

# The Rose Bowl

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### OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

★ Roshan Seth (ex 186-J) is described as the real star of the new stage version of "The Millionaires" which opened in Britain recently. Roshan plays the part of an Indian doctor who is chased by one of his glamorous lady patients (the still voluptuous Raquel Welch), in an adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's play. Roshan has a long list of television and theatre credits but this is his first play on the West End and "so it is rather exciting to have your name up in lights" he says. Earlier, Roshan acted as Nehru in Attenborough's Oscar-winning "Gandhi" and more recently, in the television adaption of "The Buddha of Suburbia".

★ As the papers say it, Vivek Bharat Ram (ex 35-K) has set himself apart (from others of his ilk) by concentrating on consolidating his business empire. "I believe in consolidation before diversification.... to see through the (Korean) Daewoo car project before setting up a consumer product joint venture with a South African firm". The DCM-Daewoo Cielo passenger car has gone down well in the Indian market and Vivek's company now has offices in Moscow and Johannesburg to review new business possibilities.

★ Capt. J.R.D. "Ranthi" Rao (ex 325-K) who recently took over as one of the Joint Managing Directors of Indian Airlines, was strenuously involved in sorting out the threat of a pilot's strike in the domestic carrier.

Displaying a fair, but firm, countenance, Ranthi was fully backed by his MD and Secretary Civil Aviation, to call the pilot's bluff. This did not deter him from carrying out his additional responsibilities involving Short Haul Operations, as also flying Airbus airliners on scheduled services to different parts of the country.

★ In a spectacular face off against the might of the ruling Congress government in the Punjab, Manpreet Singh Dhillon (ex 687-T, class of 1981) dared and won the Gidderbha Bye Election on an Akali ticket, becoming the youngest MLA in the Punjab at the age of 33.

★ Colonel T.P.S. "Tippy" Brar (ex 231-J), who has been an instructor at the British Army School of Infantry at Warminster for three years, was with the Indian Army contingent at the recent V.J. (Victory over Japan) 50th Anniversary celebrations in London. Tippy who led the march past down Pall Mall, reviewed by Queen Elizabeth II, recalled that his father, Maj. General D.S. Brar, had led the Indian Army contingent down the same famous avenue at the Victory parade in 1946.

★ The "other" scion of the famous Delhi family, Siddharth Shriram (ex 151-K) Chairman of Siel Ltd., has just signed a joint venture agreement with the Honda Motor Company of Japan to manufacture a range of Honda passenger cars in India. A new variant of the internationally popular Honda

Civic model would hit the Indian roads by 1997, "a satisfactory car at reasonable price".

★ Kamal Nath (ex 366-H) who has been a very active Minister for the Environment and Forests, has had his portfolio changed in the recent Cabinet reshuffle. Kamal has now taken over as the Minister of State for Textiles, with independent charge.

★ Despite Ravindra Chandra "Kedo" Bhargava (ex 154-T) being under severe pressure from the Industry Ministry, his position as Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MLK) seems secure, and the business press feel that he has strong support from sections in the Government, notably the Prime Minister's Office. The Chairmanship of Maruti fell vacant when Kedo attained the age of super annuation but then became MD of MUL as a nominee of the Suzuki Motor Company.

★ Mani Shanker Aiyer (ex 55-T) has perhaps been the most talked about OB in New Delhi (and beyond) circles and not always on complimentary terms ! Mani's ideas, given publicity via his weekly column Mani Talk in the "Sunday" magazine, were obviously given serious consideration by sections of the Congress party, resulting in the 'decision' to rename the historic Connaught Place and Connaught Circus in the heart of New Delhi after the late Rajiv Gandhi (ex 207-K) and his mother. So the most famous landmark in the nation's capital has ostensibly been named 'Rajiv Chowk' but amidst the most strident protests, some observers ridiculing this move and bestowing Mani with the title of "Ayah to the Gandhi baba-log".



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## FOR THE RECORD

### Academics

Karanvir Singh (ex 563-H) has joined the University of Essex (U.K.) to read for an undergraduate degree in Economics.

Kaustuv Sen (ex 83-H) has been admitted to Harvard University, USA.

Bharat Kapoor (ex 431-K) has joined the University of Wollongong Australia.

Rahul Shrinagesh (ex 453-H) is at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Vikram Khanna (ex 216-T) has left the Army and is now doing a MBA programme at the IMI (Indian Management Institute) in Delhi. His wife, Rajni is working at The World Bank.

Amarinder Singh Chopra (ex 36T-T) is at the Hotel Consult, "Cesar Ritz" in Switzerland.

### Births

Rohan to Rajat (ex 907-H) and Nerupama Modwell in December 1994.

Simrin to Dhruv (ex 142-K) and Mandira Puri in December 1994.

Saaniya to Somesh (ex 131-H) and Aarati Mehra in July 1995.

Rilay to Rajat (ex 135-T) and Sumitra Banerji in June 1995.

Aditya to Raghav (ex 133-K) and Anupama Mallik in January 1995.

### Careers

Philip Mani (ex 637-K) has joined the British Foreign and Diplomatic Service.

P Gopinath (ex 154-H) is the Assistant Director General of the International Labour Organisation, Geneva. He was a member of the Indian Foreign Service and resigned to join the permanent staff of the ILO many years ago.

V.K. Grover (ex 12-H) is currently Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Pavan Vaish (ex 372-K) has joined Praj Enterprises Ltd in Pune. He can be contacted on telephone Nos. 321301 or fax 321689.

Ravi Vira (ex 289-J) has been appointed the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

Shrinivasrao Sohoni (ex 353-H) has been appointed secretary to the President of India. He is the youngest ever person to hold such an important post.

Digvijai Gill (ex 565-K) has taken over as Managing Director of Pepsi Cola, Romania from 1st July, 1995.

Vikramjit Singh Chopra (ex 467-T) is now with Daimler-Benz Aerospace at New Delhi.

Rahul Anand (ex 516-T) is with RPG-Sprint, based at New Delhi.

Gagan Maini (ex 492-H) has joined Modi-Revlon in the marketing division.

Rory Choudhuri (ex 877-J) is settled in London and married to Monique, who is running her own training business. Rory is working with a Computer Company running a division looking after the video and CD-ROM markets.

Arvind Varma (ex 932-T) is working at The Pierre (a Four Seasons Hotel) in New York City as Chief of Engineering and Systems Analyst. He visited India this summer and enjoyed meeting up with a lot of school friends.

Deepak Suri (ex 930-K) has recently moved to Muscat, Oman. He is working at OHI Advertising.

Rajat Banerji (ex 135-T) is General Manager at "Feedback Ventures" in Delhi. They are consultants to various large business houses on expansion and diversification plans.

Vikas Saklani (ex 197-H) is working as Commercial Manager at Dohlpur Chemicals in Delhi.

Nishad Das (ex 950-H) is teaching at Cheltenham, one of the top schools in Northern England.

Rakesh Wahi (ex 491-H) has been in Dubai for the last four years. He is married to Saloni and has two children - Siddarth and Shweta. Rakesh is successfully running his own business, Renepe Trading and Marketing Ltd.

Karanjit Singh Chopra (ex 86-T) is working with the St. James Court Hotel at London.

Rajat Khosla (ex 143-H) has recently joined KLM Cargo as Business Development Manager, based in Delhi.

Dr. Sanjay K.S. Maya (ex 415-T '94) has returned from UK and joined Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Specialised in Arthroscopic Surgery, Joint Diseases and Joint replacement.

### Marriages

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

Praveen Ahuja (ex 450-T) to Shwati Malla Sidharth Chandra (ex 477-T) to Madhur Lakhanpal (sister of Vinay Lakhanpal (ex 235-J))

Vishal Dewan (ex 531-J) to Ruchi Yatindra Rana (ex 592-J) on his marriage to Aneet

Pradyumna Agrawal (ex 355-J) Rajshekhar Singh (ex 727-J) to Priya Rajat Khosla (ex 143-H) to Shashi Mehul Madhu Parikh (332-J) to Ishita Aashish Bhargava (ex 154-J) to Roopa Vivek Sehgal (ex 402-J) to Radhika

Rajiv Nagalia (ex 896-H '82) got married to Shikha on 11th May 1995.

Narinder Varma (ex 376-J) to Machel McCollum in Scattly U.S.

### Obituary

We are sorry to announce the demise of the following Old Boys and offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved families:-

Col. Kumar Singh (19-T) in January 1992  
M.A. Murugappan (ex 133-T) in July 1995  
Shahzada Sultan I Rum in March 1995  
Krishan Raj Bammi (ex 280-K) in May 1995.

Nitin Bhatia (ex 257-H)

Prithviraj Singh (ex 263-J)

Lt. Col. H.H. Shivaram Bhonsle (ex 20-T) in July 1995.

We regret to announce the demise of Gyan Shivpuri, husband of Himani (Bhatt) Shivpuri (ex 490-KB). Our heartfelt condolences to the family.

### Miscellaneous

Captain Rakesh Kala (ex 191-H), Indian Navy was awarded the Nao Sena Medal in the Presidential Honours of the Republic Day 1995.

Sumer Bahadur Singh (ex 299-J) has left the Lawrence School, Sanawar and taken up the task of setting up a residential co-educational school outside Delhi.

Shubho Ghosh (ex 472-O) has represented Delhi University at the Australian Inter Varsity Debating Championships held at Princeton University in January this year.

Vijit Ramchandani (ex 225-JA, '76) is now in USA and he would like to meet any DOSCOS passing through the Twin Cities Minnetonka, so give him a call. Note - especially from class of 1976. His address is - 15310 Skyview Circle, Minnetonka MN 55345, Phone/Fax-612 935 0219

Gaurav Sondhi (ex 387-KB) has won the Silver Medal in the National Rules Trap Shooting Championship held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges Tughlakabad, New Delhi.

Sandeep Nagalia (ex 636-KA '79) is now working with Williamson Magor & Co Ltd. at Bhooteachang T.E., P.O. Panerihat, Distt. Darrang (Assam) and welcomes Old Boys to come and stay with him while visiting Assam or the North East India.

### AT AJOY MAHTAB'S WEDDING IN JANUARY 1995



From left to right : J.R.D. Rao ex 325-K, Tarun Ghai ex 122-K (the bride's brother), S.K. Mehra ex 122-K, Vibhas Kichhu ex 24-T, Mumtaz Ahmed ex 128-T (Chairman, Board of Governors), Rajat Bhattacharya ex 44-TA, Preminder Maliah ex 64-J, the bride Tarina Ghai, M.M. Ghai ex 262-K (the bride's father), the bridegroom Ajoy Mahtab ex 263-KA, P.C. Mahtab ex 70-K (the bridegroom's father), Arjun Chaudhuri ex 83-K, M.C. Mahtab ex 60-K and Sanjiv Maliah ex 274-JA.

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## CLASS OF 1966 (COS66)

A few months ago I was surprised to receive a call from Vivek Burman (ex 35-K). It was a pleasant surprise, as I had lost total contact with him since school, nor did I know anybody else who knew his whereabouts. We met at my place, and over the course of the evening he told me about what he had been upto all these years. While studying as a C.A. in London, he was not impressed by the prim and proper image of an English Accountant. It did not jive with his concept of countenance. The all too important tie gave him the feeling of being shackled to the conventional unchallenged ways of society. So he broke loose to be himself - jeans, rubber casuals et al. With him he took his camera. Today Vivek is a professional photographer of repute in Calcutta with an impressive clientele.

The story of his love for photography is an interesting one. While in London a hard-up course-mate wanted to pawn his camera, with the condition that he get it back when he returned the money. No one agreed to this condition, the ownership of a Pentax Camera was too tempting otherwise. Vivek, to the dismay of the others agreed to this condition. He had enjoyed photography in school and he saw adventure in it. Well, the Pentax went back to the original owner but left Vivek with his new, rekindled love for photography. Between his busy schedules Vivek can be found at his family home at 2B Dover Road, Calcutta-700 019. Tel. (R) 4752771.

COS66 crossed the oceans this year to hold a Golf tournament in London in memory of Vikram Bawa. There was a good turn out, about which Nitán Kapoor writes later in this issue.

Haripal Singh Gill (ex 328-H)

## CLASS OF 1993

Subho Ghosh (ex 472-O) has been in the limelight for quite some time now - last year he was nominated to the 'Cabinet' of his College Council (The Hindu College, Delhi) as its youngest member. He also made waves by representing Delhi University at the Australasian Inter-University Debating Championships in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia in July 1994; and then again at the World Universities Debating Championship held at Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, in January 1995.

Bharat Kapoor (ex 431-K) has joined

## M.A. MURUGAPPAN (ex 133-T) A TRIBUTE FROM AFAR

By Appan Nair (ex 250-T)

As a boy, a smiling face,  
In speech, Tamilian aristocratic grace,  
Of malice, not a trace!

For years, I saw him so,  
And then, I had to go  
As my schooldays were over,  
That young world in clover  
Of "Doon" flavour.

I lost touch with him,  
And tasted life's unkindness to the brim,  
Our paths rarely crossed,  
In adult life so engrossed.  
Often, I rejoiced to hear of him,  
Then a tycoon, a fine family man,  
Around whom was woven many a noble plan.

And now in July '95, his sad,  
untimely passing,  
Grief surpassing !  
May he have gone to a splendid world,  
Though his kin and we be in grief  
enswired !

With his revered parents and his kin,  
We share that tragic thing  
Nostalgia, that sense of tragic loss,  
Which only prayer, and time,  
gives poignant gloss !

### OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

the University of Wollongong, Australia.

Rahul Shrinagesh (ex 453-H) is at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Gaurav Murgai (ex 433-J) has joined The Hindu College, Delhi and is also an active member of its squash and cricket teams.

This is all the relevant news for now; I promise to keep you posted from time to time.

Saurabh Singh  
(Class Representative)

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## Bangalore Golf Tournament

The Doscocs of Bangalore as hosts had organised the annual Golf Tournament against Mayoites, Stephanians, and Lawrentians (Ooty) which was played at the KGA course on April 8th 1995, and was followed up with Cocktails and Dinner at Concorde.

The tournament was played on the stableford format, with a team of 10 players with the best 8 scores counting. Mayoites won hands down, with a very big margin, followed by Lawrence, Doscocs, and Stephenians. It is embarrassing to give scores and hence I am refraining from doing so. In spite of good individual performances by Sanjeev Mehera 222 KA, who won the Best Gross, and Sanjeev Vohra 54 JA who won the Runner up best net. Dev Mukherji & Sushil Haksar played for the Stephenians. On Saturday April 15th 1995, Sayajirao Gaekwar hosted a Cocktail party for the Headmaster who was visiting Bangalore. Mr. & Mrs. Gulab Ramchandani, A.N. Dar, and Mr. & Mrs. Lahiri were also visiting Bangalore and graced the party. In all some 30 Doscocs of the region along with their wives attended the cocktail party, at which the HM showed a short video, on the school, and spoke about the future plans for the school."

Sayajirao Gaekwar

## Southern India Get-together

Old Boys of the Southern Region will be having a Get-together over the weekend of 24/26th November 1995 at Bangalore. The Get-together will include partying at a Disco, Golf, Cricket as well as other extra curricular activities. It is possible that the Executive Committee of Old Boys Society may also meet there though this is not yet certain. Old Boys from other centres would be very welcome so do make a note of these dates and try to structure a visit at that time along with your wives, girl friends or whatever! If you can decide in advance please write either to Mr. Sayajirao Gaekwar, Lyndhurst-401, 3 Walton Road, Bangalore-560 001 Fax : 2214126 or Mr. Ravi Katari, 4, Pughs Road, Madras 600 028, Fax: 4342325 Tlx : 23022. We will then write back to you with details of the arrangements, costs etc.

Those who can only decide later in the day are warmly invited to "land up" - just bring your golf and/or cricket togs along.

Ravi Katari

## Dinner with the Headmaster at Hyderabad

A small group of Doscocs and a scattering of wives met at Ajit Swani's Hotel Deccan Continental on 18th April 1995 to welcome

## THE MUSCAT GET TOGETHER



Old Boys - Left to Right : Arjun Raha, Vivek Agarwal, Deepak Jain, R.K. Atal, Vikas Kaushal, Arun Mehra, Gulab Ramchandani and Deepak Atal.

Mr Gulab Ramchandani (ex 255-T) former HM of School, visited Muscat, Oman, earlier this year and a dinner was hosted by Mr Bhatnagar, Principal of the Indian School, Ghala (and ex-Headmaster, Lovedale).

the Headmaster, Mr S. R. Das, to Hyderabad.

The following were present: Mahrook Italia, Saam and Ashish Chinoy, Santosh and Asha Reddy, Pradeep Sen, Ajit and Rajinder Swani, Cyrus Taraporvala, Dhananjay Jadhav, Sundresh and Phiroza Prasad, Diwakar Murthy, Itaat Hussain, and Aminuddin and Selma Khan. Jagdish Reddy made a brief appearance and disappeared after downing a fast Thums Up.

Earlier in the evening Mr S. R. Das had addressed the parents of boys who were likely to be going up to the Doon School in the foreseeable future. That meeting was held at the Continental Club, courtesy Mr Ajit Swani. The following were present: Mr S. R. Das, Mr Jagdish Reddy, Mr Anirudh Reddy, Mr Sundresh Prasad, Mr and Mrs Ajit Swani, Mr and Mrs G.J. Noria, Dr and Mrs M. M. Krishna Raju, Mrs Uma Jadhav, Mr and Mrs Manmeet Singh, Mr Ravish Awasti, and Mr and Mrs Saam Chinoy.

Before the alfresco Dosco dinner at the Deccan Continental, Mr Das spoke about the tremendous changes that were taking place in Chandbagh. George Vergheese and Mr Madhav Rao Scindia were heading a committee which hoped to raise five crores of rupees for the school. A new water supply, new sewage lines, new bathroom fittings; repairs, upkeep, and refurbishing of buildings; new power lines, better lab facilities, better pay for the staff, and hiked

fees @ Rs.42,000/- per annum plus extras, were the order of the day. The school was ready for the future. Mr Das hoped that very soon boys from all over India would, once again, start coming to Chandbagh. The HM's compelling speech was followed by a video film by Robin Roy, with Roshan Seth reading the script in his own charming way. The video was about the Doon School and what it stood for and what it offered a boy in the way of a good education and more. Mr Das said that it had been made for the mothers who were going to send their sons to the school. He prayed that it would steal their hearts away.

The film was certainly nostalgic and brought tears to many old eyes. The food was excellent, and the company as endearing as ever. But the party was low key, and not as rumbustious as usual, in deference to State controls.

As this might well have been Shomie Das's last visit to Hyderabad as Headmaster, we wish him well in his retirement. We are sorry not to have met the new incumbent, who, we understand, is still in the Gulf. But we wish him a long and successful innings when he goes in to bat for the Doon School.

Aminuddin Khan  
(ex 22-K)

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## OB'S ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL, 19 AUGUST 1995



This time there were no hang ups!  
The annual fixture went off well, the OBs played a great game, the School XI even greater. School won 1-0.

L-R. Standing: Himmat Singh, Kalikesh Singh Deo, Sangram Singh, Premjit Singh Chopra, Randhir Singh, Rohitinder Singh, Gaurav Seth, Vikram Singh, Jayant Gaur.

Sitting: A. Jugran, Jagrit Malhotra, Jayinder Singh Chopra, Abhinandan Sekhri, Sidhartha Suri, Prithvi Singh, Sycolin Kongsai, Akshay Shah, A. Kuriyal, Bawa H. Singh.



Sangram Singh defending the OB's goal from Neil Gupta ("S" Form).

## THE BAWA VIKRAM SINGH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Undoubtedly, Vicky Bawa (ex 206-J) had a love for golf, which prompted a Golf Tournament in his memory.

The Bawa Vikram Singh (BVS) Golf Tournament was held at the Hampstead Golf Course, on the 16th of June, 1995, in loving memory of Vicky Bawa (class of 1966). It was the tournament's second year running, the first being held on 1st July, 1994.

Since Vicky himself was such a keen golfer, all contestants played with a spirit that was true to "Bawa Vikram Singh Style". A special mention must be made to Tiny Chowdhry (ex 89-J) who infact was Vicky's favourite and most consistent golf partner.

Out of the 19 contestants, 11 were Old Boys/Doscos from different corners of the world. Vicky's sons, Uday and Jai bagged 1st and 3rd prize respectively. Heera Sehgal (non-Dosco) was the runner up, and I was awarded the Grand Prize for the maximum air shots, no questions asked!!

At the prize giving ceremony, Manju Bawa handed out the trophies and Deepak Dhawan gave a very touching speech, "I don't know whether this is a solemn or happy occasion". Although the day held a solemn note, the drink up at the club bar afterwards, was as much a hit as the tournament. The management was most



grateful for our patronage that attributed towards the highest takings of the season.

Drinks were followed by dinner at the Lahore Kebab House in Wembley, where even the non-Doscos ate like Doscos.

Special Thanks To:

1. Anil Sabharwal (Sabby/ex 321-H'66) for sponsoring the Trophy.
2. Vijay Thapar (Tanz/ex 295-J'64), Sunil Amar (non-dosco), and Harash Sethi (non-dosco/Vicky's nephew), for being the chief organisers, and doing a damn fine job too!!

I was the official photographer, while teeing off and coming around the 9 hole course twice.

I hope that in years to come we can jointly sponsor the Bawa Vikram Singh Golf Tournament and on each such occasion remember a fine person, a true friend and a great golfer.

Nitan Kapoor (ex 151-J)

## PASHI HANDS OVER TO LALIT

Colonel P.C. "Pashi" Khanna (ex 38-T) has handed over as Secretary, Doon School Old Boys Society to Commander Lalit Mathur (ex 27-H) (ex Indian Navy).

Pashi and the DSOBS have been synonymous since mid-1982, when he assumed its reins. His sterling stewardship of the Society has continued for 13 years, when Pashi felt it was time for a younger OB to take over!

Col. Pashi Khanna belongs to the class of 1944 and served with the Regiment of Artillery till he retired from the Army. His sons Vikram (ex 216-T) and Gautam (ex 436-T) are in the Army and Industry respectively, the latter with Xerox Inc. in the USA.

The DSOBS wishes Pashi a very happy and healthy retired life and Lalit the very best of luck in his new (and formidable) assignment!



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## FROM THE FRINGE

The School teaches many lessons both in and out of the classroom—mainly outside. One of the lessons I vividly remember learning while being taught the game of Bridge by Messrs Guru and Sardar Mohammed (Gu and SD) on a Sunday morning was not to reveal my hand except to my partner (some one you trust and who understands you). A lesson that has stuck. Later I learnt how to throw down my hand with a flourish towards the end, when it was a winning one. In the game of life I have often used what I learnt at School and most of all when I came to head it. So may be it is time to reveal my hand, not with a flourish because once again, as I in the "Great Game" (taught by Holdy circa 1950 through Kim) the uncertainties are never removed and there never is a winner or for that matter a loser. In a few months, I shall move over from being a player to a spectator. It will be from the fringe then on.

The cards I found on the table were good. How could they be anything else? There had been quite a few great players before me and it was with no little sense of awe that I picked them up. Nevertheless I had to make a bid without revealing what I was dealt. It would be silly not to say at this point that it had been an ambition of mine ever since my Cambridge tutor had finally sent me on my way to schoolteaching after assuring me that I had little chance of success as a research scientist. Like Walter Mitty it is still a dream with me - discovering the undiscoverable and being hailed a genius. But Cambridge had a way of lowering your sights after the heady days of punting on the Cam interspersed with some brilliant lectures, and so it was my lot to be a Schoolmaster and perhaps one day a Headmaster and perhaps....

Seven years ago when I took up residence in what was John Martyn's bachelor house, it was a come down from the Headmaster's Houses I had lived in—magnificent mansions or large bungalows. But, I wasn't at all unfamiliar with the place. On the Board of Governors since 1971, a parent of two sons in the School and with many known faces on the staff it was a homecoming in many ways. I had been in continuous touch for nearly two decades. But it is only when you actually begin playing

your hand that the nitty gritty details begin to show up. And so as I picked up my hand I saw the aces were interspersed with a few lesser cards and playing the hand wasn't going to be easy especially when there are so many watching and advising. So it was all the more important to keep the cards close to my chest.

The Golden Jubilee was celebrated with gusto—not as enjoyable as the Silver, but one was much younger then and the schoolboy sense of fun hadn't yet been overshadowed by other weightier things.



Shomie Das and his wife Phiroza, with new OBs, at the HM's Office in the Main Building.

Rajiv Gandhi was Prime Minister. He had made an impression on world leaders with his suave public school demeanour and we were lapping it up. In fact it was a rare phenomenon. I don't know of any other world leader who has been so linked up with his School by the media. Three years later, soon after I had arrived, Simi Grewal came with a film crew and was overwhelmed by our assembly as we sang "Lub Pe Aatii Hai Dua" half a dozen times for her to film. It was going to be a film on Rajiv. It was all very heady and it was apparent to me that we were losing our way. After all Rajiv

had learnt his Public School ways at The Doon School. We had a special place in the sun and succeeding generations of Doscos would also be like him. But I could see we were running into trouble. Basking in reflected glory is all right but putting one's goals aside in the process is quite another. And unknown to us that is what we were doing. In a brief chit chat with some Governors a few months earlier, the class 12 boys had declared they were the "greatest" and the School was ticking over smoothly, there was no need for any changes by way of improvement. They were right as that was their perception assiduously encouraged by the media since Rajiv came into the limelight.

We were successful in collecting large sums of money from generous donors and fund raising functions organised by Old Boys including a glittering Gold and Silver Ball in Bombay. Some excellent facilities had been added—a swimming pool that one could be proud of, a new library building (the old assembly hall with a new face) and a new boarding house and sports centre in the process of construction. But the original campus with which I was so familiar was run down and creaking at the seams. The buildings were in a state of disrepair, almost every roof leaked, the boys loos were only slightly better than in my days and a green moss covered the walls of large parts of the Houses. The same old labs where "Swoppy" (one of the finest teachers of Physics) and "Ghushty" had taught so brilliantly were there and so too the equipment. But the world had changed drastically and labs needed modernisation like everything else. An earthquake in 1991 added to the general state of decay.

Academic results—for the Doon School? Not necessary. The world was at our feet. The boys were bright and staff competent but it was more important to be just a Dosco. There was a philosophy in my days to take one's studies in one's stride. Senior Cambridge was a Trial like any other. It was more important to run a one mile before lunch even if there was a maths exam after lunch. And most of us passed. Most of us walked into colleges of our choice. In the intervening years this was one great change—the emphasis on exams, and we had to take notice. Parents demanded we did and rightly so because that

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## Letters To The Editor

Sir,

I was surprised to find such a sparse sprinkling of us '54 guys—where have they all gone ?

Bahadur Singh (ex 187-J) and his charming wife Asha, were here recently, visiting the Narendra Singh Salkans, (ex 81-T) and we had a couple of cool evenings and reminiscised, with Bachus aiding, er, boring the wives! The Salkans and us occasionally foray into Garhwal and have a great time.

I visited the school in November and took my six year old grandson on a tour of Tata House. The young chap was quite bowled over when I pointed out the quadrangle where I once did rounds after breakfast in a swimming costume and a tie! It was an emotional experience to attend assembly after 40 years, with my grandson holding my finger! I must convey my compliments to the boys who staged Kipling's, 'Jungle Book'. It was a great show by all standards.

I have always considered DOSCOS a great family. May we remain thus and our bonhomie grow.

Prabir N. Banerji (ex 74-T)  
Meerut

Sir,

Hello! Firstly, my heartiest congratulations to you on keeping the DOSCO Old Boy's Society correspondence a regular feature. Any news about our society is read with keen interest and it brings back those nostalgic memories of the ever charming Chandbagh campus. How much I miss those good old days will be any ex-Dosco's guess?

As far as my whereabouts are concerned, it goes like this. I graduated from BITS Pilani with B.E. (Hons) Chemical. Then for a year I worked as an Executive Trainee with Atul Products Ltd., a Lalbhai group company manufacturing dyes, intermediates, bulk chemicals etc. Presently I have gained admission in Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, where I plan to do my MBA in Finance. In short, this is the roundup of my last five years after passing out from the school.

My best wishes to you for all the efforts that you have been putting in keeping our society a smooth functioning one, and I'll be more than happy if I can make any contribution towards this end.

Himanshu Tripathi  
(ex 152-J), Lucknow

Sir,

It was a pleasure receiving the Old boys News letter. Thank you. Please do send me details as I would like to receive the weekly regularly.

I have been in Australia since 1991 and have been selling Photocopiers as an Account Manager with Ricoh. I got married (probably the earliest in my batch) to Nida in 1989. She is at the moment studying marketing at Tafe Colleges, part time.

It is a shame but I have no news from a lot of guys of my batch, Paran Atal, Dushyanth Reddy, Pushpinder Singh, Suryavir Singh just to name a few.

Mickey Bukshi (ex 412-K)  
Sydney, Australia

Sir,

I received my very first copy of the Rose Bowl yesterday. My brothers have kept me informed of goings on at school and I have managed to read earlier editions kept for me at home. I am elated that I am receiving them here.

While it is more than "Bees Saal Baad" it brings back vivid memories of a boyhood spent with some great sons of the soil. I completed a Ph. D. in finance [University of Cincinnati] and I teach at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. I was awarded the Teacher of the Year in 1994, one of three at the University.

I am married [Kaveri] and have a girl 14 years [Vani] and a future Dosco 1999(?) 8 years [Varun].

The second Sundaram - [Muthukumar ex 40-K] is married [Sumitra] and is a stockbroker in Madras.

The third Sundaram - [Shivakumar ex 209-K] is married [Vidula] with a daughter [Vasavi 5 years]. He is in Papua, New Guinea managing coffee and cardamom plantations for the Government and he is also an entrepreneur getting ready to manufacture medical supplies.

Wishing you all the peace and prosperity.

Srinivasan "KIM" Sundaram  
[ex 309-K] Muncie, Indiana

Sir,

This year, 1995, is the Silver Jubilee year as I belong to the batch of 1970. It also happens to be the Diamond Jubilee of the Doon School. I am writing to inform you that approx. two weeks ago, myself and family were miraculously saved from death on the highway from Arusha, the big town up north in Tanzania and Dar es Salaam where we were heading.

On 12th July, 1995, at the early hour of 0500, we left for Dar es Salaam. Ishiaka, as the driver was called, drove sedately as he had done in the past. We were cruising

at 80 kmph. My children Lara (5 yrs) and Simon (9 yrs) were sitting next to me on the back seat while my wife Margaret and the Driver were strapped into the front seats.

Suddenly there was a screech of tyres as if the wheels got locked and we were thrown down on the left side as the 4 Wheel Drive fell on its left side and skidded to the edge of the road, off the side onto the grass verge and catapulted twice before stopping with its wheels facing the sky.

The first thing I saw as I rolled out from the torn side of the vehicle was my wife and driver untangle themselves and emerge from the front of the vehicle which was 12 feet away from where I was. The vehicle had no roof or body attached. The children were lying 20 feet away as if thrown out, Lara, my daughter was crying and seemed okay while Simon, our son was lying face down in a heap without movement. I rushed to Simon and turned him over, his mouth was full of blood but he was conscious. All our belongings were strewn all over the grass which looked like debris from a cleared garbage dump.

Highway robbers in this country are notorious for taking great advantage of accidents which take place on highways. So it was as if the Guardian Angel had sent two African men in a Toyota Carina who loaded all our belongings from the site and drove us directly to a rather frightful 'hospital' in the town of Same. It was the dirtiest and most ill equipped hospital I had ever seen and I could then understand why so many people just succumb to common illness like Malaria and Flu which is rampant in the whole of East Africa. Having allowed Simon to go through half a bag of Glucose saline and rest for 3 hrs, we decided to try our best not to spend a night in that God-forsaken place.

Leaving the driver at Same we managed to hire a taxi and left Same at 1530 hrs heading for Dar es Salaam where we were desperately wanting to reach so that Simon could get proper medical attention. We reached Dar es Salaam at 2200 hrs and went straight to the Aga Khan Hospital. Simon was attended to in Casualty. This was a hospital and we all heaved a sigh of relief that the ordeal was almost over.

Simon was discharged from hospital after 48 hrs and is now well. All of us had wounds and my ribs ached, but other than that, it was a miracle how we survived such a mishap.

Anil Talukdar (ex 384-K)  
Tanzania

Sir,

It was so nice getting your friendly letter in the true spirit of a Dosco.

I am perhaps the oldest living Dosco, as I have completed 75 years in August this year. Even though generations have passed

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between our respective stints at the great institution which is still viewed by most discerning and educated people of India with healthy envy and admiration, having produced, by and large, gentlemen of quality, harbouring no bias towards religious bigotry or parochial approach towards the betterment of India and its society, not to mention its economy, openness and reliability. I do hope that the future products of the school will keep up these values.

**Hari Kapur (ex 48-H)**

Solan

Sir,

Going through the last six issues of "The Rose Bowl", I found a lot of articles appreciating the work of Holdy, Gibson and Martyn. I would like to add one more name to the above trio, that of Mr. C.J. Miller.

Mr. Miller was HM from 66-70. Mr. Martyn retired at the end of my first term (65<sup>2</sup>). 80 boys of our batch (and thereafter) could not possibly relate to him. Mr. Miller, I feel, continued in the tradition of the H-G-M trio imbibing in us a sense of fairness which I feel is still valid today in this era of "Moral Bankruptcy of our Leaders. Mr. Miller's main strong point (I feel) was that he was always approachable, always hearing you patiently and solving problems with typical British humour (though at that time we may not have appreciated it !)

I always felt that Mr. Miller was like "The last of the Mohicans" who passed on the torch of values to our generation. The contributions of the four British HMs are in evidence today in the way our OB HMs have managed the School — which is why Doon will always be - well, Doon !!

**Deepak N. Kripalani (ex 188-J)**

Bombay

Sir,

I write with reference to Mani Shankar Iyer's piece in the latest issue of the 'Rosebowl'. Mani Shankar has referred to the 'quintet' that created the legend of the Doon! To that I would add a sixth name, W.H. Clough. Though affected by polio, Clough lived life with a rare zest. In fact he was the first English master I encountered in my time at school. What was later called 'Holding House', was then known as 'Clough House' and all boys spent their first Term there. It was from Clough that I learnt what it meant to choose your own 'Toye', though affected by polio, he could still display a perfect 'pike' position while diving off the springboard in the then newly commissioned swimming pool.

Jack Gibson was my Housemaster in two spells: one before he went off to join the then Royal Indian Navy and another when he returned after the Second World War. It was

to Gibson's College, Sidney Sussex, that I went up to at Cambridge.

But my real hero at school was 'Holdy'. He came to the school after having been at the Islamia College in Peshawar. He came with a legendary reputation as a sportsman. A double 'Blue' at Oxford, he top scored for Worcestershire against the visiting Australian Cricket Team in 1926. In our own Ranji Trophy he held a unique record of 'carrying his bat' through an innings playing a match for the N.W.F.P. on the only occasion when they played in the Tournament. This record remained unique and as far as I know still remains so. Mani Shankar refers to Michael Dalvi. But under Holdy's teaching many others acquired national standing. A.K. (Nandy) Khanna played for Delhi and the services. Dev (D.K.) Mukherji played for Bengal and later captained Travancore - Cochin, S.K. (Tishy) Khanna played for Delhi, Bengal and India. Santosh Reddy won a 'Blue' at Cambridge and played for Hyderabad.

Holdy's enthusiasm for Cricket was great and the School XI he built up in the early and middle forties was a formidable combination. His coaching was thorough but gentle. If one played a bad shot, Gibson would have shouted "you bloody fool". But Holdy would merely stare you in the face and ask, "Did you really think that ball was a rank long hop?"

At football, Holdy was the first to depart from tradition and introduce the 'stopper' back system. This system was prevalent in European Soccer then but not so in India. Now it is universal. But after Holdy retired, I was sorry to learn from my sons that the School XI had gone back to the old formations. I wonder if that is still the case.

In the classroom 'Holdy' taught me English grammar and History. He taught us what he used to call the "Inquisitive Greek Spirit". He expected us to use the very fine library that the school had and ensured this by putting in a question or two in his weekly 'quiz' sessions which had not been taught in class. We were expected to have read up some more on the topic from books available in the library.

He did not go 'native', but in summer he would take classes in Salwaar, Kameez and Peshawari chappals. In fact the only other master who was not in a white linen suit and black tie was the Art Master, Sudhir Khastagir.

I think 'Holdy' was a lonely man and not gregarious like Gibson and Martyn. He loved his dogs, Rosalind and Kali. I remember Martyn's Billy and Betsy and Gibson's 'Melly' But everyone loved 'Rosalind' (Rosy) and Kali. Rosy would follow Holdy into the classroom, on to the cricket pitch or football field only to be told in that rasping voice 'Rosy, go home' and howsoever reluctantly, 'Rosy' had to obey.

As Mani Shankar has pointed out, it is a pity that nothing was written about a man who did much for the school and to whom I, at least, owe a debt of gratitude. After all he taught me the rules of grammar, the straight bat and bowling to my field - by any reckoning a good start in life.

**M. K. Das (ex 233-K)**

Bombay

Sir,

This is to inform you that last month I completed a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University in the U.S., where I was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honour society. I was also the Executive Editor of the Harvard Crimson, the University's daily newspaper. Starting in September 1995, I will be working at McKinsey & Co. in New York. My address there will be : McKinsey & Co., 55 East 52nd Street, New York NY, USA, Tel: (212) 446-7000

**Rajath Shourie (ex 336-TB)**

New Delhi

Sir,

The Chand Bagh School unfortunately does not open till January next year. We had to take this painful decision only a few days back as the contractors have delayed their works enormously. There are several reasons for this, which is mostly their doing. However, you will be glad to learn that the academic



August 1995 at Lahore : Mustafa and Munni-Vahid, the first Old DOSCO Girl !

complex comprising seven blocks of buildings are fully ready and we have started putting the furniture there. The two boarding houses are almost completed. The delay is in the completion of the master's houses which are in the last stages of completion and the support staff housing which has about six months of work left. We have started getting the playfields ready by planting the grass. I can well appreciate the anxiety of our friends and well wishers but there it is. We are equally keen to see the School open quickly. I hope that we can open in January 1996. With my fondest best wishes.

**Mustafa Anwer Hussain (ex 82-J)**

Lahore



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was where the competition was now. A letter from the HM to someone in Levers still had some effect but it was now wearing thin and in any case Levers too had to learn to compete. The world was a bigger place, there were more people clamouring for a share of the cake but for us it was still more important to run the cross country.

More people? What about the campus population? As I had said earlier it is not until you start playing your hand that you get a glimpse of the snags. I used to live in a house where there were sixty boarders. We ate in our own dining hall with some civility. It was possible to know every one in the School and certainly you were acquainted with every boy in your house. Now, Houses were divided into two of the same number each. In other words a House had double the number with hardly any addition of space. As many as six beds crowded a room that had only four and dining rooms had become large dormitories. They were labelled "The Cage". So the very foundations on which the School had become so successful, the informality of interpersonal relationships between juniors and seniors, between boys and staff were being destroyed. The staff to pupil ratio had fallen to 1 : 15 from 1 : 10.

The first three years were therefore a constant struggle to first understand the problems and then find solutions. Convincing my superiors was another. In this I have to say I was fortunate because the three chairmen of the Board of Governors I have had the privilege of working with have been visionaries and while they had different ways of working, it was quite exhilarating to work with them. It would be difficult to choose who was the best but if I were forced to, and now that he is no longer with us, I know he can't deny me this right, Lovraj Kumar would be my first choice by a short head. It was a rare privilege working with him. We didn't always speak in synchronism and we often clashed but to listen to his arguments, well honed and factual, and to keep up with his dynamism was one of the most exciting experiences I have had as a Headmaster of 27 years. If I suggested a certain step, Lovraj had not only thought of it but was at least two steps ahead. While I remained confused Lovraj thought the problem through. And so was born the Architectural Committee headed by my old friend Rohit Handa and the Education Committee headed by one of the earliest members of the staff Shri Siddharta Charray. The latter discussed the education in the School in the light of new directions of the Government and others and made recommendations. The Architecture Committee took these and made a study of the campus requirements. Their conclusion? The bearing capacity of the campus was overstrained and if we were to implement the educational recommendations we had to cut down on numbers - not only of students but of the ancillary staff as well. The consequences of all this on costs and therefore fees were

worked out. The decision to go ahead with this radical step with all its financial implications was a bold step taken by my Governors. Today the School roll stands at 475, reduced from 580 and some 46 subordinate staff have been reduced through a voluntary retirement scheme.

But where were we heading? Were we all aware of it? What were our goals? While a Headmaster has to be constantly aware of his goal like a bridge player so must everyone else, all of us, the staff, the Governors, the parents and the boys. In a workshop, the staff and I were able to focus in on this and we stated it as our mission. Here is our mission statement.

***The Doon School shall be the centre for Excellence in Education. We will stress the simultaneous development of Spirit, Mind and Body and it will be our endeavour to create compassionate, responsible and innovative students who go out as citizens committed to change and progress of India and the Global environment.***

Tall words but we have an action plan through our short and long term goals. This has been circulated and I believe published in the Weekly.

To achieve a lofty ideal like this, one must have the human resources more than anything else and it was important that a policy of attracting new young men and women was formulated and linked to an attractive compensation package. So, it was important to work out a new package and then use it with other publicity material to visit university campuses. It was surprising to find the ignorance that existed among young students about Doon, but it was heartening at the same time to see that we were attracting a sizeable group of young men and women to come and listen to us. The idealism of youth still flourishes in an increasingly cynical country.

Another weakness I noticed was the gradual conversion of the School to a virtually North Indian School. There was always a preponderance of boys from Peshawar to Delhi in prepartition days. But there was at the same time more than a fair sprinkling of others from as far afield as Madras and Gawahati. But ever since the intake was dictated by entrance test results which included Hindi as a compulsory subject, boys who were coached well — and they generally were from surrounding areas of Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Bareilly — were successful in the merit order and the others who came from distant places were becoming less interested on account of this as well as the establishment of similar schools in their region. But Doon has always had a special flavour of being Indian rather than North Indian. This skewed distribution had to be righted quickly. So we have introduced an interview system in order to give more weightage to a boy's overall ability rather than just academics. Over 220 boys are invited to the School in early

February in order to see the School for themselves and also let us have a look at them. I have to say that this has had a radical effect on the intake and has improved the position. In addition we are looking more and more at the really able boy coming and I am anxious that such boys are aided financially as is the practice in many US colleges. Our Scholarship corpus now stands at Rs. 1 crore and I hope in as short a time as possible, it comes up to the 5 crore level. Some 110 boys are in receipt of scholarship and bursaries ranging from Rs. 8000 per annum to Rs. 30,000 per annum. I believe we should aim at having at least 50% of our boys on scholarships or bursaries.

A final thought. One that has been on my mind for several years even before I came to Chandbagh. I firmly believe that we have now to reconsider the boarding system in the School. Apart from keeping all boys for a year longer than the old Senior Cambridge days, the pressures on a modern boy at the age of 18 is really quite unlike the pressures that my generation ever had to endure. And yet at School we continue to ignore this. The House system does not distinguish between a D former and an S former (Sc nowadays). The same regime, the same rules apply to all, D, C, B, A or S and Sc in spite of a difference of almost seven years in age — a difference which in today's context is much greater than the time span indicates. Life in College is also different. I do not believe we are preparing them adequately to meet these new requirements of a new world.

I have often wondered at what makes the school tick. Boys and masters take initiatives on their own without any directives or rules. A Weekly is published every Saturday and has been for more than 50 years without a break. Volunteers in Community service come forward with ideas without any prodding. There is a constant seeking of adventure in the mountains and rivers of our beloved Garhwal. The Bakhle Memorial Essay competition, the S.R. Das G.K. prize, the Maths colloquium tests, the Shanti Swaroop Science Essay competition, the Marker Cups are all part of a curriculum regardless of who is at the top. I have not known this in any other school with which I have been associated.

The President of the Doon School Old Boys Society has mentioned elsewhere in his letter to you about all the projects that have been taken up. The result of all this will, I hope, prepare us adequately for the new era ahead. Meanwhile, it is time for me to move over to the fringe. I confess my eyes are slightly moist. I look back with some satisfaction at my days here as HM. Much needs to be done but the course is set and the next century beckons. If I am lucky enough to see it's dawn, I am sure I will see a School ready for the challenges of the time.

**Shomie R. Das,**  
The Headmaster (ex 165-H)

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## NEWS OF THE CHANDBAGH SCHOOL

We have received the latest newsletter "The Dosco" from Lahore and reproduce extracts:

The dream will soon be a reality, the realization of the vision of the Pakistani Old Boys of the Doon School, Dehra Dun, India. The ideals, dreams, sweat and tears started in 1985 and have now culminated in the CHANDBAGH SCHOOL (CBS). It has not been an easy task. All the old boys have worked selflessly and tirelessly towards this eminent goal.

Despite difficulties and problems we have managed to get the project off the ground. So far the administrative and academic blocks, a boarding house for 75 boys are complete. Nearing completion is another boarding house for 75 boys, housing for teachers and support staff will be ready for the opening in January 1996. Specially designed furniture for all buildings has also been acquired and the first batch of 150 boys will see the beginning of a new academic year.

The Doon School Society of Pakistan (DSSP) is clear that the first and foremost aim of CBS is to produce youth that not only have an enlightened education, but impeccable manners and savior faire and that these very teenagers will grow up as honest and self



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respecting leaders of the country. We continue to need the help of respected patrons, philanthropists and parents.

Special mention and a vote of thanks for those who have helped us generously so far, Mian Tariq Saigol has donated Rs. 1 crore, (the first two instalments have been received).

Mr. Mohammad Ahsan and Mr. Javed Arshad Bhatti of US Apparels & Textiles (Pvt) Ltd. have also donated Rs.1 crore, first two instalments from them have also been received.

The Baluchistan Government has donated Rs.50 Lacs with a promise of another Rs.50 Lacs in the next financial year. The Muslim Commercial Bank has sent us a cheque for Rs.25 Lacs. In addition several donations from Rs.1000.00 upwards have been received.

We were particularly touched by the donation of Rs. 25,000 by Mr. S. Moinuddin, the only surviving member of the founding faculty of the Doon School. He joined the School in 1935.

A four page supplement was published in 'Dawn' in its 15th Nov., 1994 issue, to inform the public of CBS, its aims and progress. The response was very encouraging and hundreds of requests for prospectuses have been received. The cost of the prospectus is Rs. 100. It includes the registration form, fee structure and other information.

DSSP thanks all those who gave us advertisements for the supplement with a special thank you to Mr. J. R. Rahim's efforts in this connection.

### SCHOOL AS I SAW IT

It is a nasty habit of most Head Masters to seek "unnecessary" effort from young and old and to take compliance for granted. Gulab, who had only recently visited us and left us charmed true to his profession corrected our mistaken impression by sending me a telex message as inevitable as a "Yellow Card" for if I did not carry out his instructions, he would perhaps declare the Doon School out of bounds to me on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November, 1985.

To be able to recollect thoughts "on School as I saw it in my time", I have to first grope my way through 38 years of the free living to get to those 7 years of programmed living and in the process much gloss is lost.

The school always evoked unpleasant thoughts as the holiday drew to a close, but simultaneously the inevitability of having to go back led to one thinking of one's friends and what one looked forward to doing during the next terms.

Such doing was predominantly non-academic, even unlawful.

The first conscious act that I remember of an average day in school was a banana and a cup of tea at "Chota Hazri". A more unlikely two-some I have never encountered! The con-



tinuous change of clothes for different occasions, during the same day, and the reasonably frequent hurried change during school hours as a result of some vicious prefect's penchant to hand over Blue cards is another recall-I never gave any Blue Card. The happy emphasis on sports (particularly cricket - Tata House R.L. Holdsworth) rather than on Report cards and the dilution of this emphasis by the grim exterior of A.E. Foot and his ultimate resort to Red Cards has enabled me to, in time, balance the two emphases for my sons.

The continuous shouts "Pull up your stockings" and "Comb Your hair" lives with me for the first five years but did not in the last two as I then wore socks under trousers and nobody could tell me to comb my hair other than the Head master whom one succeeded in avoiding at most times except when he apprehended me whilst breaking bounds when the bliss of the last two years was interrupted for a fortnight, as having been "debugged" I had to borrow shorts and stockings.

For the masters one frequently felt sorry as they obviously had a tough time earning their living, and even though one realised this whilst at school, one quickly forgot it when a football was introduced in the Geography class, or when one black mailed, cajoled, or threat-

ened a new master into dishing out a 666 in the Report Card.

Those awful compulsory sessions in the Music School when some lady dancing instructor was either teaching us "how to pick up the flowers" or that noble Music Master telling me to sing rather than shout, when I was really trying to sing, those delightful sessions in the pottery shop when good earth left the spinning wheel to settle on someone's nose, that awful smell of glue in the book-binding shop, the impossible process of using a saw in the carpentry shop and the weekly cycle ride to Tunwala to complete a quota with an illegal ice-cream on the way all come back so clearly; the grim achieving atmosphere of Mr. Nair's Math's class relative to the earlier relaxed cheerfulness of Mr. Roy's class the pea-shooting in the library the organised leechie raids-come back so clearly indicating time well spent and full of productive learning.

All this I recall simultaneously with much shame and great enjoyment. Nothing, just nothing would I want to have done differently for in it all was a lesson. A learning that has helped me to live the subsequent 38 years with the reassuring memories of those ivy covered walls and friends - friends who have known me in my weakest moment and with whom I have shared flights of achievement in that small, secluded but lovely world of the Doon School. May Allah Bless it.

Zia Shafi Khan

With best wishes on the School's Diamond Jubilee

**Satish Malhotra (ex 293-J)**



## The Doon School Old Boys' Society Income & Expenditure Account For The Period From 01.04.94-31.03.95

As at 31.3.94	Expenditure	01.04.94 to 31.03.95	As at 31.03.94	Income	01.04.94 to 31.03.95
23,563.80	Opening Stock - DOSCO Records	22,323.60	67,000.00	Life Membership Subscription	84,000.00
36,418.72	Postage & Telegram	46,808.80	1,55,280.00	Interest received	2,12,313.50
3,150.00	Telephone Expenses	3,795.00	1,350.00	Sale - DOSCO Records	680.00
5,08,276.75	Printing and Stationery	7,48,761.00	3,000.00	Subscription-Weekly	2,000.00
4,538.00	Bank Charges	2,961.00	77,021.00	Advertisement Receipts	1,72,500.00
71,542.00	Establishment	80,000.00	1,24,679.00	Rose Bowl Subs. Receipts	2,70,000.00
10,000.00	Weekly Subscription (Doon School)	10,000.00	14,500.00	Donation Received	38,573.00
27,405.00	Travelling Expenses	29,360.00	70,000.00	Grant Received - IPSS	70,000.00
2,400.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,550.00	15,705.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	11,651.00
19,600.00	Office Maintenance Expenses	21,600.00	50,000.04	Dividend Received (UTI)	49,250.04
2,000.00	Annual General Meeting Exp.	—	18,78,700.00	Advertisement Souvenir/Brouchure	7,35,000.00
10,000.00	Bursary/Scholarship	15,000.00	26,399.00	Old Boys' Lunch	—
12,48,093.00	Donation-Doon School	3,50,000.00	22,323.60	DOSCO Records	21,703.50
21,350.00	Scholarship - Doon School	21,350.00			
15,648.00	Old Boys' Lunch	—			
—	Doon School Drama	15,000.00			
29,000.00	Salangaon Primary School	24,000.00			
4,72,972.37	Excess of Income over expenditure	2,73,161.64			
<b>25,05,957.64</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,67,671.04</b>	<b>25,05,957.64</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,67,671.04</b>

In terms of our separate report of even date  
for V. Sahai & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 27.07.1995

(Executive Secretary)

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(Mahesh Sahai)  
Partner

## The Doon School Old Boys' Society Balance Sheet As On 31st March 1995

As at 31.03.94	Liabilities	01.04.94 to 31.03.95	As at 31.03.94	Assets	01.04.94 to 31.03.95
17,72,383.83	General Fund Balance B/f	17,72,383.83	3,50,000.00	Investments	
	Add:		9,60,000.00	Unit Trust of India	3,50,000.00
	Donation	3,88,306.62	1,50,000.00	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	15,10,000.00
	Surplus for the year	2,73,161.64	32,251.00	FDR with Syndicate Bank	—
		24,33,852.09		FDR with Central Bank of India	45,151.00
			22,323.60	Stock	
				DOSCO Record	21,703.50
			40,038.00	Advances	
			52,500.00	Doon School Current A/c	1,13,758.00
			13,528.60	Grant accrued not due - IPSS	52,500.00
				Tax deducted at source	13,528.60
				Receivable	
			1,354.17	Dividend - U.T.I.	—
			35,502.00	Interest - S.A.I.L.	2,399.00
				Cash & Bank Balances	
			4,799.24	Allahabad Bank - Current A/c	—
			5,610.85	Allahabad Bank - Saving A/c	10,806.09
			18,740.00	Central Bank of India-Curr. A/c	10,679.50
			73,283.07	Syndicate Bank - Saving A/c	3,03,326.40
			3,296.80	Impreset Account - Exe. Secy.	—
			6,719.00	Cash in hand - Mr S.K. Vohra	—
			2,437.50	Cheques in hand - U.T.I	—
<b>17,72,383.83</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,33,852.09</b>	<b>17,72,383.83</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,33,852.09</b>

In terms of our separate report of even date  
for V. Sahai & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 27.07.1995

(Executive Secretary)

(President)

(Mahesh Sahai)  
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## "SUPER" OB'S DINNER AT DELHI

The Delhi Chapter of the DSOBS finally organised a get-together on 22 April 1995 at "The Gardenia", a small but adequate and very accessible location in the Chhatarpur area of the city. This was a change for the Delhi OBs, an alternate from Bhai Manjit Singh's residence garden - no offence meant but a new scene was welcome.

Not at all suprising was the fantastic attendance - about 300 OBs plus wives and lady friends which would have taken the total to well over 400 - obviously such get-togethers have been sorely missed by Delhi OBs. Well, almost all OBs as we believe that some senior ones had arranged a separate dinner that night since they had not been issued "personal invitations"! Well, the loss was theirs alone as the get-together was a roaring - literally - success.

There were 'boys' from the class of '45 mingling comfortably with those of '95 (barely 3 - week old OBs), consuming large quantities and cracking the usual poor jokes. The Live Band was not accustomed to a little drizzle which we are quite used to at Doon (no Dosco is soluble in water) and their beat was a bit off. So the Doon School choir took over the proceeding thereafter, singing a wide range of local favourites including the School songs - by popular demand 'Song No.8 - Ananda Loke' was repeated often enough for the suffering ladies to cram it up as well!

The action began with the drinks, which were very priced - thanks to the organisers - with a few OBs having 'one too many' leading to eventual collapse! It was apparent that the superb barbeque dinner was only a side since the tables were neatly arranged in a corner while there were about three well stocked bars at the other end and led to the creation of 'us' and 'them' and ungallantly, the ladies were immediately abandoned. We are certain that there are some OBs who are still recovering - and not from the drinks alone.

'Tiny' Arvind Choudhary and Mike Dalvi walked in late, it seemed that they had just attended a meeting of the MOB and were part of the Blues Brothers Gang. KPS 'Chani' Chopra visiting from the USA was enjoying his honeymoon with his old friends which did not go down too well with his American wife Sonya. Pompi Kapur loved with Avinash Bindra but were soon seen leaving with a young nymph....we wonder if Avinash ever reached home since we have not heard from him since ..... Pepe Dugal thought he had not been completely and was seen conducting various forms of stunts, swinging from trees and arches till he was dragged down by his wife! Mahesh Mansukhani definitely believes that Elvis Presley's daughter Priscilla was busy self promoting his brewery, which he started years ago. 'Tikko' Shatrujit Singh was the perfect example of a senior Maharani - wonder why Air India does not fly him? The Malhotra clan was ever present.

At the time I scribble at about exactly 2:33 a.m. I was still at a 'separated' wife. The night continued well into dawn and I was remembering the end. There were many left unanswered since one of the circumstances. For one, I had heard South, was next heard when I entered the Sunderbans!

Hung Over OB

## THE DOON SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 1995

<b>Thursday 26th</b>	
7.00 P.M. - 9.00 P.M.	Play - "Jis Lahore Nai Vekhyä O Janamya Nai" By Asghar Wajahat.
9.00 P.M. - onwards	Silver Jubilee Dinner Class of '69 - Basketball Courts.
<b>Friday 27th</b>	
9.00 A.M.	Inauguration of Auditorium by Mr. Vijay Mallya.
10.30 A.M.	Vintage Car Show.
11.30 A.M.	Picnic Lunch at Lacchiwala for those who joined School in 1935 and Class of '37.
1.00 P.M.	Lunch for Boys - CDH.
	Lunch for others - Stalls.
2.30 P.M.	Inter House Athletics.
	Gymnastics Display.
	March Past and Prize Distribution.
4.45 P.M.	Tea for Boys in CDH.
	All Others - Stalls.
5.15 P.M.	BOG Meeting - Library.
6.30 P.M. - 8.30 P.M.	English Play - "Tughlaq" By Girish Karnad - Rose Bowl.
8.45 P.M.	Dinner for Boys - CDH.
9.00 P.M.	At Home For BOG Class of '69 and '70 at Mr. M's Residence.
	Golden Jubilee Dinner for Class of '44 & '45.
	Special Dinner for those who joined school in 1935 and class of '37.
	OBs and Parents Dinner/Darice.
9.30 P.M.	Silver Jubilee Dinner Class of '69 - Basketball Courts.
	BOG to join the Dinner.
<b>Satu</b>	
9.30 P.M.	Exhibitions - Art School, Sunk Building. Arts Prize Distribution.
1.00 P.M.	Parents' Lunch by Invitation - for all - Stalls.
12.00 noon	
4.00 P.M.	h the Chief Guest in Sunke Station. Release of "Chancellor" Chief Guest, Dr. Manmohan Singh.
4.45 P.M. to 6.15 P.M. to 8.00 P.M.	ment - Musical Prog., Skit with Housemasters for Parents. Other Invitees.
	with HM for Class of '44 and '45's residence - By Invitation.
9.00 P.M.	ill show in H & K Houses Quadrangle.
9.30 P.M.	Silver Jubilee Dinner for Parents. OBs and Parents in the H & K Houses Quadrangle.
10.30 P.M.	ain Field.
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	
9.00 A.M.	ary).
10.00 A.M.	h - infield.
10.30 A.M.	on ' Meeting - Audit
11.00 A.M.	e kinners.
1.30 P.M.	

## NEW SCHOOL

The Doon School telephone numbers are as below: Dehra Doon School EPABX - 62919 Headmaster's Office: 628110, Reception: 628115, Res. : 62630 Accounts Office - 626770

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