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Editorial

Hello friends,

First of all a very happy new year. This year the college has undergone and is still undergoing several changes, which have given it a new and a fresher look. The work on the much awaited Catchpole guest house is almost over and the repair work of various bathrooms is going on in full strength in a systematic manner. The highlights are that every toilet is being fitted with a tap and every bathroom with a geyser and a shower. It is heartening to say that the new year has started bringing lots of laurels to the college. The most outstanding was the award of the COAS Commendation Card to the Commandant followed by three Army Commanders Commendation Cards to Mr K.S. Ahlawat (VP), CHM Baldev and Shri Madan.

The previous term NDA merit list was a great success for RIMC as 6 out of the first ten were Rimcos and this term too, the NDA written result has been 100% I, on behalf of the college heartily congratulate Capt Meitei who has been blessed with a son and Mr. P. Samy who has got married. Some changes have also taken place in the staff network. Lt Col V. Y. Gidh who is presently leaving on a deputation to Angola, is being replaced by Maj Daljit Singh as the New AO. We also welcome Capt Roveen (P), Maj Naveen Kumar (C) and Capt Rajiv Khosla (C). We wish them a happy stay in the college. We also bade farewell to Miss Jaya Gupta who was the history teacher. (This edition is written amidst the chill of Dehradun and aims to provide you warmth by its nice, and interesting articles. So friends wish you a happy reading.

☆☆ Reunion in Delhi !☆☆

As far as RIMC is concerned, the best days for anyone would be the 'Grand Reunion Function' which is held every year from 12th March to 14th March. On these days, all the Old Boys remember their past. But, this year, this function will be held in Delhi because of the various repairs of the dorms, toilets etc as college is going all out for the Platinum Jubilee. No doubt the cadets were very disappointed but they have to bear it. Due to this many changes have been done. The Boxing dates have been changed to 9th, 10th & 11th of March. There will a grand dinner at the college on 11th March in which all the local Rincollians will be invited. As far as Reunion in Delhi is concerned, there will be a cricket match between the cadets and the Rincollians on 13th March at the Modern School ground. There will be lunch after the match. Also, there will a Grand Party on the 13th March night in which all the Rimcollians from various places will be invited. The party will be held in the Officer's Mess, 35 infantry Brigade commanded by Brig Manoranjan Singh, Vir Chakra, (ex Shivaji). Thus, the most awaited function will come to an end, adding one more successful year for RIMC in the pages of History.

■ Cdt Ritesh Singh
1766/C
Class - IV



REPORT OF HMI ADVENTURE COURSE

During the winter vacation, 5 cadets of class V went to Himalayan Mountaineering Institute at Darjeeling. All of us reported there on 21st Dec. Next morning daily routine started with early morning P.T. at 6 O' clock. After breakfast we were divided into different patrols. On 23rd we did obstacle course and rock climbing and rappelling. On 24th our first expedition to Tiger hills started. It was a short one of only 7 Km. On 25th we came back to HMI. On 26th we did more rock climbing and rappelling on Tenzing rock. On 27th we started our second and longest expedition to Sandhakphu which is in Nepal. First we went to Dhotre by bus which is 30 Km from the camp. From there we went trekking through snow to the place called Garibhanj. On 28th we trekked for 16 Km to reach Sandhakphu which is 12,000 ft above sea level. Next morning we trekked down to a place called Manibhanjang which was a 32 Km trekking from Sandhakphu. Next morning on 30th we came to HMI by bus. On 31st inter patrol cross country was there in which Cdt Snigdha came 4th and Cdt Anurag Mohapatra came 5th. Rest came in the first 20. On 1st Jan we started our last trek to River Singla. There we did Solo camping, tent pitching competition, cooking camp, river crossing and Kayaking. We came back to the camp on 3rd. On 4th in the inter patrol Debate competition cdt Akshay bagged the first prize. On 5th Graduation ceremony was there and thus the HMI adventure course came to an end. Cdts who participated are

- 1) Cdt Sunderlal Sharma
- 2) Cdt Snigdha Chandan
- 3) Cdt Sidharth Sharan
- 4) Cdt Akshay Randeve
- 5) Cdt Anurag Mohapatra

■ Cdt Sunderlal



105 ADVENTURE COURSE, NIM

On the 23rd Morning 9 cadets of class 4 A & 1 cadet of class 3A left for Uttarkashi to undergo the Adventure course organised at the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering. The bus journey lasted about 7 hrs. and finally we reached NIM by evening. Our training was scheduled to start from 24th Dec. Our routine was somewhat similar to the winter routine of RIMC. We had PT in the morning and after that breakfast, followed by various lectures organised for us. These included topics like mountain manners & customs, First aid, Hygiene, Introduction to Mountaineering equipment and Rock Climbing equipment. The course which we underwent was the 105 Adventure Course. The institute also organises basic, advanced, Search & rescue and mode of instruction course in mountaineering. The strength of the course was 60 and it included trainees from all over India. The 60 trainees of our course were divided into 10 patrols of 6 cadets each. For creating interest and spirit of competition amongst the trainees, various competitions like point to point March, Bivouac, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Obstacle race, Field cooking and Flora-Fauna collection were organised.

The actual training was divided into three outings. In these outings we were sent to various places for different purpose.

The first outing was to a place called Tekhla which is about 9 Km from the institute. There we were taught the basics of rock climbing, bouldering & rapelling. We also did the above mentioned activities. This outing was a short but sweet one because it was a real thrill to do rapelling. The altitude of Tekhla was 4300 ft.

The second outing was to a place called Fold. The place was named so by the Britishers because it was surrounded by all sides by steep slopes. The highlights of this outing were bush craft, bivouac, field cooking and long treks. We also witnessed snowfall at a place called Nachiketa Tal which was about 9000 Ft above Sea level.

The third outing was the longest but the loveliest of all. We came down to Rishikesh and did Rafting & canoeing in the Ganga. Thereafter we came to Rajpur and trekked to Mussoorie. In Mussoorie we stayed for a night at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA). We visited Dhanaulti,

Surkanda Devi and Mussoorie town of course !.

After our third outing our last days of the course came. On 12th January we graduated from the NIM after successfully completing our course and returned to college on 13th. We are grateful to the Collège and to Lt Col M P Yadav, the Principal of NIM (Rimcollian, ex-Shivaji) for taking care of us and making the course a successful & memorable one.

■ Thomson Zacharia (IV)



INTER SECTION DEBATING COMPETITION

Like every year, this year too we had the Inter Section English Debate Competition on the 7th of February. It was divided into two sections. The Juniors & the Seniors. The topic of the Juniors' Section was, 'Should army take over the reins of Government' & the topic in the senior's section was, 'Signing, NPT would enhance India's economic growth'. The cadets got two weeks to prepare. There was a bid to postpone the date of debate, but without success as some of the good debaters of V A were out on SSB. Thus the respective sections identified their gaps & filled them adequately. All sections practiced very hard in the given time as was shown on the final day.

The judges of the debating competition were Mrs. Vineeta Sood, Mr. Jonojit Ray, & Mr. Mohit Mishra & the Chief guest was Mrs. Gita Parab. The debate started off with the juniors section followed by the seniors section which had the addition of the rebuttal panel.

The junior debaters spoke very confidently & gave their points in an effective manner as was evident from the fact that the judges as well as the audience were in a dilemma of whether to support the motion or go against it. Here the names of Dhruv Yadav (IA) of Pratap section & Arjun Singh of Chandragupta section also of IA are worth mention.

The seniors section too saw excellent debating by the speakers & also of the rebutters who put up very sharp & effective questions to the speakers. Here again the name of BTZS Appu (II A) of Pratap section is praise worthy who put up a spirited effort in tackling the question put up to him by his opponents in the rebuttal panel.

After the speakers of the Seniors section had spoken, everyone was keenly awaiting the results. In the interim period Cds Rakesh Kumar & R Solanki put on interesting accounts of their views on the Seniors & Juniors topic, and thrilled everyone with their spontaneity in tackling the topics from different angles.

The judges found the debating standard excellent & of a very high standard.

Finally the results were out & Shivaji section emerged victorious followed by Ranjit, Pratap & Chandragupta.

In the Juniors section Cdt. Aayush Vaish of Shivaji section came first followed by Dhruv Yadav of Pratap section & third Cdt Digvijay Singh Parihar of Ranjit section.

In the Seniors section among the speakers Cdt. D. Nautiyal of Shivaji section bagged the first place, followed by Cdt. A. Gupta of Ranjit section & Cdt. Aayush Giri again of Shivaji section.

In the rebutting division Cdt. Akshey Sher Randewa of Chandragupta section came first followed by Cdt. V. Banta of Ranjit Section & Cdt. Abhilash D. of Shivaji section.

Commandant's special prize went to Cdt. Ashwini Mani of Pratap Section & Cdt. Arjun Singh of Chandragupta section in the junior division & Cdt. BTZS APPU of Pratap section in the Seniors division. The Chief Guest Mrs. Gita Parab gave away the prizes.

And this was how the Inter Section English Debating Competition was concluded.

■ Cdt. A. Bhattacharya
Class - V



Visit to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands

It had since long been desired to send an expedition of RIMC Cdts to Andamans and as a consequence of the hard work put in by our administrative staff, as well as the help provided by various Rimcollian officers, Col. Kojiam & the army adventure cell the trip was at last finalised. A team of 23 Cdts was selected by the Commandant out of a very large number of Cadets. We were given a number of briefings and were made aware of the requirements of the trip in general and our contributions in particular.

Finally with complete preparations, the cadets accompanied by our AO, Lt. Col V.Y. Gidh and Maj. Shivender Singh started from Dehradun on 25th November, by Mussoorie express with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement. We reached old Delhi in the morning and thanks to the efforts put in by our staff, we had accommodation at the Sainik Rest House. The Cdts went out to the market or to their houses. In the evening we all hired a tempo and reached New Delhi station, from where we boarded the G.T. express to Madras. Unfortunately two Cadets missed the train and had to join us up midway. After a long but enjoyable journey we reached Madras on the 28th.

We were taken to the Sub Area Headquarters Officers Mess where our boarding and lodging was arranged. After settling down and freshening up we were allowed to go out and visit the town. The Cdts enjoyed themselves and were back after a long & enjoyable day. We were to sail off on the 29th but the ship had to return due to a cyclone. Though the news was disheartening but it did not dampen our spirit and we decided to make the most of it. The next 3 days were spent either at our accommodation, resting & chatting or out in town, enjoying. We also made a short trip to Mahabalipuram where we saw the shore temples, Rathas, Descent of the Ganges and also the local beach. While returning we stopped at the crocodile park which

breeds and maintains more than 2000 crocodiles. Back at Madras the special attraction was the Marina beach. Here I would like to thank Col. Kojiam who despite the extended stay did his best to make us comfortable.

On the 2nd of December the Ship finally arrived and we soon boarded it. We were accommodated in the 36 men mess. In the evening we sailed off at about 6 pm. We all were very enthusiastic & were making a lot of plans for a memorable journey. On board we met the CO. Cdr. S. Sharma and two Rimcollian officers Lt. Cdr Katoch, Sub Lt. Sunil Sinha.

Immediately on entering the deep seas we could feel the rolling and pitching of the ship which had been further increased by the Round bottom and the just over cyclone. The next day did not go well because almost all of us were very sea sick but we made the most of it by remaining in bunks and chatting or reading novels. Cadets spent most of the time over the next two days in the bunks, at the helidecks or at the bridge watching how a ship is manoeuvred. We were also shown around the Ship. The food provided was excellent by sailing standards. We had musters twice a day after which we would just lie down and enjoy the sun. We also had a Tug of war in which the RIMC team got a prize. Later we also sang songs & narrated jokes. Due to engine problems and slight variation of the route we were delayed and reached Andamans on the 6th morning. Momentoes were exchanged and Cdr S. Sharma invited us for breakfast. The memorable journey, which was a great experience finally came to an end. We thank C.O. INS Guldar, Cdr S.S. Sharma and all the sailors aboard for the nice journey.

On reaching Andamans two of the Cdts left for their homes. At the port we were received by the 3 Madras and taken to our barracks. 2nd Lt. Pratap Singh was given our charge. The barracks were excellent and the hard work put in by the 3 Madras was evident. After freshening up we were briefed about Andamans by 2nd Lt. Pratap Singh. We then went to visit the Marine Museum then the Anthropological museum. Both the trips were educating experiences. We also visited INS Utkrosh, the Naval Aviation base at Port Blair. Here we were shown the air crafts. We also met Rimcollians, Lt. Cdr Atul Bhatia & Cdr R.P. Singh. Later we visited the Corbyls Cove beach where we were informed that the trip had been extended upto the 11th. We also visited the sports complex & the Cellular Jail both of which were exciting visits. Then we had a Rimcollians get together on board a landing ship whose C.O. was a Rimcollian. About 10-12 Rimcollians were present the senior most being Cmde Naphade.

The next day we went to The Ross Island, a Cantonment under Japan and the British and now India. We also visited cellular Jail for the sound & light show. We then attended the dinner hosted by local Cdts and had a wonderful evening. On the 8th we went to the Jolly boy island where we did Snorkling and saw a number of coral reefs and marine life forms. The evening that day was mostly free and we enjoyed in the barracks itself. The next day we again visited the corlufts cone beach. Then we also went to the sports complex and the Navy Mela. On the 10th we enjoyed ourselves by visiting the Zoo, Chatham Saw Mill - thanks to Cdt. Nithun Gopi Nath's father, the forest Museum & once again the Navy Mela. The evening was spent packing up and at the army maintained beach and coconut farm near by. On the 10th itself we had tea with the C.O. of 3rd Madras Col Mahi & Cdr 108 Mtn Bde Brig P.C. Uppal. We then boarded the Indian airlines flight to Madras from where all of us departed for our homes.

Thus the thrilling, exciting & enjoyable trip finally came to a successful end and we all happily left for our homes, but with a sad heart for the end of the trip.

I would like to thank the RIMC, The Administrative staff, DGMT, Maj Gen RPRC Naidu (AVSM), Army Adventure Cell, AVM Vinod Patni Dy Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral AR Tandon, Col Koijam, Cdr S. Sharma, CO Guldar, Cmde V Naphde C.O. INS Utkrosh, Brig P.C. Uppal, Cdr 108 Mtr. Bde, Col Mahi CO 3 Madras, Lt. Cdr J K Gupta, Men of Madras & INS Guldar sailors for turning this dream opportunity into a tremendous success.

■ Digvijay IV



Western Naval Cruise Report

At the end of the last-term, 25 cadets of our college left for Bombay for the Naval Cruise. We left Dehradun on 28th of Nov and were accompanied by Capt A.K. Sharma and Mr-Yashbeer Singh. Our journey was very exciting and was accompanied by some adventures. For instance, at the Baroda Station, cadet, Rajan Chakarvarty caught a person who was running away with his bag.

We reached the Bombay Central Railway Station on the morning of 30th Nov where we were received by a Naval Bus which escorted us to the Naval Dockyard. All our hearts blossomed with joy when we were informed that we were going to sail in the INS Vikrant but soon our dreams were shattered when we were informed that we were just going to keep our luggage in INS Vikrant and sail in INS Savarna. We took only the required things to the Savarna and set sail in the evening itself. We were all very excited as all of us were travelling in a ship for the first time. Some of us had not ever seen the sea before. The navigating officer of our ship was Lt.H.S.Dabas who is a Rimcollion. We spent sometime on the deck of the ship and later went to our room. Due to the lack of accommodation we were staying in the dining room. After dinner, movies were organised for us but as all of us were tired, we all went off to sleep and an officer had to come and switch off the TV.

Next morning, we were all called to the deck top where an exercise of torpedo seeking was demonstrated. A submarine shot a torpedo and our ship had to recover it. As all of us were travelling in the sea for the first time, some of us were feeling sea-sick and thus some cadets went back to their room. After lunch, movies were organised for us which we all enjoyed it. In the evening, the sailer demonstrated target firing.

We were also shown the various mechanisms of the ship.

Next morning we reached back to the dockyard. There we were to anchor the ship. We went back

to INS Vikrant. As the Navy week was going on, civilians were invited to see the various ships like INS Khukri and INS Godaveri.

Now the problem which arose was of our return Reservation. Our reservation had not been done till now. On 3rd one sailer was given the responsibility of getting our reservation done but except a few of us, all had to be satisfied with waiting list only. On 3rd, some cadets living in nearby places left for their homes and rest went to roam around in the market. All of us enjoyed ourselves in the market. Some went to the beach and some did great deal of shopping.

On 4th morning some of us left for homes while rest of us left in the evening.

In this way, an exciting, educative and highly successful cruise came to an end.

■ Cdt Sumeet Bhat
Class IV

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IMPORTANT

This is to inform all Rimcollians that this year's Founder's day and Reunion function will be held in Delhi, as the college is undergoing large scale renovations of buildings and other infrastructure for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee. All those who wish to attend the Reunion are requested to get in touch with Col Harjot Sehgal, Hony. Secy. ROBA. His address is as follows.

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News in Brief

1. Ex-Cdt. M K Singh (Ex-Pratap) has decided not to join NDA. He will be going to Turkey to study further, instead. His father, Col S K Singh (Ex Pratap) is going to Turkey as military attache.
2. Maj Daljit Singh (Ex-Pratap) is going to take over as the new A.O. in place of Lt Col. V Y Gidh who

has proceeded to Angola to join the U N task force there. Col. Gidh is going there as 2IC of 14 Punjab.

3. Maj Gen S D Mahanti, VSM, Ex Commandant, (Ex Pratap) has taken over as GOC 39 Div.
4. Col. C P Singh Deo was presented with a memento on 20th Jan 1996 by the Commandant.
5. The Comdt Col D H Parab has been awarded the COAS commendation for his excellent administration in RIMC.
6. The Vice Principal Mr. K.S. Ahlawat and CHM Baldev have also been awarded the GOC-in-C commendation.
7. Cdt G K Saini was felicitated by the Punjab Govt. on the occasion of the Republic day for being one of the many, illustrious sons of Punjab. Cdt Saini was given this honour for his outstanding performance on the Kedar Dome Mtn. Expedition.
8. Col G S Cheema, 2 corps, visited the college.
9. A new vehicle, an Eicher truck, has joined the RIMC fleet of vehicles.
10. Cdt Ritwick Bhattacharya took part in Maharashtra Opens and performed excellently. He reached the semi final stage where he lost to Akhil Behl, India No. 1 in under 19 category. Also, he was the runner-up in the Western India Squash competitions where he lost in the final to Shondip Ghosh.
11. Maj Gen J S Verma (Ex Shivaji) has taken over 28 Inf Div to be the third Rimcollian in succession after Gen Mann and Gen Gurbaxani.
12. Col C S Thapa (Ex Pratap) has joined IMA as one of the Bn Cdrs.
13. Capt A S Mallapurkar will be joining RIMC shortly as instructor Class 'C'.
14. Brig P S K Choudhary (Ex Pratap) has joined as the new Sub Area Cdr and we only pray that the new Area Cdr is also a Rimcollian.
15. Annual Inspection was carried out by Maj Gen V K Sharma, AVSM, GOC UP area.
16. Much awaited 'tiles' for RIMC guesthouse, which had halted its construction, have arrived.
17. In the customary staff Vs cadets cricket match played on 23.1.96 the cadets team recorded a very

comfortable victory. The highlight of the match being some excellent batting by the cadets and some 'impartial' umpiring by Mr Vishwakarma and Mr Chaturvedi, thus ensuring that they shall never again be called as umpires.

In the hockey match that followed the staff team however turned the tables on the cadets by winning 3 - 1. The score at half time was 3 - 0.

The supremacy of the staff team becomes more remarkable in view of the fact that the match was referred by cadets.

In the basketball match it was a real hard battle with both the teams running neck and neck through out the match. It was a very spirited match with players from both the sides displaying some excellent control and scoring ability. Col Parab and Cdt Raja Wangdi Sherpa deserve special mention for this

18. As part of the programme of sending cadets to various units, formations and institutes of interests, cadets of class 4 A, 5 and some cadets of 5 A have been to the following places which has enriched their knowledge considerably and given them an opportunity to have a first hand account of things.
- A) 10 Bihar Regiment
 - b) N I V H (National Institute of Visually Handicapped)
 - c) Institute of Naval Hydrography.
20. The following Rincollians were awarded on the Republic day for their distinguished services.
- a) Lt. Gen A N Sinha (Ex-Pratap) - AVSM
 - b) Air Vice Marshal Vinod Patney (Pratap) - AVSM
 - c) Maj. Gen S D Mohanty (ex-comdt., ex-Pratap) - VSM



LITTLE MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The college squash team comprising 11 cadets accompanied by Capt. Roveen left for Bombay on the 18th of November. We reached on 20th November and were accommodated on board INS Vikrant.

The matches started on 21. November. The matches were held in the Willingdon Sports Club. Most of the RIMCO's won their 1st round matches in the U-14 category. Cadet T.T. Jamir lost to the 1st Seed Sahil Vora and Cdt D. Hazarika lost to Vikas Seth.

In the under 16 category. Cdt Nitin Rawat lost to Taran Singh in the 2nd Round while Cdt Y.R.Singh lost to Taran Singh in the 1st round. Cdt A.Bahuguna defeated S.Baik in the 1st round but lost to Aftab Mathur in 2nd round. Cdt R.R.Parab lost to Abhijith Kukreja in the 2nd round.

In the under 19 category, Cdt. PPS Mann was the unlucky one he lost in a spirited match to Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya. Cdt Awish Jayaswal lost to Gaurav Juneja in the pre-quarter. Cdt Ritwik Bhattacharya sailed into the finals where he was up against Shondip Ghosh. The final was an exciting match between the two stalwarts from Bengal. Ultimately Shondip Ghosh emerged victorious. For this performance Cdt R.Bhattacharya won prize money of Rs. 4000/-.

This tournament saw RIMC getting the much required exposure in the national level, which I am sure will produce good results in future.

D. HAZARIKA

WESTERN INDIA SQUASH TOURNAMENT

RIMC Squash team took part in Western India Squash tournament which was held in Bombay from 24th Dec. to 30 Dec. 1995. RIMC team reached Bombay on 22nd and was accommodated at Malhotra house.

On 23rd we went to CCI club and found out our draws. RIMC team participated in opens, under 19, 16 & 14 respectively.

Under 19 team comprising Punar Mann, Awish Jayaswal & Ritwik participated in opens, Punar Mann defeated Harshvardhan (3-0) in the first round & lost to Shondip Ghosh (3-0) in the second round. Awish defeated Sharan Pashricha (3-0) in the first round & lost to Arjan Singh (3-0) in the second round. Ritwik beat Bokadawala (3-0) in the first round & lost to Surti (3-0) in the second round.

In the under 19 category Awish defeated D.Shiv (3-0) in the first round & lost to Arjun (3-1) in second round. Ritwik reached the finals and lost to Shondip Ghosh.

Punar Mann lost to Gaurav (3-0) in the first round. Ricky lost to Dilip (3-1) in the 1st round. Nitin lost to Pashricha (3-2) in the second round. Anand lost to Dilip (3-1) in the first round.

In the under 16 category Anand lost to Bikram (3-0) in the IInd round. Nitin defeated A.Singh (walk over) in the first round & lost to P.Doshi (3-0) in the IInd round. Biswas beat M.Singh (3-1) in the IInd round & lost to Rohan (3-0) in the IIIrd round. Shakti lost to Alok (3-0) in the IInd round.

In the under 14 category Biswas lost to Vishal (3-0) in the first round & Shakti also lost to Vishal (3-0) in the IInd round.

Anand Bahuguna

Northern India Squash Championship

The college squash team along with Capt Roveen left for Delhi in the 3rd of February and Reached there on 4th and were accommodated in the Rajputana Rifles Officers Mess.

In the U-14 categories Cdt Shakti Singh got a bye in the 1st round thus playing Vikas Garg in the 2nd round whom he defeated and entered the quarter final in which he defeated R.Saidha and in the semi finals unfortunately he lost to Abhimanyu Jain; 3-0. Cdt B.R.Nambiar got 'bye' in the 1st round thus playing Varun Rai in the 2nd round whom he defeated and in the 3rd round he defeated Anubhav Jain thus entering Semi-finals where he lost to cdt.T.T.Jamir in a tough fight (3-1). Cdt T.T.Jamir got a 'bye' in the first round thus playing Arun singh and whom he defeated and reached quarter final where he defeated Akash singh and in the semi finals he defeated cdt B.R.Nambiar in a tough fight thus reaching final where he lost in a tough fight against Abhimanyu Jain a score of 3-1.

In the under-16 category Cdt R.R.Parab lost to Cdt Y.R. Singh in a close match. Cdt Y.R.Singh whose only good opponent was Abhimanyu Jain whom he defeated 3-0 entered the finals. In the finals as the luck didn't favour him he lost to Rahul Singh. Cdt N.Rawal lost in close five setter against Vijay. K.Singh. Cdt A Bahuguna lost to Ridesh Talwar in the first round. Cdt D.Hazarika defeated Mohan Sharma in the 1st round but lost to Ankit Dutta in tensed five setter.

In the under 19 category, Cdt R.Bhattacharya easily reached semi-finals where he lost to Arif Paul in spirited match. Cdt A.Jayaswal lost to Akhil Behl in the semi- finals. Cdt P.P.S.Mann lost to Akhil Behl in the Quarter finals.

In the Mens Open Category only Cdt R.Bhattacharya took part from RIMC. He defeated Gajendra Singh in a close five - setter. He lost to Paul Ferriera in the quarter finals. Because of his magnificent performance in the mens category he was awarded Rs. 5000/-.

This tournament gave the RIMCO's much required match temperament which is very important in the game of squash.

B.R.Nambiar
1839/Shivaji

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

16 Feb will be momentous day for 68 Armd Regt. On that day the third consecutive Rimcollian CO will take over the reins of the Regt. No wonder the Regt is doing so well for itself.

I assumed comd in Aug 91 and handed over to AK Das III (Shivaji Jan 65 -May 69) and he is now handing over to Daljit Sood (Pratap Jan 66- May 70.) I donot think very many units in the Army can boast of such a record.

Col. Omit Jarkar

I am very happy to learn about the excellent achievement of your boys in the NDA Entrance Written Examination. It is also a matter of pride to learn that those of them who are already at this prestigious institution are doing so very well. I think your staff and you, can take 'just pride' for their achievements as it would not have been possible without the dedicated effort of your entire team. Keep it up and God bless you.

Major General V.K.Sharma A.V.S.M
GOC, UP Area

The following cadets have joined RIMC this term

Partap

Chadradeep Shaktawat
Rustamjit Singh Sekhon
Poshuk Ahluwalia
Pranv Kumar
Nitin Malhotra(S/o Naveen Malhotra Ex-P)

Ranjit

Bhalchandra Bulle
Karan Mor (Brother of Saminder Mor ex-Ranjit)
Lamyamba Yambem (S/o T Ningthem ex-Ranjit)
Abhiskek Kumar Sharma
Dinil George

Shivaji

Anshumali Sharma
Aseem Kumar Panda
Panchal Barua
Navpreet Singh Randhava
Thomas Tom
Tarkeshwar Singh

Chandragupta

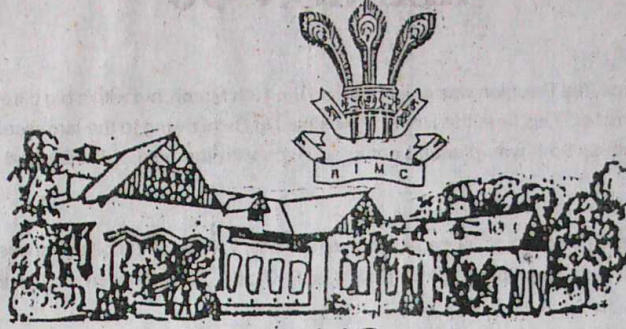
Atul Sinha (Brother of A K Sinha Ex-Ch)
Anurag Rana
Chandrakant Kothari
Anshul Bhatt
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Editorial

Dear Readers,

I welcome you to yet another edition of the Chronicle.

Our cricket team did us proud by beating the team from Royal Military Academy Sandhurst by a convincing margin. Another feather was added to our cap as Cadet Ritwik Bhattacharya made it to the Indian Juniors Squash team for the World Juniors Squash Championship scheduled to be held in Cairo in July. We also fared well in the field of co-curricular activities as we went on to re establish our supremacy in debating and quizzing in the valley.

As you go through the pages you shall find detailed reports of all the happenings in college since the mid term break.

I am sure you'll find this edition an informative and interesting one.

REUNION -96

Like everytime, the Reunion was celebrated on the 13th March but with a big difference that is it was not held in the almamater. This time the Reunion was held in Delhi owing to the largescale renovation work going on in the campus. So it was planned out in advance with the help of ROBA and the schedule was prepared

On 12 of March a batch of 39 cadets including class VA and the college cricket team along with members of the staff including Comdt, Mrs Parab, Capt. Khosla, Capt Roveen, Lt Tyagi, Mr. Yashbir. Mr. Chaturvedi.

The cadets were provided with excellent accomodation in the Modern School. The staff stayed in 35th infantry brigade officers mess.

The next day was the traditional cricket match between the Rimcollians and the cadets in the Modern school ground. But before that there was a ROBA meeting where the matters relating to the college were discussed

The old boys gathered in the Modern school to witness the match. The college team lead by Ratnesh won the toss an elected to bat. The openers Ritwick and Malik did a fine job by scoring a quick 50 in just 7 overs. After this there was a quick fall of wickets, but the run rate remained above 8 runs per over. In the last 3 overs the bowlers were hit all over the field and RIMC team amassed a huge total of 154 runs in the allotted 15 overs. Highlight of the innings was an excellent knock of 51 by Ritwick, with 6 fours an 3 sixes. Flight Lt. Ahluwalia took 3 wickets.

The Old boys team had a disasterous start losing 5 wickets for just 31 runs of 9 overs. It was the pair of Mr. Zia ul Haq and Fl Lt Ahluwalia who stabilised the innings. But despite all the efforts, they could score only 93 runs in the stipulated 15 overs. Thus the cadets once again lifted the trophy. The prizes were given away by Mrs. Bhagat who is the wife of Gen P.S.Bhagat (VC)

This was followed by a lunch attended by the Rimcollians and the cadets. We enjoyed talking to the Old boys about their times at RIMC, and some incidents involving Rimcollians, and of course listening to the traditional jokes. We even recieved some good pieces of advise from them. The food was delicious and is worth mentioning.

In the evening the Rimcollians dinner was organised at the 35th infantry Brigade mess. The staff members attended the dinner where some of the senior Rimcollians were present including Gen Lakhera Gen VN Sharma and Maj Gen HRS Mann (GOC Delhi Area)

On the 14th morning we left for Dehradun with the wonderful memories of the 74th founders day

Vikram Banta

74 RIMCOLLIAN REUNION - PUNE

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| Maj Gen & Mrs. A M Joglekar | Capt R S Kohli |
| Maj Gen & Mrs I N Luthra | Capt Sumeet Sahi |
| Maj Gen & Mrs Gurbaxani | Capt Adosh Kumar |
| Maj Gen & Mrs S K Gupta | Capt Sandeep Singh |
| Maj Gen & Mrs P D Sherlekar | Capt & Mrs Vishal Sharma |
| Brig & Mrs Raman Sehgal | Capt P Yeole |
| Col & Mrs J D Katkar | Capt & Mrs N Mehta |
| Col & Mrs T L Burua | Lt (IN) & Mrs Anup Chauhan |
| Col & Mrs P Rajagopal | 2 Lt S Chakraborty |
| Col S A Mohite | 2 Lt G R Joshi |
| Col & Mrs J D Desai | 2 Lt ESVS Ramakrishna |
| Lt Col & Mrs S Ramtri | 2 Lt P Nitin |
| Lt Col & Mrs Rajeev Kumar | 2 Lt P B Midag |
| Lt Col & Mrs A Sarkar | 2 Lt Sunit Kapoor |
| Lt Col & Mrs Purandare | Mrs S Wangdi |
| Lt Col & Mrs V K Jesani | Mr & Mrs M N Madhani |
| Capt & Mrs J S Kairon | Mr & Mrs V A Pharkar |
| Capt & Mrs Vijay Singh | |

The evening began with the ritual of introductions interspered with comments most of which emerged from the lips of General Luthra. Soon everybody was enjoying the evening on the lush green lawns of the Officers' Institute and many couples started swaying to the lilting music provided by the Bombay Sappers Jazz Band which was in attendance.

A sumptuous dinner was laid out, the Scotch eggs being hot favourites of the evening, which brought back quite a few nostalgic memories of the School days.

There was an after dinner beat up to the tune of the evergreen yester year Melody 'GORE, GORE, BANKE, CHORE KABHI MERI GALI AAYE KARO' followed by the number 'Don't Cry for me', and amidst throngs and three cheers the evening came to a close with the solemn message written on every face... 'till we meet again'.

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COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

" I feel proud as a Rimcollian, to be the first to be awarded the Nation's highest Adventure Award - The National Adventure Award, in its year of institution.

I always say that out of the only four Indians ever to have sailed round the world, two are Rimcollians."

Major A K Singh, KC, SM, (Retd)

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" This is to get in touch and info you that I stand posted to 80 Inf Bde and shall be thereby mid Apr.

Col H S Gill
Wg Cdr

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" Please accept my heartiest congratulations on Cadet Ritwik Bhattacharya being selected for the Junior Indian Squash Racket team to participate in the World Junior Squash Racket Championship at Cairo, in July 96.

Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, AVSM, VSM
Offg DGMT

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" It was very nice visiting the College on 9 Mar. Thank you for looking after us. The files made available are proving useful."

Brig H Sodhi (Retd)

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" What a thrill it was to meet you, Mrs. Parab, and other Rimcollians with their spouses or single at the last Reunion. Old memories were revived and I became fresh with the latest news about the College where I spent seven happiest years of my life in most picturesque surroundings. There your A.O. - a Rimcollian son of my old A.O. Maj Onkar Singh assists you brought to my mind old memories-" History repeats itself".

Please accept my hearty congratulations and felicitations on your having received the commendation card for your meritorious services from C.O.A.S. alongwith three Army Commanders. It indeed, is a well deserved recognition of the work done by one of my distinguished pupils, of whom I feel truly proud. Such events cheer me up. Another old distinguished pupil of mine Salman Khurshid ex Head Boy DPS Mathura Road - Ex Minister of State for external affairs was announced as Global Leader at his young age. You have done credit to RIMC, he to D.P.S."

Mr. Din Dayal
Chairman, Emeritus
The Delhi Public School Society.

" I must report that we were very impressed by our visit to RIMC today - on all accounts you have an excellent school.

Your boys did you proud today not only on the cricket field where they clearly out played us but also as young men ; they were polite, respectful but not shy of exchanging both myself and my officer cadets in conversation.

Please thank all the boys, members of the staff and your wives for making us so welcome ; the normal bitter taste of a heavy defeat was not there as we felt that we had been amongst friends.

May I wish you and most especially all your boys the very best in their future careers in the Indian Armed Services."

**Lt Col MJS Grubb,
Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.**

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I am enclosing a copy of paper cutting, which has been published in the "The Asian Age" April 11th, 1996. Hope you will find the article interesting.

Being a proud father of a RIMCO may I offer my gratitude to you and the all mighty God. I have no doubt that this prestigious institution will uphold its glorious tradition for the years to come under your prudence guidance.

**Mr. Gautam Bose
(Father of Cadet Rahul Bose)**

" Former students of the then Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College (PWRIMC) who went on to become army generals and business leaders in their separate countries met in Lahore last month. One of the chief organiser of the ten-day "private" reunion of "Rimcollians" in Pakistan was interior minister Naseerullah Babar, a retired military general. The visitors included ex-Indian Army officers, including a former army chief. The RIMC in Dehra Dun was renamed the Rashtriya Indian Military College after India's independence.

At least ten of the visiting "Rimcollians" went on to become Indian Army generals.

Among Pakistan's "Rimcollians" are former foreign minister Sahibzada Yaqub Khan, former Air Marshals Nur Khan and Asgar Khan, ex-foreign secretary of Pakistan Shahryar Khan former Pakistan Army Chief, Gen. Gul Hasan and at least two former state governors of general rank.

It is significant that both Islamabad and New Delhi allowed the reunion of "Rimcollians" in Lahore."

Extract from : The Asian Age, (dated 11.4.96)

CO-CURRICULAR ROUND-UP

Co-curricular activities and competitions are as important and significant at RIMC as the extra curricular as they also count equally for the over all championship. This term the co-curricular hustle-bustle began with the intersection English debate. It was a clean sweep for Shivaji as they left the second section, i.e. Ranjit far behind. The pick of the competition was Dhruv Yadav, who having spent hardly a few days in this college came 2nd in Juniors. Cadet Deepankar Nautiyal proved to be the best English debator of the college, finishing first in seniors. The second event was the interschool quiz competition, organised by K.V. O.N.G.C. as part of their Republic Day celebrations. College fielded 2 teams. Both of them qualified for the final round, for which 4 teams were selected from a total gathering of 45 teams. The teams finished 3rd and 4th respectively after a nail-biting tie-break, which was held when the first 3 teams were tied with 80 pts. each.

Next came the inter-section quiz competition's first round. Here it proved to be a one-sided affair as Ranjit section team spearheaded by Vikram Banta, completely outshined the other teams.

After this, there was a lull for a short period around our mid-term break but as a precursor to a hectic schedule for our debators who remained busy for a long period after that. It started with a debate held at the Welham Boys' school. The college team comprised Neeraj and Ankur and finished 3rd behind Welham Girls' and the hosts. It was followed by two debates on the same day, one at the Welham Girls' school and the other again at Welham Boys'. The College team comprised Bikramjit and Aayush Giri for the former and BTZS Appu and Dhilishman Hazarika for the latter competition. The college teams performed creditably here as well, although they couldn't end up in the prize lists. At the end came the grandest of them all, that is the All India RIMC challenge Inter-school quiz competition. The whole event was dazzling and magnificent, from the organisation to the gathering at the final show. The former been done excellently by Mrs. C. Joshi and Mr. V. Sharma with their small team of cadets and the latter made elite by the presence of academician of the stature of Mr. Shomie Das. Finally, it proved a magnificent showdown as the two traditional rivals of the Doon Valley, the Doon school and our alma mater itself fought it out inch by inch till the very last question of the buzzer round in a literally nail-biting finish. In the end it proved to be an excellent proof of the Rimco's quick reflexes and steely nerves as taking controls of all apprehensions and doubts about their ability the Rimcols did a successful & excellent coup de grace on the last question itself, thus edging out their rivals by a single point. It looks much like a farbicated fairytale but so it happened. The college also participated in an interschool extempore Hindi debate in Welham Girls' High School and the team comprising Ashish Pathak, Ankur Tewari and Neeraj Naithani gave a spell binding display of RIMC's mastery of this art by making a real clean sweep each of them coming out on top in his own department of debating, i.e. Ashish Pathak was adjudged best speaker for the Motion, Ankur Tiwari the best speaker against the motion and Neeraj the best rebutter. This really speaks volumes about the talent of our debators & goes on to assert RIMC's supremacy in the art of public speaking which they pick up from the RIMC's tradition to build leaders of men. Thus a successful term of co-curricular activities came to an end which saw our college prove its worth at whatever came its way.

- A. Kadian

RIMC - Sandhurst Cricket Match

A long-awaited arrival. The bright, sunny morning of 18th of April will be memorable to all concerned with RIMC. The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst had come to play a cricket match with the college cricket team.

The team comprising 17 officer cadets and 3 officers arrived at 8:30 in the morning. The officer-in-charge of the tour was Lt. Col. Grubb and the manager of the team was Capt. Nottingham. Upon their arrival they were introduced to the commandant. Thereafter, was the RIMC documentary presentation and an exhaustive briefing by the commandant.

The match started soon after. The captain-Ratnesh of the host team and Edward. Holmes of RMA went for a toss. The home team won the toss and elected to bat.

The 'morning shows the day' and the first over was a prelude to what was to be expected afterwards. Avnish Malik and Anand Bahuguna opened the innings with a bang. The spearhead attack of Gallimor was posing no problem for Malik as he struck a boundary of the 2nd ball of the match and another on the 4th ball. Charlie Scott opened the attack from the other end and was more impressive than Gallimor. However, Bahuguna got runout in the 4th over owing to an excellent fielding by Harris. The score read 22 for 1 and Bahuguna's individual score was on 6. Malik fell soon after to Gallimor when he snicked an easy catch into the hands of Holmes behind the stumps. Richie who had come at number 3 and Anurag at number 4 displayed master strokeplay and everyover seemed expensive. By the tenth over the score was 52 and in 3 more overs 30 more runs were added. Harris and Peasgood who had replaced the opening bowlers after the 12th over were evenly hit with the batsmen spanking them all over. Harris struck in the 17th over when Anurag playing to the covers failed to keep it down and Quantreu bringing up a spectacular catch, diving to his left. Then, entered Ratnesh who with his fine touches added glamour to the game and built up the score to 159 in 26th over. Richie crossed the 50 mark in the 26th over. Soon after Ratnesh fell to Peasgood. The innings of Ratnesh consisted of 37 runs made with 5 boundaries. The other batsmen entering the crease also made useful contributions pulling up the score to an impressive 196 for 7 of 30 overs. Another notable event was the 'catch of Jhonty Rhodes' pulled up by Harris at the Gully.

The RMA side got off a setback early in their innings when Malik bowled Timplin in the 4th over and the score reading 5. Hill at the other end was playing a slow but a steady game. Chamberlain who joined him up as 1st down stood with him till the 8th over. Then came the willing offspin of Jagrut who got Chamberlain Leg before in his first over. The score was 18. Then on no batsman was really sanding against the bowling attack, with wickets falling at regular intervals. No partnership exceeded 10 runs. Jagrut bowled some marvelous Zooters and chinamen to get Quantrell & Scott. The other batsmen fell cheaply, Sumeet Bhatt bringing down the rest of the innings. Hill stood ground at one end and carried his bat through the innings, scoring a well-equipped 23. The final score RMA all out for 62, in 21.3 over.

Scores :

RIMC : Richie 53, Ratnesh 37, Anurag 30, 196 for 7 in 30 Over

RMA : 62 all out in 21.3 over.

Damon Hill 23 Jagrat 4 for 15, Sumeet 3 for 13, RIMC won by 134 runs.

The match was followed by tea, and more than their cricket, the manner of the officers was impressive. They earned a lot many friends with their appreciative manner and more than the mementos their memories will be forever cherished.

- Cdr. Sambit Mishra, V A

Combined Hikes Round Up

"A sound body has a sound mind"

It is in the human instinct to get some entertainment and rest from its normal busy life. In RIMC the young minds are more demanding in this aspect as they are loaded with a hectic schedule of studies, sports and co-curricular activities. Our college has a provision for this also as it gives the cadets the opportunity to go on mid Term hikes.

This term the hikes commenced on 31st March with some classes leaving college. Unlike last term the environment outside the college was peaceful and carefree. The remaining classes left on 1st April & VA left on 2nd April.

The Novices, class I went to Kanesar. The scenic hills, along with snow and nature charmed these youngsters who left for their hike in high spirits Bonfires, dancing, singing, cooking competition cheerfulness and a football match with Doon School which was never played were the highlights. An encounter with pseudo hyenas was a memorable incident of this hike. Class I gave their special thanks to capt Khosia coming with them.

Class I A went to MHOW where they were received by Maj Gen Belliappa (VSM) Capt Rajiv Negi guided the cadets everywhere and class I A's warm thanks were given to him. It was a highly educative and motivating hike and the cadets enjoyed living and learnt a lot about tanks. They also saw the situation of a war, visiting many places of interest entertained these young minds. They were very thankful to Capt A.K. Sharma who was their hike master

Class II jampacked with all sorts of sporting equipments set out for their mini expedition till Mussourie. Capt Roveen who was their leader overpowered a cobra and showed it to the youngsters. A brave attempt by Cdt Ravi Kant to save a drowning child boosted up his class spirits. Lt Col MB Saxena organised a tea party for these youngsters for which he was thanked gratefully.

Class II A went to the scenic place of Pithoragarh where they were accommodated in the 4 Jat. The main features of this hike were firing, trekking, a cricket match with officers & an enjoyable train journey. At Bareilly Gen A.K. Singh and at Pithoragarh Col PIC Neogy organised their stay and helped in making their hike a success. A special thanks to them and Mr. Tyagi who as a hike Master made their hike a successful one.

Class III went to Joshimath located in the picturesque hills of Garhwal. The natural scenes were a feast to their eyes. Maj Rajen Chopra (ex Shivaji, Rimcollian), Lt. Geevesh Kumar & Col Dev Das took care of the cadets and organised a basket ball match between the cadets and the staff Lt. Tyagi received warm thanks for organising the full hike.

Class III A went to Patiala which once again included a lot of tanks & firing. The III A caets enjoyed a lot visiting the AC market and also played a basket ball match with the staff. Maj R.S.Mehta, Mech. Regiment organised their stay at Patiala and Maj. V.B Mark guided them at each & every place Their indispensable help was thanked. Mr. Bharadwaj's contribution to the hike was replied with a special thanks by III A.

Class IV left the college on 31st March for YOL. A hike to yol was organised for the first time. They were received by Gen Mohanti (ex commandant) and a Rimcollian organised their stay. Lt Col RSVerma Brig Samantha Ray and Col Salklan (both Rimcollians) organised the hike for the codets at YOL, Dharamshala & Pathankot respectively. Visiting some wonderful places like Kangra Valley, Palampur etc. Firing & trekking were the major highlights. Class IV thanks all of them along with Mr. D.N.Thapliyal & Mrs P. Sangal for their

co-operation.

Other than adventure on land, adventure in water was also organised in the form of white water rafting. The expedition was from Rudraprayag to Beasi and many rapids like 'the wall' and 'Daniels dip' were crossed. Body surfing & beach volleyball were also the sources of enjoyment. The cadets thank Mr. Ahlawat, Mr. Rajeev (INC), Mr. Sanjay (INS) and Mr. Anupam (INS) for their role in the hike..

Last but not the least, class VA went to Jim Corbett Park. Being their last hike as a class they made it a memorable one. Sighting a number of species of wild animals and enjoying an elephant ride were the main highlights. They also went to Nainital. Class V A thanked the DGMT Maj Gen Naidu, his wife and family, Col Parab & Mrs. Parab, Mr. & Mrs Chaturvedi and Mr. & Mrs V.Sharma & capt Meitei for giving them wonderful company.

Hikes were really a big affair. They were very properly planned out to make it a great success in plains, hills, jungles and rivers. Writing through the pages of the college chronicle I would like to seize this opportunity to thank on behalf of all the cadets each and every person including the college staff, the senior Rimcollians in various places and all the persons concerned which made these hikes enjoyable, memorable & highly educative.

Deepak Tewari

INTER-SECTION HOCKEY COMPETITIONS '96

Hockey the game of skill, technique and stamina, has always fascinated the cadets. Hockey is one of the important cups and the cadets have been interested in the game. Hockey is played throughout the term and a large number of youngsters have shown keen interest in joining the Hockey division.

The Hockey competitions this year were conducted from 25th April to 7th May. There was a slight delay in the conduct of matches from 1st May as class VA Boards were in progress. But that didn't put down the morale of the cadets. All the sections had practised hard and put up an excellent show of team spirit and fighting spirit in the matches. As usual, the Staff team under the captaincy of capt. Y.S.Meitei played in the senior section.

In the Rabbits' section, Pratap emerged victorious and S.K.Sahu of Pratap was the highest scorer. The juniors section saw victories coming up for Pratap section. The junior's standard of hockey was very good and a number of goals were scored. Abhik Mukherjee of Pratap Section was adjudged the most upcoming player and also the highest scorer.

In the middles section, many matches ended in a draw as all the four section teams were equally good and were not giving up till the last whistle. Ranjit middles came first in this section and Cdt. S.B.Singh was adjudged the highest scorer. The seniors teams of all sections were under great pressure as the cup largely depended on their victories. The staff team which was very good had the combination of Capt. Y.S.Meitei and Mr. Yashbir Singh as their forward players. The Staff team outplayed all the section seniors teams.

Chandra Gupta Seniors couldn't win any match as they failed to convert many goals. Their team captain who played excellently in all matches was adjudged 'The Best Player' of this series. When the last two matches were left, there were three hands on the cup. Ranjit with 2 matches left had to win both of them to win the cup. One for Pratap Section. Shivaji also required to win a match as a draw between Pratap-Ranjit Clash was there. The match between Shivaji and Ranjit ended in favour of Shivaji by default though Ranjit was leading on the score-board (1-0). The final match was a cup-tie match. Pratap got around 10 penalty corners, but failed to convert them to loose the match to Ranjit. The Ranjit goal keeper PPS. Mann kept very well stopping all the attacks from the Pratapian forwards. He also stopped a penalty stroke brilliantly to become the best goal keeper of this competition.

This year, the hockey competitions saw a large no. of goals being scored as well as some excellent individual talent. They are:-

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| BEST GOAL KEEPER | PPS. Mann |
| BEST PLAYER | Sourav Kar |
| MOST UP COMING PLAYER | Abhik Mukherjee |

The final positions of the sections were :

Shivaji I
Ranjit II
Pratap III
Chandragupta IV

B.Divakar

VOLLEY-BALL COMPETITION

College returned from hikes on 7th April, Sunday. The first sporting event after hikes was the Volley-ball competition.

Though the section teams didn't get enough time to practice, They put forth a good performance. The first match was played between Shivaji and Chandragupta, with Shivaji emerging victorious. The staff team also performed well in the matches, and remains invincible. Finals were played between Chandragupta and Pratap and the former won 2-0.

On the same day on 12th April Prizes were given to the winner teams. Shivaji section team was first followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit an Pratap. The best upcoming player was given to Anup Kumar Rawool. Finally the Volley Ball competition ended with three cheers for R.I.M.C.

Anup Rawool

INTER-SECTION BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP 1996

Like every year this year too the most awaited Boxing championship was held from 9th March-11th March.

The terms hardships proved to be fruitful for Shivaji section. It made a dream sweep bagging the trophy with Ranjit, Pratap & Chandragupta trailing behind.

The college watched many young boxers walking away with gold medals. Many tough rounds, many easy rounds & many rounds with equal knocks were fought & the deserving boxers earned for themselves a medal each.

College saw many previous losers winning & many winners losing. Shivaji again after a lapse of few decades managed to reach their previous record by having 8 finalists out of 12. Unlike preceding years this year many new things were displayed inside the ring. The determination, the spirit, the killing instinct & the diehard policy of fighting back of each boxer had no match.

The standards of the bouts was undoubtedly high which could be made out by the less number of K.O.'s & R.S.C.S. Moreover the least numbers of fouls given by the referees indicate the high graph of the standards.

Apart from the pugilists efforts there are many people behind each victory. The role of the seconds is commendable & is worth mentioning. The sections witnessing the match, moving their lungs out while cheering up do deserve an appreciation.

This year the best boxer award was given to Akheto Jakhlu & Deepak Tewari was adjudged as the best loser. Sushil Minhas for his excellent performance throughout his stay was promised with an 'on the spot blue & blazer' & also Jakhlu & Punar Mann were awarded a 'blue' each for the same.

Ayush Vaish

"SPORTS ROUND UP, 1st TERM 96"

The term began on the 18th of January as usual, but this time the bathroom renovation work was on in full swing, hence to the utter delight of the cadets morning PT was cancelled while this was the happiest news in the world for some or most of the boys but the boxers started off with serious practices from the day one itself. The same spirit and tempo was carried till the 9th of March when the inter section boxing meet began and in the fight of guts, stamina and skill Shivaji emerged as the champs followed by Ranjit, Pratap and

Chandragupta. The high lights was an excellent show by Shivaji by producing six weight winners out of a total of 12 & thus, asserting a clean sweep.

Though the boxing practises were the first to start, the intersection, Basket Ball meet was the first one to commence and was scheduled from the 18th-23 Feb/ 96'. The competition was keenly contested & resulted in Ranjit's victory followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji & Pratap. Raja Wangdi was adjudged the most up coming player.

After the boxing meet the sections got down seriously for the cricket cup, basically because the world cup fever was still on & it was an opportunity for every cadet to prove to be Jayasurya or Kumble or even Waqar or Healy for his team. The competition began on 24th fo March and it was a keenly contested affair and a very high standard of cricket was to be seen. The competition ended with Ranjit emerging 1st followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji & Pratap. Some of the highlights were Pratap seniors defeating C'Gupta by 145 runs, the latter while chasing a target of 169 runs got all out at a petty score of 25 runs out of which 11 runs came out of extras. Secondly Sumit Bhatt's hat-trick in the middles section was an extraordinary affair. Also much talked about Jitendra Kumar's legcutters are also worth mentioning.

The next competition in the row was volleyball which began soon after the mid term break. Though a lot of time could not be devoted for the game yet the standards put up by various sections were excellent. the intersection volleyball competition began on 10th of April and saw Shivaji emerging 1st followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Pratap.

The last sports competition for the 1st term 96 was hockey and practises for the same had begun immediately after the mid term break. The intersection hockey competition began on the 24th of the April & continued for over a week and the closing ceremony was conducted on the 3rd of May. The result of the competition was eminently in favour of Ranjit Section but due to last minute disqualification of their seniors team, the cup went to Shivaji section which was otherwise third. Punar Mann was adjudged the best goalkeeper & Sourav Kar the best player of the tournament.

The final positions of the various sections in the overall sports cup after the term were 1st Ranjit, 2nd Shivaji, 3rd Chandragupta, 4th Pratap and their points towards the Gen. V.N. Sharma's championship trophy were 34, 31, 22 & 14 respectively.

Apart from this various other sporting feats were accomplished by the college during the term, Cadet Ritwick Bhattacharya earned laurels for the college when he got selected for the Indian squash team to be fielded for the World Juniors championship to be held at Cairo in July.

It is heartening to note that he did prove the Rimcollian mettle while the selections for the Indian team was on when he defeated India's 3rd seeded player in straights sets and thus earned himself a place in the Indian team. As a matter of fact the same person used to defeat Ritwick in straight sets earlier.

This time our college cricket division was benefitted a lot as they were provided with a qualified cricket

coach and his hard & strenuous coaching did prove its worth. When the college team was seen defeating the Old Boys team during the Reunion 96' in Delhi, and also accomplishing a cake walk over the Officer Cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, who were invited by the Indian Military Academy for the very same purpose. Also the team was seen putting up a spirited fight against both the NDA and IMA teams.

- Neeraj Naithani

RIMC STAFF MATCHES

VS IMA STAFF

On 10th April 96, the college staff team played against the IMA staff team in the Nizam Stadium in IMA. The toss was won by the comdt (RIMC staff Captain) and chose to field. The IMA openers were back in pavilion when the score read 1. Our staff team fielded exceedingly well and restricted the IMA staff for 129 runs for 7 wkts in 25 overs. The RIMC staff team was opened by the commandant Col. D.H. Parab and Lt. A K Tyagi. As Lt A K Tyagi's wkt fell, Mr. Manish Gurung took over the job. He along with the commandant played some excellent strokes and kept the score board moving. He made a quick 48 runs. Then Mr Manoj and Mr V S Rautela (our circket coach) took over and led the team to victory with four overs to spare.

Final Socre :- IMA STAFF 129/7 (25 overs)

RIMC STAFF 130/5 (120.2 overs)

The Staff team's excellent fielding and batting fetched us the victory over IMA saff team.

Vs Doon School Staff

The much awaited clash between our college staff and Doon school staff was played on 21st April 96 at the Doon School grounds. The commandant won the toss and elected to field again. The 2nd over saw their opener Dr Arora going back to pavilion. It was once again our day as our college staff team's fielding was excellent. The wkts came at regular intervals and the Doon school staff team found it very hard to hit our bowlers. They were all out for 109 which included 4 run outs and 3 excellent catches taken by our team.

Our openers were quite confident as the target was a not a tough one. After the commandant getting run out, Lt. A.K. Tyagi went in and gave a good stand to Col. Arun Dravid who played a brilliant knock of 26 runs. Then, Mr. Manish Gurung and Maj Shivender took over. It was once again Mr. Manish Gurungs day as he played an excellent knock of 28 runs and remained not out. Maj. Shivender who couldn't shine well in the previous match out played the Doon staff bowlers. He made 23 runs and remained not out which include 3 continous boundaries. The two batsmen led the team to victory in the 23rd over.

Scores :- Doon School staff 109 all out
RIMC staff 110 / 5

Return Match Vs IMA

On the 24th April the RIMC staff played a return match with the IMA staff on our grounds. This time the comdnt won the toss and decided to bat. Our innings was opened by Col Parab & Col Dravid & though Col Parab's wicket fell quite early in the 3rd over, Mr. Manish Gurung the next batsman managed the innings very well along with Col Dravid, Col Dravid's wicket fell when he was at 26. After that our wickets were seen falling at a considerable pace from one end while Mr Gurung our run machine kept the score board moving from the other end. In the due 30 overs Mr Gurung & Mrs Chandra Joshi took our teams' total to 189 runs which included an unbeaten knock of 116 runs by Mr Manish Gurung. The IMA like the previous match had a shattering start & our bowlers bowled so effeciently that none of their batsmen could stay for long and finally they were bowled out in the 24th over at a poor score of 117 & thus our team once again triumphed over the IMA team, this time by a huge margin of runs.

B Divakar

RIMC CHALLENGE ROUND OF QUIZZING

The RIMC challenge round of quizzing was introduced in 1993 to promote general awareness and a sense of seeing and learning things happening around, among the school students. This idea received an overwhelming response from all the leading public schools of the country and today this quiz competition is one of the most prestigious and renowned competition. The previous year saw the Welham Girls Highschool bagging the trophy in a very composed manner. We at the college were all desperate to win this competition because we being the host team had never won. This year we saw our dreams come true as we won this competition in a very exciting and nail biting finish.

This time there were 6 teams including the Welham Girls and the Brightlands who had bagged this trophy before. Then there was the Bishop Cotton School, The Doon School and The Lawrence School, Sanawar. The participants from RIMC were Cadet Sambit Mishra, Cadet Vikram Banta and Cadet Amit Singh Tomar. The quiz masters for the competition were Mrs Chandra Joshi and Mr Virendra Sharma, assisted by Mr Vishwakarma and his team of back stage management.

As soon as the quiz started off, RIMC had a very good start and we were leading with a very comfortable margin in the first three rounds. But in the visual round, the other teams covered up. The famous kala brothers (Mohit Kala and Navneet Kala) of Brightlands with their high visual capabilities and sound knowledge of movies geared up and dominated the stage in this round. Even the welhams who are known for their immense know how about English songs and movies could not match the Brightlands.

The newly introduced Display Round and spotlight round were great success. As far as the points were concerned the display round was not much of a success for any team but it literally stole the show as the questions were coming and walking on the stage. I think this was the only round where questions were

more interesting than the answers.

But the deciding factor was the buzzer round. The Brightlands who were initially leading made a suicide attempt and lost many valuable points. In the end the last question was the cup deciding one. The Doon school was ahead of us by one point. So we made a go and pressed the buzzer. It was a very exciting moment when we answered the question correctly .

Even the audience took active interest in the competition as they were motivated by the Bar Ones offered for answering the question thrown open to audience. At the end of the day it was found that majority of the Bar Ones went to Welham Girls and their teacher bagged two of them.

The chief guest Mr. S.R. Das former Principal of the Doon School and Lawrence School congratulated everyone for making the show a grand success. He was highly impressed by the organisation and the conduct of the Quiz and congratulated Mrs Chandra Joshi and Mr Virendra Sharma for the outstanding conduct.

Speaking at the end of the question the commandant Col. DH Parab thanked the chief guest Mr and Mrs S R Das, the participants, the quiz masters and rest of the organising team for the excellent conduct of the event.

In keeping with the tradition of the host team, the Doon School received the trophy for the 4th edition of RIMC challenge round of Quizzing. To end it all there was a cocktail and dinner party for members of staff, participants and all the spectators.

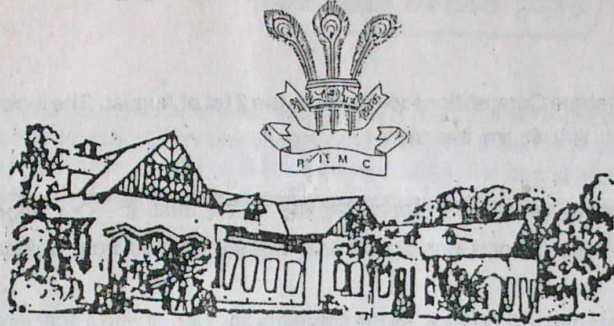
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EDITORIAL

We welcome you all to yet another edition of the Chronicle. The past two-three months have been very eventful for the RIMC.

Firstly, we had a very successful mountaineering expedition to Mt. Thelu (6002 m) & Mt. Koteshwar (6080 m). Then it was Ritwick Bhattacharya who made history by being the first cadet of RIMC, to represent the country in an international event i.e. squash world juniors championships held in Cairo.

In the NDA merit list, we had 6 positions among the first 10 positions including 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 10. The renovation work is going on in the college on a large scale. In fact the college was lucky to get a longer vacation because of the same reason. The preparations for the Platinum Jubilee have started right away. It promises to be a grand show.

We are fortunate to have Lt Col Diljit Singh (ex-Ranjit) as the new AO. In the academic staff Mr. Brijesh Chauhan has joined as the new Physics teacher, replacing Mr. Sanyam Bhardwaj who bade farewell to the college last-term.

We have all this and much more about RIMC, in this edition.

★ VIKRAM BANTA

INTER SECTION HINDI DEBATE 1996

The Inter-Section Hindi Debate Competition took place on the 21st of August. The juniors topic was भारत को अंतराष्ट्रीय खेलों में भाग लेना बंद कर देना चाहिये।

The seniors topic was "कश्मीर का अतिरिक्त स्वायत्ता देना राष्ट्र के लिए घातक है". Our judges were Mrs. Jugran from Welham Girls, Dr Byala from Doon School & Mr. Shashi Bhushan from Welham Boys.

The juniors competition started at 5 O'clock. All the speakers spoke well with a special mention of Anshul Bhatt of Chandragupta Section & Gaurav Soni of Ranjit Section. Both of them gave a highly spirited & interesting talk against the motion. Anshul Bhatt was adjudged first & Gaurav Soni was adjudged second. Ashwini Mani got the Commandant's special prize.

The standard of the talks given out in the seniors section was extremely high. A high level performance was exhibited by all the speakers. Amit Gupta, who spoke for the motion, gave an impressive speech & this along with an excellent rebutting reply won him the first position. Ankur Tiwari of Chandragupta Section, who also spoke for the motion, delivered an excellent speech but failed to match Amit Gupta & won the second position. Anurag Kadian was given Commandant's special prize in the seniors section. In the Rebutting section, Divyendu Sharma of Ranjit Section came first.

The final section positions were

Shivaji - 4th
Pratap - 3rd
Chandra Gupta - 2nd

Ranjit Section once again retained the Cup.

The judges spoke highly of the standard of all the speakers. The prize distribution was followed by the Commandant's address. His speech concluded the intersection Hindi Debate Competition.

★ Symantak

SQUASH OPENS 1996

RIMC squash opens have become a very regular affair in our college and this game has gained immense popularity. Every day cadets can be seen in the squash courts after lunch and throughout the day on holidays. A total of 178 cadets took part in the opens which itself speaks of the popularity of the game. A large number of staff members also took part.

The opens were divided into 5 categories:

- (i) Under 14
- (ii) Under 16
- (iii) Veterans - over 50
- (iv) Ladies
- (v) Opens

In the Under 14, a large number of new faces were seen. Karan Sagar met Karan Mor in the semi finals while the other semi final was fought by Shakti Singh and Dhruv Yadav. Karan Mor & Shakti Singh met in the final which Shakti won by 2-0.

The most spirited player was Karan Sagar.

The under 16 saw very keen fights in the semi-finals between Nitin Rawat and D Hazarika and Anand Bahuguna played T T Jamir. Nitin Rawat played Anand Bahuguna in a closely contested final to win 2 games to 1. The most spirited player was Aayush Giri and the best upcoming player was Gaurav Yadav.

The veterans section was won by Mr. R C Chaturvedi who defeated Col YSK Gosain in the finals.

The ladies opens was won by Mrs C Joshi who defeated Mrs Mamta Tyagi in the finals.

In the opens section the semi finals were played between Y R Singh and Nitin Rawat and between PPS Mann and Sumeer Chopra. PPS Mann won the opens easily by defeating Y R Singh in the finals by 2-0. The most spirited player was T Jamir. PPS Mann was adjudged the "Player of the opens".

The squash opens was very well conducted under the guidance of Capt. Roveen. Very attractive prizes were given in the lucky dip.

The squash opens concluded on 26th May with great pomp and show.

★ Aayush Giri

NDA

RIMC Cadets did it orice again showing excellent results in the N D A Entrance examinations or Jul 96 with 11 of our boys securing their positions amongst the first 15, in the merit list.

The merit list is as follows :

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|---------------|-----|
| Gaurav Batra | 1 |
| S Mishra | 2 |
| Kranti Kumar | 3 |
| A Malik | 5 |
| A Tomar | 7 |
| S Tanwar | 10 |
| Abhilash D | 11 |
| B K Chaitanya | 12 |
| P Srivastava | 13 |
| U Khatiwada | 14 |
| A Tembe | 15 |
| A Patnaik | 21 |
| P Sidhu | 23 |
| D Nanaiah | 38 |
| A Mohan | 40 |
| H Singh | 286 |

★ Kanoongo



MR. BISHEN SINGH BEDI'S COACHING CAMP (CHAIL)

On 14th May 1996 Ashish Kumar and I came to know that we had been selected to attend Mr. Bishen Bedi's cricket coaching camp. We had been given this chance as we had many seasons of cricket ahead of us. So, after getting all the things required for the camp, we started off for Delhi on 16th May and reached there at night. After reaching there we went directly to Rajputana Rifles Mess where our accommodation was provided. The next day morning we went directly to Nehru stadium. We were informed by a coach that we had to report next day at National stadium. The next day at the National stadium our selections were done by Mr Bedi. We got through the selections very easily. In

Delhi it was mainly a conditioning camp. Everyday we used to go to the National stadium and do many fitness exercises and net practice. On 26th morning we left for Chail Military School where our accommodation was arranged. In Chail we were coached and trained in net practice, bowling on a single wicket and playing matches by Mr. Bedi and his three other coaches. We also played a few five-day matches which were a great experience for us. There we got a chance to play with many good players a few of them being from Ranji trophy too. We were taught many good tactics of bowling like a googly, flipper, a late ball etc. Mr Bedi was impressed by us which also helped us in learning a lot from him. We were also taught many good styles of batting and told that a good temperament was essential for us to score many runs. In this way this cricket camp was very enjoyable and helpful to us as we are related to cricket.

★ Raman

CROSS COUNTRY '96

This ultimate test of stamina, will power, speed and zeal was held on the 17th of August this term. The day was as usual a Saturday with one more big event taking place i.e. the arrival of the 1st termers.

Life started off in the Dorms very early and by 5.30 am the DSOI parking area was swarming with many zealous, and spirited persons ready to give out their best.

The Juniors X-country commenced at 6 am and the first steps to tread the grass with new dew over it were those of Ashish Kumar who finished first. Juniors were pumped up with a lot of enthusiasm as they approached the starting point. Juniors had to do only one round of the DSOI ground. Chandra Gupta section juniors ran really well with 12 cadets landing in the first 20. The least count was placed at 18 cadets per section in juniors. All the cadets finished the route successfully. The section positions in juniors were as follows.

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|------------------|-------|
| (i) Chandragupta | - I |
| (ii) Shivaji | - II |
| (iii) Ranjit | - III |
| (iv) Pratap | - IV |

The top ten individual positions in the juniors section were as under.

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|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| (i) Ashish Kumar | (C) | (ii) Hazarika | (S) |
| (iii) S. D'souza | (S) | (iv) Rakesh Verma | (S) |
| (v) Chourjit Singh | (R) | (vi) Partha Barua | (C) |
| (vii) Koroulemba | (S) | (viii) Chandrakant Kothari | (C) |
| (ix) Anand Subba | (P) | (x) Ayush Vaish | (S) |

Seniors, the ultimate decision makers who could decide the fate of their sections began their run at 6.30 am. The run proved to be a turning point in the section positions. The least count was kept at 22 cadets. The section positions in seniors were as under.

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|--------------------|-------|
| (i) Pratap | - I |
| (ii) Shivaji | - II |
| (iii) Ranjit | - III |
| (iv) Chandra Gupta | - IV |

The 1st 10 positions in seniors were as under.

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| (i) ND Singh | (S) | (ii) Praveen Kr. Aggarwal | (S) |
| (iii) Hari Narayanan | (S) | (iv) Wati Jamir | (C) |
| (v) Anoop Kunwar | (P) | (vi) Ved Vyas | (P) |
| (vii) Priyadarshi Dhar | (R) | (viii) Jaideep Singh Patial | (C) |
| (ix) Sachin Mi | (P) | (x) Ayush Vaish | (S) |

N D Singh was awarded a blue on the spot for his excellent show. The defending champions once again emerged victorious in an unexpected way. Hardly anyone of Pratap figured in the top 10 but the average runner did the charisma.

Section positions were as under.

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|---------------|-------|-------------------|------|
| (i) PRATAP | - I | (ii) CHANDRAGUPTA | - II |
| (iii) SHIVAJI | - III | (iv) RANJIT | - IV |

This keenly contested run through soft grass and hard road ended with 3 loud cheers for RIMC.

9TH WORLD JUNIORS MENS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

A report by Ritwick who went to Cairo

After the selection for the world juniors, all of us went through a series of coaching camps. The team also went to Malaysia for a warm up tournament a week prior to the WORLD JUNIORS. We played the MILO DUNLOP GRAND FINALS OPEN from the 2nd to 7th of July. I finished 9th in this tournament out of a total of 26 participants from Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and India. The tournament was won by Arif Paul. Akhil Behl and Shondip Ghosh finished 3rd & 6th respectively.

On the 10th of July, the Indian team left for Cairo by Gulf Air. THE WORLD JUNIORS - MEN'S SQUASH COMPETITION was divided into 2 parts. The first week was the individual open championships and the 2nd week was the team event.

In the 1st round of the Open Championships I played Alexander Muller from France to whom I lost 3-1. All the 1st round losers played the plate event in which I played Hartaj Bains (the No 1 seed from Kenya) whom I defeated 3-1. In the 2nd round I lost to Chris Davies of Switzerland 3-2. Arif Paul and Akhil Behl both reached the top 32 where they lost to Peter Yick from Canada and Mohd. Hussein from Pakistan. The individual team championship was won by Ahmed Faizy of Egypt who beat Stewart Boswell of Australia in an exciting Final.

We had a day off before the start of the Team Event Championship on which the Egyptian Federation took us to see the famous Pyramids of Egypt, the Egyptian Museum and to finish with a cruise down the Nile.

In the evening the opening ceremony was held at the Cairo stadium where all the teams did a march past with their respective National Flags followed by a small show.

On the first day India played Kenya where we had a 3 - 0 victory.

The next day we played Netherlands who defeated us 2 - 1 in very close matches. The following day India played Kuwait which was also a tough team. I played as the 3rd seed instead of Rohan Bhappu and won my match against Kuwait (3 - 0). Our loss to Netherlands which apparently was our only loss in the whole tournament made us finish 2nd in our pool and was the reason why we were unable to come in the top 16 countries.

We played Brazil the next day whom we defeated 3 - 0 and this win assured us a place in the

top 20. Next we played South Africa. I played in the team but lost in a close match. India won 2-1 and we played Scotland on the final day whom we beat 2 - 1 to come 17th out of a total of 29 countries. India had come 19th in the last world juniors out of 25 teams.

THE WORLD JUNIORS-MENS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP was won by England who beat Egypt in an another close and exciting final. Pakistan and Switzerland came 3rd and 4th respectively.

The closing ceremony was followed by dinner and the 9th WORLD JUNIORS came to an end on the 26th of July. We returned to India on 28th after a fantastic fortnight of exciting squash and great exposure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lt Pradeep Singh and 2nd Lt Atinderjit Singh with whom I stayed in Bombay, Capt Rajdeep Brar who had helped me out a great deal especially during training and RIMC for giving me full support and the confidence to do well.

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139TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF R.I.M.C

The 139th batch of 26 cadets who joined RIMC in the year 1992 graduated on 28th May 1996. Unlike their counterparts from any other higher secondary school, the cadets of RIMC with shaped personalities got their seats assured in the NDA for further training and molding to attain the target of becoming officers in the defence services.

Though the Graduation ceremony is a part of tradition, it is an occasion, which provides the opportunity to look back and see the achievements made by the college in the past term.

The Commandant of RIMC, Col DH Parab, highlighted the 100% result in the NDA entrance test conducted by UPSC and the success in bringing back the fully functional and well equipped hobbies. The performance of R. I. M. C in various co-curricular areas such as quizzing, debating, painting, elocution etc. did bring bliss to the parents. The Commandant made a special mention of Mr. K S Ahlawat, the Vice Principal, and his staff for their dedicated services.

The function was marked by the presence of Mr Din Dayal as Chief Guest. The veteran teacher who taught in various leading public schools in India and abroad during his 42 years long tenure, served RIMC from 1955 to 1962 as the first Indian Principal. The activities like morning assembly, prayer

system, academic proficiency cards and co-curricular activities like music, rifle shooting and mock parliament are the tall tales of Mr. Din Dayal's seven years tenure at the college. For his laudable service at the RIMC and the report which he wrote after returning from England, to the HRD Ministry regarding the contribution English Public Schools could make for the development of similar schools in India, he was awarded the 'PADMASHRI' in 1970.

The chief guest gave away the Prizes and Proficiency Certificates to the outgoing cadets. Cadet S Minhas and A Jakhlu were awarded college Blazers for their outstanding performance in Boxing. The prestigious Sword of Honour presented by Air Chief Marshal N C Suri, was awarded to Cadet Surjeet Singh, the best all rounder amongst the outgoing cadets, with special reference to officers like qualities. Bagging of Sword of Honour by Cadet Surjeet Singh, son of a farmer, is an example of how a boy with rustic simplicity is molded into an officer.

Mr. Din Dayal presented a trophy to the college, which will be given to the section attaining proficiency in Mathematics. He made suggestions like sending our teachers abroad in an exchange programme of gaining knowledge and making RIMC a co-educational school, as our country is looking for young lady officers too. The function ended with staging of a hindi play by the Cadets.

★ S Paul Samy



TERM END PICNIC

The term end picnic is a regular feature at the college. It is a prelude to the summer vacation and marks the beginning of a month and a half of re-couping of the masters from the college work.

As it was announced by staff secretary, Mr S P Bhatia, all the staff members with their families assembled in front of Cadets Mess at 4 PM on 29th May 1996. This time there were many guests like Major J Gamlin (ex-P), Mr. Shaukat Ali's sister and her husband, brother in law of Capt YS Meitei and nephew of Col D H Parab.

The Picnic spot was Lacchiwala, located 25 kms away from college. The place is undoubtedly the best for Picnic. The beautiful landscape is gifted with a canal flowing across.

The Picnic party reached the spot at 5 PM on the same day. It was well equipped and provided

with all sorts of assistance by the college authorities. Altogether 3 vehicles were provided.

A spot on the bank of the canal was selected. After unloading the equipment, the game '7 tiles' was played followed by cricket. The requirement for winning was not prowess, but the strong vocal chords that would ensure a win in the most vociferous arguments.

After all the running and sweating, the canal was the most sought after venue and everyone enjoyed a dip in the cool water.

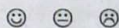
This was followed by some good music and dance. The weather gods did try to disrupt the activities but everyone moved into a sheltered area and did not let the storm dampen the spirit.

The singing competition that followed brought to light some of the oldest tunes through Mr C S Vishwakarma and Maj Gamlin besides the rebuttal display of dances by Mr. P K Sharma and Mr Bhardwaj. The singing competition was spiced up now and then by Col DH Parab with his Gorkhali numbers.

As a final part of the picnic, the members enjoyed the hottest food ever served. Though the food was simple puri and chole, it was delicious.

Thanking everyone who worked hard to make this picnic a success, the Commandant left the location followed by others.

★ S Paul Samy



RENOVATION

In view of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the renovation works in the college started as early as November 1995 where by in the first stage large scale plantation was carried out all over the college and around the Catchpole guest house.

By this time the college had succeeded in getting ample grants so that the renovation could be facilitated. The winter vacations '95 were utilised in the repair of bathrooms and when the cadets

returned they did find it difficult to adjust with just half the bathrooms opened but were happy with the renovation done as now each bathroom had a mosaic floor, a geyser and a tap each.

Throughout the term too renovation works were carried out in full swing and the college was on its way for a much fresher and a younger look.

The most important of the works was the completion of the much awaited Catchpole guest house. By the end of the term the Catchpole guest house had acquired the dream shape and the work on it was successfully completed.

Alongside with all this the repair work of dorms too began. In the first phase Ranjit Seniors & Middles dormitories shifted to Shivaji Middle & Ranjit Juniors dormitories. Meanwhile to share the burden in the true RIMC spirit the Shivaji Middle dormitory shifted to merge with their junior & seniors dormitories.

When the cadets returned after their summer break, they were delighted to see constructions coming up for an additional set of toilets for each section. Pratap Middle & Senior dormitories were closed for repair and they shifted to Chandra Gupta Juniors, some of them shifted to the Pratap Junior dormitory as well and Chandra Gupta Juniors merged with their senior & Middle dormitories.

The renovation work is still on at present and one hope to see the college looking its best by the Platinum Jubilee.

★ Neeraj Naithani

("SAVE OUR GOAL" : TO THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM)

"Save Our Goal" to College Football team. Our counterparts in the Rimcos Analysis Wing (RAW) have just intercepted a highly confidential file which was seen in Com's office concerning football. After bribing RAW with pancakes and cakes we got the file which was in a secret code.

We sent our agents (football Div weak cadets) to decode it. After a lot of mental exhaustion they decoded it in a record time of 1 month (Usually football div weak cadets take 1 year). We have found out that this time the staff is going all out to win against the cadets. The Commandant and Capt. Meitei are the masterminds of this plan and they have named this operation - OP SELF GOAL.

The staff is planning to get some one from outside. On reading this, our college football captain

thought that the Commandant had made some contacts with the aliens and was getting them for the match (our team captain is highly influenced by science fiction novels). After a secret conference, lasting two days we came to know through the RAW that Maj Gamlin is coming to play for the staff. The matter has been transferred to the Cadets Bureau of Investigation (CBI). They have found that Maj Gamlin is an excellent forward and has got exceptional striking capabilities. He specializes in tackling backs who hit the ball less and players more. (sad piece of news for the college backs). CBI has found Capt. Meitei's diary which has some entries like Mr. Raj Kumar, Asst coach who will be playing half, Mr Yashbeer who has excellent directionless shots).

At last, not to mention Capt. Meitei himself the most feared player because of the versatile use of his body (punching, kicking etc). His shots are aimed not at the goal but at the opponent. But do not worry Cadets, we have found a commission to tackle all this - RIFCA ie. Rimcos Football Coaching Association have launched 'OP GADAR' with RAW and CBI and have got together some tactics to solve this threat.

- (i) All NE footballers who are there in the team have done a crash course in the laying of booby traps from ULFA & NCEN and are going to use it.
- (ii) Every player is carrying a .003 mm safety pin SP (special purpose) to sabotage the ball.
- (iii) Weak cadets have been taken out so that there is no chance that Mr. Yashbeer Singh, Mr. Ahlawat & Mr. Virender can get a chance to stop a goal.

So Rimcos don't get worried, the match won't be so easy as the staff thinks. In the end I would like to thank CBI, RAW and our agents (weak cadets) for their efforts to give us the chance in the field to show that it is not the goal, ball and score that matters, it is the opponent you play which matters.

★ Punar Mann

RIMC EXPEDITION TO MT.THELU AND MT. KOTESHWAR : JUN-JUL '96

On 11th July 1996, a team of 11 cadets summited Mt. Koteshwar (6080 m) in the Garhwal Himalayas at 11.30. am, accompanied by the team leader Col. M P Yadav, Deputy leader Capt. A K Shama, Medical Officer Dr.Capt. V K Gupta and 4 NIM instructors. Earlier, the same team had

conquered Mt. Thele (6002 m) on 7th Jul'96. With this, the RIMC cadets again found a place in the pages of Mountaineering History.

It was a moment of great joy for all of us. Our full team had scaled the peaks. This team spirit had only locked us together in a chain which could not be broken at all by any bad weather, difficult and snowy terrains and foggy white outs. In fact, I would rather say that we never conquered any mountains but only paid homage to them.

Our trek started from Gangotri where the road comes to a dead end. The long and tiring trek of 18 Km to Gomukh never left me free to admire the surroundings except for a few moments when I used to look up to see the snow and peaks ahead as I was walking.

The way till Gomukh is generally treeless though patches of pine trees and later birch trees could be seen at times. Gomukh (400m) was our base camp where our team carried out acclimatisation training. Our actual adventure started from here onwards. We did a load, ferry and trek to the Advanced Base Camp at Raktavan and returned to base camp in adverse weather conditions. The weather that day was very foggy and it was drizzling. This trek also gave us the first experience of a long and tough trek with heavy loads on the back and in bad weather. The next day, we shifted our camping to the ABC at Raktavan.

Raktavan is the place which got its name from the red rocks found in this region. We were in high spirits to climb both the peaks simultaneously as a whole team. The way to the summit was a steep climb. We got the motivation from time to time from our instructors when we were tired. But we never gave up. The spirit of adventure and mountaineering was still active in us. The summit climb to Mt. Thelu was through vast snow fields, steep ice and rock walls, rocky terrains, deep crevasses and delicate cornices. It was now that we required a lot of will power as many of us were ill with problems of headache and breathing. We had to face acute mountain sickness for sometime, as we were new climbers. But we adjusted fast and never gave up. We always imagined a flag flying high at the summit and decided to reach it somehow. We used fixed ropes to cross the snow walls and the instructors gave their helping hands whenever we lost our balance and slipped down. After 8 hours of hazardous trek we reached the summit at 12.00 noon. It was the happiest moment of our life as it was the first time we all were on top of a peak.

The second peak Mt. Koteswar was higher but not as tough as Mt. Thelu. Before we started for the 2nd peak, we rested at Raktavan (ABC) for a day. That day, we recovered ourselves both physically and mentally for the next peak. The route to the summit required a lot of rock climbing

techniques and courage. We had already got the required training from NIM and so, we didn't face much problems. The final climb to Mt.Koteshwar came to an end when our team summited successfully after walking for 5 hours. We had to cross a long cornice on the northeast ridge of the peak which was a very dangerous one. A small mistake here would lead us to death. Atop the summit, we celebrated our great success and thanked God for the divine help given to us from time to time. We felt as if we were touching the sky from the peak.

The view of other peaks from both the mountains was a spectacular one. It includes the most prominent and high peaks of the Garhwal Himalayas such as Shivaling, Kedar Dome, Kedarnath, Bhagirathi group of peaks, Meru, Sree Kaillash, Sudarshan and so on.

A special word of thanks to our cook and porters who took care of us at all time. During this expedition, we learned a lot, enjoyed, had fun, saw adventure and educated ourselves about the Himalayas. Our best time was in the tents when we used to joke, play cards and which we always waited for during trekking. It is a matter of great pleasure and pride that I was a member of this expedition team. I have always wondered of going to the Himalayas, along the river in its heart-Bhagirathi. The mighty Himalayas, its wilderness, snow-covered peaks, the glaciers and rivers flowing through them are a great source of action for those who love mountains and nature. Our team is grateful to our Leader, Deputy Leader, Medical Officer, the NIM Instructors, our cook who made us enjoy every meal throughout the expedition and our friendly and caring porters. We are grateful to Brig. D K Khullar for flagging off the team, our Commandant and everyone else at RIMC who have made this expedition a grand success.

★ B Divakar

OP 'KHAMOSHI' : A TRUE STORY

"Khamoshi" came to town in the hall "Chayadeep" but leave was not allowed for college because of a cholera epidemic in town.

Some of us decided that 'Khamoshi' was worth the risk & decided to see it nonetheless. Now came the planning.

First, how many ? It should not be too less (too big a punga if caught) it should not be too

much "too many cooks spoil the broth". An optimum number was decided. Then, when? After a lot of consideration, we decided on the 8-11 show, as there was a staff party on that day.

Now the last decision was the route. We decided on over the wall route as we considered it the safest on that day because staff presence in the anterooms sealed off all other routes.

D-day, all preparations were done, we had the money & the excuses. All of us left the Mess one by one unnoticed & gathered in front of Pratap section. From there to the pavilion & then we were safe as we were out of sight. We quickly jumped the wall, walked some distance & then caught an auto till the hall.

Enroute, we had a close save - Capt. Ajay Sharma suddenly came out in front of us from the Goyal studio. Some of us looked away, some bent down to tie their lace & then we had passed him & were safe.

The tickets posed no problem and the movie was as good as expected.

After the movie we gobbled a quick bite enroute and came back the same way. Soon we were all asleep with another "Victory" under our belts.

NOTE - Certain details and names have been with-held for the safety of all those involved.

★ A Randevea



COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

I am indeed happy to learn of exceedingly commendable performance of RIMC Cadets in NDA Entrance Examination of Feb 96. My heartiest felicitations to you and the staff of RIMC for a praiseworthy performance.

Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, AVSM, VSM



It was indeed a great morale booster for me to be present physically at the last Graduation Ceremony of RIMC in spite of my advanced age. This was made possible due to your sincere efforts to get me released from my house arrest, to which I have been subjecting myself for some years.

Din Dayal
Chairman Emeritus



The Rimcollians posted in UNAVEM-III, Angola had a get together in Mar-Apr 96 in this lovely country. Some of the Rimcollians here have not yet become Life Members of Rimcollian Old Boys Association and I have motivated them to do so, primarily in view of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Mar 97.

Lt Col V Y Gidh
14 PUNJAB



Please accept my heartiest felicitations for successfully organising and conducting the mountaineering expedition to Mt Thelu (6002 m) and Mt Koteswar (6080 m), by the cadets of RIMC. Indeed a creditable achievement, an effort par excellence in leadership, camaraderie, team spirit and esprit-de-corps.

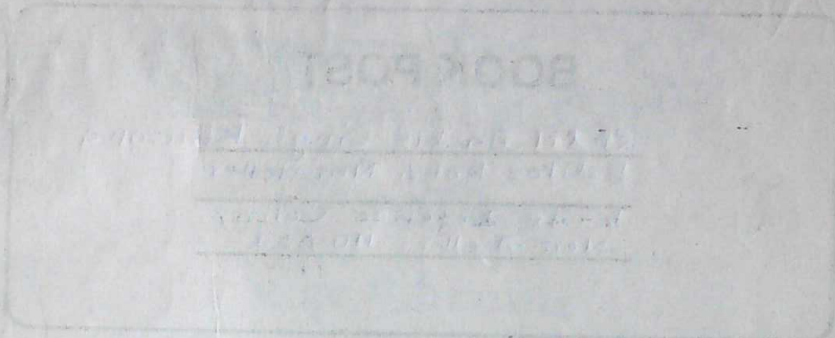
Please do also convey my felicitations to Col MP Yadav, VSM, leader of the expedition and other members of team.

It certainly is a great achievement in the annals of RIMC. I am confident it would inspire and motivate future generations to scale greater heights of glory and fame.

Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, AVSM, VSM

Just received April-May 96 edition (No 73) of the college chronicle. Excellent to read through it. I can imagine what a wonderful job is being done in the school. One does not have to find where the credit lies. We are proud of you.

Maj Gen SD Mahanti, VSM



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EDITORIAL

As time ticks on, with every second we inch forward into the folds of a new era which would unleash changes for the good of our college. But if we stop for a moment and look back into the glorious past of RIMC, we would find that this almamater of ours is about to complete 75 years of yeoman service to the defence services and the nation.

Yes, the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations are round the corner and will very soon bring together a large family - The Rimcollian Family. The President of India has kindly agreed to be the Chief Guest on this occasion and a lot of Rimcollians are expected from across the border and the UK.

The college is going to put up a good show for the Platinum Jubilee. The construction work

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is now in its final stages. A lot of visits have been made to Delhi by the Commandant to work out the things and mobilise the funds. Reservations are being made for the guests' accomodation all over the valley. Besides this, a number of other assignments are keeping everyone busy, just to ensure a grand success.

In the sports field, RIMC once again outshone the other schools specially in squash where we maintained our dominance in the national arena by winning the under-19 team title. In the under -14 event, RIMC bagged the runners up trophy. Individually, Ritwick and Awish did extremely well and have been called for the trials of national under -19 team for Asia Juniors. Then it was the District Athletics where we stole the limelight by winning the 'C' division and the marchpast trophy. The football team did the college proud by winning a number of matches. A special mention of the traditional RIMC - Doon School match where we beat them. Even our staff team beat the Doon School staff by a huge margin of 6 goals.

We also fared well in the field of co-curricular activities, as we went on to establish our supremacy in debating and quizzing in the valley as well as at the All India Competitions. We are fortunate to have Capt Muninder Gupta (ex Chandragupta) and Capt Jasbir Singh Kabarwal (ex Shivaji) who have joined the academic staff.

□ VIKRAM BANTA

SPORTS ROUND UP

The August term has its own kind of attraction, as far as sports are concerned. It comprises Football, Swimming, X-country and Athletics.

Football :

As always football once again proved to be the most popular game in RIMC. It is evident from the fact that the team began its schedule of matches with other teams within 3 days of the re-opening. The college football team participated in the Jackie and the Limca Tournaments. The team could not do very well in Limca tournament, though they performed exceedingly well in the Jackie tournament. They won their league matches but failed to make it to the semi-finals. Cadet T T Jamir was adjudged the best player of the tournament. RIMC also played matches against other teams of the valley:-

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| (a) | RIMC | Vs | B C S |
| | 1 | | 3 |
| (b) | RIMC | Vs | Children's Academy |
| | 2 | | 2 |
| (c) | RIMC | Vs | Modern School |
| | 3 | | 1 |
| (d) | RIMC | Vs | Doon School |
| | 1 | | 0 |
| (e) | RIMC | Vs | Doon School |
| | 1 | | 1 |
| (f) | RIMC | Vs | Scindia School |
| | 2 | | 1 |
| (g) | RIMC | Vs | Sports College |
| | 1 | | 2 |

The intersection football competition was held in Sep 96. In the junior section, Pratap stood I, followed by Ranjit, Chandra Gupta and Shivaji. In the middle section, Chandragupta were outright Ist, followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji. In the seniors, Pratap won all the matches and stood Ist followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji. The overall positions were :-

| | | | |
|--------------|---|------|-----|
| Pratap | - | 20.5 | I |
| Chandragupta | - | 20.0 | II |
| Ranjit | - | 13.0 | III |
| Shivaji | - | 03.5 | IV |

X-Country :

Cross-country was the first event to take place this term. The routes were changed once again and like the previous term, grass-route was selected. The over all positions were :-

| | | |
|-------------|---|-----|
| Pratap | - | I |
| Chandrgupta | - | II |
| Shivaji | - | III |
| Ranjit | - | IV |

Cadet N D Singh, Praveen Aggarwal and Hari Narayan secured first three positions in seniors where as Cadet Ashish Kumar, Cadet D Hazarika and Cadet S D' Souza were among the juniors top three. Cadet N D Singh (S) was awarded on-the-spot 'BLUE' for his outstanding performance. He has since left the college due to medical reasons.

Swimming :

This year was a surprising year as far as Swimming competition is concerned. The section which rarely touched the two-digit in the point tally, came first. The Chandragupta section lifted the trophy with 55 points closely followed by Ranjit with 53 points. The III & IV positions were shared by Shivaji and Pratap Section.

Cadet B Cariappa (C), the main architect of Chandraguptas victory, was given a 'Blue' for his excellent performance in swimming while Cadet Section Commander Kannan Selvam (R) was adjudged the best swimmer.

Athletics :

The term ended with Athletics. It was held from 17-19 October. In the A Division, Cadet S Chandan (C) broke the High Jump record and was adjudged the best athlete. In the B Div, Cadet A Srivastava was the best athlete. He stood first in 100, 200 and 400 mtrs events. In C Division, Cadet NCO, A Mohapatra was given the Best Athlete Trophy. He won 100 mtrs, 200 mtrs, 400 mtrs and 800 mtrs events.

In the overall positions, Chandragupta section came first with 98 points. The second, third and fourth positions went to Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji. Cadet Ashish Kumar was awarded the most spirited athlete prize.

□ RITESH SINGH

(6)

- (b) Welham Girls (3 out stn teams)
1st (Ankur Tiwari & N Naithani)
1st (Rebuttal - 1st)
For Ashish Pathak
(1st Against)
- (c) Doon School : 6th position.
A Tiwary & Amit Gupta (Comdt's special prize)
- (d) Kashi Naresh (14 Schools)
1st position for 6th time.
A Tiwary, A Gupta & Divyendu Sharma
- (e) Welham Boys Poetry Competition :- 4th.
(1st termer) Anoop Sharma - 3rd position.

In quizzing too, it has been a very rewarding term. The College quizzing team participated in a number of inter school competitions, notable being the Limca Quiz, the IIP Science Quiz and the Friends of Doon Quiz on environment and ecology. Our Quizzing team comprising Vikram Banta, Anurag Kadian, Manish Mehlawat, BTZS Appu and Saunak Ghosh came third in Limca & Friends of Doon Quiz.

MID TERM HIKES : AUGUST TERM '96

In spite of the term being very short, the college went for hikes this term too, although the days were reduced to about four only. The cadets enjoyed themselves thoroughly in these four days.

Class I, as per the tradition, went to Kanesar. They were accompanied by two cadets of Class VA. After establishing their base at Kanesar, they enjoyed their trek to the river. They also had various competitions like cooking, volleyball, etc.

Cadets of class IA decided to take the cycling hike to Chandigarh. They were enthusiastic and enjoyed this though it was a tiring trip. They had an enjoyable time in the famous Chandigarh market.

Class II chose the heights and decided Dhanaulti to be suitable enough. The other attractions included the visit to Mussoorie, Sahasradhara and Jehri. They had a nice time amidst the clouds of Dhanaulti.

Class IIA went to Ambala. They were led by some cadets of class V. They met Col Marvinder Singh (Ex-AO) in Ambala. They had a lovely time, seeing the various arms and ammunitions and also had a nice experience of firing some of them. They also enjoyed in the local market.

The most rigorous and tough hike was that of Class III. This was the mountain cycling hike. Although the expectations were very low, it turned out to be a successful and educative hike. The cadets enjoyed the fabulous sights in the Garhwal Himalayas as they cycled all the way through these mountains for about 300 kms. They joined class IVA rafting hike on the last day.

There was also a joint hike for classes IIIA, IV and some cadets of classes V and VA to the land of milk and wheat - Punjab (Amritsar). They had a lovely experience visiting the Indo-Pak border at Wagha. Their other visits included the visit to the Golden Temple, wild life park and also the local market.

Class IV A as usual went for White Water Rafting to Kaudiyala. They had a completely different bouncing experience in the gushing cascades and rapids of the Ganges. Towards the end of their hike, they had a lovely camp fire with the cadets of class III.

The college football team however didn't go for these hikes, since they had to go to Delhi for the LIMCA SOCCER TOURNAMENT. They had a nice time enjoying themselves at the BABA SEHGAL NIGHT and in having the hot chocolates and pizzas of Narulas.

In this way, the mid term break for the August term '96 came to an end.

□ M. Kanungo

NATIONAL SQUASH REPORT

On the 4th of September '96, the RIMC Squash team left for Delhi to play the Inter School North Zone qualifying rounds.

The qualifying rounds started on the 7th of September. All the three categories ie. (under 19, 16 and 14) won all their matches against their respective opponents. In the under 19 category, we defeated Modern, Doon, B C S and the Mayo College. The under 14 team also turned victorious against the Doon, Modern, D.P.S and Mayo College.

The exciting features of the tournament were the fighting comeback by A Bahuguna against N Chowdary after being down 8-0. Ritwick Bhattacharya overcame Rajat Khanna convincingly in the under 19 category. Shakti Singh fought back against R Pandit after losing the first game 9-0.

Due to our good performance in the tournament, we were allowed to stay back for a camp of 10 days.

Then we moved on for the Little Master's Squash Tournament in Bombay. Two major upsets were created in the under 14 category. Shakti Singh toppled the number 2 seed John Paul in 4 sets while Nambiar stunned the top seed, Sony Juneja. Ritwick Bhattacharya was the

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runner-up in the under 19 category.

We went to Madras where we stayed in the OTA. We played against the schools and reached the finals of under 14 and under 19 category. We emerged as winners in the under 19 category against Doon School and were runners up in the under 14. The under 16 team managed to come third. The most exciting match was between Awish Jaiswal and Vishal Sawhney of Doon School in which Awish was victorious in a nail biting finish.

In the individuals, Shakti Singh and Nambiar reached the quarter finals in under 14 event while Awish Jaiswal reached the quarters of under 19. Ritwick Bhattacharya was the runner up in this event. Thus the college squash team returned to college with a number of laurels and putting up the RIMC name all over the country.

□ *Shakti Singh & Siddharth Shah*

THE 52ND DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET

The 52nd District Athletics Meet was held in the Doon School on 8th & 9th of November 1996. This year our college took part in the B (U-14) & C (U-17) divisions. It also took part in march past and X-country in D section.

The events on 8th started off at around 8.30 AM. RIMC began with a bang, having Chourjeet Singh winning the shotput and qualifying for 200 mtrs finals. But RIMC failed to make the grade again in C division 200 mtrs. In the after lunch session Cadet Chourjeet Singh came 11nd in 200 mtrs finals in B division. The C division had a fairly good time with S Bhat coming 2nd in Javelin and Rochak Sethi coming 3rd in Long Jump. The day ended for RIMC with a superb 800 mtrs win by Anurag Mohapatra.

The next day which was the 9th of December, had an early morning session at 6'O clock for the cross country runners who had to leave the college by around 5:45 AM. RIMC had Ved Vyas Samal coming 2nd and Sachin Mittal coming 5th in the overall positions in the 8 kms run.

The morning session next day began at around 9'O clock. The first event of the day was 100 mtr heats for all divisions in which Chourjeet Singh and Rohan Falnikar qualified for the finals. In C division discuss RIMC made a clean sweep by coming first and second. The winners were Rochak Sethi and Amol Raina who came 1st and 11nd respectively.

In the after lunch session RIMC had Rohan Falnikar coming 2nd in 100 mtrs. In the 110 mtr hurdles RIMC had both participants qualifying for the finals. In the finals Prabal Mallick came 1st. In the 400 metres RIMC saw Anurag Mohapatra pulling off another splendid victory.

The last event of the day was 4 x 100 mtrs relay heats for all divisions. In the B division 4 x

100 mtrs relay heats RIMC came first. In the C division also RIMC came first. In the 4 x 100 mtrs relay finals RIMC came 3rd in B division and 1st in C division. The day ended with march past in which RIMC was outright first. We thank Mr K S Ahlawat and Capt M Gupta for their help and the various P T Instructors for their help during the practices and the competitions.

The overall positions of RIMC were 3rd in B division and 1st in C division. We also bagged the march past cup. The overall performance of RIMC in the 52nd District Athletics meet was commendable.

□ S Bhatt & N Naithani

LIMCA SOCCER : 96

After the mid-term examinations, all the classes left for their respective hikes except for the football division, who were supposed to go to Delhi to participate in the Limca Soccer Tournament.

The first eighteen of the seniors football team of college left for Delhi on 2nd of October in the evening by train. The college team enjoyed themselves in the train as they were spirited and determined to do well in the tournament and were in good mood.

They reached Delhi on the 3rd October at 6.00 AM. Then they went to the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium where they were accommodated. Their first match was against the Army Public School, on the very next day. Then they went out to enjoy themselves in the famous places of Delhi like Khan Market, Connaught Place etc.

In the evening at 4'O clock the team was called for a practice football match. Mr. Rawat and Capt Meitei were certainly impressed by seeing the improved standards of the team. Then they took rest, had dinner and went to sleep early and most important of all prepared themselves mentally for the match next day.

The next day they got up early and had a practice session after which they had their breakfast and took rest before going for the match.

At 10.30 AM the bus came to pick up the team who had to play their match at 11.00 AM in Modern School, Barakhamba Road. The match, started off with great 'josh' which remained till the end of the match. The team made many moves and played very well. However, they were not able to score a goal and when the final whistle blew, the board read 2-0.

After the match, the team was totally disheartened as it was their first and very important match. After all the hard practices which the team had put in the result was unexpected.

However, just after the match the team was again joined by Capt Meitei which had a lot of effect on the morale of the team. They totally prepared themselves for their next match and were

determined to win anyhow. Their morale was further boosted up by Capt Meitei who took the team for 'Baba Sehgal' show in the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

The next day the team again played a good game and in the 1st half the first goal was scored by Cadet NCO, A Sunderlal Sharma. However, the opponents who were the St. Joseph's Academy, Tamil Nadu, were strong and the team finally lost 2-1.

But this time it didn't matter so much as the team played an excellent game and tried their best. That evening, the team went out to see different places and they enjoyed themselves.

The next day again the team roamed around in Delhi. They enjoyed themselves that full day and prepared themselves as they were to leave the next morning by bus for Dehradun.

The next day in the morning they caught a bus and reached the college in the evening. It was 7th of October and the rest of the college had already come back from their hikes.

The college team was welcomed back. They were praised for their 'josh' and the hard practices which they had put in.

Although the team had not performed so good but surely they had gained a lot of experience. Their game had also improved and they came to know their faults which would make them practice hard for a better performance in the future.

□ *Anshul Tarkeshwar*

FOUR SQUARE WHITE WATER CHALLENGE

With the increase in heartbeat we tightened our grips on the paddles. The waters were smooth just before the turbulence began & with that began the frantic paddling and shouting over the din of the raging river. This was just a moment out of our experience extending over four days.

It all started off on the 13th November 1996; actually a lot of cadets had given their names & all of us were eagerly awaiting the final list of cadets who were going. On the 13th, we got the list of cadets & were told that our OIC was Capt Munidera Gupta. We had to leave on the 14th at 12.30 hours. (Our Board exams finished off at 11.30 hours).

We loaded on & were off by 12.30 & reached Rishikesh at around 1500 hours. Capt M Gupta and self went for the co-ordinating conference, while the rest settled in.

On 15th was our first event - 'The raft sprint'. We did surprisingly well & landed 15th out of 27 teams. Later on in the evening we had a cultural evening. The highlight of the evening was an extremely interesting conversation with the Assam girls team.

The next day we had 2 events 'Raft Marathon' & 'Raft Slalom' We did very well in both & were the topic of a lot of conversations as we landed 15th & 11th respectively despite being the youngest & the most inexperienced team present. That night we had a seminar which was very interesting & educative.

On the final day, we decided to go to Mansa Devi (a temple in Haridwar) & then go for the finals as the finals were in Haridwar. We invited the Assam girls team along & reached in time for finals after some sightseeing. Soon the prize distribution was over & it was time for us to leave.

We took back along with us a lot of experience & quite a few and exciting memories.

□ Akshay Randewa

DEBATING IN SHIMLA

It was many days before hikes that the cadets were told about a different debate which was to take place for the first time for school students in India.

On the 8th of October, the Commandant, selected a team during classes which was to consist of Cadet Amit Gupta, Cadet Digvijay Singh, Cadet Anurag Kadian and Cadet Neeraj Naithani who was the standby. On 9th morning, we left the college at half past six and were on a bus bound for Chandigarh by 7'O clock. We had our breakfast at the Paonta Sahib bus-stand.

At 1 O' clock in the afternoon we were there in Chandigarh, having our lunch inside the sector -17 bus-stop. After having our fill we boarded a bus for Shimla and occupied our seats. The bus had a few stops before we reached Shimla and were waiting for a taxi there at 6 in the evening. After a bit of enquiring about the Bishop Cotton School in Shimla we finally succeeded in managing a cheap taxi. We reached the B C S campus at about seven and found to our dismay that the lots had already been picked and we were pitted against the Welham girl's School in our very first debate. The 12 hours journey had taken its toll and momentarily forgetting the debate we had our supper in the students' mess and after that shifted our baggage. Once we reached the room for the visiting debaters, we found it in a state of utter chaos. The other boys who had arrived before us had spread their belongings so nicely that we could not even make out, alongwith our guides, the beds we were going to occupy. Complying with the existing norms we also threw our luggage in a haphazard manner and went to the school library to prepare our

topic. The topic was " UN represents shattered hopes and mere American Imperialism". After preparing our topic we went off to sleep that night.

Next day, ie. 10th of October, we were woken up in the morning by the bearer of our bed-tea. After that we got ready and went for breakfast. Then, we went to the chapel, attended the prayer, sang a hymn and a psalm along with the school before moving out for the Irwin Hall, where our debate was going to take place. Ours was the 3rd debate of the morning, so we went out for our final rehearsals. Finally, the time came for our debate to start and we went and sat on the stage facing our opponents, the Welham Girls trio. It was a nice debate and a very close one where they were saying that UN is useless and we kept saying that it's very useful.

After the debate, the headmaster of the B CS, Mr. Kabir Mustafi finally came on to the stage and said, " The closest debate of this Competition we have seen till now and the motion is carried". We were bewildered, much in the same manner as the French Republic after it lost in the finals of the Euro Cup to the Germans - by virtue of sudden death. We consoled ourselves with the help of the fact that we had lost by a margin of only 2 points and Cadet Digvijay Singh had tied for the best speaker with a girl for our debate. The full competition saw only one more debate which was as close as ours. This was the final itself where Doon School, propped up by the debating prowess of Rajat Khanna just edged past the Mayo Girls'school team by a margin of 2 points again. This happened on the final day of the competition. We spent the rest of our time by roaming around in the Hall and exploring the B CS campus. It was a very nice experience, a great debate. I suggest RIMC should have a similar pattern for our inter-section debate. It was this time during which I learnt many things and made many friends.

I conclude with a request that college should keep sending its teams for this debate in the future.

□ A Kadian

AUG TERM 1996 : SSB RESULTS

| | <u>Ser Name</u> | | <u>Result</u> |
|-----|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Gaurav Saini | - | Fail |
| 2. | Aribam Sunderlal Sharma | - | Fail |
| 3. | Santharam Suri | - | Pass |
| 4. | Vikram Banta | - | Pass |
| 5. | Ashish Pathak | - | Pass |
| 6. | Akash Karwal | - | Pass |
| 7. | Kannan Selvam | - | Pass |
| 8. | Ashish Bhattacharya | - | Pass |
| 9. | Punar Mann | - | Pass |
| 10. | Nithin Kuttappa | - | Pass |
| 11. | Deepankar Nautiyal | - | Pass |
| 12. | Aman Singh | - | Fail |
| 13. | Nithin Cariappa | - | Pass |
| 14. | Richie Richardson | - | Pass |
| 15. | Siddharth Sharan | - | Fail |
| 16. | Akshay Randeve | - | Fail |
| 17. | Anurag Mohapatra | - | Fail |
| 18. | Rochak Bakshi | - | Pass |
| 19. | Himanshu Panwar | - | Pass |
| 20. | Ratnesh | - | Pass |
| 21. | S Minhas | - | Pass |
| 22. | A Jakhalu | - | Pass |

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Col V Y Gidh (Ex-AO) returned from his United Nations Mission in Angola. The college bade farewell to him on 6th Sept through a special Assembly.
2. Rimcollian, Maj Raja Bhattacharya (Ex-C Gupta) visited the college on 9th Sept 96.
3. Maj Gen BK Kataria (Ex Pratap) visited the college on 11 Sept 96.
4. Lt Gen H B Kala, GOC-in-C of 11 Corps visited the college on 12 Sept 96. He agreed for the scheduled Punjab Hike to Amritsar and Jalandhar.
5. Two new coaches, Mr. D S Rawat for football and Mr Katoch for basketball have joined our games staff. These coaches are from the Sports Authority of India.
6. Maj J Gamlin who did miracles in the field in the staff football team joined back his regiment after his Staff College Exams.
7. The entire college was issued the Combat Jackets popularly known as 'Short Coats' among Rimcos. Earlier this had been stopped some time in the late 1970.
8. The U P S C written examination for the N D A Entry were postponed from Sept (due to elections) and were held on 27 Oct 96. Cadets have done well.
9. Capt Muninder Gupta (Ex- Chandragupta) of 15 KUMAON and Capt Jasbir Singh Kabarwal (Ex- Shivaji) of 10 BIHAR have joined the staff as new instructors.
10. Brig D Mukherjee (Ex- Ranjit) who is very famous for his penchant for the college Scotch eggs, paid a visit to the college.
11. In the staff, we had Capt Ajay Sharma tying a nuptial knot on 14 October. We wish Capt & Mrs Ajay Sharma a **very happy married life**. Col & Mrs D H Parab, Capt Meitei and Mr Prashant Sharma attended the marriage at Jammu.
12. The Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen N S Malik, visited the college on 6th November 1996 to inspect the construction works going on for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

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| LETTER TO RIMCOLLIANS |
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Dear Rimcollians,

This is to inform you all that RIMC is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee from 11 to 14 Mar 1997. The President of India has kindly agreed to be the Chief Guest on this occasion. We are expecting a large number of Rimcollians from Pakistan. The tentative programme for the same is as under :-

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENTS</u> |
|-------------|--|
| 11 Mar 97 | (a) Squash Matches (Old Boys Vs Cdts). (b) Inter Section Boxing. (c) Dinner. |
| 12 Mar 97 | (a) Cricket Match (Old Boys Vs Cdts) (b) Beer and Lunch (Pavillion/Cdts Mess Lawn) (c) Audio Visual (History of RIMC). (d) Comdts Dinner. |
| 13 Mar 97 | (a) Guard of Honour for the President of India (b) Release of first day cover, postage stamp and book on the history of the RIMC (c) High Tea with the President. (d) Hobby Clubs display. (e) Cultural Show and Prize distribution. (f) ROBA Dinner. |
| 14 Mar 97 | (a) Wreath Laying. (b) ROBA Annual Gen Body Meeting. (c) Dispersal. |

You are requested to grace the occasion by your presence and make the RIMC Platinum Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

□ EDITOR

RE-JOINDER TO RIMCOLLIAN NEWSLETTER

The Editor of the 'Rimcollian' (the ROBA Newsletter) in the last issue had felt that it was not correct for the Comdt of the RIMC to not have hosted the 1996 Rimcollian Reunion in Dehradun. The Comdt subsequently replied to the 'Editor' giving genuine reasons for the inability of the institution in conducting the function at Dehradun. A copy of this letter is published for your information.

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08 Nov 96

1. This is in reference to your 'editorial' in the Jan to Jun 96 issue of the 'Rimcollian' in which you have expressed your views on the matter of the Reunion 96 being celebrated in Delhi and not in Dehra Dun.

2. The following clarifications are sent herewith so that these can be published in the next edition with a view to bring out certain facts in this matter and our limitations/compulsions in not being able to host the function here:-

- (a) The venue had to be shifted due to the extensive repairs being carried out in the campus. Infact most of our bathrooms were under repair and even the cadets, had to for almost a month, use the bathrooms in the 'teachers houses' to make up the shortfall.
- (b) Thanks to the previous GOC-in-C Central Command, Lt Gen RK Gulati, PVSM (now retd), we have got works worth Rs 1.80 crores sanctioned, which have been underway since Jan this year. Such a massive works project has never been sanctioned before (not even during the Golden or Diamond Jubilee). The RIMC was in no state to host the re-union as it would have adversely affected the progress of these works - notwithstanding that with the rubble and the mess created by these works it was just NOT possible to take on the reunion.

3. I would also like to add for the information of the readers of the 'Rimcollian' that in the older days the reunion was held alternatively at Delhi and Dehradun, and hence no tradition has been broken by holding the reunion at Delhi, for once, because of reasons beyond our control.

4. I would like to add that casting aspersions on the Commandant RIMC and the Sub Area Cdr, Dehradun Sub Area just because they are 'Rimcollians' is in bad taste and is in no way commensurate with the facts of the case.

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