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Editorial

The Orwellian 1984 is out and 1985 has been rung in. George Orwell's prophecy may not have come true, but it can not be denied that the year was a turbulent one for the country. 'The old order changeth yielding place to the new', the old year has gone, yielding place to 85. The country walks, once again, with renewed vigour and determination towards its goal of peace and prosperity. For us here at the RIMC, the new year and the new term brings promises and new challenges.

The cadets and the members of the staff, came flocking to their beloved institution. With their arrival, the deserted campus sprang into life and returned to its hectic routine. The College family has been further supplemented with the arrival of the new cadets on 21 January.

We are pleased and proud to report that our Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, has been awarded the Chief of the Army Staff's commendation Card for his distinguished service to this institution. Our hearty congratulations to him.

COAS VISIT RIMC.

The Chief of the Army Staff Gen AS Vaidya PVSM, MVC* AVSM, paid an official visit to the RIMC on 29 Nov 84. On his arrival, he was presented with a colourful ceremonial guard of honour. After inspecting it, the Chief laid a wreath at the War Memorial. Then the COAS addressed a special assembly held in his honour. In his welcome address, the Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM said that the Chief's career, ".....is an inspiring saga of gallant command, outstanding leadership, conspicuous personal courage and unusual heroism. A veteran of many a battle field.I must not fail to highlight that Gen Vaidya has the distinction of being the most decorated soldier in the Defence Services of the country since independence." In his speech, Gen Vaidya said, "..... In my service career I have come across officers who were trained, in their young age, at the RIMC. Seeing their work, their standards, seeing how well they behaved during duty hours and also during off duty hours, my estimate of this institution has been rising higher and higher." The Chief was highly impressed with the institution. He said, "The enthusiasm, the neatness, the tidiness of this place has certainly impressed me a great deal".

The COAS presented a memento to the College. After the assembly he had tea with members of the staff and the Cadets.

GOC-in C's VISIT.

The visit of the COAS was closely followed by the visit of the GOC-in-C Central Command, Lt Gen Bhupinder Singh, PVSM. The Army Commander was with us for about an hour. He had tea with the members of the staff and the cadets before leaving for IMA.

INTER-SECTION OBSTACLES RACE

The Inter- Section Obstacles race was held on 08 Dec 84. It was a keenly contested event in which the Pratapians emerged victorious followed by Shivajians, Ranjitians and Chandraguptaians.

NDA RESULTS

RIMC Cadets have reaped a rich harvest in the merit list for the 73rd NDA Course. Once again we figure in appreciable number in the top ten and first twenty five in the country.

REMINISCENCES.

(Mr Terence Gorman son of Mr. ML Gorman-who had been a PTI at RIMC from 1922-35 -visited us in December 84. This visit brought back nostalgic memories to his mind. He has been gracious enough to contribute a brief write up for the Chronicle-Ed).

"My father RSM ML Gorman was a PTI here from 1922 to 1935 and while serving, he had been awarded the MBE. He had a great love for the College and was so attached to it that he used to talk about RIMC till he died at the age of 79. After leaving RIMC, Mr ML Gorman went to England where he rejoined the army and served right through world War II.

Our family used to live in the bungalow next to the main entrance and I still remember small thing like learning to swim in the swimming pool 50 years ago.

I have returned here with many fond memories and it is wonderful to find that the RIMC has hardly undergone a change."

TO RISHIKESH

It was an ideal occasion for a weekend hike after winning the Athletics shield. So we, the gallant Shivajians planned to set off for Rishikesh after an early dinner at 7 p. m. Our plan was to proceed from Dehra Dun to Rishikesh via Doiwalla. It was a distance of 45 Kms. We had taken our rations and sent an advance party consisting of MK Singh and Neelkamal to arrange for accommodation. Unfortunately ten of us took the wrong route and thus in the process the group split up into two. Chauhan and I led the first group and MPS Gill led the others.

We cycled through the darkness, hoping earnestly that we would reach Rishikesh without any mishap. But once again dame luck shied away from us and one of ^{our} bicycles had a puncture, so his bike had to be wheeled along.

MK Singh was waiting eagerly for us at the 'Rest House' and in we marched greeting each other happily. After that we had a second dinner at 12.15 a.m. and MK Singh was sent to the Bus stand to receive the rest of us. They arrived at about 1 A. M. tired in body but boisterous in spirit as ever. The only food left was tinned stuff and none of us had a tin cutter with us. We somehow managed to open them. Then began the night club, full of dancing, singing and a lot of jokes.

Next day we proceeded to Lakshman Jhula for a bath in the holy Ganges. After taking a lot of snaps in all kinds of funny poses we at last decided to leave the place. We had a sumptuous lunch and were rather depressed at the unwelcome prospect of returning to RIMC for yet another spell of busy and routine working day. We started from Risikesh at 3.30 p. m. and without any accident or incident managed to reach Dehra Dun by 7.30 p. m.

Thus ended our trip to Rishikesh which was really an experience.

RK Nair
Cadet Captain

FACES IN A CLASS ROOM

'Variety, thy name is humanity' is not only an eternal rhyme, but also a reality. One can observe a variety of faces in the classroom while the teacher goes on with his teaching. These are the broad divisions :—

Attentive Faces—They see, hear and follow everything which the teacher speaks or writes on the black board. They can answer any question put to them by the teacher concerning the lecture.

Non-Attentive Faces—They neither see nor hear anything in the class. "Nothing" is their motto. They come into the class with a blank look and go out with the same.

Semi-Attentive Faces—They are found almost everywhere in the classroom. They see and hear every thing but do not follow much due to lack of attention.

Pretentious Faces—They constantly smile when the teacher explains something. But in fact they don't understand anything.

Sleeping Faces—They are the back benchers. They sit with their eyes closed.

Semi-Sleeping Faces—They are middle benchers. They are constantly opening and closing their eyes, feeling sleepy but afraid to do so.

Nodding Faces—They are those who keep nodding their heads now and then.

Now my dear friend, may I know which one is yours ?

Cadet JS Brar
Class— VA

Modern Life—As I See It

The twentieth century is noted for its rapid progress in all aspects of life. The advancement made especially in the field of science and technology has helped to raise our standard of living and provided facilities to make life comfortable and worth living. What an individual seeks especially after a day's tiring work is pleasure and happiness which eludes him in this modern world of ours though he may boast of conquering time, distance and space.

The foremost cause of man's unhappiness is the proliferation of nuclear arms which has created fear psychosis among the poor and underdeveloped nations. Nuclear plants are now established almost in all developed and in a few developing countries. India has already acquired it and Pakistan is on the verge of obtaining it. Such nuclear activities have led nations of the world to suspect one another and thus, the world of ours has come to stay on a dump of high explosives with men with lighted cigarettes in their mouths. Any reckless man may set the whole world ablaze. Those of the optimist sort may claim that nuclear power illuminates our cities and runs our sophisticated factories but little do they realise the hazards it has created. The nuclear hazards have given rise to fear, arising out of nuclear fall out. It has become very difficult to dispose of the waste material. If dumped into water its harmful effects on aquatic animals, can hardly be conceived. If it is despatched into atmosphere then the air gets polluted and the very span of man's life gets reduced.

Let us think of the nuclear disaster which occurred in an island belonging to the Americans. By chance there happened to be a leak in the nuclear plant, which gave the outlet to the radio active materials. Many perished, due to this and the surrounding atmosphere got poisoned what have we got in return from the nuclear activity? It has added only to our fear, unhappiness and frustration.

Let us go back of the First world war when weapons were manufactured to maintain peace and security but it resulted in a world wide conflagration. The peaceful harnessing of atom was transformed into a dreadful atombomb which reduced to ashes the two cities of Japan.—Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The effects of that bomb of 1945 can still be witnessed from the present generation of the two cities. Atom bomb and still more the Hydrogen bomb have caused new fears involving new doubts as to the effect of Science on human life. Indeed in some ways Science has made man the worst type of a criminal. Man is staying in constant fear of being annihilated.

Take for example—the medicines which have come up to cure diseases. They do cure certain diseases but there remains the after effects of those medicines. Laser beams are sometimes used to cure Cancer but it may not be forgotten that if it reaches any other part of the body; leaving the affected area, it would cause more harm.

We live in constant fear of being invaded by our neighbours and this dread is because of our becoming conscious of their sophisticated weapons. In order to resist the threat, you also pile up arms and gradually there is an increase in weapons in the world. This has led to a greater threat to world's security and existence. Thus happiness can never be brought about when man lives under constant fear of being destroyed.

Another progress is in the mode of communication and transport. From the daily news you at least come to hear of some accidents and of course accompanied with it, a few deaths. This is the result of the increase in traffic which causes congestion and bring more accidents and deaths. Such a state of affair can hardly bring happiness.

The progress in Science and Technology has made man more materialistic, ambitious and greedy. In order to achieve his ends man indulges in all sorts of activities or tricks in which he slowly gets entangled and has no chance of freeing himself. His concern is more for wealth than the welfare of his fellowmen. The result is unhappiness. Take for example the case of modern homes where divorces occur very frequently. Divorces are caused by quarrel between wife and husband mostly for wealth. Modern couples lack love, affection, co-operation and happiness which in fact are cardinal principles of good living.

Progress in Science and Technology has no doubt raised our standard of living but has done nothing to increase our happiness in life. If human race is to survive and live in peace and amity, it must restrain its unbridled desire and stop hankering after more and more wealth and material comforts. He should on the other hand make an effort for spiritual spree—the realization of which would help to remove the sense of insecurity and sordidness which mankind faces at present.

Cdt D.S. Bhattacharjee
Class VA

Commandant's Mail Bag

Maj Gen Karan Singh, SM, Deputy Adjutant General wrote to the Commandant. His letter is reproduced below :

1. Gallup comes to RIMC is a good reaction reckoner and appropriate subject added to the Chronicle of 30 Sep 84. The opinions expressed are helpful to both; the Staff as well as the cadets. It is worth having this sort of an exercise once a term or at least once a year.
2. Please congratulate the Staff as well as the cadets for achieving spectacular results for the 73 NDA Course.

हिन्दी विभाग

जिन्दगी

“जिन्दगी” शब्द बोलने, सुनने, पढ़ने तथा लिखने में कितना छोटा लगता है। लेकिन, यदि हम इस पर गहराई से सोचें तो शायद इस पर पुस्तक लिखी जा सकती है।

ईश्वर ने अपने बनाये सभी प्राणियों में से केवल मनुष्य को ही बोलने, सुनने तथा देखने की अनमोल शक्तियाँ प्रदान की हैं। परन्तु दुःख केवल इस बात का है कि यह सब कुछ पर्याप्त पा लेने के बावजूद भी मानव ने इन्द्रियों का प्रयोग सही शब्दों में नहीं सीखा। आज का मानव केवल अंधविश्वास, झूठ, मारघाड़, छलकपट आदि के सहारे जी रहा है। वह एक दूसरे की उन्नति को देखकर ईर्ष्या करता है। उसमें हीन भावना आ गई है। क्या यही सब करता उसके जीवन का एक मात्र कर्तव्य रह गया है। जीता तो गली में भौंकने वाला कुत्ता भी है परन्तु मनुष्य और पशु में यही एक अन्तर है कि ईश्वर ने मानव को सोचने के लिए विवेक दिया पर पशु इससे वंचित है।

कहने का तात्पर्य यह है कि मनुष्य भी यदि पशुओं की तरह व्यवहार करेगा तो मनुष्य और जानवरों में अन्तर ही क्या रह जायेगा।

सुख और दुःख जिन्दगी के दो हसीन पहलू हैं। जीवन में सुख की घड़ियाँ एकदम छोटी तथा दुःख की घड़ियाँ बड़ी लम्बी एवं पीड़ाजनक प्रतीत होती हैं। यदि जिन्दगी शब्द के वर्णन के लिए एक गरीब तथा दूसरे किसी अमीर व्यक्ति का उदाहरण लिया जाए तो निश्चय ही गरीब व्यक्ति अमीर व्यक्ति की अपेक्षा कहीं अधिक मुर्ख माना जायेगा क्योंकि उसने अपने आपको निश्चित आवश्यकताओं के मुताबिक ढाला हुआ है। जबकि दूसरी ओर अमीर व्यक्ति विलासताओं में डूबा रहता है।

विश्व की अपार अनुकम्पा से समस्त प्रकृति सौन्दर्य से परिपूर्ण है। प्रकृति हमें परोपकार की प्रेरणा युगों-युगों से देती आ रही है। रजनी के ममय चन्द्रमा द्वारा मनुष्य को शीतलता प्राप्त होती है। उपा रानी जब आती है तो हमें भ्रूप एवं रोशनी प्रदान करती है। वायु निरन्तर चलती रहती है। यह सब निःस्वार्थ भाव से रात-दिन परोपकार में लगे रहते हैं।

हर मनुष्य अपना जीवन अलग ढंग से जीता है। इस समाज में केवल देश भक्त कुशल रूप से जिये हैं। उनके जीवन का उद्देश्य सदा एक रहा है।

“सर हथेली पर रखकर आये हैं, आज कुछ करके हम दिखायेंगे,
जिन्दगी देश की अमानत है, जिन्दगी देश पर लुटायेगे।”

मनुष्य इस बात से भली भाँति परिचित है कि वह इस जीवन में पथिक के समान है। एक दिन ऐसा अवश्य आयेगा जब उसकी आत्मा उसके शरीर को सदा के लिए त्याग देगी। फिर वह इन दो दिनों के मेल को परोपकार तथा एकाग्रता के साथ क्यों नहीं बिताता। मनुष्य को जिन्दगी मिली है तो उसे जीना भी सही प्रकार चाहिए। यह “जिन्दगी” का सफर बहुत टेढ़ा है। उसको सीधा करना मनुष्य के हाथ में है। मनुष्य को हमेशा प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों का सामना करते रहना चाहिए। मनुष्य वही है जो समाज की दृष्टि में नहीं बल्कि ईश्वर की दृष्टि में ऊँचा हो सके, जिसका नाम मरणोपरान्त भी अमर रहे।

“खुदी को कर बुलन्द इतना कि हर तदबीर से पहले
खुदा बन्दे से खुद पूछे, बता तेरी रजा क्या है”

बीर कुमार जे० एस० बरार
कक्षा 5 “अ”

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राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा

OBITUARY

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families on the sudden demise of Shri Uttam Singh, Nursing Assistant in the College Hospital.

We regret to record the sad demise of Shri Nanoo, a class IV employee of the College.

With profound grief we mourn the sad departure of Shri Chottan, one of our class IV employees.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There are two ways of getting on in this world - by one's own industry or by the stupidity of others.

—La Bruyese

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The Editor Writeth

In an era when callousness of heart has led to the cheapening of man's worth, the brotherhood of man appears to have become an impossible dream. Forces of national and social disintegration are at play and the whole country seems to be 'broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls'. In such an era RIMC continues to be a model of national and social integration. The personal examples of valour and heroism set by its Old Boys have turned this institution into a source of inspiration for those who feel that 'the honour, safety and welfare of the country comes first always and everytime'. Come 13th March and the so called generation gap visibly disappears. The old, the not-so-old and the young intermingle freely as if they had been doing so for ages. The annual re-union strengthens the bond of eternal brotherhood and evokes memories too sweet, too deep for words for a Rimcollian to express. Time and again, year after year Old Boys wend their ways to the College to re-strengthen the bond of love with their Alma Mater. To these homing pigeons who come to relive the 'joys, the tears of boyhood years', and to their families who accompany them to share the sweet moments of by gone school days, the College community extends a warm and hearty welcome.

In and around RIMC

More than six weeks have passed since the RIMC re-opened after a refreshing winter break. The College has settled down to its hectic routine and the whole campus pulsates with life.

Morning Assembly

In a special assembly convened on 4th February to mourn the sad demise of Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal—the first Cadet Captain of RIMC (1922–23)—the cadets and the staff observed a two minute silence and prayed for peace to the departed soul. In his condolence address, the Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, paid glowing tributes to this soldier, scholar and diplomat.

Inter Section English Debate

The Inter Section English Debate Competition was held on Saturday the 16th of February. The juniors argued whether "Man is the master of his own destiny" while the seniors decided to debate whether "The young should rule and the old should retire". Both sides delivered fiery speeches and tried to project their respective view points. It was a keenly contested event with each Section putting its best foot forward. In the juniors, Cadets Pieush Pawsey and S Sivashankar came first and second respectively. Among the speakers in the seniors, Cadets Tanmay Kashyap and Vikram Sabharwal were declared the joint winners of the first prize, while Cadet Mohit Gandhi was adjudged the best on the rebuttal panel. The results were as follows:—

Seniors	Position	Juniors
Pratap	I	Ranjit
Ranjit	II	Pratap
Chandragupta	III	Chandragupta
Shivaji	IV	Shivaji

In the overall position, the Pratap Section stood first followed by Ranjit, Chandraguta and Shivaji Sections.

Guest Room

The parents, Old Boys and other guests of RIMC were faced with the problem of accomodation whenever they visited the College. In order to overcome this difficulty, a guest room facility has been provided in the quarter next to the main gate. It is hoped that those who wished to spend more time with us, but were not able to do so because of lack of accommodation, will find this facility a useful one.

Sports Round up

The College Cricket team played a series of matches with various outside teams.

On 10th Feb we played with Hindustan Sports Club and won by 5 wickets. On 17th Feb we lost to YMCA by a narrow margin of 37 runs. We took on the St. Joseph's Academy in both the juniors and the seniors. We won by a comfortable margin in the juniors but lost by 63 runs in the seniors.

Basketball is fast becoming our most popular team game calling for maximum physical fitness and stamina in terms of time. We now have three basketball courts — the latest addition is a cemented one.

News from NDA

Our boys are doing well at the NDA. Alok Kacker was awarded the Silver Medal in the 67th NDA Course. H Dharmrajan won the Gold Torch while Adosh Kumar and AA Zaki won the Silver Torch.

N Tiwari has been appointed Academy Cadet Captain. AK Aukta, Ashok Kumar and Natu are Company Sergeant Majors. H Dharmrajan is - as expected (top) in academics. He has a cumulative grade point count of 8.37 till now - the NDA record is 8.38. We hope he sets a new record in the near future. Among the 'freshers' RK Nair, RK Chaudhri and S Mehta are Div Cadet Captains. V Mohindra has been appointed Squadron Sergeant. S Mehta, V Mohindra and A Dutt, the basketball trio, have got comfortable places in their respective squadron basketball teams.

News from IMA

Maj BK Sinha and Capt AK Sen, who were on the instructional staff at the IMA have been posted out. The gap created by their departure has been filled by Maj Ravinder Singh and Capt BS Negi.

Sanjay Singh has been appointed Battalion Cadet Adjutant, Mukul Singhal is a Senior Under Officer and AS Shekhawat is a Company Sergeant Major.

Of the seven Rimcollians who have joined IMA after passing out from the portals of NDA, Sanjeev Khatri and Tejinder Singh have come with Blazers in Boxing and Hockey respectively.

On the Anvil

Certain projects are on the anvil to usher in important changes during the current year. Necessary spade work has already been done. Tree plantation and giving face lift to the College campus have been receiving top priority. Some of the projects that are in hand are :—

Short Range :—A case for the provision of a permanent short range in the school campus has been projected to the higher authorities. It is also proposed to make each cadet fire 10 rounds per term.

Cemented Tennis Court :—Last year we acquired a cemented basket ball court. This year we plan to get a cemented Tennis Court with a practice wall. Lately it has been noticed that the game of tennis has become increasingly popular among the cadets.

Revision of Messing Cash Grant :—We have projected a case for the increase in the cash grant from 25 paise to Re. 1/- per day per cadet. The Cash Grant was fixed in 1961 and has not been revised since then.

Expansion and Renovation of Cadets Mess :—It is proposed to create more space in the dining room without disturbing the architectural design. We also intend to modernise our kitchen complex with the acquisition of modern equipments.

Switching over to Terrycot Uniform :—Terrycot uniform has been adopted as the authorised dress in the Army for the officers and Other Ranks. We have lately been facing immense difficulty in procuring good quality cotton OG cloth since ordnance has stopped issuing the same, therefore we had no option but to switch over to Terrycot uniform as our cadets' standard dress.

Paintings of Ranjit Singh Shivaji and Rana Pratap :—We have acquired the paintings of the illustrious heroes except Chandragupta after whom our hostel Sections are named. These have been displayed in the Junior Ante Room. We have not, so far, been able to get an authentic drawing/portrait of Chandragupta Vikramaditya despite our approach in this regard to National Archives of India and also National Museum, Janpath, New Delhi. We shall be immensely grateful to our readers for their help in the matter.

Be Cheerful

When Aloysius Gonzaga, as a boy, was once asked, while playing, as to what he would do if he were to die the next minute. His answer was forthright, "I would go on playing."

When Socrates was jailed by the cruel rulers and condemned to death because he was outspoken, he received the news of his death with a smile. "You should prepare for death", they told him, but he shook his head and kept on smiling. "I have been preparing for death all my life," Socrates said. "In what way?" they asked. And Socrates said, "I have never secretly or openly wronged any man."

People with pure hearts live fearlessly and die cheerfully. Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of day-light in the heart, which is reflected in the face. There is no cosmetic for a beauty like cheerfulness.

A cheerful temper promotes digestion, and something which promotes digestion is good for health. It brings a glow on the countenance more pleasing than the delicacy of colours or regularity of features. It wards off the wrinkles of care, the sickly hue of fretfulness, the muscular contortions of ill temper and the haggard expression of discontentment. Do you remember the words of the Scripture? "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

One should be cheerful at all times. A cheerful face is the best remedy to solve a problem. Cheerfulness has a touch of nature and it lessens our burden. Cheerfulness adds to one's personality. A cheerful heart always looks towards the brighter side of things. Cheerfulness makes the world kith and kin to us. Somebody has rightly said.

"Keep your face with sunshine lit
Laugh a little bit
Gloomy shadows oft will flit
If you have the wit and grit
Just to laugh a little bit"

Cadet KS Sanewal
Class IV

Youth is a Blunder, Manhood a Struggle and Old Age a Regret

I denounce it. Yes! Never was a more pessimistic sentence spoken. Life is not a defeat but a victory, not a failure but a success.

Man cometh like an ever-blooming flower and his divine light shall illuminate the universe for ever.

Life is not despised, but longed for. Then how is it possible that life is just a story of blunders, struggles and regrets?

Life is like a rose tree where one finds the beautiful rose and the sharp thorns. The rose has charmed him and the thorns have challenged him to clear the obstacles in his bid to search for truth, beauty and goodness.

Youth is the spring of one's life, spring is beautiful, so is youth. Then comes the middle age when he becomes calm like a cove. But with the passing of years of life, he becomes like a threshold brook and then slowly withers away, content with his stay on earth.

Youth is bubbling with energy and his spirit of adventure allows him to take risks. Man is at his best in his young age. His untiring efforts have taken mankind to the pinnacle of glory. The youth have revolutionized the world. Then how is life a blunder?

Manhood is certainly a struggle for the betterment of self and man-kind, hence there is no regret associated with it.

This struggle and grit of man has carried him from the caves to the moon. His fight for survival has certainly not degraded him.

The old age brings tranquillity of mind. He is calm and his energy drains out. The four Vedic Varnas --Brahmacharya, Grihastha, Vanaprastha and Sanyasa do not show us the futility of life but its utility.

I am sure only fools and cowards would agree that youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle and old age a regret. These chicken-hearted men have come like water and will vanish with the wind. The world does not regret their departure.

Cadet AV Joshi
Class V

On Cycles to Paonta

'We have to go to Paonta tomorrow'. The very thought was enough to make us float in the air. We had planned a cycle trip to Paonta Sahib on Saturday. All of us went to sleep with goose pimples; and the classes on Saturday seemed just too long and boring.

With the afternoon sun shining brightly a group of twenty could be seen cycling in full 'Josh' on the Dehra Dun-Paonta Sahib road, flanked on both sides by green meadows, quietness all around; and a slight breeze to give the finishing touch to the pleasant atmosphere.

Stopping on the way at many places for sugarcane and sugarcane juice we carried on undeterred by the winding road.

By the time we reached Paonta the sun had begun to set. The reflection of the bright orange ball in the blue green waters of the Yamuna presented an enchanting sight. The water fowls added to the beauty of the lake.

All of us had closed in by 6.30 p.m. —all but one. As luck would have it, Tantry's bicycle broke down and he had to wheel it all the way for four kilometres. We all heaved a sigh of relief on his arrival.

We ate in the 'Langar' and, as expected, proceeded for a movie.

After a good night's sleep, the next morning found us refreshed and back in form after a dip in the Yamuna.

As we had to leave we went to the 'Langar'. Our brunch was not ready so we decided to do some social service voluntarily and in just 15 minutes we had cut 10 kgs of vegetables.

After our so called 'Brunch' we were back on our HONDAS and on our way back. The journey was again very exciting and we reached at about 5 p.m. finding a refreshing tea awaiting us.

The trip was over but its memory remains sweet and fresh in our hearts.

Cadet IS Panjra
Class V

Cracks

"My friend had returned to India after an absence of sixteen years, the moment he stepped on Indian soil, he fell flat and kissed the earth."

'Patriotism eh?'

'No, he stepped on a banana peel.'

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'Are you going hunting?'

'Yes.'

'But where are your trousers?'

'That's what I'm hunting for.'

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'Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?'

'Yes, that's what I've heard.'

'Quick give me an apple, I have just broken the doctor's window pane.'

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"We should be charitable and should share with others whatever we have."

'That's a noble thought. If you had Rs. 10,000/- would you give me half of it?'

'Sure. Yes.'

'And if you had two cars, would you give me one?'

'Yes, without hesitation.'

'And if ^{you} had two pens would you give me one?'

'No.'

'Why?'

'Because I have only two pens.'

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After a rather tough and boring drill in the drill square, the officer observed that the men had slackened down, so he called the Havildar and said, "Give them a command to make them lively." The perspiring Havildar looked at the tired men, then with a longing gaze at the Cafeteria and barked, "Break Off."

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'How's the watch you bought last week? Have you liked it?'

'Yeah: It's superb, does an hour in 45 minutes.'

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'What time do you get up from sleep?'

'When the first rays of the sun enter my room.'

'That must be around seven am, isn't it?'

'No five pm. My room faces west.'

Compiled by

Cadets Sugandh Sharma and Deepak Narwal

Class IV A

Staff Notes

Wedding bells rang in the courtyard of Mr K Kumar, our Vice Principal, when his daughter Poonam was married on 24 Feb. We wish the newly married couple a happy and a prosperous married life.

Rimcolliana

The achievements of our Old Boys have always been a matter of pride for us.

Promotions

Our congratulations to

- Maj Gen VN Sharma, AVSM, on his promotion to the rank of Lt Gen.
- Brig PN Shukul on his promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.
- Brig PD Sherlekar, AVSM, on his promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.
- Brig KS Kohli on his promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.
- Col AN Luthra on his promotion to the rank of Brig.
- Col PS Dhankar, VSM, on his promotion to the rank of Brig.
- Lt Col VB Batra on his promotion to the rank of Col.
- Lt Col VK Chowdhury on his promotion to the rank of Col.
- Capt HS Sawhney, IN, on his promotion to the rank of Commodore.
- Capt RS Huja, IN, on his promotion to the rank of Commodore.
- Air Vice Marshal S Raghavendran, PVSM, on his promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.
- Air Commodore PK Dey on his promotion to the rank of Air Vice Marshal.

Honours and Awards

We congratulate

- Lt Gen K Chiman Singh on award of PVSM.
- Maj Gen TS Verma on award of PVSM.
- Maj Gen Karam Singh, SM, on award of PVSM.
- Air Marshal S Raghavendran, AVSM, on award of PVSM.
- Maj Gen PD Sherlekar on award of AVSM.
- Brig NV Subba Rao on award of AVSM.
- Cdr V Mohindra on receiving the Chief of Naval Staff's Commendation Card.
- Commodore TS Khurana on receiving the Chief of Naval Staff's Commendation Card.
- Mr DPN Singh, IPS, on being awarded President's Police Medal for distinguished Service.
- Maj PP Aggarwal on securing a competitive vacancy in the DSSC.
- Maj MC Pradhan on qualifying for the DSSC.
- Capt KASZ Raju, IN, on being selected to attend RCDS in UK.

22 YEARS AGO
The Chronicle RIMC
Saturday, 16 March 1963

On 12th March the ex-cadets arrived here to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the foundation of the Rashtriya Indian Military College. It was on 13th March 1922, that the College was established with the aim of moulding boys for the life of an officer in the armed forces. It is an important occasion for the present cadets as well as for the old Rimcollians when we assemble to celebrate Founder's Day. This we do every year but on account of the state of emergency there were less cadets this time than in previous years, because many of them are posted in the front.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Mother Teresa

BOOK POST



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Editor's Note

Since the beginning of this term, all eyes were fixed on the coming Founder's Day and the arrival of the long awaited day brought in its fold a feast of activities, enthralling as well as rewarding. This time a good number of old Boys, including some very senior retired and serving Generals graced the occasion and they went back fully satisfied with the ever increasing standard of excellence achieved by their Alma Mater. For the cadets of RIMC the days of bliss were short lived as they were forced by call of duty to respond to the hard realities of RIMC life. Close on the heels of the Founder's Day, came the Inter-Section Cricket Competition. Hardly had the fight of the willow and the ball come to an end when the Mid-Term Examinations started knocking at the gates. The clouds of Mid-Term Examinations, no doubt, had the silver linings of the Mid-Term Hikes. This time the duration of the Mid-Term hike was extended to six days and this duration enabled the cadets to watch the scenic splendour and the flora and fauna of the places they visited to their heart's content. This time five hike parties went to different places like Simla, Kulu-Manali, Jaipur-Agra, Haridwar and Mussoorie and the cadets returned to the College infused with new vigour and freshness. After the hikes the Inter Section Basketball competition commenced with a bang. The game of Basketball is getting increasingly popular at RIMC and the spirit with which the cadets took part in this competition bears testimony to the popularity and the quality of this game at RIMC.

However, the most important news of the month was the UPSC Results for 74th NDA Course. This time again the cadets of RIMC have brought glory to their institution by achieving hundred percent

success score at the UPSC written examination as all our eighteen cadets who competed have come out with flying colours. The hundred percent success at the UPSC examination is, no doubt, in keeping with our proud tradition of brilliant academic standards but what is really striking is the frequency of this saga of excellence. It is for the third time during the preceding two consecutive years that our cadets have brought such magnificent laurels to themselves and to their Alma Mater—a feat achieved after a lapse of 27 years! We hope that the present high tide of RIMC glory will ever continue to grow in vigour and volume so that it rises to even still higher level in the days ahead

RIMCOLLIANA

Congratulations to Lt Gen V Giri, AVSM and Brigadier D Banerjee on their promotion to the present rank. Congratulations to Brigadier Jasbir Singh on getting approved for promotion to the rank of Major General.

We are glad to inform our readers that Mrs Indra Mohini Misri Chand, wife of Late Maj Gen Misri Chand is the member of Legislative Council, Uttar Pradesh while their daughter Mrs Reena Kumari is the member of State Legislative Assembly, having been elected to the House in the recent elections. Our congratulations to both of them.

Reunion was Celebrated with Solemn enthusiasm at Poona also

Following Officers attended Re-Union at Poona

1.	General & Mrs GG Bewoor	2
2.	Maj Gen & Mrs Joglekar	2
3.	Maj Gen & Mrs Hazari	2
4.	Brig & Mrs SK Dey	2
5.	Brig SS Malik	1
6.	Colonel HS Mangat	1
7.	Colonel Mohite	1
8.	Colonel & Mrs Purandare	2
9.	Colonel Malik (3 GR) (Retd)	1
10.	Colonel Bhargava (Engrs)	1
11.	Lt Col & Mrs UC Thakur plus 3 youngsters from CME	5
12.	Sqn Ldr & Mrs K Bewoor	2
13.	Maj & Mrs Sharma (Ahmednagar)	2
14.	Ex Comdt - Colonel & Mrs Johar	2

SPORTS ROUND UP

CRICKET

The Inter Section Cricket championship for the year 1985 concluded on 22 March. Throughout the championship, the cadets displayed tremendous enthusiasm and each match was fought till the end. There were two nailbiting finishes in the senior section of the championship. In one match Chandra

gupta won against Ranjit on the last ball of the match and in the other, Pratap defeated Chandragupta with just one ball to spare. In the senior section it was Shivaji and in the junior it was Pratap who dominated the championship. Finally, Shivaji Section won the trophy on the better run average followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta.

Following individual performances deserve mention :

(a) Best overall allrounder	—	Arvind Vadhera	(S)
(b) Best overall Batsman	—	Sugandh Sharma	(C)
(c) Best overall Bowler	—	Vikram Verma	(S)
(d) Best upcoming junior	—	Anuj Kalia	(R)

Arvind Vadhera's 63 Not Out against Chandragupta was the best knock of the tournament.

BASKETBALL

This year Inter Section Basketball Competition was conducted according to latest rules and changes. The competition was very keen and the four sections played the game with a lot of enthusiasm. Ranjit Section won the Inter Section Basketball Trophy closely followed by Pratap Shivaji and Chandragupta. Cadet Rajesh Sharma of Ranjit Section was the top scorer.

PT

Inter Section PT Competition for the year 1985 was won by Shivaji Section followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta. Cadet Sgt Vikram Verma (S) and Cadet Captain Sandeep Singh (S) who respectively led the Junior and the Senior division of Shivaji Section were adjudged the best leaders.

RE-UNION 1985

Thirteenth of the March 1985 dawned just like another day in India, but for the select group of people called 'Rimcollians', it was more than just another day. It was a day full of memories of many boxing finals, fought in the open air theatre as much by spectators outside the ring as by boxers inside it. It was a day that brought flooding back the memories of numerous Cricket and Hockey matches played in the melow sun of late Doon winter.

The Re-union started off on a good note for the cadets. On the 12th evening, the College witnessed an interesting Hockey match in which old Boys team which included many a veteran dominated the first half, but the later half witnessed altogether a different scene. The young and energetic cadets raided their opponent's goal a number of times. In the end young cadets deservedly won the match by three goals to one.

The match was followed by the Inter Section Boxing competition. The Rimcollians could be seen cheering up with full throated gusto their respective sections. Ranjit Section followed by Pratap, Shivaji and Chandragupta won the coveted championship and lifted the trophy.

Thirteenth March - the much awaited Founder's Day dawned with a clear azure sky and beaming colourful flowers all around the campus. The seniormost Rimcollian present, Maj Gen M S Chopra (Retd) inspected the impressive 'Guard of Honour' commanded by Cadet Captain Sandeep Singh. In a solemn ceremony that followed, he laid wreath on the war Memorial. The entire College maintained two minutes silence to pay homage to the martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the country. The Old Boys visited the exhibitions put up by various hobby clubs.

In the traditional Cricket match the old Boys tried to set out to prove their mettle against the young blood. The cadets had an upper hand throughout the match and excelled in all areas and almost had a walk over with an easy eight wicket victory over them. In the evening the cadets put up a variety entertainment programme. Good lunch, snacks and delicious dinner kept the cadets happily engaged and they wished Rimcollian Day to be celebrated atleast once a month.

Section Commander A M Sabnis

Creative Corner :

NEITHER A BORROWER, NOR A LENDER BE ?

[An Unorthodox View]

Every coin has two sides and this is true in the case of this maxim also. It is true that many debtors come to grief. It is also true that some of the creditors are cheated and swindled. But generalisation on the basis of the painful experiences of such debtors is not correct. It contains an element of truth but not the whole truth. Borrowing and lending should not be banned on account of the unhappy experiences of some. We know that love marriages often end in disaster. Lovers quarrel and divorce each other. But this does not lead us to the conclusion that love is an undesirable thing or marriage is a proposition to be banned.

If we go deeper into the matter we shall find that the saying, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" preaches a doctrine of selfsufficiency. But selfsufficiency is literally absurd and impossible in life. Men in society are bound by countless ties of interdependence. Lending and borrowing expresses this spirit of interdependence. It is a very powerful adhesive force in life. It operates in all spheres of human life and not only in money matters. ^{father} The lends a affection to the child and receives respect. The wife lends love to the husband and receives love in return.

Hence at every step and in every department of life we are either lending something or borrowing something. It is impossible to live without lending and borrowing. Businessmen can not carry on their business without borrowing. Banks are institutions which deal in credit. A Bank is both a lender and a borrower. It borrows money from the depositors and lends money to the business concern. Hence we find that the saying, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" contains only a partial truth.

Sanjeeva
IV A

RIMCOLLIAN OLD BOYS GET TOGETHER-COCHIN

And so it was with the small number of Rimcollians who have made Cochin their temporary home. Working on the motto that "Nothing but the best would do for the Rimcollians", the venue selected for the get together was the Blue Room of Southern Naval Command Officers Mess. Came 1930 hrs, the usual staid atmosphere of the Blue Room was broken by a lot of back slappings and laughter, things synonymous with Rimcollians. With a couple of drinks later, the atmosphere livened up more with tales out of the School flowing freely and the laughter getting louder. Liveliness is said to be infectious and the three ladies present (all attending such a meet for the first time) soon joined the party actively. Highlight of the evening came in the guise of Rimcollian Intersection Quiz Competition, where even though Chandragupta and Ranjit had only one representative each, the atmosphere was charged with good old intersection rivalry. The questions were concerning the life and times of a Rimcollian, based upon personalities as varied and wide apart as Air Marshal Asgar Khan and butler Thaple, and the adventures that the boys go through whilst at Dehradun. The competition was keenly contested and the sections were lustily cheered. Shivaji emerged victorious quite convincingly, under loud protests from others. The prize was awarded to SLt Verma the Juniormost Shivajian by Smt Binny Aujla the juniormost lady amidst loud cheers by shivajians and needless to say loud jeers by others.

The attendance was then diverted to the dinner table. The bill of fare was in keeping with the tradition that, "We play hard and eat hard". Notwithstanding the other temptations the most popular item was the scotch eggs, slowly munching them one's mind could not help but wander back to these carefree days full of fun and frolic spent at the school. Physically Dehradun was close to 2000 miles away but there were things like Scotch Eggs which helped in bridging the gap. What better way to finish such a magnificent dinner than with ice cream and we did one better by adding chocolate sauce to the icecream.

Dinner being over, came the traditional three cheers for the RIMC, the sound was louder than justified by the small gathering, but then Rimcollians do everything a little better. It was time to bid good bye, the night was getting on and by the time we got home the 13th of March was lost for another year.

PERSONNEL WHO ATTENDED RIMCOLLIAN OLD BOYS GET TOGETHER-COCHIN

1.	Cdr BK Mohanti	—	Shivaji
2.	Lt Cdr & Mrs MVR Naphade	—	Shivaji
3.	Lt Cdr A Mehrotra	—	Pratap
4.	Lt & Mrs RK Mittal	—	Shivaji
5.	Lt Ajay Mehta	—	Pratap
6.	Lt B Charles	—	Chandragupta
7.	Lt & Mrs DPS Aujla	—	Shivaji
8.	SLt Tiwari	—	Shivaji
9.	SLt S Banerjee	—	Ranjit
10.	SLt KM Dhir	—	Ranjit
11.	SLt SK Verma	—	Shivaji

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DEHRA DUN- HARDWAR & RISHIKESH HIKE

Today's adventurers must contend with the irksome truth that much of what is grand and gallant has already been done. What remains is to repeat the great feats of the past in a more difficult manner. The Dehra Dun-Hardwar-Rishikesh hike on bicycles, though was a repetition, can still be branded as an adventure; considering the age-factor of the cadets of Class IV & IVA, the proud participants.

On the eve of the hike, all administrative arrangements were complete and the bikes were issued to the cadets. It was a pleasant sight to see young cadets zooming past in all directions inside the college campus on their new acquired property. On 31st Mar 85 at 0700 hrs all the 4 cadets along with their two instructors were all set to take off. The young minds were bubbling with enthusiasm and excitement. After the breakfast the hike party left for Hardwar with both the instructors following behind. The first stop was at Doiwalla, approx 20 Kms from Dehra Dun. After replenishment of the burnt calories, we had our next stop at the 'T' junction having one road leading to Rishikesh and the other to Hardwar, for lunch which was coming behind in the adm vehicle. The time was 12 o'clock noon. The young cadets appeared to be sun-tanned and weary under the scorching rays of the sun. But nobody showed the slightest sign of tiredness and they all seemed to be enjoying the trip thoroughly. By 2 o'clock we were all in Hardwar in one piece. Our accommodation was fixed up with the Punjab Sindh Kshetra (Dharamshala). The instructors reached the place slightly late, being at the fag end of the column, and were utterly amazed to find the cadets going round the place on their bikes instead of having any rest. By evening, they were all intimately acquainted with all the roads, lanes and by-lanes of Hardwar. On 1st April, they were not in a fit state of mind to realise it to be the 'All fools' day'. In the morning we visited the famous "Mansa Devi temple" located on a mound. In the bargain they had a joy ride on the ropeway. All the evenings during the hike were at the disposal of the cadets and they made use of it in a very responsible manner. On 2nd April we started for 'Chandi Mandir' after breakfast, which is located on another mound and has no motorable road or ropeway. We went up to the foothills in the adm vehicle and trekked the distance. It was a short and sweet trip, though, a bit tiring. The same day they visited many other places like Pawan Dham, Bharat Mata mandir and Sapt Sarovar Mandir. All of them appeared very restless and were in a mood to enjoy every bit of the freedom. As a result, they were on their bikes for most of the time of the day. The only sad part regarding the accommodation, was the restrictions laid on entertainment. Though the boys were very keen to see a chain of movies on a hired video, they were forced to curb their desire, as the same was not permitted by the Dharamshala authorities. However, they fulfilled this desire at Rishikesh. They spent the evening on 2nd April on the banks of the river Ganges with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow as they were getting mentally prepared for the next day's trip to Rishikesh.

On 3rd April, we left Hardwar after breakfast as scheduled indifferent to the constant drizzle and cloudy weather and reached Rishikesh by lunch time. After lunch all the cadets went out in all possible directions with the main intention of fixing up a video show which they had missed in Hardwar. They were successful, at last in fixing up the video show in a hired room outside the Dharamshala. On 4th morning we visited 'Laxman Jhula' and spent some time in swimming in the shallow part of the Ganges.

On 5th morning we bade good bye to Rishikesh and started back home after the breakfast. The first five kilometres of the return journey was very tiring as well as time consuming as the road was a gradual climb. We had our lunch break in the calm surroundings of a mango grove, midway between Rishikesh and Dehra Dun. We reached Dehra Dun by 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the cadets were at a loss, being the first group to arrive in the campus. Immediately, they went back to the town and booked their tickets in almost all movie halls. By 6th morning, they were back in their classes with no trace of weariness on their faces. It was indeed a joyous adventure for the young cadets.

Capt. A Mahapatra

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to read the RIMC 'CHRONICLE' Vol No 3 of Feb 1985 No 18.

I was interested in the fragmentary recollections of little Terence Gorman. His father was (Regimental Sergeant Major). RSM ML GORMAN; never wore shorts, and had vaseline stiffened moustache pointing forward like spears. The reason for not wearing shorts was, as he felt, the girls would peep. I have many memories of him. He also managed the QM stores in the building facing the cricket pavillion. There was a strip of cobbled ground where cadets did Extra Drill and NCO of the day took it. The Extra Drill was introduced by Major Bomford of 2nd Royal Lancers, when he took over from Capt HW Pikin of 9 Gorkhas. I met them both in Singapore. I can write about them later, if you are interested.

RSM Gorman peeped out of his office to see if the Extra Drill was going all right. But we know what he meant.

I shall never forget the morning of 12 Sep 1932 when I arrived. RSM Gorman received us (Air Marshal Ashgar Khan (Pak) late Brig PD Joshi- Shri PS Raturi both from Tehri Garhwal) in front of the Senior Ante Room.

Walked across left dining room-Ante rooms. 'Look at the lawns-it is all trim-you can't walk through it, but you can do it with me'. Took me to No 4 Dormitory right of the clock and Cadet Capt's room. 'Look at the door handles and the switches. They are shining, and those of you who wish to see a mirror. Glass panes; can you see, -the beds were well made' -'To the bath rooms' "Can you smell anything -because they are clean. Look at my uniform-my belt and buttons. This is how you have to be now on and in your regiments when you get there'. These were words of wisdom, which I have never forgotten. It all started as far as I am concerned with RSM Gorman on 12 Sep 1932. This is the essence of Administration in field and peace-simply put by that simple man.

There was CHM JE Murphy, who worked under RSM Gorman. RSM Gorman also had a daughter, who helped us to enter Barkley's. House to break guavas provided she got her share.

Lt Col KS Thimayya, Som Sharma, Major SN Sharma and myself; we sent one of the first swords, captured in battle from the Japanese. When I was visiting my battalion 4 Kumaon, I had been over to RIMC, and at the request of the Comdt, and inspite of Dehradun winter and no lights had written a brief account of my days. I had also been over to the IMA where my last job was Dy Comdt until the end of 1963. I had advised Bera Sinha 5 GR-to tell the Adjt to get a copy of Kumaon Colour Presentation brochure from IMA library and frame a brief account of the battle and the impression of the battle field and keep it along side the sword, which should be kept in a glass case. I can pay for a good frame. I have eye sight trouble, therefore, I shall not know what I have written, I hope you do.

With kind regards

Yours only

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Note : -The editor thanks col N K Sinha for the trouble he has taken in recording lively reminiscences of his by-gone days at RIMC. We welcome more articles/letters from him as and when convenient to him.

GEMS OF WISDOM

- * The mind grows narrow in proportion as the soul grows corrupt.
- * When a person finds no peace within himself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.
- * A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.
- * The joy of the spring is not for those who have built walls of selfishness around them.
- * To the wise, life is a solution, to the fool, a problem.
- * False friends are like shadows which in the darkness desert you.
- * The measure of a life after all is not its duration but its donation.
- * The heart of the fool is in his mouth but the mouth of the wise man is in his heart.
- * A dumb wife and a deaf husband are always a happy couple.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find LOVE in the world.

—Dorothy Law Nolte

BOOK POST

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EDITORIAL

The bells have begun to toll again, ringing in the beginning of another new term. After the summer break the cadets have returned to their temple of sacred responsibilities and the college is a pulsating panorama again, throbbing with life. The new term has commenced with a renewed confidence and faith in the future. Once again the brilliant NDA and SSE results have established beyond doubt that our standard of excellence is no more a one-time occurrence but is a regular feature of our work culture. To the new entrants who have joined us, the heights beckon- the heights by great men reached and kept. The college family extends them felicitations on their deserved selection to this institution and wishes them a fruitful and exhilarating stay in the college.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE AT THE N D A AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

It is with supreme delight that we inform our readers that RIMC has done it yet again. The merit list for 74th NDA Course has established once again that RIMC cadets are always at the top. Our cadets have bagged first, second, fourth, sixth, seventh, eight and ninth places in the All India merit list for Army and Navy and our both cadets who opted for Air Force secured first and third positions in the Air Force list, thus taking the tally to a stunning nine out of top ten positions

in the notionally combined merit list for the three services. Getting first places in both the lists is indeed a signal honour as it should be very rare for any institution to achieve. The present result is undeniably very remarkable as it represents not only a substantial and qualitative improvement on our result achieved year before last but also equals our all time best and hitherto unbeaten record of 1961 (25 NDA Course) when a total of nine out of first ten positions were obtained by the institution setting thereby for the future generation of Rimcollians a 'near impossible -to achieve target'. History has been repeated.

SSE RESULTS :

It is equally heartening to know that all but one of our 22 cadets who appeared at the SSE examination (CI X) held in May 85 have passed in first division with an impressive tally of 27 distinction in various disciplines. The lone cadet placed in second division has also scored as high as 59.6% and has missed the first division by a narrow margin of 7 marks in aggregate. In qualitative terms, the latest result represents the best ever performance - index as it excels even that of last year which had been our best all- round result since the very inception of RIMC SSE in 1978. Cadet Sanjeeva (P) has topped the list among the successful candidates.

VISITS

A number of dignitaries visited the College. Addl DGMT Maj Gen S. K. Pillai visited the school on 08 Jun 85 and during the last fortnight Lt Gen M. Mayadas, PVSM - DGMT visited the College on 09 Aug 85. He laid the wreath at the Martyr's memorials and also addressed the Special assembly.

Brigader R. S. Sirohi - DDGMT (PCT) visited the College on 12 Aug 85. He also addressed the special assembly.

Lt Gen V.N. Sharma, AVSM paid a visit to this College on 16 Aug 85

2/Lt P Prakash who has been selected as the member of the Himalyan Expedition - 1985, also visited the school on 07 Aug 85.

CAMPUS NEWS

The College re-opened on 01 Aug 1985 after a long summer break of seventy five days. Nineteen new cadets joined the College family on 02 Aug and it is heartening to see that these new comers have fully adjusted themselves to the new routine and they are no longer strangers to the environment.

The Commandant gave away Medhavi badges to the following cadets on 05 Aug 85 for the second term 85 :—

Cadet		Class	Section
SBS Bajwa		V	Chandragupta
Sanjeeva		IV A	Pratap
Pradeep Singh		IV	Shivaji
Prabhat Kumar		III A	Ranjit
Sandeep Verma		III	Chandragupta
R. D. Sharma		II A	Shivaji
H. S. Gill		II A	
Ashim Mittal		II	Chandragupta
D. Rastogi		IA	Shivaji
Alok Raturi		I	Pratap

TREE PLANTATION :

Tree Plantation Drive has been undertaken with the desired seriousness. About one thousands plants are going to be transplanted by the end of this month. Every cadet has been entrusted with the task of planting and rearing at least two saplings. The area has been allotted Section-wise and it will be the responsibility of the Section to look after their respective areas and trees.

FOOTBALL MATCH : STAFF Vs CADETS :

Football season of the College was inaugurated with the traditional Football match between the staff and cadets. This time the match was not a one-sided affair though it ended in the victory of the cadets' team by a narrow margin of 2 - 1.

The College Football Team is practising seriously despite the fury of incessant rains.

INTER SCHOOL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP :

A team of RIMC Squash players is leaving for Lawrence School Sanawar at the end of the month to take part in the Inter School Squash Championship. Reputed Public Schools of the country like Doon School, Mayo College Ajmere, Scindia School Gwalior, Daly College Indore have been invited to participate in the first ever competition of this kind. The probables are practising hard for the forthcoming encounters.

STAFF NEWS

Last term we bade farewell to Mr. Nirankar Singh, Master in Zoology who left us to join Indian Forest Service. We also bade farewell to Mr RGS Arya, Master in Geography, who is currently doing a postgraduate course in Town planning at I.I.T. Kharagpur. The vacancy caused by Mr. Singh has been filled by Dr R K Bhardwaj and Mr. Md Qasim fills the vacancy caused by Mr Arya. We wish the new incumbents a happy and fruitful stay at the College.

RIMCOLLIANA

Brig BS Malik has been promoted to the rank of Maj Gen.

Brig NV Sudba Rao, AVSM has been approved for promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.

Brig MA Zaki Vr C has been approved for promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.

Brig YK Yadav has been approved for promotion to the rank of Maj Gen.

Brig MM Lakhera and Sqn Ldr Manu Dutt have been awarded COAS Commendation Card.

Col SP Sinha, Col Upinder Kumar Col HRS Mann have been approved for promotion to the rank of Brig.

Lt Prem Prakash of 2 Mahar has been selected as a member of Everest 1985 Expedition.

News From NDA / IMA

Our cadets are doing very well both at the NDA and IMA.

The following cadets have secured 1st, 2nd, 4th and 17th position in order of merit in 5th term examination at the NDA.

- (a) Cadet Dharam Rajan
- (b) Cadet A Rawat
- (c) Cadet SK Prasad
- (d) Cadet A Nathawat

All the above cadets have been appointed as Battalion Cadet Captains from the term commencing Jul., 1985

Cadet N Tewari who passed out from NDA during Jun 85 was awarded Gold Medal by the Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi for being adjudged the best cadet.

Cadet A Kackar who passed out during Dec. 1984 was adjudged as second best cadet and was awarded silver medal in the Passing out Parade.

The following cadets who are under training at the IMA have been selected for the appointments as stated against their names from the term commencing Jul., 85.

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|-----------------------|---|-----|
| (a) GC A Kackar | — | BUO |
| (b) GC Sanjiv Khatri | — | JUO |
| (c) GC Tejinder Singh | — | JUO |

GC Mukul Singhal who passed out from the IMA during Jun 85 was awarded AOC Medal for being 1st in the merit for this Corps.

RETROSPECT

(A copy of letter dated 12 Jun 85, received from Shri AS Panwar, an old boy of this College presently head of Department of Sculpture, College of Arts & Craft, Faculty of Fine Arts, Lucknow University, Lucknow addressed to the Commandant RIMC is reproduced below).

"I was a cadet (Rawlinson Section) of RIMC from 1940 till 1943. I had to give up my training due to some defect in my ears.

Now I am a full fledged artist (sculptor) and head of the Department of Sculpture in Lucknow University. I have made several Head Studies (in Sculpture) of many great personalities like Mother Teresa, Mrs Indra Gandhi, Major Dhyan Chand, Sunil Gavasker, Lala Amarnath, Kapil Dev, Pataudi, Amitabh Bachan and many others. All of them gave long sittings for these portraits.

Now being an ex-cadet of RIMC I would like to present one head statue of that famous Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand to your military college at some suitable function. If you appreciate my gesture please let me know when you would like to receive it.

With best wishes."

(Reproduced below is copy of a 'Note' Lt Gen KS Katoch, MC, (Retd) has put on the photo album presented to him during Dec 1962 when he visited the RIMC as Director of Military Training. The General Officer has now returned the Photo Album to this College as he feels that it would be of greater interest to the future generations of Rimcollians. The album has been placed in College Archives).

"I joined the Prince of Wales' Royal Indian Military College, Dehradun in Jan 1927, when I was 11 years old. It was the first time that I had left the security of my parents and my home. The experience was as terrifying in those days as it must be to-day. It was a completely new world for me; Strange faces from all over India, including what is now Pakistan. There were burly Pathans, Punjabi Musalmans, bearded Sikhs and after that came the less fierce looking representatives from every part of India right down as far south as Coorg, the existence of which I had not even heard of till then.

Lt Col Hutchison of the central India Horse, a crack Indian Cavalry Regt, was the Commandant. A Commanding figure of a man who looked every inch a born soldier. Mr. Sott was then called the Head Master, with a team of highly qualified English teachers who possessed various degrees either from Cambridge or Oxford, including Mr. Catchpole who in addition had the distinction of being a double 'Blue' in Hockey and 'Squash'. The Indian staff were also of the pick, Mr Mohd Abdullah, Mr. Iqbal, Labh Singh. The Manual Trg teacher and 3 Religious Teachers out of whom Pandit Bala Dutt Dandey was a memorable character. Another great character was sergeant Major Gorman, perhaps the toughest man I have ever seen. His assistant was CSM Murphy, who rose to Major's rank during the WW2. Among the staff, 3 unforgettable characters were the Adjutant, Hony Capt Sardar Khan, the Mess Jemadar, Ram Lal and the Coffee Shop Daffadar, whose name I forget. But the one man I cannot forget was Durga, who day in day out, sounded the dreaded bell, which still stands as a sentinel on the East side of the square, of the sacred lawn.

I was among the smallest boys in the first term and I was bullied so much by the known 'bullies' of the school, some of them now dead, that I sometime felt like running away. I may assure you that the first 2 terms were just as much of a torment to me as it must be for many of you joining now. I would remain awake for hours on some nights and wondered why my father had sent me to this prison. However, after the third term I settled down and enjoyed every minute of the school life. The last two terms, after having passed what was then known as the Chief's College Diploma, were pure bliss especially when I was appointed L/Cpl, Assistant Section Comdof Rawllinson (now pratap) Section in my last term. Looking back on those days, I cannot help recalling with nostalgia those lines taught by Mr Scott in our English lessons which we had to learn by heart :—

Deep in the stilly nights
Ere slumber's chain has bound me
Fond memories bring the light
Of other days around me
Of boyhood years, of tears that glistened
Of smiles that shone"

All the same, it was with a sense of great relief when having got through the UPSC Exam the first time by the Grace of God, we passed through the gates of the RIMC for the last time. Inscribed on the pillars of one of the premier English Public Schools these are the famous words. "On entering say your prayers, on leaving give your thanks". How appropriate for any boy entering or leaving the RIMC.

Little did I know that one day in Dec 1962, I would come back to the Old School as the Director of Military Training at Army Headquarter and later be privileged to take the passing march past when I was the Vice of the Army Staff before retiring in 1970."

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

Letters of congratulation on brilliant NDA and SSE results have been received from Lt Gen K Chiman Singh, PVSM, Lt Gen M Mayadas, PVSM, Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd), Maj Gen P D Sherlekar, AVSM, Maj Gen Karam Singh, PVSM, SM, Maj Gen PD Sharma, AVSM and Maj Gen BS Malik.

OBITUARY

With profound grief we mourn the sad and premature death of Major PS Nagesh (Chandra-gupta Section : 1965-69) we offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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EDITORIAL :

The monsoon is bidding adieu. The sunny days with occasional showers draw us closer to the unborn season in the womb of time. Despite the fury of the incessant rain during the past two months, the activities of the college have been going on as usual. The Inter Section Cross Country, Hindi Debate, Quiz, Water Polo and Swimming Competitions followed in quick succession. Competitions such as these train the young cadets to face the challenges of life with due courage and ability. From dawn to dusk the shaping influences are at work so as to mould the young cadets into the men of destiny and honour.

Such consistent and concerted efforts are bound to bear fruits. Our excellent UPSC results for 75 NDA Course bear testimony to the sincerity and devotion both on the part of those who teach and learn. Out of 27 cadets who appeared at the UPSC examination, 25 have come out with flying colours. Over 92% success score is indeed a commendable performance. It is fitting and proper that we congratulate those who have brought credit to themselves and their alma mater. 'Rest is not for us' and keeping in mind this guiding principle, training for the qualified cadets has started in right earnest. Some of the cadets have already received their interview call. We wish them all success. As we go to the press, the cadets have geared themselves for another round of examinations and are busy facing the Mid Term Tests.

A Note :—(For the benefit of our readers we are publishing in this issue of the Chronicle excerpts from the addresses of the DGMT and DDGMT (PCT) to the staff and the cadets of RIMC when these distinguished guests visited the college last month. We are also publishing excerpts from the interview of the DGMT with the Editorial Board of the Chronicle.)

CAMPUS NEWS

Inter section Hindi Debate Competition was held on 24 Aug Pratap Section won the Inter Section Hindi Debate trophy followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji In the Junior Section Cadets Alok Raturi (P) and VK Datta (S) were adjudged first and second respectively. In the Senior Section Cadet Tanmay Kashyap (P) was adjudged the best speaker followed by Cadet KS Sanewal (R). Cadet AV Joshi (C) was the recipient of the first prize for the Rebuttal.

Cadet Rohit Chaudhry and Cadet KS Sanewal represented the college in the Hindi Debate organised by Welham Girls High School and Cadet Rohit Chaudhry got the third prize for the individual speaker.

In the *Inter Section Quiz competition* (Senior) held on 12 September Ranjit Section emerged the winners closely followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Shivaji.

JANAMASTHMI

The birthday of Lord Sri Krishna was celebrated in the college temple with traditional fanfare and gaiety. This time the function was organised in the temple at night. The temple was decorated with multi-coloured lights and the Music Club of the college added to the elegance of the function by their devotional songs and traditional music.

Chandragupta Section staged a variety entertainment programme on 21 Sep. The section took a lot of pains to make the programme colourful and enjoyable.

STAFF NEWS

Capt Ashok Kumar and Capt AK Mahapatra are now no longer bachelors. Congratulations to the newly weds. We wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

SPORTS

Inter Section Cross Country Competition was held in the early hours of morning on 25 Aug. The coveted Trophy was won by Chandragupta, Section followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Pratap. Cadet SBS Bajwa (C) and Cadet WJK Singh (C) were placed first and second respectively in the senior section. In the Junior Section Cadet PB Midag (S) and Cadet SK Sinha (R) were adjudged first and second respectively.

Inter Section Swimming Championship has been won by Ranjit Section followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap. The competition was spread over two afternoons providing thrilling and spectacular performances. In the 'A' Division Cadet VS Rana (R) was adjudged the best swimmer. In the 'B' Division Cadet Lovekesh Thakur (R) won the distinction of being the best swimmer while in the 'C' Division Cadet JS Bisht (R) and Cadet Pradeep Singh (S) jointly shared the honour of being the best Swimmers.

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Water Polo Trophy for the year was very convincingly won by Chandragupta Section followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Pratap.

RIMC Football Team played a football match against welham Boys School on 22 Sep. RIMC Team won 3-1.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ADDRESS BY THE DGMT LT GEN M MAYADAS
PVSM ON 09 AUG 85

I consider it a considerable honour to have been called here to address this gathering of fresh young faces who are something that the country has invested in for the future. It is boys like you, who once you pass out from an institution of this nature irrespective of the fact whether you go to the armed forces or not can do something for this country to make it stronger than what it is at the moment. I am very happy to see a lot of eager faces ready to face the future. You are some of the fortunate few passing out from an institution of this nature which has behind it a tradition of many long years. When your institution was founded in 1922, the Indian Military Academy was still ten years off. Yesterday I saw a photograph in the museum of the Indian Military Academy, when the first course of the Indian Military Academy in 1932 had just entered as freshers, behind them was a bunch of smartly turned out young boys who were from the RIMC. You are ten years older than the IMA is today. Make the most of it. Learn to become leaders, not only in the military fields but in other fields too. Try and become leaders who help the country in all its problems. The commandant here has mentioned to me and he has been writing to me of your achievements. The achievements are many. Lately your achievements have been better than they have been before. You have to be very proud of your background. This is something, I am sure, fills your hearts with pride and makes you want to achieve something irrespective of the hardships involved and you over here do not have so many hardships as many of the other Indian youths of today have. Make the most of the opportunity. Your academic results reflect that you compare with the best in the country and perhaps outshine them. At one time adequate attention was not paid to academics at RIMC. At that time at the RIMC, a tremendous amount of importance was paid to games and the boys who came from the RIMC were outstanding sportsmen. I am sure you are doing well in sports and in the academic field which is going to help you in the long run to become a major success in your career.

Finally, gentlemen, I would like to wish you and your instructors continued success and hope that you will do very well in the future in any career that you might choose.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ADDRESS BY BRIG RS SIROHI, DDGMT (PCT)
ON 12 AUG 85

When I looked at you, the first thing that struck me was that it is a good thing to get you young because to be a cadet at this age must be very thrilling. I wish I had a similar kind of opportunity.

From this rostrum many distinguished people have addressed this assembly and I consider myself singularly privileged to address an audience like this. When I came to Dehra Dun first, it was thirty five years and when I was travelling in the train today, it looked as if it was yesterday. Once I also arrived with one black box not knowing what was ahead of me and of course within ten minutes of my arrival at the Railway Station, I could realise as to what was in store for me. It was a hard, laborious life and has been so over the last three decades and more.

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What helps you in life ? I think it is our character qualities. Major contribution in character formation is made by teachers who teach you how to fend for yourselves in life. You have to fight for your rights and it is only then that you fight for an establishment and it is only then that you fight for your nation. It is a constant struggle because if you give up your fundamental rights, you will have, perhaps, given up at the national level. This is the message I want to leave with you and your young minds.

We are a multi-lingual nation. We have to live with some kind of a language that we all understand and till an alternative can be found, I think there is no choice but to continue with English. I counsel that if you want to do well in life, you should speak well. You should speak with confidence in whatever language you are speaking in communicating to your audience the sentiments that are growing within you. It is like a radiation coming out of a Yogi or Mahatma, whatever you call him. Unless you can develop that quality as a leader of men, I am afraid you are not going to deliver the goods. People who can really teach you to speak well and write well are your masters.

At the end, all I have to say is that it has given me a lot of pleasure in speaking to you today. Your alma mater has done very well and has produced two Chiefs. I do not know how many future Chiefs are sitting amongst you.

INTERVIEW WITH THE DGMT—LT GEN M MAYADAS PVSM : 09 AUG 85

Q. Where did you have your early education ?

Ans. It was in a Convent till I was ten years old. After that St Columbs, Delhi and then St Stephens, Delhi

Q. Why not at RIMC ?

Ans. I do not sincerely know, but I had not even decided to join the army till world war II started and in those days they used to bring up-to-date shots of the war in the movies and it served as an inspiration to me.

Q. Do you find any striking change between the army of today and the army of the fifties ?

Ans. Yes, there are vast differences. In those days a large number of officers used to be chronic bachelors and the mess life was wonderful and in those days one had to take permission of the Commanding Officer to get married but now a days this is not done. There was a lot of adventure in those days. I spent most of my leisure in Shikar

Q. What about the Officers of today ? Are they not adventurers ?

Ans. Due to Socio economic problems the attitude has changed. Secondly, when you get married young, your spirit of adventure is curbed with that one great adventure in life, that is marriage : Remember India is as beautiful as Switzerland but it has to be discovered and reproduced which a domesticated person cannot do. Photography is one way of reproducing this beauty. When you are sitting down in the wilderness, you find total bliss and you cannot imagine how interesting it is to listen to some music that time. I am greatly interested in classical music but now the tastes are changing.

Q. Who is your favourite singer ?

Ans. My favourite singers are the ones whom you may not have heard of; Sehgal and CH Atma are my favourite singers.

Q. We have heard that you are a keen lover of nature. Is it so ?

Ans. Yes, I have been a Shikari and in the process I have developed love for nature. I go into depth. It helps me to find solutions to my tactical problems. I would like to stay in places like Dehra Dun, the Tarai, Ranikhet.

Q. Are you a poet ?

Ans. Well I have written bits of poetry and sometimes I do painting also.

Q. You have an enviable career in the army. What was your proudest moment in the army ?

Ans. I think my proudest moment was when I joined the IMA as a Cadet. Secondly, when I led the tanks in the first Republic Day Parade. Another proud moment was when I shot my first tiger.

Q. Is this your first visit to RIMC ?

Ans. I came here once before when a new Brigade was raised in Clement Town but I did not see as much as I have seen today.

Q. What did you think of RIMC as a residential-cum career public school ?

Ans. There can be nothing better than this.

Q. What changes do you propose in the RIMC ?

Ans. One is to bring new Computer Engineering for the Cadets. I cannot think of any second change as you have all the facilities here.

Q. You must have served with Rimcollians. What is your opinion about them ?

Ans. Rimcollians are honest, straight forward, loyal who never let anyone down and at one time not so good in English and Mathematics.



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TO DEAR CADETS

I have completed two years of my stay at RIMC. This period has been quite rich in terms of experience in the various fields. I have also found to my joy that with only one exception the involvement of Cadets in all fields of activity is extremely satisfactory. The exception, I refer to, is in the field of writing. This singular fact has always been at the back of my mind, whenever I have gone through the College Magazine as well as 'The Chronicle'. It is very rare that one comes across any creative work in any one of the above mentioned periodicals. Save for a narration of some experience or a collection of jokes, one does not find any fresh or original work. A poem or an imaginative writing would come within the framework of an original work.

One of the most satisfying experiences in life is seeing one's own writing published in some periodical. Moreover in the present setup of Indian Army, in order to be a successful military Commander, one must be able to write well. It means that one should be able to convey one's thoughts effectively. As cadets you have the services of an Editor at your disposal (free of cost, of course) All your mistakes are corrected and by the time the article, appears in black and white you know where exactly you had erred. A few such articles, if written carefully during your stay at RIMC will certainly contribute immensely towards making you an effective officer and writer.

Writing is not difficult. It is an art which can be perfected with little hard work. Someone has said that each individual is a potential writer. Each one has enough thoughts of his own, which if organised properly can become a very good composition. The fact is that we are either too lazy to attempt writing or all of us have that inborn human weakness of being non-creative. You will agree with me that the world is run by creative people and it would be nice to be creative. For everything one has to make a beginning; then why not NOW.

P.G. Wodehouse has said that of all forms of writings, writing light humour prose is the easiest. He may have been modest but there is a great truth in this statement. In case you find it difficult to write, take any little happening around you and write it out by mixing some humour here and there and you will see that it will turn out to be a good work of prose. I can ensure you that right here at RIMC there are scores of subjects that you can pick up for your writings and round each you can weave interesting anecdotes.

Generally, we are shy of writing because we are always concerned about the opinion of others. This is a human weakness which must be overcome at the earliest possible opportunity. Remember, it is only here that your articles are accepted with comparative ease (the competition being restricted only to 230 cadets). At NDA and at successive stages of your career competition will be much tougher. Writing alone will make you not only a good officer, but it will also certainly add to your stature and personality.

Beginning with this Chronicle, I will attempt to pen down some of my experiences at the RIMC. You will see that these experiences are nothing extraordinary. They are just few observations, which I have tried to write in my own style. I hope these will be liked by you all. If after reading these some of you also pick up your pen (along with the inkpot of course), this article would serve its purpose. I have no doubt in my mind that most of you have great potential as future writers.

Capt D Choudhury

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MUSIC

Music enriches our life by giving us a sense of harmony and order. Health, wealth, success in life, good luck, name and fame, in short all the desirable things of the world still leave us, for some mysterious reason, unsatisfied. This is sometimes called divine discontent.

We seek unity order and hamony in the world. Music satisfies this craving. Pa'n and sorrow make us miserable. But a pathetic song, while it moves us to tears, also soothes us. This because such a song transforms disharmony into harmony. That is why the poet Shelly wrote;

Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought.

Music is play of sound. It can be vocal or instrumental or a combination of both. Music expresses the innermost soul of things, of action and of ideas. The musician's voice and the sound of the musical instruments combined captivate the ear and the heart. In Indian music we have the ragas and the raginis suited to the changing hours of the day and the night and also suited to the various seasons. There are countries in which vocal music is not perhaps so highly developed as it is in India But there is an ochestral quality in European music which is of a really high order. All human emotions find expression in it. All states of feeling are rendered in music. We have martial music. We have elegiac or funeral music. Love, sorrow, bereavement, separation, union domestic affection, religious feeling, the human response to the sights and sounds of nature, the daily activities of life, our attachment to numerous things and numerous scenes, all of them find their echoes in music.

Music makes the earthly life seem divine. It is said that the devil can do everything but it cannot sing. Music has universal appeal. It appeals even to the lower animals who are strangely moved by its rhythmic beats. Flower plants and other plants have been known to respond to music and to grow and flourish when music is played near them. Music is tender and touching. It brings out the music hidden in the chords of our being. It soothes our tired nerves. It makes us aware of the inner richness of life. It spiritualises the material world. It lightens the burden of existence. It brings calm to our distracted life.

With the invention of the radio and the gramophone or the stereo the finest and the best music has come within the reach of the common man. But these inventions have not taken away the charm of instrumental and vocal music played directly by living musicians to living audiences. Music again, is a very great thing as a civilizing and humanising force. It may be called the soul of civilization.

Cdt P Kumar

GEMS OF WISDOM

- * The mind grows narrow in proportion as the soul grows corrupt.
- * When a person finds no peace within himself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.
- * A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.
- * The joy of the spring is not for those who have built walls of selfishness around them.
- * To the wise, life is a solution, to the fool, a problems.
- * False friends are like shadows which in the darkness desert you.
- * The measure of a life after all is not its duration but its donation.
- * The heart of the fool is in his mouth but the mouth of the wise man is in his heart.
- * A dumb wife and a deaf husband are always a happy couple.

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The cycle of events never stands still at RIMC. The Mid term examinations had hardly concluded when the rush of events came in quick succession. The Inter Section Football Competition was the first major event of the month. The spirited game played by the Section teams made the competition so keen that till the long whistle of the last match, the four Sections had to keep their fingers crossed. On 19th October we hosted All India Inter School Hindi Debate competition. This time too, the response was very encouraging. Ten prestigious schools of the country including St. George's College Mussoorie, Doon School Dehra Dun, Sports School Rai and Sainik School Tillayya participated in the debate. The battle of wits between the speakers and the members of the Rebuttal Panel and the high standard of the debate made the occasion a grand success. 20 October marked the inauguration of the Sub Junior National Squash Rackets Championship hosted by us for second year in succession. This time forty budding Squash players from different parts of the country competed with one another for the coveted title. Our boys too put up a good show and Cdt AJ Singh reached the finals. Another important event of the year, the Inter Section Athletics Competition commenced on 24th October. Again the four Sections competed with one another in the true spirit of sportsmanship. In the keenly contested competition Shivaji Section bagged the coveted trophy closely followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Ranjit. These competitions, close on the heels of the mid term tests, gave sufficient trial to the brain and brawn of our Cadets and hence they deserved a break which came off on the last day of the month in the form of educational tour to Delhi-Agra and Mussoorie. While some went to discover and explore the wide world outside, some were allowed to visit their homes.

A very important change has taken place at the administrative level. On 30 October we bade farewell to Col VK Singh who left us on promotion to assume his duties as the Deputy Commandant of the Grenadiers Regimental Centre Jabalpur, after a brief stay of a year and a half. Even during

this short stay Col VK Singh left an indelible impression on the College administration and campus. The vacuum created by his departure has very ably been filled by his successor Lt Col AK Dutta. Lt Col AK Dutta is a promising officer of the Armoured Corps and his records as Cadet at the College are highly commendable. An ex-Shivajian, he passed out from the College in December 1963 and had the distinction of being the College Captain. He was also the proud recipient of the President's Gold Medal in December 1963. We extend to him a hearty welcome and wish him a fruitful and happy stay at RIMC.

The record of the month cannot be complete without a reference to our SSB results. A very substantial majority of our finalists have come out victorious from various Selection Boards. Out of 29 Cadets (including two Repeaters) 27 qualified at the UPSC written examination and out of 27 cadets who appeared before various Service Selection Boards, 23 have come out with flying colours. Now all eyes are fixed on the All India Merit List and we hope to reap a rich harvest in keeping with our proud tradition of excellence.

Results of Inter Section Football Championship 1985

The results of Inter Section Football Championship 1985 held from 10 to 12 Oct 85 are as under :

Section	Position	Championship Points
RANJIT	I	8
PRATAP	II	6
SHIVAJI	III	4
CHANDRAGUPTA	IV	2

On the basis of points awarded Ranjit section and Pratap Section had tied for the first position. Final position was decided on the basis of goal average.

Commandant is pleased to award College Blue in football for the year 1985 to Cadet Deepak Ahluwalia of Ranjit Section.

Inter Section Athletics Championship 1985

The Inter Section Athletic Championship for the year 1985-86 was held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of Oct 1985. It was held as usual with gaiety and splendour and was attended by many of the dignitaries of Dehradun. Brig Ranjit Singh, Commander Dehra Dun Sub Area was the chief guest. The coveted trophy was bagged by Shivaji Section, closely followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Ranjit. The overall position is as under :

1. Shivaji Section	—First	81
2. Chandragupta Section	—Second	79½
3. Pratap Section	—Third	67
4. Ranjit Section	—Fourth	66½

The result card is as under :

'A' Division			
Events	First		Second
100 meters	Pankaj Sinha	(P)	VS Rana (R)
200 metres	Pankaj Sinha	(P)	VS Rana (R)
Broad Jump	Pankaj Sinha	(P)	V Agarwal (R)
			B Ashok (S)
4×100 metres Relay	Ranjit Section		Shivaji Section

'B' Division

Events	First	Second
100 metres	BB Pati (S)	S Jain (P)
200 metres	BB Pati (S)	S Jain (P)
400 metres	BB Pati (S)	P Sinha (P)
Broad Jump	A Kan Kan (C)	H Duggal (C)
High Jump	A Kan Kan (C)	B Ashok (C)
110 metres Hurdles	S Jain (P)	BB Pati (S)
4 × 100 metres Relay	Shivaji Section	Chandragupta Section

'C' Division

Events	First	Second
100 metres	DS Bajaj (S)	D Ahluwalia (R)
200 metres	WJK Singh (C)	D Ahluwalia (R)
400 metres	WJK Singh (C)	Pradeep Singh (S)
800 metres	WJK Singh (C)	JS Rajput (P)
1500 metres	WJK Singh (C)	JS Rajput (P)
3000 metres	JS Rajput (P)	AK Vashist (C)
110 metres Hurdles	D Ahluwalia (R)	KPS Sirohi (C)
Broad Jump	V Dewan (S)	S Mathai (R)
High Jump	S Shahi (S)	JS Rajput (P)
Pole Vault	Dewan Singh (S)	S Mathai (R)
Triple Jump	Robi Kapoor (P)	Ravi Sharma (R)
Javelin Throw	S Mathai (R)	KPS Sirohi (C)
Discus Throw	KPS Sirohi (C)	A Banerjee (R)
Shot Put	KPS Sirohi (C)	D Ahluwalia (R)
4 × 100 Metres Relay	Chandragupta Section	Ranjit Section

An old boys' race was also held as usual. The results are as follows :

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| (1) Lt Col AK Dutta | —First |
| (2) Captain BS Negi | —Second |

The best athletes are :

'A' Div	—	Pankaj Sinha (P)
'B' Div	—	BB Pati (S)
'C' Div	—	WJK Singh (C)

Gen Hira Lal Atal Trophy for best athlete was awarded to Cadet WJK Singh (C).

Report : Cdt BB Pati

Numerical Ability Test

A large number of our cadets took part in the 7th Numerical Ability Test conducted under the auspices of Nehru Yuvak Kendra Dehra Dun and bagged the running trophy of A and B Divisions. Out of 12 finally selected for scholarship of Rs. 100/- each for classes IX and X, 7 are from RIMC, the highest number from any single school. The cadets are—Cdts KR Singh, Vivek Singh, AJS Sandhu, P Paussey, AK Vashist, Dinesh Pandey and Prabhat Kumar. Sixty three Cadets of RIMC have been awarded Certificates of Merit for scoring above 75% marks in the Numerical Ability Test.

5th Sub-Junior National Squash Championship 1985

RIMC, the winner of last year's National Sub Junior Squash Rackets Championship hosted the 5th Sub Junior National Squash Championship 1985 from 20 Oct to 22 Oct 85, consecutively for the second year under the banner of Sports Control Board. The dates for the tournament were fixed during the Dusshera holidays not to upset the curriculum and to facilitate the outside teams to participate in large numbers.

The participation, this year was quite encouraging compared to the last year's in as many as 40 competitors took part in this tournament from 9 squash playing clubs and several educational institutions of the country. The names of clubs and schools which took part are :

Modern School and Delhi Public School : New Delhi, Daly College : Indore, Lawrence School : Sanawar : J&K Squash Rackets Association : Srinagar, St Xaviers Collegiate School : Culcutta, Doon School and RIMC : Dehradun and Otters Club : Bombay.

Some flashes of brilliant performance were displayed by our Cadets and by other competitors; particularly by the boys of Otters club : Bombay, the current winner of the National Sub Junior Squash Rackets Championship. It was quite heartening to witness the high standard of the game during the course of the matches. Cadet Atinderjit Singh of Class II, of this College ended up as the runners up in the tournament. Cadet Anuj Kalia of the same class became the winner of the 1st round losers' draw.

Mr Aslam Sher, MLA, UP, President, UP Squash Rackets Association and himself a keen squash player gave away the prizes to the proud winners.

Capt AK Mahaptra

An Interview with Col VK Singh

On 30 Oct 85 the Interview Board of cadets interviewed the outgoing Adm Officer Col VK Singh. The excerpts of the interview are given below.

I B : What changes have taken place since you were a cadet at RIMC ?

A O : Well ! I came here after 30 years and found the landscape entirely changed. We used to have tea gardens and jungles all around. But now you have houses and buildings instead. One thing which didn't change is the education block, including the furniture.

I B : What are the various proposals left incomplete during your tenure ?

A O : There are many changes to be brought, as a matter of fact. Expansion and electrification of mess, steel furniture for education block, a short range etc. and the cost is estimated to exceed 20 Lakhs.

I B : Can you recall any memorable incident at RIMC ?

A O : I was amongst the naughty boys of my time. After I had come from my SSB, I remember I was sent home for some mischief. We broke open one of our friends JK Gupta's cupboard and had a grand feast of *laddoos* and left one as his share.

I B : Will you send your son to RIMC ?

A O : It depends upon him. If I say no, I won't be a true Rimcollian, isn't it.

I B : Yes sir. We are waiting for him.

A O : Why, you want to rag him ?

I B : Of course; No Sir !

I B : Which was your proudest moment : (a) as a Cadet, (b) as an AO ?

A O : (a) I was the school Boxing Captain and we went to Martiniere Lucknow and did very well. We were the Champions;

(b) I was very happy to be in the college when in National Sub Junior Squash Championship last year we were the champions. Even this year we did extremely well and were runners up.

We are extremely good and champions in sports like Basketball, Athletics, Squash etc.

I B : What was your nick name ?

A O : I was called 'Chacha'.

I B : Sir, how do you feel leaving your *Alma Mater* as the Deputy Commandant of Grenadiers Centre, Jabalpur on promotion ? Any message for us Sir ?

A O : I felt this was a very satisfying moment. One stops ageing. You become a child among small kids. All the memories as a Cadet comes to mind. I still remember the days, each and every moment of it, the pranks we used to play. But I find the tricks not new these days. You can't find a better place than RIMC. Make full use of the facilities here. But the Army has become sophisticated now, that is why due emphasis is being laid on the study of science.

I B : Thank you very much Sir.

A O : Thank you to all of you. All the best to everyone. Long live RIMC.

I B consisted of :

Vishal Sharma, Sugandh Sharma, Rohit Choudhary

अखिल भारतीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता

हमारे विद्यालय के प्रांगण में १६ अक्टूबर ८५ को हर वर्ष की भांति इस वर्ष भी अन्तर्विद्यालय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हुआ।

प्रतियोगिता का विषय था "संतोषः परमम् सुखम्"। व्यक्तिगत रूप से इस प्रतियोगिता में दून स्कूल के संकल्प नवजीवन—प्रथम; नीलेश धय्या, मोतीलाल नेहरू स्कूल आफ स्पोर्ट्स, राई तथा आनन्द अग्रवाल, सेंट जार्जस कालेज, मसूरी—द्वितीय; कमलेश कुमार, सैनिक स्कूल, तिलैया—तृतीय; तथा कुलबीर सिंह, आर.आई.एम.सी.—चतुर्थ घोषित किये गये।

प्रतियोगिता का स्तर अधिक ऊँचा रहा। इस प्रतियोगिता में दून स्कूल, केंब्रियन हाल, सेंट थामस, वेल्लहम व्वायज़, मार्शल स्कूल, सेंट जार्जस, मसूरी, मोतीलाल नेहरू स्कूल आफ स्पोर्ट्स, राई, सैनिक स्कूल, तिलैया, स्कालर होम, तथा आर.आई.एम.सी. ने भाग लिया। प्रत्येक विद्यालय से तीन वक्ताओं ने भाग लिया।

तर्क-वितर्क मण्डल का व्यक्तिगत रूप से परिणाम यह रहा : प्रथम—अरुण कुमार सिंह, दून स्कूल; द्वितीय—दीपक कुमार 'अप्पू', केंब्रियन हाल तथा तृतीय—विशाल शर्मा, आर.आई.एम.सी.।

सम्मिलित रूप से दून स्कूल का स्थान प्रथम तथा आर.आई.एम.सी. द्वितीय एवं सैनिक स्कूल, तिलैया तृतीय रहा।

इस प्रतियोगिता के मुख्य अतिथि ब्रिगेडियर बी०एन० सिंह, कमांडर, ४२ इन्फैंट्री ब्रिगेड, देहरादून थे।

श्रीमती कनक शुक्ला, प्रोफेसर, हिन्दी विभाग, डी.ए.वी. (पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट) कॉलेज, डा० राजा नारायण राय, अध्यक्ष, हिन्दी विभाग, ए.सी.सी. विंग, आई.एम.ए. तथा डा० वीरेन्द्र श्रीवास्तव, प्रोफेसर, हिन्दी विभाग, डी.ए.वी. (पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट) कॉलेज, देहरादून का अति आभार प्रकट करते हैं जिन्होंने अपने व्यस्त कार्यक्रम से बहुमूल्य समय निकालकर निर्णायकगण का पद ग्रहण कर हमें कृतार्थ किया।

हम डाक्टर राय के अत्यन्त आभारी हैं जिन्होंने अपना भाषण देकर वीरकुमारों का उत्साहवर्धन किया।

श्रीमती बी०एन० सिंह ने पुरस्कार वितरण कर सदन की शोभा को और बढ़ा दिया।

१९८५ की वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का चल विजयोपहार दून स्कूल को प्रदान किया गया। यह चल विजयोपहार काशी नरेश श्री विभूति नारायण सिंह द्वारा प्रदत्त किया गया है।

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