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OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

★ P.K. Das (ex 221-K), 1937-44, has formally retired after completing a three-year tenure as a Scientist Emeritus of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. He was awarded the prestigious KRR medal for his meritorious work. He was formerly Director General of the Indian Meteorological Department.

VHS Medical Centre at Adyer, Madras and Chairman of the Dept. of Clinical Research, Public Health Centre Madras.

★ Gautam Tandon (ex 19-T) has been promoted to Brigadier and posted to command the legendary 77 Mountain Brigade ("Chindits") in the jungle-clad mountains of North-Eastern India, with critical defences on The Tibet border.

★ Dr. Karan Singh (ex 259-K) has been appointed on the 15-member UNESCO International Commission for Education in the Twenty-first Century.

★ Dalip Mehta, IFS (ex 284-H) 1953-58 is India's Ambassador to Uzbekistan and posted at Tashkent.

★ Harshvardhan (ex 45-J) 1959-64, teaches Atmospheric at Purdue University (USA). He has done some pioneering work on the Earth's radiation balance.

★ Aftab Seth (ex 189-J) India's Ambassador to Greece, has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Law's by the American College of Greece at Athens.

★ The following Old Boys took part in the 27th Statesman Vintage and Classic Car Rally. Ashok Mehra (ex 412-T) driving a Fiat (1928), Anant Haskar (ex 52-K) driving a Mercedes (1938), Vikram Srivastava (ex 345-J) driving a Jaguar (1939).

★ Gaurav Murgai (ex 422-J) has settled in well at Marlborough College, England. His scores in cricket so far have been 79 vs Romany, 1 vs M.C.C., 97 vs Eton and 172 vs Clifton. This is the highest score anyone has scored for Marlborough for at least 25 years.

★ Cdr Lalit Kapur (ex 26-K) was a member of the fifth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica in 1985-86. After leaving School, he went through NDA and joined the Navy. He is presently at DSSC Wellington (Nilgiris), Tamil Nadu as Directing Staff, and he expects to remain there till the end of this year. He would love to hear from any DOSCOS in the area, particularly from his class (1970).



Besides Shomie Das (ex 165-H), the venerable Head Master of The Doon School, there are another six Old Boys on the staff. Seen here near the Main Building are (left-to-right) Dalbir Singh Wahali (ex 3-T), Housemaster of Hyderabad 'A', Brigadier Brahmanand Singh (ex 76-T), Financial Controller and Administrator, Gursharan Singh (ex 219-H), the Music Master, and Hamir Singh (ex 303-T), now teaching History at School. Not in the picture are Sheel Sharma (ex 345-K) now Dean of Activities and Shushant Vira (ex 2-J) who is teaching Physics and also is Manager incharge of "The Doon School Weekly".

★ Prof. Dr. Krishnamoorthy Srinivas (ex 186-T) is a consultant neurologist at the

70, is now Secretary to the Department of Food, Punjab Government at Chandigarh.

★ Vikramjit S.Chopra (ex 467-T) and Dinesh Anand (ex 59-T) have recently launched an Entertainment Magazine "Whats Up?" from New Delhi, targeted at the 16-30 year old segment. First issues have received great reviews and copies sold out within days of launch.

★ Saurabh Rastogi (ex 56-T) and Shekhar Aiyar (ex 4-T), have written a book on National Income Accounting, which is presently in great demand at the university of Delhi. Saurabh Rastogi is presently at the Washington University, St. Louis, reading for a PhD in Environmental Economics.

★ Dilsher Singh Kalha IAS (ex 88-J), 1965-

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FOR THE RECORD

Academics

Karimuddin Ahmad (ex 14-H) was selected as one of the Thomas J Watson Fellows for 1993. This will provide him with funding to pursue independent travel and study abroad following his graduation from Vassar College. He will use his award to study the transition of the Russian society from a totalitarian system to a democratic one, by examining perceptions of personal freedom.

Dev Dharee Lall (ex 185-K) has completed a three year course of Hotel Management from the Swiss Hotel Association School "Les Roches" in Switzerland. After obtaining his Diploma, he has gained admission into Johnson & Wales University at Rhode Island, Providence, USA for a B.Sc. degree in Hotel & Institutional Management. His Contact address for the next one year is :

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Gaurav Agarwal (ex 313-J) was honoured for ranking in the top 5% of his class at Muskingham College, Ohio.

After graduating from St. Stephen's college in July 1993 Karanjit Singh Chopra (ex 86-T) has joined the SHCC Institute of Hotel Management at Le Bouveret in Switzerland. Situated on the Lac Lemman (Lake of Geneva), Office cite Mon Keaux, this two-year Diploma Course has about 200 Management Trainees from 35 countries and is allied to the American Hospitality Institute in Connecticut.

Rajul Mangain (ex 95 H, '89) is currently at the Indian Institute of Management at Bangalore.

Gaurav Tuli (ex-404 K, '93) is at the Indian Institute of Technology.

Sanjay Singh (ex-348 H, '92) is at the Roorkee Institute of Engineering.

Class of '93

The class of '93 did extremely well in their ISC (XII) Board Exams, with a few getting over 90%, a number over 80%, the majority in the 70% range, mostly all First Divisioners, no failures ! Not unlike earlier years, the majority of the class have got into Delhi University (25), followed by Bombay University (5) while (8) have got admissions in the United States and (4) in Britain. The rest are scattered all over the country !

Those who have entered University in U.K. include Udyan Goyal (ex 401-H) at the Trinity College (Cambridge), Prem Bhatia (ex 441-T) at Durham, Gaurav Murgai (ex 422-J) at Malborough and Bhavdeep Sardana (ex 400-T) at New Castle. To the United States have gone Tejbir Singh Brar (ex 469-J) to the Iowa State University, Arjun Sahgal (ex 424-J) to the University of S. California and Anant Gairola (ex 479-J) to Case Western University. Three have gone to Rochester University, (Harpreet S.Gill ex 544-J) Rahul Baswan ex 450-H and Pratik Basu (ex 442-T). At Muskingham University are Himmat Rana (ex 464-J) and Chetan Kandhari (ex 414-J).

At Delhi University, Premjit Singh Chopra (ex 440-T), Rohitinder Singh (ex 463-K), Roopak S.Saluja (ex 458-T), Nikhil Mehra (ex 410-H), Arjun Lakhanpal (ex 435-T), Ajay Singh (ex 448-H), Raghav Nayar (ex 443-T), Harsh Rohatgi (ex 509-H), Kunal Sharma (ex 473-J) Shubho Ghosh (ex 472-0) Virajjit Singh (ex 461-K). are in Hindu College.

Nepinder Mann (ex 445-K), Baljit S.Kalha (ex 430-H), Jatin D.Bobb (ex 411-T) and



Eagerly awaiting for Interviews at St. Stephens from left to right : Premjit. S. Chopra (ex 440-T), Samrath Bedi (ex 471 T), Roopak Saluja (ex 458 T), Bharat Kapoor (ex 461 K), Rohitinder Singh (ex 463 K).

Shivender MSingh (ex 406-J) are at St. Stephen's. At Hansraj are Bawa Harkirat Singh (ex 419-H) and Samrath Bedi (ex 471-T).

While Bharat Talwar (ex 451-H) and Manjit Singh Kalha (ex 402-H) are at the SRCC, Joining Khalsa College is Amarinder Singh Chopra (ex 365-T), Bhagat Singh College has Rahul Shrinagesh (ex 453-H), Bharat Kapoor (ex 431-K) and Saurabh Singh (ex 408-K), Aashish Joshi (ex 438-J) and Anshu D.Jayal (ex 467-T) are at Ramjas College. Jayan Saraan (ex 413-T) is doing his BBS at Delhi.

The Bombay Group includes Vir Advani (ex 412-T) and Karan Mehta at St.Xaviers, Abhimanyu Mathur (ex 432-0) and Rohit Goenka (ex 399-H) at Sydenham, and Vijay Sittar (ex 409-T) at H.R.

Careers

Dr. Vikram Singh (ex 180-H) is now a General Manager at Shaw Wallace in Delhi.

Dr Sandeep Bahl (ex 904-T) writes to say that after an extremely busy four years, he has just finished his PH D in Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His speciality is semiconductor device physics and technology. He went to Paris in April 1993 to present a paper at the International Conference on Indium Phosphide and Related Materials. He was awarded the best student paper award for his presentation. His address is :

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Manoviraj Khosla (ex 281-J) after doing his B.Com at St. Xaviers College, Calcutta and fashion designing at the American College in London, has been running his own fashion designing firm called Manoviraj Khosla.

He got married in January, 1992 to Vedika Chawla. His address is :

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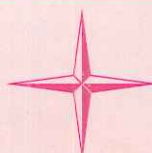
R.K.Ranjeet of Nabha (ex 94-T) is presently at the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration doing his masters of business administration in 1994. He is also the President of the Finance Club of the School. His address is as under

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Suren Jain (ex 622-J) class of 88 joined Jawaharlal Nehru Engg. College at Aurangabad for a degree in B.E. (Production). He finished the same in 1992 and secured first position in order of merit of Marathwada University in Production Engg. and was awarded a medal for the same. He has since been working with Jaiprakash Industries at their Indira Sagar Project. In November 1992, he was engaged to Anjali. His address is

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Ashish Singh (ex 446-T) class of 87 has completed his MBBS and was working in a temporary job in G B Pant Hospital, New Delhi. He is presently working towards going to U.S. in 1994 to do Residency in Internal Medicine in a hospital there. His address is:

Ashish Singh
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Dr Krishnamoorthy Srinivas (ex 186-T) received the Stephen Hawkin's Bursary award in England and gave a guest lecture at Birmingham, UK at the 3rd International MND Conference. His lecture was very well received and he was one among the ten over the world who received this award. In his department publication he says "Educated at the prestigious Doon School, Dehra Dun and brought up by the four legendary Englishmen - Arthur Foot, J.A.K. Martyn, R.L. Holdsworth and J.Gibson - the masters who taught him. Prof. Srinivas who confesses that Arthur Foot his Headmaster and R.L.Holdsworth his Housemaster influenced his thinking very greatly. In his school leaving examinations which included the Madras Matriculation, he qualified with distinction and a first class."



Old Boys in the Simla Hills, more specifically, in the Head Master's living room, the Lawrence School at Sanawar : Sitting : Itikar Ahmed (ex 5-T), Romy Khosla (ex 166-K), Shama Badhwar, Standing : Mira Singh, Sumer Singh (ex 299-J), the HM Sanawar and Inderjit Badhwar (ex 155-T)

Marriages

Our congratulations to the following Old Boys who have got married:

Vibhuti Narayan Chandra (ex 380-T) to Sonia Zutshi

Sumit Roy (ex 189-J) to Sejal Vora

Sanjiv (KIM) Bhagat (ex 49-J) to Eeda Gujral

Nalin Khanna (ex 563-H)
Jai Dev Singh (ex 242-H)
Rohit Das (ex 165-H) to Arpana Sawhney
Amrish Macedo (ex 1-J) to Shefali Gore
Bharat Mehra (ex 196-H)
Nauhar Rana (ex 375-J) to Sunita on 18.04.1993
Vikram Khanna (ex 216-T) to Rajni on 25.09.1993

Obituary

We regret to record the passing away of the following Old Boys and Staff members and convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Pervez Mukerji (ex 362-J) on 8th Sept., 1991

P.K. Vashishth (ex 80-J) on 28th November, 1992

Ranjit Rai (ex 7-H) on 19th May, 1993

P.Nanjappa (ex 8-J) on 3rd August, 1993

K.N.P.Nair (ex Master) on 28th July, 1993

We share the great sorrow and grief of Surjit Singh Dugal (ex 282-T) and his wife Manjit whose young Dosco Son, Bikram, passed away in Bombay of a viral hepatitis. Young Bikram was 13 year old and in C Form and brilliant in studies and golf.

Another First For The Doon School ! Descent Of The Lingti-Tsarap-Zanskar-Indus

Planned by the Doon School, led by an Old Boy, manned by son's of Old Boys, accompanied by School masters, financed by Old Boys, the historic first descent of the Rivers Lingti-Tsarap-Zanskar-Indus in the Ladakh region of Kashmir has created many records. This was the first time anywhere in the world that a first descent of a river was undertaken by School boys. But then, this was The Doon School, which institution was the first in India to send school boys on expeditions to the high Himalayas from the 1930s!

The rafts were put into river on 12 July at Sarchu (14,000 ft. above sea level), and finally taken out from

the river at Khalste (8,500 ft.) on 29 July 1993, just below Alchi and close to the fabled Monastery at Lama Yaru. A total distance of 326 kilometres

was covered by the expedition, led by Shaukat Singh Sikand (ex 718-H), and comprising ten other members, and supporting staff :

Sheel Sharma (ex 345-K) (Dean of Activities)

Anupam Chandola (s/o Alok Chandola) (ex 344-K)

Dhanjay Singh (s/o "Woody")

Zaffer Baig (s/o Khalid Baig) (ex 86-H)

Bharat Halwasya
R P Devgan (Dean of Admissions)

Dr. S C Biala (Housemaster Kashmir A)

Winston Gomez (Master)

Miss Suchi Biala (ex 428-J)

Miss Julia Fenn



"Knowledge is Light" : Doscos on the raft, with team leader Shaukat Singh Sikand second from left.

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As Shaukat said in an interview for "The Rose Bowl", "We started from Delhi on the 9th July and reached Sarchu at 14,000 feet. On the 12th we "put in" at Sarchu, the highest "putted point" for river rafting in any part of the country or, as a matter of fact in the world.

The total distance rafted down from Sarchu to Khalste was 326 kms. There have been a lot of firsts as far this river rafting expedition is concerned-first time that any school in the world has undertaken such an expedition, secondly 4 different rivers were covered in one single expedition, thirdly 16 days were spent on the river



"Putting in" at Sarchu (14,000 feet a.s.l.)

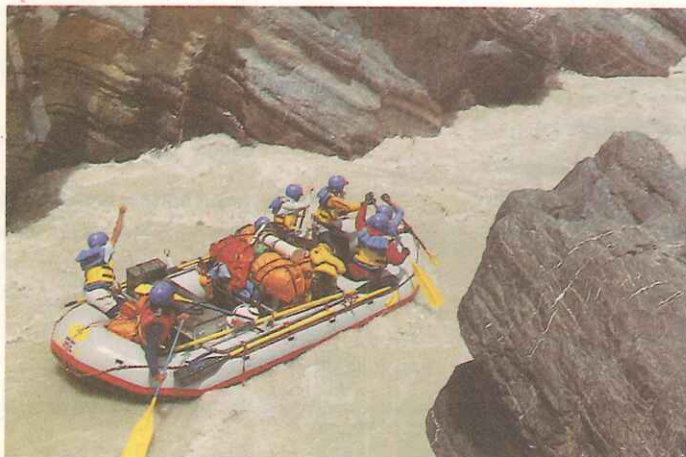
who was following behind to ready up, he was very fortunate to have caught the eddie and anchor his boat. By the time I came in things were getting rough and we went into the gorge

court being at least 20 meters deep and to run it would definitely be suicidal. To test the strength we chucked a slipper into the hole and it took almost 15 minutes before it came out of it!

The next day at 12:30 we set off again and this time went straight into a class 5 rapid. One of the members was thrown overboard but luckily we had excellent swimmers and he was rescued. This had barely finished until we had a continuous rapid which ran for 6 and a half kms. It was really exhausting and then camped and had

a good sleep. This day, we lost 4 oars and 3 paddles and also we had lost a kayak'.

On the last day we started off at Nimu in the morning and carried down all the way to Khalste



Through the gorge!



The "A" team!

We had two American Rafts (16 feet in length), and one Kayak. I guided one raft and the other one was guided by one of my employees, Rajiv Thapa. One Kayak acted like a scout which is very necessary especially on a first descent as one does not know what the river structure is like and also could help in case any one went overboard or the raft flipped. So he had a dual responsibility of scouting as well as rescue and was basically the eyes of the expedition.

We started at 10:00 from Sarchu and covered a total distance of close to 35 kms on the very first day. Basically it was a placid section of rapids from class 1 to 3. We rate rapids from 1 to 6, 1 being the easiest and 6 being almost impossible.

Throughout the expedition, we had no road support so were carrying every single conceivable item (ration, sleeping bags, tents etc.) on the raft, all in water proof boxes. After our first days halt we started the next morning - 13th morning at 9:00 am and we ran the river for almost 2 hours till we hit another long constriction which was almost 2 kms in length. Partho eddied out onto the right side and asked Rajiv

without knowing what lay in front of us - however we were fortunate to have escaped unharmed. Partho in the meantime half way down actually overtook the raft and guided us through safely till we stopped. Unfortunately Dhananjaya Singh while paddling hit the rock and broke the paddle-while it broke it hit him on the chest and got a bruise. Because it was so narrow we could not use the oars and had to rely on the crew for paddle power.

Later, at Satakh we found out that there was a class 6 rapid about 500 yards from where we had camped so the next day instead of launching and going downstream we decided to take a break. We went downstream to have a look and confirmed that it was impossible to go down it so we had to "pottage" the rafts out of the water, take them by land and put in below the rapids. Unfortunately we could not find any porters and had to ask the local villagers to get us some yaks from the next village. It took us 3 days to get the yaks!

Much later, came a rapid to end all rapids! We code-named it "Point of no Return" as it was a ledge and had some really big white water in it. There was one hole that was as big as a tennis

on the river Indus. At Nimu is the confluence of the Indus and the Zaskar rivers. It had been a long day and we negotiated at least 30 class 3 and 4 rapids after which we spent the night at the Brigade camp.

On the 29th the brigade commander organised transportation for the entire crew and equipment to be transported to Leh, Capital of Ladakh.

The Doon School thankfully acknowledges the generous contribution of the following Old Boys and their companies in supporting the historic first descent expedition:

Alok Chandola (ex 34-K),
Siddharth Shriram (ex 151-K)
Rajan Nanda (ex 12-K),
Vikram Lal (ex 198-K)
Dhruv Sawhney (ex 37-K),
Pushpinder Singh Chopra (ex 74-T)
Lalit Nirula (ex 142-K),
Bhai Manjit Singh (ex 157-J)
Arun Bharat Ram (ex 36-K), Halwasya,
Gobindar Singh Chopra (ex 76-T), and
Khalid Baig (ex 86-H).

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Down Memory Lane —But With a Thought For Into The Future

Lt. General Adi M. Sethna (ex 191-K, 1937-41)

The Founding Father of the Doon School, S.R. Das, had a vision. As far back as the early years of the century, he wanted to start an institution which would produce leaders to govern, develop and run a free India. He and his colleagues had a deep and abiding faith in a free, democratic and secular India which would undoubtedly require the services of men with character, leadership and education (note the priorities). When ultimately they got land in Chandbagh in Dehra Dun, and extended it later with Skinners' field (opposite Jaipur House), and their dream of founding the School neared fruition, they selected Arthur Foot and he, in turn, chose a band of dedicated masters and staff, both English and Indian. Concurrently, together with an appeal signed by leading citizens of the time to send their boys to the first real "public school" in India, Arthur Foot set out to meet parents from various strata of society to enroll the first batch of boys.

They came from Princely families (undoubtedly nudged by Government representatives in their states and agencies, as was evident from the large contingent from the old North West Frontier Province), the landed gentry, from business and the professions, and from government services. The school was an unknown entity and the parents of boys of my generation were really embarking on an adventure, having been persuaded that the expense was an investment for the next generation.

The mid-thirties were the heyday of the Raj. 1935 saw both the beginning of the School and the passing of the Indian Independence Act. The provinces got elected governments, but the elections were on the communal electorate basis. Can many of today's Indians remember that not only food, but even water was distributed at public places separately for communities, as was exemplified by vendors crying out "Hindu Pani" or "Musalman Pani" at railway stations? And yet, aware of the communal divide, the school took the momentous decision that everyone would live and eat together, so different from the Chief's colleges where students dined from their own kitchens, provided by their respective states! The intermingling was such that soon after joining no one bothered about each other's background or the financial status of their parents. Not only was religious and community background taken for granted, but so also the social background. Bhanwar Ranjit Singh

(now a Sadhu living in the USA) had a "bodhi" - a religious tuft of hair on the back of his head. In our very first term, some of us tied it to his bed when he was asleep. We learnt never again to fool with anyone's caste or religious susceptibilities thereafter, following the severe punishment received from Jack Gibson, our Housemaster. For four terms, Gautam Khanna, Surinder Singh Chachhi, Jammy Rahim and I shared Room No.13 in Kashmir House, and were (and still are), the best of friends. No one questioned that we were, respectively, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim and Parsi.

On Saturday nights, we dressed in our



From Left to Right Standing : Aftab, Malhotra, Adi Sethna, R.K. Atal. On Chairs : Bhandari, Bawa Avtar, Mr Shirodhkar, Madhu Sudan, Brij Bahar. On Ground : Cowas Sethna, VV Bhide, Ashok Gokhle.

"national costumes" - meaning the sort of clothes we would have worn at home. Parse daglis, kurta pyjamas, sherwanis and dhotis made a change from the regular school uniforms. Not only did no one think of coming out in a DJ or a flashy western suit. Saturday night's entertainment was entirely Indian in character. Dorab Adenwalla once stood up in our dining Hall to sing "I am the Sheikh of Araby" only to be shouted down that he was Dorab Adenwalla from Bombay, India.

The music and art forms reflected the best of Indian culture, but had a strong bias towards Shantiniketan - Sudhir Khastagir, the Art Master, and Shirodhkar, the Music Master, both had trained under the great Rabindra Nath Tagore. The early Jamini Roy style left a mark, and so did Rabindra Sangeet. 'Jana Gana Mana' was our School Song, long before it became the country's National Anthem, and we sang at least two of its four or five verses. (Can anyone provide the words of these later verses?). There was hardly any orchestra using Indian musical instruments in the country at that time. A Dutchman, Mr Bake was invited by All India Radio to examine the possibility of creating an Indian orchestra. He visited the School and in 1938 the Doon School orchestra performed live over Radio Delhi, (as it was then called) in its

afternoon programme, from a studio somewhere in Old Delhi, compered by Mr. Ashraf, who later on became a very familiar voice over the BBC's Urdu news service during World War II. (A photograph of the School Musicians of 1938 is reproduced).

The policy of having Urdu and Hindi as the School's "second languages" for the Senior Cambridge class was yet another major landmark - most other schools had Latin and French or Sanskrit and Persian. All this led to an "Indianising" effect, of instilling pride in being an Indian, irrespective of our individual backgrounds and was considerably different from the other schools of that era, especially

the Chief's schools, and the hill boarding schools. A novel experiment was carried out by Mr. Hunter Boyd, the biology master in 1938: the importance of compost for improving Indian agriculture was most dramatically brought home, by boys of B Form, carrying all the ingredients required, including "gobur", and filling up the compost pits. Ashok Raje Gaekwad in my class was heard to say that although he had no objection in working,

the carriage of gobur by the scion of the Gaikwads should not be made public in his state as it might cause considerable embarrassment to his father! We learnt not only the importance of compost, but even more the dignity of labour and have seldom turned away from dirtying our hands. The village welfare work undertaken at Tunwalla was precursor of Rural Development programmes of which Tillonia is now a national symbol, with which is linked the name of Bunker Roy (ex 125-J).

Mr. Foot wanted us to "leave the Doon School as members of an aristocracy of service, inspired by ideas of unselfishness, not of privilege, wealth or position". By the time I left school World War II had started. A tremendous change had come over the World, and India could not be left out, nor indeed the School. The Army Class Members of 1939 soon became Gentlemen Cadets at the Indian Military Academy. Many of us with previous expectations of joining the ICS, the Police, the Railways and the Imperial Government Services, were required to put in 'War Service' to begin with. Some of us got into slots in British firms vacated by Englishmen "joining up for the duration" but many more of us found ourselves in the Army, Navy and the Air Force, and pleasant were some of the interactions as members of the Services.

During the Quit India Movement in 1942, Lieut. JTM Gibson, RINVR (he had joined up for the duration) was instrumental in saving Aamir Ali from a most obnoxious experience, because he had been "framed" by the police for violent subversive activities, based on a 'planted' a hack-saw blade which had been recovered from his knap-sack while on a innocent trek in the Khandala Hills!

Shamsher Singh Puri, then a Captain, racing towards Rangoon in 1945 with his tanks of the 16 Light Cavalry was halted by a blown bridge and called for engineering support. Madhu Sudhan Seth came charging forward with his troop of 'Sappers' to enable him to continue his advance. Madhu was to win a Military Cross before the war ended. The Commander-in-Chief India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck addressed troops in a forward location where I was serving as a 2/Lieutenant in 14 RAJ RIF. His ADL, Murtaza of Rampur spotted and took me to the Chief. On being told that, I too was a DOSCO, he asked whether he had met me earlier at the prize distribution of a Boxing Competition in the Old Gymnasium a few years earlier at the School. Mohsin Ali who had been recruited as one of the earliest Indians by Reuters, had been transferred to the RIAF's Public Relations Department and came with the Supreme Commander South East Asia Command to Java when I was serving there and was introduced to Admiral Mountbatten. My association continued with Lord Mountbatten for many years thereafter. As ADC to the last Governor General, Shri C. Rajagopalachari, I was on duty with him when he visited the School in 1949. The last sentence of his Founders' Day Address seems to have been forgotten - possibly it was not in his prepared printed speech. He wished good luck and good fortune to all the boys and said how fortunate they were to be at a school which was such a great family and how fortunate would be the girls who married them, later in life!

In the fifties, when I was posted in a remote area in Jammu & Kashmir, it was reported that a "dangerous journalist had managed to enter the forward area" I found George Verghese (ex 150-T) carrying a Ladakhi hat in his, had been wandering through the streets of Poonch looking for a place to stay, as there was no room in the 'dak bungalow'. George had got permission to visit the less known areas of the country and was writing on developmental activities, or the lack of them, in such places. On another occasion, when we were on full scale alert, once again in the Poonch sector, some young politicians, they were the 'Young Turks' of that era, decided to see 'military preparations' for themselves and report directly to Jawaharlal Nehru the PM who permitted them to fly in an IAF plane, and see things for themselves. The Army were not at all keen to have a bunch of civilians breathing down their necks, when their hands were already so full. I was told to deflect them somewhere else. Imagine my surprise when out stepped Dinesh Singh (ex 265-K) from the IAF Dakota to embrace me with open arms. I believe that our present Foreign Minister can look back with interest on being treated as a member of our unit engaged in most realistically simu-

lated warfare, and they had to spend the night in the trenches with us.

Gulam Jilani Khan (ex 138-T) and I were officer cadets in the same batch at Datta Officers Training School Lahore in 1943. I can never forget him, nor repay my debt of gratitude to him for coaxing, cajoling and pushing me over the fearsome obstacle course there on a Sunday afternoon. Without having been given the confidence of crossing them with his help, I could never have made it next day during parade, and had I failed then, the whole of my life could have been different. Jaani rose to three star rank in the Pakistan Army long before any of us in India, and later became Governor of the Punjab earning many laurels on the way. I hope this copy of the Rose Bowl reaches him!

Soon after the "Great Calcutta killing", I was in transit through Calcutta and was assigned transportation duties. Jit Lal (ex 153- J) was the Transit camp adjutant responsible for assigning the transients their duties. One of the soldiers fired off a round by accident which went through the brim of my jungle hat. Many years later, I was the first to reach the site where Jit was killed by a Naxalite in his Tollygunge club office in Calcutta.

In the 'sixties, we had a sizeable representation at the directing staff (instruction) level at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. I was posted there straight from the field, and carried only the bare necessities required there. My baggage wagon got lost somewhere on the way for a number of days but I was made ever so comfortable by Desai of the Army, Katre of the Air Force and Chakravarti of the Navy, and their wives who set up my house for me from what they could spare from their own. When my own family arrived, they too became a part of the large DOSCO family. Rajaji's forecast had indeed proved correct!

In 1971, during the Bangladesh War, Bhide and I served on General J.S. Aurora's staff at Calcutta. The longest field bridge ever built was improvised under Bhide's direction as Chief Engineer. As the war was about to end, Ram Sathe from the Ministry of External Affairs joined us for post war rehabilitation work. Both Bhide and I were awarded the Visisht Seva Medals for the Bangladesh operations.

Ram Sathe became Foreign Secretary in the eighties, when I was Vice Chief of the Army Staff. One Sunday morning, I was hastily summoned to the operations room at Army HQ as the Foreign Minister and the Foreign Secretary were to arrive any minute because of an embarrassing diplomatic situation created with the Chinese by an Army patrol. As I came panting up the stairs (the lifts in South Block did not work on Sundays those days) followed by the Chief of Army Staff, we were met by an agitated Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao who wanted to know how such a large army patrol could wander about for about 10 days in Chinese occupied Chumbi Valley. "Did they not have a compass to show them where they were?". Fortunately for us the local Chinese troops were even more embarrassed at their own incompetence in permitting that to have happened, and the Indian party was 'pushed back' over a mutually accepted pass, some days later with gifts

of rum, and having been made to see "Do Bigha Zamin" over and over again while they were in Chinese captivity!!

At another time, when I was Vice Chief, I was summoned to the chamber of the Home Minister in Parliament House. Giani Zail Singh, who later became the President was surrounded by members of the "Emergency Committee", who were most agitated because of a bomb blast which had killed the commissioner of upper Assam which incident was linked with reported attacks on the oil pipe lines in the whole of Assam. The Home Ministry demanded prompt military action to take over, and bring about normalcy. Spotting Lovraj Kumar, the Petroleum Secretary, I went and sat next to him. The Chief Minister of Assam was also summoned and she came straight from the Airport. The chorus for 'taking over instantly' was deafening. When I could at last be heard. I asked that we hear from the Petroleum Secretary as to the extent of damage to the pipe lines as assessed by his Ministry. I then gave the latest information I had obtained from the Army at the forward end. We asked the Chief Minister her views. Tempers cooled and it was decided to let Army HQ and the Petroleum Ministry give their combined recommendation for restoring the situation.

In 1982, when I had the opportunity to work closely with Rajiv Gandhi (ex 203-K) and Arun Singh, (ex 207-K) who were in the core group of the Asian Games Special Organising Committee, of which I was Deputy Chairman. There were DOSCOs at all levels. At a large meeting, Rajiv said to me very quietly, "Just look around, but don't say it too loudly, just count how many of us are running this show!"

During my five years as Chairman of the India Tourism Development Corporation. I took Gautam Khanna (ex 37-K) as my Guru; he had been in Tourism much longer and I learnt a lot from him. There were DOSCOs of a newer generation with whom we worked, as also when we helped in organising the School's Golden Jubilee celebrations with the redoubtable Lalli Thapar as our head.

By now, almost all "boys" who were in School during the 'thirties and early' forties, have retired from the hurly burly of activities although many continue in advisory capacities. Last year, my wife and I were invited to Bhide's seventieth birthday celebrations. Many of us (grand father) Old Boys who were there mulled over old times and wondered what we could do to keep alive the spirit of service imbued in us. I for one, have been working to portray the Services which nurtured me for forty years, in the best way to the general public, for their understanding and support as force multipliers. Our first film, 'Salt of the Earth' - the Air Force Story' was reported in the last Issue of the "Rose Bowl". I am most happy to say that working with Kunal Verma (ex 82-H) who was at School more than thirty years after I left, has brought me in touch with many DOSCOS in their prime, a full generation gap in age but still imbued with ideals of the aristocracy of service. Can we not extend this further, and contribute to the many pressing problems of the country in many varied fields?

Dear Old Boy,

Notice something?

O.K., its the support from OBs towards continuing publication of the ROSEBOWL. Sentiments and goodwill are simply not enough! The Society needs to fund the publication and relies almost entirely on the strip advertisements. And its almost always the same half dozen OBs (and their Companies) who shell out Rs. 5000.00 each so that the other three thousand OBs get to get their ROSEBOWL.

Unfair, lopsided? It certainly is!

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The Editors

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IN THE LAST THREE ISSUES OF THE "ROSE BOWL"**

The Rose Bowl has become an excellent means of communication with and between Old Boys and is highly appreciated by all! In the past we have essentially restricted ourselves to printing the newsletter in two colours and reducing the issues to two or maximum three in a year owing to the paucity of funds and, unfortunately, an indifferent response from OBs in general for sponsoring The Rose Bowl through ads!

We aim to bring out The Rose Bowl in resplendent full-colours and that too, four times a year. However, we need the OB's to support this fantastic (but costly) effort by sending us a mere Rs. 100 00 for each year (Rs. 200 equivalent for those abroad), to cover the costs. It will be more than worth it!! Better still, why not pay for the next 3 or 5 years at one go—

administration convenience for the OB as well as the Society.

Payment should be made by a A/C Payee cheque drawn on a Delhi bank/bank draft drawn in favour of the 'The Doon School Old Boys Society'.

The response so far has been very poor! Only about 462 of the Old Boys world-wide have responded and sent subscriptions for the "Rose Bowl" totalling about Rs. 1,45,000/- It is reiterated that the "Rose Bowl" is the only means of communication with and between the Old Boys and as such it is essential that we continue to publish the same. Do forward your subscription for which an order form is enclosed. The subscription for those who are residing abroad will be £ 10/- or \$ 20/- and not Rs. 200/- as published in the earlier Notice.

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Mr.K.N.P.Nair 1905-1993



Mr.K.N.P.Nair, former Housemaster Tata House, passed away on Wednesday, 28th July, 1993.

I first met Mr.Nair when, as a Welhamite, I came to the Doon School with my mother to visit a brother who was in Holding House, run by Mr.Nair. My brother was on a Yellow Card so a tea was arranged in School and I watched with awe those very adult looking 11 year old Doscos. Mrs.Nair was Mistress of Ceremonies and Ambika and Appan, the older Nair Children, were also present.

When I came to the Doon School, Mr. Nair's fearsome disposition was a source of much trembling amongst us little boys. He had, like S.K.Vohra today, a reputation for detecting misbehaviour in class from the back of his head. Such behavioural faults were often followed by throws of dusters at the miscreants. I suspect there must be a mathematical formula which led to such similarities. (This similarity could perhaps be summed up as 'Bonding' effect?)

In fact, as a Maths master, his particular strengths lay in his careful restructuring of weak students' abilities and development of their confidence. He was meticulous as a master and frightening but fair as a man.

He took over Tata House from Holdie. This could have been a daunting task for anyone, as RLH had become a legend in his own life time. Not for KNPN, these doubts. He set about remodelling the house to fit his own particular style of functioning, and by the time he handed it over, no one could have doubted his ability or commitment as a House Master.

Retirement is inevitable, but KNPN was a schoolmaster, so he took himself off to Blue Mountain School which is where I last met him in the mid-seventies.

His passing away brings to an end the life of one of the original and much admired men on the Chandbagh campus. To his family, our condolences and also thanks for sharing him with us.

Kamal Bhagat

Citation

Aftab, Seth, ex J-189, 1954-59, is India's Ambassador to Greece. The American College of Greece has conferred upon Aftab Seth the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Aftab Seth, diplomat, humanist, friend of Greece, it gives us great pleasure to welcome you back once more to our campus on this auspicious occasion.

Born in New Delhi, India, you attended Delhi University from which you received a Master's Degree in Modern History. Later, you studied Japanese language and history at Tokyo University and then went on to Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from India to study Modern History.

In 1968, you entered the Indian Foreign Service, and in 1970 you were posted to Tokyo as Third and later Second Secretary.

Following an interim in which you served as Under Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, you were posted to Beirut as First Secretary of the Indian Embassy there.

Subsequently, you served as First Secretary at Cairo, then as Consul General in Hamburg and Karachi, and as Counselor in Jakarta.

In 1988, you returned to India and for the next four years were Spokesman for the Indian Foreign Office, where you had the distinction of being the longest-serving spokesman of India and of being acclaimed a vibrant projector of cultural diversity and national integrity.

It was during this period that you undertook, in addition to your regular duties as spokesman, the task of developing an ambitious program for the projection abroad of the cultural image of your country. While this was a many-faceted project, it is perhaps best remembered for the series of documentary films on India which was produced by leading exponents of the art, under your artistic direction. Films like *Figures of Thought* and *Sanchari*, once seen, are not easily forgotten. Nor is the message which they convey.

It was in October 1992 that you were appointed Ambassador of India to Greece, a country whose history of art and culture provided the kind of opportunity and challenge most fitting to your rich cultural background and your bent of mind. Little wonder, then, that the impact that you have made in cultural circles in Athens, in the relatively short time that you have been here, has been so impressive.

In a world as complex as that in which we live today, and one beset by problems that would seem to defy solution by conventional approaches, it is comforting to find that there are still some minds, such as yours, which have grasped the significance of, and are eminently qualified to practise what can best be described as cultural diplomacy.

And so, Aftab Seth, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees of The American College of Greece, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, admitting you to all the rights, privileges, dignities and immunities pertaining thereunto. In witness thereof, I invest you with this hood and present you with this diploma.

Athens, June 25, 1993

OB PROFILES

Dr. Karan Singh (ex 259-K)

Born heir apparent (Yuvaraj) to Maharaja Hari Singh and Maharani Tara Devi of Jammu and Kashmir.



Dr. Karan Singh was catapulted into political life at the early age of eighteen when in 1949, he was appointed Regent by his father on the intervention of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Thereafter he was head of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir for the next eighteen years as Regent, as elected Sadar-i-Riyasat and lastly as Governor. He was a unique instance of the last representative of the old order becoming by the will of the people the first representative of the new. During these years he fulfilled his delicate and onerous duties with commendable success.

In 1967 Dr Karan Singh was inducted as a member of the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. At 36, he was the youngest person ever to become a Central Cabinet Minister in India. He was elected soon thereafter to the Lok Sabha from the Udhampur Parliamentary constituency in Jammu and Kashmir on behalf of the Indian National Congress by an overwhelming majority, and was re-elected from there in 1971, 1977 and 1980.

Dr Karan Singh was first assigned the portfolio of Tourism and Civil Aviation which he held for six years and where he created a marked impact by his vision and dynamism. In 1973 he moved to the portfolio of Health and Family Planning. Family Planning emerged as a major national commitment after he announced the National Population Policy in 1976. In 1979 he assumed the portfolio of Education and Culture. During the tenures as Minister Dr Karan Singh neither drew any salary nor lived in Government accommodation.

Dr Karan Singh was the only former ruler of a princely state to voluntarily surrender his privy purse. He put the entire sum into the Hari-Tara Charitable Trust, named after his parents, in the service of the people of India. He converted his Amar Mahal Palace in Jammu into a Museum and Library containing a priceless collection of Pahari miniatures and modern Indian art as well as his personal library of over twenty thousand volumes. Dr Karan Singh also looks after several other trusts in Jammu and Kashmir including the Dharmarth Trust which administers over a hundred Hindu shrines and temples. Recently he founded the International Centre for Science, Culture and Consciousness which is emerging as an important centre of creative thought.

Dr Karan Singh passed the Senior Cambridge examination from the Doon School, Dehra Dun in the first division, and later graduated from the Jammu and Kashmir University, of which he was himself the Chancellor. In 1957 he took the M.A. degree of the Delhi University in Political Science with a first class first, creating

a University record which is still unbroken. He then earned his doctorate from the Delhi University by writing a thesis on the Political thought of Sri Aurobindo, thus reaching the apex of a brilliant educational career. He holds the Honorary Professorship of the Benaras Hindu University against the Sri Aurobindo Chair, and is Chairman of the Governing Body of the Auroville Foundation.

Dr Karan Singh was for many years Chancellor of the Jammu and Kashmir University as well as Benaras Hindu University, and Chairman of the Central Sanskrit Board, President of the Authors Guild of India, the Commonwealth Society of India, and the Delhi Music Society. He is Vice-Chairman of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Chairman of the Temple of Understanding a major international interfaith organisation, Chairman of the People's Commission on Environment and Development India, President of the India International Centre, and of the Virat Hindu Samaj which seeks social reform on the basis of universal, vedantic values.

He is associated with many other cultural and academic institutions. He has received several honorary degrees and other awards, including doctorates from the Benaras Hindu University, the Aligarh Muslim University and the Soka University, Tokyo. He is a member of the prestigious Club of Rome, and is a lifelong conservationist, having been Chairman of the Indian Board of Wildlife for many years and head of the spectacularly successful "Project Tiger".

Dr Karan Singh is an author of distinction, having written a number of books on political science, philosophical essays, travelogues and poems in English. His fascinating Autobiography, an important collection of his writings called "One Man's World" and his "Essays on Hinduism" have been widely acclaimed. He has composed devotional songs in his mother tongue, Dogri, and is a keen student of Indian classical music. He has travelled extensively throughout the country and abroad, having represented India at important international conferences.

With his deep insight into the Indian cultural tradition, as well as his wide exposure to Western literature and civilization, Dr Karan Singh has come to be recognized as an outstanding thinker and leader in India and abroad. He is a renowned orator, and has lectured in five continents on philosophy and culture, politics and the environment. His tenure as Indian Ambassador to the United States, though brief received extensive and extremely favourable media coverage in both countries.

Dr Karan Singh is married to the gracious Princess Yasho Rajya Lakshmi, grand-daughter of the last Rana Prime Minister of Nepal, Maharaja Mohun Shumsher. She is an eminent social worker in her own right. As President of the Delhi Society for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded Children, she has built up an excellent centre at Okhla which provides day-care, evaluation, vocational training and other facilities to mentally handicapped children.

The Karan Singh's have three married children, a daughter Jyotsna and two sons, Vikramaditya and Ajatshatru.

Brigadier Brahmanand Singh (ex 76-T)

Brigadier Brahmanand Singh (ex 76-T) who retired from the Army in late 1992 has taken over as the Financial Controller and Administrator of the Doon School in February 1993. After leaving School in December 1954, he joined the National Defence Academy at Kharakvasla. Continuing at the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, he was commissioned in December 1958 in the 6th Bn. Kumaon Regiment. Less than four years later, young Lt. Brahmanand Singh was in the thick of fighting against the Chinese Army and took part in the battles for Walong in November 1962 and was critically wounded three times in the desperate attack on the Yellow Pimple feature.



Evacuated to a field hospital, and later to base, he soon recovered from wounds and rejoined his battalion in February 1963. From 1964 to August 1966, he was an instructor at the IMA, at which time he married Lata (they now have three lovely daughters). Selected for the Staff College, he went to Wellington in 1966 as one of the Junior most officers in his batch and, later rejoined the Kumaon Regiment (16th Bn.) at Nathu la in Sikkim, once again being in the thick of fighting against the Chinese in 1967. He served for 3 years with the 17th Mountain Division in the Sikkim area, before being posted as G20ps with the 14th Infantry Division.

When war came in December 1971, he was posted in the Faridkot Sector in a defensive role and thereafter Brahmanand was re-posted to high altitude area on the UP-Tibet border, and thereafter (with 12th Kumaon), posted to Manipur, then Ranchi and finally the Andaman & Nicobar Islands ("Join the Army and See India!").

After a two-year posting in those offshore islands in the Bay of Bengal, Brahmanand Singh was posted to Army Headquarters in the special duties branch and was part of the Defence Minister's staff in charge of Army deputa-

tions and training teams throughout the world. In 1980, he was selected for the Higher Commanders Course at Mhow and thereafter, posted as Deputy Brigade Commander with 10 Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in the Poonch Sector of J & K. His promotion to Brigadier and posting to command 42 Brigade in Dehra Dun was most fortuitous, as not only was his headquarters in the immediate vicinity of the Doon School but he was to play a great part in the run up to the School's Golden Jubilee in December 1985. Earlier, in November 1984, Brahmanand's troops guarded the Doon School, and other sensitive institutions, during the riots. The 50th Anniversary celebrations were greatly assisted by the logistics and communication support so professionally provided by the Army.

In late 1985, Brahmanand was posted to the "Far East", as DIG Assam Rifles under the Ministry of Home, when he took a very active part in suppressing the insurgency there, remaining in Manipur till March 1989. Thereafter, he was posted as the Commander Weapons Wing at the Infantry School, Mhow before retiring from the Army after more than three decades. Brigadier Brahmanand Singh has now been back at the Doon School since early 1993, his alma mater which he had joined in August 1949, starting at Holding House under Mr. KNP Nair and then moving to the main Tata House under Mr. R.L. Holdsworth. Young Brahmanand was a great sportsman and in social service, being the youngest to be secretary of the School Council and in charge of 'Bharat Vani'. He won boxing colours, was the School Wrestling Captain, won the Games Blazer and signed the Honours Book a record number of times winning the "Shakespeare" in his very second term. His English essays prompted Holdy to coin a new expression for grammatical mistakes - "e.g." for "error brahmanand ii".

Good For Bad!

I write with reference to the old Boy's residing here in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Sushil Dubey, an ex-Dosco, and the present Consul General here in San Francisco was kind enough to host the first Annual Bay Area Dosco's (BAD) dinner get together, at his residence in Pacific Heights. It was well represented and the



Get together of Bay Area DOSCO's (BAD).

turnout was great. We have decided to meet as a group on a quarterly basis.

Ad hoc elections were held the night of the dinner, and Chickoo Batra was elected President, and I, Ravi Lai, ex 218-H was elected Secretary. My telephone # here is (510) 820-5928, should anyone need to contact either me or any other Dosco's here in the Bay Area. Please ensure that this letter is part of the next ROSE BOWL publication, as we would like to be recognized as a viable and formidable presence here in the San Francisco area. May the BAD boy's society continue to prevail, and I will keep you posted on any additional happenings when and as they arise.

RAVI LAI
(ex 218-H)

Jamshedpur OBs Get-Together

Jamshedpur OBs held a Get-together after many many years on the evening of Saturday, 12th June, 1993. This was graciously hosted by Sarosh J. Ghandy (ex. 142-K) at the delightful premises of Telco's "Nildih House", followed by a most lavish dinner, enjoyed by one and all. Much reminiscing accompanied by nostalgia were triggered off by Ashok Pandit (ex. 7-H)'s copy of composite Golden Jubilee Video Cassette (including Ajai Lal's "Doon - A Crucible for character") along with some meticulously preserved albums of photographs. Much discussion led by the host & Mickey Registrar as to who acquired the maximum YC's in their first term, livened up matters!

Unfortunately, many ladies could not be present for various reasons which perhaps de-



Seated L to R : Raju Dugal, V. Bharti, Harsh Gupta, Ashok Pandit, Ms. H. Dugal, Ms. Phiroza Registrar, Ms. Meenakshi Singhdeo, P.M. ("Toby") Dhar, C.R. Subia, Lt. Col. P.M. Singhdeo, Ms. Tara Dhar, Mickey Registrar, Jasmeet Singh. On Floor : Ashwant Misra, Sanjeev Dhar, Atul Kumar (Regional Rep. DSOBS) Sarosh Ghandy (Host).

tracted from some of the colour, but presence of Eastern Regional Rep. Atul Kumar from Calcutta was most encouraging. Apologies were also received from Mumtaz Ahmed (ex. 128-T), Chairman, Board of Governors and Harpal Singh (ex. 322-H), President, DSOBS, who had to cancel his visit at the last moment. Some well known Tisco OBs, viz. Ishat Hussain (ex. 292-H), Ashok Mehta and Kabir Seth (ex. 199-J) also unfortunately sent their regrets, but list of those who were present is attached herewith.

The main point mooted for consideration by the DSOBS was whether OB Sub-Centres within the jurisdiction of various regions should be formed, to function as compact units : (This is

somewhat in line with thoughts expressed at the last AGM). A city like Jamshedpur with a very strong industrial and socially-conscious infrastructure definitely warrants a Sub-Centre of OBs, whose individual efforts and contributions would then be more fruitfully coordinated and a link maintained through Regional Reps. with the Executive Committee.

In passing, it was also pointed out by the undersigned that Jamshedpur's connection with the school is often not remembered - but everyone who was in TATA HOUSE knows its motto - "TRUE AS STEEL"!

P.M.DHAR
(ex 108-T)

The Doon School Old Boys' Society Who's Who - & Where

Old Boys continuously ask as to whom to get in touch with or where to write regarding the Society's activities. Many OBs in

cities through out India, as also abroad are not aware of the Regional Representatives in their areas and since this has resulted in some

missing out on occasions. We list below the names and addresses as are current:-

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PROGRAMME FOR FOUNDERS DAY 1993

1. **Friday - 15th Oct**
 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM Inter House Athletics
 (Main field)
 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM Meeting of the Board
 of Governors (Library)
 8.30 PM onwards Class of '68
 Silver Jubilee Dinner (Multipurpose Hall)
2. **Saturday - 16th Oct**
 10.00 AM to 1.00 PM Exhibitions
 (Main Building)
 1.00 PM to 2.30 PM Board of Governors lunch
 Class of '43 invited to the lunch
 (HM's residence)
 4.45 PM to 5.45 PM Founders' Day Speeches
 (ROSE BOWL)
 (H.H Dalai Lama will be the Chief Guest)
 6.15 PM Pageant
 "Wonder that is Doon" (ROSE BOWL)
 8.00 PM At home with the House Masters
 9.00 PM Dinner at the CDH -parents & old boys invited
 Golden Jubilee dinner -Class of '43 (MDR)
3. **Sunday - 17th Oct**
 9.30 AM OB Society Meeting (Multipurpose Hall)
 10.30 AM R.L. Holdsworth cricket match
 11.00 AM IPSS Meeting (Library)
 1.00 PM OB's lunch (MDR)

NOTICE

A circular was sent to all Old Boys in March 1993 requesting for an update of their addresses and telephone numbers for printing of 1993 edition of the OBS Register in Sept. 1993. Response has been received from only about 40% of the Old Boys and as such the printing of the Register has been postponed to Nov/Dec. 1993. Those who have not responded so far are requested to send the following data at the address given below. A large number of OBS who responded did not give their telephone numbers. In case they wish the same to be included then they should also write in.

Executive Secretary,
 The Doon School Old Boys' Society,
 C/o. SRF Limited,
 Express Building, 1st Floor,
 New Delhi - 110 002.
 India.

1. Name :
2. Number & House :
3. Year & Term of :
 A) Joining the school :
 B) Leaving the school :
4. Class of SC/ISC
 To which you belong :
 (Those who left School before doing their SC/ISC, should indicate the year in which they would have passed the SC/ISC in case they had continued to remain in the School).
5. Present Mailing Address
 with telephone number :
6. Permanent Mailing Address :
7. Suggestions if any :

Date :

Signature

NOTICE Requirement Of Class Representatives

The Society has no Class Representatives for the classes of 1941 to 46, 77, 78, 80, 85, 86, 87, 90, 92 & 93. Old Boys who are willing to be the Class Representatives for the above Classes are requested to write to the Executive Secretary at the following address:

The Executive Secretary,
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NOTICE

The DSOBS has lost contact with the following Old Boys whose names are given below classwise. Old Boys who are in contact with any of them are requested to intimate their addresses to the Executive Secretary at the following address:

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Letters to the Editor

Sir,

I have read with much nostalgia Saroj Mehera's obituary on Surendr Lall (The Rose Bowl of the 30th April). As a junior, I knew Bandy well, for he was my house captain, and I thought I would write something of the impression he made on us of the netherworld.

Bandy was of the stuff of which schoolboy heroes are made. He had an attractive personality, outgoing with obvious qualities of leadership, was eloquent in his admonitions of the House after supper but, at the same time, was an understanding house captain. I believe he was in all the school teams in the major games, besides in swimming, diving and boxing and he was, if I remember correctly, also the Senior PT leader. My first memory of him is at the swimming pool when my brother pointed him out to me: "That," he said, with some awe, "is Kali's brother." His legend carried, for some years after leaving school when I was watching a cricket match in St. Stephen's and a catch was dropped on the boundary, I overheard someone, a non-Dosco, remark, "You require a Surendr Lall for that."

Of physical fitness Bandy made something of a fetish. It is sad, then, that he was killed by cigarettes, betraying a health-principle he so cherished.

K. P.S. Menon (ex-215.J)

Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of 17th June and the other copy of the "Rose Bowl" arrived one day earlier. This issue of the Rose Bowl is quite outstanding and very informative and several Old Boys I met spoke very enthusiastically about the quality of the latest issue. We are really sorry that you are struggling to get sponsors for "the Rose Bowl". What donation is required for an advertisement strip at the bottom of a page? My personal donation will be sent in August but let me see if I can get some Firms to donate where O.B's are working in Bangalore.

Preparations for the 1943 batch reunion are progressing well, as Premi will tell you. The coordinator Sandeep Dutt is very helpful.

Dev K. Mukerji.
(ex 48-J)

Sir,

I am grateful for your letter dated 28th June 1993 asking my particulars. The information required is enclosed. Recently Mrs. Pitre and I visited the Doon School and stayed in the Oberoi House, the School was hosting the Annual Conference of the All India Science Teachers Association, of which I am the current President.

Many masters have moved away in reach of green pastures. I visited UCP who has taken over the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy. Some have retired, Mr. Roshanlal (Mela Ram), Mr V. Deshpandey, Darshan Singh, Omendra Singh and C.K. Dikshit visited us during the Conference. Things have changed but the environment remains the same. I attempt to visit the School almost every year since I left in 1983, and it is a good feeling.

We come across many Old Boys and masters in Jaipur. A few months back Gulab visited us with his family. Two OBs. have put in their boys in my School this year. R.D. Singh has been visiting us

often in the past, and now he is stationed closer (Mayo College). Mr. Ajay Banerjee's wife is teaching with us.

Regards,

B.G. Pitre

Sir,

I enclose a draft of Rs. 500/- towards 5 years subscription of The Rose Bowl. This will help you for administrative convenience and me the bother of remembering to pay year after year. Please accept receipt.

2. This is to inform you that I greatly enjoy reading 'The Rose Bowl' and look forward to the quarterly issues.

With all the best and warm regards.

Brig Jagjit Singh
(ex 91-J)

Sir,

I received the 30th April Issue of the 'The Rose Bowl' some time ago and as always, thoroughly enjoyed its contents. I have to say, however, that I am baffled by the utter silence that envelopes the '74 batch. Were it not for the odd, often oblique, reference one would think that virtually a whole class had vanished and all memory of it erased. Most batches appear to possess a representative. Does such an animal exist for the class of '74. And if so he needs to be prodded awake with a sharp instrument.

I have to confess with some embarrassment that I have never paid a single rupee towards any subscription or fund of the DSOBS and cannot immediately think up of any credible excuse except sloth and forgetfulness.

This time, however, Vikram Seth's address at Founders' Day has galvanised me into action. I find his views to be a welcome infusion of vinegar in the otherwise complacently sugary tones of this issue. It is high time that the Old Boy's fraternity as well as all the exalted personages and bodies that govern the affairs of the School indulge in some critical examination of the ideals, values and standards that the Doon School stands for; how effectively is the school managing to impart these to the boys; are these reflected in the conduct and careers of the Old Boys'. A certain amount of candid introspection would not be out of place.

Which is not to say that I agree with what Vikram Seth has to say. In fact, quite the opposite. I feel that most of the failings that he has highlighted are actually those of that age group that comprises the student body of the School. Apart from anything else from my own memories of School, Doscos displayed an acceptance of eccentricity occasionally amounting to mild lunacy, to a degree remarkable for that age group. Initiative, resourcefulness, independence of thought and action within a disciplined framework, all attributes in a marked degree of a Doon School education. I had actually prepared a most cogently argued rebuttal to some of Vikram Seth's criticisms but that runs to so many pages that, in sheer muscular presence it utterly dwarfs 'A Suitable Boy' reducing that, in comparison, to anaemic insignificance. I have therefore magnanimously decided to spare you all the weight of my opinions and shall content myself by expressing my firm belief that there can be no better preparation for adulthood than the 5 or 6 years spent at Doon.

Putting money in the region of my mouth, I am sending a draft for Rs. 5000/- of which please use Rs. 500/- for a 5 year subscription for 'The Rose Bowl' and the balance to be treated as a contribution to

DSOBS preferably to be used as part of the fund that supports scholarships and bursaries.

With best wishes

Hashim N. Tyabji (ex-282 J)

Sir,

I have been meaning to write to the school regarding my first and only meeting with Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. This was at the Golden Jubilee celebration in 1985. As you may know the old boys and their families from Pakistan had been invited to meet Mr. Gandhi at the Principals house one afternoon at 5.00 p.m. As we approached the Principals house on foot I was ahead of every one else and announced our arrival at the gate about 5 minutes before 5.00 p.m.

We were immediately asked to enter and I saw a number of people on the lawn and Aurangzeb and his wife were the only ones from Pakistan already there. As I moved forward a gentleman approached me with his hand held forward and I was completely over awed as he looked like Mr. Rajiv Gandhi but I never expected him to approach us himself. I thought he must be a close relative with the likeness of Mr. Gandhi. However, in a few seconds I was shaking his hand and he greeted me saying 'I am Rajiv Gandhi'. Thereafter he shook hands with the rest of the old boys and their families from Pakistan.

I was most impressed by the warmth and humility with which we were received by him and thereafter various foreign correspondents tried to provoke him on Indo-Pak relations. He replied to their questions with patience and in the end stated that "I am here as an old boy of the school and not the Prime Minister of India".

If you feel this incident would be of interest to others associated with the School kindly circulate it to them.

With kind regards

K. Muzaffar

Sir,

I enclose a cheque for Rs. 110/- towards the cost of THE ROSEBOWL. I know this cheque should be a draft, but I am more or less laid up and can't get to the Bank so I hope you will be able to cash it leaving Rs. 100 for the Doon School Old Boys' Society. I greatly enjoy The Rose Bowl and much look forward to its coming.

All good wishes

Jack Gibson

Sir,

I have seen with interest your issue of 30th April and find that it is well written and neatly presented. I enclose the subscription form along with a cheque for Rs 500/- to cover a 5-year subscription.

The enclosed note will update you about my recent activities. Since it was published, I have also been appointed on the 15-Member UNESCO International Commission for Education in Twenty-first Century.

With good wishes,

Karan Singh.
(ex 259-K)

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