

on pension. He had a very short tenure with us and before he could familiarise himself with the surrounding he was on his way out. We wish him and his family God speed in all his endeavours. We are happy to welcome to our fold Capt and Mrs Mathew Muricken and Miss Rebecca Beatty (Both Instructors in English). Miss Beatty, an ad-hoc teacher, hails from Ajmer in Rajasthan and has the work experience of a teacher in two other Schools prior to joining us. She happens to be the first lady teacher in RIMC and has taken up her job with right earnest. Capt Mathew, a paratrooper has already become a part of the College family. We are quite optimistic of exploiting his experience as a paratrooper to introduce parasailing for the cadets in RIMC in the near future. We wish both Capt Mathew and Miss Rebecca an enjoyable, awarding and fruitful stay.

The RIMC is rightfully proud of its possessions that came one after the other in rapid succession during the last year. May be Lady Luck was unusually kind to us and now we have a 4 KV Generator set, an electronic exchange with 18 lines and two computers to boast of. Though the additions of a deluxe bus, the generator set and the electronic exchange, all three within the span of one year are due to the unflagging flow of kindness of the higher authorities in the Government machinery, the computers have found their way to this great institution only because of the initiative and perseverance of the head of the family, the Commandant and the pestering cadets eager to enter the computer age. In a letter of appeal to the parents the Commandant urged the parents to contribute their share for the acquisition of two computers for the benefit of their wards and the usual positive response could put us in the computer world. Computer lessons have commenced with the beginning of the 1st term 1988. The winter break, this year was not that desolate and lonely like the previous years. The dormitories were packed to capacity by the officer-students attending the Pre-staff college cadre run by the Central Command from 16 Dec 87 to 15 Jan 88. Though the campus lacks the infra-structure for such a course in many ways, the cadre, all the same, was conducted effectively with improvisations and utilisation of all available resources.

Before I wind up I would request our readers to bear with us for the discontinuation of the Chronicle during the winter break. I would also appeal to all the ardent old boys and the staff (both present and past) associated with this great institution to keep in touch and to keep us posted with their latest achievements and particulars, for the benefit of the younger generation who look up to you with tremendous awe and inspiration.

Hikes

The College organised five hikes/educational trips to places of interest during the mid-term break lasting for five days. The places selected this time were Ajmer, Jaipur, Shimla, Nainital, Mussoorie and Lansdowne. These enjoyable trips have proved very fruitful both being educative as well as being of immense help in breaking the drudgery and monotony of the strong regimentation. They are as interludes in the busy schedule of the cadets' life and rejuvenate them to take on challenging tasks ahead. The Lansdowne hike was a shade different from all the others comprising adventure sports like rock-climbing and rappelling in the rugged mountains of Lansdowne.

We convey our heartfelt thanks to the authorities of Panchayat Bhavan, Shimla, ASC School, Nainital, Military School Ajmer, and Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre, Lansdowne for accommodating our cadets during the hike.

Results of the UPSC written test and SSB

The result of 122nd and 123rd RIMC courses both in UPSC written test and SSB for entry to NDA is as follows:—

| <i>122nd Course</i> | <i>No appeared</i> | <i>No cleared</i> | <i>No failed</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| UPSC written test | 18 | 18 | Nil |
| SSB | 18 | 16 | 2 |
| <i>123rd course</i> | | | |
| UPSC written test | 12 | 12 | Nil |
| SSB | 12 | 9 | 3 |

Cadet Appointment for the First Term 1988 :

(a) College Appointments

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| (i) Cadet Captain | — | Kaushik Mukherjee |
| (ii) Cadet Adjt | — | Vivek Singh |

(b) Section Appointments

| | <i>Section Commanders</i> | <i>Section Sergeants</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| (i) Pratap | Sundeep Singh | VK Sharma RC Kaushik JS Parhar |
| (ii) Ranjit | SK Sinha | Sumeet Sinha RS Sandhu Nirmalendu Kumar |
| (iii) Shivaji | AJS Sandhu | BB Pati |
| (iv) Chandragupta | Arijit Chatterjee | Kumar Saurav TS Dhillon Anil Kumar Asheem Mittal |

Medhavi Winners :

| | | | |
|--------|----------------------|------------|-------|
| 1510/S | Cadet Abhas Awasthi | I in class | I |
| 1492/S | „ Amit Jain | I „ „ | IA |
| 1474/C | „ K Vijay Singh | I „ „ | II |
| 1445/R | „ Ashim Kumar Pandey | I „ „ | II A |
| 1402/R | „ Sanjeev Gupta | I „ „ | III |
| 1388/P | „ Alok Raturi | I „ „ | III A |
| 1373/S | „ Devanshu Rastogi | I „ „ | IV |
| 1328/E | „ Asheem Mittal | I „ „ | IV A |
| 1327/S | „ Kumar Saurav | I „ „ | V |
| 1303/C | „ Sundeep Verma | I „ „ | V A |

Results : Inter Section Competitions 1987—The results of Inter Section Athletic Competition for the Aug 87 term are as under :

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| Section | Points | Position | Score |
|------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| (a) Shivaji | 103 | I | 8 |
| (b) Ranjit | 86 | II | 6 |
| (c) Pratap | 81 | III | 4 |
| (d) Chandragupta | 42 | IV | 2 |

Results—Inter Section Squad Drill Competition 1987

| Section | Position | Points awarded |
|------------------|----------|----------------|
| (a) Ranjit | I | 8 |
| (b) Shivaji | II | 6 |
| (c) Chandragupta | III | 4 |
| (d) Pratap | IV | 2 |

Results—Inter Section Squash Championship—The results are as under :

| Section | Position | Points awarded |
|------------------|----------|----------------|
| (a) Ranjit | I | 4 |
| (b) Shivaji | II | 3 |
| (c) Chandragupta | III | 2 |
| (d) Pratap | IV | 1 |

Col BK Laroia's Cup for the best Squash player of the year 1987 was awarded to Cadet Atinderjit Singh of Ranjit Section.

Results—Inter Section English Essay Writting Competition 1987—The results are as under :

(a) Seniors

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|--------------------------------------|---|-----|
| (i) Cdt GDS Khurana, Shivaji | — | 1st |
| (ii) Cdt Asheem Mittal, Chandragupta | — | 2nd |

(b) Juniors

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| (i) Cdt P Nitin, Chandragupta | — | 1st |
| (ii) Cdt Asheesh Kashyap, Pratap | — | 2nd |

(c) Overall Positions

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----|--------------------|
| (i) Chandragupta Sec | — | 1st | (Obtained 4 marks) |
| (ii) Shivaji Sec | — | 2nd | (Obtained 3 marks) |
| (iii) Pratap Sec | — | 3rd | (Obtained 2 marks) |
| (iv) Ranjit Sec | — | 4th | (Obtained 1 mark) |

Results — Inter Section Obstacle Course Competition 1987. The results are as under :—

| Section | Position | Timings | Points |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| (a) Pratap | I | 6 mins 48.5 sec | 4 |
| (b) Shivaji | II | 7 mins 14 sec | 3 |
| (c) Ranjit | III | 7 mins 34.4 sec | 2 |
| (d) Chandragupta | IV | 9 mins 11.6 sec | 1 |

Individual Positions

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----|-------------------|
| (a) Cdt RD Sharma, Shivaji | — | I | (3 mins 6.9 sec) |
| (b) „ Rohit Kumar, Chandragupta | — | II | (3 mins 11.9 sec) |

Art for Arts Sake

The following cadets got the prizes for "ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION" organised by Col Brown School, Dehra Dun.

IIIrd prize Group 'B'

— Cadet Pradeep Singh

IIInd prize Group 'C'

— Cadet Vikram Singh

All India Hindi Debate

The All India Hindi Debate was held in RIMC on 17 October. Eight schools took part in this. The topic of the Debate was.

‘पश्चिम ने पूर्व से आलोक लेकर उसे ही अंधकार में डकेल दिया है।’

‘AJS Sandhu’ of RIMC was adjudged the best rebuttler and ‘Poonam Sharma of Scholars Home was adjudged the best speaker.

In the team position ‘Welham Girls’ came first followed by RIMC and Scholars Home.

Music Hobby

RIMC music club participated in the All India Group Song Competition organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad, at Phool Chand Narishilp Mandir Dehra Dun. Our music club got IIInd position in both senior and junior group. The cadets got individual prizes and certificates.

On 23rd Oct music hobby took part in Lion's Club programme held at Doon Club. which was widely appreciated by one and all. It also took part in the patriotic song competition organised by KV ONGC and non-challantly bagged the first prize.

District Athletic Meet Dehra Dun 1987

The District Athletic Meet Dehra Dun was held at ONGC Central School grounds on 7th and 8th Nov 87. RIMC participated in A,B,C,D and Mens Division. Our cadets did extremely well in field as well as track events RIMC bagged 4 out of 6 championship trophies in ‘A’ ‘B’ and ‘D’ Divisions and for the best march past.

RIMCOLLIANA

Extract of citation from "Gazette of India" dated 04 April 87

MAJOR ASHOK KUMAR SINGH (IC-27941), SM. ENGINEERS.

(Effective date of the award : 28th September, 1985)

Major Ashok Kumar Singh was selected as a permanent crew member of the Indian Army expedition around the world in a thirty seven footer fibre glass yacht "Trishna" which will go down in the annals of sailing history in India as a daring feat of enterprise.

Trishna had to sail from the United Kingdom to Bombay, the port from where the expedition was flagged off on the 28th September, 1985. Enroute the United Kingdom to Bombay, Trishna ran into fierce storms in the Bay of Biscay, rough weather in the Mediterranean and then again in the Red Sea. At one stage the main sails were blown off in the gales. At great peril, the crew managed to put up fresh sails and safely steer Trishna to Bombay.

Their journey from Mauritius to St. Helena Island around the Cape of good Hope, was a story of heroic fight against countless storms when wind intensity increased to sixty five knots whipping up waves to forty-fifty feet height. Tons of water broke over the small boat, washing away the life saving gear and packing of the wireless. They steered Trishna with steel nerves, keeping it on course.

The worst part of the journey was from Auckland to Sydney across the Tasman Sea where the crew faced one of the worst storms in 100 years. Braving through the dangers the crew reached Sydney with complete exhaustion and loss of appetite. The sail from Sydney to Brisbane further to Cairns and Thursday Island was equally difficult, when they had to steer past the Great Barrier Reef which was a great navigational hazard.

Major Ashok Kumar Singh, in spite of being handicapped having an artificial left leg, shared the tremendous difficulties with his team mates and displayed conspicuous gallantry in the best traditions of the Indian Army.

News From NDA

Results of Rimcollians Aug Term 87

73rd Course

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Gold Medal | — | BCC Vishan Mohindra |
| Silver " | — | ACC RK Nair |
| Bronze " | — | ACA S Mehta |
| Best Air Force Cadet | — | BCC V Mohindra |
| Best Naval Cadet | — | ACC RK Nair |
| Best in OLQ | — | ACA S Mehta |
| First in Academics | — | BCC V Mohindra |

74th Course

Appointments

| | | |
|------|---|------------------|
| BCC | — | Sandeep Singh |
| BCC | — | RS Manaise |
| BCA | — | HS Bainsla |
| SCC | — | Monish C Shekhar |
| CSMs | — | R Shatpure |
| | — | R Laxman |
| DCCs | — | AM Sabnis |
| | — | A Vadenra |

Academic Results

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|------------|---|----------------|---|------------|
| Gold Torch | — | BCC V Mohinder | — | Vth Term |
| Silver " | — | ACC RK Nair | — | Vth Term |
| | | Sandeep Singh | — | Vth Term |
| | | RS Manaise | — | " " |
| | | M Gandhi | — | IVth Term |
| | | V Jaiswal | — | " " |
| | | MK Zaki | — | IIIrd Term |
| | | Vishal Sharma | — | IIIrd Term |
| | | S Kumar | — | Ist Term |
| | | V Samyal | — | IInd Term |

Bronze Torches — Many of them

Sports and Games

| | | | | |
|---------|---|----------------|---|----------|
| Blazers | — | ACA S Mehta | — | Running |
| | — | BCC V Mohindra | — | Swimming |

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|-------|-------------------|---|---------------|
| | Cdt MK Singh | — | Sailing |
| | Cdt Sandeep Sing | — | Squash |
| Blues | ACC RK Nair | — | Swimming & PT |
| | BCC V Mohindra | — | Water Polo |
| | ACA S Mehta | — | Boxing |
| | Cdt V Verma | — | Squash |
| | Cdt JBS Thapa | — | Athletics |
| | Cdt Sandeep Singh | — | Boxing |

A number of Half Blues & Merit Cards.

Cadets Doing Excellent in Their Respective Courses :

Courses :—

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|-------------|---|-------------------|
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| | | BCC V Mohindra |
| | | ACA S Mehta |
| 74th Course | — | Cdt Sandeep Singh |
| | | Cdt RS Manaise |
| | | Cdt HS Bainsla |
| 75th Course | — | Cdt V Jaiswal |
| | | Cdt V Verma |
| | | Cdt M Gandhi |
| | | Cdt AV Joshi |
| 76th Course | | Cdt MK Zaki |
| | | Cdt Vishal Sharma |
| 77th Course | — | Cdt V Samyal |
| | | Cdt Akshay Joshi |
| | | Cdt Pradeep Singh |
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With due apologies to those whom I have missed out.

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2. If we count stars in the night with full concentration we can count about 1000 stars.
3. There are no mosquitoes in France.
4. The biggest gold reserve in the world is at Fort Knox (USA). America keeps all her gold here. It is kept in a bomb proof, torch proof building. The gold is stored in mint bars of weight 12.441 kgs, each worth more than 2,00,000 dollars. The total value is estimated at about several hundred billion dollars.
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9. The coldest recorded temperature is - 80°C in the Russian camp at Antarctica.
10. The bird Cassowary is such a dangerous bird that if it is annoyed it delivers vicious kicks and can slash open a man's stomach with a single kick from its dagger like claws.
11. The most dangerous animal is the sea wasp. It is a jelly like mass with hundreds of tentacles floating from the main body. It has hundred thousands of microvenomous organism in its tentacles. If any body just brushes against the tentacles he will be subjected to a cobra like venom which will kill him within five minutes.
12. Zero was known to the Indians much before 2nd century A.D.
13. The Greeks knew how to play billiards even before 400 B.C.
14. Ice skating originated in Scandinavia 2000 years ago.

Cdt C Ashok (Chandragupta Sec)

LIFE

Our life is like a song
 Sad and happy,
 fast and slow,
 In our life time,
 We meet them in one go
 and never get to know
 what's right, what's wrong,

It's like a rainbow
 There are times
 When the colours are bright
 And we stand bold
 and at others we have to bow
 Why, we are not to know

It's like a ship
 which in all conditions,
 has to row,
 No matter, whether fast or slow,
 We are here, just to go.....go.....go
 where.....
 Nobody has and nobody
 will know.

Cadet N Kumar—Class V

Mrs & Mr Reddy, the Kuchipudi Dance Duo before the Interview Board

Mrs Radha Reddy & Mr. Raja Reddy, famous Kuchipudi dance duo presented a lecture demonstration in the Bhagat hall on the evening of 30 Oct 87. This demonstration sponsored by SPIC MACAY Dehra Dun held the audience spell bound from the very beginning and nurtured an interest for Indian classical dance among the cadets. The artists were interviewed by the journalism club and the text of the interview is as follows :—

Q. When did you start learning Kuchipudi dance ?

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Ans. At the age of six.

Q. Why did you take up dance and not singing or instrumental music ?

Ans. From the very beginning I had an urge in me to become a dancer. My friends used to tease me saying "neither you have a good face nor good body for dance." Infact my earlier taste was singing film songs, particularly those involving actress Vyjayantimala but it was the inner urge in me which inspired me to go ahead with dance.

Q. How did the two of you meet ?

Ans. Ours is a child marriage. Radha's father and my mother are brother and sister. When I was born my mother had a promise from her brother that if he had a daughter then she will marry me.

Q. At what age were you married ?

Ans. She was five & I was eleven.

Q. In what all countries have you performed ?

Ans. U.S.; U.K.; Switzerland, W. Germany, Norway, and many S.E. Asian Nations.

Q. How did you find the foreign audience ?

Ans. Very enthusiastic, eager to know and encouraging. In France some of the people checked up all about Kuchipudi dance in their library before coming to our show.

Q. Other than Kuchipudi you have got interest in which other dance ?

Ans. I have got interest in Bharat Natyam and she likes Odissi. Actually all these dances depict the same thing but in different manner. Therefore just to know the difference we study other dances.

Q. How many hours do you practise a day ?

Ans. Four to five hours daily.

Q. Who is your Guru ?

Ans. Sri Vedanta Prahalad Sarma.

Q. And madam, who is your Guru ?

Ans. Same. Infact he (pointing towards her husband) is my Guru.

Q. How did you find the RIMC audience ?

Ans. Very nice I got an impression that the boys were eager to learn.

Cdt Manish Sain 79 NDA Course

Tickle a while

Q 1. What is the difference between a blunder and a mistake ?

Ans. If you go somewhere with a cotton umbrella and come back with a slaken umbrella then it is a mistake but if it is the other way round then it is a blunder.

Q 2. Why does traffic signal turn red ?

Ans. Because it has to blush in front of so many people.

Q 3. What is common between a horse rider and a cloud ?

Ans. Both of them hold reins (reins).

Cdt. M Sain

Cdt PM Rajiv Class VA

The Home coming

It was a moment of ecstasy for the College family to receive and welcome an ardent old boy who came from across the border. It was the same bond and a fond feeling of bonhomie that binds a Rimcollian with his Alma Mater and with his brother Rimcollians that lured Maj Gen Mohammed Mumtaz Khan (Retd) of the Pak army (an old Boy obviously) to visit us after passing through the routine ordeal of getting his visit cleared by the diplomatic channel of both the countries. It was a second home coming indeed judging by the expressions that manifested themselves on his face while he was inside the campus. He went into raptures seeing his name that appears on different boards of the College and desired to be photographed in front of each one of them.

He, accompanied by his wife, visited the College on 07 November 87. A special assembly was organised in his honour. The cadets listened to him with rapt attention not to miss a single word. But it was his eyes that spoke not his vocal cords. He was almost choked with his pent up feelings and emotions that were revealing themselves in the form of tears brimming over his eyes. A mini Rimcollian get-together was organised in the Bhagat Hall in the evening and dinner in the Cadets Mess to bring back the pleasant memories alive again. His visit will remain a milestone in the history of RIMC since he is the first Rimcollian of the Pak army to visit the College. He formed a part of the Rawalinson Section from 1938 to 1944.

Stop Press

As we go to the press - "It is good news for RIMC that Lt Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, GOC-in-C Eastern Command, a zealous Rimcollian has been designated as the next Chief of Army Staff. We convey our heartiest congratulations on his reaching the highest rung of the ladder and earnestly look forward to meet him in the coming Reunion.

BOOK-POST

Printed at JK Offset, Editors—Capt AK Mohapatra, Cadet Editors—Cadet PB Midag, Cadet P Kahlon, Cadet Alok Raturi, Cadet SS Pundir, Cadet L Thakur, Cadet G Anurag, Cadet GR Joshi.

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Editorial

The cycle of life has taken yet another turn adding one more year of glorious existence to the RIMC which has incessantly churned out officer material for the Indian Armed Forces year after year. The Founder's Day celebrations and the re-union are round the corner with their ever generous prospects of fanfare, jubilations and the promises of entering into a stronger bond.

Of late, the Doon Valley which boasts of its salubrious climate, has started having very erratic weather conditions and bring in the apprehensions of marring the celebrations by inclement weather. The showers and the chilly wind during the cricket match of last reunion are still fresh in our mind and it often gives us jitters when we plan for this reunion. The valley this season has had widespread downpours with over hanging clouds followed by a hailstorm of sorts. However our fears have been put to rest to some extent by the bright sun and the azure sky that have brought back a mood of festivities. The boisterous crowd of the young ones are poised to enjoy every moment of it in the company of the

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older ones. The campus seems to be dressed in its motley garb to welcome and receive its members of the family with outstretched arms. The preparations to make the occasion a success are in full swing with ever increasing pace day after day.

The stentorian voice of the Cdt Capt commanding the Guard of Honour reverberates through out the campus at the early hours of the day. The musicians continue practising with their mellifluous and dulcet repertoire. The dramatists seem to be the greatest zealots among all those putting in their heart and soul for the Reunion. While the college is busy preparing for the Reunion, the new entries seem to be nonplussed by the strange activities happening around.

The announcement of Lt Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, GOC-in-C Eastern Command as the Chief designate adds glamour to the celebrations.

There are some changes in the staff in the offing. Lt Col HS Yadav, an Instructor in Hindi and a paratrooper is leaving this family to assume his new appointment as the SOI Education, PH & HP Area by the end of March this year. His likeable habits further reinforced by a strong sense of humour endeared him to the cadets both as an Instructor, and a Catering officer to a great extent and we are sure that his loss will be a terrible blow to the college community.

While we are busy preparing for the proudest and the busiest of all the events of the year we are perplexed by certain sudden and disheartening news. The sad demise of Lala Sughan Chand Aggarwal, the tailoring contractor, who had almost become a family member came as a shock to the college and the cadets.

Inter Section English Debate

The winter rains all of a sudden descended on R.I.M.C. on 12 February. It also happened to be the day of the debate. Sections had started their practices in right earnest much in advance. It was the first competition of the term and all sections were striving for the coveted cup. The cadets assembled in the Bhagat Hall by 3:30 PM. By 4 O'clock the proceedings of the Juniors began.

The distinguished panel of Judges consisted of Mrs A. Chandna, Vice Principal Children's Academy, Mr UC Pandey, Head of the Deptt of English - Doon School, Mr TD Walsh, Master in English from Cambrian Hall. The topic for the juniors was "Television is a curse and not a boon." The juniors put up a commendable show.

In the juniors section.

Cadet. K. Vijay Singh - 1st (Chandragupta Section)

Cadet S. Kochhar - 2nd (Shivaji Section)

The much awaited tea break acted as an interlude in the serious discussion of the debaters. The seniors debated on the topic "Indian intervention in Sri Lanka was unwarranted". The Re-buttal panel in the seniors section, added spice to the day's events.

The proceedings of the seniors debate gave the feeling of a mock parliament and the fire and fury of the speakers was remarkably countered by the logical rebuttal panel who were waiting for their turn to corner the gullible speaker.

Cadet S. Sivshankar - 1st (Ranjit Section)

Cadet K. Sonpar - 2nd (Ranjit Section)

Cadet CA Mohan was adjudged 1st in the Re-buttal panel. The Commandant gave away the prizes. Overall section positions were :-

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-----|-----------------|
| Ranjit | — | 1st | |
| Shivaji | — | 2nd | |
| Chandragupta | — | 3rd | |
| Pratap | — | 4th | Cadet SS Pundir |

To go or not to go

It was a Wednesday evening in the month of October. I presume two sections of our college had gone for IMA movies. No roll call, no preps. I was roaming around with a constant thought bothering me to go cutting bound. After minutes of contemplation and oscillation between yes and no, I remembered the Commandant's words, "Shun fear" and soon started changing. I informed a classmate of my plans after administering him an oath of secrecy and jumped over the wall. Everything went fine untill I started returning. It was 7.30 in the evening and I was on the Rajpur Road. Suddenly my bike sagged. A flat tyre. It started trudging. It seemed that something was certainly wrong with the Commandant's words. After five minutes, I reached the Clock tower where at a cycle repair shop, I could get some air filled. Time was passing at quite a steady and fast pace. I started pedalling frantically to be intime for the night roll call, but still time seemed to speed up with the bike's speed in contradiction to Einsteins' theory. At last I approached the Thimayya Gate. It was already 8:00 and I decided to sneak in to check up if everything was fine. As I was about to enter the gate, my heart froze. I saw the light of a scooter.

My mind in a frenzy, I don't know what prompted me to get down. I was caught and decided to face the music. As ill luck would have it it was the duty master of the day. I answered extempore, a volley of vexing questions and waited impatiently to roll and roll. But No. That was not my fate. I was sent to the dorm. I left the bike locked in the education block. No further action was taken and I thanked God, blissfully unaware of a disastrous beginning to the next term. The duty master who was never a subject teacher of our class became the class teacher as well as the subject teacher. At long last the inevitable happened. He asked me to write an article on the episode to be sent home for the consumption of my parents. I feel like experiencing death for the second time during the course of one life. It is an incomplete story which I pray and believe will have a happy ending.

Cadet A Srivastava
Class III A

Rimcolliana News from NDA

This time the Rimcollians had the rare distinction of having all the three medalists (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) for standing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the overall order of merit of the 73rd course, from the R.I.M.C.

1. Battalion Cadet Captain Vishan Mohindra (Chandragupta Section) won the President's gold medal.
2. Academy Cadet Captain Raghunath K. Nair (Shivaji Section) won the President's Silver medal.

3. Academy Cadet Adjutant Sandeep Mehta (Pratap Section) won the President's bronze medal.

In the subsequent courses also we have at least one cadet in the top three in the 74th course—Sandeep Singh, Cadet Captain in the January term 85 at R.I.M.C., is heading for the President's gold medal.

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We congratulate Air Marshal NC Suri AVSM, VM (Shivaji Section) on his assuming the new appointment as Vice Chief of Air Staff and sincerely wish for many more to come his way.

Awards for the year 1987—The following medals/trophy have been awarded to the cadets as shown against each :

| | Jan 87 Term | Aug 87 Term |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| (a) President's Gold Medal for best all round Cadet. | — | Sundeep Verma |
| (b) UN Jha Memorial Gold Medal for standing first amongst the RIMC Cadets in All India Merit List for entry to NDA. | — | GDS Khurana |
| (c) Col Haughton's Silver Medal for being second best all round of the term joining NDA. | — | Peush Pawsey |
| (d) Girish Verma Silver Medal for standing first in the RIMC SSCE (class XI). | Prabhat Kumar | Sundeep Verma |
| (e) Lt Col RK Sen, VrC, Silver Medal for standing first in SSE (Class X). | Tejinder Singh | Asheem Mital |
| (f) Brig KL Atal's Medal for being the best athlete of the year | — | RD Sharma |
| (g) 11 MLI Trophy awarded to the best Army Cadet | — | GDS Khurana |
| (h) Capt Mathew IN Trophy awarded to the best Naval Cadet. | — | Sundeep Verma |

Honours and Awards REPUBLIC DAY-1988

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| PVSM | | |
| 1. Air Marshal PK Dey, AVSM ✓ | — | Ranjit—1948-52 |
| AVSM | | |
| 2. Maj Gen Inder Mohan ✓ | — | Shivaji—1948-52 |
| 3. Brig DK Khullar ✓ | — | Ranjit—1953-57 |
| Sena Medal | | |
| 4. Capt Moirangthem Bobo Singh ✓ | — | Shivaji—1975-80 |
| VSM | | |
| 5. Maj Muneshwar Prabha Yadav ✓ | — | Pratap—1967-71 |
| Arjuna Award | | |
| 6. Lt Col KS Rao, SC, SM ✓ | — | Pratap—1959-63 |

"Universal Franchise—the Order of the Day"

An opinion poll was conducted by the journalism hobby. The poll revealed a few interesting things. We are sure it will make good reading and would provide the much sought after food for thought for a change for the better. The questions followed by multiple choice answers in the UPSC pattern are as follows :

- Q. 1. Given a free choice what would you like to do on a Saturday night ?
- (a) Approximately 60% of the college preferred seeing movies.
 - (b) A meagre 20% chose the company of books.
 - (c) 9% opted for music in the full blast (which would rather be jarring to the ears).
 - (d) 11% preferred doing anything else (of course within the legal parameters).
- Q. 2. Should there be appointments in RIMC ?
- (a) A surprising 80% voted for the appointments.
 - (b) The rest 20% seem more obsessed with democratic norms than dictatorial ones.
- Q. 3. What type of food do you like most ?
- (a) 40% of the college voted for Chinese.
 - (b) 10% for Mughlai
 - (c) 1% for Western
 - (d) 49% preferred to be in the select group of "Be Indian Eat Indian".
- Q. 4. Which eating joint do you like the best ?
- (a) 20% of the cadets were for Hansas restaurant (keeping in mind its proximity to the college boundary).
 - (b) Moti Mahal fans are around 30%.
 - (c) Kwality was the choice of 20%.
 - (d) 10% of the cadets preferred Anandpuri.
 - (e) 20% of the cadets are full of praises for the culinary skills of Padam Singh and opt to remain loyal to the good old RIMC mess.
- Q. 5. What type of mid term hikes would you enjoy the most ?
- Ans. While biking is the choice of 50% of the whole lot, 30% are for trekking. A mere 20% are all out for buses and trains.
- Q. 6. Is RIMC a junior's paradise ?
- (a) A stunning 40% voted for yes. (mostly seniors though)
 - (b) 60% came out with a firm "No" (mind you – it was a secret ballot)
- Q. 7. What type of punishment do you prefer ?
- (a) 100% still believe in the maxim "Spare the rod and spoil the child" Physical punishment is preferred to mental punishment by almost all barring the calculative few who abstained from voting.
- Q. 8. Which films do you prefer ?

Ans. Western movies are the "be all and end all" for 60% followed by the more Indianised ones who opt for Hindi movies.

- Q. 9. Do you get enough home work ?
(a) A staggering 90% of the cadets strongly feel that they don't require any more home work.
(b) 10% busy-bees surprisingly wanted more.
- Q. 10. Do you get enough time to study ?
(a) 60% answered in the affirmative with 40% raising their voice in dissent.
- Q. 11. Should P.T. be there everyday or only thrice a week ?
(a) It came as a bolt from the blue for the interviewers to find out that 56% of the college wanted it everyday.
(b) 44% wanted it thrice a week (though given a choice they would like to give it a second thought)
- Q. 12. Do you prefer video movies to IMA movies ?
(a) As expected 90% of the college voted for IMA movies.
(b) 10% were for video movies.
- Q. 13. Should games be compulsory ?
Ans. The college was divided in to two equal blocs on this question. Hence no further probe was worth taking the risk.
- Q. 14. Should roll call be daily or on alternate days ?
(a) Surprisingly 60% of the college was for daily where as the remaining 20% were for alternate days and 20% abstained from voting.
- Q. 15. Does RIMC give more preference to games/studies or both ?
(a) Games—1% were for only games
(b) Studies—5% were for only studies.
(c) 94% of the college feel that RIMC lays equal emphasis on both.
- Q. 16. You prefer Div games or section games ?
(a) 30% were for Div games
(b) 29% were for section games and 41% remained uncommitted.
- Q. 17. Which type of haircut would you prefer ?
(a) 34% of die hard soldiers were for crew-cut.
(b) 40% of the college were for gentleman hair cut.
(c) 26% asked for more choices to make up their mind.

Compiled by—Cadet PB Midag
Cadet S S Pundir
Cadet ESVS R K Prasad

Cricket

A cricket match played between the staff and cadets, which marked the inauguration of the cricket season in RIMC, took place on the 6th of February. The match was of 16 overs each. The staff led

by the Commandant batted first and scored 77 runs. Cadets Anuj Kalia and SK Sinha bowled well for the college XI and played havoc with the staff team. The Adm Officer who opened the innings for the staff remained at the crease unruffled for quite sometime and added valuable runs. Mr. Rautela, the cricket coach who scored some quick fire runs gave the much needed support to the staff team.

Cadets A Chatterjee and JM Deb, the openers of the college XI had a very good opening stand of 50 runs. With Mr. Rautela's arrival on the scene things seemed to brighten up for the staff. Within no time the college team had lost 3 of its valuable wickets. But the slump was checked by Cadets Sandeep Singh and Vivek Singh. The college romped home with six wickets in hand and 2 overs to spare. The staff provided the much awaited humour with their unconventional methods of fielding.

The college XI and the juniors team played a number of matches against local clubs and schools. The results were very encouraging for the cricket lovers in the college, after a bad season last year. The results were :

Seniors :

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| RIMC Vs | YMCA Club | — | YMCA Club won by 2 wickets |
| RIMC Vs | ONGC | — | RIMC won by 10 runs |
| RIMC Vs | Cambrian Hall | — | RIMC won by 2 wickets |

Juniors :

| | | | |
|---------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
| RIMC Vs | YMCA Club 'B' team | — | RIMC won by 3 wickets |
| RIMC Vs | Children's Academy | — | RIMC won by 110 runs |

Cadet Anuj Kalia has a very good stint with the ball this season and set up a new college record. In 5.5 overs he gave away a mere 5 runs and took 6 wickets. Well done Kalia. Keep it up.

Commandant's Mail Bag

Letter received from Mr H Catchpole, MA. CBE, SI. of Abbottabad Public School & College, Abbottabad, Pakistan, is reproduced as under

"I am writing to thank you for the card, which is an excellent reproduction of the ante-room and mess buildings.

I first joined the RIMC in 1928 nearly 60 years ago and left in 1953, when I came to Pakistan to found the first Cadet College at Hasan Afdal. It has proved a great success.

The last time I visited the RIMC was when I performed the opening ceremony of the new squash court which I presented. This must have been in 1984. I had intended to pay regular visits but unfortunately the easy way to get to Dehra Dun-Lhr-Amritsar-Dehra Dun is no longer open. One has to go via Delhi. However, I am likely to retire fairly soon (being 80 years old) and then I shall certainly visit the RIMC.

It may interest some of the 'Old Boys' to know that Harris and Mrs Harris are very well, and Watson is still going but not so strong.

There are quite a large number of the Old Rimcollians in Pakistan. All are, of course, now retirep but we still talk a lot about old RIMC Days.

I may perhaps have a chance of visiting the RIMC in the coming year but March 13th is not possible as we have our annual exams.

I enclose a recent photo which I hope will reach you safely. It would interest Old Rimcollians of my time."

The photo graph as mentioned in the letter is reproduced below in this Chronicle for the benefit of the Old Rimcollians.



Mr H Catchpole

Profile in excellence

July '41 - "My dear Scott, Sonny is looking forward to joining your great Institution" - Col AN Sharma. Aug'41 - A "fellow of very real promise" 4 stones and 4 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ " 'big" makes a 'good start' at RIMC. For the next 4 odd years Cadet VN Sharma's position in Class is 1st in every time except once. The very first information was "English - exceptionally good for his age - written English amazingly good". And look at his profile by July '45 :-

| | | |
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| Physics | — "Quite the best..... ..Grade A" | — Watson |
| Maths | — "Perhaps the best.....Should get A" | — Paine |
| English | — "Very good... ..Strong possibility of distinction" | — Nulett |
| Geography | — "One of the best"..... .. | — Nulett |
| General | — "I don't think Sharma is likely to get anything worse than a good grade | |
| | He is a long way above our average " | — Principal |

With this profile it was but natural for Cadet VN Sharma to think in terms of a career in engineering as all boys of this academic brilliance do. Mr. Berkeley wrote to Cadet Sharma's father,....."If he is really keen on becoming an aeronautical engineer - by which I mean that the idea is not the outcome of an impulsive moment, but one over which he has really thought-then I would say 'Go ahead'... In general, and in my own view, Sharma is the most intelligent of all our Cadets He is a very good type, hardworking, amenable to discipline and quiet, though he possesses plenty of pluck. He is an extremely nice lad whom we shall be sorry to lose"—Jan' 46 - VN Sharma wrote from Sherwood College, Nainital "My dear Mr. Berkeley, I am feeling sorry to leave the RIMC and all my friends. I was very happy there and enjoyed myself thoroughly.....Wherever I go I shall always remember RIMC and the fine training I have had, which I am sure will carry me in good stead through life."

Look back at what Mr Berkeley said about an 'impulsive moment'. How very prophetic ! Perhaps Cadet VN Sharma's decision then was an outcome of an impulsive moment. Mercifully he did not succumb to the aeronautical impulse ultimately !

The Hindustan Times New Delhi Feb 16, 1988 : "Lt Gen Vishwa Nath Sharma, PVSM, AVSM will take over as the new Chief of the Army Staff on May 1..... His 38 years of distinguished military career is marked by a series of key appointments.....Commissioned into the 16 Light Cavalry Regiment on June 4, 1950 from the Indian Military Academy in Dehra Dun, "He had earlier been schooled at the Sherwood College in Nainital and the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College in Dehra Dun".

It is a momentous hat-trick by RIMC—"Timmy, Bewoor and Tich"—We are 66 years young this year. Could we have asked for anything prouder than this hat-trick ? We are extremely proud to have 'Tich' with us on the 66th Founder's Day and Reunion.

—Venu

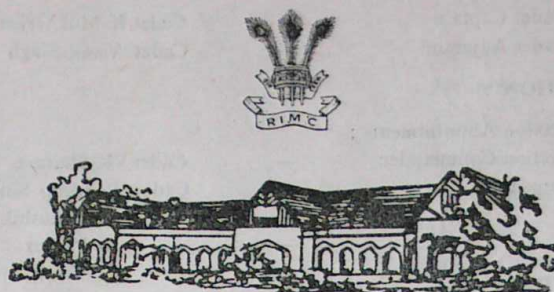
OBITUARY

We with profound grief, mourn the sudden and sad demise of the following who left us for their heavenly abode. May their souls rest in peace.

1. Lt Col Sachinder Singh of 11 GR, a Rimcollian who left for his heavenly abode after a paralytic stroke in Dec 87.
2. Lala Sughan Chand Aggarwal, the tailoring contractor who by his qualities of honesty of purpose, services to the community and ready willingness to carry out instructions for the benefit of the cadets had become a part of this institution passed away on 8 February in Dehra Dun.
3. Our heartfelt sympathies to Cadet Vishwajeet Kumar of class VA who lost his mother on 09 Feb 88 and to Cadet RS Sandhu of Class V who lost his father in Jullundhur on 29 Feb 88.

BOOK-POST

Printed at J K Offset, Editor—Capt AK Mohapatra, Cadet Editors—Cadet PB Midag, Cadet P Kahlon,
Cadet Alok Raturi, Cadet SS Pundir, Cadet L Thakur, Cadet G Anurag, Cadet GR Joshi.
Cadet E S V S R K Prasad



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Editorial :

With the onset of the monsoons, and cadets, the College re-opened on the 31st of July. The cadets were greeted by the floral campus, with so many new developments. The College bade farewell to Lt Col AK Dutta, Mr K Kumar, Capt AK Mohapatra and Lt Col HS Yadav.

Lt Col Prakash Singh, a passionate Rimcollian, took over as the new Adm Officer, with Capt VN Chaturvedi and Capt Satbir Singh joining us as new members of the academic staff.

There is a new look in the system of administration with Mr VG Nene taking charge as the Vice principal; Mr CA Joseph, and Mr SK Dwivedi taking charge as section masters of Pratap and Ranjit Section respectively. As there was no passing out course last term, because of the introduction of class XII, the College did not have any new faces this term.

May God bless us all to carry out the duties bestowed upon us with zeal, enthusiasm, honesty, strength and rightful earnestness towards glory and success.

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College Appointments :

| | | |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| Cadet Captain | — | Cadet K Mukherjee |
| Cadet Adjutant | — | Cadet Vivek Singh |

PRATAP SECTION :

Section Appointments :

| | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Section Commander | — | Cadet VK Sharma |
| Sergeants | — | Cadet Sandeep Singh |
| | — | „ RC Kaushik |
| | — | „ JS Parhar |

RANJIT SECTION :

| | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| Section Commander | — | Cadet SK Sinha |
| Sergeants | — | „ S Sinha |
| | — | „ RS Sandhu |
| | — | „ N Kumar |

SHIVAJI SECTION :

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|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| Section Commander | — | Cadet RD Sharma |
| Sergeants | — | „ BB Pati |
| | — | „ Kumar Saurav |
| | — | „ PB Midag |

CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION :

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|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| Section Commander | — | Cadet A Chatterjee |
| Sergeants | — | „ TS Dhillon |
| | — | „ Anil Kumar |
| | — | „ A Mittal |

College Blues for the year 1987-88 have been awarded to the following cadets :

| | | |
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| Athletics | — | Cadet RD Sharma |
| Swimming | — | Cadet Lovekesh Thakur |

RIMC ANTE ROOM BURSTERS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. One More Chance | — | Pet Shop Boys |
| 2. Some People | — | Clif Richards |
| 3. Breaking The Law | — | Judas Priest |
| 4. Papa Kehte Hain | — | (QSQT) |
| 5. Hit Music | — | Pet Shop Boys |
| 6. Faith | — | George Michael |
| 7. Rent | — | Pet Shop Boys |
| 8. I Just Cant Stop Loving You | — | Michael Jackson |
| 9. Nothing's Gonna Stop Me Now | — | S Fox |
| 10. Tunnel Of Love | — | Bruce Springsteen |

—RS Sandhu
Class VA

Medhavi Winners Of The Term Aug. 88 :

| Name | Class |
|-------|------------------------------|
| IA | Parul Joy |
| II | Anup Kumar |
| II A | Amit Jain |
| III | Pramod Kumar |
| III A | AK Pandey |
| IV | Sanjeev Gupta |
| IV A | Alok Raturi |
| V | D Rastogi |
| V A | B J S Soni and Asheem Mittal |
| VI | RD Sharma |

Perestroika For 'J's

As I entered the dusty archives, I was filled with awe. My eyes met a bunch of gloomy faces with broken nails and patched up brains, rusting away.

Such was the condition of the journalism club.

Then out from the blue came a bolt and things began to move. Gloomy faces were suddenly replaced by bright looking people, nails grew as fast as they were cut and the brain's patch work was beautifully darned. With the introduction of radical changes brought in the contents of the Chronicle, the budding journalists are undergoing a process which can, at best, can be compared to the **Perestroika** of the Soviet Union.

Ever since the responsibility of bringing out the Chronicle has been placed on young shoulders, there has been a change. The Journalism Club popularly known as the 'Dormant Volcano' has **erupted** with vigour, previously unmatched.

The Chronicle brought out this time would be an all out effort of the young 'J's.

The problems faced, though numerous, are being expertly dealt with.

For the inexperienced 'J', it is a domineering challenge. It is like making an image from the softest clay, which changes its shape with the merest touch. It has to be perfected with patience. Even Rome wasn't built in a day.

We convey our best wishes to the young 'J's as they march forward with determination to fully attain **Perestroika**.

Cdt Lovekesh Thakur
Class VA

Section Gossip Column

It was like all new terms-some tabs changed hands (shoulders) etc etc.

QSQT. did run tremors, not only through the section but the college as well. On 15th Aug, people exhausted their last reserves of leave and money. All were out in town. It looked like a sort of roll call to see 80% of the college at Laxmi theatre, one of the **farthest** and most deserted halls in town. The craze was the supposed running of "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak", the latest chart buster. With "papa kahate Hain" winning everybody's heart. I didn't have a camera or I would have taken the photographs of the great Depression on their faces when they found the movie there was different. Well, somebody did have the last laugh. The fuming and groaning of these people is hard to suppress. It is well evident in their challenge, "whoever is behind this rumour campaign, please do watch out. We guys sure are hot and gunning for you. Now don't say we didn't warn you.

1988 has not been a good year for Pratapians. Compared to the Chandus flash floods, we are still drought effected. No wonder there was this fellow who was after my blood for he was in the toilet with the P.T. bell already having gone and no water there.

My experiences on this episode will surely make interesting reading all together (next time).

Do you know that chotta part is a gymnasium now. Do you know it? Our "Naughty" boy(s) is visibly impressed with Schwazanagger. With all these dumbbells and posters, whom he prays to.

Now news for our music lovers. "Sandy" and "Buddha's" new album is about to take off. Both of them have been spending long hours working with the College stereo (God bless the stereo and them too). Well nothing more to report in this issue.

OVER AND OUT

Note :-Names changed to avoid repercussions.

Cdt SS Pundir
Class V

The Mess-Y Kababs

In RIMC we fight over the food. The loser has to eat it. It all began when we were served Kababs for dinner. These kababs were an improvement on the previous meal (with only one broken bone splinter). Improvementor not, they were still bad. Padam Singh is a great one for giving names. He cooks the same old fare and calls it 'Mutton Roganjosh; Murg Masla; Mutton Pullav so on and so forth. I tried in vain to prove that this mass of bone and cartilage was alive and thereby get away from eating it, for cannibalism is not one of RIMC's favourite trends. But 'it' was a good actor and feigned death. I stabbed this peace of vulcanised rubber till it looked like an old worn out shoe brush.

As my will power to overcome this domineering kabab continued I turned to see how my neighbour was faring with his share of the feast. To my delight I found him fighting a losing battle with the indomitable kabab.

Finding nothing better to do with the food and finding one of my termers in the other section staring gloomily at his plate, I picked up my kabab and threw it at him. The kabab met its mark.

The Invasion of Normandy was on.

Cdt S Sivashanker
Class VA

Shivaji Section

The saying "Penny wise, pound foolish" is literally true for the senior cadets of Shivaji Section. They can be often seen searching for soap so that they can wash their hands after going to the toilet. If they are lucky, they find "soaplets", and if they are not lucky enough to find one then what? As some wise man has said, "For every problem under this sun, Either there is a solution or none. If there is one find it. If there be none never mind it". Luckily there is a solution for this problem. The solution called "Shampoo". Yes, It has been proved by the cadets of Shivaji Section that shampoo can not only be used for washing hair but also for washing hands, face, clothes etc. No wonder, their hands, their faces, are also "so thick, glossy, soft and silky".

No wonder Shivajians are so often admired for their cleanliness.

By Cdt KK Sukhen
Class VA

The Whimsy Bath

As a Junior I had heard that taking a long and luxurious bath in RIMC was always a potential hazard. I didn't realise the truth of the statement until last Sunday when I planned to scrub off all the dirt from my "Smooth and silky body". So, I rushed into the coveted bathroom and stood under the shower with immense pleasure, humming a tune, "walking in the rain". When I was fully soaped, I realised, to my horror, that the Ethiopian famine had been re enacted.

This act of disguised efficiency of the water authorities left me standing in Adam's kit embalmed with the queen of creams, the soap cream.

It was really embarrassing to be stared at when I slipped into a swimming costume and was anxiously awaiting and earnestly hoping for the black clouds above, to shower their blessings on me.

To my relief and satisfaction, I didn't have to wait long, for the Rain God reacted instantly to my silent prayers.

Asheem Mittal
Class VA

Sports

The Junior National (under 14) Squash Championship. was held in Dehra Dun from the 1st to the 6th of September. Co-hosted by RIMC and the Doon School it attracted a large number of teams in all the three divisions, the under 14, the under 16, and the under 19.

As Stalin put it, "The only goal worthy of humanity is the greatest possible enlargement of all human capacities," all the participants put in their best to make this squash bonanza a success.

The results at a glance.

Team events :

| | | | | |
|----------|---|------------|---|------------------|
| Under 14 | — | Winners | — | Cathedral School |
| | | Runners up | — | Doon School |
| Under 16 | — | Winners | — | Cathedral School |
| | | Runners up | — | Doon School |
| Under 19 | — | Winners | — | Ardian Ezra |
| | | Runners up | — | Akshay Joshi |

FOOTBALL : A Report

Like all previous years this time also the footballers took out their long forgotten boots, rusted talents were brushed up, new talents emerged and in no time we had our Div I ready for anything. This time we were lucky to have as our coach Hav KK Rai who has played for Services :

Last terms dismal performance weighed against us. But Rimcols are not one's to give up. We had a string of matches, a brief report.

| | | | | |
|------|-----|----------------|-----|---------|
| RIMC | V/S | Welham | 3—4 | we lost |
| RIMC | V/S | Col' Browns | 2—1 | we won |
| RIMC | V/S | Col Brown's | 0—0 | draw |
| RIMC | V/S | Dalanwala Club | 3—3 | draw |
| RIMC | V/S | Cambrian Hall | 4—1 | we won |

RIMC Vs Doon School 1—1 draw.

IN JUNIORS :

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|------|-----|-------------------|-----|--------|
| RIMC | V/S | St Joseph Academy | 5—1 | we won |
| RIMC | V/S | Gurkha School | 4—1 | we won |
| RIMC | V/S | Col Brown's | 5—1 | we won |
| RIMC | V/S | Col Brown's | 2—2 | draw |

Except for one loss in Seniors we fared extremely well but not upto our expectations. Next year we will have to start afresh. The loss of the present, passing out cadets will be hard to overcome but we still look up to a very favourable future "footballing".

Our football team this term was :

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
| Cdt Adjt | Vivek Singh (Captain) | Cdt Sgt | TS Dhillon |
| Sec Comm | RD Sharma | Cdt | SS Pundir |
| Sec Comm | A Chatterjee | Cdt | P Singh |
| Cdt Sgt | Kumar Saurav | Cdt | RR Singh |
| Cdt Sgt | P B, Midag | Cdt | P Sinha |
| Cdt | AJS Sandhu | Cdt | V Kumar (GK) |
| Cdt | JM Deb | Cdt | P Mukherjee |
| Cdt | R Chakraborty | Cdt | A Vasudeva |
| Cdt | N Sunder | Cdt | Rakesh (GK) |

It is sad indeed that we will be missing seven of them next year. I am sure all the same that they do us proud in NDA. Now for football lovers all eyes on Inter Section Football. See you next year.

—Cdt SS Pundir

News From NDA

The Rimcollians in NDA have distinguished themselves making the Alma Mater proud. From our proud achievements we mention a few :

B.C.C. Sandeep Singh of the 75th course got a well deserved Gold Medal in May 88. Rimcollians left their imprint on the games arena as well. The contributions made to the Academy teams are worth mentioning.

- (a) Football—D Ahluwalia, VS Pundir, D Saha, C S Dewgun.
- (b) Squash—Sandeep Singh, V Verma, Pradeep Singh, V Jaiswal, A Joshi, D S Bajaj
- (c) Basketball—H S Baisla
- (d) Golf—Akshay Joshi
- (e) Hockey—M Wadhwa

The appointments for the term commencing in July are as under :

ACA—S Jaiswal

BCA—V Verma

SCC—M Gandhi

CSM—C Desai

DCC's—R Sharma, A Joshi, Mallapurkar. RK Singh, JS Bisht, Roveen.

Another feather was added to the cap when BCA Vikram Verma knocked out a boxing gold medalist in 9 sec flat.

IMA :

Cadet Aman Nuggyal has been awarded the Sword of Honour. We congratulate him at his splendid performance.

This term in IMA we have 2 major appointments.

- (1) S K Yadav—BUO
- (2) Peush Aggarwal—SUO.

Naval Academy :

Naval cadets V Mohindra, RK Nair, RK Chaudhary, A Dutt and S Mehra were part of the sailing yacht STS Varuna that sailed around Australia.

Our congrats to Vishan Mohindra for standing 3rd in the Naval Academy merit list.

Vacation

The term has ended,
The fever has mended.
The time has come,
For long awaited home.

The wait seemed long,
To hear the gong.
The journey was gay,
All the way.

Our destination came,
With surroundings being same.
We were greeted by relatives.
And soon became talkative.

We planned to run,
But decided for fun.
By resolving for a movie a day,
To keep the doctor away.

By,

Cadet C Ashok

OBITUARY

The RIMC family offers its condolences to Sanjay Pal and D Basu, on the untimely death of their fathers, Mr Rakesh Chandra Pal and Mr Deben Chandra Basu. May their souls rest in peace.

BOOK POST

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Editorial

So here we are back again with the end of the term just round the bend. The term, indeed, has been an exciting one. Lot of games, lot fun and frolic. Now its time to settle down with the books. As someone rightly said "Examinations can be trouble for anybody; for the greatest fool may ask what the wisest man cannot answer". So you never know !

Winters have engulfed us and morning P.T. has turned into mourning P.T. With half the term already in the history books things are reaching their peak. After witnessing some splendid performances in various Inter Section Competitions the college is buzzing with excitement for the anticipated Term Break.

Well, goodbye dear reader. See you, next issue, next year. The editors wish all the readers "A very Happy New Year" and of course, a Happier Term Break.

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"District Athletics — Report"

We participated in the District Athletics held in Doon School on 5th and 6th November. Last year we had a rich haul consisting of four trophies, including the Best March Past. This, by all means, was a marvellous experience.

We could not practice much due to the Inter Section Competitions, but, nevertheless we put in our best. From the very beginning the light and dark blue track suit was omnipresent on the track. The competition this time was good, nearing 1000.

Our cadets who did well were Cdts R D Sharma and Diwan Singh. They were placed first and third respectively in shot put and pole vault in D Div, our B Div relay team came first. In 100 mtr B Div our cadets were placed 1st and 3rd. In 200 Mtr we were 2nd and 3rd, and in high jump again we bagged the same positions. In D Div triple jump our rep was placed 3rd. Our performance was praiseworthy in the 15 Kms run where we were the only school, led by Cadet K K Sukhen, competing with the likes of IMA, 14 Inf Div, ITBP, U.P. Police, DAV etc. Our cadets did extremely well bagging the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 26th positions. In the juniors' long distance 8 Kms run RIMC scored a bullseye with 8 out of the first 10 being "RIMCOLS". Cdts B Gurung and H Dua were the medallists. Seeing the never ending line of light blue vests the tracks were resounding with thunderous applause. Well done long distance runners and the full Athletics team.

The competitions came to an end with the march past in the fading light. We bagged the 'B Div' and the best march past trophies. It is worth noting that we have not lost the March Past Cup in the last two decades. Now let us wait for next year, hoping for a better performance.

Cdt SS Pundir

Inter Section Football

Exit Olympics, Enter Football. Just like the college was 'thunder struck' by the achievements of our men in Seoul they were as much carried away by the footballers holding their section flags high. With 65 days of energy sapping practices with no rest even on Sundays a lot more than "just a cup" was at stake. Football remains, in RIMC, one of the most prestigious cups, and so the chilling suspense began.

Pratap had been victorious for the previous two years and were still vying for top honours, but Shivaji and Ranjit were not to be taken for granted either. Finally, 5th of October did come. On the first day surprise was sprung by the Ranjitians who defeated Pratap in the seniors section but lost in the juniors. Shivaji won both its matches against Chandra Gupta. Cdt Debjit Basu scored four goals against Ranjit. A fine performance indeed. 6th October was relatively cool. The Pratapians mauled Chandragupta in juniors' and seniors' and Shivaji drubbed Ranjit both in seniors' and juniors'. On 7th October the college was on tenter hooks. Any one of the three, Ranjit, Pratap or Shivaji could clinch the title. All was shrouded with suspense.

TWO

Lender?

The surprise did come when Pratap beat Shivaji, in both seniors' and juniors' by solitary goals. These remained the most well contested matches with the balance exactly in the middle. On the other hand Ranjit won in seniors' but lost to Chandragupta, in Juniors'. The final result now was a mere formality. Pratap won both in seniors and juniors and Shivaji was second in both. Pratap scored a "hat-trick" by bagging the title for the third year. They were followed by Shivaji and Chandragupta and Ranjit shared the third position. Cdt V Kumar in seniors' and Cdt D Basu in juniors' bagged the best players' awards. It is time to pack our football shoes now. Good bye, till next year.

Cdt SS Pundir

Inter Section Athletics

As the wintry evening crept into the campus, the melodious band was heard, followed by the entry of the Banner of R. I. M. C overlooking the horizon; the cadets were bubbling with enthusiasm to keep the section flags flying higher.

The first day of the Inter Section Athletics Meet was marked with a record breaking 110 metres performance by Cdt Rohit Kumar of Chandragupta Section and 4 X400 metres record time by Pratap section, which zoomed up to first place at the end of the day. The following day Cadet Diwan Singh was seen soaring into the sky when he became the first "Rimcol" to clear 2.24 metres in polevault. Recalling the power of Timmerman in Seoul cadet RD Sharma broke the 20 years old record in shot put by throwing 11.93 metres.

The final day had a touch of suspense as Pratap, Ranjit and Shivaji sections were closely contesting for the first position. The spirits of the cadets soared higher by seeing the large number of spectators most of whom were our predecessors. The presence of the Chief Guest Maj Gen PK Khanna, MVC, Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor of the Indian Military Academy added glory to the occasion. In the very first event of the day Cadet P Mukherjee set a record in 'B' division 110 metres hurdles. In the nail biting finish in 100 metres dash cadet Pankaj Sinha emerged as the fastest cadet in RIMC. Auota could fail in Olympics but nothing could stop capet Alok Raturi from maintaining his excellence in 1500 metres and 3000 metres. Finally at the end of the colourfull meet was the hilarious Old Boys Race, Col KS Rao proved that he is as good on tracks as in water. Cadet R Talashi, NN Beura and RD Sharma were given the best athletes' prizes in A, B and C divisions respectively, by Mrs Usha Khanna. Pratap section bagged the Athletics Trophy, closely followed by Ranjit and Shivaji who were locked at the second position with Chandragupta being third. The prize distribution ceremony was followed a melodious band display and thunderous and colourful pyrotechnics which marked the end of the meet. In all it was a thrilling experience with five new records being set for others to break.

Cadet Sanjeev Gupta

Inter Section Drill

Some people have been complaining that the drill square is small and should be extended. It is my sincere advice to all of you, that please don't listen to such mischief makers whose aim is just to increase the boot maker's finances. I once happened to visit a fish market and I discovered a similar sight as in the drill square during the competition days.

One Sgt would be howling himself hoarse to increase the pace and the Section Commander would be quoting exactly the opposite. The Section Commanders sure did need strepsils, every evening, and they could obtain it, but who would provide us ear muffs?

As The Day came nearer, all of us could see our shoe soles thinning down. Morning or evening even a second more of practice seemed worth the trouble. 17th October did come, with the sword of Damocles just hanging by the last strand. The spit and polish had already started days before. Finally, when the cadets did congregate for the start of the event, they looked like they were posing for a "Join the Indian Army" advertisement.

The proceedings began with last minute advices, the last cleaning of a speck of dust and the dreaded command "so and so kaksh dahine se tej chall" followed by God alone knows how many "Dhere challs, "Samiksha Kram" and what not. We all could feel the beads of sweat trickling down our trembling backs in a continuous stream. The moment had come and like sheep to a slaughter house we marched in section by section. One could not forget the unnerving experience of the immaculately turned out judges staring into your eyes and then at you, and you were sure to feel that one's beret or O. G. Kit reflected a mistake or two.

No wonder the results came as a surprise. Pratap bagged the cup. Shivaji, Chandragupta and Ranjit followed in that order.

The days of practice failed some and stood by others. The cadets have by now forgotten the whole show but I doubt the "Mochi" will, for all the repairing he has to do now.

Cadet S S Pundir

RIMC Ante Room Bursters

TOP 10 SINGLES.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. With or Without You | — U2 |
| 2. Rent | — Pet Shop Boys |
| 3. I Still Haven't Found | — U2 |
| 4. When The Going Gets Tough | — Billy Ocean. |
| 5. Brilliant Disguise | — Bruce Spring-Steen. |
| 6. Get Out of My Dreams | — Billy Ocean. |
| 7. Skeletons | — Stevie Wonder |
| 8. What Have I Done to Deserve this | — Pet Shop Boys |
| 9. Where the Streets Have No Name | — U2 |
| 10. Pump up the Bhangra | — New Pardesi Music Machine |

TOP 5 Albums.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Joshua Tree | — U2 |
| 2. Tunnel of Love | — Bruce Spring-Steen. |
| 3. Actually | — Pet Shop Boys |
| 4. The Play Boy Top Charts | — Various Artistes |
| 5. Pump up the Bhangra | — Pardesi Music Machine |

Cdt RS Sandhu

Pratap Section Column (Gossip)

Ben Jhonson caught doping ! (Refers to sleeping in unauthorised settings and timing). Oh God it sure shook the world But you'd be surprised a thousand more times if I inform you that this menace has crept into our dorms. By now it's a known fact, much as the authorities have tried to eradicate it, it seems to be here to stay.

The ghaslty deed takes place between 9.30 PM to 10 00 PM (winter lights out timing). The cover is just perfect It's usually the senior cadets who start the chain reaction.

The mosquito net would be hanging at just the right angle, the books to give cover, and the valiant Pratapians are at it, busy doping (z z z !).

The sergeants are even faster, they move out at their quick pace looking down, eyes full of sleep heading for the toilet, but a sudden push, the door wide open, but oh no ! all of them are at their dressing tables busy studying, so much that, even his presence goes unnoticed. Now I will tell you how they manage it. (hope they forgive me for dis-

closing it) The poor fellow in the corner is busy staring at the door. The moment somebody's presence is felt our dear scout passes the coded signal, like "Sir, may I know the time"? It's enough for all of the sleeping beauties to rise from their slumber and the doping act manages to survive for one more day, but who knows how longer, with all these modern depe-tests coming up.

Now for some serious talk. Some days back we won the football cup. All we had to do was walk into the field and give our best but then it was difficult to come out with the cup. A bit of push and pull, heave-ho, kick here a goal there and we had it. This was immediately followed by the Drill Competition's "Dahine Ka Salute", and God knows what else. "We were at our wits end. Whoever said" I don't know of war being hell but drill sure is deserves PVC for facing all odds to speak out the truth. But poor us, we once again sweated like taps and then gallantly marched away with the cup. So much for the pains. See you next issue. Over and out.

— The Peeping Tom

Shivaji Section (Gossip)

In the recent past Shivaji Section senior dorm had been going through acute sanitary problems. One morning, to the astonishment of cadets there was only one toilet lota in the toilets. The cadets had got up as usual five minutes before the PT bell. There are some cadets who make up for their lost sleep in the toilets and no matter what you try they won't compromise. So if one went to sleep, the rest of the cadets also had no other option, but to go to sleep. It was a hobson's choice. This continued for a number of days. But, one night an emergency meeting was called and it was decided that the commanders of senior dorm will solve this problem. They could not fail and they did not fail because they have inherited the skills and have years of experience behind them. (You know this problem is an old one and the seniors have never let us down in their noble duty.)

— By Sleuth

Ranjit Section (Gossip)

Bill Norton stole seventeen oranges and was caught. In a bid to save his skin he ate the seventeen oranges. peel, pip, pulp and all. Inspired by the deeds of young Norton I decided to follow his foot steps. Since oranges are a rarity in RIMC I decided to blick the famous Padam Singh special 'scotch eggs' from Bachan Singh's watchful eyes. I had to plan the job meticulously. I took up a recipe to ensure that the butler was not in sight. I then sent my section waiters to fetch my milk, toasts and cutlery. As the waiters went into the kitchen I walked stealthily to the cupboard where the section eggs were kept. I had just picked up the egg when Bachan Singh materialised, it seemed from thin air. I was then on

the run with Bachan Singh at my heels A-round the section we ran with Bachan Singh holding aloft a knife and yelling Jai Bhawani Mata. We ran a mile under four minutes. But Bachan Singh, it seemed, was doped and soon caught up with me. Ben Jhonson, forget about runing. The omnipresent, He Man, Bachan Singh, had caught up with me by the power of Grey Skull. I was marched up to the administrative officer on a trumped up charge of stealing and trying to depose witness (was stealing a scotch egg an offence). The AO was lenient, may be remembering his college days when he stole a chicken from the catering JCOs office. I was left of with a strict warning minus two packs.

—Roving Eye

Chandragupta Section (Gossip)

After a hectic schedule, it was a Sunday, everybody was on the verge of sleeping while polishing and shinging their shoes. Mor-e so, there was an inspection parade the next morning.

Suddenly one of my course mates woke up with a start. He asked me "SS has the waking up bell gone, yaar." I replied, "The bell has already game, and my dear friend, you have got up late".

The poor boy started cursing himself. His eyes turned red and his face turned pale. He started changing fast. One could easily notice the fear in his eyes and trembling of his body. He was so worried that while he was changing he did not care to notice his dorm mates who were fast asleep.

He changed into his well pressed kit and asked me "Am I looking smart" I replied "Yeah, but your face is looking like a dead duck". The poor chap then remembered that he was yet to brush his teeth. He picked up his brush and was about to sprint to the wash basins.

But this action of his pricked my concience. I decided to tell him the truth and I did so.

But the fanatic friend of mine replied "What are you gaining by telling a lie, that too in the morning". I showed him my watch. The time was 10 P.M. The poor well dressed chap tuned his confused and puzzled eyes to the darkness above. I am sure he must have noticed the moon and stars giving him a mocking laughter. The poor junior [cadet turned lethargic and changed back into his night suit and went to sleep.

— The Charming Catcher

TALKING SERIOUSLY FOR A CHANGING WORLD

In this world of violence,
There is all but silence.
How can a man Meditate,
How can a man concentrate.
How can a man create,
How can a man walk, talk or even think straight.

Cdt R S Sandhu

THE MONDAY GRIND

Ask any Rimcol and he will tell you how terrifying Monday can be. Monday is like an order passed by the Administrative Officer curtailing out freedom. Just, when we are getting into the right holiday mood, it is the end of the break and we find ourselves in the clutches of Monday.

All too soon we are back in the weekly grind and the strain of waking up to attend the morning PT. is felt the most on Monday.

Onions are at a premium on Mondays. School children, other than Rimcols place them under their armpits to raise their body temperature. (but the smell is a give away). A sudden rush of coughs, sniffles and aches afflicts Mondayhater. But no amount of shamming will put off the determined PTI & the AO.

No one is spared by Mondays. Ford Motor car company once got a large number of complaints about their cars. Investigations revealed that all the faulty cars had been made on a Monday. Skilled workers were generally nursing hangovers on Mondays, at home, while the main task force on that day consisted of unskilled hands, which led to the manufacture of faulty cars.

Mondays should be hidden amongst the seven days of the week. They should not come after Sundays. Mondays should be like the single bullet in Russian Roulette. It's hidden in one of the chambers of the revolver. Only the unlucky one gets a shot in the head, others escape scot free.

A system can be worked out by which everyone doesn't have to suffer a Monday. Every Sunday evening an alphabet can be picked at random by the Commandant. Let us take R for an example. This alphabet shall be announced by the Cadet Captain.

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Thus all Rahuls, Rajivs, Ramandeeps, Rohits, Rakeshes will be excused their Mondays. They will not have to work on a Monday. Their working day will begin on Tuesday.

I know my proposal shall not be well received in certain misguided quarters. There is always the other side of the coin. Workaholics will resent this move because they are Sunday haters. They dislike the break in their daily routine.

I am aware that people like me are regarded by some as immature. Their reasoning is that we have not really grown up. We still think, we are in school, and can get away with a holiday on Monday by feigning sickness.

They suggest that such shirkers should be referred to a psychiatrist. I agree. But please tell them not to make the appointment for a Monday.

Cdt N Kumar & Rajiv Ranjan

Obituary

The college family mourns the death of Dr B S Rawat, father of cadet B S Rawat, for his untimely demise. The staff and cadets offer their condolences to the bereaved family.

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Editorial

Musing to put on record all the incidents in black and white in the form of an editorial in, 'The Chronicle' poses a formidable challenge. Mind boggles as regards the pecking order of seniority of the events. All the pent up feelings and all that has been stored in the memory by varied ways of mnemonics look for an exit and the result—a stampede with some getting crushed and some walking away in gay abandon. This time we have something as routine as some changes in staff to as historic and monumental as a Retd Maj Gen of the Pak army (a Rimcollian) visiting us with his wife.

Time appears to be on its wings and before we could take stock of our progress, the year has gone past us and has become a part of history. The term came to its fag end and the examination fever was on the rise. "Home sweet home" started appearing in the dreams of the cadets with the number of DLTGH (Days Left To Go Home) dwindling away at a steady pace.

On 31st October we bid farewell to Maj Chandra Narayan (Instructor in Maths) who left us

ONE