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ATTENTION DOSCOS

* The annual Agra get-together is planned for the weekend of July 17 to 19, 2009 i.e. Friday to Sunday. For details and reservations see page 16 and the flyer accompanying this issue.

* The Doon School's 75th year celebrations (DS-75) will be from October 21 to 24, 2010 (see tentative schedule on the back cover of this issue). Please mark these dates in your diaries.

OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

Elections 2009

Doscos in Parliament (Lok Sabha) and State Assemblies

**"THE HINDU"
JUNE 01, 2009**

Seven Doon alumni in 15th Lok Sabha

DEHRA DUN: The prestigious Doon School here has the distinction of sending seven MPs to the 15th Lok Sabha, including Rahul Gandhi, with four of them getting ministerial berths.

The school is celebrating the entry of seven of its students, also known as Doscos, to the Lower House.

Four MPs - R P N Singh, Jitin Prasad, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Kamal Nath - all alumni of the Doon school, have been included in the Council of Ministers.

Rahul Gandhi is the only Doon School alumni from Congress, who despite being a Lok Sabha member, is not a minister. Significantly, Rahul's father and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was also an alumni of the school.

According to school records, besides these five, two other Doscos who are members of the new Lok Sabha are Kailash Singh Deo (BJD) and Dushyant Singh (BJP). - PTI

* In the recently concluded elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, the following old boys won from the following constituencies. Our heartiest congratulations.

LOKSABHA

Rahul Gandhi,
520-K '87
- Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

Kamal Nath,
366-K '64
- Chindwara, Madhya Pradesh

Jyotiraditya Scindia,
632-J '88
- Guna, Madhya Pradesh

Jitin Prasad, 315-K '92
- Dhaurahra, Uttar Pradesh

Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh (Richie), 871-K '82
- Khushi Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

Dushyant Singh,
590-K '80-J
- halawar-Bara, Rajasthan

Kalikesh Deo Singh,
344-T '92
- Bolangir, Orissa

STATE ASSEMBLIES

Navin Patnaik,
382-K '63
- Hinjli, Orissa

Anang Uday Singh,
42-K '62
- Bolangir, Orissa



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Coomi Kapoor

Doon squad

DOON School will have a larger representation in the 15th Lok Sabha than ever before. There are at least eight alumni of the exclusive public school which calls itself the Eton of India. The winners include Kalikesh Singh Deo (BJD) from Orissa, RPN Singh (Congress) from UP, Rahul Gandhi (Congress) from Uttar Pradesh, Kamal Nath (Congress) from Madhya Pradesh, Jyotiraditya Scindia (Congress) from MP, Jitin Prasad (Congress) from Uttar Pradesh, Udayan Raje Bhosale (NCP) from Maharashtra and Dushyant Singh (BJP) from Rajasthan.

The clout of the school is even more impressive when you consider that a number of the winners are bound to be made ministers. The Doon losers are: Akbar Ahmed, Mani Shankar Aiyer and Raninder Singh. The unusual number of parliamentarians who hail from just one school was first noticed back in the Eighties. School chums of Rajiv and Sanjay Gandhi, like Kamal Nath, Arun Singh and Akbar Ahmed were encouraged to enter politics along with the Gandhis.

Incidentally, Rahul Gandhi and Udayan Raje Bhosale attended Doon at some point, but did not graduate from the school.

With compliments from
Sanjiv Swarup, 298-H(B) '74

DOSCO LITERATI - RAM DOES IT AGAIN!

* **Ram Chandra Guha, 007-H '73** (who was recently awarded the Padma Bhushan on January 26, 2009) was again in the news in March this year when he raked in Rs.97 lakhs for a seven books deal with Penguin, India.

Ram has now pipped another Dosco, Amitav Ghosh, 246-H '72, to the post. Amitav had received Rs.55 lakhs for his three book deal (the Ibis trilogy) starting with "Sea of Poppies".

Our congratulations to Ram on his achievement.

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Rs 97-LAKH DEAL INCLUDES GANDHI BIO

Ram Guha makes non-fiction pricey

Indrajit Hazra
New Delhi, March 26

IN A bidding war that had three Indian publishing houses vying for the rights to the next Big India book, historian Ramachandra Guha raked in Rs 97 lakh this week for a seven-book deal that includes a new two-volume biography of Mahatma Gandhi.

Although HarperCollins India and Random House India offered Rs 1 crore-plus as advance for a five-book deal, Guha and his agent Gill Coleridge went with Penguin India for less money, adding two old titles. "It was a very difficult decision," said Guha. "But in the end, we went with Penguin because of their overall strength. We were especially impressed by their presentation of the Amitav Ghosh backlist that Penguin released when his novel *Sea of Poppies* was published."

Traditionally, big money in India goes to novelists. Ghosh's 'Ibis' trilogy got a reported advance of Rs 55 lakh — roughly Rs 18 lakh per book. Only Nandan Nilekani's *Imagining India* has got a heftier advance of a reported Rs 25 lakh.



RAMACHANDRA GUHA
Historian

MAKING THOSE ADVANCES*

HIGHEST NON-FICTION
Nandan Nilekani:
Imagining India, Rs 25 lakh

Ramachandra Guha:
Rs 14 lakh per book
(Rs 97 lakh for seven books, including three old books)

HIGHEST FICTION
Amitav Ghosh:
Rs 18 lakh per book (Rs 55 lakh for three-book deal starting with *Sea of Poppies*)

Tarun Tejpal:
Story of My Assassins,
Rs 15 lakh

Aravind Adiga:
White Tiger, Rs 13 lakh

(* reported prices)

So does this mean a big change in the way Indian publishers look at non-fiction? **Continued on Page 17**

Guha's Rs 97-lakh deal

Continued from Page 1

"Guha is the biggest name in non-fiction in India," said Ravi Singh, editor-in-chief, Penguin India. "So when he writes a book about the biggest subject in India — Gandhi — it's a different ball game. Earlier writers of non-fiction like Bipan Chandra have sold over 100,000 copies. But it wasn't hyped by publishers or the media." Chiki Sarkar, editor-in-chief, Random House India, said, "If Ram had written the biography of his other hero, Ambedkar, all the publishers would have fought for it, but the money wouldn't have been as much."

For best-selling historian William Dalrymple, it's "terrific news" for writers in India. "Earlier, *firangis* like Patrick French, Katherine Frank and myself, and people like Amartya Sen and Suketu Mehta who were writing from abroad were hogging the big-ticket non-fiction limelight," he said. "Now, publishers are showing great interest in writers from within India."

Guha started working on the Gandhi book before he started writing *India After Gandhi*, his 2007 best-seller published by Picador India. "*India After Gandhi* brought Ram out of the academic shelf and put him squarely in the mainstream," said Picador India editor-in-chief Shruti Debi.

The seven-book deal includes *Makers of Modern India*, an anthology of the writings of political leaders who were also men of ideas, and a collection of essays, *The Past and Future of Indian Democracy*. The backlist will include *States of Indian Cricket*, *Savaging the Civilized* and *Environmentalism*. The first volume of the Gandhi biography is scheduled for 2012 publication, while the second is for 2015.

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With compliments from

K. K. Lahiri, 30-K(B), 1974 and Karan Lahiri, 306-K(B), 2004

* **Surendra Nath (Sunny) Singh, 24-K '54** has been in the news for his pioneering work for the betterment of the girl child. He has instituted "Guniyal Gaon Education Centre" for the upliftment of the girl child and to secure a better future for them. Some news reports as appearing in the "Garhwal Post" of January 20, 2009 and in "The Tribune" of January 11, 2009 are scanned and extracted below.

Sunny Singh wrote in to the Rosebowl on January 13, 2009 by which time it was too late to publish either the news or his letter in the January 2009 issue of the Rosebowl. This letter now appears in the "Letters to the Editor" section of this issue. His earlier letter of November 13, 2007 is also published in the "Letters to the Editor" section. Some photographs taken of the Guniyal Gaon Education Centre's students alongwith Sunny Singh on the first anniversary of the school are also published with his letter in the "Letters to the Editor" section. We congratulate Sunny on his selfless service to society. Sunny is obviously one of those who took the School songs and prayers to heart.

Centre to help poor girl wed

DEHRADUN, 19 Jan: The Guniyal Gaon Education Centre has decided to take up the expense of the major part of the wedding of Kanti, daughter of 85 year old Jawahar Singh.

Sunny Singh, one of the office bearers of this charitable institution, said that the father of the girl was too poor to bear the expense of the marriage. He said that though his

institute did not encourage the dowry system, it would bear the expense of the major part of the wedding.

He said that the institute had urged the father of the girl to hold the marriage in the daytime to reduce electricity expenses and avoid serving of alcohol.

The wedding will take place on 30 and 31 January at the Centre's premises.

16 Garhwal Post Dehradun, Jan 20, 2009

* **Prof. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas, 186-T '47** received a **lifetime achievement award** from the Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Kanta Reddy, on April 6, 2008 at Hyderabad. Looking on are Dr. Sreedhar, Neurologist and Chairman of The SKS Super Speciality Hospital at Hyderabad and Prof. Balaparameshwara Rao, The Neurosurgeon of Andhra Pradesh and one of the early persons to train with Prof. B. Ramamurthy at Chennai.



Prof. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas also received a **National Life Time Achievement Award** from the Indian Academy of Neurology and the Asian and Oceanic Neurology Group on October 23, 2008 at New Delhi. In 1991 he was the First President

Man on a mission

70-year-old Sunny Singh has dedicated his life for the betterment of the girl child

DIVYA SEMWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 10

With a desire to do something for the girl child, Sunny Singh, a former executive director of General Electric Company, Calcutta, left Delhi to settle in Guniyal Gaon near Dehradun.

"I worked in Calcutta for 34 years, and after my retirement I was living in Delhi with my family but somehow I was not satisfied with my monotonous life. I always wanted to do something for society. As I have been associated with Dehradun, I bought some land in Guniyal Gaon to start a school for girls as I strongly believe that girls are the future mothers and educating them is like educating the whole family," said Sunny Singh.

Being a product of Doon School, Sunny Singh (70), faced great difficulty in persuading the प्रधान of Guniyal Gaon to rent him the school land as well as allow him to start extra-classes in English and computers, so that girls can accept the challenges of life and stand at par with men. "It took a while for the parents to allow their girls to

attend classes in my school and to come for tuitions at my home," said Sunny Singh. Starting with nine girls between the age group of 13 to 21 years, at present there are 53 girls out of which, nine are studying in DAV college.

"Belonging to poor families, they are provided fees, clothes, books, bus fare, quilts and even have insurance policy in case of accident and illness. I have got doctors arranged for them and now girls from almost 10 villages are regularly attending the school," said Sunny Singh.

Besides education, Sunny Singh is also assisting the families in getting the girls married. "As poor farmers in the villages cannot bear the expenses of marriage, I provide all the necessary items to the girls required to start a family. My student Kanti is getting married soon and I have arranged everything for her," said Sunny Singh.

Sunny Singh is also fighting for the cause of female foeticide. "I keep in constant touch with the state authorities to fight against female foeticide. I also plan to come up with another school for vocational studies so that girls can get easy employment," he said.



Sunny Singh

The Tribune

January 11, 2009

of the Indian Academy of neurology. This award consisting of a Plaque and a Merit Certificate was given away by Honorable Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India. The photograph shows Dr. Kalam giving the Award to Prof. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas.



* **Prof. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas** was also awarded the **M.R.B. Rao oration** on November 30, 2008. This function was held jointly by the IMA, Coimbatore and the P.S.G. Medical College (where Prof. M.B. Pranesh is the Head of the Department of Neurology). Mr. M.R.B. Rao was a distinguished Engineer and is the father of Prof. M.B. Pranesh.

Our heartiest congratulations to Prof. Srinivas on his achievements.



* Our congratulations to **Sandeep Dutt, 627-K '79** on his taking over as **National Director of the International Award for Young People** on April 21, 2009. Sandeep becomes the youngest Director in India and one of the younger Directors in the world. India is now getting its due as is the Doon School, the original trail blazer of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which has now become the International Award for Young People. The International Award for Young People is an international youth development program currently operating in over 114 countries. The program seeks to channelise youthful energy into meaningful effort leading to all-round growth of young people. The award program is meant for young people between 14-25 years of age. In India, Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, Mr. Anand Mahindra, Mrs. Mala Ramadorai (w/o TCS Chairman), Dr Sanat Kaul and Mr. Ishaat Hussain (CFO Tata Sons) are the Trustees of IAYP. IAYP operates from the best of schools across India. Equally, it works with organizations for the disadvantaged and poor. When contacted, this is what Sandeep had to say -



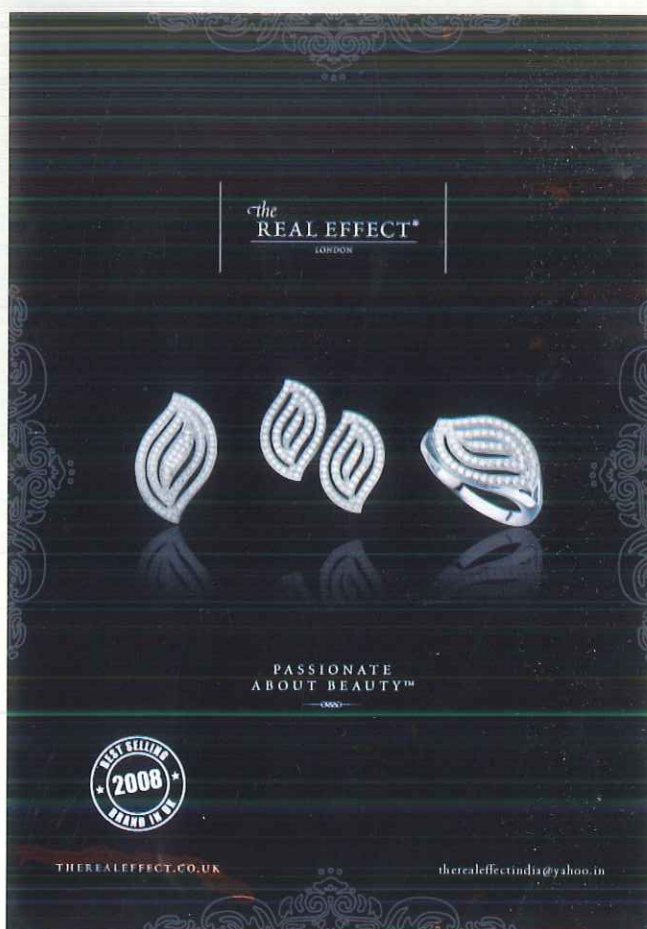
“Walked into the Award world in 1975 as an aspirant for the Bronze, while at The Doon School, Dehradun in India. Worked the way up and represented India in the 1979 IGE in Australia... there was no looking back. Volunteered for the program periodically, and helped do the documentation, literature and design for over a decade. In 1994 the Constitution of the Award Program in India was set

in place and this made working with the program even more fulfilling. Travelled as a head training team across India, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal... and really ran out of breath in near four years! Did try to wean myself away from the Program as my two girls came in as participants and wanted them to work without the involvement / direction of their father. Finally both my daughters Devyani and Devanjali are now proud Gold holders, and here I am back at the helm of it all!!!”

“The Dutt family has this unique distinction. Both my brother and I are Gold Holders. My two daughters too are Gold Holders. My brother's daughter has completed her Silver, and is currently at Millfield on an exchange program. She too will get the Gold in 2011. This will add up to five Gold Awards in one family. Who knows my nephew now in The Doon School will one day make it six in all.”

* **Ravi Narayanan, 162-T '58** was awarded an Honorary CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen for water and sanitation services to poor communities in the 2009 honours list. Our heartfelt congratulations to Ravi.

* Our congratulations to **Suveen Kapoor, 355-J '76** for his jewellery brand “**The Real Effect London**” being nominated the best Brand of the Year by the Retail Jewellery Magazine in the United Kingdom for the year 2008. Suveen will soon be launching his brand in India.



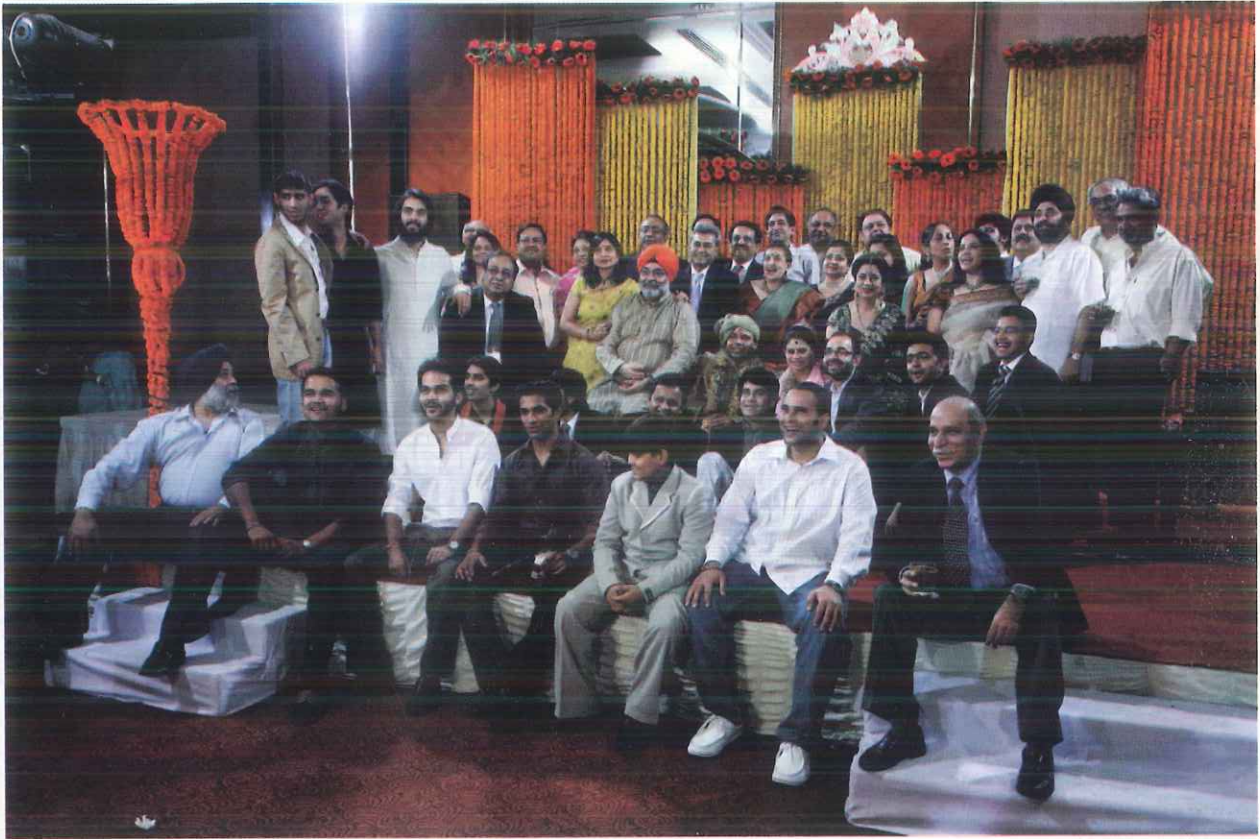
OLD BOYS NEWS

* **Kanak Singh, 350-T '63** now has an instructional job in the flying school in Malaysia at Langkavi. He is contactable at 98-192-57383.

* After spending three years in Real Estate and Manufacturing business in India, **Sharan Pasricha, 245-HB '98** will be returning back to the UK this fall to join the Class of MBA2011 at London Business School. He can be reached via email at spasricha.mba2011@london.edu.

MARRIAGES

* **Chandni Dugal**, daughter of **Rashmi & Manoranjan Singh Dugal, 401-K '74** and sister of **of Angad Dugal, 304-K '04** was married to **Abhishek** on May 17, 2009 at a glittering wedding ceremony at the Park Royal Intercontinental in Delhi. There was a huge Dosco attendance as would be evident from the group photograph below. The Classes of 2004 and 1974 were there in strength along with many Doscos from the Classes of 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976 and 1979.



OBITUARIES

* **Arun Somdutt, 194-K '55** passed away in New Delhi on February 10, 2009 after a prolonged illness. Our sympathies and condolences go out to Arun's widow Shree and their son Vivan Somdutt, 21-K(B) '02. May Arun's soul rest in eternal peace and the Almighty give strength to the grieving family.

* **Ajay Mallik, 259-K '55** left us on December 16, 2008 in New Delhi. Our hearts go out to his wife Saroop (Narni); sons Subroto and Raghav, 133-KB '84 and their families. He was the younger brother of Uday Mallik, 258-K '50. May Ajay's soul rest in peace and the Almighty give strength to their families in this hour of grief.

* **Vinod Goyal, 277-H '55** left us on November 30, 2008 in New Delhi. Our hearts go out to his wife, Rashmi; sons Gaurav and Rahul and their families. May God grant them strength to face the future with fortitude and may Vinod's soul rest in eternal peace.

* **Sushil Chand Jain, 221-H '50** (one of the oldest members of the Dehra Dun Chapter) passed away on May 14, 2009. Our heartfelt condolences to all his family members, friends and well-wishers.

* **Vijaya Joshi (nee Tiwari) 321-K '62**

By Darshan Singh [ex 90-T] Class Representative '62 Batch

Dear All,

It is my solemn and sad duty to inform you of the sudden and unexpected demise of Vijaya Tiwari (nee Vijaya Joshi), who studied with us in The Doon School. Only recently, many of us met her at the residence of Wajahat Habibullah at a Get-together organized by Wajahat and Malvinder Singh. Vijaya was in good health and no one expected such an early end. She lived a life without excess and was regular with her morning walks and, yet, she succumbed to a massive cardiac arrest at her home in the morning of Saturday, 4th April 2009.

Vijaya leaves behind a shattered husband, Lalit, and two shocked daughters, Rupali and Mitali. They can be contacted on Phone Nos. 24617592 and 24611326.

May her Soul rest in peace.

Darshan Singh



OUR NEW HEADMASTER - DR. PETER MCLAUGHLIN



The Doon School announced the appointment of international academician Dr. Peter McLaughlin as its new Headmaster. Dr. McLaughlin moves in to fill the position of his predecessor, Dr. Kanti Bajpai, who is in Oxford for pursuing his interest in teaching after a successful six year tenure at The Doon School.

Dr. McLaughlin joins The Doon School in July 2009. He is a British national who has

worked in the U.K., South Africa and Egypt and brings with him over twenty-three years of experience in the field of education of which the last ten years have been at the helm of leading international schools. His recent assignments have been as the Headmaster of Casterton School which counts amongst the best boarding schools in the U.K. since 2005, and previously as the Principal of the premier British international school in Egypt for six years.

Dr. McLaughlin will be the fourth British Headmaster of The Doon School after the founder Headmaster Arthur E. Foot in 1935, followed by J.A.K. Martyn and finally C.J. Miller, who concluded his term at the School in 1970. Hence the Doon School will have a British Headmaster after a gap of 38 years.

Welcoming Dr. McLaughlin, Mr. Analjit Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, The Doon School, said, "In an era of change whilst the Doon School aims to hold its position as a top school in the world, Dr. McLaughlin is a welcome choice as a highly

experienced Head of School with tremendous experience both in the UK and internationally with schools having a similar philosophy and ethos. He brings the right balance of traditional Boarding School experience, having headed an all boys school and an all girls school, coupled with international and contemporary academic practices which should be vital in helping The Doon School shape its students into honourable and responsible citizens."

Dr. McLaughlin, who spent his formative years in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), completed his doctorate in History and a post-doctoral fellowship at the London School of Economics. He returned to teach in the History Department at the University of Rhodesia. He pursued his interest in history, teaching, researching and writing on revolutionary and guerrilla warfare and lecturing, including at Sandhurst and other British academic establishments, till his yearning for sustained academic interaction between the teacher and the pupils made him return to secondary education in public schools in the UK.

Dr. McLaughlin is married to Elizabeth, who was a teacher and boarding housemistress earlier in her career and now works in schools' marketing and promotion.

The Doon School Old Boys' Society welcome Elizabeth and Peter McLaughlin to the DOSCO family and wish them a long, happy and memorable stay in Chandbagh and a successful tenure at the Doon School. We at the DSOBS are always available to help Elizabeth and Peter in any way we can and look forward to working with them in the years ahead.



ERRATA

* At Page 9 in the last (January 2009) issue, under the "Marriages" section, we erroneously mentioned Arvind Bhagat's, 637-K '88 wife name as Areena Uberoi. It should have read as **AREEMA UBEROI**. We sincerely apologize for the error.

* At page 8 of the January 2009 issue, we had published the news of Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy, 275-J '44 being honoured with the 2008 Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award. What we forgot to mention is that **all the A-V titles mentioned in the said news item were co-**

authored between Mr. Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy and his wife, Amy Catlin.

There was also an error in his e-mail address which should read **acatlin@ucla.edu**

* We regret another error at page 9 of the January 2009 issue of the Rose Bowl in the column of "Old Boys News". Afzal Khan's number and house was shown as 17-H '44. He was **17-J '44**. The error is deeply regretted.

With compliments from

Kanwar Prem lal, 155-H '43
Kanwar Vipin Malhotra, 157-H '76
Armaan Malhotra, 157-H '09

AJAY MALLIK, 259-K '55

By

Ashok Mehta, 295-H Class Rep '55

Ajay passed away on December 16, 2008 in New Delhi after a battle with cancer. He was already at School when I joined in 1950 and we were in the same class. We were not particularly friendly while at School and actually got to know each other well much later, when both our elder sons Subroto and Abhay (and our daughter Preeti) studied at the Lawrence School in Sanawar under the DOSCO Headmaster, Shomie Das.

While our children were at Sanawar, Ajji and his wife Sarup (Narni) and my wife Ruth and I religiously spent most of the first week every October attending their Founder's Day celebrations. It is then that we became close friends. Shomie and Pheroza, his lovely wife were wonderful hosts during our visits to the Lawrence School. Interestingly, Ajji's younger son, Raghav (133-KB) and our younger son Ravi (594-HA) followed family tradition and went to the Doon School. Ajji's granddaughter Devika and our grandson Imaan (26-H) who is now at School,

were classmates at the Shriram School in Delhi.

Ajji was a fantastic diver. If I remember correctly, his *forte* was from the one meter springboard. He was one of the youngest to get his diving colours. His swimming abilities were not so great, just enough to get out of the pool and prepare for the next dive!

Ajji's first love ofcourse was cricket. As an outswing bowler he was an important member of the School team. On the eve of a house match against Mayo College in 1955 he got injured and the 12th man, Kamaljit Chaudhri (48-J) got his chance to play and took full advantage of the opportunity. Kamaljit was a brilliant fielder but is remembered more for the century he scored in the following year away match against Mayo going in to bat at No. 10.

We will miss Ajji and our hearts go out to Narni and the family. May he rest in peace.



L-R John Martyn, Ajay Malik [259-K '55] (a brilliant cricketer) and Jack Gibson watching the School cricket team play the Old Boys for the R.L. Holdsworth Trophy at Founder's (year unknown).

With compliments from
Gautam Thadani, 488-J(B) '75

ERIC SIMEON

By

M.K. Das, 233-K, 1945

Reading Dilip Simeon's tribute to his late father, I was reminded of the time when I first met Jean and Eric Simeon, more than half a century ago.

The year was 1954 and my employer, Burmah-Shell, sent me on a tour of duty Mhow, a small cantonment town in the middle of what is now Madhya Pradesh. Mhow was in the middle of what is known as the Malwa Plateau. It was a small town, and like all cantonments, spotlessly clean and organized wonderfully well. The climate was wonderful, brief summers followed by crisp and invigorating winters.

Mhow was actually a training establishment for the Indian Army. There were two 'schools' both commanded by a Colonel and the whole establishment was in charge of an officer of the rank of Brigadier. The two schools, were the 'Signals' school and the 'Infantry' school.

Directly opposite my quarters lived some young instructors belonging to the Signals school. One of these was V.M. Sundaram (216-K), 'Sandy' to all of us. Just down the road in two houses facing each other, there lived two other Instructors of the 'Signals' schools. Eric and Jean Simeon lived in one of these along with their son, Dilip, who was about 6 years old then. Opposite them, lived Yeshwant (Chandu) Desai, ex-61-T and his wife, Suhas and their two daughters, Jyotsna and Mekhola. Later, another DSOB joined the Signals school as an instructor. That was Vikram Sinha (ex-123-T). His newly wed wife, Meenakshi came along with him.

Having established the Doon School connection, we met often in each other's houses or at the local club. We played badminton and tennis, went on picnics and had a wonderful time in that wonderful place. Sandy and I were keen on cricket. We played as often as we could. We went together to see a young and relatively unknown 'Madras' (not Tamil Nadu then) team defeat the redoubtable Holkar XI with several Test stars in their ranks and with Mushtaq Ali as their captain, in the Ranji Trophy final of 1954. I had just come from a year of league cricket in Madras (now Chennai) and hence knew most of the Madras players personally. I had them over for

dinner at my place and one them, a young spinner by name Sarangipani, who had never scored more than 10 in the local league games, hit a breathtaking 79 in the final. And he was a little worse for wear with beer just the night before!

Eric and Jean were the leaders of our group. Eric was the senior most, both in rank and age, but he could still vanquish men much younger than him, at squash or badminton.

But the high watermark of my stay in Mhow came when our group was selected to put up a 'play' for the entertainment of the local officers. The play was an old 'West End' production by name 'A Worm's eye view' which had been playing in London for several years. Our producer was Pilloo Manekshaw, the wife of then Brigadier, now (late) Field Marshall, Sam Manekshaw. It was a one act comedy with lots of laughs and pranks. I was to play the part of a severe and finicky father and Suhas Desai was my young playful daughter whose behaviour did not meet with the father's approval. Jean was the maid in the household and had to ape a broad cockney accent which she did commendably well. In the scene before the last one, I, the grump father, is beaten up by one of young Suhas's suitors. So in the last scene, I had to appear with a black eye!! This was contrived by putting a smear of black boot polish round my eye!! We played for three nights before packed houses. It was wonderful fun.

After that time at Mhow, I kept in touch with Eric and Jean, first at the Doon School where my elder son, Ashish, had joined and later at the Cathedral School in 'Mumbai', as Bombay is now called. Suhas and Chandu were also in Mumbai, but have since then moved to Delhi. Sandy Sundaram came to Mumbai because his daughter also worked as a journalist here died suddenly of some illness. And now poor Sandy has also passed away. But my memories of those happy times will remain and so also the memories of those wonderful friends.



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1st DSOBS INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY

Sunday, March 15, 2009

By

Kunal Sharma, 473-J '93 & Nalin Khanna, 363-H '80

The DSOBS organized the first old boys inter-house hockey tournament with a total of 71 participants this March. This event followed up on the success of the weekly game of field hockey that the Delhi old boys have been playing since May of 2008.

Taking a cue from the Inter House Cricket format each house had to field 2 'boys' who had celebrated their Silver Jubilee at Founders. The tournament was played on a knock-out basis. Oberoi house players (Rajesh Verma and Akshay Modi) were accommodated in the Kashmir House team. Kashmir House had the 'seniormost' seniors in their rank spearheaded by Sheel Sharma, Moin Qureshi and Harshul Sondhi. Each team was allowed to field 18 players along with rolling substitutions so that fresh legs were always available - as during their playing days on the main field! In order to keep the games safe, players were not allowed to hit the ball inside their opponent's 25 yard line and no deliberate raising of the ball was permitted. As insurance, Shivinder Singh provided first aid assistance on the field. It was certainly used.



Vikram Lal, 198-K '58, Member of the Board of Governors and Kishore Lahiri, 30-K '74, Vice President, DSOBS inaugurate the Inter-House Hockey tournament.

The first DSOBS inter-house hockey tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Vikram Lal, (member of the Board of Governors) and Kishore Lahiri (Vice President, DSOBS). Kashmir and Jaipur were drawn to play the first game.

Kashmir V Jaipur

The game got off to a cautious start as players familiarized themselves with their teammates, opponents style of play and also the field conditions. Vimalendu Verma's thigh was the unfortunate recipient of a raised ball from Rajesh Verma early in the game and the knock forced Vimalendu off the pitch and put immediate pressure on the remaining Jaipur house seniors, Deepak Kaul and Vivek Seth, to play the entire game. But these 'seniors' looked like 'juniors' in comparison to the Kashmir house veterans.

Jaipur gradually started to dictate the play on the field. Jaipur's mid-field comprising of Karan Sawhney, Aman Nath, Vivek Seth and Kunal Sharma displayed good control on the ball and regularly fed

their skilled and speedy forward line comprising of Anandbir Brar, Nalin Sayal, Sahil Vohra, Nakul Sood, Vikarana Chaudhry, and Uday Bawa. 15 minutes into the game Sahil played a ball in from the right sideline that penetrated deep inside the Kashmir D and Vikarana was present to turn the ball into the goal!

The pattern of play remained much the same after the goal. Kashmir's defense was well manned by Sheel Sharma, skipper Sanjeev Singh, Gaurav (Manas) Aggarwal, Rajesh Verma, and Hanut Barthwal. Given Kunal's & Deepak Kaul's control of the game they had done well to restrict Jaipur to just a solitary goal. Sheel Sharma exhibited great finesse in time and again relieving the Jaipur forwards from possession of the ball and Manas hit some cracking shots to clear the back line. However, the absence of a strong mid-field did Kashmir in. Although the sibling duo of Varun and Rahul Sharma along with Gaurav Talwar, Saurabh Shrivastav, Vivian Somdutt and Angad Dugal played flat out they were unable to regularly feed Kashmir's skillful forward line comprising of Moin, Harshul, Akshay Modi and Prashant Bajaj. Moin's stick work proved that he could manoeuvre the run of play successfully but J house defense thwarted the finish.

In the second half, the task for Kashmir became tougher when Akshay, arguably their best forward, turned his ankle and had to sit out the rest of the game. Jaipur continued to attack Kashmir's goal and Rohit (Tally) Talwar pulled off some great saves. The most memorable being a deflection from Uday that was headed into the bottom right corner until Tally parried the ball away at the last moment. Jaipur made full use of its bench strength and made regular substitutions to bring Himmat Rana and Pranav Swarup to play in the mid-field. Jaipur's backline of Deepak Kaul, Shekhar Swarup and Shehbaz Batra were easily able to thwart the attacks that the Kashmir forwards mounted and Abhinav Gupta's goal was not put under any serious pressure.

Around halfway through the second half, while Jaipur was on attack, Kunal received the ball at the top of the D from the right sideline and played a first time ball in towards the goal. Vikarana was once again present at the goal mouth to push the ball in and score Jaipur's and his second goal. Jaipur headed to the final as winners by two goals to nil over Kashmir.

Tata V Hyderabad

Both teams listed 4 seniors on their rosters which give them plenty of flexibility in substituting them in and out of the game. Tata fielded Pepe Dugal, Gurmeet Singh, Aijaz Ilmi and Subroto Khan as their seniors with Jaspreet Singh on the sidelines providing moral support. Hyderabad shrewdly fielded the youngest team and sprinkled the seniors with fitness and experience with Arun Khanna, Sunil 'Melly' Gupta, Nalin Khanna and Viraj Chopra in their line up. This game was expected to be a hard-fought affair and it lived up to its billing! Play was mostly restricted between the twenty five yard lines of the two teams. Both teams had strong mid-field players who were adept passers and also quick in closing down opposing players with the ball. The H house mid-field was ably manned by Arun Khanna, Ishaan Kala, Hanumant Khanna, Amitoj Singh and Shailendra Singh. The defense was led by team captain Jatinderpal Bhathal along with Shobhit Verma, Udayan Singh, Nikhil Sharma and Shivendra Singh with Abhishek Singhi in Goal. The offensive line included a mix of senior players Nalin, Melee and Viraj and youngsters Pranav Sahai, Varun Chaddha, Arjun Sood, and Vivaan Rai.

Tata house was well represented by the Sardar clan in their younger ranks. Jaiinder Singh Chopra, Premjit Singh Chopra, Prithvi Singh Gill, Shamsher Singh, Sukhinder Singh Chopra and Umaid Singh Gill made up most of their mid-field and attacking players. Akshay Thapan, captaining the Tata team, played along with Aryaman Sengar, Avneesh Sangwan, Jayant Saran and Ambhuj Bansal in a mix of attacking and mid-field roles. Jatin Bobb and Raghav Nayar shored up the defenses. Swapnil Dhar handled responsibilities in goal.

A goal finally came around the 20th minute of the first half. True to the nature of the game, the goal was a scrappy affair. Hanumant was fouled by a Tata defender and the former took the free hit. The ball deflected off Varun's stick in the D and Arjun who was standing on the goal mouth had the presence of mind to push the ball into the goal. Tata also created a couple of great opportunities to score. On one occasion Sukhi was able to work himself free in the D but apparently forgot the modified rules that the games were being played under and let go a cracking shot on goal only for the play to be blown dead by the referee on account of Sukhi taking a hit inside the opponent's 25 yard line. Another good opportunity for Tata went a begging when Abhishek Singhi, Hyderabad's keeper, in an attempt to let the ball pass under his leg and safely over the back line for a 16 yard hit inadvertently ended up stopping the ball in front of goal where the Tata forwards were swarming. However, Singhi made a quick recovery and with the assistance of Shivendra managed to clear the ball before Tata could score.

The second half was played in similar vein to the first with few clear-cut opportunities to score. The game ended in a 1-0 win for Hyderabad. Arun Khanna played the entire game as right-half and in his captain's opinion played as good as or maybe even better than any of the youngsters!

Kashmir V Tata

After a short lunch break where the teams helped themselves to Kathi Rolls and Kebabs it was time for the second round of matches. Kashmir and Tata kicked off the afternoon games by playing in the 3rd-4th place match. In order to liven up the encounter the Tata seniors allegedly dangled a carrot of free beer if their charges were able to win the game by two goals or more. On their part Kashmir responded to their loss of Akshay Modi by moving Manas into the forward line. An interesting change, as Manas had been a renowned defender during his playing days at Doon. Would it work?

Tata had the better of the early exchanges and scored the first goal as early as the tenth minute. Aryaman finding himself some space in the D and slotting the ball past Tally in the Kashmir goal. The second goal too came in the first half and just before the break. Akshay centered the ball into the D and Sukhi made amends for his miss in the first game by flicking it into the Goal. Kashmir was not able to mount a serious attacking challenge and the ploy of moving Manas up-field had not yielded the desired benefits. The game ended with Tata winning by 2-0 and the young boys justifiably earning their hard earned elixir.

Jaipur V Hyderabad

Before the start, the two teams were introduced to Hari Kapur (Class of 1938) who was part of the Doon School's first hockey XI. Talking to each participant (with Vipin in tow) he seemed to know the Dads and in some cases Grandads (e.g Gen T.B Nanda, K.S 'Teli' Singh) of most of the participants. I wonder which School can boast of bringing its fraternity from the age of 19 to 88 together on the hockey field.

Each team added a player to their eighteen for this game. Shivinder Singh and Ishaan Tiwari joined the Jaipur and Hyderabad defenses respectively. The final began for Jaipur in much the same way as their semi-final with Vimalendu picking up a knock in the first few minutes of the game. Despite his misfortune Vimalendu has vowed to return to the tournament next year and his enthusiasm for hockey and playing for Jaipur House remains undiminished.

Hyderabad had the better of the early exchanges and made a few attacks on the Jaipur goal. Soon enough the Jaipur mid-field and forward line began to control the game and forced the Hyderabad mid-field take on a more defensive stance. Jaipur made frequent incursions into the Hyderabad D but the latter's defense held firm. None of Jaipur's forwards were able to get a telling touch that resulted in a goal. The best opportunity during this span of play fell to Nakul Sood. The ball was played in from the right sideline and Abhishek Singhi, who was playing a little outside his goal, was unaware that Nakul had snuck in behind him. Singhi let the ball through, believing it would harmlessly go over the backline for a back hit. Nakul found himself alone in front of the Hyderabad goal and only needed to touch the ball in order to score the goal. The ball did head into the Hyderabad goal but Nakul failed to make contact with it. Apart from this error Singhi played an outstanding game and saved numerous attempts on goal taken by the Jaipur players.

The second half was more evenly fought. The young Hyderabad mid-field and defense closed down on attacking Jaipur players with unrivaled gusto. It was no surprise then that the best opportunity of the half fell to Hyderabad. Viraj Chopra had managed to park himself behind the Jaipur back trio of Deepak, Shivi and Shekhar, and suddenly found himself in possession of the ball when the Jaipur mid-field and back-line allowed a Hyderabad long hit to pass through their ranks. Alas, the decades away from the game had taken a toll on Viraj's hockey instincts and he reacted much like a deer in the headlights. Not knowing how to work his way around Abhinav in Jaipur's goal, he pretty much froze and allowed Abhinav to clear the ball!

The final whistle blew with the teams tied at 0-0 and penalty strokes were needed to break the deadlock. After the toss Hyderabad got the honor of taking the first stroke. The nerves were up as almost a 100 old Boys gathered on the sidelines cheering or jeering depending upon what was being said by whom. With the 25 yard mark all clear, Shivendra Singh stepped up and scored the first goal for Hyderabad. Then a series of misses was witnessed as Pranav Swarup (J), Shailendra Singh (H), Nakul Sood (J), Hanumant Khanna (H) and Shivinder Singh (J) all missed their strokes. Both keepers did well to stop the strokes. On Hyderabad's fourth stroke Jatinderpal Bhathal scored and the 2-0 score turned Jaipur's next stroke into a sudden death situation. Sahil Vohra's push clanged off Singhi's right post and **Hyderabad were winners of the first DSOBS inter-house hockey tournament**. It was Hyderabad's temperament led by their Goalkeeper Abhishek Singhi which proved victorious in the end. Jaipur were undeservedly the losers. Ajay Swarup then popped open the champagne left by Kishore Lahiri & poor Singhi got soaked in it. The Dosco spirit got truly manifested.

The tournament on the whole was a great success and the efforts of Akshay Thapan, Jatinderpal Bhathal, and Sanjeev Singh in organizing their teams needs special mention. As also the enthusiasm shown by all the seniors who played what most would regard as a young-person's game. None of this would have been possible without the support of the DSOBS who backed the idea of an old-boys hockey tournament. Finally a big thanks to Arjun Malhotra, Rahul Kohli, Suveen Kapoor, Naval Kapoor and Shiven Malhotra who were 'persuaded' to assist us financially.



Kashmir House

Standing Left to Right: Sanjeev Singh, Angad Dugal, Varun Sharma, Prashant Bajaj, Harshul Sondhi, Moin Qureshi, Sheel Sharma, Gaurav Talwar

Sitting Left to Right: Akshay Modi, Vivan Somdutt, Rahul Sharma, Gaurav Aggarwal, Rohit Talwar, Hanut Barthwal



Tata House

Standing Left to Right: Subroto Khan, Gurmeet Singh, Jayant Saran, Aijaz Ilmi, Shamsher Singh, Akshay Thapan, Raghav Nayar, Pepe Dugal, Avneesh Sangwan, Aryaman Sengar, Jaspreet Singh, Sukhinder Singh Chopra, Premjit Singh Chopra

Sitting Left to Right: Ambhuj Bansal, Jatin Bobb, Prithvi Singh Gill, Swapnil Dhar, Jainder Singh Chopra, Umaid Singh Gill



Hyderabad House

Standing Left to Right: Ishaan Tiwari, Jatinderpal Bhathal, Abhishek Singhi, Pranav Sahai, Shivendra Singh, Nalin Khanna, Shobhit Verma, Ishaan Kala, Arun Khanna, Varun Chaddha, Amitoj Singh

Sitting Left to Right: Viraj Chopra, Shailendra Singh, Nikhil Sharma, Hanumant Khanna, Arjun Sood, Udayan Singh, Vivaan Rai.

Missing from this photograph Smil 'Melly' Gupta who was in the change room.



Jaipur House

Left to Right: Vimalendu Verma, Uday Bawa, Vivek Seth, Nakul Sood, Aman Nath, Shekhar Swarup, Himmat Rana, Sahil Vohra, Anandbir Brar, Nalin Sayal

Sitting Left to Right: Abhinav Gupta, Kunal Sharma, Pranav Swarup, Vikarana Chaudhry, Deepak Kaul, Karan Sawhney, Shehbaz Batra



Jatinder Bhathal (Class of 2003) receiving the inaugural DSOBS Inter House Hockey Trophy on behalf of H house from Kanti Bajpai.

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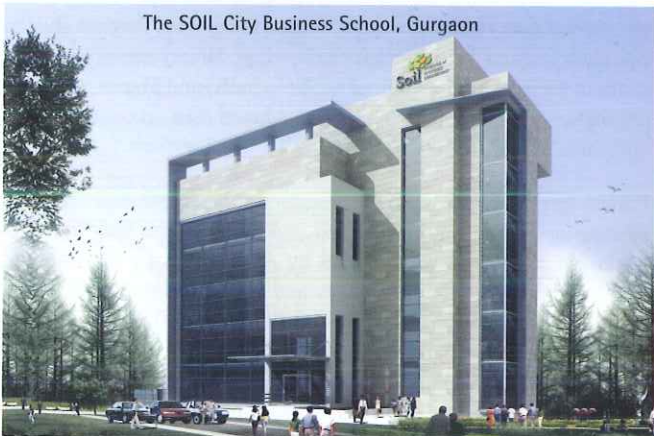
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Inter House Cricket

By
Sheel Vohra

The Old Boys Inter House Cricket matches were played on Saturday March 21, 2009 at the Central Secretariat Grounds. With the ground under preparation for the Commonwealth games we required the good offices of Moin Qureshi to obtain the necessary permissions and Moin, as usual, was there when he was needed. Once again we were recipient of Anirudh Chaudhri's largesse who arranged for the necessary sponsorship (from Royal Bank of Scotland). This year we had a welcome visitor in Mr. Yogi Jain who sat through the entire proceedings. So there was a lot more entertainment than just the cricket.

Hyderabad v/s Tata

These two traditional rivals played on the upper ground. Peppy Duggal and Ravi Shankar Franco gave Tata an explosive start. Franco's towering six signaled the fifty of the innings in the sixth. At 61 Yadav Rai dismissed Peppy and six runs later Franco was bowled. Arjun Sood then spun a web with his leg spin that would have done even Shane Warne proud. Other than the openers only Donny reached double figures before T house were all out for 114 in the last over.

Amitoj and Dhruv Rathore started well. The latter struck a mighty six and a four before being caught. Arun Khanna and Amitoj faced some spirited bowling by Asheet Lanba, Franco and Jaiveer. They tried to force the pace but in the process lost their wickets. 60 runs in 10.1 overs was still not too bad. Nalin got run out whilst Pranav hit a couple of hefty shots before being stumped. Mohit Bawa hit out at everything but good bowling by Donny and Tanveer backed up by some spirited fielding terminated the H House innings at 110.

Scores:

Tata 114 (Franco 40, Peppy 16, Donny 10. Arjun Sood 3 for 12, Udayan 3 for 19)

Hyderabad 110 for 6 (Arun 24, Amitoj 22, Mohit 17 n.o., Jaiveer 2 for 24, Donny 1 for 11)

Tata won by 4 runs

Jaipur v/s Kashmir

Jaipur batted first and Karanvir gave his team a brisk start by scoring 14 runs in 9 balls. Nalin Sayal and Uday Bawa then batted steadily to take the score to 67 in 9 overs before both got out on successive deliveries. Gaurav Murgai got out cheaply but Deepak Kaul and Kunal Sharma added some quick runs. The other batsmen just could not stand up to the varied K House bowling and were all out for 146.

Kashmir dominated the game from the first ball. Shashi Vaish attacked the erratic J House bowling from the beginning by hitting 5 blistering fours for his 28 of 16 balls. Pragyat was steady at the other end. Sarthak and Raghav Malik did not last long but Manas Aggarwal was in his true element. Two towering sixes and a couple of boundaries fetched him a brisk 33. Pragyat's innings of 44 in 42 balls ended five runs short of the target. Veteran Sheel Sharma and Sanjeev got the required runs to win the game.

Scores:

Jaipur 146 (Uday Bawa 36, Kunal 24, Nalin 17, Karanvir 14, Sheel 2 for 13, Sanjeev 3 for 37, Manas 3 for 20)

Kashmir 147 for 6 (Pragyat 44, Manas 33, Shashi 28, Kaul 1 for 12)

Kashmir won by 4 wickets

Jaipur v/s Hyderabad

What started out as a light hearted banter to decide the 3rd & 4th place turned serious the moment Yadav Rai saw his class mate Sandeep Chandra putting the J house team together. Shivender (of Chandausi famed) set the pace of the match by smacking Deepak Kaul's first two balls to the fence. Deepak struck back by knocking off Shivi's centre stump. This trend continued in Hyderabad innings which ended at 135 for 9 in 15 overs. Nalin Khanna scored 40 off 22 balls whilst Karan's three overs fetched him 3 wickets at a cost of 13 runs. The J house reply was cautious (perhaps Yadav's mind game worked on Sandeep) but Sandeep realizing the situation retired himself and convinced Gaurav Murgai and Himmat Rana to follow suit. Karan Singh took on the the H house attack by scoring 33 off 15 balls before Arjun Sood cleaned him with a ball that spun square. The never-say-die Kunal Sharma took on the mantle and blasted the H house attack. J house needed 16 off the last over but the ever dependable Udayan ensured that J house fell 5 runs short. Kunal's unbeaten 37 runs off 18 balls went in vain.

Scores:

Hyderabad 135 (Nalin 40, Karanvir 3 for 13, Deepak 2 for 23, K. Sawhney 2 for 18)

Jaipur 130 for 4 (Kunal 37 n.o., Karan 33, Udayan 1 for 11, Bawa Mohit 1 for 21)

Hyderabad won by 5 runs

Kashmir v/s Tata -Final

Tata and Kashmir thus emerged to be the two teams to contest for the trophy.

Kashmir made a disastrous start and were two down for four runs. Shashi and Sarthak steadied the innings for a while. The former was aggressive and hit four boundaries but the latter was content to stay there till Franco clean bowled him. Raghav Malik began with two fours and a six and brooked no stopping. Shashi was batting freely too. At 66 Donny had him caught. Manas then joined Raghav and the two launched an all out attack at the bowling. Ninety runs were added in about 9 overs. Raghav retired at 50 (40 balls) and Manas got his 51 (27 balls, 4 sixes, 3 fours) and retired. Ajmani then accounted for the next three wickets to end the innings at 167 for 7 wickets.

Franco gave a return catch to Manas on the fourth ball. Hemant Bishnoi and Peppy did not flinch and attacked the bowling with gusto. At 29, Peppy was bowled by Ayush. Dilsher Khanna and Bishnoi then went for their shots and batted brilliantly. Frequent bowling changes did not calm them down and at 110, Bishnoi retired after scoring 64 (28 balls, 3 sixes, 5 fours). Dilsher now took charge and with help from Ajmani and Sandeep Arora kept up the onslaught. At 159, Dilsher retired at 50 (31 balls, 6 fours). Asheet and Donny then knocked off the remaining runs. The winning run coming in the last over.

Tata House had reached the finals a couple of times before but it was the first time they emerged as winners thus completing the sequence of each house having won once.

Scores:

Kashmir 167 for 7 (Manas 51, Raghav 50, Shashi 24, Ajmani 3 for 28, Franco 2 for 35, Asheet 1 for 17, Donny 1 for 31)

Tata 168 for 6 (H. Bishnoi 54, Dilsher 50, Ajmani 16, Sandeep 16, S. Singh 2 for 7, Ayush 1 for 21, Sarthak 1 for 25)



The four House Teams



Nalin Khanna introducing the 'star' of the show Yogi Jain (former teacher)



Yogi Jain flips the coin whilst Arun Khanna and Donny Singh await the outcome

Onlookers : Nalin Khanna, Vipin Malhotra, Sheel Sharma, Raghav Mallik, Pragyat Singh, Moin Qureshi, Sanjeev Singh

Standing L to R: Nalin Khanna, Vipin Malhotra, Manas Aggarwal, Raghav Mallik, Sheel Sharma, Yogi Jain, Pragyat Singh, Moin Qureshi, Sanjeev Singh, Shashi Vaish, Raghav



Tata house cricketers with the trophy at Kanti's farewell dinner on March 21, 2009

Raghuvendra (Donny) Singh Tomar, 878-TB '82 adds:-

The Tata House cricket team celebrated its much awaited victory in the Old Boys Inter House matches on the 6th April 2009 at a dinner hosted very graciously by Pradip Narain (1973) and Sudhanshu Bhushan (1974) at his (Sudhanshu's) lovely residence in Gurgaon. Mahesh "MATHU" Mansukhani (1974) was the mascot. Pradip coordinated the effort from Lucknow.

For a weekday it was very well attended. The youngsters Hemant Bishnoi (2006), Dilsher Khanna and Tanveer Singh (both 2008) attended in spite of their approaching University exams. We missed the others. The seniors were in full force with Indushekhar Singh

(1974), Pepe Dugal (1980) and Yours truly leading the brigade. The 'mediums' as we can call them were Asheet Lanba (1987) (can easily fit into the seniors now), Ravi "FRANKO" Shankar Singh (1995) and Ambuj Bansal. Some of the Team members could not attend due to their travel commitments.

It was a great mix of the decades, covering 35 years, batches from 1974 to 2008. In the true DOSCO spirit, there was an immediate connect. It is great to see the enthusiasm in the youngsters and I'm sure that they will carry the torch forward in the years to come. All in all it was a great evening, enjoyed by all.



Left to right: Sudhanshu Bhushan, Ambuj Bansal, Asheet Lanba, Tanveer Singh, Indushekhar, Mahesh Mansukhani, Pepe Dugal, Donny, Franko, Pradip Narain and Dilsher Khanna

THE ANNUAL AGRA GET TOGETHER

The Annual Agra Get-together will be held on the weekend of July 17 to 19, 2009 (Friday through Sunday). We are delighted that for the eleventh time the ITC Mughal Agra will host the event. ITC Mughal Agra have made some very special arrangements to kickstart the momentum towards our 75th year celebrations (DS-75) in October 2010. They have given us extremely competitive rates and we are indeed delighted and proud of our continued association with ITC Welcomgroup.

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1944 BATCH IN MUMBAI, JANUARY 2009

by Saroj K. Mehera, 122-K '44

I was in Mumbai for a week in January 2009 to see my granddaughters, Diah and Vedika, daughters of Sanjeev Mehera (222K-1973) and took the opportunity to contact my classmates in the city.

I knew Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy (275J) and his wife, Amy, visited Mumbai every year in the cold weather and stayed at the Cricket Club of India and, happily, I found them there. I had not seen Nazir since 1944 and, over lunch, we recalled our schooldays, including Vivek Nehru (82J) and Nazir's musical composition which contemporaries will remember!

Minoo Karani (26K) and his wife, Veena, invited me to the Willingdon Club where we spent a couple of happy hours together but they regretted their inability to attend a lunch I had arranged for old friends

including the Jairazbhoy's. At this lunch, Nazir told us about his life-long occupation, shared by Amy, as a musicologist, inspired by a Dutch musician, Dr. Arnold Bake, who had visited Doon during our time there. I well remember his recital of folk music. Nazir has written a number of books, which he showed us, also his paintings. The last edition of The Rose Bowl contained a very detailed write-up on him. A very talented man!

I was unable to contact Cowas Dinshaw (212H) but heard later that he had been busy with his grandchild's Navjote ceremonies.

Some photographs are attached.



Minoo Karani



Veena Karani



Vedika Mehera and Amy Catlin Jairazbhoy



Nazir Ali Jairazbhoy and Saroj K. Mehera

CLASS OF '67 RE-UNION

March 1, 2009

By Manuj Ailawadi, 332-H Class Rep '67

The Class of 1967 had a "mini" reunion during the visit to India of one of their classmates, Arjun (86-H) and Ginny Matthai from UK on March 1, 2009.

Shiv Karan (319-H) and Kiran Singh hosted an excellent lunch at their residence. Though a lot of Delhi based class mates were invited, only six (almost all with their spouses) attended.

The accompanying photographs of those who attended show how much each one of us has changed in the 42 years since we passed out from school.

The rep of the Class of 67, Manuj Ailawadi (332-H) welcomes information on the visit to Delhi of any of the class mates and will organise a get together with all who care to meet. His e-mail address is m.ailawadi@airtelmail.in.



From left: Ginny Matthai, Kiran Singh, Sandeep Ahuja (137-H), Kavita Ahuja, Arjun Matthai (86-H), Sudha Ailawadi, Manuj Ailawadi (332-H), Gurmeet Butalia (395-J), Minnie Butalia, Shiv Karan Singh (319-H).

Missing from the photograph, Govind Swarup (242-K)



From left: Gurmeet Butalia (395-J), Arjun Matthai (86-H), Shiv Karan Singh (319-H), Sandeep Ahuja (137-H), Manuj Ailawadi (332-H)

A Message for the Class of 1962

By Darshan Singh, 90-T Class Rep '62

To all of the '62 Batch

Dear Classmates,

The time has come to send you another Circular. As time passes, more and more Batches of the Doon School are getting increasingly active. It may still be a fact that ours was, perhaps, the first Batch that got very organized with inter-communication and Get-togethers. In some ways, we can take credit that other Batches have picked up the same spirit and this has been very good for the *camaraderie* within the Doon School Old Boys.

As we get older, the job of the Class Representative is getting more and more difficult as those that we 'stir up' remain 'awake' for only a short time. Then communications slow down and some sort of 'hibernation' sets in. In some ways, the number of very active classmates who make discernible efforts to keep in touch is threatening to shrink.

Therefore - "ARISE, MY CLASSMATES" so that we may continue to march forward in the same spirit of the years gone by. In fact, within the next couple of years, two major events are coming up.

Firstly:

The Doon School will celebrate its 75th Year in 2010. This will be over Founder's on 22, 23 and 24 October 2010. There will be a great splash and dash, equal if not more than the Silver Jubilee or the Golden Jubilee. Incidentally, we were in School in 1960 when the Silver Jubilee celebrations were held. Through this letter, I am again requesting Haru Jain to use his organizational (and, persuasive!) skills to plan something in Dehra Dun at the 75th Jubilee.

Just for the records, Founder's Day this year is on 09th, 10th and 11th of October 2009.

Secondly:

The next major event for our Batch is our own Golden Jubilee (50 years of leaving the School) in the year 2012. Obviously, all of us should be in Dehra Dun with wives (and, even families) to shake a leg. Haru's organizational skills at the 2010 Jubilee will come in handy as a kind of rehearsal for what we will do in 2012.

Mike Dalvi has promised to let us use his farm, if opposing politicians have not already confiscated his property (or, for that matter, the properties of all farm owners). For a 4 x 4 bash, there is also Hardev Singh's farm with great views and a few natural springs and a lovely stream close-by that giggles it's way past little round boulders.

There are others also who are willing to offer support in the valley of the Dehra and so we are not short of good intentions and support once again, over to Haru!

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DARSHAN SINGH 90 T; GAUTAM BERRY 170 H;
KABIR SETH 199 J; LALIT KUMAR AGARWAL 307 K;
NANI JAVERI 337 K; NIRMAL GAUR 281 H;
RAJAN NANDA 12 H; RAVI KURIYAN 293 T;
RUPENDRA B MUKHERJI 342 H; SUVARNA SANYAL 198 K;
VIJAY KRISHNA SRIVASTAVA 174 J; VIJAYINDER SINGH 250 K;
VIKRAM LALL 346 K.

Kindly make your cheques in the name of 'THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY' and either mail it to them or to me and I will forward to the Society.

Finally, and at last, the reason why you should not lose this email. Attached is the List of everyone in our Batch, along with the List of Masters who taught us. This list has been useful recently to those whose children have got married. I still do not have the coordinates of the following:-

- Mohanjit Singh Chandoke, 047H;
- R. Shinghal, 300-T;
- Vishwanathan Subramanyam, 264-T.

Ghanu had a great birthday party and all those who attended have said "Ta muchly" to him. Keep it up, Ghanu, for in these days of global meltdown Caviar and Foie Gras are hard to come by.

Kabindra (Elgin) made an appearance in Delhi and we were all delighted to see him. He is still as fit as ever and in great spirits along with his host, Inder Pratap Singh. Tippy Brar is often in Pattaya (Thailand) and has a place near the beach and is a very warm and genuine host.

Gurubir (Baku) is a regular at Get-togethers and we hope he achieves his goals in these elections.

Charanpal is back in India and is now busy visiting all major North Indian towns to attend to his various estates.

Bablu Mukherji was last seen on a 1200 cc Harley Davidson. Many young girls wanted a ride on his bike and he was pleased to roar around each time!

Recently, I met Viju Srivastava's younger son, Yatin (also a DOSCO) and learnt that his 12-cylinder vintage moves on its own steam once again. I do hope he will bring it to the next Get-together.

Sunil Shah Singh is the Managing Director of a Company that is making Highways all over the country.

Pradeep Vira is back to his old self and is now so good that none of the trouser-walas want to give him a "change in break".

Look forward to sharing more information on our Batch in future.

Yours aye,

Darshan [ex 90-T]

Class Representative '62 Batch

INITIAL DOON SCHOOL STAFF (1936-1943)

By
Lt. Gen. Tilak B. Nanda, (Retd.), 173-T '41

I, Lt Gen T. B. Nanda (Retd.) T-173 - (1936-43) was trying to recollect the staff that interacted with us since Feb 1936 and was with us for most of our stay in the school up to 1943. My friend, batch mate and golfing partner Air Marshal Brar (J-85) provided me with a few additional staff members whom he remembered and are included. Here is the list :-

1. Mr A E Foot - Headmaster and House master Tata for one year after Kid (1938-39)
2. Mrs Foot - Incharge of 'Cubs'
3. Mr JAK Martya - Housemaster - Hyderabad House and History teacher
4. Mr Barrit - Housemaster Tata House and Chemistry teacher for the initial two years.
5. Mr F Loxham Kid - House master Tata House (for one year only)
6. Mr CL Howal Thomas - Housemaster Jaipur House and teaching English - Later joined Army, WW-II
7. Mr JTM Gibson - Housemaster Kashmir House, Geography teacher, Fencing and Boxing instructor - Later Navy WW-II
8. Mr RL Holdsworth - House Master Tata House, English and History teacher, In charge Football and Cricket.
9. Mr Clough - English and Swimming
10. Mr V N Kapur - Incharge PT, Boy Scouts, Hindi teacher and later Housemaster Jaipur House
11. Mr Moinuddin - Taught Urdu and in charge of Athletics coaching and Nature study
12. Mr Hunter Boyd - Biology
13. Mr Khastigir - Art and Incharge Art School
14. Mr Shirodkar - Music School
15. Mr.Khalilullah - Carpentry shop in charge
16. Mr Chetan Anand - English, Hindi and tennis in charge

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| 17. Mr AV Calib | - | Hockey in charge |
| 18. Mr Sprawson | - | English Later Air Force WW-II |
| 19. Mr SC Roy | - | Hindi, Adult Education, domestic staff liaison |
| 20. Mr SC Agarwal | - | Chemistry |
| 21. Mr Shanti Swarup | - | Physics |
| 22. Mr HH Bilgrami | - | Urdu teacher |
| 23. R L Mehta | - | English - Later IAS |
| 24. H S Bhai | - | History, Civics |
| 25. Bashir Ali Sheikh | - | Hockey and Urdu |
| 26. Rashid Ahmed | - | Urdu, Persian - Later All India Radio |
| 27. YR Puri | - | Biology - Later Indian Army WW-II |
| 28. Bipin Bihari Lal | - | English - Later IAS |
| B C Khanna | - | Cricket |
| 30. M Ashraf | - | Urdu |
| 31. Sister Welby | - | Hospital Matron |
| 32. Mrs Oliphant | - | Matron Hyderabad House and later Head of Whelum School (Started the School) - Matron Hyderabad House |
| 33. Miss Russell | - | Matron Tata House (Initial 2 years only) |
| 34. Miss Philis King | - | Matron Tata House |
| 35. Miss Adcock | - | Matron Jaipur House |
| 36. Ms LE Baker | - | Matron Kashmir House |
| 7. Mr. C.P.S. Menon | | |
| 38. Mr. T. Nair | | |

PS

Khushamad ul Mulk (T-114) (Chitral)

- If I have forgotten some names kindly let us know.



The 2nd Gibson Cup (Singapore)

By

Rahul Bhargava, 510-H '94 Regional Rep-Singapore

The 2nd Gibson Cup (Singapore) was held at the Raffles Golf Club on Friday, the 6th of March 2009. Eleven of Singapore's finest took on a dozen Mayoites. Representing the ex-Doscos were Ajay Sawhney, Arun Murugappan, Ashwin Ranganathan, Bhrigubir Singh, Himmat Singh, Kunal Bhargava, Rahul Bhargava, Rahul Raj, Sangram Singh, Vikram Malhotra and Vivek Goyal (Captain). In spite of being one man short and several men out of contention because of injuries and prior commitments, the Dosco spirit carried us through to a draw. Special mentions must be made for Himmat Singh (who scored eight pars in spite of being down with fever), Arun Murugappan (who single-handedly took on two Mayoites and won) and Rahul Raj (who whitewashed the competition and closed out the match by the 11th hole). The game was followed by dinner at the Tanglin Club. The tournament has gone a long way in continuing to promote camaraderie between the two schools and we look forward to the next tournament in a year's time. As this has been the second draw in as many years, it has been decided that next year's format will be amended to ensure a result.



With compliments from

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Report on: Class of '70 dinner held at Delhi on Friday, 6th Feb, 2009

By

Vikram Kalia, 422-H Class Representative, Class of '70

As it had been several years since the Class had last met, a get-together was organised and 20 classmates along with wives got together on Friday, 6th February, 2009 at Vandana and Ajay Shriram's home in Delhi

Those from the Delhi area: Chandra & Sumit Bose, Sangeeta Goil, Nikki & Lalit Kapur, Deepa & Ajai Pasricha, Lipika & Bharat Rattan, Bunny & Jayant Sahai, Harpreet & Ajay Pal Sandhu, Vandana & Ajay Shriram, Praneet & Ajaytaj Singh, Radhika & Jasraj Singh, Rajeev Bakshi, Deepak Khosla, Raj Nath Khosla, Pradeep Pandit, Virendra Singh and Vikram Srivastava

Apart from Delhi based classmates, several travelled long distances to be present: Anita & Sanjay Sathe from the US, Preeti & Manraj Bindra from Dubai, Bharat Garg from Jagadhri, Dilsher Singh Kalha from Chandigarh and us (Mohini & Vikram Kalia) from Mumbai

It was a great evening, catching up on old times together, etc.; we were reminded of the good time we all had in 1985 when we had last got together on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of having left school. With the 40th anniversary coming up next year, classmates got the opportunity of generally sharing thoughts as to what should be done in October 2010

It was good to see the bonhomie considering especially that after nearly 4 decades of having left School, this lot of old friends and their wives continue to bond so well

While we hope to meet again shortly, we are grateful to Vandana and Ajay Shriram who were such gracious and wonderful hosts



L-R: Ajay Shriram, Jayant Sahai, Vikram (Gullu) Srivastava, Jasraj Singh, Virendra Singh, Ajai Pasricha, Dilsher Singh Kalha, Bharat Rattan, Bharat Garg, Manraj Bindra, Lalit Kapur, Vikram Kalia, Rajeev Bakshi, Ajay Pal Sandhu, Raj Nath Khosla, Ajaytaj Singh, Sanjay Sathe and Sumit Bose



L-R: Front: Vikram Kalia, Manraj Bindra, Jasraj Singh, Ajai Pasricha, Virendra Singh, Ajaytaj Singh, Lalit Kapur, Ajay Shriram, Deepak Khosla, Pradeep Pandit, Jayant Sahai. Going up-stairs (from the left): Bharat Garg, Sanjay Sathe, Rajeev Bakshi, Raj Nath Khosla, Bharat Rattan, Gullu Srivastava, Dilsher Singh Kalha and Sumit Bose



The ladies were there too

L-R: Chandra Bose, Vandana Shriram, Nikki Kapur, Deepa Pasricha, Harpreet Sandhu, Sangeeta Goil, Anita Sathe, Praneet Ajaytaj Singh, Radhika Jasraj Singh, Sandhya, Lipika Bharat Rattan, Preeti Bandra and Mohini Kalia with Vikram and Lalit!



L-R: Jayant Sahai, Bharat Garg, Virendra Singh, Ajay Pal Sandhu and Vikram Kalia



Gullu Srivastava entertaining the gathering

L-R: Vikram Kalia, Ajay Shriram, Lalit Kapur, Manraj Bindra, Gullu, Preeti Bindra, Deepa Pasricha, Bunny Sahai, Chandra Bose, Virendra Singh and Vandana Shriram



RESULTS OF BOARD EXAMINATION 2009

Class XII ISC Examination (Eng + Best 3 Subjects)

Total No. Appeared	:	60
Above 90% marks	:	22
80-90%	:	23
70-80%	:	12
60-69%	:	3
Below 60%	:	---
Highest overall percentage	:	96.75% Vishnukaant Pitty
Lowest Aggregate Percentage	:	63.75%
Class Average Percentage (2009) :		
English + best three subjects	:	85.28%

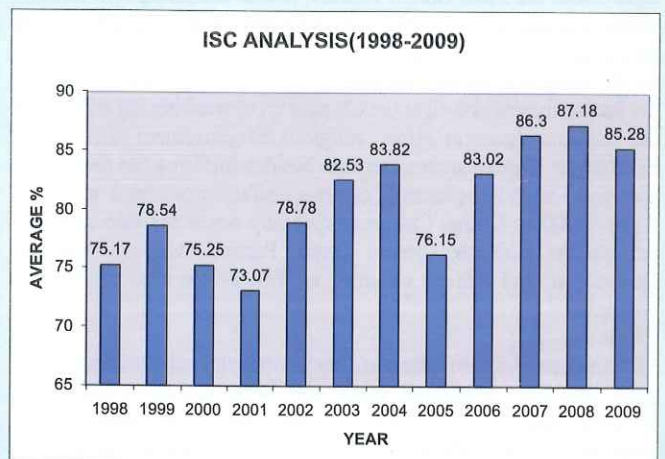
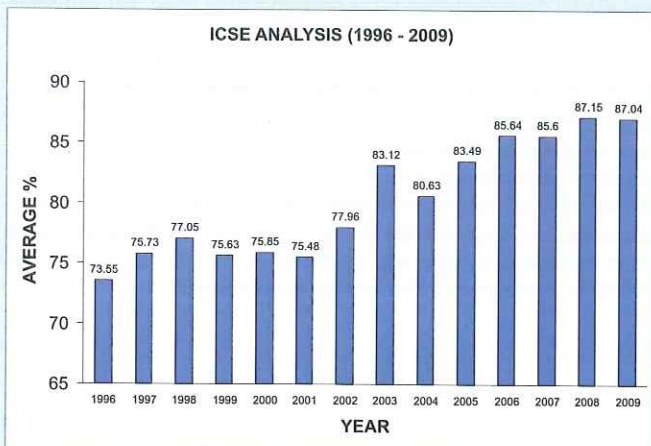
RESULTS OF BOARD EXAMINATION 2009

Class X ICSE Examination (Eng + best 4 subjects)

Total No. Appeared	:	96
Above 90% marks	:	38
80-90%	:	44
70-80%	:	12
60-69%	:	1
Below 60%	:	1
Highest overall percentage	:	95.2% (3boys) Aayush Jain Aseem Kumar Yashvardhan Pokhriyal
Lowest Aggregate Percentage	:	56.6 % (1 boy)
Class Average Percentage (2009)		
English + best four subjects	:	87.04%

Sd/-
P.K. Nair, Dean of Studies

May 20, 2009



IMPORTANCE OF A NEW ART CURRICULUM IN THE DOON SCHOOL



Mr. ALOKE TIRTHA BHOWMICK
Head Of The Art Department

In the academic education system art has always been there since the Greco-Roman period. But the question is what did they use to teach? The drawing, the measurement, the understanding of forms and shapes or just the technical craftsmanship! Perhaps it is a combination of all these things and along with that an aesthetic sense was ingrained among the students of the 'academy'.

After the industrial revolution in Europe art education got a different course. It is the course led by the commercial need of the society. Landscapes and portrait painting became a tradition and possession of the wealthy patrons to show their status and grandiose life style. During that time the working class had hardly any place in the painting or sculpture. The First and the Second World War stirred that existing situation in such a way that the concept of beauty and the concept of possessing something beautiful proved to be transient. Art became a language of communication rather than only depicting the beauty. Art objects are no longer an object of possession but it made its way from the drawing room of the bourgeoisie to the crowded street of the proletariat. So, as the confinement of art got removed the technique of producing art has also increased. Printmaking came into existence after the advent of the press, though we find etchings and dry-point prints by Rembrandt and Dürer done earlier.

Apart from the main stream courses, textile designing and ceramic works was also in vogue with the rising need of the industry and the newly developed working middle class in the society. To talk about textile designing we are indebted to the tradition of tapestry done in the Byzantine era as well as the Chinese art of weaving the silk. There the religious cause or rather 'religious advertisement' formed the basis of developing such a medium besides fulfilling the decorative purpose. The development of ceramic artifacts dates back to the 1st Century AD in China. Cultures especially noted for fine ceramics include the Chinese, Cretan, Greek, Persian, Mayan, Japanese, Dominican, and Korean cultures, as well as the modern Western cultures.

With the rise of new middle class, textile industry and the ceramic and glass industry developed more and with the advancement in transport, the cultures of the continents becoming closer to each other, there was an admixture of influx that set creativity ablaze like

the phoenix coming out of the hell of the middle age.

The Pop era, though short in time graph, is limitless in influence. The rise of America gave a throttle to the art world in both its aesthetics and technique. Silkscreen printing, assemblage, environmental sculpture, documentation achieved the aura of art. Consumerism and advertisement go hand in hand. After Pop movement, posters, billboards, prints, packages and brochures all got wrapped up into the famous word called 'design' that catches anybody's sight even when moving along a zebra-crossing or speeding by a highway.

The digital world, the post pop, the post modern, the minimal etc. came into existence into the complexity of human expression after 1960s. Art is no more a technical aspect but a 'knowledge production'. Art became plural; multiplicity now defines it. Technology and aesthetics go hand in hand. So, at this situation a student of art should get acquainted with the varieties of techniques that will prove to be fruitful to express his or her creative faculty. Art became a statement, a fashion of living, a standard of proving oneself to be a post modern cultural human being.

With this view, The Doon School has proposed to set the curriculum in such a way that a student passing out with art as one of his subjects can explore the vast arena of multiplicity of creative activities.

Painting and sculpture helps a student to build up the basic sense of visual composition in both two dimensional and three dimensional space; and this conception further helps that student to execute his or her ideas in other contemporary mediums. As printmaking is the first form of mechanical reproduction, a student can experiment with the ideas by changing the forms and colours of the basic creation and can reproduce it authentically. Moreover, certain unique effects of printmaking and the journey of experience through this medium is an additional gain to the students.

The second half of the twentieth century had also seen the immense technological development and the modernization of the urban life. Fashion became a statement not only in the upper class but also in the middle class. Textile industry started growing in the more fashionable way. A student acquiring the aesthetic sense and the various techniques of textile designing from an institution like The Doon School is thus a boon to the society and the vast market is a good option for the students to explore and to form a brand on his or her own in near future with further technical guides.

The art of ceramic and glass designing has always been finesse in the tradition of decorative arts. Ceramic tiles have been an element of mosaic murals since the Byzantine era. Apart from that the art of crockery and vessel designing has seen the epoch holding the hands of these materials.

Last but not the least; the 21st century world has become a digital world. Digital reproductions, digital prints are now defining our visual vocabulary. The post modern world of installation art, video art and digital documentation is the predominating trend that will bring all the other art forms into a cohesive whole in the most minimal way.

From the canvas painting to the digital celebration of art, it's a long journey that encompasses all the ups and downs of aesthetic jargons and technical jugglery and in my school the training in all these mediums should enable a student to open the door of creativity where the world is opening up with new scopes to explore. The future art education is hinting us to the liberation of our creative soul through a more universal language, with the multiplicity of the regional flavour and taking technology as the means and not the ends.



THE DUBAI DIARIES

DSOBS DUBAI CHAPTER GET-TOGETHER ON FRIDAY,

MAY 22, 2009

BY

K.K. LAHIRI, 30-K '74

Since Vipin took over the mantle of President, DSOBS in October 2008, we decided to reach out to Regional Chapters all over the world (in India and abroad) at a personal level and meet up with them to bring more cohesion and better connectivity between various Chapters and the Secretariat in Delhi. The underlying theme of all our visits was to be and is the drumming up of enthusiasm for and attendance at School's 75th celebrations year in October 2010 which has been named "DS-75". It has purposely not been named Platinum Jubilee because it could lead to some confusion as to whether it is our 60th year celebrations or our 75th. Another facet of our meeting up with Regional Chapters was to first dispel the notion that whenever DSOBS Executive Committee members visit regions, their primary effort is to raise money. We therefore, decided that these trips would be to touch the hearts of fellow Doscocs and not their wallets. With the same mindset, Gautam Thapar, 200-H '79 who has come on to the Board of Governors and taken over from Analjit as the Head of the Fundraising Committee of the IPSS/Board of Governors alongwith Jayant Hari Har Lal as Director-Development of School Lal decided to embark on joint trips to update the fraternity on what has been happening in School, the improvement in the infrastructural facilities and to share information with the fraternity on activities in School over the past few years and the collective vision of the Board of Governors for School in the years ahead. Importantly, the message we jointly intended and intend to send to the DSOBS fraternity is that the IPSS and DSOBS are two sides of the same coin and our primary goals are also the same - the betterment of our *alma mater*, 'The Doon School'.

Amongst the first to invite us was the newly appointed Regional Representative of UAE, Bipin Bhatia, 417-H '86 who took over from Manoj Kapur and Vikram Pradhan. Vipin and I arrived in Dubai on May 21, a day before the event on May 22, 2009 alongwith Vipin's son, Armaan, a young entrant into the DSOBS fold and Class Rep of 2009.

The 21st evening saw us at a small dinner hosted by Ashish Sharma and his gracious wife, Sonali at their elegantly appointed residence. It was wonderful meeting up with Ashish since his eldest brother, Sanjiv (Sanju) Sharma, 74-K '74 was my House Captain and his second brother, Rajiv (Raju) Sharma, 499-K '75, a dear friend. Ashish had joined School in 1975 the year after we left. So, my earliest memories of Ashish were those of a 8 to 11 year old. Ashish and Sonali have two wonderful sons, Nihal and Vivan. Nihal is raring to join School in the coming year.

Apart from the host and hostess, Vipin, Arman and me, we were joined by Bipin Bhatia and his wife, Sonali (who I immediately dubbed Sonali-2 to avoid confusion with Ashish's wife, Sonali). We also had Anand (Nandi) Jaiswal, 474-H '75. He is still the gentle giant of our School days. We also had Jayant Hari Har Lal, 404-H '69 and Director-Development at the Doon School. It was wonderful getting to know Bipin, catching up with Ashish and getting to know their better halves, Sonali-1 and Sonali-2. Coincidentally, the two Sonalis are also Welhamites and were from the same House, 'Bulbuls'.

After many a 'malt' and a sumptuous spread, we retired to recharge our batteries since the next day would be a long one and we had barely landed in Dubai at 7:30 PM that night.

By the following day, my dear friend and batchmate, Akbar Firasat Hussain had dropped in to meet with me at my hotel. My other batchmates in Dubai, K.B. Singh and Ashok Verma had also called and touched base and promised to meet up for the Dubai Chapter get-together that evening which was drinks and dinner onboard a 'Dhow'.

It was indeed a privilege to be the recipient of such warm hospitality and to meet up with so many of the Dubai Chapter who I had last met at the Dosco Summit organized by Anoop in his capacity as the President of DSOBS in December 2005. Those who attended were:-

Helen & Aditya Srivastava
Akbar Hussain
Anand Jaiswal
Anupam Swarup
Sonali & Ashish Sharma
Ashok Kumar Varma
Sonali & Bipin Bhatia
Shobhee & Deepak Bhatia
Deepak Khanna
Govind Dhar
Poornima & Harendra Kailath
Imran Afridi
Arti & Kamaljit Kalkat
Karanbir Singh
Madhav Dhar
Manoj Kapur
Manraj Bindra
Mohieranjan Patel
Raghav Lall
Rajeev Lal
Sahil K. Kapoor
Komal & Sanjay Sohal
Usha & Sanjiv Advani
Asha & Shravan K.Swarup
Sonam Sahai
Tarun Khanna
Vijay Thapar
Divya & Vijiit Malik
Sonali & Vikas Attri
Samita & Vivek Prakash



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We were specially privileged to have with us during the initial hour before the cruise began, Mrs. and Mr. Shravan Swarup. Mr. Swarup is probably the seniormost Dosco in Dubai (1945-1952). Like most Dosco Swarups, Shravan hailed from Muzaffarnagar. He excelled in academics and won all the Marker's Cups save and except English. He was brilliant in sports particularly in cricket, tennis and squash and went on to become a Cambridge Blue in squash. Infact, it was with Mr. Shravan Swarup's donation that the glass squash courts in School were built.

What was wonderful was that all three of my batchmates in Dubai Akbar Hussain, K.B. Singh and Ashok Verma and his wife Pinky were there that evening. To add strength to the Delhi presence, even Alok (Zikkie) Sinha, two years my senior from the '72 batch, had flown in from Delhi to be with us and ofcourse with his daughter and son-in-law who are now based in Dubai. Vijay (Tanz) Thapar and Anand (Nandi) Jaiswal had flown in from London.

Before the festivities began, Vipin introduced G.T., Jayant and me. Gautam (G.T.) addressed the audience on the recent happenings in School, the improvement in infrastructure in the campus, the betterment of facilities, improvement in Teacher's conditions and urged all those who had second thoughts about sending their sons to Doon to do a rethink. He explained where the money (so generously donated by DoscOs) was being spent in improving School's infrastructure including the CDH, Jaipur House, new Masters Houses, tennis courts, the new Arts, Media & Communication Centre, etc. Gautam's address was accompanied by Jayant's wonderfully prepared powerpoint presentation which kept the audience enthralled. On behalf of DSOBS, Vipin and I personally invited each and every member of the Dubai Chapter present to joint us in celebrating School's 75th year in October 2010. The audience was also informed of the various aspects of work which had gone in and was going in to make DS'75 a success.

Jayant, in conclusion, said the five most welcome words to DoscOs "The bar is now open". With the ambrosia mellowing all DoscOs that



Gautam, Manoj, Armaan, Vipin & Jayant

balmy evening on the top deck of the 'Dhow' where the bar was located and the sea breeze gently ruffling our hair, many old anecdotes were retold, stories rehashed and the ever so familiar sight of DoscOs bonding was omnipresent. What added to the fun was the alcohol having to be constantly topped up from the shores by a speedboat which would furiously jet in to replenish the swiftly depleting stocks. Obviously, the caterers never had DoscOs for drinks on their Dhow before.

As the night wore on, people trickled down to the airconditioned comfort of the enclosed lower deck where a sumptuous spread awaited us all. By the time the evening (or should I say night) drew to a close, many plans were made for a repeat of the Dosco Summit of December 2005 in December 2009.

God, Vipin and Bipin willing, I am sure we will see a great weekend in Dubai in December 2009.

Till then, however, our grateful thanks to Bipin Bhatia for organizing and inviting us to such a wonderful evening and to the Dubai Chapter for having us with them and for making the evening such a great success.

Instead of me rambling on further, let some of the photographs given below speak for themselves of the wonderful moments spent with the Dubai Chapter of the DSOBS.

However, before I get to the photographs, let me make a mention of the following evening. On 23rd evening we were hosted to drinks by Ashok Verma, Akbar Firasat Hussain and Vipin at the 'Old Vic', a bar at the Ramada Hotel where Vipin was staying. We were joined by Tanz Thapar. On Vipin's insistence on a Kebabs and Roti dinner, Tanz took us to a Pakistani of restaurant called "Ravi's" to a great meal of Kebabs and Rotis. This is very simplistically put but to say the least there was a variety of mouth-watering Kebabs and other meat preparations accompanied by hot Rotis and delicious Biryani. A fantastic way to round off three lovely evenings in Dubai. Thank you Tanz, Ashok and Firasat for a wonderful 23rd evening.



Imran, Vijit, Kailath, Sahil & Ashok

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Kishore, Sohal, Deepak, Rahul, Alok & Raghav



Mohie & Karanbir



Sonali Bhatia, Komal Sohal, Sonali Sharma, Sonali Attri



Vijit, Sohal & Bipin



Vijay, Anupam, Ashok, Tarun, Madhav, Govind, Imran, Rahul, Sanjiv & Aditya

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