



The Rose Bowl

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OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

⇒ Gaurav Sondhi [ex 387-KB '86] represented India at the 13th Asian Games as part of the Indian Shooting Team. The event was double trap and the team came seventh. This was the first time a double trap team had been sent for an international competition.

⇒ Lakshman Singh [ex 394-H '68] was the Manager of the Golf Team at these Asian Games.

⇒ Siddharth Dube [ex 549-HA '80] has written a book "Words like Freedom: The Memories of an impoverished Indian Family" which has been favourably reviewed.

For the Record

CAREERS:

✉ Sonam Sahai [ex 148-KA '84] has become Vice President, at The Bank of America in New Delhi.

✉ Hari Menon [ex 238-TB '85] is the Assistant Editor of the Intelligent Investor magazine and is based in Mumbai.

✉ Gaurav Seth [ex 562-OA '94] has graduated from Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania and is now working on Wall Street for Goldman Sachs and Company as a analyst. His address is : 137, Joralemon Street, Apartment # 6, Brooklyn New York 11201, U.S.A.

✉ Sumit Roy [ex 189-JB '84] is currently employed with Kerry Packers Publishing and Broadcasting in Australia. He has two sons, Angad and Sumer, aged two years and six months.

✉ Dr. Suhel Hasan [ex 224-KB '76] is the Associate Professor of ENT-Head and Neck Surgery at St. John Medical College Hospital, Bangalore. He is back after a two years stint in the U.K. where he was awarded the JLO Fellowship at the British Academic Conference in Otolaryngology at Manchester. Suhel has specialised in Head and Neck Career Surgery.

ACADEMICS:

✉ Mohit Kumar Agarwal [ex 214-KA '97] ranked 4th out of 290 students in First Year Engineering at Cambridge University, England and has been awarded the title of "Senior scholar of Trinity College". He also won prizes in Computing and Electronic Design.

✉ Aditya Narula [ex 315-JB '98] has joined the school of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi.

✉ Vineet Kochhar [ex 25-HB '96] and Nikhil Kochhar [ex 174-HB '97] are on the Dean's List of Xavier University, Cincinnati, USA.

✉ Prashant Kaishap [ex 25-HB '95] is pursuing his graduation from Davidson College, North Carolina. His address is: P.O. Box 3905, Davidson College, North Cardian 28036, USA. Email: prkaishap@davidson.edu

BIRTHS:

Our congratulations to the following Old Boys and their wives on the birth of their children:

✉ A daughter, Devika to Anu and Raghav Malik [ex 133-KB '84] on 9th July, 1996.

✉ A son, Amartya Shankar Jha to Akhila and Rohit Jha [ex 146-TB '84] on 25th September, 1998.

✉ A son, Vedant to Bindiya and Vipul Saighal [ex 146-TB '84] on 10th October, 1998.

MARRIAGES:

Our congratulations to the following Old Boys on their marriages:

✉ Tushar Deepak Chandra [ex 277-TB '84] to Rohini Sabikhi in Delhi on 14th December, 1998.

✉ Shiv P. Kapoor [ex 139-JB '84] to Maya in Delhi on 3rd January, 1999.

OTHERS:

✉ Nikhil Bhandari [ex 634-JA '95] has been appointed Squash Captain at Yale University, USA.

✉ Punit Kaishap [ex 627-HB '95] was the Soccer Captain at Sydenham College, Mumbai.

DEATHS:

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of the following Old Boys who have recently passed away.

• Bharat Inder Singh "Dickey" [ex 210-T '50] died in Bhopal in 1997.

• Mr. Sunder Lal Mehta, father of Sudarshan Mehta [ex 124-J '42] passed away on 29th July, 1998. He was a friend of the Doon School and donated the Cricket Pavilion on the Main Field in 1946.

• Jagdish Prasad Poddar [ex 162-J '37] died on 2nd September, 1998.

• Abhishek Singh [ex 322-KB '99] died on 8th September, 1998.

• Dr. Noshir Kapadia passed away on 8th October, 1998. He has served the school as its dentist until 1985 and was 93 years old. He was one of the few people in Dehradun who had seen the school through its foundation and then past its Diamond Jubilee.

• Dr. Sarada Prasad Dev [ex 219-K '53] died in October, 1998.

• Sukhjit Singh Dhillon [ex 209-K '68] died in October, 1998.

• Yetinder S. Rana [ex 592-JA '88] died on 6th December, 1998.

• Shivinder Bahadur Singh [ex 289-K '59] died in December, 1998.

• Zahid Ali Baig [ex 85-H '58] died in Delhi on 3rd January, 1999.

• Yogeshwar Raj Puri [ex 43-H '40] died in 1998.

OBITUARY

YETINDRA S. RANA

[ex 592-J '88]

All of Yeti's friends, all our relatives and all those who knew Yeti.

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to our beloved Yeti, though he will live forever in our hearts.

All of us mortals have a period of time which is pre-destined for our travel through life. During this passage we meet lots of friends, acquaintances and relatives and with some of them we build closer interactions and relations. In other words we touch their lives.

After my brother's tragic and untimely passing away, we have realised how many people's lives he had touched. We have seen in the past few days how many loved and cared for him.

During this moment in our family's extreme sorrow, we have found tremendous strength from the love and the support we have received from all of you here and even from those who for some reason or the other were unable to be in our midst today.

Each one of you will have your own distinct memories of him. To me my brother, Yeti will always represent the noblest of souls who was sensitive, caring and loyal.

He was very emotional and cared deeply for his family which got easily extended to his in-laws, once he married Aneet. His in-laws became like his second parents and Aneet was the centre of his entire world. Aneet was Yeti's first and last love and being a brother who grew up with him for 29 years, I never saw him attached to any other girl friend, besides Aneet. It was always sports-like tennis and then golf and he never had time for anything else.

He was intensely independent and wanted to build something of his own in his career. He never wanted to depend on anyone and shouldered all his problems and worries by himself. He set up his own unit fabricating for Escorts and the Nanda family helped him a great deal. He always held them in very high regard. This was a start to a career and passion that I often heard him say he would turn into something big.

Even as we are all gathered here I am sure he is watching us and we all want him to know that we love and care for him deeply. We will always hold the fondest loving memories of him and we pray that God gives his soul peace and looks after him.

I want to thank you all on behalf of my family for sharing this moment of sorrow with us.

Nauhar S. Rana
[ex 375-JA '86]



DOSCO Old Boys Get Together at Singapore on 26th July 1998

After a gap of almost 2 years and a severe whittling down of numbers from the original list of 6, due to transfers, the Doscos held a get together.

Going by earlier precedents, it was noteworthy in many respects:

- It was held at 4 days notice.
- 8 Doscos who had "not registered" were tracked, traced and were persuaded to attend at short notice.

The timing was precipitated by the need to submit the Dosco Record forms by 31st July. In addition, our Deputy High Commissioner in Singapore, Rajeet Mitter was being transferred. This enabled this get together to be his farewell from the Dosco residents here. The attendance list spanned the decades from the 60's to the 80's, however there was no let up in the level of interaction and enthusiasm.

The few Dosco spouses who braved the inclement atmosphere, not only enjoyed themselves, but acted as an incentive for the other spouses to join in future gatherings.



1st Row - (ladies) : Ms Rajdeep Singh, Mrs Vikram Sharma, Claire, Mrs Rajeet Mitter.
2nd Row (Men): Navza Taraporvala, Ashwin Ranganathan, Arun Sarwal
Back Row (Men): Himmat Singh, Rajdeep Singh, Vikram Sharma, Vikram Bery, Tejal Hora, Lokesh Chugh, Vivek Goyal, Rizvan Baig.

Rajdeep Singh (ex-189T) a.k.a. "Kake", but better associated in public memory as ex Physical Instructor Darshan Singh's son ("Dara") held the 60s/70s batches in thrall recounting the movements of the various masters over time.

Hazara Restaurant catered for the dinner, and according to the few connoisseurs, it was of Golden Nite standard.

After dinner it was "Toye Time" where the Dosco Record forms were filled with gusto and sent to Delhi post haste. I reproduce an extract from the letter sent to me by Cdr. L.K. Mathur, "It appears that the proformae sent by you were written by the concerned individuals when they had considerable quantities of various liquids inside them."

The evening ended with the following forward planning:

1. We should do this more often, preferably once a quarter. It was decided that these get togethers would be held by rotation by various Doscos. Mr. and Mrs. Vikram Sharma, decided to be the gracious hosts the next time around. As I write, the next get together is being planned at their residence on 29th September.

2. The Singapore directory was to be taken out, so that everyone could be in touch with each other (possibly for private mid terms !!). Such a directory, though not a contender for a TATA Press workmanship Prize has been circulated to the registered denizens of Singapore, and a copy marked to DSOBS in Delhi.

The following is a list of attendees:

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| 1. Tejal Singh Hora [ex- 39J, '62]. | 2. Himmat Singh [ex- 20 K, '89]. |
| 3. Rizvan Baig [ex- 134 K, '90]. | 4. Arun Sarwal [ex- 279 T, '73]. |
| 5. Vivek Goyal [ex- 236 T, '79]. | 6. Rajdeep Singh [ex- 189 T, '84]. |
| 7. Rajeet Mitter [ex- 314 K, '67]. | 8. Lokesh Chugh [ex- 125 K, '90]. |
| 9. Ashwin Ranganathan [ex- 591 K, '88]. | 10. Navzar Taraporvala [ex- 149 J, '64]. |
| 11. Vikram Sharma [ex- 147 T, '70]. | 12. Vikram Bery [ex- 916 H, '82]. |

Vikram Bery
[ex- 916 H '82]
Regional Representative

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President's Message

Dear Dosco,

Our Society has been quite active during the past two years and I am sure that with the increased participation of its members the level of activity will accelerate.

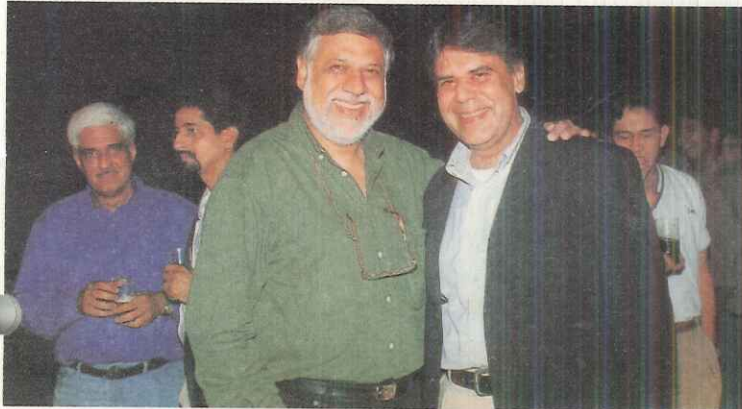
The major objective of the Society for 1999 would be to find a permanent home for the Society. In the past we have operated out of the offices of the various Presidents' and are presently using the office space so generously loaned to us by Mr. Arun Bharatram. In order to service the needs of our growing number of members we need to acquire our own office that will be able to house the increased infrastructure, which is so urgently required at the moment. I would request all members to help in achieving this objective.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Deepak Nirula
[ex 165-K '68]

Old Boys and Decadial Dinner at Founders Day 1998

There was a well attended and enjoyable Old Boys and Decadial Dinner held at the Tennis Courts at School on 9th October 1998 which was organised by the "expert organiser" Nitan Kapoor!



Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66] with Deepak Nirula [ex 165-K '68]



(L to R) — Sunanda Lal, Nitan Kapoor, Abha Kapoor [ex 151-J '66], Anoop Bishnoi [ex 112-JA '75] and Raghav Lal



(L to R) Sumanjit Chaudhary [ex 7-J '64], Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66] and Tilak (Totey) Badhwar [ex 178-W '67]



(L to R) — Mrs. Anju Mason, Mr. John Mason and Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66]



(L to R) — Mr. Samir Lamba [ex 220-T '62], Mr. Gurdial Singh, Mrs. Abha Kapoor and Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66]

Strip Advertisements for the Rose Bowl

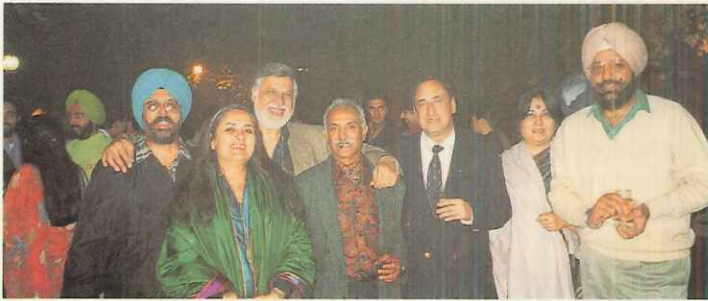
The Rose Bowl is published purely on the strength of strip advertisements received. Based on the assumption that Old Boys will contribute liberally for strip advertisements, the annual subscription has been abolished. Old Boys are requested to send in their advertisement orders to the Executive Secretary through Cheque/DD drawn in favour of the Doon School Old Boys Society. One horizontal strip advertisement measuring 18.5 x 2.5 cm costs a mere Rs. 5000, an insignificant price for the tremendous goodwill it would generate.

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Delhi Get Together

A well attended get together was held in Delhi on 14th November, 1998. DoscOs of all age groups and their spouses and partners had an enjoyable evening that was wonderfully organised by Gobindar and Tara Chopra.



(L to R) — Gobindar Chopra [ex 76-T '64], Dimpny Soni, Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66], Vijay Soni [ex 153-J '61], Vinod Vij [ex 29-J '62], Mrs. Anita Vij and Malvinder Singh [ex 82-J '66]



(L to R) — Standing Dhruv Puri [ex 141-KA '84], Sonam Sahai [ex 148-KA '84] and Vikas Attri [ex 150-HA '84] Sitting Sonali Attri, Charu Sahai & a friend



Happy (?) DOSCO Wives!



(L to R) — Mike Dalvi [ex 370-T '64], Anu Kohli [ex 352-H '63] & K.R. Palta [ex 195-T '61]

Mysore Get Together

There was an important meeting of Old Boys at Mysore on the weekend of 29th/30th August 1998 where a major South India Amateurs Golf Tournament was held. Those present were (in order of seniority) Ajai "Dennis" Kapur, Ravi Katari, Sayajirao, Gaekwar, Sanjeev Mehra, Nitin Gumbhir, and Sam Chinoy. Sayaji, Sanjeev and Nitin are all based in Bangalore while Dennis is now

spending more time in Bangalore as well, and seems to have become very much a part of the golfing fraternity there. Sam or Samba as he is better known came all the way from Hyderabad and like most of us went back with his tail between his legs after two fairly unreasonable rounds (!) with the exception of Sana Mehra, who shot a 72 on the 2nd day and did very well.

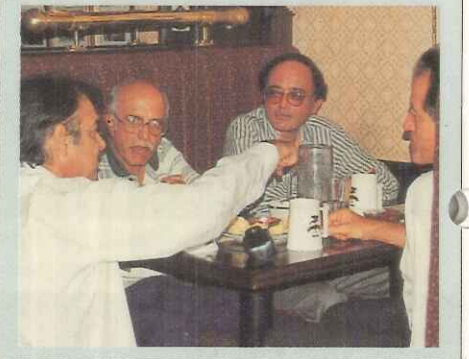
The fellowship was wonderful, and it was good to catch up with all these chaps unexpectedly. The definite result was that Sambo has agreed to try and put together an Old Boys Meet in Hyderabad around mid November. More about this in due course. This will be open to all South based DOSCO's but naturally everyone is welcome (as long as you pay up year).

Another few bits of news is that the Madras OB's are having a get together at the Connenara Hotel on Saturday, September 12th, and are also planning a 'do' when the HM visits Madras in December.

Ravi Katari
[Ex 204-H '59]
Regional Representative
Tamil Nadu

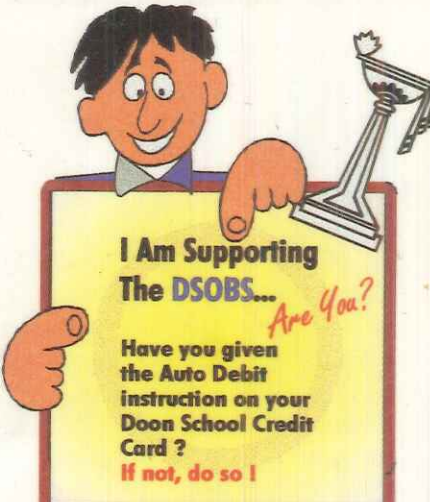
DOSCO Happy Hours at Pegasus

There are special Happy Hours for all DOSCOS and their spouses /partners at the Pegasus Bar at Nirula's, L block, Connaught Circus on the 1st Monday of every month. So come there, catch up with old friends and have fun!



Free DOSCO Stickers

A sheet of 6 Doon School Logo Stickers is enclosed with this Rose Bowl.



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CHANDBAGH - THE ORIGINS

Sometime around 1946 our class was taken by our geography master, Mr. Gibson, to visit a tea garden some distance outside Dehra Dun. It was owned and managed by possibly one of the last English planters in the Doon Valley, and had been started by his grandfather in the previous century.

While I do not recall any other details, I do remember clearly that he mentioned that the Chandbagh estate was originally one of the earliest tea gardens in Dehra Dun and was known as "Cha Bagh". When the estate was taken over by the Forest Research Institute it was renamed as

Chandbagh. The Doon School, as everyone is aware, acquired this estate when the FRI moved to its present campus on Chakrata Road.

Incidentally, I would like to comment on Kaulagarh Road, which goes from Chakrata Road near Skinners field. The ONGC offices which lie on this road were until the 1950's the site of the Sirmur Tea Estates, with a factory to process the tea. My planter friends from Assam will remember that in Assam a tea factory is known as a "Kolgarh". Maybe this is how Kaulagarh road got its name.

Chaudamani Ratnam
[ex 79-T '48]

THE DOSCO ENVIRONMENT

The Sixth World Wilderness Congress got together wildlife and environmental activists in Bangalore not only from the host Country but from USA, Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and some from Southeast Asia. Equally significant was the dinner hosted by Sayajirao Gaekwar for the Dosco invitees to the Congress. As we sat sipping excellent whisky in the terrace garden of his Walton Road apartment we could not but admire the range of plants that surrounded us. It turned out that Sayaji's wife Nikku is responsible for making them blossom and has of late not been able to devote sufficient time to them because of her involvement with saving Cubbon Park, among the few open spaces left in Bangalore. The Karnataka government has denotified 32 acres of the park in order to build a MLA hostel on it.

Thus not only Doscocs but their wives are taking up causes to protect the environment, as they well might considering that life in the cities has become a veritable nightmare. Hari Dang with his usual passion announced the builders' lobby which was determined to encroach upon the remaining lungs of all urban centres. It was reminiscent of the old days, of the old Hari who got us involved with the publication of "The Cheetal", the maintenance of the deer park and of course mountaineering.

There were at least three Jaonlities present at Sayaji's get-together. Excluding Hari, who recently invited all those on the two Jaonli expeditions to his Gurgaon residence to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee, there was the host, yours truly and Darius Taraporvala. Darius, currently with NDTV, recalled the exploits of A.N. Dar who was on both the Jaonli expeditions and is now the Headmaster of the Scindia School, Gwalior. He remarked that though we had all gone gray, we had all kept our figures because of our early mountaineering training. Of course this may well be also because Sayaji takes his golf seriously, Darius runs around on his



Clockwise: Sayajirao Gaekwar [ex 302-H '65], Darius Taraporvala [ex 145-J '67], Hari Dang and Gautam Vohra [ex 154-H '63]

television assignments and yours truly just runs around.

Nitin Gumbhir was the only one amongst us who has not turned grey. Is that because his business in corrugated cardboard packing cases continues to flourish and he has nothing to worry about? He has not kept his figure though and that may well be because he did not take to mountaineering; nor has he got involved with environment related issues yet. Thanks to the nature of schooling we receive, Doscocs cannot but become part of the environment movement of the country. Just take Delhi: Four of the six groups that are fighting to improve the environment of the capital as members of the NGO Forum for the NCR are headed by Doscocs—Dunu Roy [Hazard Centre], Deepak Nirula [Trees for Life], Hari Dang [Sustainable Development], and yours truly [DRAG].

I think it was Nitin or one of Hari's St. Paul's / Air Force School students who dropped by who stated that environment problems were yet essentially a concern of the elite. Well, Sayaji explained, elite issue or not, the environment was under threat and unless someone drew attention to the dangers posed to it, no action would be forthcoming.

Gautam Vohra
[ex 154-H '63]



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MINUTES OF THE 59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY HELD IN THE DOON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 12.00 NOON ON SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1998.

Present: The President, Vice President, Headmaster, Honorary Secretary, Executive Secretary and 121 Members. The Meeting was called to order.

1. The President welcomed all Member Old Boys present at the Meeting.

2. A condolence resolution was passed and two minutes silence observed on the sad demise of the following members:—

a. Mr. Nikhil Gupta	[ex 419-TA]	86 July 97.
b. Kr. Balram Singh	[ex 175-H]	42 January 98.
c. Mr. Jaidev Singh	[ex 242-HA]	84 February 98.
d. Mr. K.D.N. Singh Rana	[ex 079-J]	42 March 98.
e. Mr. Vinod Suri	[ex 224-T]	56 April 98.
f. Mr. Ashish K. Das	[ex 412-KA]	75 April 98.
g. Mr. Brij Mohan Bhargava	[ex 157-T]	51 June 98.
h. Mr. Pradip Sharma	[ex 400-K]	68 June 98.
i. Mr. Abhishek Singh	[ex 322-KB]	9 September 98.
j. Mr. Sukhjit S. Dhillon	[ex 209-K]	68 October 98.
k. Mr. S.P. Sahi	[ex House Master Tata]	6 December 97. 23 April 98.
l. Mr. Din Dayal	[ex Master]	

3. The minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting had been circulated to all concerned. Mr. Shomie Das [ex 165-H] and Mr. S. K. Kandhari [ex 122-T] proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved. The same were duly confirmed and approved unanimously.

4. ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

The President's Report is reproduced below:—

The last year has been an extremely active year for our Society with activity on many fronts. I think I can best summarise this by discussing the activities of various committees that our Society has, each of which is headed by a committee member.

A. The Bursary sub committee headed by Lt. Gen. Gurbir Mansingh has been overseeing financial aid consisting of:

- One full scholarship for a student studying in the Doon School - this has been increased from Rs. 55,900.00 to Rs. 66,000.00
- Financial aid to the children of the late Dilip Lal, an Old Boy, from donations made by the class of 1968 - Rs. 22,000.
- Financial Aid for Varnita Pant, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs Pant - Rs. 51,000.
- Financial aid for six students studying in the Salangaon School run by the John Martyn Memorial trust - Rs. 24,000.
- Financial aid of Rs. 25,000 from income generated from collections of classes of 44,45, & 46 of Rs. 25,000 to two sons of Old boys in need of financial help. The Society will continue to award two bursaries annually each of the value of Rs. 10,000 per year from this fund.

I would request each class having its Silver or Golden Jubilee to make a small contribution towards the corpus of this fund which will be used solely for bursaries for Old Boys' sons in dire financial need.

B. The Memorabilia sub committee headed by the Vice President, Deepak Nirula, has greatly enlarged the range of good quality memorabilia although the scheme of sending these by mail order has not been successful. Memorabilia is now also kept in the School Store for direct sale and discussions are on

the make some additional items for us including golfing accessories.

C. The Society's Old Boys Placement Cell headed by Lalit Nirula has continued to help many Old Boys to relocate.

D. The Education and Training facilities sub committee headed by Nikhel Kochhar has organised a series of talks in School by inviting Old Boys to speak to the boys on various subjects of interest.

E. The ROSE BOWL Sub Committee headed by Samir Kuckreja with Pushpinder Singh Chopra continuing to provide editorial input, has once again brought out three issues of the ROSE BOWL in the last year. As mentioned earlier, of a total of 4000 Old Boys we have been getting subscriptions from only 1500. During the last year we concluded arrangements with both Citibank and Standard Chartered Bank, our partners for two DOSCO Dining cards, to advertise in and underwrite the publication of the ROSE BOWL. They are giving us Rs. 1.25 lakhs annually and the Executive Committee has now decided to distribute the ROSE BOWL free of charge to all Old Boys both in India and overseas and we hope this will be the link for all of us to keep in touch with Old Boys activities.

F. I spoke last year of the very exciting Archives Project which is being undertaken by the Class of 1975 and which will be a state of the art digital computerised system which will preserve our old records, documents, school and house pictures and audio visuals. This is a three year project and a professional agency is being used for advice on the design and establishment of these archives and the project will be completed by the year 2000 which will be the Silver jubilee year for the Class of 1975.

G. An effort was made to strengthen fellowship and camaraderie in our Society at the grassroots level through the formation of DOSCO Dining Clubs. I am happy to report that a large number of DOSCO Dining clubs have been formed all over the country. They meet regularly and some send us their exploits for publication in the ROSE BOWL. I hope a day will come when all of you will belong to a DOSCO Dining Club of your own and I am sure this will help build a stronger and more cohesive Society.

H. Last year I spoke of the discussions that we had initiated with two Credit card companies for introducing DOSCO Alumini Credit Cards. I am happy to tell you that this has had great success. The Standard Chartered Doon School Visa Affinity Card Agreement was signed with Standard Chartered Bank late last year and a picture card bearing the photo of the main building was introduced earlier this year. The DOSCO Diners Club Affinity Card Agreement was signed with Citibank in June 1998 and this Card is also now freely available to all DOSCOs. As on date, 491 Standard Chartered Bank and 187 Citibank Diners Cards, a total of almost 600, have been issued. For each such card, the credit card

companies pay the Society a lumpsum at the time of issue or renewal of the card and also contribute a percentage of the spend each time you use the card.

I had suggested that all Old Boys try and voluntarily contribute Rs. 250.00 per month for a period of two years initially, through these credit cards. Many have responded to this appeal and funds have started flowing in and our Society now has a cash surplus. If out of 4000 Old Boys we are able to get 50% or 2000 Old Boys to join the scheme, our Society will have annual income of Rs. 60.0 lacs. This will make us financially very strong and it will then be a matter of a few years only before we are in a position to find a home for our Society. Towards this end, the Executive Committee has set a target of one crore of which Rs. 45 lacs is for an office in Delhi and additional Rs. 35 lacs is for a fund, the interest on which will be sufficient to meet the working capital needs of our future Secretariat. Rs 20 lacs will be given by us to The Doon School in line with our current policy of giving them 20% of all our earnings and our present net surplus of Rs. 36 lacs will stay as a safety cushion. We have also obtained Government approval for receiving donations from abroad and for accumulation of funds for acquiring our own Secretariat which means that we no longer need to disburse the majority of our income to retain our 80-G status.

As you all know our Society is one of few that operates without any monthly membership fees and I would earnestly request all Old Boys to lend a helping hand to their Society by joining this Rs. 250 per month contributory scheme. Almost all of us can afford it. Our Society will be what we make of it. Let's all come forward and make an effort together to give our Society a home and some financial strength.

I. This year we have brought out a new, updated DSOBS Register under a committee headed by Ajai Singh and assisted by Deepak Nirula. The new Register has the latest address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. We have decided to mail it free to all Old Boys who wrote in and gave their latest particulars. Others can obtain the register free of cost from the Old Boys' Society or their Regional Representatives. We have found that the DOSCO Record 96 and The Doon School Book did not sell much last year and so we have reduced their price while making valuations for this year.

J. Our Society has continued to have active get togethers all over India and abroad. Last November Old Boys in Chennai got together after a long break. In January the Delhi Old Boys got together at The Gymkhana Club. In April this year the Nawabs of Chandbagh held an extremely elaborate hunting get together in Lucknow complete with flaming marshals and dancing girls. In May, Vijay Katre of Welcomgroup held another very successful Welcomalumini gathering at Mughal Sheraton in Agra where we relived our School days and had football

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matches and PT competitions inspite of 44 degrees heat! In order to carry the message of the Society more effectively and have greater involvement of DOSCOs in other parts of India, the Executive Committee held a meeting in Lucknow in April at which Senior DOSCOs from Lucknow were invited and we hope to continue outstation meetings in coming years also.

Many Old Boys had asked for a get together with an outdoor setting and a great deal of work was done by a sub committee headed by Nitán Kapoor for a river rafting get together. Unfortunately, the dates planned clashed with the Mahakumbh Mela and you will all have to wait for next year before you get a chance to duck someone in the water.

K. In this age of the Internet we have decided that The Doon School Old Boys Society must have its own and arrangements are currently on for registration of the Domain name "Dosco Org". This web site will have a logo, a photograph and feedback form and www.Dosco.org. will be our address which will link up with all the other Dosco websites.

L. The Sports sub committee chaired by Chitránjan Bakhshi organised the first Old Boy Inter House multi-city Golf Tournament from March to June this year. Matches were played in Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Chennai, Lucknow, London and New York. Hyderabad House were runners up and the tournament was won by - who else but Jaipur House! The tournament was a great success and the sports sub committee hope to make this not only an annual feature but also introduce other similar sporting tournaments in future.

M. We still need Regional Representatives for Africa, South America, Sri Lanka and the Andamans and the Classes of 43, 45, 48, 49, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 still remain unrepresented. If you have any suggestions or know of anyone who could fill these slots please let us know. During the last year, we had the following new Class Representatives:—

Gen T B Nanda Class of 41; Shaukat Sikand Class of 80; Gautam Vohra Class of 63, Anil Bawa Class of 76; K. S. Madan Class of 50 and Lt. Gen. Gurbir Mansingh Class of 46. The following became Regional Representatives:—

A. K. Atal for Kerala; Sanjoy Roy for Jhilmachal Pradesh; Shivbhadra Sinhji for Gujarat; Amrendra Nath Singh - second Regional Rep for Bihar and Soumitra Sen as the second Regional Rep for Bengal.

N. Special mention must be made of the Committee headed by Samir Modi who organised a film preview in Delhi last year at which the film "Metro" was screened for Old Boys and which helped us to raise funds both for the Society and for the School.

O. I would also like to mention that the Class of 1967 donated Rs. 4.29 lakhs in August 1998, the interest on which (approximately Rs. 40,000 per year) is to be used for one school boy expedition every year.

The Class of 1970 donated Rs. 3.5 lakhs to the school for a DG Set in February 1998 and this has already been installed.

P. In order to honour Mr. Sheel Vohra who retired as the Hony Secretary of the DSOBS after many years of distinguished

service, the Society is organising an Old Boys versus The Rest of the World Cricket Match at the Roshanara Club, Delhi on 1st December 98. Proceeds from this match will be used to make a contribution to the Society and to send Mr. Vohra on a round-the-world goodwill trip to meet Old Boys overseas. Our master organiser Nitán Kapoor who organised the super old boys dinner on Friday evening, is working on this - don't miss this cricket match in Delhi.

Q. I have just heard from Syed Mustafa Anwer Hussain, Project director of The Chandbagh School in Pakistan that The Chandbagh School, in Pakistan had a soft opening on 21st September this year. The formal inauguration and Founders Day will be in February 99 and we hope to take a group of Old Boys to Pakistan for this happy event. All those keen on going should contact the Executive Secretary, Lalit Mathur.

During the last two years, our Society has taken great strides in many directions and gone from strength to strength. The credit for this goes to our very talented Executive Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the superb work put in by all of them on so many different projects during the year. I would like to particularly thank Manjit Singh and Arjun Malhotra who retire from the Committee this year.

Gentlemen, it has been a privilege to have had the opportunity of working with all of you. Thank you.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the period ending 31st March, 1998 had been circulated to all members. Mr. I.S. Mann [ex- 65 T] and Mr. R.C. Bhargava [ex- 154 T] proposed and seconded respectively that the Accounts be adopted. The same were approved unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

In accordance with accepted conventions of the Society, the following members of the Executive Committee were stepping down:—

- (a) Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhary, President
- (b) Mr. Manjit Singh

The President informed the House that in accordance with accepted conventions and existing rules of the Society, the following members of the Executive Committee were eligible for re-election:—

Mr. Deepak Nirula; Lt. Gen Gurbir Mansingh; Mr. Ajai Singh; Mr. Nitán Kapoor; Mr. Chitránjan Bakhshi; Mr. Pashupati Advani; Mr. Nikhel Kochhar; Mr. Rahul Prasad; Mr. Samir Kuckreja; Mr. Samir Modi; Mr. Rushad Navavatty

The House unanimously resolved that they should all be reelected for another year proposed by Kr. Prem Malhotra [ex- 155 H] and seconded by Mr. Jyoti Shirodkar [ex 288-H].

As there was a vacancy in the 30 - 40 years age group, the President asked for nominations. Mr. Anoop Bishnoi [ex- 122 JA] was proposed by Mr. Darshan Singh [ex- 90 T] and seconded by Kr. Prem Malhotra [ex 155-H] and unanimously accepted by the House.

The President asked for nominations for the post of Vice President. Ajay Shiram (whose name had been suggested by the Past Presidents of the DSOBS) was proposed

by Mr. Arvind Bhandari [ex 176-K] and seconded by Mr. Govind Swarup [ex 242-K]. The House accepted unanimously the election of Mr. Ajay Shiram [ex 161-K] as the next Vice President.

As per conventions of the Society, the Vice President, Mr. Deepak Nirula, was unanimously elected as President.

The new Executive Committee was declared to consist of the following members:—

a. Mr. Deepak Nirula	[ex 165-K]	President
b. Mr. Ajay S. Shiram	[ex 161-K]	V. President
c. Lt. Gen Gurbir Mansingh	[ex 170-T]	Member
d. Mr. Ajai Singh	[ex 152-H]	Member
e. Mr. Nitán Kapoor	[ex 151-J]	Member
f. Mr. Chitránjan Bakhshi	[ex 024-J]	Member
g. Mr. Pashupati Advani	[ex 220-J]	Member
h. Mr. Nikhel Kochhar	[ex 041-K]	Member
i. Mr. Anoop Bishnoi	[ex 112-J]	Member
j. Mr. Rahul Prasad	[ex 029-H]	Member
k. Mr. Samir Kuckreja	[ex 179-H]	Member
l. Mr. Samir Modi	[ex 602-T]	Member
m. Mr. Rushad R. Navavatty	[ex 42-OA]	Member

University Representative

There was a discussion on whether the present system for election of the Vice President needed modification. Various ideas and suggestions were discussed but the final unanimous conclusion of the House was that the current system (in which nominations for Vice President are invited by the group of past Presidents and one of the nominees is selected by them with the name being forwarded to the AGM) was indeed laudable and should continue.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Resolved: "That M/s V. Sahai & Company, Chartered Accountants of G-68, Connaught Circus, New Delhi - 110 001 be and are hereby reappointed as the Statutory auditors of The Doon School Old Boys' Society for the Financial year 1998-99 on an honorary basis".

8. POINTS TAKEN UP WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

A. Mr. Rajeev Lal proposed that in addition to the existing Regional Representatives in various countries, a coordinating International Representative should also be nominated. He felt that such a person with the help of Internet would be able to coordinate DSOBS activities of International Reps. all over the world. He himself volunteered to be the first such Representative and this was unanimously accepted.

B. The Executive Secretary informed the house of the sad demise of Mr. Sunder Mehta father of Mr. Sudarshan Mehta [ex- 124 J Class of 1942] on 29 July 1998. Mr. Mehta had donated the existing Cricket Pavilion in 1946 to the School.

C. The Executive Secretary appealed to all old Boys to come forth with bursaries for the Salangaon School (John Martyn Trust).

D. The Executive Secretary appealed to Old Boys for sponsorship of printing more copies of the DSOBS Register 1998 as only 2000 copies had been possible with the available funds.

The Executive Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee member who had served the Society so well.

Mr. Lalit Nirula proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing President and on behalf of all members expressed appreciation of his invaluable contributions to the Society.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CDR. L. K. MATHUR

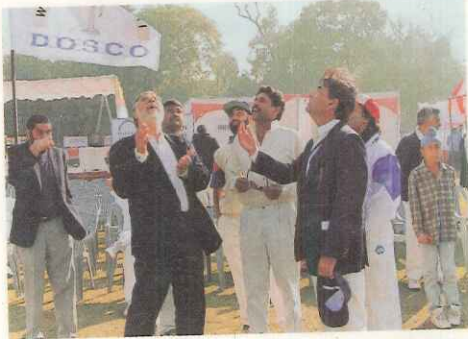
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Sheel Vohra Farewell Cricket Match



The Toss - both captains Mike Dalvi [ex 370-T '63] and Kapil Dev eagerly await the result. Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66] Chairman Sheel Vohra Farewell Committee) flicked the coin while Anu Kohli [ex 352-H '63] sips his morning tea.

At an Executive Committee Meeting of the DSOBS in May 1998, I made a suggestion to the members that we should consider arranging a suitable farewell to Mr. Vohra on his retirement - this suggestion was unanimously accepted and applauded. The ball was in my court now!! After considerable thought I selected 6 committee members and formed The Sheel Vohra Farewell Committee. The biggest task ahead of me was to get Mr. Vohra's approval for what we were about to organise. The first few trips to Dehra Dun were without much luck, but on the fourth such trip I found that I was making sense to Mr. Vohra. Initially he resisted any "grand" event, and wanted a low key affair to which my answer was "Sir, let us atleast aim for the sky, and see where we reach". Having got his approval I then had to freeze a date, book a suitable ground and above all set the motion in selecting the 2 teams - The Doon School XI and the Rest Of the World XI. Many have asked why "Rest of the World", and my patent answer has been "For us Doscos, anything outside the boundaries of Chandbagh is in fact "rest of the world".

At an Old Boys get-together this January at Delhi Gymkhana Club I spotted Mike Dalvi and to my delight I had found "The captain"! I observed Mike for almost an hour, and then after his nth. beer I approached him and got a promise that he would infact captain The Doon School XI. A major task was achieved and I felt that there was progress made. The next step was to find a selection criterion for the other players - after all we had over 4000 Old Boys, so how does one select around 15/20 team and reserves from such a big number. The obvious choice for guidance was Mr. Vohra, so I trotted off once again to D. Dun and over a dinner meeting I asked Mr. Vohra to suggest the names of "His Blue Eyed Boys" Within 15 minutes I had in front of me a list with names, numbers, houses, year of joining, year of leaving and location (for some even the exact postal addresses and telephone numbers were provided) - there were a total of 57 names!! What a memory—sometimes I have difficulty in remembering my own year of joining, and here was a man who knew it all. The project made even more sense to me, and it motivated me in a manner that this farewell match was to be an "obsession" for the next 6 months.

With 57 names in hand, we wrote to all requesting their acceptance, while we went ahead and looked for the grounds and fixed a date. There was some discussion at our meetings as to whether we should fix the match for a weekend or on the day after the term ended. Eventually we decided that it was only fair to give an opportunity to the maximum school kids to attend, and as such the date of December 1st. 1998 was fixed and the venue as Roshanara Club, which had an association over years with Mr. Vohra and school.

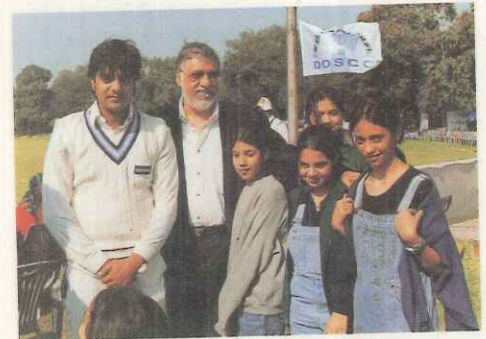
Many names were suggested for the Rest of the World Team, but it was not until I met Sunil Dev one day that I realised that making lists was easy but getting ex-test cricketers was one big job. After having given me this news Sunil went on to say that he could request Kapil Dev to lead the other team. Weeks of writing, phone calls etc. resulted in Kapil Dev agreeing and I was a happy man on November 10th, 1998 when I went to meet him and he gave me a letter confirming his participation. Simultaneously we had been contracting other Test cricketers and eventually we had a list of 15 famous cricketers who had all agreed to play.

The onerous task of selecting the final list from the 57 names was perhaps more demanding. Mike Dalvi and Aditya Bhide took on this duty and through a process of balancing the team, giving consideration to the people who were travelling long distances from U.K., U.S.A. and the Middle East, were able to short list 25 players, who eventually formed the team and reserves. On the other side we were able to finalise the names of 15 players and reserves for the Rest Of the World XI.

With both venue and teams finalised, we had to start discussions on the financial side and this led to a decision that a commemorative brochure be brought out to mark this event. To lead this specialised team were committee members Mohit Jayal and Robin Roy. Brochure appeals were sent out to over 5000 addresses which included Old Boys, parents, sponsors and people who in the past have supported DSOBS events. To this end we must thank both Standard Chartered Bank and Citi Bank in making available the facility of sending our brochure appeals—Anoop Bishnoi did a fabulous job in assuring that appeals were mailed to almost everyone we could think of!

A special mention must be made to Mr. Mason who in conjunction with Mr. Burrett, our committee representative at school, assured that all parents received a brochure appeal, and more importantly made it possible for almost 150 present school boys to attend the match.

I woke up at 5:00 am. on Tuesday morning; it was December 1st. 1998, and the match was to take place in some hours. Haripal Singh Gill probably woke up a bit earlier, as it was his job to reach Taj Mansingh Hotel that morning and cross his fingers that all 25 Doscos would arrive at the appointed time of 7:30 a.m. to catch the coach for Roshanara Club. Nervous as hell and on my way to Roshanara Club I phoned our captain Mike Dalvi at 7.30 a.m. hoping to hear from him that the entire team had arrived. What I heard on the other side was a sleepy voice "Yaar what time is it?" I must have died a



Chanderchud Singh (Rocky) [ex 484-J '87] with Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '63] and four young girls from Vasant Valley School.

thousand deaths! My polite reply to Mike was "What the hell is wrong with you". I then had a few seconds of silence and to my delight I heard Mike laughing and saying "Take it easy, Chairman Sahib, we're ready to board the coach." What a relief!

At the appointed time of 9:00 a.m. we had our entire team at the club. Our chief guest Mr. Sheel Vohra arrived punctually and most players of the Rest Of The World were also there, but only 2 persons were not to be seen—Kapil Dev and Sunil Dev. This did cause acceleration of heartbeats, but by 9.45 a.m. the Devs also arrived! We were now all set for the much awaited Sheel Vohra Farewell Cricket Match.

The toss was won by Mike Dalvi who opted to field. The sun began to show between the few clouds and the weather gods sent their signal that we could expect a fine sunny day, and look forward to some high quality cricket. The openers Sunil Dev and



Spectators include all ages.

Satish Babbar did well to last almost 10 overs, with Sunil Dev being caught by Chandrachud (Rocky) for 4 runs. R.P. Devgan was in next and scored a stylish 26 runs. After 16 overs Surinder Khanna retired with 59 runs to his credit. In came Kapil Dev and one could feel that many were nervous on the field, especially the bowlers! Kapil showed his magic and was difficult to stop—he scored a brilliant 67 runs, and was caught by Arun Khanna, who incidentally is still nursing his finger which was injured whilst taking this most difficult catch.

Bond was the main umpire, and as usual, made the correct decisions. For those who were there to bid him farewell after 43 years of dedicated,



The Doon School XI - Team & Reserves - along with Mr. Sheel Vohra (Chief Guest & Umpire) and Nitan Kapoor [ex 151-J '66]



Surinder Khanna (Rest of the World XI) knocks a stylish four as Rajbir Singh [ex 38-JB '71] The Doon School XI wicket keeper is attentive to the last detail.

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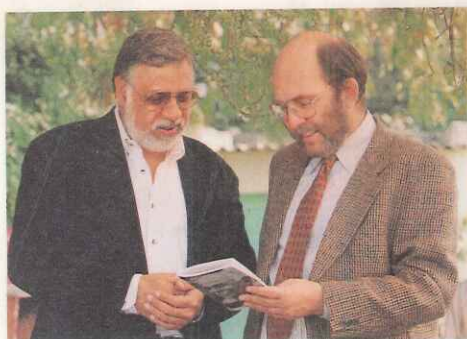
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Mr. John Mason being shown a copy of the commemorative brochure by Nitan Kapoor.

admirable and unmatched service, each ball had some special significance. The 40 overs ended with The Rest Of The World scoring 308 runs. The other scores were: Maninder Singh - 18, Ajit Chaudhary - 36, Atul Wassan - 36 and Neeraj Bedhotia - 7.

Lunch break was what a lot of spectators were looking forward to—they wanted to mingle with the teams and above all were thirsty for some chilled beer. The bar was open and the buffet lunch was laid out. At this point of time there were around 700 people, and the atmosphere was splendid. Bond was surrounded all the time and it was the greatest pleasure to see a big smile on his face. Here as a man who in all probability knew each one of his students by name, number and house. There were Doscors from all over the world, there were second generations, there were third generations—what a fabulous get-together for a fabulous man. Whilst lunch break was on there were raffle tickets being



Mr. Sheel Vohra is delighted to meet Shiv Dev Dutt (ex 61-T '63) who came specially from London to be part of The Doon School XI. Rajbir Singh (ex 38-JB '71) not too happy with the early morning start!

sold, DOSCO Memorabilia being offered and Pepsi and Nestle offering free cold and hot drinks to all who were there. The Welcomgroup had established a very attractive marquee, which displayed all 21 raffle prizes, and the Welcom girls were extremely enthusiastic in promoting sales of raffle tickets and other Memorabilia. General Nanda did justice to the commentary, which was without any preparation.

The time had come for us to go in to bat. Our openers Mike Dalvi and Shiv Dev Dut got started to a good partnership, and we were all hoping that we could establish a run bank which Mike Dalvi could add to and reach the magic total of 309! Alas it was not to be. Gaurav Murgai came in to bat when Shiv



Two former Indian captains - Kapil Dev (right) and Bishan Singh Bedi (centre) with Satish Babbar. All three played for The Rest Of The world XI.

Dev Dut was caught by Atul Wassan. He scored 10 runs and was bowled by Atul Wassan. In came Arun Khanna who did extremely well to score 37 valuable runs. After a brilliant innings, Mike was caught by Mark Ingty, having reached the highest score of 47 runs. Vice Captain Aditya Bhide was caught by Bishen Singh Bedi for 5 runs. With less than 15 overs remaining Parabjot Singh Dhilon (Goat) came in to try and save the match. He did extremely well to score 38 runs but was bowled by Tom Alter. We eventually were all out in 32 overs for 214 runs. The other scores were: Mrinal Guha Roy - 18, Vinit Khanna - 10, Nalin Khanna - 16 and Raghav Mallik - 14.

The match was lost, but the day was won by Sheel Vohra and his students who together had enjoyed a day of cricket, camaraderie, warmth,



Mike Dalvi (ex 370-T '63) receiving the trophy for "Man of the Match" from Mr. Sheel Vohra

nostalgia and above all a chance to bid farewell to their guru.

The prize giving ceremony was, as planned, a sober affair, with a moving speech by Mr. Vohra and the highlight was of course the presentation of a "Silver Cricket Bat" having all the names of cricket Captains engraved on it—from Aditya Bhide till the present captain Mrinal Guha Roy. The brief Message on the silver bat read—



Sunil Dev (centre) with Maninder Singh Jaggi (left) - both Test Cricketers - with Nitan Kapoor (ex 151-J '66)

**"TO SIR WITH LOVE
FROM THE WORLD CHAPTER OF DSOBS.
December 1st 1998".**

The winners, the runners up, and the umpires - Mr. Sheel Vohra, Mr. Ram Babu Gupta and Abhay Shankar received a trophy each. In addition to this DSOBS presented a Doon School Logo watch to The Rest Of the World players and the Doon School XI players as a token of our appreciation towards their participation.

The day had ended with a lot to think about. After the prize giving ceremony I was attending to the more mundane matters such as settlement of bills, collecting left over memorabilia etc. when I heard aloud call from the Doon School XI changing



Mr. Sheel Vohra giving a speech at the end of the match. Sitting from Left are Nitan Kapoor (ex 151-J), Robin Roy, John Mason, Sheel Vohra and Gen. Nanda.

room—it was Mike Dalvi asking "When will we have another match like this?" My answer plainly was "When there is another Sheel Vohra".

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I wish to thank our sponsors Pepsi who provided kits to The Doon School XI players and free soft drinks; Nestle [courtesy Sanjiv Puri ex 208-KB '75] for providing the tea, coffee and Milo; Acqua Minerals Ltd. for providing free Bisleri, Mahattas [Mr. Ajay Mehta ex 102-JA '89] for making available a professional photographer to cover the event; United Breweries (courtesy Mr. Vijay Mallya) for facilitating subsidised beer and spirits at Roshanara Club; Club Committee members - Mr. Ravinder Kapoor, Mr. Satish Babbar, Mr. Sanjay Anand, Mukesh Bajaj and Col. Devender Singh—for making available the grounds and waiving the various fees and providing the buffet lunch at a subsidised rate and to all the Raffle Sponsors: Mr. Sunil Dev, Reebok, Mahattas, Superama and most of all the DSOBS. A special mention and thanks to Anu Kohli [ex 352-H '63] who very kindly arranged for our team to have net practice at Ferozeshah Kotla grounds.

I wish to thank Deepak Nirula (President DSOBS) for his unmatched support on all fronts. I also wish to thank Cdr. Lalit Mathur for handling the



Mr. Sheel Vohra being presented a "Silver Bat" on behalf of DSOBS by Nitan Kapoor (ex 151-J).

correspondence in a superb fashion and being a support of all other fronts. Together with Romi Chopra, Deepak motivated the press in providing deserving pre and post event coverage to this farewell match. To this end a mention must be made of Mr. Dilip Cherian and his executives Thomas K. Thomas and Rajat Chandihok, who did a commendable job in getting this event featured in all the national dailies.

The response received for the thousands of brochure appeals we sent was tremendous. We received letters, phone calls, faxes and E mails from all over the world—each one offering to participate. Eventually we managed to put together a very attractive commemorative brochure, and I wish to thank all the advertisers for their most valuable support.

Nitan Kapoor
[ex - 151 J '66]

Chairman, Sheel Vohra Farewell Committee

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HEADMASTER'S SPEECH At Founder's Day on 10th October, 1998

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcome you to the Founder's Day celebrations of The Doon School. It is our privilege also to welcome our Chief Guest, Mr. P. Chidambaram, M.P. Educated at the Presidency College and Law College, Madras University and at the Harvard Business School. Mr. Chidambaram is a senior advocate of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Chidambaram was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1984 and re-elected in succeeding general elections in '89, '91, '96 and '98. He has held office as Deputy Minister and as Minister of State and held the post of Finance Minister from June '96 till March '98.

Mr. Chidambaram has a wide range of interests, is interested in Modern Literature, especially Tamil Literature. He has traveled widely to South and South-East Asia, Japan, China, USA, Europe and Russia..... and now Dehra Dun. Sir, we are honoured by your visit.

A pleasant part of my duties is to introduce you to members of the Board here this evening. Our new Chairman, Mr. R.C. Bhargava assumed responsibility in December '97 and has a clear vision for the school. In school arithmetic terms Mr. Dhruv Sawhney and Mr. Ravi Vira Gupta form a set because of their keen eye for finance. Mr. Lalit Nirula, General Bilimoria and Air Marshal Jayal also form a set because they're always finding work for the Headmaster in new school projects and to Mr. Vellayan I'll confer the honour of standing alone, for his initiative in getting us a 40 KVA diesel generator for our new projects, though we could not have managed without the generosity of our Class of '70 of this valuable asset. This brings me to Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhary, the outgoing President of the Doon School Old Boys' Society who has been an invitee on the Board during his tenure. Thank you, Sumanjit, for your positive contribution to and appreciation of the Board's work.

It gives me much pleasure to announce the appointment of Prannoy Roy, Old Boy and television journalist as a member of our Board of Governors.

We welcome Mr. Miller, former Headmaster who has come from his home in Britain to attend Founder's Day. Among his achievements he declares he is the self-appointed President of the Society for the Prevention of PT to Doon School Boys.

We acknowledge the work done by Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad who retired last December

after serving four years as Chairman. Mr. Ahmad saw through the completion of vital school projects started in the time of the late Mr. Lovraj Kumar, and was solely responsible for a meteoric spurt in the corpus of the Doon School Scholarship Fund.

Thank you Class of '48 for being here, to celebrate your Golden Jubilee and Class of '73, your Silver Jubilee. May we assure you and your families how much the school cherishes your return to your former home. Some of you have shown appreciation of the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and we are glad you noticed. In the last five years there has been a systematic upgradation of facilities of the school, involving water supply and sewerage, renovation of the School Hospital and Jaipur, Hyderabad and Kashmir Houses as well as the establishment of two new buildings housing the best equipment in science and technology. Our work continues with improvement of external electrification and plans to enlarge and modernise the school kitchen. The emphasis in these major changes has been in the interest of the health and safety of the boys of the school.

There were a few staff changes in the year. Winston Gomez resigned his post of Head of English in May '98 to accept appointment as Principal of Vidyashilp Academy in Bangalore. Mr. R.S. Walia retired as Catering Manager in March '98 after 28 years of service to the school. His was a difficult job, more so because the Central Dining Hall idea was like a volcano that never subsided. He will be remembered for his commitment and dependability.

Mrs. R. Vahali, Librarian and Mrs. N. Vaishnava, Hyderabad House Dame, relinquished their temporary posts in March and July '98 respectively after graciously stepping in on vacancies.

We welcomed to the school Mr. Sanjay Makhija as Catering Manager, Mr. Jacob D. Vakkayil as Librarian, Mr. A.K. Chalasani to teach Environmental Science, Mr. Kamal Ahuja to teach Accounts, Mr. Salim Akhtar Yusufji to teach English and History, Mrs. S. Ray as Dame of Oberoi House, Mrs. N. Manjeshwer as Dame of Hyderabad House, and Ms. H. Lally as Dame of Martyn House.

We were glad to get affirmation of our boys' writing skills in the Albert Barrow All India Inter School Creative Writing Competition conducted by the council in

November '97. We received both awards for the competition, Faiz Tajuddin placing first and Arjun Chowdhary second. At the awards ceremony in Calcutta in December the school also featured as a finalist in the Frank Anthony Inter School Debate and ran the risk of securing awards there as well, but for a tactful rearward action of our debaters, who came third.

On the busy front of activities we had a lean season in cricket but excelled in hockey and football, winning the local Council School's tournament in both. Basketball had wide exposure peaking with a visit to Colombo, Sri Lanka, recently to participate in an inter-School Tournament. Swimming caused a splash with an unprecedented 10 records broken in the Inter House Meet. In Table Tennis Rajat Jain won the District Table Tennis Championship (under 14 and in the sub-juniors category) in November '97 and the Mini State Table Tennis Championship in June '98. In Squash Mihir Raj Kapoor won the North Zone Inter-School Squash Championship in the under 19 category.

The International Award for Young People, exactly co-ordinated by Mr. Derek Mountford has inspired thirty two Bronze, twenty eight Silver and twelve Gold awards in the last year.

This year's English summer production, while setting a new record in brevity, (the audience was advised not to blink) laudably developed an episode in a class text, Dicken's, 'Great Expectations', into an entertaining musical drama, under the direction of Mr. Ashad Qezilbash.

Hindi drama continued to explore contemporary Indian themes under the tutelage of Hammad Farooqi in its summer production in May '98. Staged in a natural setting, outside the Music School, the play 'Chanda' featuring Doon School boys as well as Welham Girls entertained through music, rustic humour and charming sentiment, while raising disturbing questions that probed the Indian psyche.

The Group's latest production, staged in the school on Thursday 8th October, 'Motey Ram ka Satyagraha' continues the school's mission of provoking ideas through drama.

Our English production staged yesterday was in the same vein. Mrs. Phyllis Bose, well respected in Calcutta for her contribution to English theatre graciously accepted our invitation to work with the boys on the Founder's Play, 'The

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Fireraisers'. In the two months Mrs. Bose has worked on this production, the boys have learnt much of the art and discipline of theatre.

The Headmaster and staff of Scindia School, Gwalior paid a goodwill visit to the school in April and played our staff in a cricket match and presented an entertainment for the school. Accustomed as we are to the joys of exchange programs and visitors from far and near this gracious gesture from a fellow community touched us deeply.

In April we sent boys on exchange to Mollified School and Wellington College in Britain, Appleby School and Trinity College School in Canada, Louisenlund in Germany, Ivanhoe Grammar School in Australia, Wanganui Collegiate School in New Zealand and the English School in Cyprus and received students from Australia, the USA, Canada and Britain. Mr. Vijay Pokhriyal of our Mathematics Department left with his family for Britain in August on a one year exchange programme with St. Edward's College Oxford. In his place we are pleased to welcome Mr. Richard Anderson and Mrs. Anderson. Richard has lost no time in taking up his duties of teacher and tutor and is sharing his experience of the IAYP programme.

For fifteen years our Dr. Biala has shown a generation of students the great thrill of outdoor adventure by taking them on cycling, rafting and mountaineering expeditions. This June he led a nine member team South of Everest to Island Peak, of whom Dr. Shukla, Aparajita Biala, Chandrashekhar Nagar, Rituraj Sinha and Attul Pandey reached the summit of 20,300 feet. He speaks now of hanging up his crampons and passing on the flag to his able lieutenant, Dr. Shukla. Even if he does so we know the pause in his commitment to this sport will be a comma not a full stop. We thank him for his care.

For many years we have been active members of the Round Square movement around the world involving schools in adventure and service activities. Our staff and student representatives participated in Conferences held in Dehra Dun, Assam and recently in San Francisco and worked on a community service project in Shivpuri near Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Madhav Saraswat, our Round Square representative, had the distinction of being appointed leader of an international project, in Ladakh in July this year.

In other fields of service our boys interact with the children of the Ashwasan Centre on campus, visit a school in Kheri

village regularly and made a substantial voluntary contribution from their pocket money for a major relief project in the Rudraprayag district in August. Staff members and boys traveled to villages in that region and distributed clothes, medicines, blankets and utensils to people who had lost their homes in landslides.

At the start of the new year at a time when the SC Leavers were looking beyond the Board examination to a new life, tragedy struck leaving the school numb and a family inconsolable.

It is with deep regret I record the demise of Farid Nedou (243-HA) a student of the SC Form, of injuries resulting from a car accident, on 12th February, 1998.

In the last board examinations held in March '98 all the school's candidates of the I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. examinations were successful. In the I.C.S.E. (Class 10) Abhishek Singhania secured the best result with 94.4% while in the I.S.C. (Class 12) Rohan Kumar Thakur topped with 93.75%.

We have some of the finest young minds in the country and they find natural growth and expression here in a system which rewards initiative and originality while demanding substance and consistency. It is possible that the non-formal aspects of our training carry further in the building of genuine interests but we cannot afford to slight the formal processes of learning, as in the world of work competence is defined as knowledge tempered by initiative.

It is customary to flog the old cart horse Indian education and moan about examinations and heavy syllabuses. Fortunately, with the Council, schools have active representation in matters of curriculum and examination reform, and in recent years have witnessed a sea change in the system, providing greater flexibility and autonomy. But it remains for individual schools to devise appropriate strategies in curriculum transaction to meet current pressures, particularly weighty syllabuses. This is a direction that this school, ever alert to new ideas, must explore. The world over new insights into effective communication and organised learning are producing beneficial results. As far as we are concerned, the anxious question is: can we preserve our present diverse culture and yet excel academically? The answer is an unwavering Yes! Provided we rationalise the availability of time for these pursuits, while optimising teaching effectiveness.

The school continues to explore new modes of communication in learning. Following the establishment of our Information Technology Centre last year the

Department has made rapid strides in the provision of computer aided learning systems as well as internet facilities for students and staff. I would like to record my appreciation of the resourceful help of Mr. Jayant Hari Har Lal who has recently taken over as Co-ordinator of the services of the IT Centre. There is much ground to be covered in exploiting the potential of technology in learning and we are committed to the project. Moving in that directing half the staff recently undertook a training programme in computer applications and the other half will do so later.

Not that the human factor has undergone a depreciation in the school milieu, as the activities of the Teachers' Centre will bear out. In the last year the Centre, which has 32 member schools, has held over twenty educational workshops and seminars, including a three week Contact programme on the teaching of English by the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages. The Centre also conducts outstation programs and educational audits.

In an experiential learning exercise in January this year, Faiz Tajuddin, Rajit Singh Shinh, Rohit Agarwal and Anirban Mukherjee visited the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. They stayed in the institute for the period of a month, working in the department of Physics. They were able to synthesize a superconductor and test its physical properties, using advanced analytical equipment. The report which they submitted on the return, also included discussions on several research laboratories that the team visited while in Bangalore.

No record of the school's achievements would be complete without an acknowledgment of the work of our domestic staff in looking after this campus. The administration and faculty work hard, adjusting to new modes and new technology. Your respect for their work is their greatest encouragement.

And the boys? We have reason to be positive about the future of this school community. This confidence does not come merely from the huge advantages we enjoy or a presumption of a privileged future. It comes from the promise that the boys now who. Let us hold them to that promise then, parents and teachers, through a nurture of vigilance and care, setting an example ourselves and expecting only the best. We will then have done our duty.

John Mason

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CLASS OF 1959

The response this time was rather good and over 33 people replied, though some had to be really prodded. Clear majority are in favour of organising something for our 40th anniversary of our successfully completing our school education! I am going to request some of us in Delhi to get together and work out the programme and logistics for organising this do.

LALIT MEHRA (The real and larger Lalit) writes that he is continuing to sell equipment and raw material to the wire and cable industry. He says that the slow down of the economy is not causing him any anxiety as it would have done when he was younger (Lalit - it is not age but the amount of money you have made!). He is no longer as active in Rotary and writes that "he is deeply involved with provision of health care and education to the needy section of society. A long cherished dream to set up an Outpatient facility has become a reality and we serve about 100 patients a day with free consultation and free medicines at a Medical Centre set up by our family Trust in Delhi. The school that I am involved in running provides free education to little over 400 children and provides vocational training to little over 100 ladies. With time I have progressed to become a grandfather. My daughter Priya and her husband Rajesh had a son in January 1996. Time will tell whether he too will join the DOSCO ranks. Our son Pran, after working for 4 years both in India and abroad, completed an MBA at INSEAD in France and is now working with the Business Consulting group of Arthur Anderson in London".

ARYA SHAH writes from Dehradun that "I am continuing with my farming and orchards. I am also taking a lot of interest in our religious and education institutions, base in Singhai, of which I am the President. This entails my spending a great deal of time in Singhai" Ganju is looking well and spent a few days with me with December '98.

ASKARI IMAM writes that "Having involved myself in rehabilitation of child labour in the carpet industry of Eastern Uttar Pradesh for over 9 years, I have just passed on the captaincy of the social organisation to a retired judge of the Allahabad High Court. In these 9 years our team was able to raise four schools which together are catering for 1000 rescued children. Initial years were very difficult, but, over time the Society was able to attract a number of donors. With this now behind me I am a gentleman at large, living off my property in Bihar. I am in Patna every quarter, for at least a month on each visit. Delhi appears to have made Bihar its role model and I am less uncomfortable when people here ask me how I survive in Patna. I tell them that if you can survive in Delhi you can easily survive in Patna".

He also gave a short note on the situation in Bihar, where people are in the habit of utilising their urinary tract in an immodest

manner. He writes that "Since Delhi is now faithfully following Patna, the national capital can borrow one other aspect of civic improvement in which Patna has introduced an innovation. Formerly, roadside walls used to carry notices reading 'URINATING HERE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED', or 'DO NOT URINATE AGAINST THIS WALL' In a classic case of perversity the offender would make it a point to discharge his bladder right under these notices. The authorities decided to try out an original idea. These notices were replaced by fresh notices reading, 'ONLY DONKEYS URINATE HERE' and 'LOOK AT THAT PIG URINATING HERE', and 'URINATING ALLOWED ONLY FOR DOGS'. This has had a salutary effect. Men no longer pee against the roadside walls, and instead do so right on the road facing the traffic!"

RAMESH KOHLI writes that "The class of '59 has indeed produced many successful individuals and some with great achievement to their credit. My finance business continues to grow at a moderate and steady pace, and with some good investments over the years, it remains sound. I have just began work on a very modest project of collecting and providing sports equipment to three village schools in close proximity to Son".

He will give more information in the next Rose Bowl and looks forward to advise and suggestions.

COL. GURNAM S. GUJRAL says that "After seeking premature retirement from the Army, and having dabbled enough in Export of Precious Metals across the developed world, I, along with my son, Ankush Singh Gujral (Ex 369-HB-1990), are now members of the National Stock Exchange. Our firm, Gamma Investments, is a leading investment consultancy firm in the Capital Market with consultancy services in Portfolio Management for large FI's, FI's and Banks along with the usual Stock-Broking activities".

AFTAB SETH is posted as Indian Ambassador in Vietnam and has sent a log detailed letter of his work there. As usual he is very active in promoting relations between India and Vietnam. (I think he is probably one of the IFS officers who really understands the primal importance of trade in Diplomacy).

He writes that "I think many of our old boys, engaged in business ventures or in the field of education, would find fertile ground and more importantly, friendly ground, if they were to venture forth and establish a presence in this country.

The children were with us briefly this summer. Ishan graduated from Harvard in 1996 and having done two years of work and training at Morgan Stanley in New York has now moved to London for a third-year with the same bank. He may try to do an MBA after he finishes the year at London. Competition is fierce and costs astronomical. So much will depend on his hard work and his luck.

Priyanka, after graduating from Bryn Mawr last year, worked at an exclusive girls' school in Manhattan teaching 8-year olds. She enjoyed that very much and has decided to do a Masters in education at Columbia University, New York. She was fortunate enough to get a fellowship which covers some of her costs and her course would last about a year." If anyone wants to do business in Vietnam, contact Aftab - it seems like a market with great potential.

DHIRENDRA KUMAR (Dhiru) is based in Calcutta and is now a grand father and enjoying this phase of life. He says "Calcutta - has become much more liveable and enjoyable. Thanks God for that. Quality of life is definitely better than what it was 4 to 5 years ago".

D.P.N. SINGH is at present managing the Sarayu Sugar Mills in Padrauna, Uttar Pradesh. His children are now grown up and his moustache is as large as ever though with some gray in it. He writes that "I look forward to the 40th Anniversary of our class of 1959. The group of very young men in their mid fifties - need a little bit of restraint.

Why not something out of ordinary apart from the voluminous calorie intake. We could organise the Dehat Sabha, Tunwalas, Adult Education, Debating and a G.K. Lecture to catch up on the forty winks. May be the ladies would welcome seeing some of the social activities during our school days".

ASHOK K. PRAKASH is based in Calcutta and started his own business as a Tea professional in 1986 and had a tough time in the beginning but he writes that he is surviving. He is on the search of Vijay Singal's address and if anyone knows it, please let him know in Calcutta. He writes that "Meera and I have been married since 1969. She is a Travel industry professional and established her own Agency - The Falcon - last year and runs her operations out of my office. We have been blessed with two lively children: Pankaj and Naina. Pankaj (42 HB'96) is with a MNC Forex company at Bombay. We celebrated his marriage in December '96 to Ritika - niece of Dr. Manmohan Khosla, a Dosco settled in the U.S. Naina, awaiting marriage, assists her mother in the travel business and consequently I am submerged under with travel dialogues".

RAMESH CHAND is based in Calcutta. he has sold off his tea garden in 1996 and is now looking for a new business. Both his son and daughter are now married and he seems fairly relaxed and easy.

RANJIT KHUBCHAND (Mony) is based in Delhi and claims that he has been living a blameless, peaceful life. He runs a buying office for exports and with this business travels all over the world. He writes that "My son Rahul, also an ex-Dosco, got married to Neelanjana Uppal - who runs a placement service. They had known each other for a long time, so we were just waiting for them to de-

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side when. He has been with Indus Valley for quite a few years now and is looking after mainly the North American and Australian Markets".

ARUN BAKSHI is now working in Delhi and living in Gurgaon and writes that life has been tough in the last few years. He writes that "I am a promoter of Classic Rugs Pvt. Ltd. which manufactures area design rugs woven with polypropylene pile. We have now diversified into wool pile in both area rugs and carpets (wall to wall). My wife Zara, after being a housewife for so long, has now taken up specialised catering in cakes, desserts and in areas of Thai and Continental cuisine where she has started making wives in Gurgaon and nearby areas of Delhi - and she is enjoying it. The kids, Arjun in 2nd year at S.R.C.C. where he is squash captain, and Zai in the 11th at Shri Ram School, are grown up and pretty independent. Basically work takes up most of my time but I do play golf regularly and fish in season and had a memorable 5 day (mid-term) raft down the Kali river with Vijay Soni and Girijit Majithia among others in May". Great life!

JAGDEV I. SINGH (Woody) is a Doctor and is based in Alamogordo, New Mexico, U.S.A. and has recently married. He writes that "I met Leslie Endean in September '97 and we got married January 23, 1998. I am incredibly transformed from a cynical middle aged art to a happy hopeful newlywed!" is it his 3rd or 4th?

R.P. SINGH (Conky) He is living in Berkeley area just outside San Francisco and writes that "In any case, I am still at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Perhaps because I have been around here for so long (or for some other unfathomable reason). I have been promoted to be the Deputy Director of the Engineering Division, in addition to being the head of the Software Engineering Department. I hope to get back to work on a real project sometime in the next few months, and hand off the Deputy Director role to someone else. Running the Software Engineering Department is not all that time-consuming".

KIM CHAUDHURI is based in Toronto, Canada and it was a pleasure hearing from him after a long time. He is the Leasing Manager at the Bay Lincoln Mercury Sales and seems to be doing well and hopes to come to India to Celebrate the millennium.

PUSHI CHOPRA is based in Delhi and looking the same as he has been for the last 10 years, with a distinguished paunch and a greying beard. he writes that "Since the last few years, my involvement with the Aerospace Industry has somewhat changed to the extent that Daimler-Benz could not understand aerospace and electronics, so after seven years and many billions lost, they sold out to the Americans. We are now working for Fairchild-Dornier whose Headquarters are in San Antonio (Texas) but the plants remain near Munich in Germany. However, I am increasingly engrossed with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on international marketing

and support programmes and also am on the Advisory Committee to the Government of Punjab on Civil Aviation matters. Needless to add, they do not pay a paisa towards any expenses but I do get to carry an official card!

My wife Deepak (and her sister plus friends) have started a pre-school, called the 'Learning Tree' (which has acquired a great reputation) and so we now have more earning members in the family

Our eldest son Vikramjit [ex 467-T] was married to Husnul in December 1996 but both are so busy with their careers that they have no plans for a family just yet. Vikramjit works for Aerospatiale, the French Aerospace Group, while Husnul is with Noble & Hewitt.

Our second son, Karanjit [ex 86-T] spent some years with the Hotel Industry but peeled off to do an MBA in International Marketing and is now working with Standard Chartered Bank.

The youngest, Premjit [ex 440-T] graduated from the London School of Economics in July, 1997 and has since set-up his own company in New Delhi, "Prophetic Ventures" and is working very long hours - but whether he is making any money is too early to say!"

SHATRUJIT S. DEV is in Mumbai and had found that he had three blockages in the Right Coronary Artery with every other artery being disgustingly healthy. However the Doctors have advised that nothing has to be done as yet and he is delighted. He writes that "For those who want to know I am and how I am doing and what I am doing that of course take a sermon or two. In brief, I am being a good boy and regularly polishing my halo, eating what the doctor's prescribe, a mixture of vegetarian food, some raw, some steamed and some cooked. I walk for half an hour in the morning, (7 a.m.) an unusual hour for me but surprisingly I am getting used to it and actually loving the solitude, the morning cool breeze, the plants in the garden and the birds. No, I am not getting senile. Not yet that is. I also walk in the evening (5.30 - 6.30 p.m.) and cover slightly over two miles on both occasions"?

RAVI BAGAI has sent a fax from Mumbai. He writes that "I am moving to Delhi in December/January after spending 20 years abroad. I am starting a new business which will expand nationally."

DILSHER SINGH VIRK (Lolly) is based in Victoria and was last seen in India somewhere in Ladakh clutching on to a paddle for his dear life when he went river rafting. He writes "Thanks to the clean air of Victoria, British Columbia, my family are all in excellent health. Shamsher (17) was at the Doon School for three months in the spring term, and has now been accepted to Pearson College. This is one of the "United World Colleges", of which the latest is the Mahindra College near Pune. Roshan (15) is into sailing and his guitar.

Sadly, Shamsher's reports of the Doon School were no cause for rejoicing. However I was very heartened by my meeting with John Mason who has the right stuff, and is

determined to set school to right again. We should give him all the support we can to restore the discipline and sense of values that prevailed in our day.

Since I had to return to India in hot sticky August, I felt deserving of a break. So I went with Himalayan River Runners for the spectacular drive - Leh - Karl, under Nun Kun and finally to raft down the whole length of the Zaskar River. I have undertaken five major Himalayan expeditions, and I do believe that the scenic splendor of this trip surpassed them all".

VIKRAM KAPOOR (Goofy) is based in Dehra Dun and is very cautious with his words. His email says that "There is much that can be written and more that can not be written. Needless to say I am still involved in spoiling the health of the population in and around the Doon by selling smokes, something that I have been doing for the last 35 years. I now feel that I should do something more healthy so I am thinking of improving their health by selling them good teas. Hope to start in the near future - its never too late to have good intentions - I hope you agree!"

DHRUV SAWHNEY is based in Delhi and writes that "Life certainly is not dull - what with globalisation, liberalisation, depoliticisation (a myth ?), standardisation, customerisation etc. Though inevitable, changes in India and in the environment around us, are leaving very little time to enjoy the good life Dosco-land prepared us so well for.

My son Tarun (age 25) came down from Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1995 and is working with A T Kearney in London, and Nikhil (age 22) is completing his Economics Tripos at Emma. Rati is trying to see that one keeps reasonable hours (not exceeding 9.00 p.m. ?) and has done a super job in getting our home finished in Shimla".

Dhruv is busy with his work and has got hooked on to the lecture circuit.

CHANDER M. RAI writes from Delhi that he has been back in India for the past two years and is the Executive Director of India Today and he writes "One of my major assignments is to look after the music label - Music Today which is also the license for Warner Music world wide".

RAVI KATARI is now in Chennai and set up a garment manufacturing and export business along with his wife Tehazeeb. He writes that "Our daughter, Shaan, studied at Christ Church, Oxford, and has completed her B.A. in Biology and one more in Law. she has been admitted to Bar School and begins her one year course this September. She has also been accepted by Lincoln's Inn. She is also getting married next January, and to an old school mate from Sishya, Madras who is now working in the US. I have just been going through the Old Boys Register and it is extraordinary the types of memories that come flooding back, particularly of school friends whom one has not seen for over 30 years.

Our son Rohan studied 3 years at Doon, and then completed his schooling privately

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in Madras. He is now studying for a B. Com degree, and at present intends to join our company once he is ready for some serious work!"

UMESH SAHAI is based in New Jersey and writes that "I am struggling on in Jersey" (If Umesh calls his life a struggle than I guess we in India have really had it!) He also writes that "Am trying to play a little more golf and tennis but work is interfering. Jersey is a great place to live, except that there are no old school friends here. Ashok Mehra was here with his family this Summer and we had a good week. Saw Lollipop in London on his way to India and I meet up with the odd Dosco in London every now and then. Both our sons have chosen to train as chartered accountants. One is with Price Waterhouse and other with KPMG. They have had some exposure to India recently, what with my brother's daughters getting married in quick succession." If any of you guys want someone to manage your money quietly, Umesh is the guy for you.

GAJBIR SINGH (Billy) is based in Dehradun and comes to Delhi frequently. He was not well a few years ago but is now much better.

JAISINGH JADHAV is in Vancouver, Canada and he writes that "I am doing marketing and consulting work for some local companies dealing with schools and school boards on their yearly requirements.

Personal: married to same woman for 26 years (Maria). 29 years if you include 3 years of living in sin prior to my making an honest woman out of her. In Canada, this longevity alone deserves a medal. I'm sure Maria would say the same thing for putting up with me. Two daughters - Sunita (24 years) and Camilla (21 years). Both are working and still living at home!

Activities: I keep busy with Gym work outs and still cricket and am seriously considering starting an over-50s leaguer as there are too many young whipper-snappers whizzing the ball around my head".

He came to my office a couple of months ago and he was looking terrific with a clean shaven head and a lean hungry look.

FARROKH CAPTAIN is now based in Karachi and writes that "I continue my life as the only Dosco in these parts (Pakistan) for the last 50 years. However I have made up for the shortage of contemporaries by getting together with my senior (pre-partition) Dosco brethren.

Life for me has many parts. I wear several hats. I spend 8 months a year in Karachi and 4 months in Boston. In addition to my chemical manufacturing business, I am on the board of Shell Pakistan. Lately though I am more into a spot of social work. As a trustee of a chain of 7 Free Eye Hospitals all over Pakistan which treats 500,000 blind people each year. Also a bit with Imran Khan and his Cancer hospital. And of course, The Chandbagh School which a group of Paki-

stan Doscos under the splendid leadership of Ghulam Khan Jiffani have built outside Lahore. This has been a very rewarding experience for me. The school is now open. Do come and visit."

SESHADRI RATNAM is based in Delhi and has been working in the Telecom sector which he finds interesting but strenuous. He writes that "Till recently I was Director (finance) with Bharti Telecom, I've now switched to Casio, who make pagers and digital diaries you might have notice our hoardings with Aiswarya Rai and more recently Rageshwari. I look forward to my retirement in a couple of years time and perhaps think of doing something else.

My son Parade, ex Tata B finished his law from the National Law School, Bangalore and worked in Sri Lanka for a couple of years, He is pursuing higher studies at the University of Warwick in England. Daughter Maya completed her schooling from Modern School and is doing her BA Economics from Lady Shriram College. My wife Sudha teaches Sanskrit. Barring minor aches and pains I am active with tennis and swimming at the Delhi Gymkhana - would any '59ers like to join me for a game. My tennis is decent-great progress from the days of struggling to make it to Juniors II for Tata House."

KUSHAL DAYAL is apparently not well. His brother wrote back that Kushal is living in Delhi, he is unmarried and suffered from a stroke. He wrote "Kushal suffer from a stroke (though not paralysed) a few years back, resulting in impairment of speech, reading and writing. This is the reason why his letters are going unreplied."

GURJIT SINGH DHILLON hurt his right eye and under went treatment and surgery since September '98. He writes that "whether the vision shall be restored or not the Doctors are not certain but hopeful". I am sure he is going to be able to use his right eye as good as when he was a full back on the football field in 1959.

RAVI JAIN (known as 60 Jain) family replied after two reminders with a great marketing letter as he mentioned all about our restaurants and nothing about himself. From his address I noted that he is with J.K. Industries and I presume in their Tyre division.

AMARIINDER SINGH is so busy that his Private Secretary called (name not given) my Secretary saying that Maharaja is very busy right now and if any information is needed he would be happy to give it to us. My secretary says "I told him that this was for the Doon School Rose Bowl so he could send any latest information about the Maharaja for this purpose. He said - "you can record my statement regarding the information I want to give about the Maharaja. Then I told him if he could fax the same to us, it could serve our purpose. He then disconnected the call after giving me his number." Wow !!!

Now some news of the people who did not reply:

JITENDRA ARORA - No news - good or bad!

INDERJIT BADHWAR - is seen in Delhi of and on, like the Golden Oriole in school.

VINOD KOHLI - is a stock broker and with the way the stock market is I do not blame him for not replying.

ANAND PERSHAD - is in Delhi upto no good I hope.

JYOTI P. SAHI - is specialising on restoration of church paintings, not nudes!

ANIL CHOPRA - is in Mumbai (He and I think so).

AMAR DUTT - if rumours are right, is a judge of law, not morality.

VIJAY MOHAN NATH - I am told, is still in Delhi and working on mobile objects.

SHAILANDRA PRASAD - should still be in Lucknow, enjoying mujras.

SURAJ MOHAN RAI - is in Mumbai and as wicked as ever - he was the one who shocked the Blackie and Whiteie in the hospital in 1958.

JAGDIP SINGH - is in Delhi and "looks" as straight as ever.

ROMI CHOPRA - usual flamboyant seen in Delhi!

ARUN SINGH - is hale and hearty and seems to not want to leave the hills of Kumoan hills for more than two weeks at a time.

NARESH BAJAJ - rumour was that he left the army and is working in real estate development company in Goa? Some people have all the luck!

ASHOK K. MEHRA - is back in Delhi and is looking a greying 18 year old.

And finally CAPT. BALDEV SINGH is missing though he is around somewhere (so his family tells me) in Haryana.

I am very sorry to inform you that I have heard from Arun Singh that Shivendra Bahadur Singh passed away in December.

I am based in Delhi and enjoying this segment of life, in respect of both business and home. My wife is very involved with the crafts world. My elder daughter, Pallavi is doing her Master of Management in Hospitality at Cornell University and my younger daughter, Devaki, is in first year of her Bachelors course in Design in Delhi.

To those of us outside Delhi - I look forward to meeting you when you are next in Delhi and hope we can arrange a good get-together in October, 1999.

My best wishes to all of you for a great 1999.

Lalit Nirula
[ex 142-K '59]

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Dear Sir

I was in the class of 1939 which would be completing 60 years of passing out in 1999. So far no class has celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. I am proposing that our class should be the first to do so in 1999. We would like classes of 1937 and 1938 to join us in celebrating their Diamond Jubilee. As we were a small community it may be a good idea to invite others who had joined school in 1935.

Through your columns I would request all eligible Old Boys to get in touch with me with their suggestions and proposals for the get together at the following address

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As considerable time will be required for planning it is requested that Old Boys contact me immediately.

Suresh Bhargava
[ex- 181-T '39]

DOSCO Register '98

Many Old Boys collected copies of the Register during the Founders Day Celebrations in School in October 1998. Free copies were mailed to all Old Boys who had responded by forwarding their Personal Particulars Proforma before 31st July 1998. The remaining copies are being sent to all Regional Representatives in India and abroad. Old Boys desirous of acquiring a copy can collect it from them. Errors and omissions in the register may please be communicated to the Executive Secretary in writing at the earliest.

Entering into the 21st Century

The world will enter the 21st century in the year 2000. Old Boys are invited to write in their suggestions to the Executive Secretary on how the DSOBS should commemorate the event in India as well as abroad.

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Funds for the Doon School Old Boys Society

Where will they come from and how will they be spent

At the last Annual General meeting of the Society the President spelt out in considerable detail the measures being taken by the Society to raise funds. He also outlined how it was intended to utilise these funds since only a limited number of members of the Society were able to attend the AGM. This note in the Rose Bowl is intended to inform all members of the Society of the policy being followed to raise funds and our plans for the spending of these funds.

Where will the money come from

The Society is unique in the respect that it has no annual membership fee. It has perforce to resort to other means to raise the funds to fulfill its objectives. The following have been identified as the sources where funds can be raised for the Society:

- The Credit Card Scheme in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank and Citibank whereby the banks will issue DOSCO dedicated credit cards and in turn give the Society a lump sum as well as a small percentage of the spend on each card.
- Invitation to DOSCOs who have these cards to subscribe Rs. 250 per month through these cards for a period of two years.
- Sponsored special events such as the film premiere.
- By contributions from individual classes

who may make a specific collection for a stated purpose. Examples are the School Expedition Project sponsored by the class of 67 and the Archives Project undertaken by the class of 75. The funds from such contributions go to the school.

- With the splendid initiative of the Classes of '44, '45 and '46, collections made by classes at the time of celebrating their Golden or Silver Jubilees are donated to the corpus of the Society's Bursary Fund the income from which is utilized towards bursaries of sons of DOSCOs studying at the Doon School.

The Executive Committee will always welcome any additional suggestions from its members on additional ways of raising funds.

Where will the money be spent

Plans for spending the money collected include the following:

- Build up a corpus of Rs one crore. Of this utilize approximately Rs. 45 lakhs towards acquiring a permanent office for the Society, use the income from about Rs. 35 lakhs towards the establishment costs of running the Society and give about 20% of the amount to the School in keeping with current policy of donating a proportion of funds raised to the school.
- The present net surplus of Rs. 35 lakhs to remain as a cushion.
- Utilize the collections made for a dedicated purpose for funding those activities at

school such as the archives project or the school expedition.

- Towards financial aid to students. The financial aid is being approved by a committee consisting of the President or Vice President of the Society, the Chairman of the Bursary Committee and one more co-opted member of the Society's Executive Committee. The financial aid concurrently under distribution includes a full scholarship for one student at the Doon School, aid to the children of the late Dilip and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pant, financial aid for six students at the Salangaon School run by the John Martyn Memorial Trust as well as financial aid in the form of bursaries to the extent of Rs. 25,000 per year to the sons of DOSCOs studying at the Doon School.

- We can do a whole lot more particularly by extending bursaries to the sons of DOSCOs studying at the school. The Executive Committee makes a special appeal to the Class Representatives of all classes celebrating their Golden or Silver Jubilees to make a dedicated collection for the Bursary Fund of the Society. In keeping with the splendid example of the classes of '44, '45 and '46 the Society would welcome this practise being made a voluntary rule as part of all Jubilee celebrations.

Lt. Gen. Gurbir Man Singh
[ex 176-T, '46]

Chairman Bursary Sub-Committee

New DOSCO Website

What to stay in touch with DOSCOs? Want to know how you can participate and learn about the events and activities of the Doon School Old Boys Society? Visit the dsobs web site at www.dsobs.org where you can keep up with DOSCOs events, happenings and read the Rose Bowl and the Weekly. Sign up for the e-mail newsletter and stay in touch with the Doscos worldwide, from the comfort of your living room.

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INAUGURATION OF THE CHANDBAGH SCHOOL AT PAKISTAN

Information has been received that the official inauguration of The Chandbagh school at Lahore which was scheduled for February 1999 has been postponed. The final date will be intimated later.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 29, 1998.

Dear Sir,

When I joined school in 1949, the student community was a homogeneous mixture having representation from practically all the states of the country. This was a beautiful blend and something like our Armed Forces, where we learn to value the customs and traditions of others.

Today this representation has changed and the Doon School has become more of a Delhi School.

There is something wrong in the way we are selecting and marketing our school. Like corporate bodies the school needs a marketing consultant. It has to alter this concept and regain its national image.

Yours sincerely,

Major R.N. Wahal (Retd.)

[ex 92-J '54]

Calendar of Events 1999

1. West Bengal Get Together in Calcutta	29th January, 1999
2. 82nd Executive Committee Meeting in Delhi	12th February, 1999
3. South India Get Together in Hyderabad	February, 1999
4. River Rafting Expedition, Rishikesh for Old Boys and Families	19th - 21st March, 1999
5. Founders Day at Dehradun	22nd - 24th October, 1999
Old Boys and Jubilee Dinners	20:30 hours on 22nd October
At Home for Old Boys	20:00 hours on 23rd October
Founders Day Dinner	20:45 hours on 23rd October
DOSCOs AGM	12:00 hours on 24th October
Old Boys' Lunch	13:00 hours on 24th October

River Rafting Expedition

The DSOS is organising a River Rafting Expedition from Friday, March 19th to Sunday, March 21st, 1999 - a three day adventure trip on the banks of the River Ganges (Venue: LEOPARD BEACH TENTED CAMP - the Camp is set amid pristine environs on a secluded beach by the Ganges River, 16 Km from Rishikesh) - the River Rapids/Forests/Sandy Beaches ensuring an environment that we could only experience in our School days.

However, with the excitement is the absence of what we would refer to today as - "luxurious well appointed rooms, direct dialing, room service etc." - instead, we have the wilderness with a pollution-free habitat, the River Rafting, Kayaking, Swimming, Volleyball, Bonfires, etc., the tents with basic living facilities and, with all of the above, the assurance of an experience of a lifetime. In fact, being an absolute must for nature freaks and an eye opener for cityslickers - let's just go ahead and have a wonderful time with our wives, kids (anyone else is welcome, as ever) and, hopefully, relive mid-terms.

Cost/Tariff : Rs. 6,000/- per couple including Boarding and Lodging (Travel costs to Campsite and back are excluded).

The Camp accommodates not more than 60 person, the list to be definitely finalised by mid February, 1999 on a first come - first served basis. You are requested to send your participation letters alongwith a Cheque/Draft favouring "SNOW LEOPARD ADVENTURE" payable at New Delhi for the above amount, to the address given below:

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