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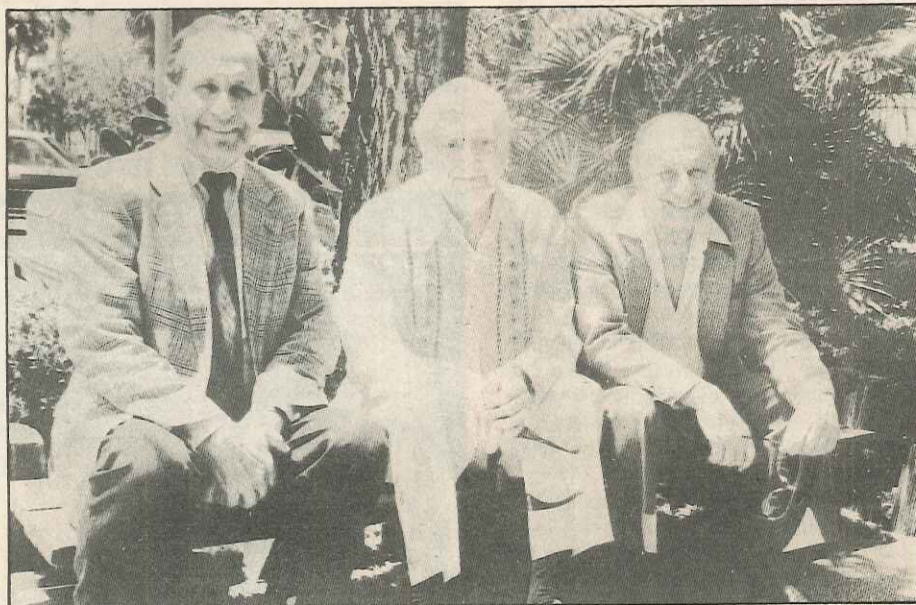
News from across the border; Mustafa Anwer Hussein (ex 82J) writes for the Doon School Society of Pakistan, "The Chandbagh School has not yet started functioning for one reason or the other. However, you will be happy to note that a lot of progress has been made in this regard. We will shortly be involved in the process of holding a competition for the pre-qualified architectural consultants, after which the detailed drawings will be undertaken by the winners, for further work. I am sure you can imagine our anxiety to get the School going quickly". Sure we do! He also informs us of the appointment of Jamsheed. K.A. Marker (ex 1265-J) as Pakistani ambassador to the United Nations.

● Mohammad Ali Khan (ex 102J) also writes from Pakistan. At the time he wrote to us, which was sometime in July, he was the leader of the opposition in the Senate of Pakistan (Upper House). He writes to say that in the days of Mr. Junejo, he was the leader of the House.

● After completing his MBBS in AFMC Pune, where he was the silver medalist, Raja C.V. (ex 33 KB) did his MNAMS from the Apollo Hospital in Madras, which is one of India's leading cardiac centres. Here he assisted in a thousand open heart and bypass surgeries. In May this year he secured his fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons in London. He is currently working with the National Health Centre in the UK as a surgeon. Raja has been offered super specialisation in Boston USA in heart transplant surgery. If he accepts it, he will be the first Indian to do the heart transplant.

● C.S. Dutt (ex 822-KB) is currently Vice President of the Sherson Len Hutton Inc. After leaving school, he did his B.Com from Sydenhams Bombay, and followed it up with an MBA from Rochester University, specialising in computer systems & international finance. Sunil Michael Caleb (ex 901Kb) is on his way to becoming a godman! Currently, at the United Theological College in Bangalore pursuing a Bachelor of divinity degree, he hopes to become a pastor with the church of North India by April 1992. Sunil got married to Jose earlier this year.

● Mohsin Ali OBE (ex 254H) sends his regards to all "mutual old friends" with a spe-



(L to R) Khursheed Marker (ex 127J), Mr. WL Clough, and Jamsheed Marker (ex 126J)

cial invitation to dinner for Col. P.C. Khanna! His address - 3001 Veazey Terrace, NW, Apartment 316, Washington, DC 2008.

● - Brigadier Inderjit Singh Dhillon (ex134H) took over as Chief Engineer of a Corps in the Eastern Sector in July this year, after finishing his M. Tech from IIT, Delhi. "Never too late to study", he forcibly adds! His address is 44 Dhaura Kuan Part I, New Delhi-110 010.

● - After completing his Masters from the Pennsylvania Law School in April 1990, Shivbir Singh Grewal (ex 378KA) has joined Graham and James, an International Law firm. His address is C/o Graham & James, 725 South Figueroa Street, 34th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017-5434 USA.

● Vikram Khanna (ex 19TB) is a sophomore at Bryant College in the United States. He has been chosen as an orientation leader and a resident assistant.

● Chandradas Mathur (ex 397K) has been with the Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Excise) since 1977 and is currently Deputy Director of Revenue Intelligence in Bangalore. He writes, "to give my old friends a shock, on Republic Day 1990, I was awarded the President's Award for specially Distinguished Service in the anti smuggling field and devotion to duty".

● Sandeep Dalal (ex 426Tb) is at Columbia University, pursuing a Masters in International Finance and Banking. He has been designated as The Hyatt Fellow at the University. Sandeep continues to contribute to various publications, and has been elected to the Board of Editors of the Journal of International Affairs, a publication with a world wide readership. His address: 362 Riverside Drive 6AB New York, NY 10025 USA Tel: (212) 662-3037.

● Sandeep Bhargava (ex 738K) is working with the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd as an Assistant Manager. He is currently posted in Delhi. He had earlier completed two post graduate diplomas, one in Business Management from XLRI, Jamshedpur, and the other in International trade from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in New Delhi.

● After completing his BS degree in Chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in December 1986, Ajay Chadha (ex 931Tb) worked as a high school teacher at a school in California. He later moved to North Carolina to pursue his Masters in Environmental Management from Duke University. Ever since he received his masters in 1989, he has been working with an environmental consulting company in Chapel Hill NE. Ajay is disappointed about lack of information

about his class. Class of '82, get in touch – 106 Pinegate Circle Apt 7, Chapel Hill, NC 27574.

• Dr. K. Srinivas(ex 186 T) continues to awe us with his awards and has recently been elected Honorary corresponding fellow. American Academy of Neurology. He was also awarded the (Capt.) Dr. C. Venkaiah Memorial Gold Medal in Vijaywada in November.

• Vijit S. Malik (ex 265Hb) graduated from Muskingham College, Ohio in May 1989. He is now working with ANZ Grindlays Bank in Madras. Parash Moni Das (ex 298H) heads the Sonam Gyatsho Mountaineering Institute in Gangtok. On June 13 last, he led a team and personally made the first ascent of a peak in North Sikkim, Chummakhang East.

• Virendra Singh (ex15H) has been promoted to the rank of "Commander" in the Indian Navy. He is currently the Deputy Director of Naval Training at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi.

Not to be outdone in the world of glamour, Roshan Seth (ex186 J) is shooting in the US for Mira Nair's latest venture, "Mississippi Masala".

• In our very own Bollywood, Chandrachud Singh, (ex 484Jb) is shooting in Goa for his first film "Jab Pyar Kiya tho Darna Kya?". We believe his screen name will be Siddhant Singh. (Very tasteful-Ed)

• Prashant Sharma (ex 154Ja) has joined the INS Mandovi Naval Academy through the National Defence Academy.

• Puneet Singh Kochar (ex 367 Ta) is in the final year of B. Tech at IIT Kharagpur. He was recently elected Vice President of the Technology Student's Gymkhana.

• Bharat Dube (ex 489 Ha) has quit the UN to join the Legal Department of Cartier International in Geneva, Switzerland. Sudhanshu Kumar (ex 171 Ta) is joining the Naval Academy at Goa for Naval Engineering. He has been selected for a direct technical entry into the Navy.

• Soojay Banerjee (ex 382Tb) has left for Pennsylvania State University, where he received a scholarship and fellowship to complete his PhD in Polymers, Organo-metalic & Analytical-Organic Chemistry with drug designing!

• Milind Sharma (ex 151TA) has completed the International Examination and has secured forty four out of forty five points placing him in the top 2% in the world.

• Rahul Rana (ex 672TA) has switched banks from Solomon Brothers to Chase Manhattan, New York City.

• PN Banerjee (ex 74T) has recently translated and published Atul Prashad Sen's "selected Poems" from Bengal.

• Pavan Vaish (ex 372K) has finished his B Tech (honours) from IIT, Kharagpur. He was awarded the silver medal, and is currently at Carnegie Mellon University.

FOR THE RECORD

Marriages

Our congratulations to the following Old Boys on their marriages.

Pavan Sher Singh (ex 114 Ja) to Rajani Singh Sanjay Dutt (ex 35 Kb) to Premita

Sanjay Aggarwal (ex 86T) to Sonika Gupta

Sanjay Kapoor (ex 884) to Rae Elken

Vivek Seth (ex 915Jb) to Mitul Thadani

Raghav Chandra (ex 558T) to Kalpana Aggarwal

Vineet Goyal (ex 81J) to Vandana

Nihal-bin-Iqbal (ex 260Kb) to Deeta Hameed

Rohit Gupta (ex 857Ja) to Dhira-Samanta

Niraj Arora (ex 123Jb) to Reshma

Vivek Chopra (ex 316T) to Alka Dwivedi

Rajiv Minocha (ex 927Jb) to Nandini Chowdhury

Shivraj Anand (ex 97Jb) to Prachi Vashishta

Sanjiv Bathla (ex 158Ta) to Stuti Kuthiala

(sister of Sachin Kuthiala (ex 839T)
Deepak Mohan (ex 624Ka) to Sangeeta

Births

Ramchander Guha (ex 4H) and his wife have been blessed with a son. Our congratulations also to the following – Tarun Tahiliani and his wife on the birth of a boy, Sanju Morya (ex 415 Ta) on the birth of a son and Harshul Sondhi (ex 161KB) and wife Gail on the birth of a daughter.

Deaths

We regret to announce the death of the following old boys,

Sandeep Malhotra (Cutlet) (ex 460 Jb)

Surinder Singh Chowdhary (ex 247)

Hasan Ahmed (ex 52T)

Mr. K.K. Batish (Hindi Department '73-'77)

Dr. Ramaswami Mani (ex 72 H)

Academics

Dhananjaya Singh (ex 465 Ha) is pursuing an M. Phil in "The Economics & Politics of Development", at Peter house in Cambridge University.

Ravi Lochan Singh (ex 458 Ha) is currently studying at Bond (?) University, in Australia.

Shailendra Sinha (ex 156Ta) has finally gained admission into St. Stephens College.

Jeevan Jyoti Bihari (ex 201 Ha) is at Muskingham.

Manish Tibrewal (ex 551 HA) has enrolled in NIFT in New Delhi.

Anish Gupta (ex 537 JB) has left IIM Ahmedabad and is holding his nose high at Cambridge.

Sanjiv Kumar (ex 570HA) Naini Kumar (ex 640JB), and Gagan Maini "Colonel Haathi" (ex 492HA) are at the Delhi School of Economics.

Siddhartha Sangneria (ex 503 TB) is doing

his M.S. in Chemistry at the Pennsylvania State University.

Rajiv Paliwal (ex 357KA) is doing Hotel Management in Switzerland.

Nitin Sawhney (ex 799T) has completed his MBA at the University of Pennsylvania.

Vinay P. Kapoor (ex 371) is at the Indian Military Academy!

Ajay Labroo (ex 7TA) has completed an MBA course at Mercer in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rajat Bhattacharya (ex 44T) and Sarabjit Singh Bindra (ex 28T) are doing their Business Studies in California.

Deepak Chandra (ex 277TB) & Vikram Haksar (ex 285HA) are both at Cornell University pursuing MS in Computer Studies and a Ph.D in Economics respectively.

Vikram Dhawan (ex 306JB) has joined the Institute of Management at Ghaziabad for an MBA.

Soami Satsangi (ex 629TA) is doing his Ph.D in Chemistry at the State University of New York.

Siddhartha Pradhan (ex 153HA) is studying Medicine at the Moscow State University in Moscow.

Mahendra Kumar (ex 144KB) is at the Indian School of Mines in Dhanbad.

Career

Keshav "Cashew" Nath (ex 391Jb) has joined the TISCO Computer Service Division in Calcutta.

Rajat Mohan (ex 269Ka) is Pilot Officer in the Indian Air Force & is currently posted in Tezpur.

Jaidev Singh (ex 242 Ha) is now in Boston working for Digital Equipment Corporation.

Samir Kukreja (ex 179Hb) is working at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia (Hope he hasn't cooked that up-Ed).

OLD BOYS GET-TOGETHER AT MADRAS



Lef to right – Vijit Malik, Sudhir Sharma, Tippy Brar, Mct. Muthiah, Ravi Katari, Vinoo Hoon and R. Muthu.

The 2nd Madras Old Boys Get-together of 1990 was held on the night of Saturday 10 November at the Chola Sheraton Hotel courtesy of "Bubbloo" Kant (ex 10T 1955-61). In extremely pleasant surroundings – open air, lawn, cascading waterfall and a four piece string band – a surprisingly good turn out was achieved. Good fun was had by all – Vijit Malik (ex 265HB) had come equipped with his guitar, and apart from giving us quite a few well sung numbers led us all into various group 'sounds' in which Mr. and Mrs Hensman and Shivanthini their daughter (ex 391 HB) also participated. Other keen singers but clearly never part of the school choir, were M. Ct. Muthiah (ex 114H), Romesh Kant, H. Kapur (ex 15H), Tippy Brar, Sudhir Sharma (ex 249H), the writer and a few others whom I cannot recall (bit of a blur!)

A very pleasant surprise was that there were three Old Boys from out of town – Mr. Venkata Ramana Rao (ex 23T) from the U.S. who turned out to be the seniormost Old Boy present, Vikash Varma (ex 18KA) from Calcutta and Col. 'Tippy' Brar (ex 231J) from Wellington.

The other who were more interested in a better use for their throats and therefore hovered around the bar were K.R. Palta, A. Vellyan (ex 87T), Ramesh Rajan (ex 681 HA), Vinoo Hoon (ex 201H), 'Dinky' Batliwala (ex 134K), Dr. K. Srinivas (ex 186T), M.A. Murugappan (ex 133T), Diwakar Murthy (ex 218J), Brijendra Sharma (ex 148H), R. Muthu (ex 373H), Manoj Kapur (ex 339 HA), D.G. Rajan (ex 307H), M.K. Bhargava (ex 96J), Alok Bhargava (ex 196 JB) and N. 'Shaky' Malhotra (ex 214 JA).

After an initial segregation into "them" and "us" the wives succeeded in breaking up the male groups and it no longer resembled a typical DOSCO evening! The highlight of the evening was a Lucky Dip which consisted of various gifts donated by the Old Boys and these were drawn and given away by Mrs Venkata Ramana Rao. As usual, the Hensman family walked away with the 1st prize - a sports cycle from T.I. We had thought of having a few inter-House games but the weightage was so one-sided that it really was a 'no-contest' (as always!). We had a few extra instead!

The house-wise strength was:

H-11 OB's
T-6"
J-5"
K-2" (including a visitor!)

I understand that there might be a few Old Boys in and around Madras who have not made their presence known and this is a request to them to please do so, so that we can keep you informed about future get-togethers.

RAVI KATARI
(ex 204-H)

GET-TOGETHER LUCKNOW MARCH, 1990

Old Boys with great enthusiasm decided to hold 'DOSCO-OLD BOYS' get-together to welcome a senior serving Dosco in the Army, Gen. Billimoria (ex 76-K) GOC-in-C Central Command. The Dosco Cocktail & Dinner was attended by more than forty old boys with their wives at the Mohammad Bagh Club, Lucknow. It was a sense of 'deja-vu' that prevailed. This was the third Annual Old Boys' meeting and quite a few of the old boys were keen that there should be more get-togethers.

Gen. Billimoria made an impromptu speech which included a brief recollections of his association with the school and the vintage days.

The old boys presented the 'Lady Guests' with their melodious heart warming rendition of school songs including A-nanda Lo-ke etc.

Pradeep Mathur and Sidharth Prasad did an excellent job in organising the get-together.

CLASS OF 1959

It is time again for the annual Newsletter for which the response has been quite reasonable considering how involved most of us are in our day to day activities.

Jagdev Singh (Woody) writes from New Mexico about his joys since 1989: "My second divorce was final since 1989 and I celebrated with a bottle of Dom Perignon with a friend from Medical College days who happened to be here that day. My older son graduated from Georgetown 'cum laude' and is now working in California for a couple of years before going back for his MBA. I moved to Alamogordo to my new address: 1909 Cuba Suite 1, Alamogordo, NM 88310, Tel. (505) 437-1900 (505) 434-1327.

Woody further writes: "I had to pay for the aftermath of my divorce, which I am sure, you know is a very painful affair in USA. Anyhow, no more marriages for me, it is now the single life and freedom!"

He says he met Conky in Berkeley and says that "I am amazed that whereas I have married twice and picked two basic lemons, here is Conkey who got married after a two week courtship, made out like a bandit and stays happily, married for the foreseeable future! Almost makes you wonder about 'fate'."

Arya Shah (Ganju) writes from Dehra Dun that he is busy with agriculture and orchards and it is giving him more and more satisfaction as the years pass by. (My feeling is that this is correct, as it gives him more and more time to reflect on the battle of Waterloo!)

Dilsher Virk (Lollipop) is in Canada and writes to say that all is reasonably well. He writes: "I started back in my old business (DV Digital Videosystems Ltd.). We have just completed a contract for the BC Ministry of Highways and Transportation; filming and collecting data on 14,000 KM of major roads in BC.

(If he did this for the Delhi-Dehra Dun road and used it as a game in North America, he could offer a fortune to any Canadian who could drive to Dehra Dun without an accident.)

Lolly has two sons - Shamsheer (9) and Roshan (7) who have started the school year well and both are getting quite proficient in french, soccer, piano, archery and choir which are their extra curricular activities. He writes that Shamsheer managed to put his fist through the front door pane and got 22+ stitches when his mother was with him and both Sharon and he passed out turn by turn at the hospital!

THE IPSS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Almost all the members of the Board of Governors of the Indian Public Schools Society are Old Boys of The Doon School. In October 1990 Lovraj Kumar (ex 168-J) took over as Chairman of the Board from Lalit Thapar (ex 98-J). The other members of the Board are:-

• Mumtaz Ahmed (ex 128-T) • Ashok Gokhle (ex 216-K) • Lt. Gen. B.C. Nanda (ex 287-K) • George Verghese (ex 150-J) • Kamal Nath (ex 366-H) • Bhai Manjit Singh (ex 366-H) • Bhai Manjit Singh (ex 157-J) • Arun Bharatram (ex 36-K)

While Shomie Das (ex 165-H) the present Head Master of The Doon School, is Member Secretary, R.D. Singh who taught at The Doon School during the years 1959-77 and currently Headmaster of the YPS at Mohali,



Lovraj Kumar
Chairman,
IPSS

has also become a member of the Board of Governors.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Old Boy

Notwithstanding the current crisis in the Gulf, which we all deeply regret and hope will come to a conclusion at the very earliest, we foresee an eventful year for the Old Boys Society in 1991 and the years to come. Under Pushy's able stewardship, the DSOBS achieved two milestones. The first was an acceptance by the Board of Governors to have the President of the DSOBS as a permanent invitee to its Board Meetings and other deliberations. The second was the sanction under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act to the DSOBS by the Department. This would enable all donations etc., received by the Society to enjoy a tax free status.

The above achievements would not have been possible but for the untiring efforts of Pushy, Members of the Executive Committee, Pashi Khanna and other well wishers. We would also like to thank the Headmaster, Lovraj Kumar, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Public School Society and other members of the Board for inviting the DSOBS President. I have on behalf of the Executive Committee formally communicated to the Headmaster that it would be a great privilege for us if he would be a permanent invitee to the DSOBS Committee Meetings and other deliberations.

Your Vice President, Harpal Singh and myself have started a series of informal consultations with all the ex Presidents of the DSOBS to try and formulate the objectives of the DSOBS for the next few years, especially in the light of the above achievements. This matter has been also discussed at a series of meetings of the Executive Committee and finally with the Headmaster.

Our objectives and a skeleton of a plan of action covering the finances of the Society, aid to the School, help to the current students and old boys, communication amongst old boys, social activities, community affairs, etc., has emerged, and various sub-committees to handle these activities have been formed. Within the next month or so the Chairman of these sub-committees would finalize their plans of action and we would communicate the same to you shortly thereafter in the form of a brochure. We would also be discussing our plans with Lovraj and other members of the Board (some of whom are in any case party to these decisions as ex-presidents of the DSOBS).

Both Harpal and myself feel tremendously encouraged at the response we have received from all ex-Presidents and members of the Committee, and the fact that we were able to unanimously agree on our objectives and a certain basic plan of action. In the meantime, if any old boy has some ideas he would like us to consider, would he kindly jot these down and send it to Col. Pashi Khanna and we would most certainly give it due consideration.

Once we have sent you the brochure detailing our plan of action, I plan to use the columns of the Rosebowl to give you an update on where we are and also seek your responses on a continuing basis of what you think we should be doing.

My wife Rati joins me in wishing all of you a very Happy and Prosperous 1991.

DHRUV M SAWHNEY
(ex -37 K)

WITH BEST WISHES
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Dilsher also has got his first pair of reading glasses (age is catching up with him!).

Umesh Sahai writes from Channel Islands: "I am plodding on in Jersey, busy looking after other people's money. I go to London frequently on business and whenever I have the opportunity, try and attend old boys gatherings which Suresh Advani organises. I was sorry to miss the last thrash they had this summer for the headmaster.

He further writes: "Both my sons are at Cranleigh, a boarding school in England a few miles out of Guildford in Surrey. I took Aftab's son, Ishaan to Cranleigh for "open day" and he seemed to enjoy it and thought it compared favourably with Doon which was comforting to hear."

Umesh writes that he spent a good part of this year having major alterations done to the house. He regrets that his enthusiasm for carpentry was somewhat lacking in school as he did not progress much beyond the round ruler stage. This led to his being sacked from doing any household jobs because his wife thinks he is completely hopeless in that department. However, being a Dosco, he is unable to accept defeat completely and have directed his energies into gardening, which will surprise his colleagues from the class of '59', as it has his brother. He writes that "For those of you in India who are used to relying on "males" I have to say that you are missing something. Gardening reminds me of quota work except that it is infinitely more enjoyable that clearing dead leaves in Chandbagh. Particularly so, when one can stop every now and then for a glass of wine." Umesh has still not forgotten the incident that occurred 30 years ago. He was sitting behind me on a Lambretta in New Delhi and the Lambretta met with a dog and both Umesh and I went for a fling. Umesh in his inimitable style, did a beautiful swan dive and landed on his chin! For some reason he blames me for the beauty mark he obtained on the chin and not that dog!

Dhirendra Kumar is in Calcutta and he writes that "things have not changed much in this part of the world also. Family-wise—my son Mudit has just joined Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, USA, in the Graduate School of Industrial Management—two years course; and my daughter is now preparing for Class XII Board Exams."

Ramesh Kohli is in Delhi and has two daughters. He says "my children are all doing well and are a source of great happiness to both of us. Our two daughters are very keen horse riders and show jumpers and perhaps amongst the top six in the country in their respective age groups. Our son too is a keen rider but being away at the Doon School for 8 months of the year has shown greater keenness in swimming. The year before last he was the youngest boy in the history of the school to be awarded his swimming colours. I have just heard that he has bettered the 200 metre butterfly stroke record by 40 seconds. His report card is yet to arrive!"

Ramesh has been in finance business since long and moving steadily. Perhaps by the next newsletter there would be more to write about, he says. He writes that Brijesh's death was a great shock and a few months earlier when he met him he had looked fitter than ever.

Aftab Seth is now in Delhi and is the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs looking after external publicity and, as he says, "is up to his eyes". He is keeping very busy doing a tough job of having to be polite to all newsreporters all the time! He writes: "Ishaan, our son, went for three months to Westminster in England. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and saw lots of plays. He is now back at school in the 11th. Our daughter, Priyanka, has enjoyed an enforced holiday, because of the anti-reservation bandh. Fortunately, her flute classes have not been affected by these agitations. She continues

these and is doing well according to her teacher. Pola is also busy pursuing her interest in dance under the guidance of Leela Samson, whose classes she attends regularly."

Kushal Dayal is in Delhi and he writes "Regal goes on sailing without offering much way of work. I am doing a bit of journalism i.e. reading and writing for papers and magazines. But time still hangs very heavy. I have to make a request through your column if some benevolent dosco can offer me some interesting honorary work for part of the day, "(If any one of you can help Kushal, please do write to him C/o. Regal, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110001).

Askari Imam is in Delhi. He is aging very gracefully and looking more and more distinguished each time I see him. His elder son, Sajjad, has completed his graduation with honours in English literature from St. Stephen's and has now been admitted into the Delhi Law Faculty. His younger son, Mustafa, is now in the 7th Class at Modern School, Vasant Vihar and is learning the piano and now plays rather well. Askari says that nine years' gap between the two children is "as somewhere along the line I forgot I had a wife at home". (That really makes me wonder where all he thought he had a wife/wives!).

Lalit Mehra is in Delhi. He writes that the respectful treatment that he gets from the younger generation is due to his wisdom and not age or beauty. He says that "slowly news seems to be more about the younger generation than ourselves. As far as I am concerned I hope to try to become a Director on the Board of Rotary International for the Zone comprising India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan. While I am sure I will not get your support I hope that other saner minded individuals who read your reporting will. Renu has cleared an International Election as a result of which her name is being proposed as Vice President of International Innerwheel and, should she go through successfully, I will have the privilege of basking in the reflected glory." Lalit's daughter is now 22 and after her graduation in commerce she switched to a course in art restoration which she is undergoing at the National Museum. She is also keenly attempting to obtain a personal pilot licence and spends a fair deal of time sitting at the Flying Club waiting for a plane she can fly!

Lalit's son Pran did well in his final examination and has gained admission into Economic Hons. at St. Stephen.

Ashok Mehra (AK) has shifted his residence to 11, Link Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014. AK has acquired a plot of land in western Doon on the banks of the perennial stream Asan in Sheesambada Village, which is about 16 KM from Doon School. He writes that a lot of his wife's time and some of his is taken up in trying to develop this small plot into a small fruit orchard with a cottage retreat and once it is ready, it should prove a good place to hide-out in and also convenient from the point of view of kids going to school."

His daughter is in Welham Girls School and the young son, a little over 5 is not ready for Doon as yet, but is continuing to show great promise as a potential golfer. He further says: "As far as age is concerned why are you insisting on hastening the process because we still have a couple of years before we qualify for "The Old and Bold" and we can still rightfully call ourselves "The Vigorous Youth!"

Arun Bakshi writes from Bandung. "My son, Arjun, joined Doon in April this year and is in K house. Needless to say I am very pleased about this. I am finally returning to India after 11 years to start a business in partnership with friends of mine from Indonesia. I shall be back in Jan. and will live in Delhi where I am bound to meet a lot of my old friends and take up where I left off."

Pushpinder Singh Chopra (Pushy) is in

Delhi and is now the Ex-President of the Doon School Old Boys' Society. He has handed over the charge of Presidentship to another one of our classmates, Dhruv Sawhney. I must say our class has done remarkably well, considering that 3 of the last 9 DSOBS presidents have been from the class of '59.

Pushy, apart from continuing as Chief Executive of Dornier/Deutsche Aerospace in India, has the additional responsibility of overseeing the "Futuristic Vehicles" project for Mercedes Benz, as both these Companies now function under the gigantic umbrella of the Daimler Benz Group. Pushy writes: "My eldest son, Vikramjit, after leaving School completed his English Honours at Delhi University and has just returned from Summer School at Harvard. The number two, Karanjit, is now at St. Stephen's and undergoing national coaching in athletics. The youngest, Premjit, is in "A Form" at School and recently represented Doon in the Inter-School Swimming Competition under the captaincy of Rishi Kohli, son of Vinod (ex 163-T). The old order giveth way to the new!"

Inderjit Badhwar finally replied and writes: "Sorry for not responding earlier, but with 'India Today' it is either a matter of unending travel or burning the midnight oil bringing out the magazine. That should give you a pretty good response to your question about what I have been doing these last few years. To more specific I am the Executive Editor which means a lot of shit work! But there are moments of intense pride—for example 'India Today' being adjudged Asia's Best Magazine for two years running by the Asia Pacific World Publishing Congress against stiff international competition."

I must add that Inderjit is alive and well as I have actually met him twice in the last two weeks.

Ravi Katari is still in Madras and he, along with his wife, established a garment manufacturing facility and they are primarily engaged in exporting children's dresses and intend to branch out into local sales before very long. Ravi and Tehzeeb are equally involved in this and she does the glamour part i.e. design/sales/development and, of course, foreign visits and Ravi says that he does the dirty work! Ravi writes that "apart from this, I am quite active in our golf world here in the South—organising tournaments, making movies, playing (!).

Ravi's daughter, Maithili Shaan, 17, just completed her 10th and is very actively involved in dramatics and has got to yellow belt stage in Karate. His son, Rohaan, 13, is at Blue Mountain School, Ooty and is having an extremely good time.

Ravi writes further: "In these very turbulent times, one cannot help but appreciate the value of the truly secular outlook that was the very essence of school certainly during our time. As mentioned before, we do have at least one spare guest room at any point in time so old friends are invited to stay instead of wasting money at a hotel."

Shatrujit Singh (The Yuvaraj) is in Bombay. He writes:

"I find myself visiting Dhrangadhara more often to help my father in family affairs as also to go home. Every visit finds me on the local tennis court, galvanised by my younger brother M.K. Siddharajsinghji (ex. 179J), and while I can hardly claim it to be my forte, I certainly find it does wonders to my sense of well being as also to my waist-line.

"I recently met Suraj over a drink and he was in fine form, and is oscillating between here and London. Also, as always, a delightful evening with Ravi Jain who continues to live up to one of his school names, Smiley, and always brings warmth, cheer and laughter when we meet.

Shatrujit's eldest daughter is reading English Honours at St. Xavier's and his second

daughter finishes with her 12th class and then she hopes to go to the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad thereafter. He says his youngest daughter, 12, still has a fair innings ahead of her and only time will tell what direction she will take.

Ramesh Chand is in Calcutta. He writes: "Incidentally I am associated with National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, West

Bengal Branch for quite a long time and this year we got about 60,000 Pappaya Seeds from "Tree for Life" which were distributed to the 11 Rural Centres which the National Society for The Prevention of Blindness is running. With these 11 Rural Centres we intend to cover some 400 Villages. These seeds were received through Mr. Sharad Chaturvedi. Let us hope that we are able to achieve some suc-

cess in this project.

"There is nothing new to add, the same routine of going to the Tea Garden and back."

I am alive and well, enjoying the beautiful Delhi winter. I do get to meet friends located in Delhi but now look forward to, hopefully, meeting the out of Delhi classmates whenever they are passing through Delhi.

LALIT NIRULA
(ex 142-K)

AFTER HALF A CENTURY - V. SHIRODKAR - (1938 -1954)

It is interesting how the mind links pieces of music to certain times or events or personalities from the distant past and how these are evoked when one hears these pieces or even snatches from them. I don't know if this happens to everyone; but it does to me. The time the late thirties; the events? Everyday ones like cricket nets, a saturday sing-song (as it was then known), a lazy afternoon in the area of the 'Chestnuts', a particular Golden Night. A Person - V. Shirodkar; Music Master and Shantiniketan alumnus; one who could, and did, implant in many of us an appreciation and, in some of us, a love of Indian classical music and his own special insight into it. To those who wanted to hear he would uncover and put across, in his own inimitable way, the essence and the beauty of a Raga. He was a mine of information on the subject of music.

We never knew how and why, from his native Goa (itself a cradle and repository of Indian music), he made the transition to Shantiniketan in Bengal. He never told us. I asked once but he changed the subject getting me engrossed in his exposition of the Raga Malkaus! In retrospect, one feels that there could well have been some trouble with the Portuguese administration that made him leave Goa. He was that sort of man, and we were still under foreign rule where the word 'Sedition'

was a multi-purpose stick for use on nationalists! But that is only a conjecture made credible because, at that time, Bengal was considered the heart ('hotbed' by the British) of Nationalism. But this much is certain that he took with him to Bengal - in his head - the musical creations and 'Cheez'es of the celebrated Abdul Karim Khan and the songs (themselves of immaculate classical content) from the following Marathi stage of the 1910-25 era. It is these, or something from the monumental research-compilation of Pandit Bhatkhande, that he would teach us just before or just after a Rabindra Sangeet song in the same Raga. Somehow, each such pair of compositions seemed to get taught at the very time and season appropriate to that Raga! So, the 'Basant' brings back the memory of the spring of 1938 (or is it 39?) and the Miya-Ki-Malhar the last days of the 1938-1 term in June.

In Bengal, Mr. S. had married, Mrs. S. is a Bengali lady and it was because of her that we were introduced to the delights of that most delectable fish preparation Machher Jhol! I must explain here that, in those days, we had perfected the art of getting ourselves, invited to Sunday lunches by the married masters and that, amongst us, were numbered some celebrated 'Hogs' (as those super trencher-

men were then known). What is more, it was always subtly (!) conveyed to the hosts that, because of so and so, vast quantities of food would be required. But we of those days knew little more of Mrs. S. We could not know of the exceptional moral fibre that was hers. Nor could we know of the indomitable spirit with which she carried on after the sudden sad death of her husband. Nor could we know how she would inculcate these qualities in her children whom she would bring up single-handed.

'Buzz', as Mr. S. was known because he would often be humming a tune to himself, was above - in fact beyond - any regional or communal ideas or feelings. Once, I asked him if he thought of himself as a Bengali, Maharashtrian or Goan. He only smiled and said that he was an Indian. Another time, I asked him about his religion - or perhaps we were talking about caste. He said, what does it matter when there is God? Yes, he was a man of great depth and goodness. But, in our foolish teens, we had neither the sense nor the perception to see or give a thought to either. Now, with the passage of half a century of time and the consequent ingress of a certain amount of maturity into our previously chock-full heads, we have gained some sense of perspective and have the time and inclination to ponder on such things. Or have we?

NANDU JAYAL AND THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

Above camp 3, in 1931, Frank Smythe and R.L. Holdsworth were looking for a suitable route on the rock and ice wall. Smythe, who was in the lead, found a plant and threw it down to Holdy, who was at the other end of the rope. Holdsworth wrote that he failed to make the catch, and the adventurous crucifer, as it probably was, was lost to science.

In 1952 I was invited to join the Bengal Sappers Expedition to Kamet under the leadership of Major Gen. Harold Williams, then Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army. The late 'Nandu' Jayal (ex-T, 1936 - 44) and I found a rather dingy looking low plant, perhaps less than a centimetre in height and not really worthy of serious attention, in the same general location at an approximate height of 21,000 feet. (We hadn't gone metric then). Again, in early June 1953, the plant was seen by us on the same face. Nandu and I carried out yet another journey in 1955, when a dual ascent of Kamet and Abi Gamin was accomplished. Since we were there three weeks later, the plant was now quite mature and over 3 cms, tall owing to its sheltered location in a virtual sun-trap; and, what is important, it had a companion to boot. The plants were brought to the Herbarium of the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, and identified as *Ermania Himalayensis* and *Ranunculus lobatus* by Kailash Sahni, a botanist friend since my university days in Lahore.

The Guinness Book of Records now lists them as collected by N.D. Jayal. And quite



rightly too, for he was the organising spirit behind the Kamet ventures of the early fifties. The height of 21,000 feet (6,400 metres) is correctly given in the book. I understand there is a proposal from Sudhir Sahi, an assiduous Local Secretary of the Himalayan Club, that an Expedition to Kamet should be launched on the 60th anniversary of its first ascent. If you desire a niche in the temple of fame, you are well-advised to go to the same rock face later in the season-say, in Late July - for the high altitude plants grow feverishly with an abundance of insolation. Whether you are an amateur botanist or not, you may be rewarded

if providence is kind with a prize just below the great ice bulge - so characteristic of the conventional camp 4 site-and a good hundred metres above the altitude put down in the G.B.R. K. Sahni, in the articles he wrote for the I.U.C.N. and 'The Himalaya: Aspects of Change, gives me credit for the greatest certain height (GBR's) Well, owing to an inadvertance as stated above, he is partly correct.

GURDIAL SINGH
(Former Master 1945-1979)

QUO VADIS FORTONES?

Having shown my erudition (commonly called bullshit) in my case for the 41 SC to meet this year (NOT to point out the title here) I write to tell the 41s that apart from Air Marshal Brar, the two dentists graced the old mansion that other day; also present were Tilak and Polly (a few wives were also present) to meet Batra (whom I had not meet for 50 years). But I keep disgressing (as usual says the Chorus).

The message is that forty-one batch should try and make it to the FOUNDERS this year-wheelchairs, crutches and other aids will be arranged. If we can all RV here, we may be able to get a bus to take us all there (wives and girlfriends) and, lord-help-us, grand children since it cannot be much of a picnic for our 45 year old children. Do write to any of us in Delhi by the earliest mail.

Yours
MANDY

(How about the classes of 1966 and 1981 also planning their 25th and 10th anniversaries respectively? Write in-Ed)

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RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS SOCIETY

1. The meeting was attended by 66 members of the Society which included the President, the Honorary Secretary & the Executive Secretary.
2. A condolence resolution was passed and two minutes silence observed on the sad demise of the following Members/Associate members:-
 - a) Mr. Afzal Khan (ex 494-T).
 - b) Mr. C.P.N. Singh (ex 170-K).
 - c) Mr. Brijesh Mathur (ex 122-K).
 - d) Mr. Hanif Mannoo (ex 271-J).
 - e) Mr. Surinder Singh (ex 247-H).
 - f) Mr. T.N. Vyas (Former Master, 1936-1948).
 - g) Mr. R.L. Moore (Former Master, 1944).
 - h) Mr. Arthur Hughes (Former Master, 1963-71).
3. Annual Report by the President
The President gave a brief report on the activities of the Society during the year 1989-90 and highlighted the following :
 - a) The dinner and dance held in October 1989 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Old Boys Society was a particular success and was attended by approximately 400 persons including Old Boys from Pakistan, and Old Masters from all over the country. This was the largest turnout in the Society's history and augured well for the future.
 - b) The Society has now been registered with the Income Tax authorities at Delhi under Section 12-A of the Income Tax Act and we are actively pursuing the case for exemption under Section 80-G of the Act. This was likely to be sanctioned in the near future.
 - c) Two issues of "The Rose Bowl", dated 21 April and 11 August 1990 have been published and another issue is likely to be brought out in November/December this year. The President however pointed out that owing to paucity of funds, it may be necessary to curtail the number of issues during the year unless Old Boys actively supported this project by giving strip advertisement/donations to offset the costs of production. As it is, just half a dozen Old Boy's have come forward with assistance, and a larger response is desirable.
 - d) The Old Boys Register 1990 has been published and copies of the same are available. The cost of producing and printing of 3500 copies was largely offset by the generous financial help of a small number of Old Boys including Mr. Dhruv Sawhney, Lalit Nirula, Pushpinder Singh Chopra, Jayant Hari Har Lal, Bhai Manjit Singh, and Kulbir Singh. The Register will be distributed free of cost but the manner of distribution must ensure that the Society is not burdened by the cost of mailing.
 - e) During the year, some get-togethers were organised by Regions -
 - i) The Madras region arranged a "Get-Together" at Ooty in February 90. This was well attended, as in 1989 and the Southern region are now proposing to have a far bigger affair in March 1991.
 - ii) Two Old Boy's Dinners were held in London during May and June this year, and some 50 Old Boy's attended the dinners altogether. The Headmaster attended the dinner held in June.
 - iii) Two "get-togethers" were held in Dubai during the year.

- iv) The Lucknow Region had a "get-together" in March 1990 which was attended by about 50 persons.
- v) A dinner and dance in conjunction with the Welham Girls School Alumni was held at the Holiday Inn-Plaza at New Delhi.
- vi) The Calcutta Region proposes to have a long-weekend of various functions in the third week of December 1990, and it is planned to include an OB's squash, golf and tennis tournament followed by a dinner-dance.
- f) Greater interaction between the DSOBS and the IPSS

The President informed the House that the Board of Governors have agreed that the President of the Old Boys Society, will be a "permanent invitee" to the IPSS Board of Governors meetings.

- g) Environmental Related Activities.
It was a matter of great satisfaction that the Society's efforts to create an Environmental Centre and set up a paper re-cycling unit for the School was near fruition. While the Society has funded the project report for the Environmental Centre (to be prepared by a professional group nominated by Dr. Maheshwar Dayal), considerable work has been carried out to identify the site, equipment and infrastructure for the paper re-cycling unit. Mr. Harpal Singh, who has devoted considerable effort to bring about these projects, was asked to give a briefing to those assembled at the Annual General Meeting. It was announced that the house of Birla's have kindly agreed to fund the Paper Recycling Unit at a cost of Rs. 3 Lacs, and this unit would be set up behind the Carpentry shops. Equipment for the same has been identified and the unit should be operational within the next few months.
- h) Plans for the firm foundation of the Old Boy's Society
The Society currently had Rs. 3.25 lacs invested in Fixed Deposits (shortly increasing up to Rs. 4.0 lacs) while Rs. 1.05 lacs has been given to the School on account of Old Boy's bursaries. (The President also mentioned that the Old Boys in Pakistan have been offered a scholarship for the grand son of an Old Boy from Pakistan and it was hoped that this opportunity would come about).

The Sub-Secretariat of the Society at Delhi has functioned to a large extent with the support of an Old Boy (Mr. Arun Bharatram) whom we most sincerely thank. The Society's aim, however, is to be of independent means and the object is to form a corpus fund of at least Rs. 25 lacs during the next five years so that the Society can be self supporting and in a position to assist the School in various areas. In addition, the Society would wish to start a career counselling cell for young Old Boys. The President suggested that Mr. Gulab Ramchandani, a senior Old Boy and ex-Headmaster of the School with his immense experience in planning and fund collection, be requested to chart out an action plan for the Old Boys Society. Mr. Ramchandani kindly agreed to do so.

4. Accounts

The accounts for the period ending 31st

March 1990 had been circulated earlier to the members and the following points were raised :-

- a) The Society was receiving a small amount in an "Endowment Fund" each year. It was suggested that this be credited directly to the School and not shown in the Society's account.
- b) The Life Membership fees received by the Society should go into the capital account and not be shown as an income of the Society.
- c) After considerable discussion and references to the genesis and the manner in which interest on Rs. 5 lacs from the Golden Jubilee Corpus Funds had been given to the Old Boys Society by the Board of Governors in 1985-86, Mr. Lovraj Kumar suggested that the President take up the case with the Chairman of the Board of Governors to reconsider their decision to cease payments of interest from the end of the current financial year. The President informed that this matter had already been taken up with the Hon. Secretary of the IPSS and requested that the Board of Governors revise their decision.
- d) One of the members brought up the point regarding money given in advance to the John Martyn Trust. It was explained that this amount (Rs. 25,848.05) would be donated to the Trust.
5. Participation of members of the Old Boys Society in the proposed expedition to mark 60th Anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Kamet.
Mr. Sudhir Sahi, who is Secretary Delhi Chapter of the Himalayan Club, is organising the above expedition in the summer of 1991 and hopes that many Old Boys will participate not only to pay homage to the fond memory of the legendary R.L. Holdsworth but also to appreciate the wonders of the Himalaya.
Mr. Gurdial Singh who is one of India's greatest mountaineering veterans, spoke to the members about the rare plant "Ermania himalayensis" which is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as collected by Nandu Jayal in the 1955 expedition to Kamet. He advised that "if you desire a niche in the temple of fame, you are well advised to go to the same rock face".
6. Membership of the Society in respect of 10 Old Boy's from Pakistan.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Old Boys from Pakistan, who could not fulfil the criteria laid down in the rules of the Society owing to the partition of the country in 1947, be made members of the Society as a special case :-

- i) Khan Abdul Aziz Khad ex 100-J 1945 (2)-1947(1).
- ii) Mustafa Anwer Hussain ex 82-J 1946 (2)-1948(2).
- iii) Rafiq A Akhund ex T 1946(1)-1947(1).
- iv) M Saifque Saigol ex J 1947(1)-1947(1).
- v) Azhar Ali ex 209-K 1946(1)-1947(1).
- vi) Khurram Muzaffar ex 12-T 1947(1)-1947(1).
- vii) Khwaja Saifuddin ex 51-H 1947(1)-1947(1).
- viii) Shahzada Amirzeb ex H 1947(1)-1947(1).
- ix) Zafar Ali Khan ex 45-H 1946(2)-1947(1).
- x) Barkat Ullah Khan ex 167-J 1947(1)-1947(1).

This was greeted with much cheers.

7. Election of Office Bearers

Before the above was taken up, the President read out the Letter of Mr. Lalit Nirula who had suggested that :-

1. The tenure of the members of the DSOBS Executive Committee should be for a maximum period of 3 years with one-third of the members retiring every year.
2. Executive Committee members who attended less than 50% of the meetings should not be re-nominated for the next year, regardless of whether they completed their normal tenure of 3 years or not. He did not propose changes "in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society, but was suggesting that if the above points are accepted by the House at the AGM, it can establish a convention/tradition for the future as is the case with the election of the President and the Vice president where both the President and the Vice president have a period of 2 years with the Vice President becoming the new President each time"

The following Old Boys were elected to the Executive Committee for the year 1990-91 :-

1. Mr. Dhruv M Sawhney – President
 2. Mr. Harpal Singh – Vice President
 3. Mr. Shiel Vohra
(Mr. JHHL to assist him) – Honorary Secretary
 4. Mr. Jayant Hari Har Lal – Member
 5. Mr. I.S. Mann – Member
 6. Mr. Sandeep Dutt – Member
 7. Mr. S.K. Munjal – Member
 8. Mr. Balbir Saluja – Member
 9. Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhry – Member
 10. Mr. Sudhir Sahi – Member
 11. Mr. Samir Modi – University Representative.
 12. Mr. Mahesh Sahai – Chartered Accountant
(V. Sahai & Co. – Auditors).
10. Points taken up with the permission of the Chair.
- a) Mr. Sandeep Dutt offered the services of his EDB Business Centre at Dehra Dun to the Old Boys Society free of cost. This was gratefully accepted.
 - b) Dr. Fareed Italia was appointed the Regional Representative at Hyderabad vice Mr. Vijit Pillai.

- c) Mr. Inderpal Sigh (ex 385-T) will be the Class Representative of 1965 vice Mr. Harpal Singh.
- d) The President requested members to contribute generously for :-
i) The Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball Tournament.
ii) The Michael Dalvi Benefit Cricket Match.
- e) The House was of the view that the existing badge of the Old Boy's Society as worn on the Blazer, be retained as such without any change. This was accepted.
- f) Mr. Shomie R. Das proposed a special vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Mr. Pushpinder Singh Chopra, for his outstanding leadership of the Old Boy's Society over the past two years. This was unanimously accepted. The meeting was then duly adjourned with a vote of thanks to the outgoing President and the Committee.

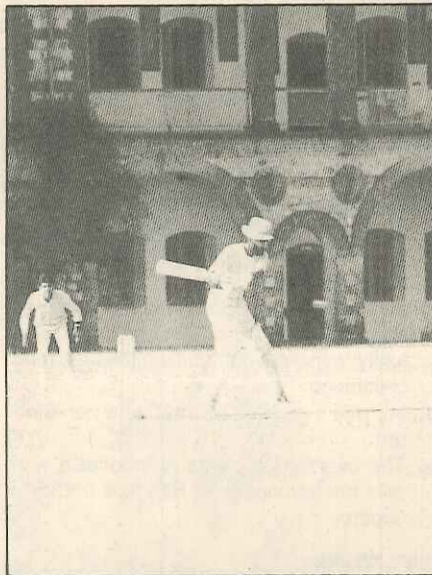
(P.C. KHANNA) (ex 38-T)
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CRICKET

The Doon School Vs The Old Boys.
(R.L. Holdsworth Memorial Trophy)

The cricket season was ushered in the Chandigarh by this annual fixture, on the Founder's weekend. The Old Boys managed to muster a strong eleven led by Mike Dalvi and scored a facile 5 wicket victory over the present boys. The main feature of this match was the first ever century in this fixture by Abhishek Misra which incidently was his maiden hundred as well. The School team reached 209 for 2 in 40 overs and the Old Boys reached their target with 2 overs to spare.

School batted first and lost Anshuman's wicket in the very first over. He tried to cut a rising one from the MRF trainee-Hemant Modi, to be caught in the gully. Nakul and Abhishek then put their heads down and batted sensibly to retrieve the situation. They took the score to 58 when Shantanu Tayal had Nakul caught. Murgai looked sound and confident and was stroking the ball well. Abhishek was in good form and was driving the ball beautifully. The limited spin attack of the Old Boys could not contain the batsmen. Abhishek (Boozy) reached his fifty with a classic off-drive and went for the bowling thereafter. Murgai was equally enterprising and



Ready to strike – Sandip Singh Arora (ex 21 T) playing for the OB team.

played some stinging pull shots and fluent drives. Boozy was in irresistible form and played powerful shots all round the wicket. He hoisted Arun Khanna for a mighty six. Murgai, too, was batting brilliantly and both brooked no stopping. Boozy duly completed his maiden century with a majestic drive and Murgai reached his half-century soon after. Their unbeaten partnership was worth 151 runs when the overs ran out.

This left the Old Boys with an asking rate of just over 5 runs an over. They certainly were going for the runs. Mike Dalvi himself opened with Sandeep Arora and set the tempo. He was in great form and cut, drove and pulled with tremendous force and precision. Sandeep was content just to keep his end up. They rattled up 60 runs in 10 overs. Mike scored a quick fire 47 before his son Madhav Dalvi had him caught behind by Dushyant. A few runs later Sandeep was well taken by Karanvir, off the same bowler. Uday Malhotra and Arun Khanna played themselves in and picked up some very quick singles to keep on to their target. Murgai and then Abhishek bowled reasonably well but the batsmen made full use of the occasional loose delivery. On one of these, Arun mistimed a drive and Kunal let go a none too easy catch at long-on. Uday hit two stinging pull shots and Arun played two delectable drives off the toes to the mid-wicket boundary. Murgai did beat both of them once or twice and finally had Uday caught at deepish square-leg by Anshuman. Arun hit

two hefty boundaries to complete his fifty and then was stumped. Gursharan did not last long and gave an easy catch to Anshuman to make it 175 for 5. A ray of hope did appear for the School team with 35 runs to be scored in 8 overs. Kabir Sethi and Hemant Modi however, thwarted all their efforts and batted very sensibly, in fading light, to steer their team to victory.

The Old Boys thus retained the prestigious trophy which they had won last year. It was very kind of Mr. S.K. Misra, Abhishek's father, to give away the prizes.

Scores:

Doon School: 209 for 2

(Abhishek 106 No., Murgai 52 n.o, Nakul 26, Modi 1 for 31, Tayal 1 for 32.

Old Boys: 210 for 5

(Arun Khanna 54, M. Dalvi 47, Uday, M. 40, S. Arora 20, Modi 19 n.o, Dalvi 2 for 38, Murgai 2 for 46, Abhishek 1 for 42)

Teams A Abhishek, Nakul, Karanvir, Anshuman, Aman Chowdhry, P. Bhatia, G. Murgai, Dushyant, M. Dalvi, Anurag, Amardeep, Kunal.

Old Boys: Mike Dalvi, Shivdev Datt, Arun Khanna, Gurusharan, Shiel Sharma, A Lanba Rahul Nayar, K. Sethi, S. Arora, Uday, Malhotra, Hemant Modi, S. Tayal and Yeti Rana.

S.K. Vohra

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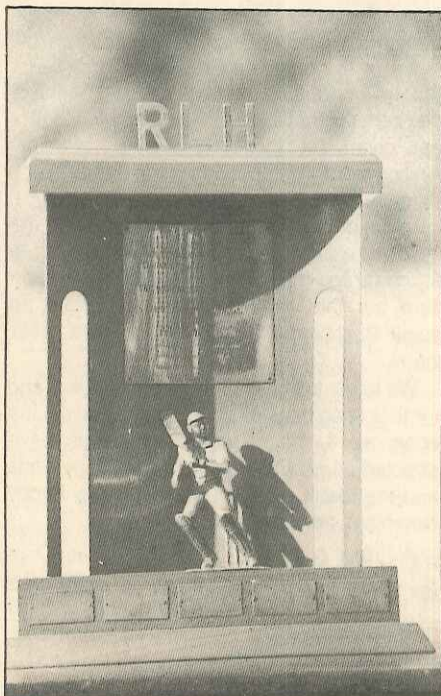
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The Register is free of cost but donations towards cost of printing are welcome.

EDITOR'S MAIL



Sir,

It was not cricket. You had revealed my name whereas if you had put my nom de plume "MANDY", all would have been well with my dissertation on "Class of 41" in the ROSE BOWL of 11 Aug 90.

As published, I was in for a bit of ribbing since Timky wanted to know the relevance of the first four lines. Sir, you will agree that the bit about Profumo was lost as a joke without the Mandy. Perhaps, like the Irishman, your readers may now laugh at that joke.

Yours etc

Mandy that wrote.

Sir,

Having been fortunate to receive an education in the Doon School, I feel compelled to write this. I have settled in the States. I have two children who are now grown up. The question always seems to come up as to how I can improve the quality of life in India. The answer seems to be that each individual has to do his own share and that each one, no matter how small we think ourselves to be we can nevertheless make a great dent in whatever we are seeking to do.

In the Doon School we have mixture of boys from all religions from almost all regions of the

country and with different backgrounds. It is typical of India. What we need is a larger number of Doon School all around in the country. Perhaps one in each state and then in each town. This colossal task can be done by only the old Doscos. I understand that we are 3000 strong. Those who are interested, and I hope there are many, can get together and privately start a project.

In any society education is the key to growth, health and economy. In my opinion this is the best way we Doscos can help ourselves and others. In 1928 Satish Ranjan Das had a dream. That dream has come one step, let us take it a long way.

This would be the first step. The Doon School gives a well rounded education. After that we need Colleges (Indian style) which will accept dosco types to better and more specialized education.

Dr. Nakul Chandra (ex 265-H)
New Jersey.

Sir,

Whilst complimenting Harpreet Singh for his efforts in collecting news regarding 'Class of 1950, may I, through your columns, correct the information he has given about me in 'The Rose Bowl' of 21st April, 1990:-

- Although, I did resign from Bharat Petroleum (Burmah-Shell) in 1980, regrettably, there was no Golden Handshake Scheme. If Harpreet can get me one, I will be more than delighted to part with some of the proceeds!
- I have never been a Marketing Advisor to any company. In fact, I have very limited exposure in this field. However, I am on the Board of some companies as Non-Executive Director.
- Although, I am actively engaged in farming, regrettably, I have not had any opportunity to make a contribution towards rural upliftment!
- My wife's name is 'Simret' and not 'Simran'.
- The overseas trip was to Indonesia with only brief stoppage in Bangkok and Singapore.

Yours sincerely,
(Sukhbir S Grewal)
ex 278-K (1945-51)

My dear P.C.

The "Rose Bowl" dated 21st April '90 arrived same 10 days ago, and again I congratulate the young co-ordinating Editors and you for the latest excellent issue. I find that the "Rose Bowl" is infact doing a very good publicity and information transfer job for the School and Society.

The article and photos of the O.B. Society "Golden Jubilee" celebrations was very readable and the photos were very good. You look fit and I was happy to see Aurangzeb, and his Begum in one group Mr. Gurdial Singh visited Bangalore last month and we had a very well attended dinner for him. I have requested our representative Ramchandra Rao to write to him for a brief note for the Rose Bowl.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely
Dev Mukherji (ex 48-J)

ERRATA

In the last issue of "The Rosebowl" it was stated that there are atleast a couple of hundred OB's in the United Kingdom. We stand corrected as these are only about 100 Old boys in the U.K.

NOTICE

1991 is the 60th anniversary year of the first ascent of Mt Kamet (25, 446 feet) by the British expedition of 1931, when Mr. R.L. Holdsworth made the first ascent of the peak and lit his pipe on the summit, having also carried his skis to Meades Col. After the ascent, when the expedition was returning, RLH was also instrumental in the discovery of the Valley of Flowers. To commemorate this historical expedition, we propose to organise an expedition to attempt Kamet via Holdy's route in the latter half of 1991. For further details, contact Mr. Sudhir Sahi, 170 Gulmohar Enclave, New Delhi Phone: 6865795.

"Old Boys Get-Together Ooty March 1991"

The 3rd in this series of Get-togethers at Ooty will be held on the 2nd/3rd March, 1991. As usual the main gathering point and watering hole will be the Ooty Gymkhana.

All Old Boys who happen to be visiting the South around that time are most welcome to join us and indeed we would be delighted. Ooty is easily accessible from Madras, Bangalore, Coimbatore & Cochin, so do keep this in mind if you are in the vicinity at that time

Activities include Billiards - Beer - Table Tennis - Beer - Golf - Raucous Singing, accompanied by (you guessed it) - Beer.

Do Come.

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**THERE WAS AN OLD BOY'S
DINNER AT CALCUTTA ON
19 DEC. 1991. UNFORTUNATELY
THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
HAS STILL NOT SENT THE
REPORT AT THE TIME OF
"ROSE BOWL" GOING TO PRESS.**

EDITORIAL

Since the last issue, we have had a lot of changes in the Society; of them, the more important being a new executive committee and a new President of the Society. We wish Dhruv Sawhney an exciting tenure as President; the excitement we guarantee to provide!

As for the outgoing President, Pushpinder Singh Chopra. I do not think it would be out of place to say that as the President, Mr. Chopra has given the Society a definite "identity" Adding to the contributions of the former Presidents, he has helped us come a long way. I, as a junior old boy, felt inspired as I saw the way he ran the Society. This is beginning to sound far too much like an end of term report card, but that is not the intention - this is to thank Pushpinder Singh Chopra for a great job.

We know this issue has been delayed, and for that I can only tell you that the crisis in the economy & the disturbed conditions have affected us as well! In short, paucity of funds and the result, an eight pager. A very happy New Year, and happy reading.

RATHIN K. MATHUR
(ex 23H)