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Editorial

The January term 1992 has come and with it a significant change has been ushered in i.e. an extension of the term by 18 days.

The term will now begin on the 16th of January instead of the traditional 19th, and wind up 15 days later than usual i.e. on the 30th of May. Although this deviation from the tradition does mean 3 more days for boxing practices, 15 more days of rollicking mirth in the swimming pool, (Sob !) it also means 18 more days of gazing at the blackboard !

Oh Yes! I nearly forgot in a massive renovation drive, the blackboards - with which many of us were so familiar-have been replaced by glass plated greenboards and of course as most visitors must have observed, practically every square centimetre of the cement on Shivaji section has been replaced. In addition, all buildings have been white-washed, the parade ground and every inch of road in the college have been given a fresh coat of asphalt. At several places floors have

been mosaiced. And of course an overhead water tank - an imposing landmark visible miles around - has been erected behind Chandragupta section. Due to these changes and the fervent striving of the cadets and the staff, the college wore a look of unprecedented neatness this Reunion.

The Reunion itself was the culmination of months of ardent toil and was a brilliant success. The standard of our boxers, the Guard of Honour and the cultural programme were appreciated by all who witnessed them. Some external aid - in the form of a low level flypast by 2 MiG-29s during the Guard of Honour and skydiving by paratrooping team served to make the Reunion all the more exciting. In retrospect the Reunion was a truly memorable and impressive function.

As for academic standards the class XII results were good with Cdt Capt A Dwivedi scoring the highest (82%) in the SSCE examination and the rest of the class securing reasonably good percentages. The

class X results were not as good as many could secure only a 2nd Division. However, this was compensated for, to some extent, by the fact that the highest percentage was 79% - secured by Cdt RV Desai.

A glimpse into the staff room reveals an increase in the strength of the academic staff. Capt Shailesh Nanda (Ex-Shivaji) of the Arty (AD) and Mrs Chandra Joshi have joined our formerly understaffed Physics department. Mr LN Thakur, an illustrious old master - who retired a few years ago - has rejoined the faculty. On the other hand, Mr CA Joseph - another old master - has left for Shillong, where he shall be the principal of a central school. Mr KS Ahlawat has since taken over as vice principal. We wish him all the best. Besides, Maj Manvendra Singh, who is expected to take over as the AO from Lt Col BK Sinha is expected to arrive soon and so is Capt A K Mitra who is also an old boy. The Commandant, Col DH Parab, is now a fully qualified Interviewing Officer after the successful completion of his Interviewing Officers Course held in Delhi and Bangalore.

On the sports field as well, RIMC has been performing really well. Our Basketball and Cricket teams in particular have maintained an enviable record. Volleyball has now been introduced in RIMC, because of its importance at the NDA. The squash div has

been started again with the intention of attaining our former excellence in this sport. In addition, a golf div has been started so that our cadets may pick up this game

Adventure activities have always been very important at the RIMC and in the past few terms, they have assumed a lot more significance. Our cadets recently undertook a trek to the Valley of Flowers and nowadays, senior classes go for self-contained hikes- which they organise themselves. In addition, cadets are being sent for para sailing and white water-rafting. However, our crowning achievement was that all 17 cadets who went to HMI Darjeeling for an adventure course were given 'A' grade.

An attack of measles had recently caused some concern in the college. However, the attack was curbed by timely and adequate precautions. If nothing else, it definitely provided a temporary respite from classes as a few teachers contracted the ailment as well.

Now I'll leave you to read on. You will observe, that in this issue, we have done away with the section gossip. So, I'll conclude hoping that you find this issue of THE CHRONICLE informative, interesting and enjoyable.

- Dhiraj Ramanand

Reunion '92

The 70th Reunion was a grand success. Everybody seemed very satisfied with the smooth execution of the various events. Preparation had begun even before the term commenced. Shivaji Section was renovated, all dormitories were whitewashed, doors and windows painted and the construction of the water tank was completed.

The cadets too put in their utmost. The Guard of Honour got their heels digging and banging to make the drill square vibrate. The musicians and dramatists too worked towards achieving perfection in their roles. As the 13th of March approached things became even more hectic. Even the MiG-29s flew in from Adampur to practice for the big day.

The total number of Rimcollians who visited the college for the Reunion was well above 125. As always, the Old Boys Vs Cdts Hockey match heralded the arrival of the Reunion. All 22 players played very earnestly. However, the college team emerged victorious as the result of a goal scored by Cdt Lokesh Kandpal.

In the evening, the Finals of the Inter-section Boxing were held. Two months of arduous toil had gone into the preparation of these boxers. Almost all bouts were very evenly contested and they really kept the audience at the edges of their seats. We really saw some excellent boxing. Later Gen VN Sharma gave away the medals. Cdt Rahul Yadav was adjudged the Best Boxer and Cdt Kartikeya Sharma was adjudged the best loser. Ranjit Section won the coveted Boxing trophy.

As Boxing ended, Rimcollians, ladies, local dignitaries and cadets poured into the Bhagat Hall. The music started and so did the dance. It was the 12th gala night at its festive best. The dance was followed by a superb dinner.

13th morning was a dazzling one. The Guard of Honour led by Cdt JS Negi lined up in the drill square attired in ceremonials. The Air Chief's chopper - which he piloted himself - landed. As the Air Chief inspected the Guard of Honour, 2 MiG 29s thundered overhead in a low level fly-past. After the Guard of Honour, wreaths were laid at the martyr's memorial and tributes were paid to the deceased heroes.

Immediately afterwards everybody reached the pavilion for the Old Boys Vs Cds Cricket Match. The show began with a display of some truly splendid paratrooping. as MT - 17 helicopter ascended to the altitude of 5000 ft. Then, a few tiny specks emerged from the helicopter and began their free fall. The sky - divers fell freely till they had descended to about 3500 ft. Then their canopies blossomed above them and they floated down. They manoeuvred their chutes expertly to land right in the RCG (Rimco Cricket Ground), except for one who landed near the office, despite his chute opening only at around 1000 ft. In a beautiful display of skill, the leader of the team landed barely 5 m away from the spot where the Air Chief stood. He then walked upto the Chief and shook hands with him.

The cricket match began. Some truly spirited playing on the part of our team took the old boys to the brink of defeat. However, the blessings of the Rain God and of course the Australian cricket rules saved the day and victory went to the old boys.

The old boys and the cadets had their lunch together that day. The old boys added to the fun by narrating interesting experiences from yester years. All in all it was a memorable gathering.

The evening of such a day must obviously be glamorous and entertaining. The programme began with the Commandant's address. Subsequently the Chief Guest addressed the gathering. This was followed by prize distribution. Then, the show began. All programmes - especially an instrumental medley by our young musicians and the Punjabi songs - were appreciated by everybody.

The day ended with a dance, which was held in the ante rooms.

Nobody in RIMC - old boys or cadets- wants the 14th of March to arrive. However it always does. Then, the old boys depart, taking with them, nostalgic memories of their alma mater and the Reunion. However, this time the departure was livened up by the traditional demand for holidays which was made on 14th morning rather than on 13th evening.

It was especially heartening to observe that this time all activities during the Reunion were

covered by our Photography Club. They took some truly splendid photographs. The aerial photographs taken during the sky - diving were especially good.

The Commandant, in his first address to the college after the Reunion rightfully called it a splendid show. We thank all those who contributed towards making it so and we are sure that it has created a lasting impression on all those who witnessed it.

- Cdt Amit Kumar
II A

A Rimcollian's New Year's Message

Following is the New Year's Message from one of the very old Rimcollians, Col NK Sinha (1932-38 ex - Roberts):-

Commandant RIMC, Staff and Cadets,

The Soviets were saved by Regimental Tradition i.e. Russian soldiers since 1917 do not kill Russians.

RIMC built the foundation of tradition and Chivalry. The sword I captured at the battle of Kangaw, 1945, was a result of defiance. We had been outgunned, outnumbered; they sat on top and poured 1000 shells or more on the beachhead, I held, well supported by the Battalion CO Col KS Thimayya, Rawlinson 1924, and SN Sharma, PVC, also Rawlinson 1935. The pictures are with 8 Kumaon C/o 99 APO.

I had written about 10-15 years ago about life of our times in Sept 1932 - it contained Air Marshal Ashgar Khan, Kitcheners - he supported us in battle.

Keep it up - have nothing to hide.

The Samurai sword is for purity of the Shintos with unconcern for the safety, honour of others - viz, cruelty.

Revision of College PE

One of the important achievements, of late, has been the favourable review of the 'Peace Establishment' of the college. GS approval has been accorded for the creation of a new post of Staff Officer (Rank of Capt) and a clerk (SD). The addition of the following vehicles to the college fleet of vehicles has also been approved :

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|-----|-----------------|-----|
| (a) | Light ambulance | - 1 |
| (b) | Matador | - 1 |

With the arrival of the new vehicles, the college will be fairly well equipped in terms of transport.

However, the ban on the appointment of civilians still continues.

Cultural Round - Up

The term started on a hectic note as far as cultural activities were concerned. The various hobbies started functioning from the first week itself, keeping the forthcoming Reunion in mind. Aero-modelling hobby took a step forward, when they successfully flew a powered model. Kudos to the young engineering brains. Class - IV had been waiting anxiously for horse-riding, but it seemed that the Rain-Gods were not quite pleased with the Cadets of that class. How else can anyone explain the weekly rain on Thursday - the day of their riding classes. Music hobby swelled up in size, with many new comers joining the hobby.

Practices for the cultural evening started off in the right earnest and judging from the results produced on 13th evening, they did an excellent job. Other hobbies like photography, Young Newtons and rifle-shooting also did an excellent job.

The Inter - section Quiz competitions were once again divided into various rounds this term. In the 1st round, Chandragupta came first followed by Shivaji and Ranjit in the 2nd place while Pratap finished fourth.

The Inter-section English Debate was held this term. It was a splendid display of orator-ship. Cadet Siddharth Chopra (R) came up against all odds to bag the first place while newcomer Dipankar Nautiyal (S) stood second among Juniors. In the senior's section, Cdt Section Commander K Vijay Singh (C) came first and Cdt NCO Sumeet Kocchar (S) came second. Cdt Sec Cdr Rajneesh Mohan (S) rebutted his way to the 1st place. The cup was bagged by Shivaji Section followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap respectively. At the college level, we participated in two debates - the first being an English debate at Welham Girls school, while the second one was a Hindi debate held at the Welham Boy's School. At both these places, our cadets spoke beautifully and put up a creditable show.

No write-up of the cultural round-up would be complete without a mention of the "Cultural evening" held on 13th of March. One and a half months of very hard work by the Cadets, Mr Jasvinder Singh, our music master, Mrs Parab and Mrs Chandra Joshi culminated in a grand finale that evening. The group songs sung by the RIMC Choir were appreciated by one and all. The two skits, one in Hindi and the other in English gave everybody many a hearty laugh. The high points of this programme were 'Jugal Bandi' by the RIMC orchestra and the Punjabi group songs, which got the audience onto the stage. In the instrumentals Cdt Siddharth Jyoti on the congo, Cdt VJ Kurain on the drums, Cdt S Bhattacharjee and Cdt S Kapila with the guitar put in their best while in the Punjabi song, Cadet HPS Pannu and Cdt HJS Jauhal put up a superlative dance performance to make the programme the biggest hit of the evening.

And while all this was going on, the photography club clicked on and on, to make the moments everlasting through their beautiful photographs. This year's Reunion was also covered by our photography club.

As far as cultural events are concerned, this term has been a very busy one. We will meet again in the next edition. Till then Good-Bye from the cultural round-up desk.

- Cdt SB Bhattacharjee
Class IV

Sports Round-Up

Cricket

Cricket in RIMC threw back some memorable moments of the World Cup. The Cricket team under the expert guidance of Capt Sammer Srivastava is at its peak performance where we defeated Welhams and Oak Grove quite comfortably. There were also matches with Doon Veterans in which the blockbusters again emerged victorious. In another match the Doon School managed to get an edge over us but nevertheless we put up a good show with a brilliant knock of 48 by D Basu which saved the team from an early collapse. During Reunion cricket was the main attraction of the day in which one could see some brilliant knocks by the old boys but the match was abandoned due to rain. Now shifting the scene to section cricket- The inter-section matches were very close. The most interesting match was the one between Shivaji and Ranjit. The Ranjitians were in a comfortable position as it seemed in the first half of play. In the second half it was a neck-and-neck battle. But disaster struck when Anup Kumar took three wickets in the last over. But the Ranjitians managed to reach the mark with much difficulty though, and won the match. Shivaji and Pratap put up a good show and shared the first position followed by Ranjit and Chandragupta who were third and fourth respectively.

Boxing

'Boxing', the favourite of the Rimcols and the old boys, started off on an enthusiastic note which kept the aspirants practicing hard. This sport gave rise to many new stars and saw the downfall of some. The day of the finals, 12th March, brought with it many good bouts and many a bad one. Among the good bouts was that between Sushant Behara and Kartikeya Sharma where both the boxers displayed their skill. The decision finally was in favour of Sushant Behara and Kartikeya Sharma was given the title of 'The Best Loser'. Another closely contested bout was between Manish Karki and Sanjay Kannothe where the former was adjudged the winner on the basis of superior technique. This year Boxing saw more of technique than mere power. This is where the essence of the sport is. Rahul Yadav was awarded the title of 'Best Boxer' for the year 1992. Though Pratap gave a good fight the Champions were Ranjit all the way. The Section positions were :

- 1st - Ranjit
- 2nd - Chandragupta and Pratap (Sharing)
- 4th - Shivaji

Basketball

The college basketball team may not have won many laurels, but they sure have the spirit. The team played many matches and did well to win most of them. Yet again, this year we lost to our traditional rivals, the Doon School. The team also entered the semi-finals of a local tournament. The team started playing with a professional outlook towards the game with Mr Ajay Goyal as the coach.

The inter-section basketball matches were held from 17th to 19th of April. Each section was represented by two teams. One, the seniors, and the other, the rabbits. With the Shivaji section team comprising all college players, they were very confident to lift the cup.

The first match was played between Pratap and Ranjit section teams. Ranjit won the match with the score-sheet reading 25-13. In the other matches, the score-sheets read as follows :-

Shivaji beat Chandragupta	30-17.
Shivaji beat Pratap	73-16.
Pratap drew with Chandragupta	36-36.

On the final day Shivaji beat Ranjit 29-14 to lift the cup making it the fourth time in a row; and to continue the domination the Shivaji section rabbits team won all its three matches with huge margins and bagged the first position.

Cdt K Shankar (P) was adjudged the best scorer; he scored a total of 45 points. Cdt KD Singh (R) was adjudged as the most spirited player and Cdt SS Randhawa (C) as the best upcoming player. The overall section positions were as follows :-

Shivaji	- I
Ranjit	- II
C Gupta	- III
Pratap	- IV

The basketball team has come a long way, to perform the way they are doing now under the watchful eyes of the Commandant who has always encouraged the players.

Staff Picnic (18 April 1992)

The much awaited "Operation Hangama" got underway at around 5.15. No one knew till we left RIMC as to what the destination was. Somehow we learnt that we were going to Malsi Deer Park near Rajpur. Once at Malsi, we felt that it was not the place we had intended to choose for our picnic as there was a big crowd of people. On not finding any peaceful and isolated place at Malsi, the Commandant, accompanied by some staff members, went towards Sahashtra Dhara in search of a suitable place for the picnic. Rest of the staff members and the ladies spent their time going around the Deer Park. Children enjoyed watching deer and other animals in the park.

At around 7 PM the Commandant and the advance survey party returned with the news that they had discovered a hitherto unvisited mango grove on way to Sahashtra Dhara. It was indeed a nice place. We all reached there around 7.15 PM and sorted out things rather fast including the collection of a lot of firewood for the bonfire (incidentally the bonfire later in the evening did not last for even a couple of minutes). It was indeed very nice to see everyone taking active part in 'Antakshiri'. The gents team felt particularly stronger with Capt Nanda and Mr Vishwakarma providing an endless reserve of songs. It has not been clear so far who the ultimate winner was in this competition as both teams claimed victory. The 'Antakshiri' competition was followed by dinner of endless tastes and infinite variety. The food was very nice and more than sufficient. Each married member of the staff had taken food for his/her family and one additional member of the staff. After dinner we all had 'paan' and sweets and after a beautiful gazal each by Mr Shakeel Mohammed and Mr Vishwakarma the picnic came to an end. We all reached home around 11 that night. To sum up, 'Operation Hangama' was an excellent break for the staff.

- SP BHATIA
(Staff Secretary)

Visits

The following Officers/Parents visited the college during Oct 91 to Mar 92 :-

Date of visit	Name of visitors	Location/Units
14 Oct 91	Maj Gen S Padmanabhan, VSM	GOC HQ 7 Inf Div
14 Oct 91	Brig RL Verma	Cdr HQ 37 Inf Bde
24 Oct 91	Maj Gen Iqbal Chand Malhotra	MGASC HQ Central Command
30 Oct 91	Lt Gen MA Zaki, PVSM, AVSM VrC	Advisor to the Governor of J&K
16 Nov 91	Maj Gen MM Verma	GOC HQ UP Area
16 Nov 91	Brig AR Kumar	Army HQ
18 Nov 91	Brig SD Mahanti	Cdr HQ 33 Arty Bde
25 Nov 91	Col SK Kohli	Col GS HQ Dehra Dun Sub Area
31 Dec 91	Maj Gen PR Bose	GOC HQ UP Area
31 Dec 91	Brig YS Kanwar	Cdr HQ Dehra Dun Sub Area
02 Jan 92	Cdr AK Sood (Retd.)	New Delhi
02 Jan 92	Isabelle Sood, Varun Sood	France
12 Mar 92	Brig SS Grewal	DDG PP Dte Army HQ
12 Mar 92	Brig JK Chaddha	DDG PP Dte Army HQ
12 Mar 92	Rear Admiral PD Sharma, AVSM	ADG (A) Dte Gen NCC
12 Mar 92	Brig BK Kataria	CSO HQ 4 Corps
12 Mar 92	Maj Gen Ashok Mehta	A-295 NF Colony
12 Mar 92	Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.)	New Delhi
12 Mar 92	Maj Gen IC Malhotra	MGASC Central Command
12 Mar 92	Brig VB Batra	MO Dte Army HQ
13 Mar 92	Air Chief Marshal NC Suri PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC	CAS

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Editorial

Time has really flown by since the last issue of THE CHRONICLE was published. During this short span, a rapid series of occurrences saw to it that the term concluded with the same hectic and earnest activity with which it began.

It started with the inter-section hockey competition. The competition was the culmination of an entire term of preparation and all matches were played with vigorous enthusiasm.

Close on the heels of the inter-section hockey came the final round of the inter-section quiz competition. It was a fight to the finish and a good demonstration of the expertise which we have now acquired in this field.

No sooner had the last answer of the quiz been given than the drill square began reverberating with the sounds of banging feet and the voices of squad commanders. I guess you have realized what I'm referring to-drill practices. The drill competition was held on 9th May and was an impressive display of

turnout, timing and impeccably executed drill movements.

Meanwhile, the RIMC open squash competition was being held. The primary aim of doing so was to revive interest in the sport in which we formerly excelled.

This editorial would be incomplete without a mention of our college debaters, who have displayed tremendous skill and secured quite a few prizes recently. You will find the details overleaf in the co-curricular round up.

At the moment the cadets are enjoying a well earned respite from their vigorous routine, as the final exams have finally concluded.

Now I'll wind up, hoping that the coming term will bring us as much if not more joy and as many victories as the term which has just ended.

- Cdt. Dhiraj Ramanand

RIMC Open Squash

Nothing can stop squash lovers from the spectacular movements of play. This year, in the RIMC open squash championship, the participants had to pay an entry fee. The competition was organized by the College Squash Div. They got a tremendous response from both the cadets and masters and there were 64 entries. The squash schedule of players was determined by the draw of lots. The competition gave an opportunity to see many a good game and some fine finishes. Ultimately the players in the top four positions were-

1st	-	Cadet Amit Dhami
2nd	-	Cadet Ashish Verma
3rd	-	Cadet ADS Siddhu
4th	-	Cadet Rohit Kapil

Though these players bagged the prizes, the others did not go back disappointed. There were 26 lucky draws which had attractive prizes. The competition was organized excellently and was complimented by everyone. This was a step to revive the old standard of squash in RIMC. Incidentally the top four seeds of squash in NDA are Rimcollians.

Basketball had also much in store for the cadets. The RIMC basketball team participated in the Afzal Khan Cup. There were eight other schools in the competition. We had a fairly good team with players like Rahul Mann, Kamaldeep Singh, Virinder Singh etc. Though we did not make it to the top three we put up a good show and landed up 5th in the tally.

- Cdt. Arimilli Anand

Co-curricular Round-up

The post-hikes cultural scenario was a nice one for the college.

Although there were no plays and Spic Macay programmes organized, the College excelled in debating. Our debaters put up a splendid performance in the English Debate held at the IMA on the 8th of May and bagged the second position for the college. Cdt Sec Commander K Vijay Singh spoke excellently and bagged the 2nd position. Cadet Siddharth Jyoti put up a good show and landed 5th.

Cadet NCO Sumit Kochhar secured the 1st position and a prestigious medal competing with 25 other participants at the Judha Shamsheer Memorial Debate held at Cambrian Hall on the 12th of May. Cadet Dhiraj Ramanand spoke well and was close behind him.

The third and final round of the quiz competition was held on the 6th May and was conducted by Capt Samir Srivastava. Shivaji Section bagged the 1st position with 145 points followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap respectively.

The last cup at stake this term was the Squad-Drill-Cup one of the most prestigious cups. The competition was held on the 9th May and the sections were given 4 days' notice. Come 9th May and the cadets were attired in their best uniforms for the kit inspection. Each section tried its best, but it was finally Chandragupta which secured the coveted trophy. To add to their elation, the Chandragupta Sec Commander was adjudged the best commander. Pratap, Shivaji and Ranjit followed Chandragupta.

Meanwhile the hobbies are going into a slump although the Rifle Shooting Hobby went to the Guards' Regiment on 7th May and had a nice time firing with SLR's LMGs and MMGs.

The slump is due to the nearing of the Final Exams.

That's all from the cultural desk till the August term.

Adieu
- Cadet Parul Saini

Sports Round-up

The January term with all its splendour brought the hockey season. The college team which had been practicing hard throughout the year brought some thrilling moments to the sport. There were matches against MKP Girls School, the Welham Boys and the Doon School. Among these the one against Welham Boys was a closely contested one where the Rimcols with their teamwork won the match. We lost the match against Doon School 5-4. The inter-section hockey matches also had a lot in store. This time the competition was organized by Class IV A. The last match between Shivaji and Chandragupta, but as luck would have it the Shivajians got a penalty stroke which was converted with ease and the match finally ended in a draw. The calculation led Shivaji and Pratap sharing the first position followed by Ranjit and Chandragupta. The calculation also brought out a curious situation in which if Shivaji had won or lost the last match against Chandragupta it would have won the cup individually. (We are sure Shivajians didn't know it!)

A new sport, volleyball, has been introduced in the RIMC. It was introduced keeping in view its relevance at the NDA. The inter-section volleyball competition was held for the first time in the history of RIMC and was won by Shivaji Section followed by Partap, Ranjit and Chandragupta.

In addition, an RIMC open Volleyball competition was also held with teams from among the cadets, masters and PTIs playing. The PT staff team eventually won the competition.

A few days ago, some coaches from the Sports Authority of India had come to RIMC to conduct a fitness test. They went back visibly impressed by our standards.

-Cdt Pawan Choudhary
-Cdt S Bhattacharya

Visits

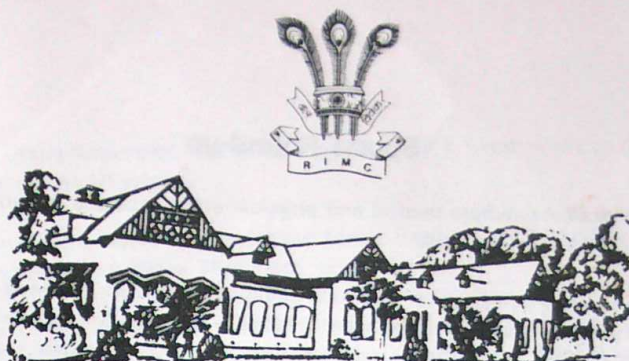
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18 May 92	Brig GS Uban	DDGMT (PCT) Army HQ

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Editorial

On the 17th of July, the college reopened (Rimcollians will notice a change). Parents may not have welcomed the reduction of the vacation, but the cadets were quite unconcerned. This term began with the same jubilation and high spirits as all terms have, so far.

It certainly does seem that the objective which the administration had in mind, when they brought about this change is being achieved. The goal was the completion of the academic curriculum, and as is evident from the results of the X board examination, the syllabus is now no longer being left unfinished. The highest percentage was secured by Cdt Rahul Pathak (80.4%) and the rest were close behind.

The XII board results may not have been particularly good, but this was more than compensated for by the fact that 23 Cdts out of a total of 60 sent by RIMC, 18 Sainik Schools and 5 Military Schools were from RIMC.

As for sports, our college teams are new practicing hard every day and are eager for new conquests on the sports field.

The first inter section championship of the term, cross-country was held on Sunday i.e. 10th August. The details are overleaf in the sports round up. The sections are new gearing up for the next competitions i.e. swimming.

The mention of sports brings to mind the greatest sporting spectacle in 4 years - the Olympics. Our cadets are keenly interested in sports and there was no dearth of cadets in the ante-rooms at 10 PM when the highlights were telecast. Many, especially the swimmers, have been

assimilating the techniques used by the elite of the sporting world.

As for cultural activities, hobbies have started functioning. Besides, our cadets put up a good show at the inter school debate.

Coming to the academic staff - two new instructors have joined the faculty. Capt A Mitra (Ex - Shivaji) and Mrs. Poonam Aggarwal. Capt Mitra teaches Maths while Mrs P Aggarwal teaches English. She has joined in place of Mr Shekeel Mohammed who has resigned and joined his original department in A & N islands.

Talking about the staff I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Solanki on their marriage, on behalf of the college.

The first termers joined the college on 23rd. 22 of them have joined the college so far and we hope they enjoy their stay at RIMC.

The Vijayanta battle tank promised to us by Gen V N Sharma (Ex - Pratap) has arrived. We thank him for it.

Other highlights during this period were visits by Col. R K Manchanda and the DCOAS, Lt Gen R Sharma. Col R K Manchanda (Ex Shivaji) visited the college on 3rd August 92 alongwith six other Rimcollians and gave an enchanting talk on how to excel in life in general and squash in particular.

The DCOAS visited the college on 27th August 1992 and was thoroughly impressed by all that he saw at the college and complimented the Commandant for the excellent leadership he has been providing to the RIMC.

With that, I will conclude the editorial. Farewell, till September.

Sports Round-up

The test of stamina, where mental and physical endurance are tested to their limits. This sport is none other than cross-country.

The cross-country competition was held separately for two divisions- the juniors and the seniors. The juniors had to run a route of approximately 5 km. The hot favourites were Cdt Ashish Sunder, Cdt Sushil Minhas, Cdt A Tembe and Cdt Vijayant Singh. The race was flagged off by the Commandant. The final positions were: Cdt Ashish Sunder of Pratap Section in the first position followed by Gaurav Hamal of Shivaji Section and Vijayant Singh of Chandragupta Section. Shivaji Section led the points tally in juniors. The much awaited seniors division cross-country was flagged off by the Commandant on an enthusiastic note. The seniors had to cover a distance of approximately 9.6 km. The hot favourites were Cdt Ravinder Talashi, Cdt Amit Dhami, Cdt Harminder Singh, Cdt Kiran Kumar, Cdt Pawan Choudhary and Cdt Rahul Pathak. The favourites led the way followed by the others. But Cdt Ravinder Talashi of Ranjit Section the two times cross-country champion, won a third time. He was followed by Cdt Harminder Singh of Shivaji Section and in the third position was Cadet Quarter Master Amit Dhami of Ranjit Section. Shivaji again led the points tally in seniors. The overall Section positions were:

- Ist - Shivaji Section.
- IIInd - Ranjit Section.
- IIIrd - Chandragupta Section.
- IVth - Pratap Section.

Swimming practices are going on in full swing with all sections practicing hard for the forthcoming swimming competition.

Coming to college sports, the RIMC soccer team played the Doon School. In the first match played at Doon School grounds, the college team was down 2-0 till six minutes before the end. However, in a brilliant demonstration of the fighting spirit, the college scored 2 goals in the last few minutes.

The return match, played on our own grounds, saw a reversal of fortune with the college team scoring first and the Doon School levelling it to 1-1 in the 2nd Half.

In comparison, the staff team fared better. They played the Doon School on their grounds, defeating them 2-0. The return match is yet to be played.

Co-Curricular Round-up

Welcome back to our co-curricular column. We start off right from where we left you last term. The first week was very hectic, with cadets being allotted hobbies of their choice. A new 'computer hobby' has been introduced. The eight vacancies have been filled, but selecting the best eight was no mean job. Class IV has been allotted horse riding as usual and they are having a nice time riding in IMA. The dramatics club is being revived under the eyes of Mrs Poonam Aggarwal. Various other clubs like music and aero modelling have also got down to business. A special feature this time is that the various clubs have been trimmed in size to facilitate better functioning.

RIMC participated in a computer quiz organised by the Computer Society of India. The three

participants, Cdt NCO Dhiraj Ramanand, Cdt A Narang and Cdt P K Singh went to the ONGC for the quiz. We landed up 6th out of 16 schools.

As far as debating is concerned, the college sent a team of two cadets to Pilani to participate in the All-India English debate there. They fared well.

The Inter Section Hindi debate was held on 28th August. It was a splendid display of orator-ship. In juniors, Cdt Saurabh Gupta (Shivaji) came 1st, Cdt Amit Kumar (Ranjit) came 2nd. In seniors, Cdt NCO Ravinder Talashi (Ranjit) was the best speaker and Cdt NCO Nagendra Rawat was a close 2nd. Cdt Gaurav Bhandari (Ranjit) was adjudged the best rebutter. Although it seemed that Ranjit section - which had secured 3 prizes out of 5 - had got the cup, calculations proved otherwise and Shivaji Section got the trophy.

We expect this term to be a very hectic one as far as cultural activities are concerned and we will continue giving you the latest news.

So, till the next issue, it's goodbye from the cultural desk.

-Cdt S Bhattacharjee

News From NDA

Rimcollians are doing very well at the NDA this term. The following are the Rimcollian appointments in NDA this term :-

Academy Cadet Captain	-	BJS Soni (Pratap)
Academy Cadet Adjutant	-	RD Sharma (Shivaji)
Baltalion Cadet Captain (1 Bn)	-	Asheem Mittal (Chandragupt)
Baltalion Cadet Captain (2 Bn)	-	Prashant Kahlan (Shivaji)

CSM s - N Kumar (Ranjit) - A Sqn
- Vishwajeet Kumar (Chandragupta) - H Sqn
- Himmat Singh (Shivaji) - I Sqn
- SNS Bhawa (Chandragupta) - G Sqn

DCC s - L Thakur (Ranjit)
- SR Das (Shivaji)
- AV Singh (Chandragupta)

CQMS s - PB Midag (Shivaji)

In addition, Cdt A Kalia got blues in Squash.

एक रिपोर्ट

अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता - १९६२

वर्ष १९६२ की अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता, दिनांक २८ अगस्त १९६२ को, महाविद्यालय के सभासागर में, संध्या पांच बजे से सात बजे तक सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न हुई। वरिष्ठ तथा कनिष्ठ दोनों ही वर्गों के विषय बड़े ही ज्ञानवर्धक तथा रोचक रहें।

कनिष्ठ वर्ग का विषय था:-

"युद्ध किसी समस्या का निदान नहीं है।"

वरिष्ठ वर्ग का विषय था:-

"पर्यावरण संरक्षण राष्ट्र की प्रगति में बाधक है।"

प्रत्येक कक्ष से, इस प्रतियोगिता के लिए, पांच प्रतियोगियों ने अपने कक्ष का प्रतियोगिता के लिए पांच इनमें से, दो वक्ता, कनिष्ठ वर्ग के लिए (एक विषय के पक्ष में एवं दूसरा विषय के विपक्ष में)। दो वक्ता वरिष्ठ वर्ग के लिए (एक विषय के पक्ष में तथा दूसरा विषय के विपक्ष में) एवं एक प्रतिवादक थे।

इस संस्थान की प्रथम महिला होने के कारण, श्रीमती गीता परब ने, इस प्रतियोगिता की मुख्य अतिथि का पद ग्रहण कर, इस पद को सुशोभित किया।

इन्होंने सभापतित्व किया:-

(अ) अमित जैन

(ब) अरुण बहुगुणा

निर्णायक थे:-

(अ) प्रथम निर्णायक:- डा० अशोक उपाध्याय

(ब) द्वितीय निर्णायक:- डा० राम कुमार

(स) तृतीय निर्णायक:- डा० रमेश कुमार चमोली

प्रतियोगिता के अंत में, जब परिणाम पता चला, तो लगा कि वक्ताओं में बहुत अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धा थी। मानो सभी वक्ताओं ने इस प्रतियोगिता के लिए, तन तथा मन न्योछावर कर रखा हो। कनिष्ठ वर्ग में पहले दो स्थान निम्न वीरकुमारों ने प्राप्त किए:-

नाम	कक्ष	अंक प्राप्त	स्थान
१. सौरभ गुप्ता	शिवाजी	२३४	प्रथम
२. अमित कुमार	रंजीत	२३०	द्वितीय

बी० के चैतन्य को सान्त्वना पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। इन्होंने २०७ अंक, रंजीत कक्ष के खाते में डालते हुए पांचवा स्थान प्राप्त किया।

वरिष्ठ वर्ग में भी काफी कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धा रही। शायद इसीलिए निर्णायक मंडली को ये कहना ही पड़ा कि उनके लिए अंक देना काफी कठिन हो गया था।

वरिष्ठ वर्ग के परिणाम कुछ इस प्रकार थे:-

नाम	कक्ष	अंक प्राप्त	स्थान
१. रविन्द्र तलाशी	रंजीत	२४२	प्रथम
२. नगेन्द्र रावत	शिवाजी	२४०	द्वितीय
३. गौरव भंडारी	रंजीत	२१६	प्रथम

(प्रतिवाद)

रविन्द्र तलाशी ने अपने मनमोहक विचारों द्वारा निर्णायक मंडली का मन मोहकर उन्हें सर्वाधिक अंक देने को बाध्य कर दिया। नगेन्द्र रावत ने हास्य-व्यंग्यों तथा निर्णायक मंडली को ऐसा हंसाया कि वे उन्हें द्वितीय सर्वाधिक अंक दे बैठे। हालांकि उन दोनों में केवल दो अंक का अंतर था। गौरव भंडारी ने अपनी प्रतिभा का प्रदर्शन करते हुए प्रतिवाद में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। विभिन्न कक्षों के स्थान कुछ ऐसे थे।

कक्ष	अंक प्राप्त	स्थान
१. शिवाजी	११०७	प्रथम
२. रंजीत	१०७६	द्वितीय
३. प्रताप	१०४४	तृतीय
४. चन्द्रगुप्त	१०३०	चतुर्थ

कमान्डान्ट द्वारा विजेताओं को उत्तम प्रदर्शन के लिए बधाई दी गई:-

- १) सौरभ गुप्ता (शिवाजी)
- २) रविन्द्र तलाशी (रंजीत)
- ३) गौरव भंडारी (रंजीत)
- ४) अमित कुमार (रंजीत)
- ५) नगेन्द्र रावत (शिवाजी)
- ६) बी० के० चैतन्य (रंजीत)

यह प्रतियोगिता, श्री चंद्रशेखर विश्वकर्मा (हिन्दी प्राध्यापक) के निर्देशन में आयोजित हुई। सहयोगी थे:-

- १) अमित जैन (शिवाजी)
- २) अरुण बहुगुणा (रंजीत)
- ३) संजय कन्नीय, (रंजीत)
- ४) रमन गुप्ता (रंजीत)
- ५) अनुज वाघवा (प्रताप)
- ६) रजत मेहता (प्रताप)
- ७) अंशुमान नारंग (रंजीत)

कुशल संयोजन तथा उत्तम व्यवस्था के लिए, इनको कमान्डान्ट द्वारा बधाईयां दी गई।

इस प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान पाकर शिवाजी कक्ष ने, चैम्पियनशिप प्राप्त की। खैर! प्रतियोगिता सभी शिक्षकों, वीर कुमारों तथा निर्णायकों के लिए काफी दिलचस्प रही।

मैं किसी भी प्रतियोगिता में ऐसे ही आयोजन की कामना करता हूँ।

प्रस्तुतकर्ता -
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कक्षा - चार (४)
चंद्रगुप्त कक्ष

Visits

The following Officers/Parents visited the College during Jun 92 to Aug 92:-

Date of Visit	Name of Visitors	Location/Units
22 Jul 92	Wg Cdr S C Wadhwa	AF Station Rajokari
22 Jul 92	Mr Vijay Kumar Khullar	Jalandhar (Pb)
30 Jul 92	Col Harinder Singh	ASEC Sectt, Army HQ
30 Jul 92	Col Avinash Tiwari	ASEC Sectt, Army HQ
30 Jul 92	Lt Col Rakesh Kapoor	Secy ASEC, Army HQ
30 Jul 92	Shri D K Shrivastava	DFA (ASEC), Army HQ
27 Aug 92	Lt Gen R Sharma, AVSM	DCOAS (Trg & Coord) Army HQ

BOOK-POST

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A lot of attractive prizes were at stake in the tournament. Other than the prizes for winners and runners up, there was a lucky dip for other participants. Chocolates, wrist bands and other attractive prizes were received by the lucky winners. The winners and runners up of doubles received Table Tennis racquets and cups.

The winner of this tournament was a first timer, A Jaiswal (Pratap) who defeated Amandeep Singh (Pratap) 15-13. The winners in doubles were K Sharma and Dr Jagat Singh who defeated their opponents K Shankar and Mr Tyagi 15-10.

This competition has helped to develop interest in this game. We hope the Badminton open is held every year to raise our standards in this game.

Colt Amandeep Singh
&
Colt Pankaj Kumar

Mid-Term Hike

The mid term hikes provide a nice respite to the ever enthusiastic Rimcoos and this term was no different. The cadets enjoyed every bit of their mid term hikes and had many new and novel experiences. In all, there were 4 regular hikes organised. River rafting was organised for the cadets who stayed back. Operation Bajrangbali was the code name for the biking hike to Chandigarh which was undertaken by the cadets of Classes IIA and IIB. They were accompanied by Mr KS Ahlawat & Mr Augusthy PO. The cadets hired bikes from the town and set off to Chandigarh on their bikes on the 1st of Oct at 7 A.M. The masters also covered the distance on bicycles. The rations and luggage were carried by the 3 Ton. The cadets cycled fast and covered 100 km on the first day with frequent stops. They halted for the night at Hamidpur, a village near Kala Amb.

They reached Chandigarh at 2.00 P.M the next day. An enterprising cadet deflated his cycle tyres and earned a lift in the 3 Ton. The cadets put up at the Army School in Chandigarh and visited the famous Pinjore Gardens in the evening and had a nice time.

During the next two days, the cadets went about visiting the famous tourist spots of Chandigarh - the Rock Garden, the Sukhna Lake and Sector-17. The cadets mostly confined themselves to window shopping, when in the markets. The cadets also saw some movies and played volleyball during their stay. The cadets parted with their bikes during the return journey. They came back in a Deluxe Bus while their bicycles came back in the 3 Ton. They reached the College on the evening of the 5th. Cadets Gaurav Batra, Sarfraz Singh and Abhisekh Patnaik performed exemplarily well during this hike and were complimented by the Commandant in the Assembly.

Magra Hike: - The destination of this hike was changed from Dhanaulti to Magra at the last moment due to lack of accommodation at Dhanaulti. Classes I & II constituted this hike and were accompanied by Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Vashisht, Miss Sunita Dewan Mrs Poonam Agrawal. They reached their destination on the afternoon of 1st Oct. The cadets had some difficulty in pitching their tents but soon were successful in their task. From their camp, the cadets went for small treks. Class I was accompanied by Mr Sharma & Class II by Mr Vashisht. The cadets found the trek to Sarkanda Devi tiresome, but enjoyable. The cadets had some real fun making their food. The cadets came through Mussoorie on their way back and did some shopping. They reached the College on the 5th of Oct. Cadet Shivender Singh and Cadet Avnish Malik were praised for their good work.

Kanesar Hike: - This hike actually consisted of two separate hikes. Classes IA & IV constituted this hike and were accompanied by Capt Srivastava. They left for Kanesar in 3 Ton and reached Kanesar by the evening. They pitched their tents and rested for the rest of the day.

Class IA - On the second day, the cadets trekked downhill to a stream where they bathed and then returned to their camp. They occupied themselves with small treks and games for the rest of the hike. They returned to the College on the 5th of Oct.

Class IV - After spending the night at Kanesar the cadets started for Deoban but decided to camp at Vanshree. They were self-contained and were manpacked. They cooked their own food and had a nice time without any conventional forms of entertainment. They were praised by the Commandant for their ability to stay manpacked and returned to the College on the 5th of Oct.

Nahan Hike: - The destination of this hike was the 231 yrs old 1 PARA Commando Unit based at Nahan. The hike was constituted by Class IVA, Mr MS Bedi and Mr SK Tyagi. At Nahan, the cadets had regular PT and were thrilled to see the Commandos and their lifestyle. They attended judo classes and worked out in the Gymnasium. On the 3rd of Oct, 3 cadets visited Chandigarh but were caught red handed. The cadets also had a try at scuba-diving, traverse travelling and slithering. They also fired 5 rounds from a Czech version of an AK-47 rifle. They also had a 15 km trek on the 4th which was enjoyed by all. The cadets returned to the College on the 5th of Oct.

River Rafting: - River Rafting was organised for all the cadets who stayed back during the hikes. They included cadets of Classes VA, V & IIIA and some cadets with medical reasons. The task of setting up camp was given to Class V. They were accompanied by Capt JPR Ismail. The camp was to be set up at a river side spot 2 km short of Byasi at a distance of 29 km from Rishikesh.

The cadets came in 3 batches - Class V, Class VA & the basketball team and Class IIIA.

The cadets helped the organisers to inflate the raft and carry it and were briefed by the instructors before starting. They were to raft from Byasi to Shivpuri - a distance of 22 kms. The cadets enjoyed every bit of the rafting especially the rapids. They named one rapid too. The cadets bodysurfed also. The remainder of the day was spent in kayaking, beach volleyball and a bonfire.

The camp at Byasi was packed up on the 5th of Oct by Class IIIA. All cadets enjoyed rafting to the fullest and kept talking about it for days to come.

Odt Parul Saini
and
Odt Rajeev Ahlawat

Sports - Round Up

The month of September was a very hectic one as far as sporting activities were concerned. There were two major sporting competitions namely swimming and football. We also had the RMC badminton open this month. The RMC teams participated in a series of matches and tournaments and performed creditably.

The first competition that came up was the Inter-Section Swimming competition. Practises began in the right earnest and though Ranjit was quite confident of bagging the cup, the fact that the Commandant promised them a surprise package unnerved quite a few. With a systematic practise and training programme, the number of non-swimmers reduced drastically. Finally, when the competitions started, Ranjit did manage to keep up their reputation and take the cup for the 8th consecutive year, though the resistance from the other three sections was a bit stiff. Shivaji took the second spot, very closely followed by Pratap and Chandragupta respectively. The old warhorses, OGM A Dhami, Odt NCG D Ramanand, Odt V Xann and Odt A Tyagi lived up to their reputations. New faces to appear on the scene were those of Odt Kannan Selvam, Odt R Bhattacharya, Odt Sivashankaram and Odt Sandeep Mishra.

At the end of the month, we had the Inter-Section Football competition. Practises were done very earnestly and the young Gullits, Waradonas and Bastens set the football fields on fire with their dazzling play. The favourites were the Chandraguptians, while the Ranjities were given the under-dog slot. A unique aspect of this competition was that a team was fielded exclusively by the staff members. There were a lot of upsets, and the results became more and more complex and mind-boggling. Eventually, Ranjit came first in the juniors section; in middles, it was Pratap, while Chandragupta finished behind the staff team in seniors. Overall, three sections i.e Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji shared the cup while pre-competition favourites Chandragupta finished fourth.

Besides these internal competitions, the RMC basketball team participated in the W.C Kashyap Memorial Basketball tournament. We put up a splendid show and zoomed into the semis, demolishing Cambrian Hall, Welham Boys' and Childrens' Academy, Race course on the run. In the semis, we lost to the Doon School after putting up a very spirited fight. We eventually finished third. Cadet Kamaldeep Singh was complimented for playing very

well. In addition, RMC participated in the friendship run organised by the Doon Club. Our performance was praiseworthy. We came 1st in both the juniors and seniors division. 22 of the first 30 in the juniors section were from RMC, while in the seniors, we had 5 out of 30, despite the participation of several army units. Cadet Mandeep Singh who came 2nd in the juniors division, performed especially well.

That's about all we have for this month. There are a lot of sporting activities coming up in the forthcoming months, and we hope to join you soon. Till then, its "good-bye" from the "Sports Desk".

Cdt S Bhattacharjee
Class IVA

Co-Curricular Round-up

September was very active on the co-curricular front. September started merrily with teachers' day being celebrated in the College on the 5th of September. All the teachers went for a small party in the staff room. Regular Assembly was held in which Class VA cadets acted as the teachers. Cadet Captain Amit Jain acted as the Commandant. After this, the Classes too were conducted by Class VA cadets.

On the 6th of September, Class IVA presented a memorable cultural evening, 'BONANZA 92' which was full of songs, skits and dances. Mrs Sinha sang two songs which were thoroughly appreciated by the College and the staff.

On the 11th of September Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma presented a Santoor programme in Doon School for which Classes I and IV went. This cultural evening was thoroughly appreciated by all the cadets who went.

On the quizzing front, the College did extremely well. The College Quiz team comprising Cadets Ashish Vasudeva, Abhilash D and Sambit Mishra stood first in a quiz held at Doon Club by the Round Table Conference. They won a thousand rupees and a ticket for a quiz in Delhi. On the 22nd of September, the College quiz team comprising Cadets Ashish Vasudeva, Abhilash D, Sambit Mishra and Somaditya Chakraverty participated in a quiz held at the Indian Institute of Petroleum. They stood fourth. On the 26th of September, the College team comprising Cadet NCO Dhiraj Ramanand and Cadets Parul Joy and Abhilash D participated in a Quiz held at the Welham Girls High School. They landed second along with Doon School.

On the debating front, our debating teams participated in two prestigious English debates putting up an excellent show. At the very onset of the month, Cadets Satyam Sahu and Saurabh Gupta went to Pilani to participate in the 'All India Silver Jubilee Memorial English Debate'. The team stood 5th out of the 21 teams which participated. On the 24th of September, Cadets Sidharth Chopra and Dipankar Nautiyal took part in the All India Chakravorti Memorial English Debate held at the Doon School. Both the speakers put up a commendable show.

The College Hindi Debating team under Mr CS Vishwakarma participated in several Hindi debates doing the College proud in all of them. On the 14th of September, a team comprising Cadets BK Chaitanaya (a south Indian) and Satyam Sahu took part in a Hindi debate in Welham Girls High School. Cadet BK Chaitanaya stood 2nd. Cadet Satyam Sahu too performed well. RMC came second along with Children's Academy to lift the trophy as the host school came first.

On the 19th of September, Cadets Saurabh Gupta, Anil Kumar and Gaurav Bhandari took part in the All India Hindi debate held at Doon School. The team again put up an excellent show. They were appreciated by one and all. The debators were adequately rewarded as they were excused the mid-term examinations.

The prestigious All India Kashi Naresh Vibhuti Vagh Narayan Singh Hindi Debate - hosted by RMC every year - was organised by Mr CS Vishwakarma and his team on the 26th of September. Two famous schools Bishop Cotton, Shimla and Motilal Nehru School for Sports, Rai were the two outstation schools which participated in the debate apart from 6 local schools. The Chief Guest for the day was Dr(Mrs) Shashi Prabha Shastri and the debate was held under the chairmanship of Cadet ~~SG~~ Raman Gupta and Cadet Arun Bahuguna. RMC team consisted of Cadet NCO Ravinder Talashi, Cadets Saurabh Gupta and Anshuman Narang. Cadet Saurabh Gupta was adjudged the second best speaker while Cadet NCO Ravinder Talashi came a close fourth. Cadet Anshuman Narang bagged the prize for the best "Rebuttal". Overall, RMC came first but the shield went to Bishop Cotton, Shimla as we were the hosts.

Summing up, September was a month which was very fruitful for RMC on the cultural front. We hope that the rest of the term is just as fruitful.

Cdt Anshuman Narang
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have attempted anything of this nature. Moreover there was a dire shortage of time, which made matters worse and increased the confusion. The dress - rehearsal seemed as though we were practising the programme for the 1st day. To make matters worse the P.A system and the electric guitar 'went flop' on the final day. Anyway, all these problems were sorted out and we were all half - ready for the final show.

The programme was started off by the Master of the Ceremony, Siddharth Jyoti, followed by a IVA chain-train. The applause for that programme was enough to remove all doubts and fears from our minds, as to what the outcome of the 'Bonanza-92' would be. Thereafter all items were presented with bubbling confidence. The next item to follow was a solo number 'Part time lovers' by Jacob. It was a hit. Then followed a skit based on our masters. Sandeep Mishra, TK Singh, Ravindra Desai, Subroto Bhattacharjee, Kapil Bhatia, Rajiv Alhawat and Ashish Vasudeva played their roles beautifully. Rajiv, Desai and TK should get a special mention for making the programme the biggest hit of the term. Next came a Hindi disco number by Lakshman Muni and Chetan Singla, which was followed by a co-ed play. Harmanjit Singh Jauhal and Kapil Bhatia played the role of the girls to perfection and Umrao and Baljit acted the perfect crazy Romeos. Harinder and party presented a nice play on the army. Next in line were Hindi and Punjabi parodies. Both were enjoyed by all. The last in the sequence was an instrumental item presented by the IVA 'music factory'. Throughout the programme, Siddharth Jyoti and Jacob gave scintillating drum beats, while on the guitars we had Shrawan Kapila and Subroto Bhattacharjee. Besides, when things got serious, Baljit Vikas Bhandari, Pankaj, Rajiv and Ashish always came up with their cracks, and tit-bits, which made the mood humorous once again. To conclude the programme, Mrs Sinha came to the stage and sang two melodious songs. The grand finale was a delicious, mouth watering dinner.

It was the co-operation of the full class which made the programme a hit. Some did a lot from behind the screen. Cadet Rajat Mehta and Cadet K Kaladhar handled the stage management very well. Cadet Chetan Singla master minded all our plays. And last but not the least, we thank the full College without whose co-operation this programme would never have been a success.

Colt Subroto Bhattacharjee
and
Colt V Jacob Kurian

Miscellaneous

The most striking feature of the first few days of September was torrential downpours. Raincoats being in short supply and great demand, those who did not have raincoats were compelled to share it with one of the more fortunate type. However after the two got into the raincoat, a fair amount of tugging and pushing ensued. Eventually the weaker of the pair

The College Hindi Debating team under Mr CS Vishwakarma participated in several Hindi debates doing the College proud in all of them. On the 14th of September, a team comprising Cadets BK Chaitanaya (a south Indian) and Satyam Sahu took part in a Hindi debate in Welham Girls High School. Cadet BK Chaitanaya stood 2nd. Cadet Satyam Sahu too performed well. RMC came second along with Children's Academy to lift the trophy as the host school came first.

On the 19th of September, Cadets Saurabh Gupta, Amit Kumar and Gaurav Bhandari took part in the All India Hindi debate held at Doon School. The team again put up an excellent show. They were appreciated by one and all. The debators were adequately rewarded as they were excused the mid-term examinations.

The prestigious All India Kashi Naresh Vibhuti Vagh Narayan Singh Hindi Debate - hosted by RMC every year - was organised by Mr CS Vishwakarma and his team on the 26th of September. Two famous schools Bishop Cotton, Shimla and Motilal Nehru School for Sports, Rai were the two outstation schools which participated in the debate apart from 6 local schools. The Chief Guest for the day was Dr (Mrs) Shashi Prabha Shastri and the debate was held under the chairmanship of Cadet SGT Raman Gupta and Cadet Arun Bahuguna. RMC team consisted of Cadet NCO Ravinder Talashi, Cadets Saurabh Gupta and Anshuman Narang. Cadet Saurabh Gupta was adjudged the second best speaker while Cadet NCO Ravinder Talashi came a close fourth. Cadet Anshuman Narang bagged the prize for the best "Rebuttal". Overall, RMC came first but the shield went to Bishop Cotton, Shimla as we were the hosts.

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- (a) Staff Officer (rank of Capt) - 1
- (b) Clerk (SD) ASC - 1

(c) Hav GD Drill Instructor	- 1
(d) Civilian Clerk	- 1
(e) Mess Waiter	- 2
(f) Watchman Chowkidar	- 2
(g) Driver	- 6
(h) Tractor with Trailer	- 1
(j) Light Ambulance	- 1
(k) Matador	- 1

As is well known, since 1922 the strength of the College has increased seven fold without a commensurate increase in the allotment of resources. Thus this review and the bid for additional resources could not have come earlier.

Preparing for the grilling of the ASEC team was an eye opener. One did learn a lot in the process. For example we learnt that one sweeper was authorized for the maintenance of 120 urinals. Indeed, a sweeper working (sincerely) for 8 hours a day can manage to do so. It soon became evident that the scales of manpower and equipment laid down had been done after a great deal of work study and one could not but help admire the British for the kind of details and pains they must have taken to arrive at the authorisation of an establishment.

And of course the sessions with the ASEC team were akin to standing in the witness box in front of a Prosecutor. They were not willing, and correctly so, to take anything at face value. Every detail was gone into, whether it be checking of our diaries to see the mileage and nature of duty being performed or check the work load of clerks. In fact for the latter to amplify further, they checked not only the number of pages being typed by a clerk on any given day but also double checked with the despatch register to ascertain the number of despatches per day and checked the Xerox machine records to see how many of the letters were actually being 'photostated', which in effect would imply reduced work load on the clerks. At the same time, they were willing to give the 'devil' its due. What appeared to have convinced them of the need for an additional clerk was the despatch record of the RIVG prospectus. The demand for the prospectus is increasing every day, and this portends well for the College so much so that despatch of the prospectus keeps one clerk occupied throughout the year.

Even at the expense of blowing our own trumpet it must be said that we had done our homework well and had anticipated most of the queries. All the data whether it be on the number of week end hikes and adventure activities planned on an average or the suggested distribution of cycles or the total plinth area of the buildings in the College, had been tabulated and kept as ready reckoner.

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There is reason to believe that we did a good job in advocating our cause. So much so that Col AKS Uberoi, Dir W-6 who attended as a representative of the Directorate which had sponsored us asked us to give a feed back to the NDA and IMA to enable them prepare on similar lines.

It must be mentioned here that the RPO was fortunate to have the present commandant at the helm of affairs. No doubt his communication and persuasive skills were put to an acid test; not for nothing is he known to be capable of 'Selling ice to Eskimos' or 'Selling refrigerators in the Glacier' for that matter.

Capt S Srivastava

Old Boys Column

- (a) Maj Gen IM Lakhera, AVS, VS (Chief of Staff Central Command) and Maj Gen NS Malik promoted to the rank of Lt Gen.
- (b) Maj Gen IM Khanna takes over as the Addl VS A, MS Branch, Army HQ.
- (c) Brig N Deka takes charge as the Cdr, Lucknow Sub Area.
- (d) Col Raman Sehgal joined IMA as Bn Cdr.
- (e) Col SK Singh (ex-Pratap) assumes command of 7/8 GH.
- (f) Lt Col Manvendra Singh (ex-Shivaji 1956-70) takes over as the new Adm Offr of RPO. He is the winner of the Sword of Honour at the IMA.
- (g) Maj SK Juneja (ex-Chandragupta) was in the College last month on his routine trip.
- (h) Cadet C Ashok (Chandragupta) and Cadet SS Dhanoo (Ranjit) withdrawn from NDA on medical grounds.

In addition, the Commandant has been in touch with the Old Commandants and Principals. Mr Catchpole has expressed his desire to visit the College in Jan '93, when he plans to gift another Squash Court to the College. We have however recommended that he present "Catchpole Indoor Sports Centre".

News in Brief

- (a) A proposal has been sent to the Army HQ to enhance the fees from the present Rs 1500/- per year to Rs 3000/- per year.
- (b) Efforts are on to raise corpus money for the College. The DCOAS and the DGMT have promised all help in this.

(c) The minimum age for entry into RMC has now been fixed at 11½ years.

(d) A detailed proposal has been sent to Army HQ for the revision of Pay and Allowances for RMC masters.

Visits

The following Officers/Parents visited the College during Sep 92 to Oct 92:-

Date of Visit	Name of Visitors	Location/Units
05 Sep 92	Lt Gen Ashok Joshi, AVS	DMT, Army HQ
16 Oct 92	Brig RK Nanavatty	8th GR
16 Oct 92	Shri SS Jog, IPS, DG of Police (Retd)	
19 Oct 92	Brig GS Uban	Brig(PCT) Army HQ
20 Oct 92	Air Marshal DS Jog	J-153 Sector-25 NOIDA

हिन्दी काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता

31 अक्टूबर 92 को वेल्हम ब्यायज स्कूल में यह प्रतियोगिता सम्पन्न हुई। प्रतियोगिता दो वर्गों - वरिष्ठ एवं कनिष्ठ में विभाजित थी। कनिष्ठ वर्ग के लिए हाथ-खींग्य प्रधान तथा वरिष्ठ वर्ग के लिए विद्यार प्रधान कविताएँ चयन की जानी थी।

राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कालेज से उस प्रतियोगिता में कनिष्ठ वर्ग में दिग्विजय सिंह तथा वरिष्ठ वर्ग में सौरभ गुप्ता ने भाग लिया। दिग्विजय सिंह की कविता का शीर्षक था "एक आठवीं के छात्र की प्रार्थना" ओषधकाश आदित्य की उस कविता ने दर्शकों का पर्याप्त मनोरंजन दिया।

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प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम निम्नासार रहा:-

दिग्विजय सिंह - प्रथम {कनिष्ठ वर्ग}

सौरभ गुप्ता - प्रथम {वरिष्ठ वर्ग}

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सचिव, तारिहत्य परिसर

काशी नरेश वाग्विभूतिनारायण सिंह अन्तर्विधालय हिन्दी वाद-
विवाद प्रतियोगिता - 1992

इस वर्ष 26 सितम्बर को सायं चार बजे से यह प्रतियोगिता कालेज के भगत हाल में सम्पन्न हुई। इस वर्ष इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वाले विधालय थे :-

1. विश्व काटन स्कूल, शिमला - पूर्व विजेता
2. मोतीलाल नेहरू स्कूल आफ स्पोर्ट्स, राई
3. दून स्कूल, देहरादून
4. वेल्हम गर्ल्स स्कूल, देहरादून
5. वेल्हम ब्यायज स्कूल, देहरादून
6. कैम्ब्रिज हाल, देहरादून
7. ब्राइटलेण्ड स्कूल, देहरादून
8. राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कालेज, देहरादून

प्रतियोगिता के निर्धारण थे :-

1. डा० श्रीमती शरोज त्रिपाठी - हिन्दी विभागाध्यक्ष, स्म० के० पी० कॉलेज, देहरादून
2. डा० श्रीमती मधु शर्मा - स्म० के० पी० कॉलेज, देहरादून
3. प्रो० तेजो मित्र - संस्कृत विभाग, डी० ए० पी० कॉलेज, देहरादून

प्रतियोगिता में मुख्य अतिथि के पद को सुशोभित किया, प्रख्यात हिन्दी लेखिका डा० श्रीमती शशिप्रभा शास्त्री ने। कैप्टेन रमन गुप्ता एवं कैप्टेन अरुण बहुगुणा ने प्रतियोगिता का संचालन किया।

प्रतियोगिता अत्यंत दिलचस्प रही एवं पक्ष तथा विपक्ष के वक्ताओं के बीच तीव्र प्रतिस्पर्धा देखने को मिली। पक्ष के वक्ताओं का कहना था कि यदि हमें प्रगति करनी है तो पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर अधिक ध्यान नहीं देना चाहिए, क्योंकि अगर मनुष्य का जीवन सुख-सुविधा से ही घीबत हो जायगा तो फिर मात्र पर्यावरण की रक्षा के नाम पर उचित नहीं कहा जा सकता।

विपक्षी वक्ताओं ने कहा कि पर्यावरण संरक्षण की अवहेलना के कारण ही तापमान में निरंतर वृद्धि हो रही है, जिसके कारण हिमालय जैसे पर्वतों से वर्षा पिघलने से कई नगर जल समाधि में लगे। भारतीय संस्कृति प्रगति के साथ पर्यावरण संरक्षण पर बल देती है।

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मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में बोलते हुए डा० शशिप्रभा शास्त्री ने आयोजकों को इतने सचिकर विजय के वचन के लिए बधाई दी। उन्होंने मानव जाति के इतिहास की गहराईयों में जाकर पर्यावरण की प्रासंगिकता टूटी। अपने विद्वत्तापूर्ण भाषण में उन्होंने स्वस्थ मानव के लिए स्वस्थ पर्यावरण को आवश्यक बताया।

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क्रमांक	नाम	विद्यालय	पासनांक 300	स्थान	विषय
1	रूपर शर्मा	ब्राइट लैण्ड	228	प्रथम	
2	तौरम गुप्ता	राठ भाठ सैठ कालेज	222	द्वितीय	
3	नितिन सुखीजा	दून स्कूल	215	तृतीय	
4	अश्वमेध नारंग	राठ भाठ सैठ कालेज	234	प्रथम	प्रतिवादन
5	गौरव कौल	बिशप कटन स्कूल	204	द्वितीय	प्रतिवादन

विषयी प्रतियोगियों को मुख्य अतिथि द्वारा पुरस्कृत किया गया।
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1	बिशप कटन	182	212	204	598	II
2	वैल्हम ब्याडज	177	144	129	450	VIII
3	ब्राइट लैण्ड	228	195	156	579	IV
4	आरठ आरई एस० सी०	222	207	234	663	I
5	मोतीलाल नेहरू, राई	189	205	168	562	V
6	वैल्हम गर्ल्स	182	188	189	559	VI
7	दून स्कूल	216	194	177	587	III
8	कैम्पबेन हॉल	168	187	122	477	VII

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