippery and heavy ground and the cadets' triumph was inevitable. They were leading by two clear goals, scored in quick succession, at the interval. In the second half, the staff team started to hit back and within a minute they scored a goal through Mr. Bandyopadhyay. They could have equalized and gone ahead too because every spectator (including the referee) was favouring them, but they suffered from exhaustion and poor shooting. The students had three more chances and knocked in three more goals. But for Mr. Singhal who called "off-side" too often against the cadets, the margin would have been more.

The cadets opened their onslaughts with Cadet M.S. Mullick, Cadets Bhadra and Grewal, were his able mates. They never made mistakes in driving the ball inside the Staff net whenever they were in possession of the ball. Mr. Puri shone as a custodian of the Staff team, Mr. R.C. Sharma, Mr. Bisht, Mr. Jaiswal, Mr. Chaturvedi and Mr. Thakur played very well.

Thus the football season of 1966 began with a crushing victory for the cadets and many more victories are yet to follow.

—Cadet P.V. John

NEW CADETS

This term again we have received an assortment of new cadets from the length and breadth of India. These mufti-clad, wide-eyed kids are a familiar sight every

term, yet they always provoke in us the sense of wonder at the almost impossible certainty that one day they will pass out as well turned-out, polished and smart cadets typical of the R.I.M.C.

When I was appointed at the rather irksome job of introducing them to the readers of 'The Chronicle' I decided to take them by 'sets'. When they reached the College, it was easy to categorize them by the mop of unruly hair, the tightness of their trousers' bottom and the point of their shoes. Now a metamorphosis has set in; gone is that mop, those drain-pipes and those fancy boots. And this is the result of a brief interview with them:—

1. **Vijai R. Naphade**, I-A (Shivaji), 4'-10", belongs to Punjab and comes to us from the Central School, Surat. Smart and intelligent as he is, he plays almost all major games and seems keenly interested in aero-modelling and photography.

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

"Let us reflect each night before we go to bed how far we have made life around us happy or otherwise by our thought and deed."

2. **Salam Kiron Singh**. I-A (Pratap), 5 ft., hails from Imphal (Manipur). He received his education at St. Edmund's School, Shillong. He plays hockey, football and cricket and his hobby is Art.
3. **Arambam Devadatta Singh**. I-A (Chandragupta), 5'-3", has come to us from Imphal, where he studied up to Class X at Tombisana High School. He is a player of football and shows keen interest in reading newspapers.
4. **Anil Kumar Mahto**. I-A, (Shivaji), 5 ft. is a product of St. Xavier's School, Sahibganj, (Bihar). He plays football, cricket, hockey, table tennis and badminton and takes delight in photography and philately.
5. **Purendra Paul**. I-A (Pratap), 5'-2", belongs to Shillong (Assam) and had his education at St. Edmund's School. He seems interested in cricket and football and has Craft for his hobby.
6. **Nirmal Kumar Paul**. I-A (Shivaji), 5'-2", belongs to West Bengal and has joined this College after studying at Don Bosco Higher Secondary and Tech. School, Liluah. He is a player of football and has love for Craft and Philately.
7. **Abhimanyu Mehrotra**. I (Pratap), 4'-7", is a resident of Bareilly (U.P.), but has come to us from Nainital, where he studied at St. Joseph's College. His favourite games are hockey, football and tennis and his hobbies stamp-collecting, making pen-friends and rifle shooting.
8. **A. Raghunath Reddy**. I (Ranjit), 4'-10", hails from Andhra Pradesh. He had his education at the Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Hyderabad. Cricket and football are his favourite games and Stamp Collecting his main hobby.
9. **Amarjit Singh**. I (Shivaji), 4'-10", has been a student of St. Edward's School, Simla. He plays hockey and badminton and pursues Philately as his favourite hobby.
10. **Paramjit Singh Gill**. I (Ranjit), 5'-2", belongs to Punjab but acquired education at St. Mary's Academy, Meerut. He plays hockey, football and cricket and seems interested in Philately and reading books.
11. **Rakesh Dhari Sinha**. I (Shivaji), 4'-10", hails from Bihar and studied at St. Saverin's High School, Patna. His favourite games are football and cricket and he seems good at Photography.
12. **Manu Bhalla**. I (Pratap), 4'-9", belongs to Kota Raj and received education at St. Paul's School, Kota (Hariyana). He plays cricket and hockey and has love for Stamp Collecting.
13. **Vipin Prakash Ahluwalia**. I (Pratap), 5 ft., had his education at Sainik School, Kunjpura (Punjab). He plays badminton and football and seems keenly interested in Philately.
14. **B.L.G. Dayanand**. I (Ranjit), 4'-4", comes to us from St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Bangalore. He

- plays almost all games and is fond of collecting stamps and coins.
15. **Shashi Bhushan Gogia.** I (Pratap), 4'-5", is a product of St. Xavier's H.S. School, Delhi and seems interested in reading books and making pen friends besides playing all major games.
 16. **Manvendra Singh.** I (Shivaji), 5'-2", comes to us from St. Mary's Convent School, Rampur. He seems good at hockey and boxing and shows love for Rifle Shooting and Philately.
 17. **Rajesh Singh.** I (Chandragupta), 4'-8", belongs to Rampur but has joined us after studying at the local Col. Brown School. He plays almost all major games and has love for reading books and collecting coins.
 18. **Sunil Suri.** I (Ranjit), 4'-10", hails from Punjab and received education at D.A.V. Higher Secondary School, Chandigarh. He plays hockey and cricket and is fond of Stamp Collecting.
 19. **K.S. Rajguru.** I (Chandragupta), 4'-11", received his education at St. Xavier's School, Ahmedabad. He plays all major games and seems interested in music, hiking and excursions.
 20. **Raj Kumar Chadha.** I (Ranjit), 5'-2", belongs to Bihar. He studied at Nazareth Academy, Gaya. He plays football and takes delight in collecting stamps.
 21. **Raju Mathews.** I (Pratap), 4'-4", belongs to Kerala. He received education at St. Peter's College, Agra. He plays badminton besides other major games and is interested in collecting stamps and coins.
 22. **Anil Kumar Singh.** I (Chandragupta), 4'-7", belongs to U.P. but has come to us after studying at St. Xavier's School, Jaipur. He plays badminton and cricket and shows interest in Philately.
 23. **Joseph G. Singh.** I (Pratap), 4'-6", belongs to Saharanpur and has been educated at the Central School, Jullundur Cantt. He seems interested in almost all games.
 24. **Dipak Singh.** I (Ranjit), 5'-2", has come to us from St. Xavier's School, Patna. He is keenly interested in swimming and cricket and has yet to cultivate an absorbing hobby for himself at the College.

OBITUARY

We place on record our deep sense of sorrow at the sad and sudden demise of Maj. B.P. Singh, A.S.C.—an illustrious Ex-Cadet of our College and mountaineer of great promise and distinction, who earned international fame for his successfully scaling the Everest.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to those who are left behind to mourn his death and pray that his soul may rest in eternal peace.



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College News

Thursday, August 11

The Staff Club, at a special meeting held in the Education Block and presided over by the Principal, passed a resolution of condolences with Mr. L.N. Thakur on the death of his father at Amritsar.

Monday, August 15

Cadets, under the supervision of the Staff, saw the English film 'Panic in Bangkok' at the Odeon Theatre.

Wednesday, August 17

The following Scientific films were screened in the Science Room at 1415 hrs.

1. The Little Giant: This film very effectively traces the history and development of the transistor. Its discovery, its function and the many ways in which it has proved its utility in the field of electronics, were vividly illustrated.

A very instructive and enjoyable film.

2. Electron—an introduction: This film explains the nature of electrons, electron flow in solid conductors, electro-motive force, control of electron flow and types of electron flow. Of particular interest was the flow of electron to give the effect of a transformer and its working in a very lucid style.

3. Project Mercury: It is a technicolour film and presents in a very beautiful way the new era in communication which began in 1962. It deals, in a very easy style, with the growth of the orbiting satellite named Telstar. It describes the events leading to the moment of the actual photograph.

Capture the excitement that was generated when the first Telstar transmission took place!

Saturday, August 20

We welcome Mr. K.R. Kukreja as Physics Master to our fold and wish him a happy stay at the College.

Monday, August 22

We welcome Maj. K.C. Anand, an old Rimcollian, as our Administrative Officer. We wish Maj. & Mrs. Anand a happy stay at the College and the best of luck.

Monday, August 22

The Staff Club gave a farewell party to Major and Mrs. J.D. Katkar, our Administrative Officer, and Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Puri on the eve of their departure.

Maj. Katkar is scheduled to proceed to Ladakh to take up his new assignment as Second-in-Command there. Mr. Puri is going to join Sainik School, Sarojini Nagar, Lucknow as History Master.

We congratulate both the couples on their promotion and achievement and wish them the best of luck.

Speaking at the farewell party the Principal declared that Maj. Katkar had justified the upgrading of the post of A.O. by his maturity of judgement, devotion to his job and depth of insight. The individuality and humaneness of his approach to administrative affairs have left a mark on us. He appreciated the work done by Maj. Katkar. He praised the sense of attachment that Maj. Katkar always cherished for his own regiment and defined it as 'the true spirit of a soldier'. He described Mrs. Katkar as a modest and winsome lady who had enriched the social life of the Staff at the College. He extended his best wishes to Maj. and Mrs. Katkar for a happy life.

He welcomed Maj. and Mrs. K.C. Anand and hoped that they would keep up the spirit of pleasant relation and thorough work left behind by Maj. Katkar.

Speaking of Mr. Puri the Principal traced the growth of the most formative period of his career at the College and expressed satisfaction at the many sidedness of Mr. Puri's achievements. He said that besides being a good cricketer and sportsman, Mr. Puri had been an industrious worker. His love for games couldn't deter him from achieving a lot

in the academic sphere, which was finally marked by his securing a first class in B.T.

He appreciated the role of Mrs. Puri as a gentle and sociable lady who had her own share in the social and cultural life of the community.

Monday, August 22

A football match—RIMC vs FRI Central School—was played at our grounds. It ended in a draw. An account of the match will appear in the columns of the Chronicle.

Independence Day Celebration

The celebration of the 19th anniversary of the Independence Day at our College was marked by a tastefully designed Music Concert organized in the Convocation Hall at 1900 hrs.

The Musical Entertainment Programme drew applause from the audience and was altogether a success.

The concert started with an inspiring song presented by three illustrious disciples of Dr. Maharaj Kishore Kapoor, Head of the Music Dept., D.A.V. College. Besides a few really captivating songs and tunes—both classical and instrumental offered by the disciples of Dr. Kapoor for the evening's entertainment, the efforts of our cadets and specially those of Cadet P. Kochhar at a light vocal song were warmly appreciated.

Prof. Dutt gave a masterly performance on Tabla and Prof. Srivastava arrested our attention by producing lilt-ing melodies on his flute.

And truly the audience went 'gay and gay' as they listened to Dr. Kapoor's 'बलमा बहार आई'—a classical solo which embodies the subtle feelings and emotional awareness of a forlorn lady as the spring sets in. The listeners seemed rapt in the raptures of music that flooded the hall.

At the end of the concert Mr. R.C. Singhal, Head of the Academics, thanked Dr. Kapoor, an A.I.R. artist, his worthy colleagues and disciples on behalf of the Staff and cadets.

The entertainment programme was followed by a traditional Independence Day Dinner, which was attended by the Principal, the A.O. and all members of the Staff.

The dinner ended with toasts proposed by the Principal, and followed by members of the Staff and cadets for the renewed health and long life to our Hon. President.

Friday August 19.

We welcome Mr. A.S. Banger—a V.S.O. from U.K.—to our community and hope that he will find his stay at the College pleasant and fruitful.

Tulsi Jayanti

(Saturday, 20th August)

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti, Tulsi Jayanti (anniversary) was celebrated in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs. The celebration consisted mainly of a Tulsi-Sahitya Competition, which was further divided into three parts—(a) Paper-reading, (b) Declamation and (c) Recitation of extracts from Tulsi's poetry.

The function was presided over by Shri Mahesh Prasad, District Magistrate, Dehra Dun. Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad, Prof. Gaya Prasad Shukla, Head of the Hindi Department (Retired), D.A.V. College and Mr. B. D. Chandola, Head of the Hindi Dept., Doon School acted as judges. We are grateful to them for their kindly sparing time to come and encourage us.

The following cadets took part in the various Contests held:—

(A) Paper-reading

1. Sec. Com. J. S. Sidhu
'Tulsi—a leader of humanity'
2. Cadet A.K. Gupta
'Some Anecdotes about Tulsi'
3. Cadet NCO P.C. Singh
'Vinaya Patrika—An Introduction'
4. Cadet NCO V.K. Sinha
'Rajapur—the birth-place of Tulsi'

(B) Declamation

1. Cadet Ajai Sinha
'Tulsi's Concept of Poetry'
2. Cadet M.S. Mallik
'Tulsi—the greatest Hindi Poet'
3. Cadet Yogendra Singh
'The Life and Works of Tulsi Das'
4. Cadet Satyendra Singh
'The Social Significance of Tulsi's Poetry'

(C) Recitation of Extracts from Tulsi's poetry

1. Cadet B.K. Sinha
and
2. Cadet Pradeep Kochhar
A Prayer to Lord Ganesh
3. Cadet Sanjiv Tandon
and
4. Cadet Raj Kumar Patil
A hymn to Lord Ram
5. Cadet Pradeep Kochhar
A Prayer to Lord Ram

6. Cadet B.K. Sinha
Dialogue between Lord Ram
and Kewat

Results

(A) Paper-reading

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| 1. NCO P.C. Singh | First |
| 2. „ V.K. Sinha | Second |

(B) Declamation

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| 1. Cadet Yogendra Singh | First |
| 2. „ Satyendra Singh | Second |

(C) Recitation

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| 1. Cadet Pradeep Kochhar | First |
| 2. „ B.K. Sinha | Second |

The evening was altogether a success and the function drew thunderous applause from the audience. The programme owed its success to the intensive and sincere efforts made by the Hindi Department.

At the outset of his erudite presidential speech, Shri Mahesh Prasad declared that the anniversary of Mahatma Tulsi Das at once infuses into us the spirit of inquiry and astonishment, for, despite our best efforts at a thorough understanding of his life and letters, much indeed remains unexplored and unexplorable. Drawing a comparison between the world-famous Italian painting 'Mona Lisa' and the many-sided personality of Tulsi Das, he said that just as the smile that plays on the former's face yields diverse meanings to the spectators, the life and works of the latter defy human intellect by virtue of their diversity of meaning and universality of appeal. In fact, whosoever approaches him returns refreshed, satisfied, ennobled. In his opinion, Shakespeare, at his best is a great poet and dramatist but Tulsi is undoubtedly much more than that, for his multifarious achievements in literature and theology and their pervasive impact on society can hardly be over-estimated. His poetry is a spontaneous overflow of his profound devotion to Lord Ram and though he composed it for his inner, spiritual contentment, it has become the repository not only of the Indian culture and the essence of human, moral conduct but also a beacon light to guide millions of men whose lives are shrouded in gloom and ignorance. He added that Tulsi was an innovator and, though his vast literary creation is a product of his time, yet it manifests an ideal world of his dreams which has ever since served as a yardstick for generations of Indian people to approximate their lives to the code of ethics set forth in it by him.

He pointed out that Tulsi lived in an age, which, unlike ours, promised the poet no other means of mass communication but the word of mouth. The poet was essentially a singer and his poetry was a source of spiritual content to himself and inspiration to his audience. He observed that the recitation of his lyrical verses today takes us back to the time when the poet (Tulsi) sang with 'full-throated ease' the profuse strains of his 'unpremeditated art'. He went on to say that, besides being a vivid reflection of his contemporary society, his poetry is also an enlightening projection of the poet's ideals and aspirations that have gone into making it a grand epitome of human life. His profound devotion to Lord Ram, his creative genius, his prodigious learning, lofty thought and synoptic vision have found an adequate expression in his poetry that will ever transport, transfigure and transmute human generations.

At the close of his speech, Shri Mahesh Prasad expressed satisfaction at a commendable standard of performance by the Cadets and congratulated them.

He further said that it afforded him delight to see that it was by means of organizing functions Tulsi Jayanti that the foundations of our Indian culture were gradually strengthened at the College. He said that the credit of all that was due to Principal S.P. Sharma whom he described as 'a great lover of Hindi as well as a custodian of our culture.'

He appreciated the sincere efforts of the Hindi Department for organizing such a successful 'Jayanti'.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. Mohini Mahesh Prasad. The function came to an end with three cheers for Mrs. Prasad.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. ADRIAN STANLEY BANGER

The Editor had an interesting interview with Mr. Adrian Stanley Banger, who is our new Voluntary Service Overseas Master. These V.S.Os. come through the British Council, with a double purpose—to learn and to serve. Mr. Banger is about 19 years old and is a pleasant and likeable person. At present he is going about trying to know things. He was schooled at Chatham House Ramsgate School, where he held the appointment of a Prefect and from where he passed his 'A' Level. He is going to enter St. Catherine's, Oxford, where he will study Chemistry.

- Editor : Mr. Banger, why did you opt for coming to India than for any other country of the Commonwealth?
- Mr. Banger: We had no option, we were allotted the places we had to go. However, I am very happy that I was allotted India and was asked to work at the RIMC.
- Editor: Suppose you were given the option, which country would you have chosen?
- Mr. B: Probably some small island in the South East Asia like Fiji or Sarawak.
- Ed : Why?
- Mr. B : Well, just for the charm of the tropic probably.
- Ed : You mean for the coconut trees, the sunny beaches, the hula and the sarong.
- Mr. B : (Laughter) Well, yes. May be that is what I had in mind.
- Ed : Mr. Banger, what impression you had of India before coming here?
- Mr. B : I didn't have much impression, but before coming here we had some classes in which we were briefed about the places we were going to.
- Ed : If it's not a trade secret, could you tell us something about the briefing?
- Mr. B : Well, they told us about the food, the climate and some traditions and, of course, some warnings.
- Ed : What were those warnings?
- Mr. B : Very amusing, they told us never to eat with the left hand and only with the fingers. They also warned us against entering into religious or political arguments, and about always drinking boiled water, etc.
- Ed : And are you doing so, I mean, about boiled water?
- Mr. B : No, I am drinking all sorts of water.
- Ed : I think it is a wise thing to do as it will help your constitution to get acclimatised, well Mr. Banger what was the first thing that struck you as odd at the College?
- Mr. B : The absence of toilet paper. (Since then supplied—Ed.)
- Mr. B : Well, everything is quite different from what we have at home. The students are all smart and have a military bearing. I am not used to military life, the food is very strange.
- Ed : In what way would you say the food is different?
- Mr. B : Everything has a bright colour, either brown or yellow; then it is all rather thin. I never liked rice and did not have any regular eating hours. Whenever I was hungry I used to raid the Larder.
- Ed : Yes, we are far too civilized to relish half-cooked food. We believe in cooking food well.
- Mr. B : (Laughter) I like pork, but we do not get it here.
- Ed : Yes, there are some taboos. The Muslim don't eat pork and the Hindus beef. So at the College we have mutton, chicken and fish only. Well Mr. Banger, what do you aim to do here besides your normal work of teaching?
- Mr. B : It is too early to plan anything now. I want to look around more. I am interested in Motor-bikes and making fire-works. But I would like to make a Rocket with Class I-A and a Ripple Tank with class III-A. Anything else that comes my way I will gladly do.
- Ed : That is very ambitious, what kind of fuel would you use?
- Mr. B : It is not very difficult, I don't aim to make a Rocket to be orbited. I made one with a solid fuel.
- Ed : Last year we attempted to make one with liquid fuel, Hydrogen peroxide and Kerosine oil. The difficulty was of heat resistant tubes. However, if the initial thrust is sufficient, it will take the Rocket up to about thirty to forty yards. That is enough for Cadets of I-A. Our Rocket simply refused to budge, it was a good bonfire though, Mr. Banger, do you know anything about the Nuffield Project for the teaching of Science?
- Mr. B : Yes, as a matter of fact I have some notes on Science syllabus here with me. (He showed the papers to the Editor.) We are following it in U.K. now up to the Third Form. Then in the Fourth and Fifth form we do the 'O' Level work.

(To be Concluded)



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RIMCOLLIANA

Monday, Sept. 5. Brig. Gambhir Singh, a distinguished Rimcollian, paid visit to the College after his retirement from the post of Surveyor General of India.

COLLEGE NEWS

Saturday, Sept. 3. The following films were screened in the Science Room at 1415 hrs:

- (a) President Dr. Radhakrishnan's Television Interview in U.S.A.
- (b) Our Nearest Star:—It throws light on Isotopic power and its uses.

N.D.A. Results—37th Course

33 out of 38 cadets have been declared successful at the UPSC written examination for admission to the N.D.A. This gives us a result of 87%. We congratulate the following cadets on their success and hope that they will keep up the reputation of their Alma Mater at the N.D.A.

M.P. Malik, R. Mahaveera, S. Bhadra, B. Shivasankar, J.S. Sidhu, H.S. Vaid, D.S. Grewal, M.H. Zaki, Madhu Kumar, B.M. Pillay, U.G. Kartha, V.P. Singh, R. Bhatia, Naginder Singh, V.K. Sinha, A.S. Kajla, P.C. Singh, C.S. Lehl, S.N. Pavri, A.K. Das II, J. S. Narwal, Bhanwar Singh, D.D. Kapoor, S.C. Rishi, Sumer Singh, A.K. Mangain, T. Jawaharlal, S.S. Thakar, R.K. Pillai, G.N. Punj, A. Murgai, Jasbir Singh, A.K. Arora.

Tuesday, Sept. 6. Wing Commander Dutta addressed the Cadets of Classes IV and V in the Geography Room. He delivered an informative and instructive lecture on the Indian Air Force. The lecture was attended by the A.O. and members of the Staff.

Friday, Sept. 9.—We congratulate Section Commander C.S. Lehl of the Shivaji Section on his appointment, in turn, as Cadet Captain of the College and hope that he will rise to the occasion in his new assignment.

Cadet Captain A.K. Das II of the Ranjit Section, who passed the tabs to C.S. Lehl, had done a good job.

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Congratulations to Cadet NCO R.P. Singh on his appointment as Section Commander of the Shivaji Section.

Shri Krishna Janmashtmi

Thursday, September 8. Shri Krishna Janmashtmi was celebrated by Cadets and the Staff at the college temple at 1915 hours. The temple, where all assembled to offer prayers to the Lord, reflected the sincere endeavours of the devout cadets, who, under the able guidance of Mr. G.S. Bisht and Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi, had decorated it very tastefully. Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi, who made the excellent central portrait and cadets J.P. Mondle, S.S. Singh, Sarbjit Singh, A.K. Singh, and L.L. Singh deserve our warm congratulations on their fine paintings depicting the various phases of Shri Krishna's life.

The function started with a discourse on Lord Krishna's life by Pt. Bala Dutt Pande. It was followed by speeches delivered by cadets Yogendra Singh and Satendra Singh. Both the cadets spoke well and threw considerable light on the life and achievements of Shri Krishna. The next item of the evening was a musical programme (Krishna Sangeet), which consisted mainly of lyrical verses from Sur Das and Mira Bai to the accompaniment of musical instruments. We thank Mr. Tripathi, who took pains to make the musical programme an outstanding success. We congratulate the

following cadets who took part in the items noted against their names:—

Cadet NCO V.K. Sinha—
Announcer and commentator

Cadets B.K. Sinha and P. Kochar—
'चरण कमल बन्दों हरिराई'

Cadets S.S. Tandon and R.U. Patil—
'मेरो मन अन्त कहाँ सुल पावै'

Cadet P. Kochar—
'मधुकर श्याम हमारे चोर'

Cadet B.K. Sinha—
'मैया मोरी मैं नहि माखन जायो'

Cadets P. Kochar and S. Tandon—
'बसो मोरे नयनन में नंदलाल'

Cadet B.K. Sinha and all others
'बड़ी देर भई नंदलाल'

Besides being artistic and entertaining, the entire programme was highly instructive and illuminating and it owed its success to the zeal and dedicated efforts of Mr. G.S. Bisht, Head of the Hindi Dept., Mr. K. Kumar and Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi.

The function came to an end with an enlightening speech by Principal Mr. S.P. Sharma, who described Lord Ram and Krishna as 'the living symbols of the Hindu religion'. He observed that the life of Lord Krishna is a perennial source of inspiration and strength to the teeming masses of our country and the world. In Him we find all that is best in human nature. He elucidated the virtues that Lord and exhorted the cadets to draw valuable lessons from it in order to be worthy of noblest achievements. Describing the cadets of R.I.M. College as would-be soldiers and savants of the Indian Republic, he expected them to live up to the motto of the college—'बल विवेक'—Strength and Wisdom—and reminded them that these two were the predominant constituents of Lord Krishna's greatness. He emphasised that Lord Krishna symbolizes the Summum Bonum of human conduct and His succinct utterances in the Gita embody not only the supreme law of life but also the benediction of spiritual growth. He further exhorted the cadets to be more interested in their religion and cultivate in themselves consecration and dedication of a high order.

In the end he expressed satisfaction and delight at a very successful organiza-

tion of Janmashumi and congratulated Mr. G.S. Bisht, Maj. K.C. Anand and Panditji on their efforts and the cadets on a high standard of their performances.

The congregation dispersed after the chanting of hymns and distribution of 'Prasad'.

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Football Match — RIMC vs Doon School
(won by 1--0)

Saturday, Sept. 10. Our football players who, in the teeth of a strong defence and formidable resistance put up by their rival team, defeated the latter by one goal to nil in a very exciting and keenly contested match played on our grounds, deserve our warmest congratulations on their victory.

We hope that they will keep it up.

An account of the match will appear in the columns of the Chronicle in the next issue.

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The 'Kendal's Shakespeareana Theatrical Company' staged a few selected scenes from William Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice' and 'Julius Caesar' at 1630 hrs. in the College Convocation Hall.

An account of the dramatic performance will be printed in the Chronicle.

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Saturday Sept. 10.—Cadets and members of the Staff assembled on the quadrangle of the Education Block to pass a resolution of sincere condolences with Mr. H. S. Bisht and Mr. G. S. Bisht on the passing away of their father Shri Lal Singh Bisht. He was 92. He had served the College loyally for a number of years. He has left behind him a large and well-placed family.

At the condolence meeting the Principal gave expression to the heartfelt sympathies of the College with the bereaved family. Then all observed silence and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Preceding the meeting all members of the Staff, their families and cadets paid their last homage to late Shri L. S. Bisht. The cadets stood in silence on both sides of the road through which the funeral procession was taken. About a thousand men and women attended the procession upto the College gate.

Sportsfolio

R.I.M.C. vs. F.R.I. Central School. (Home)
Draw 1-1

Rain about half an hour before the start of the game made everyone think that the first match of the season would not be held after all. However, Mother Nature took pity on us, and the match started exactly at 4.45 p.m. Both teams were full of spirits, and one was dazzled by the fast game.

The home team pressed the rivals, and many a chance went astray. However, our forwards were not discouraged, and it pleased the eye to watch their game. About five minutes from the end of the first half, we saw a tense moment near the opponents' goalmouth, but the chance could not be utilized. However, immediately after, a brilliant shot by B.K. Sinha put the R.I.M.C. one up.

After interval, the F.R.I. seemed determined to equalise. However, it seemed as if the match would end in favour of us, as the ball was in one side of the field this minute and in the other side the next minute. A sudden outburst by their forwards caught our defence napping, and they made no mistake in scoring, at the 49th minute. After this, the game was anybody's guess. The last ten minutes were very hectic, with short fast passes. However, when the final whistle blew, the score board read 1-1. Cadets P.P. Agarwal and M.S. Mullick deserve congratulations on their fine performances.

Ranjan Dutta, IV-A

INTERVIEW

(Contd. from last Issue)

- Ed. : Do you have any idea of the Chem Study Course and the P.S.S.C. We have adapted this course in India and in many Public Schools we are following it. Do you think that the Nuffield work is superior to the American Project ?
- Mr. B : I have seen the American programme and I feel that Nuffield Project is more effective. I will get the handbook from my School.
- Ed. : Yes, I also feel that the Nuffield Project is more purposeful. In many ways it is just a duplication, of course independent one,

to the American programme. Do you intend to implement it here at the College ?

- Mr. B : Yes, I would like to, very much.
- Ed. : Well you can take Chemistry in my class, I will take the Physics and Biology section.
- Mr. B : Thanks. Anything else you want to ask. I have a lot of work to do ?
- Ed. : I did want to ask you your impressions of India. But as you have been here only two days, I will spare you the question right now. Did you expect to see tigers roaming on the streets ?
- Mr. B : Well no, not exactly, but I do want to shoot a tiger.
- Ed. : You will be lucky if you see one outside the Zoo. But we do have tigers, even quite close to Dehra Dun. How do you like teaching ?
- Mr. B : I don't know yet, but in England it is a very respected and a highly paid job. I don't know if I can come up to the required standard. I am going to study Chemistry or Psychology at St. Catherine's at Oxford.
- Ed. : Well, thank you very much Mr. Banger. It has been a pleasure. I hope you have a pleasant stay with us and gain that vital experience in life that very few young people can get.
- Mr. B : Thank you, but please show me your report before you get it printed.
- Ed. : Official Censor ? I won't write anything bad, you know !

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DEFINITIONS

- Critic:** A legless man who teaches others how to run.
- Peace:** A period of cheating between two periods of fighting.
- Discussion:** A method of confirming others in their errors.
- Conference:** A gathering of important people who, singly can do nothing, but together decide that nothing can be done.
- Acquaintance:** A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to.

Architect: One who drafts a plan of your house and plans a draft of your money.

Bore: A person who talks when you wish him to listen.

Brain: The apparatus with which we think, all think.

Calamity: Misfortune to ourselves or good fortunes to others.

Dentist: A magician who puts metal into your mouth and pulls coins out of your pocket.

—Compiled by D. D. Kapoor, V A

DICTIONARIES... BEWARE !!!

In promulgating your esoteric or articulating your superficial sentimentalities, and amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified consciousness, a compact comprehensiveness, coalescent consistency and concentrated cogency. Eschew all conglomerate flatulent garrulity, jijune babblement and ascine affections. Let your extemporaneous decantings and unpremeditated expressions have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rhodomontade or thoroisonical bombast.

Sedously avoid all polysyllabic profunctious and pompous probity. Shun double extenders, prurient joiosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurities apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely; keep from slandering; don't put on airs; say what you mean and mean what you say and.....DON'T USE BIG WORDS !!

—Ranjan Dutta IV A

Marriageship

Grammar and glamour met across a table in the Matrimonial College.

"How can marriage be compared to ship" said glamour.

"Easy!" said Grammar.

Marriage is like a ship;

His Lordship

Meets her ladyship,

And their good fellowship,

Ripens into companionship.

And from it results courtship,

Marriage licence wants penmanship,

Joytrip calls for steamship,

And each tries for leadership,

On simple pleadership

Of sweet home battleship.

And soon they need judgship,

To throw their partnership,

Into receivership,

When man goes on sportsmanship,

And woman embarks on alimonyship.

—A.K. Das, II-A

Words of Wisdom

1. "Men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong."

—R.W. Emerson

2. "The prosperity of a country depends, not on the abundance of its revenues, nor on the strength of its fortifications, nor on the beauty of its public buildings; but it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its men of education, enlightenment and character; here are to be found its true interest, its chief strength, its real power."

—Martin Luther

OBITUARY

We, the members of the Staff, and Cadets of R.I.M. College place on record our deep sense of sorrow at the passing away of Shri Lal Singh Bisht, the father of Mr. Hira Singh Bisht and Mr. G.S. Bisht.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family in this hour of grief and pray to God that his soul may rest in peace.



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VISIT

Major-General Diwan Prem Chand, who has succeeded our ardent old boy Maj.-Gen. Virendra Singh, as Director General, National Cadet Corps, had tea with the Principal on 13th September.

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Brigadier P.D. Joshi of the E-in-C Branch, Army Headquarters, paid a visit to the College on Monday, the 19th inst.

RIMCOLLIANA

We congratulate the following Ex-Cadets on the achievements and distinctions mentioned against their names:—

Capt. Ashok Mehta on his posting as an Instructor at the I.M.A.

G.C. P.T. Chaudhary on his holding the appointment of Academy Cadet Adjutant at the I.M.A.

G.C. A.K. Seth on his appointment as Battalion Under Officer at the I.M.A.

Ex-Cadet S. Mukherjee on securing the first position in Academics at the N.D.A.

Ex-Cadet M. Sujit on securing the first place in the English Debate at the N.D.A.

Ex-Cadet S. K. Dikshit on standing first in the Hindi Debate at the N.D.A.

College News

Saturday, Sept. 17.

Cadets of classes I, I A and II, II A attended an opera staged by the Cambrian Hall in the auditorium of the Doon School. The opera, which comprised pantomimes, a musical drama in a gorgeous oriental setting, an entertaining and suggestive Hindi skit and a beautiful Court Scene presenting a singularly

humorous way of administering justice in times gone by, was an outstanding success. The setting, the cast, the costumes and, above all, the acting were indeed superb. The Cambrian Hall deserves all appreciation and admiration for putting up such an artistic, ambitious and clean entertainment.

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The following films were screened in the Science Room at 2.00 hours:—

- (a) Frontiers
- (b) Rivers of Life
- (c) A Conversation with President Johnson.

Kendal's 'Shakespeareana'

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal again proved their versatility at the RIMC stage on Saturday, 10th Sept. They started with a scene from Merchant of Venice in which Portia bewails the almost impossible task assigned by her father as a condition for her betrothal. Mrs. Kendal could bring out all the fineries of Shakespearean humour in the vivid description of the suitors. Some more scenes from Merchant of Venice were staged out of which the portrayal of Shylock stood out as impeccable. The attempt to keep the continuity of the story by intelligent narration and reading of excerpts from the play, was really creditable.

The 'Trio' could not put up more than a solitary scene from the 'Julius Caesar', but the scene presented—the meeting of Brutus and Cassius prior to the battle of Philippi—was enough to bring out the Shakespearean flourish and finesse of the Roman tragedy. The audience, however, expected more scenes from Julius Caesar.

The presentation of the Kendal's 'Shakespeareana' provided the young, ambitious dramatists of the College with an ample opportunity of watching an almost perfect acting showing devotion to the stage.

We hope that they will benefit from such an artistic performance.

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R.I.M.C. BAGS DOON DEBATING CUP

Our cadets Ravi Pillai and S.R. Gokhale represented the College at the Inter School Debate held at Doon School on 28th September. This was the Eleventh Chakraborty Memorial Annual Debate. All the English medium schools of Dehra Dun contested for the cup. Cadet Ravi Pillai was placed second and Gokhale also did well. The college was placed second but as Doon School, which was the first, was the host team and did not contest for the cup; it was awarded to R.I.M.C.

Congratulations to Pillai, Gokhale and the English Faculty.

Sportfolio**Inter-Section Swimming Competition**

(15th and 16th September, 1966)

Clouds were looming large in the sky when, on the afternoon of 15th inst., the Cadets thronged the Swimming Pool in keen anticipation of the Inter-Section Swimming Competition. The Swimming Pool was gaily decorated with flags and festoons and all assembled were on the edge of excitement. The shouting of Cadets grew louder as the heats were held and the finals of the Diving and Plunging events were seen in progress. At the close of the Pre-finals, the Ranjit Section stood out with a substantial lead and for a moment, the final results seemed to be a foregone conclusion, but more surprises were yet in store for us the succeeding day.

We express our thanks to Major H.N. Handa and Capt. M.S. Dutta—both Ex-cadets of the College—for kindly sparing time to judge the diving and plunging events.

The next day proved to be more eventful. Excitement ran high as keen competition for supremacy in swimming gained momentum. As the competition drew to a close, it became apparent that the Ranjit Section would gain the upper hand, but for a definite lead taken by Shivaji in a team event, tables were almost turned and both the sections were put at par and shared the Swimming Cup with 69 points at the credit of each.

Cadet NCO J.S. Narwal of the Pratap Section was adjudged the 'Best Swimmer' among the Seniors and Cadet B.N. Majumdar of the Shivaji Section among the Juniors.

Brigadier N.L. Kapoor, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A. and ardent Rimcollian kindly presided over the function and gave away the Swimming Cup and the individual prizes. The function came to a close with 'Three cheers' for Brig Kapoor.

Inter Section Swimming Competition 1966

S. No.	Event	Position	Name	
UNDER 12½ Yrs.				
1.	30 Yds. Free Style	I	S.S. Jog	(R)
		II	B. Yadav	(P)
2.	2×30 Yds. Free Style Relay	I	Ranjit Section	
UNDER 13½ Yrs.				
3.	30 Yds. Free Style	I	Dipak Singh	(R)
		II	A.K. Naik	(C)
4.	30 Yds. Breast Stroke	I	K.G. Bewoor	(S)
		II	Davinder Singh	(S)
5.	3×30 Yds. Free Style Relay	I	Ranjit	
UNDER 14½ Yrs.				
6.	60 Yds. Free Style	I	I.B. Singh	(C)
		II	K.C. Cherian	(R)
7.	30 Yds. Breast Stroke	I	B.N. Majumdar	(S)
		II	P.S. Gurung	(P)
8.	30 Yds. Back Stroke	I	B.N. Majumdar	(S)
		II	Davinder Singh	(S)
9.	4×30 Yds. Free Style Relay	I	Shivaji	
OPENS				
10.	60 Yds. Free Style	I	S. Bhadra	(R)
		II	J.S. Narwal	(P)
11.	30 Yds. Back Stroke	I	J.S. Narwal	(P)
		II	S. Bhadra	(R)
12.	30 Yds. Breast Stroke	I	M.C. Pradhan	(S)
		II	Sarabjit Singh	(C)
13.	4×30 Yds. Free Style Relay	I	Pratap	
14.	4×30 Yds. Medley Relay	I	Shivaji	
15.	Plunging	I	V. Pahlajani	(P)
		II	A.K. Tewari	(S)

16. Diving 1 D.S. Grewal (R)
2 J.S. Narwal (P)
17. Best Swimmer Senior J.S. Narwal (P)
Junior B.N. Majumdar (S)

Results—Swimming Competition

	Section	Points	Position
1.	Shivaji	Sec. 69	} First
	Ranjit	69	
2.	Pratap	53	Third
3.	Chandragupta	Sec. 37	Fourth

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R.I.M.C. Vs. Doon School
Football Match: Won by 1-0

The R.I.M.C. Football team defeated Doon School by 1-0 after hard fought game in a rain-sodden ground on Saturday, September 10, 1966.

Thereafter the R.I.M.C. side put in everything into their attack but they had to wait till the 50th minute. Taking advantage of a tall clearance by the right back A.K. Das, B. K. Sinha right inside trapped the ball and released a high centre towards the Doon School goal mouth. Anticipating this, inside Bhadra rushed in and divided forward. He missed the ball but the ball got the hand of the Doon School left back who was well inside the penalty box. The referee, who was very close to the spot, did not hesitate to award penalty kick in favour of R.I.M.C. Cadet M.S. Mallick went forward and sent the ball home.

Although the visitors tried hard to equalize, the R.I.M.C. kept them at bay, meanwhile the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read 1-0 and it was a well earned victory for R.I.M.C. boys. B.J.

Principal at the Assembly

A good or bad word said, is like a pebble, which, when thrown into the placid water, creates endless circles—pleasant and unpleasant.

Think it over

Dharma is that which binds society together. That which divides society, that which disintegrates it, breaks it up into parts or fragments and makes people fight one another making them think that they belong to this or that creed, is adharma.

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

The teams were evenly matched and it was difficult to predict the result, but the winners dominated the exchanges in the first half and the main spring of their attack was Cadet D.S. Grewal. In the 14th minute he broke through and his beautiful shot defeated the goalkeeper completely but the ball hit the cross piece and Grewal was unlucky to score a goal.

In the very next minute the visitors made a very dangerous move but failed to take the opportunity. Cutting in on the left flank the Doon School left out back passed to the Centre forward at the top of the penalty box. However, the latter's shot was saved by the R.I.M.C. custodian S.K. Jaiswal who tripped the ball brilliantly over the cross bar.

A few minutes later, R.I.M.C. boys staged some nice onslaughts through Bhadra-Mallick-Grewal combination but they lacked finish and the first half ended, the score-board showing 0-0.

R.I.M.C. Vs. D.B.S.

Home (Won 4-2)

The game started at 4.45 P.M. It was a clear evening though a little hot. Both teams started properly and the game was a fast and quick one. The Home team pressed the rivals, and it looked as if R.I.M.C. would be up within a few minutes. Their hopes did not go astray, and Shivane scored in the 19th minute through a corner pass. But the Home team forwards were not contented and so Bhadra added one more goal about five minutes before the half-time.

The break seemed to bring more life in the opponents' game and a good display of ball control, shown by their forwards, dazzled our defence. The visitors inside right reduced the margin soon after resumption by a well placed shot. This put in some enthusiasm in the forwards of the Home team and they shot through the opponents, just as knife

cuts through butter, and Bhadra made no mistake, thus netting his second goal, and the team's third. But the D.B.S. did not surrender so easily and the efforts made by them were indeed creditable. Their hopes again soared in the 41st minute. But after this the game lost all its life and with seven minutes left for play Grewal scored a goal for the Home and the game came to a close with no further change in the score.

Cadet Ranjan Dutta, IV 'A'

'O! FOR A LOAF OF BREAD'

(A short play in One Act)

by Sushil Wilson

(Scene: A baker's shop. The only indication of its being a baker's shop is the presence of a few loaves of bread and a few cakes and pastries in a glass shelf. The rest of the space is occupied by scientific gadgets and wires running all along the floor. A huge apparatus, very weird in appearance stands almost in the middle of the back wall. It has two glass plates at the position where the eyes would normally have been placed, if this was a live animal. The baker is alone in the shop and is feeding some perforated tape through the sides of the 'head'. Each time he does so, a bell frantically peals in its innards, there is a loud rattling noise, the 'eyes' glow yellow then bright red and then it seems to stick out its tongue. This is in fact a piece of paper which the baker reads then either sneers, or smiles or thinks calmly. Apparently it is an electronic computer—

An absent-minded sort of person enters the shop, he looks around as if baffled, goes out then enters the shop again. By this time the baker has gone behind the computer.)

Customer: If you just relax for a while, let yourself feel that you are floating on a cloud, keep your muscles released, your senses free.....

Voice: (From behind the computer)
Eh-eh-oh!

Customer: That is right, that is right, just relax.

Voice: What?

Customer: Yes, now listen carefully.....

Voice: What do you want?

Customer: You relax, let your adrenal glands secrete calmly, at even spurts. The super secretion tends to over excite the cerebral nerves, which will flex your muscles and the tenseness would reduce your composure. A human body is a machine, self regulated.....

(The baker here appears which shocks the customer and he stops talking. The baker feeds the computer and the subsequent noises uproot the customer. He rushes out, the baker shrugs, then starts his calculations on the counter. The door opens again and a young boy of 15 enters. He is putting on thick glasses and wears a terribly pre-occupied air. Without a glance at the baker he moves to the distilliser and starts taking samples from the collection. The baker looks up. He sees the boy.)

Baker: Did you say you wanted a pound cake?

Boy: Well, I did want one, but I don't have the money.

Baker: What happened to your five dollar bill?

Boy: Oh blow, I had to buy that voltaic tranquiliser. I still owe my two weeks pocket money on it.

Baker: Can you give a down payment of 50 cents if I give you the cake.

Boy: Oh hell, I'm broke—not a red cent, you know!

Baker: Its awful! Let me find out what Herman says. (He beats a few keys on a typewriter—feeds a perforated tape. The computer coughs and groans. Lights flash off and on. Baker takes out the 'tongue' reads it.) Sorry son, Herman says 'No soap'.

Boy: I thought as much. I'm all right, you know.

Baker: What's the thermal reading of that mixture? Is it potent? What is its potent value?

Boy: Negative, so far.

(To be continued)



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VISIT

Saturday, October 15

Maj. Gen-M.L. Thapan, Director of Military Training paid an official visit to the College. He was accompanied by Lt-Col. K.K. Tewari G.S.O.I. MT 6 & 11.

He was received at the office by the Principal and A.O. and was thereafter taken to the Education Block. The Art Room, the Current Affairs Gallery, Hobbies Corner comprising Nature Study, Aero-modelling, Philately, etc., Geography Room, Science Laboratories, Museum and Meccano presented a show of gaiety and pulsated with life breathed into them by the cadets who, under the competent guidance of their masters incharge, took sincere pains in putting up a very good show.

The DMT was taken round the entire Education Block and was acquainted with the work, and the way it was undertaken and accomplished. It is gratifying that the DMT appreciated the efforts put in by cadets and the Staff in achieving a high standard of corporate education at the College.

He was then taken to the Senior Ante Room where he was introduced to the members of the Staff by the Principal. The introduction of the Staff was followed by a luncheon arranged in his honour.

The DMT was pleased to have lunch with the cadets in the Dining Hall.

College News

Mid Term Break

During the College mid-term break, which lasted for 4 days, that is, from 30th September to 3rd October, parties of cadets visited various places of interest and beauty spots in the Doon Valley. Hiking formed the integral part of the excursions which were organized by different Sections. Cadets benefited consi-

derably from a healthy change brought about by their contact, however transitory, with the outdoor world.

Among the places visited were Mussoorie, Santhola Devi, Lachhiwala, Sulphur Spring, Petroleum Institute, Robbers' Cave and the Forest Research Institute of India.

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Tuesday, October 4

Our congratulations to Section Commander V.P. Singh of the Pratap Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College vice Cadet Captain C.S. Lehl (Shivaji), who had done a good job.

We hope Cadet Captain V.P. Singh will rise to the occasion.

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Thursday, October 6

The following films were screened in the Science Lecture Theatre at 1500 hrs.

- (a) Althea, the Tennis Champion
- (b) Arizona and its natural resources.

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Tuesday, October 18.

The film entitled, 'A Journey through the United States of America', which was screened in the Science Lecture Room, shows how self-reliance, initiative and will to work have made Americans so progressive and prosperous in almost every sphere of life. The film brings out a true picture of the American way of life.

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Practice is in progress for the Inter-Section Athletic Meet to be held on 29th and 30th of this month.

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Cadets are preparing for the Inter-Section English Declamation Contest to be held on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

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It is a matter of deep satisfaction that 'Grow More Food/Vegetables' campaign has achieved a marked success at the RIM College. Members of the Staff and all others employed at the College have raised their own vegetables and, in some cases, cereals also. Besides being a step towards self-sufficiency in food and vegetables, gardening has largely proved to be a creative pastime, which has added to the beauty of surroundings also.

Mr. L.S. Bopara deserves our congratulations on having produced a good deal of maize besides season's vegetables.

We hope to raise all the more vegetables and cereals in times to come.

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Saturday, October 22

Cadets and members of the Staff saw the English film 'The Long Ships' at ODEON.

A really enjoyable film depicting the life and adventures of Moors and Vikings.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Football Competition

(12th and 13th October, 1966)

SENIORS

1. Ranjit vs Pratap—Ranjit won by 2-0 (D.S. Grewal—1). S. Bhadra—1
2. Shivaji vs Chandragupta—Chandragupta won 2-0 J.S. Sidhu—1 P.P. Agarwal—1
3. Ranjit vs Chandragupta—Ranjit won 2-0 (S. Bhadra—2)
4. Shivaji vs Pratap—1-1—Shivaji won by virtue of penalty corners.

JUNIORS

1. Ranjit vs Pratap—Pratap won by 1-0 (P. Paul—1)
2. Shivaji vs Chandragupta—Shivaji won by 2-0 (D. Singh—2)
3. Pratap vs Shivaji—0-0—Pratap won by virtue of penalty corners.
4. Ranjit vs Chandragupta—Ranjit won by 3-0—(N. Ghosh 2—K.C. Cherian—1)

Overall placing

1. Ranjit — First
2. Shivaji — Second
3. Pratap — Third
4. Chandragupta — Fourth

SENIORS

Ranjit vs Pratap

Football competition was set on a hot pace from the very beginning by both the teams. Pratap launched a full-blooded attack and, for a while, stalwarts like A.K. Das and M.P. Mallick as defenders of Ranjit seemed to have lost their keel, but all their (Pratapians) attempts fizzled out owing to weak shooting at the goal. Shortly afterwards Grewal came to the rescue of his team and not only withstood opponents' onslaughts alone but also acted as a spearhead of Ranjit's attack. It was all rather a one man show with S. Bhadra as his trusted support. Though V.P. Singh of Pratap tried to shadow him, yet could not contain him. Pratapians' defence was sound with C.S. Thapa and R. Bhatia as fullbacks and Ranjit's forwards could not have many a break through but they utilized all opportunities that they could lay hands on and were two up in the second half. Despite all the handicaps, Pratapians did not relax in their attack and earned a penalty kick which was averted by P.S. Negi, the custodian of Ranjit.

On the whole the match was very exhilarating till the last moment and players of both teams deserve praise.

Shivaji vs Chandragupta

The lone figure of M.S. Mallick (S) in centre half was pitted against J. S. Sidhu, C.R.K. Singh, B.K. Sinha and P.P. Agarwal, who proved too much for him. Soon after the match started Shivaji's half was stormed by Chandragupta. A frenzied tough game with a fine display here and there was the total picture gathered by the onlookers. Whereas J.S. Sidhu's goal was a result of melee before the goalmouth of Shivaji, P.P. Agarwal scored by heading the high-lobbed penalty corner kick. In the second-half Mallick's attacks were all the more appreciable.

Excitement touched its pitch and both the teams drew applause for their vigorous game.

Ranjit vs Chandragupta

Two goals were scored by S. Bhadra for Ranjit within 20 minutes from the start of the match. Then it became a one-sided affair. Ranjit kept on pressing their rivals and even the spirited game of P.P. Agarwal and J.S. Sidhu was not enough to check them. Grewal of Ranjit was always in a threatening pose.

However, the result remained the same and another thrilling match came to an end.

Shivaji vs Pratap

Once again M.S. Mallick was the lone architect of Shivaji's defence and offence, and with able support of A.K. Singh, L.T. Singh and D.B. Shivane he could withhold the attack of Pratap. V.P. Singh, R.D. Dutta, R. Nautiyal, S.S. Singh and N.S. Singh combined well but their efforts were thwarted by L.J. Singh and Mallick. Unrelenting attacks by Shivaji's forwards earned eight penalty corners to them as against one to Pratap. However, Pratap scored one goal in the 24th minute which was equalised by a nice direct kick taken by Mallick for Shivaji.

Extra time brought no result and the match was decided in favour of Shivaji for earning more penalty corners.

Nature Study

FIRE-FLY

"Like a glow-worm golden
In a dell of dew,
Scattering unbeholden
Its aerial hue
Among the flowers and grass, which
screen it from the view."

(Shelley: To A Sky Lark)

The soft silken flicker of fire-fly's light that has ever fired the imagination of poets, has stood for jewel of decoration to the youthful Brazilian maidens and has served as a benign torch to the wayfaring West Indians lost in the maze of dark forest paths, is one of the great miracles of Nature. It is light with almost no heat—perfect illumination, something that man has not been able to achieve so far. The fire-fly is not a fly but is a kind of about 250,000 species of beetle insect with

PRINCIPAL AT THE ASSEMBLY

O God,

Grant us an understanding heart and a balanced mind. Give us the courage to speak the truth in the face of unpopularity. Free us from egoism, lust, greed and hatred. Let us not pay back a bad turn with a bad turn or an insult with another insult, but on the contrary pay back with good. This is our calling 'O God'—to do good and one day to inherit all the goodness of God.

JUNIORS' COMPETITION

As usual, there being but one ball with twenty players running after, it provided an entertaining sight in all the matches without any results, till with "Kicks to, where no one knows" the ball crossed goal lines or outline earning goals or penalty corners both of almost equal importance.

However, the small and frail figure of D.K. Sud (Pratap) collecting and clearing the balls from goalmouth with much maturer understanding to his age, determined tackling of B. Yadav (P), C.S. Rathore (P), Y.S. Das (R), hard and tough game of understanding and control by K.C. Cherian (R), H.H. Ram (R), P.P. Roy (R), S.K. Singh (P), S. Bhalla (P), A.K. Yadav (C), and powerful clearance of K.G. Bewoor (S) and J.S. Mann (P) are worth mentioning.

All players deserve our praise for hard and spirited game.

shell-like wing cases on their backs which are lifted when they fly. And there is nothing striking about them when seen in daylight. Even the light producing mechanism is not a mystery to modern science. The luminous organs consist of two layers of tissue. Near the surface is a layer of granules, and at the back of it is a layer of crystal cells which act as reflectors. The luminous organs contain an oxidizable substance called "Luciferin" which combines with oxygen to give out light in presence of an enzyme called "Luciferase". This enzyme has also got the power of deoxidizing luciferin to its original form. By a network of air tubes and nerves in the luminous organ, fire-fly can control the supply of oxygen and hence can vary the intensity of glow as an indication for different signals. The purpose of this light to fire-fly is not very clear.

In one species of fire-fly called "pyralis", the little wink of light is a signal between the sexes. The male fly signalling at an interval of every 5.8 seconds; slowly flies along the ground looking for a female which answers, of course, in glow-

ing signals exactly 2.1 seconds after it has seen male's signal. The male is guided by these signals till they meet each other. In other species females are known to flash their lights to lure males of other species and, instead of mating, eat them. Some of them are luminous at larval stage. To crown all these some of them lay even luminous eggs and other varieties mate in the day time. So the glow cannot be a mating signal only.

The Fire-fly dies in winter after laying its eggs in rotten leaves and woods for keeping alive the cycle of its species.

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Oh, A Loaf of Bread

(One Act Play—Continued)

(The door opens quietly and the same customer enters).

- Customer: Now relax, feel calm, calm, calm I say.
- Baker: Arn't you the same demagnatised hero polar junk who came a while back.
- Customer: Relax, relax. I want.....!
- Baker: Yes, what do you want?
- Customer: Well I did want something—now what did I want. Mable said that at corner baker—
- Boy: Who is Mable?
- Baker: Yes? Is it the Rodger's ionostropo-detector?
- Customer: Hell no, she is a homo-sepian with majority of negative hormones, my counterpart.
- Boy: I got it, she is thermal electro magnetic dish washer cum cleaner.
- Customer: Well yes, but she is a lot more to me than that.
- Baker: I know, so is Herman to me.
- Customer: Herman, (asking the boy) Oh, your name is Herman!
- Boy: Negative again, this here is Tom, Herman is 55° North North East to you.
- Baker: My electronic computer, Herman.
- Customer: Oh yes, (extends his hands towards it) so glad to meet you. Good night, and you know just relax. (Exits).
- Baker: Wait a minute—wait a minute, (brings him back holding his coat) You came to buy something, what was it?
- Customer: Why? yes, (Takes out his purse paying him) Here you are, thank you (starts going out).
- Boy: What do you want to buy?
- Customer: Boy, why yes, now Mable wants, wants,.....
- Boy: I know, new firing pins!
- Customer: No, it was something soft, something.....
- Baker: I know, you have paid me \$10. So it must be well, thermal seat pads. (Customer shakes his head.)
- Boy: Ionic changer. (Customer keeps on shaking his head.)
- Baker: Relative potentiality mixer.
- Boy: Nuclear bath.
- Baker: I got it, let us ask Herman. (They feed Herman and a slip appears) What 'Bread'?
- Boy: Bread?
- Customer: Yes, bread!
- Baker: What will a Therman electro nuclear dish washer cum cleaner want bread for.
- Customer: It's for my wife.
- Boy: You married it!
- Customer: Now relax—relax—yes.
- Baker: Here is your bread, and here is your change.
- Customer: No, now relax and I don't want this one.
- Baker: What kind you want?
- Customer: One with pychosis you know, multiple personality (Baker shakes his head) Oh! Well socially maladjusted (Shakes and the boy has also joined the baker in shaking the head) emotionally segregated (Shakes) psychologically auto dis-peptic (shakes) para pan-jomatic (shakes) Well you know.....
- Baker: Wait, relax—relax. (Feeds the computer).
- Boy: (Taking out the slip reads it) 'Sliced'.
- Baker: What, sliced?
- Customer: Yes, that is what I was saying 'sliced bread'.

(Curtain)



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VISIT

Tuesday, November 1

The Army Standing Establishment Committee (ASEC) headed by Brigadier Mohan Mukund Singh, formerly Deputy Commandant, N.D.A. and comprising 4 other members, paid an official visit to the College. Welcoming the Committee at the morning Assembly in the Convocation Hall, the Principal shed light on the genesis and growth of the College as well as its contribution to the Indian Armed Forces. He acquainted the Committee with the system of education followed at the College, which, besides preparing cadets for the National Defence Academy and Indian School Certificate Examination, lays special stress on the integrated development of their personality through instruction and guidance. He told them that in 9 out of 11 All India Merit Lists our cadets had secured the first 5 top positions for admission to the N.D.A. He described the RIM College as 'a Public-cum-Career School' with its own traditions, which are guarded even to the present day.

In his address, Brig. Mohan Mukund Singh, Chairman of the ASEC, declared that the RIMC had always produced soldiers and generals of great distinction and with some of them he himself had the privilege of fighting during the Chinese Aggression. He praised their gallantry and heroism and hoped that the RIMC cadets would continue to do all that they are worthy of. He explained the mission of his Committee and assured the College of their best consideration.

He was thereafter introduced to the members of the Staff and taken round the entire Education Block as well as the College campus.

He was throughout appreciative of the work done at the College and evinced interest in its further development.

It is a matter of satisfaction that he went back fully satisfied with the standards maintained at the RIMC.

RIMCOLLIANA

We are immensely grateful to Lt.-Gen. K.S. Katoch, Padma Bhushan, Vice Chief of the Army Staff and very distinguished Rimcollian, for his kind visit to the College to preside over the Annual Inter-Section Athletic Meet held on 30th October. Lt.-Gen. and Mrs. Katoch along with their daughters took the trouble of coming over all the way from Delhi to grace the occasion by their presence.

It has always been a source of inspiration and strength to us to receive ardent Ex-Cadets like Lt.-Gen. Katoch to their Alma Mater, which keeps up traditions of the past and looks forward for further progress.

It is indeed a matter of pride for us that Lt.-Gen. Katoch, who was full of reminiscences of his own stay at the College, was so pleased with the successful organization of the Athletic Meet that he remarked—'The College is as good today as it was in my days'. Lt.-Gen. and Mrs. Katoch were received by the Principal and the A.O. and, after the members of the Staff assembled at the Principal's residence were introduced to him, the Chief guest. Lt.-Gen. Katoch had lunch with them.

Among other Rimcollians who attended the lunch were Brig. N.L. Kapur, Deputy Commandant, I.M.A., Lt. Col. Gurdial Singh, Maj. S. Nandkeolyar and Maj. H.N. Handa.

After lunch the chief guest Lt.-Gen. Katoch, went to the Sports ground, took salute at the March Past by the College athletes and presided over the function. Among the distinguished guests present at the Athletic Meet were:

1. Maj. Gen. Rudra,
2. Maj. Gen. & Mrs. Bakshi,
3. Brig. and Mrs. M.M.S. Mathur, Sub-Area Commander,
4. Mr. Martyn, Ex-Headmaster, Doon School,
5. Lt. Col. Tambe.

At the close of the Sports Meet, Lt.-Gen. Katoch gave away the College Athletic Championship Trophy to the Ranjit Section which won it this year. He gave away Maj.-Gen. Hiralal Atal Trophy—donated by Maj.-Gen. Atal, the first passing-out cadet as well as Cadet Captain, to the College on the occasion of Athletic Meet, 1965 to be given to the best athlete of the year—to Cadet A.K. Singh of the Shivaji Section, who was declared the best athlete of the year. The other prizes were given away by Mrs. Katoch. The Athletic Meet came to a close with three cheers (जय हो) for Mrs. and General Katoch.

COLLEGE NEWS

INTER-SECTION ENGLISH DECLAMATION CONTEST (WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1966)

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society, the annual Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs. Dr. M.B. Srivastava, Principal, D.B.S. College, Mr. M. Dautre, Principal, Cambrian Hall and Prof. G.D. Shukla, Head of the English Department, D.V. College, were the judges. We are grateful to them for judging the contest and giving their valuable suggestions to the speakers.

Each Section was represented at the Contest by four Cadets—two seniors and two juniors. The following cadets took part in the competition:

JUNIORS

S. No.	Name of Speaker	Topic	Favour
1.	Ashok Dhar (P)	Co-education at RIMC	For
2.	N. Ravindran (P)	Teen-age fashions are ridiculous	Against
3.	Y. S. Das (R)	Food adulterers should be awarded capital punishment	Against
4.	B.R. Bhatia (R)	Woman's Place is the Home	For
5.	P.S. Nagesh (C)	The Study of English is an unnecessary burden on Indian Students.	Against

6. A.K. Singh (C) Teen-age Fashions are Ridiculous For
7. A.K. Das III (S) Teen-age Fashions are Ridiculous For
8. R.A. George (S) Hiking and Mountaineering are useless pastimes For

SENIORS

9. Jasbir Singh (R) Beauty is skin-deep Against
10. Yogendra Singh (R) International Peace is Attainable Against
11. C.S. Thapa (P) International Peace is Attainable For
12. D. Saha (P) The Americans have no business to interfere in Vietnam. Against
13. L.K. Bhatia (C) The root of Student indiscipline lies in the mismanagement of the Government. For
14. P.K. Gangoli (C) International Peace is Attainable. Against
15. S.R. Gokhale (S) Mr. President, Sir.....Against
16. Ravi Pillai (S) If God did not exist, it will be necessary to invent Him. For

The cadets set a high standard of performance at the Declamation, and the matter, form and delivery of their speeches drew considerable applause from the audience. We congratulate the speakers on their sincere preparations and performances.

Chandragupta Section secured the first place in Juniors with 154 points and Shivaji in Seniors with 164 points. In Juniors Cadet P.S. Nagesh (C) was placed first, Cadet A.K. Das III (S) second and Cadets A.K. Singh (C) and R.A. George (S) were bracketed as third.

Among individual speakers in Seniors Cadet S.R. Gokhale (S) and Cadet Yogendra Singh (R) were bracketed for the first place, Cadet P.K. Gangoli (C) was placed second and Cadet D. Saha (P) third.

Overall Placing

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|-----------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| 1. Chandragupta | ... | 314 points | ... | First |
| 2. Shivaji | ... | 310 | .. | ... Second |
| 3. Ranjit | ... | 289 | .. | ... Third |
| 4. Pratap | ... | 288½ | .. | ... Fourth |

At the end, Dr. M.B. Srivastava and Prof. G.D. Shukla were pleased to comment upon the performance of speakers.

Dr. Srivastava declared that the declamation of the cadets was of a 'very high order.' He gave several valuable suggestions to the speakers and expressed deep satisfaction at the successful organization of the competition.

Prof. Shukla agreed with Dr. Srivastava that the standard of English Declamation was indeed high. He dwelt upon the art of public speaking and advised young speakers to cultivate the art of impressing others by effective speech. He held that, viewed in the light of subject-matter and eloquence, the speeches were varied, interesting and thought-provoking. He advised the speakers to be more convinced of their topics, carry conviction with them and try to be natural in their expression.

Principal S.P. Sharma thanked the judges of the evening and hoped that the cadets would not only keep up the high standard of their English declamation, but also aspire for higher achievements.

At the close of the Contest, the judges dined with the cadets in the Cadets' Mess.

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Friday, November 4.

Our congratulations to Section Commander J.S. Sidhu of the Chandragupta Section on his appointment, in rotation, as Cadet Captain of the College vice Cadet Captain V.P. Singh (P) who had done a good job.

We hope Cadet Captain J.S. Sidhu will rise to the occasion by conducting himself suitably unto the position to which he has attained.

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Saturday, Nov. 5

A party of students and the Staff of a Higher Secondary School in Gujrat visited the College. They went round the entire College campus to

acquaint themselves with the pattern of education followed at the RIMC.

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Sunday, November 6

The English film 'Four Days in Naples' was screened at 1830 hrs in the Convocation Hall.

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Recently the Principal visited the Army Headquarters, Delhi to discuss with the Director of Military Training matters relating to the interests of Cadets and the Staff at the RIMC.

Talks concerning the expansion and progress of the College, including of course, the raising of emoluments of Masters, figured also at the official visits of the DMT and the Army Standing Establishment Committee on 15th October and 1st November respectively.

Deft Definitions

1. **Adolescent:** A teen-ager who acts like a baby when you don't treat him like an adult.
2. **Neurotic:** A person who has discovered the secret of perpetual emotion.
3. **Capital Punishment:** The Incometax
4. **Critic:** One quick on the flaw.
5. **Garden:** Something most men prefer to turn over in their minds.
6. **Bachelor:** The only species of big game for which the licence is taken after the hunt.

Cadet NCO A.P.S. Keith

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT ?

1. The backbone of a camel is perfectly straight.
2. A clock weighs more after it has been wound. Its weight decreases as it runs down.
3. A wink is equal to 3/10th of a second. So please don't waste your time winking.)
4. Yak's milk is pink.
5. A woman breathes 1/3rd faster than a man.
6. Only 3/10,000,000,000ths of the Sun's rays reach the Earth. A loss of another 5% would destroy all human life.

Sportsfolio

INTER-SECTION ATHLETIC MEET

Sunday, October 30.

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Athletic Meet, which was presided over by Lt.-Gen. K.S. Katoch, Padma Bhushan, Vice-Chief of the Army Staff and very distinguished Ex-Cadet of the RIMC.

Results

Under 12½ Years

100 Metres	Cadet V.R. Naphade	1st (S)
	„ B. Yadav	2nd (P)
200 Metres	Cadet V.R. Naphade	1st (S)
	„ S.S. Jog	2nd (R)
4x100 Metres Relay	Cadets D. Sud, V. Dhar, B. Yadav and R. Mathews	1st (P)
	Cadets R.U. Patil, S. Suri B.R. Reddy and S.S. Jog	2nd (R)
Broad Jump	Cadet D. Sud	1st (P)
	„ V.K. Jesani	2nd (C)

Under 14 Years

100 Metres	Cadet M.H. Hariram	1st (R)
	„ S.K. Singh	2nd (P)
200 Metres	Cadet M.H. Hariram	1st (R)
	„ S.K. Singh	2nd (P)
400 Metres	Cadet H.M. Hariram	1st (R)
	„ K.S. Rawat	2nd (P)
4x100 Metres Relay	Cadets H.M. Hariram Dipak Singh, P.P. Roy and K.S. Makin	1st (R)
	Cadets S.K. Singh, K.S. Rawat V. Ahluwalia, P. Paul	2nd (P)
110 Metres Hurdles	Cadet R.S. Rathee	1st (R)
	„ S.K. Singh	2nd (P)
Long Jump	Cadet S.K. Singh	1st (P)
	„ K.S. Rawat	2nd (P)
High Jump	Cadet K.S. Rawat	1st (P)
	„ Harmit Singh	2nd (C)

Open

100 Metres	Cadet A.K. Singh	1st (S)
	„ P.P. Agarwal	2nd (C)
200 Metres	Cadet A.K. Singh	1st (S)
	„ J.S. Sidhu	2nd (C)
400 Metres	Cadet A.K. Singh	1st (S)
	„ P.P. Agarwal	2nd (C)
800 Metres	Cadet M.S. Mullick	1st (S)
	„ S.K. Jaiswal	2nd (P)
1500 Metres	Cadet M.S. Mullick	1st (S)
	„ S.K. Jaiswal	2nd (P)

3000 Metres	Cadet M.S. Malik	1st (S)
	„ S.K. Jaiswal	2nd (P)
100 Metres Hurdles	Cadet Jasbir Singh	1st (R)
	„ R. Dutta	2nd (P)
4x100 Metres Relay	Shivaji	1st
	Chandragupta	2nd
High Jump	Cadet Jasbir Singh	1st (R)
	„ D.S. Grewal	2nd (R)
Long Jump	Cadet R. Dutta	1st (P)
	„ J.S. Sidhu	2nd (C)
Hop Step and Jump	Cadet J.S. Sidhu	1st (C)
	„ D.K. Chaudhry	2nd (S)
Javelin	Cadet L.T. Singh	1st (C)
	„ W.M. Singh	2nd (S)
Shot Put	Cadet D.S. Grewal	1st (R)
	„ M.P. Mullick	2nd (R)
Discus	Cadet D.S. Grewal	1st (R)
	„ U.K. Roy	2nd (C)

Best Athlete of the Year— A.K. Singh (Shivaji)

Athletic Shield—Ranjit.

Inter-Section Cross Country Competition

Friday, November 11.

The Inter-Section Cross-Country Competition was held in the College at 1530 hrs. The first and Second positions both in Juniors and Seniors were secured by the Shivaji and Chandraguta Sections respectively.

Among the Juniors Cadet C.R. K. Singh (Chandragupta) secured the first place by running the race in 10 mts. and 50 seconds and among the Seniors Cadet M.C. Pradhan was adjudged the best runner for completing his race in 15 mts. and 16 seconds.

Following are the results:

1.	Shivaji	—	665 points	First
2.	Chandragupta	—	768	Second
3.	Pratap	—	1017	Third
4.	Ranjit	—	1208	Fourth

Best runners

Juniors: Cadet C.R.K. Singh (Chandragupta)
Seniors: Cadet M.C. Pradhan (Shivaji)



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COLLEGE NEWS

The films—May Wedding, Year of the Princess, and Across the Antarctica were screened in the Science Lecture Room at 1430 hrs.

Wednesday, Nov. 23. The Eighth Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the College at 1800 hrs. An account of the contest appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Saturday, November 26.

The English film 'NEVER SO FEW' was screened in the Convocation Hall at 1800 hours.

A thrilling picture with vivid presentation of the real saga of sporadic fighting in jungles during war. The film leads us to a deep insight into the springs of action of men at war. A worthwhile film; appreciated and admired by Cadets in particular.

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Monday, November 28.

Cadets, members of the staff and other employees of the College celebrated Guru Nanak's Birth-day at the College Gurudwara at 1800 hrs. Cadets and all others, who took pains to decorate the Gurudwara nicely and put up a good show, deserve congratulations. The function consisted of reciting of extracts from the holy 'Granth Sahib', chanting of hymns to the accompaniment of musical instruments, discourses on the life and deeds of the Guru and offering prayers unto him. The following Cadets took part in the celebration:—

1. Cadet Captain J.S. Sidhu—Paper-reading (on the life and teaching of Guru Nanak)
2. Cadet J.S. Mann—Recitation of verses from the Granth Sahib and Hymns.
3. „ G.S. Dhillon „
4. „ P. Kochhar—A. Hymn.

The celebration drew to a close with the recitation of the Granth Sahib. It was followed by 'Prasad' distribution.

INTER-SECTION HINDI DECLAMATION CONTEST

Wednesday, November 23

Under the auspices of the College Sahitya Samiti, the 8th Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall at 1800 hrs.

Mahant Shri Indiresch Charan Das, Prof. Gaya Prasad Shukla, Head of the Hindi Deptt., D.A.V. College and Dr. Hari Dutta Bhatta 'Shailesh' of the Doon School were judges of the Contest. We express our thanks to them.

Each Section was represented at the contest by four participants—two Seniors and two Juniors—and the time allowed for their speeches was four minutes and three minutes respectively. The following cadets took part in the Competition. The topics chosen by them are mentioned against their names.

JUNIORS

Names of Speakers	Section	Topics
Ashok Dhar	P	आज की संकट कालीन परिस्थिति में विद्यार्थियों का कर्तव्य ।
R.U. Patil	R	बार बार आती है मुझको मधुर याद बचपन तेरी !
A.K. Das III	S	देव देव आलसी पुकारा ।
A.K. Singh	C	आज की संकटकालीन परिस्थिति में विद्यार्थियों का कर्तव्य ।
Sanjiv Tandon	P	मानव को विज्ञान की देन ।
S.N. Shahi	R	स्वर्ग की दासता से नरक का राज्य अच्छा है ।
Manvendra Singh	S	हमारे पूर्वज हमसे अधिक सुखी थे ।
P.K. Madhav	C	स्वर्ग की दासता से नरक का राज्य अच्छा है ।

SENIORS

B.K. Sinha	C	वही मनुष्य है कि जो मनुष्य के लिए मरे ।
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Ajai Sinha	S धर्म विज्ञान का पूरक है विरोधी नहीं ।
P.C. Singh	P राष्ट्र-निर्माण में साहित्य का स्थान ।
Yogendra Singh	R आज का युग बाहरी दिखावे और प्रचार का है ।
A.K. Gupta	C राष्ट्र निर्माण में साहित्य का महत्त्व ।
M.S. Mallick	S भगवान बचाए इन कवियों से ।
V.K. Singh	P वही मनुष्य है कि जो मनुष्य के लिए मरे ।
Satyendra Singh	R भगवान बचाए इन कवियों से (विपक्ष में) ।

Both in Juniors and Seniors Ranjit Section secured the first place and Pratap Second with 190, 213 and 180, 188 points respectively. Among Juniors Cadet Sanjiv Tandon of Pratap was adjudged the best speaker and was awarded 98 marks and among Seniors Cadet Satyendra Singh of Ranjit was placed first with 108 marks to his credit. The second place both in junior and senior speakers was secured by Cadets R.U. Patil (Ranjit) and Yogendra Singh (Ranjit) respectively. The overall positions of the Sections are as follows:—

1. Ranjit	403 points	First
2. Pratap	368 "	Second
3. Chandragupta	348 "	Third
4. Shivaji	331 "	Fourth

Best Speakers

1. Juniors—Cadet Sanjiv Tandon (Pratap)
2. Seniors—Cadet Satyendra Singh (Ranjit)

The Declamation Contest was a success. It drew to a close with an enlightening address by Prof. Gaya Prasad Shukla, Head of the Hindi Dept., D.A.V. College. In his address Prof. Shukla expressed satisfaction at a commendable standard of performance set by the young speakers. He hoped that the cadets would aspire for still better achievements. He gave them several valuable suggestions in this direction. He declared that effective speech is as much a necessity as an embellishment in society. He said, "Deeper the assimilation of subject-matter, better the expression." He advised the cadets to take care of their pitch and modulation of voice while speaking. As a resume of his talk, he said that the measure of success of a speech is the impact it leaves on the audience.

Mr. G.S. Bisht, Head of the Hindi Faculty, then thanked the judges of the Contest on behalf of the College.

The Hindi Declamation Championship Shield, donated by Mrs. S.P. Sharma, was then given away by her to the Ranjit Section, which annexed it this year also. The function came to a close with three cheers for Mrs. S.P. Sharma. Congratulations to the Ranjit Section.

Sportsfolio

CRICKET FIXTURE

RIMC vs The Survey of India, played on Nov. 13, 1966 (Home). Scores RIMC 186 for 9 wkts. declared, Survey of India 72 for 2 wkts.

The first match of the season provided all with what is known as Cricket Proper; some fine bowling, steady batting, not uncommon lapses in fielding and a nerve-tingling finish. After winning the toss RIMC started batting against none-too-hostile an attack. Even then 1 for 11, 2 for 15 and 3 for 22 could not give much too encouraging a picture. V.P. Singh and P.S. Negi breathed some life into the game and the 5th wicket was down at 53 runs. However, Negi and Mr. K.K. Dubey kept up the spirit and boosted the score at a good speed till it reached 103 when Negi was clean bowled by Thakur for 23. RIMC declared at 186 for 9 wkts. and Mr. Dubey remained unbeaten with 81 runs to his credit.

Now, turning the tide of the game was a task too hard for the Survey of India. V.P. Singh struck an early blow and returned with a flattering figure of 5 wkts. for 23 runs. The last minutes were full of excitement as the last pair of the Survey survived anxious moments denying the RIMC its first victory of the season by making it a drawn match.

RIMC (S. Bhadra 12, M.S. Mallick 11, V.P. Singh 15, Jasbir Singh 17, V.K. Chowdhary 11).

Survey of India (Sirkar 14, M.S. Thakur 25).

—S.R. Gokhale, III-A.

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Hockey Match. Staff vs Cadets. Draw 0-0.

As usual, the hockey season started with a match between the Staff and the Cadets (the Cadets, more often than not, winning nine out of ten matches, and the tenth one ending in a draw). Well, this proved to be the tenth game, ending in a draw with neither side scoring any goals.

The match started at 1410 hrs. under a fairly hot sun. Both the teams were full of enthusiasm and the Staff were remembering those good old days when they used to represent their Colleges,

Universities or even State in hockey (of course, to find out who was the worst!).

Yet a few members of the Staff team seemed wondering how to hold a simple hockey stick. The game started at a quick pace, and no sooner did the whistle blow than the matured and loud voices filled the air. We wondered whom did these voices belong to! 'I'm free...', 'keep the ball in your control', 'Pass it here, Mr.....', were some of the many exclamations. Yes, you must have guessed by now—this was the Staff team's state of affairs. On the other hand, the Cadets played a smooth and determined game, presenting a sharp contrast to the game of the Staff. There was no 'hallagulla' on their part.

It was indeed a pleasure to see the Staff become active, even for only an hour, and they looked all set for relaxation after the game. Mr. R.C. Sharma, Mr. Bisht and Mr. Jaiswal played a good game for the Staff and Cadets Mallick (M.S.) and Jasbir Singh showed skilful tackling of the ball for the Cadets. The Staff, try as they might, could not break through the Cadets' defence, and the Cadets also seemed undone on more than one occasion. The remark by a member of the Staff 'Even with three offsidés we cannot score a goal' floating on the air and incidentally overheard by us, is suggestive of the gay spirit in which the match was played. In spite of being on my guard against any judgement savouring of partiality as referee, I could scarcely escape comments stigmatizing me for immaturity. Anyway, the match ended in a draw, and the teams deserve congratulations on making it an exciting game.

Well done, Staff! and Keep it up, Cadets!!

—Cadet Ranjan Dutta, IV-A.

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Inter-Section P.T. Competition

The Inter-Section P.T. Competition, for Juniors and Seniors was held at the College Parade ground on 15th and 18th respectively. We are thankful to Maj. D. Jones, BHM H.M. Rana, CHM W. Singh and CHM Ajit Singh for judging the competition.

In Juniors Pratap Section secured the first place with 470 points and Ranjit the second with 463. In Seniors Chandragupta Section was placed first with 512 $\frac{2}{3}$ points and Ranjit second with 511 $\frac{2}{3}$ points.

Placing—1.	Ranjit	974 $\frac{2}{3}$	points	First
2.	Chandragupta	969 $\frac{2}{3}$	"	Second
3.	Pratap	949 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Third
4.	Shivaji	915 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Fourth

Best Leaders—Juniors—Cadet Captain J.S. Sidhu (Chandragupta).

Seniors—Sec. Com. A.K. Das II (Ranjit).

Our congratulations to Ranjit on securing the first place.

SPEED

Speed is the gospel of modern age. Besides being symbolic of activity and progress, it has come to mean the capacity of an individual or object to react to circumstances. It pervades all phases of man's life and has been closely related to the growth of human civilization. Since times immemorial man has been devising ways and means to gather speed in physical and non-physical spheres of activities. It is through speed that he has acquired such a considerable control over phenomena as to soft land on the moon. All technological achievements of today are linked with effective speed.

In physical sense, speed has been instrumental in annihilating time and space, which go hand in hand. Controlling the one automatically results in taming the other also. Thanks to the human intellect that has opened up new vistas of achievement and placed at man's service forces which were beyond his control. If we trace the growth of speed with times we find that right from the discovery of fire and wheel to the modern age of astronauts, man has been seeking increase in speed for doing things. In the past he made crude tools and weapons of wood and stone to compensate for his lack of speed in killing wild animals. Archery, javelin, discus and boomerang are some of the primitive devices made by man to acquire speed over wild animals. Then came an era of carts, vehicles, steam engines, automobiles and astronauts.

Now a stage has been reached when man is harnessing atomic energy to mould the universe to his heart's desire. All rapid means of transport and communication including television, aeroplanes, radio receiving sets, wireless and even guided missiles are nothing but the outcome of man's desire to bring the world closer. Machines have been invented to save time, energy and resources and boost economic and industrial progress. The Industrial Revolution ushered in by the age of steam and electricity resulted in mass production. Since then man has invented many speed increasing instruments and the craze for speed has, to a great extent, revolutionized humanity.

Considered on the non-physical plane, speed cannot progress and is identical with one's capacity to march with the times. One who can keep pace with changing times and the consequent advance of knowledge and technology is regarded as progressive and one who is not able to do so, is considered backward. Therefore, it is the duty of a modern, reasonable and self-sustaining individual to keep himself abreast of all that goes around him.

Modern man's life, with an ever-increasing thirst for speed and progress, is pregnant with

possibilities. The world has shrunk in size; foreign countries are no more foreign, and visiting them has become a socio-cultural necessity. Life in different parts of the world is pulsating with a new awareness, universal institutions like the UNO and a new world order. Speed has ushered in a new era of democratic government and secular humanism. It has to play a still more important role for man to fulfil his highest aspirations. There are thinkers who hold that astrology has a physico-medical basis and the movements of so-called heavenly bodies or planets correspond with the events of human life and, if man achieves speed to control the former, he would become much happier in times to come.

Whatever be the prospects and possibilities of speed in relation to human life, it cannot be ignored that it has always played a vital role in shaping things for man and making him a demigod who longs to turn the universe into a grand Utopia.

—Cadet NCO. D.D. Kapoor, V A.

an Life in an English Grammar School

The English grammar school throbs into life at 8.45 a.m. with registration followed by morning assembly. We then have two forty minute periods before break at 10.40 a.m. The break lasts twenty minutes and during this time the pupils consume their vegetation, one third of a pint of free milk and generally release their frustrations and emotions built up during the periods. Then the bell goes—a truly magnificent system of automatic electric bells not reliant upon the whims of a bell-ringer as here—a mad stampede occur as 750 boys converge on forty classrooms. There are two further periods before lunch and at 12.20 the dinner bell goes—we still believe in calling the midday meal dinner. The cry of 'muck up' is heard as half the dinner boys (270) converge upon the dining hall. The boys scramble to their places whilst the prefects vainly try to keep order. Grace is said by the master but never listened to by the boys whose muscles are taught in anticipation of the rush to get their dinner. Technically one boy from each table goes up and gets two or three dinners at a time though usually two boys or more try and sneak up at a time. As soon as this horde has finished feeding the tables are laid for the second sitting and the process starts all over again.

At 2 p.m. the periods start again and we have three periods until 4 o'clock, then there is a mad

rush to catch the bus home, and avail themselves of ~~and~~ other pleasantaries of a school-boy's life.

The teaching in England is more relaxed and flexible, we have all our science periods in laboratories and some of our language periods in a language laboratory. The language laboratory has 15 booths each with a tape recorder; the boys hear questions prepared in advance and then record their answers in the language of the question—either French or German. The boys then play back what they have said and listen for their mistakes.

There is not such a great emphasis on games. We had one afternoon for games or hobbies and we were taught for 32 periods a week. We had *no* school on Saturday or Sunday.

—S.B.

Words of Wisdom

1. Not to believe in the possibility of permanent peace is to disbelieve in the Godliness of human nature. —Gandhi.
2. Culture is the passion for sweetness and light and, what is more, the passion for making them prevail. —Matthew Arnold.
3. Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage. —Disraeli
4. When we set ourselves to the work of collecting and recollecting ourselves, we begin a task which, if carried to its natural conclusion ultimately becomes prayer.

—Dr. William Sadler

—Compiled by Cadet P.K. Gangoli III-A

DEFINITIONS

Honesty:—Fear of being caught.

Lie:—Ever present help in times of trouble.

Stomach:—A bowl shaped cavity containing the organs of indigestion.

Three R's:—At 25 Romance, at 45 Rent and at 65 Rheumatism.

Advice:—A thing which is lent till it hurts the other person.

Politeness:—The only thing lost by politeness is a seat in a crowded bus.

—Cadet Ranjan Dutta, IV 'A'



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Defence Minister Presides Over RIMC Function.

On Friday, 9th December, the Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Swaran Singh presided over the End of Term Function and gave away the prizes and medals to the cadets.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister for gracing the occasion by his presence as the chief guest alongwith his daughter, despite his heavy engagements.

The Minister was received at the College Parade Ground by the Principal and Administrative Officer. He took the salute and inspected the cadets' parade. He was thereafter taken to the Principal's residence, where a luncheon was arranged in his honour. The members of the staff were introduced to him by the Principal. The Minister had then a talk with the passing-out cadets. The lunch was attended, among others, by the District Magistrate and Mrs Mahesh Prasad, Brigadier M.M.S. Mathur, Sub-Area Commader, ardent Rimcollians, civil and military authorities, members of the Staff, their wives and the passing out cadets.

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Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Swaran Singh
inspecting Cadets' Parade.



Late Cadet UPENDRA NATH JHA

U.N. Jha Memorial Gold Medal

A new gold medal was instituted at the College from the second term of 1964, in memory of Upendra Nath Jha, who was a Cadet at the College from 1947 to 1951. This award has been made possible by the endowment of Rs. 10,000/- made by Shri B.N. Jha, I.C.S., Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, in loving memory of his son Upendra.

Cadet Upendra Nath Jha was a brilliant student and a fine sportsman and represented his section in Hockey, Cricket and Football. He received Section Colours in Boxing. His brilliant career at R.I.M.C. culminated in his topping the All India Merit List and establishing a new record at the Services Selection Board. He joined the 6th J.S.W. Course and had the honour of commanding a squadron at the Passing Out Parade. After a heroic struggle against a fell disease, Cadet Upendra Nath Jha passed away in January, 1956. The Gold Medal has been instituted at the desire of the Late Mrs. B.N. Jha, as a suitable memorial to Cadet Upendra.

The medal will be awarded every term to the Cadet who stands first from

the Rashtriya Indian Military College in the All India Merit List for entry into the National Defence Academy. In 1965 the awards went to Cadets J.S. Oberoi and S. Mukherji for standing 1st in All-India Merit List, 34th & 35th NDA course respectively. The awards were given away by Brig. Gambhir Singh, Surveyor General of India. This year's awards were given away by the Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Swaran Singh, to Cadets Omit Sarkar and R.K. Pillai for topping the All India Merit List, 36th and 37th NDA course respectively.

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After lunch the Minister, accompanied by other guests, was taken to the Education Block to see the exhibition organised by the various hobby clubs. The decorated corridors, galleries and halls of the exhibition were all humming with activity. The Science Laboratories, Museum, Meccano, Current Affairs Gallery, Hobbies Corner comprising Nature Study, Aero-modelling, Philately, Young Newtons, Alchemists, etc., and the Art Room presented a show of gaiety and pulsated with life breathed into them by the Cadets, who had made sincere efforts for the occasion under the guidance of their Masters. It is gratifying that the Minister evinced interest in the work done by the cadets and appreciated the way the creative urge and aesthetic sensibilities of the youngsters were directed towards the worthwhile pursuits of life.

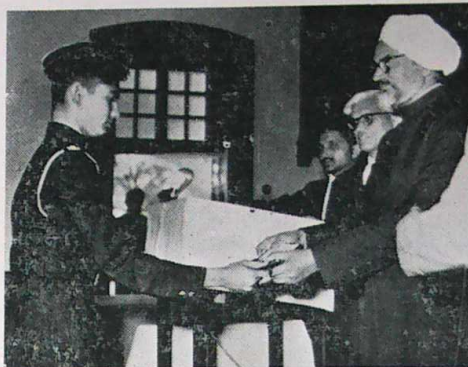
Then he was led to the Convocation Hall, where Principal Mr. S.P. Sharma, in his annual report, gave a comprehensive account of the genesis, growth, aims and achievements of the College and said that more than 900 military and civil officers and personnel of the Diplomatic Corps had so far received education at the College. His report was followed by the distribution of prizes and medals by the Minister. Besides the Academic, Sports and Proficiency prizes, Shri Swaran Singh gave away the following medals to the outstanding prize-winners of the year.

First Term

1. President's Gold Medal— Cadet Captain K.K. Panda.
2. Col. Haughton's Silver Medal— Cadet A.C. Katoch.
3. U.N. Jha Gold Medal— Cadet Omit Sarkar.

Second Term

1. President's Gold Medal—Sec. Commandar C.S. Lehl.
2. Col. Haughton's Silver Medal— Cadet NCO S. Bhadra.
3. U.N. Jha Gold Medal—Cadet NCO R.K. Pillai.



Cadet OMIT SARKAR (Chandragupta) receiving U.N. Jha Gold Medal for the first term, 1966 from Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Swaran Singh

In his illuminating address the Defence Minister said that though he had been to Dehra Dun for a number of times, his visit to the RIMC afforded him special pleasure, for it brought him in closer contact with the cadets and the Staff. He felt happy to remark that Rashtriya Indian Military College is a unique military institution in the country, with a proud record of achievements and services rendered to the Indian Armed Forces. He said that the way the character of cadets was shaped and moulded and the rigorous, all-round efforts that were made to render them worthy soldiers and citizens of the country, were indeed praiseworthy.

He lauded the truly national character of the institution which draws cadets from Kashmir to Kanyakumari on the one hand and Assam to the desert of Jaisalmer on the other. He said, "This institution represents, in the real sense of the word, 'unity in diversity' which is a hall-mark of our national life." The well-regulated life that the cadets from all over the country lead here, helps them develop fraternal understanding among themselves and acquire a synoptic vision of life. These are the values that lie at the root of all progress. He continued, "You are miniature India and your sparkling eyes reflect the hopes of teeming millions. The Minister expressed his confidence that the cadets will continue to uphold the traditions of the institution and render distinguished service to the country."

ssed satisfaction over 'a high sense of discipline, hard work, devotion to duty and pride in traditions' that form the nucleus of training imparted at the college. He held that, in view of the changing circumstances of today, it behoves every one of us to equip himself with courage and capability to weather all storms and steer the nation clear through innumerable tasks that are ahead of us. He declared, 'with this end in view, firm foundations of hard work, true discipline, service and sacrifice should be laid, because progress in various spheres of life is but a superstructure built on them. He said, "Deeper and sounder the foundation, higher and stabler the superstructure, and I am happy to note that such sound foundations are laid at this College." He further appreciated the stress laid at the College on physical training of the cadets and noted that the ovation accorded to the winners of various sports prizes bore testimony to this fact. According to him this reflected the adaptability of the College to changing times. He was of the view that today when a high degree of sophistication in weaponry has been achieved, it is the duty of every citizen to be well-informed in scientific and technical progress on the one hand and be physically fit, on the other to make sustained efforts to attain to high positions in the country's life. He observed that the spirit of competition that initiates the cadets' entry into the College, is kept glowing here, and is furthered by N.D.A. and I.M.A. helps them a lot to face the realities of situations in life where but a marginal difference in competitive spirit is responsible for placing one person at the top and another much below him. He added that the 200 cadets who are fortunate to receive education at this college from

among 70 to 80 million students in the country, should make the best use of it at all stages of their careers. Congratulating the passing-out cadets as well as the recipients of various prizes and medals on their achievements, he expressed the hope that the traditions and experience that flow from the Rashtriya Indian Military College would serve as the guiding principles for other institutions also.

At the close of his inspiring address he said, "Young cadets, you are embarking on a new phase of career. You are our hope and the degree of good work and selfless service that you do and the way you conduct yourselves will constitute the yardstick by which our national character will be evaluated. I wish you well. I earnestly hope you'll do your best and prove yourselves worthy of our vast country".

In the evening the highlights of the function were the English and Hindi plays and Variety Entertainment Programme. The evening's programme opened with a performance on orchestra by cadets A. Dhar, P. Gurung, S.R. Gokhle and B.K. Sinha. It was followed by Edward Wooll's English play—'LIBEL' staged by the English Dramatic Society. The next item was a Hindi Play 'Natak Ka Chakkar' presented by the College Sahitya Samiti. Both the plays drew considerable applause from the audience. The other entertaining items of the evening were Hindi and English songs sung by Cadets P. Kochhar and J.P. Mondle respectively.

The evening was a success.

The function ended with the traditional 'Golden Night' dinner.

Outstanding Prize Winners of the Year 1966.

1st Term 1966

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| 1. President's Gold Medal | ... | Cadet Captain K.K. Panda (Orissa) |
| 2. Col. Haughton's Silver Medal | | Cadet A.C. Katoch, (Sponsored by Delhi.) |
| 3. U.N. Jha's Gold Medal | | Cadet N.C.O. Omit Sarkar (W. Bengal.) |

2nd Term 1966

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| 1. President's Gold Medal | ... | Cadet SEC COM C.S. Lehl (Punjab.) |
| 2. Col. Haughton's Silver Medal | | Cadet NCO S. Bhadra, (W. Bengal.) |
| 3. U.N. Jha's Gold Medal | ... | Cadet NCO R.K. Pillai,
(Sponsored by Bengal) |

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Academic Prizes

The following cadets were awarded Proficiency Prizes at the End of Term Function held on 9th December, 1966:—

English	...	Manvendra Singh (I), N.R. Naphade (I-A), Ashoke Dhar (II), A.K. Das III (II-A), D.C. Kumarya (III), P.K. Gangoli (III-A), P.V. John (Diploma) and Yogendra Singh (Diploma)
Mathematics	...	A. Mehrotra (I), S.K. Singh (I-A), A.K. Singh (II), D.K. Paul (II-A), S.K. Singh (III), D.K. Gupta (III-A), R.S. Bedi and S.K. Jayaswal (Diploma).
History	....	Rajesh Singh (I), N. Malhotra (I-A), S. Misra (II), L.T. Singh (II-A), P.S. Gurung (III), Satender Singh (III-A), P.S. Malhotra & M.C. Pradhan (Diploma).
Geography	....	R.D. Sinha (I), I.B. Singh (I-A), C.R.K. Singh (II), A.K. Singh (II-A), B.K. Sinha (III), L.J. Singh (III-A), V. Pahlajani & D.B. Shivane (Diploma)
Science	...	S.B. Gogia (I), R.S. Verma (I-A), N. Ravindran (II), A.K. Sinha (II-A), A.K. Naik (III), P.P. Roy (III-A), Mohan John & D. Saha (Diploma).
Sanskrit	....	Satender Singh (Seniors), W.W. Nargu (Juniors).
Lower Hindi	...	V.K. Jesani (I & I-A), P.K. Madhvan (II & II-A), M.S. Bedi (III & III-A), U.K. Roy (Diploma).
Higher Hindi	....	R.K. Mittal (I & I-A), R.U. Patil (II & II-A), R.K. Manucha (III & III-A), Ajay Sinha (Diploma).
Art	...	A.P.S. Gulia (I), M.R. Shah (I-A), C.S. Rathore (II), L.L. Singh (II-A), S.S. Singh (III), J.P. Mondle (III-A),
C.A.	...	D. Saha (Seniors), U.N. Chitnavis (Juniors).
Debating (English)	....	R. Pillai and S.R. Gokhale (Seniors).
Debating (Hindi)	...	P.S. Nagesh (Juniors).
	...	Satender Singh (Seniors), S. Tandon (Juniors).

Hobby Prizes

Art	..	S.S. Singh.
Craft	...	J.S. Mann.
Dramatics (English)	....	R. Pillai, J.P. Mondle and S.C. Rishi.
Dramatics (Hindi)	...	M.S. Mullick, P.C. Singh and Yogendra Singh.
Nature Study	....	W.C. Negi.
Stam Collecting	....	S.C. Chakravarti.
C.A. Gallery	...	N.A. Kumar.
Rifle Club	....	S.S. Thakur.
Music Club	....	P.P. Agarwal.
Aero Modelling	....	R. Dutta.
Photography	....	A.S. Panwar.
Young Newtons	....	T.K. Sinha
Alchemist	....	H.M. Hariram

Proficiency Prizes, in Games

Football	...	1. D.S. Grewal (R)
		2. P.P. Agarwal (C)
Cricket	....	1. V.P. Singh (P)
		2. S.R. Gokhale (S)
Hockey	...	1. J.S. Sidhu (C)
		2. M.S. Mullick (S)
Athlete Cup		A.K. Singh (S)
Presented by Gen Atal		
Sportsman of the year		DS Grewal (R)

General Proficiency

Manvendra Singh (I), S.K. Singh (I-A), A.K. Singh (II), A.K. Das III (II-A), D.C. Kumarya (III), P.K. Gongoli (III-A), A.K. Kapur and M.C. Pradhan (Diploma).