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OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

➔ Jayant Harihar Lal (ex 404-J '69) has been appointed to the new position of Deputy Headmaster of The Doon School - our congratulations to him.

➔ Chandra Vijay Singh (ex 37-J) who is a Member of the Lok Sabha from Moradabad has been appointed on the

Consultative Parliamentary Committee on Tourism and Government Assurances.

For the Record

CAREERS

✂ Wajit Habibullah (ex 266-H '61), IAS is now the Director of the L.B.S. Academy of Administration in Mussoorie.

Kulbir Singh (ex 57-J '62) and Shiv Karan Singh (ex 319-H '67) are principals of Strategic and Financial Advisory in New Delhi.

✂ Siddharth Raj Sahgal (ex 217-T '68) is with the State Bank of India as Deputy General Manager, presently posted as Executive Vice President, SBI, Frankfurt. He can be reached at 49-69-27237128.

✂ Padamvir Singh (ex 310-K '69), IAS is on deputation to the Institute of Advanced Study, R.P. Nivas. He can be reached at "iiassecy@sancharnet.in".

✂ Parmeswaran Iyer (ex 517-KA '74) is the Senior Water & Sanitation Specialist at the World Bank in Washington. He can be reached at "piyer@worldbank.org".

✂ Vineet Kunzru (ex 706-TB '82) is sailing as a Master with Tanker Pacific. He can be reached at "vineetkunzru@id.eth.net".

✂ Samir Kuckreja (ex 179-HB '84) is now the Manger Development, Indian subcontinent for Tricon Restaurants India Pvt. Ltd. in New Delhi. He can be reached at "samir.kuckreja@tricon-yum.com" and 6560945.

✂ Vibhuti N. Channa (ex 350-TA '85) has joined Forsters India Ltd. in Mumbai. He can be reached at 6008625.

✂ Sandeep Khosla (ex 489-JB '86) is the principal architect at Khosla Associates, an independent practice in Bangalore. He can be reached at "khoslas@bgl.vsnl.net.in".

✂ Alok Jain (ex 406-KB '86) is working for BIT Tech Inc. in Union City, New Jersey, USA. He can be reached at "alokjain2703@yahoo.com".

✂ Arun Pandhi (ex 576-TB '88) is the Coordinator for Small Grants Facility at the World Bank's Water & Sanitation Program - South Asia and is based in New Delhi. He can be contacted at "apandhi@worldbank.org".

✂ Sunjay Kapur (ex 147-HA '90) has set up an engineering outsourcing centre in

Delhi under the name of Three Solutions.

✂ Anirudh Reddy (ex 62-KA '90) has got a placement company called Forde Consultants Pvt. Ltd. in Hyderabad. He can be reached at 040-3350816.

✂ Amitav Virmani (ex 260-JB '90) is working for Bristol Myers Squibb in Princeton, New Jersey, USA.

✂ Abhinav Kumar (ex 285-TA '91), IPS is now the Superintendent of Police in Chamoli, Utranchal.

✂ Jatin Bery (ex 233-KA '91) is working in the Investment Banking department of JP Morgan in Hong Kong. He can be reached at "jbery@hotmail.com".

✂ Gaurav Gupta (ex 456-KA '93) is Assistant Vice President at the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in New Delhi.

✂ Jatin Bobb (ex 411-TA '93) is working as a Marketing Manager at Friday Corporation, a content provider in Delhi. He can be reached at "jatin@fridaycorporation.com".

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OBITUARY

VIJIT RAMCHANDANI

(ex 275 - JA '76)

July 31, 1960 - February 22, 2001

Vijit was born in Calcutta on July 31, 1960 and he passed away in his Minneapolis home in the USA, early on Thursday, February 22, 2001, of a heart attack.

Vijit grew up in Bombay and later went to the Doon School in Dehra Dun.

He joined college in the USA in 1978 and got his first job in Minneapolis, where he lived and worked for 17 years.

Vijit and Beth Gilbertsen were married in January 1991 and they had ten perfect years together - a true meeting of hearts and minds.

They enjoyed collaborating on various projects where they used their experience to teach others how to work together more effectively. They were independent consultants in the field of Human Resources Development.



Vijit earlier worked with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, where he assisted organizations with leadership collaboration and cross cultural

communication. He worked closely with Southeast Asian and other immigrant communities in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and became well known and respected in his field for improving multi-cultural awareness. One of his greatest joys was to listen to and share music with others via his home collection : Curryland Studios.

Vijit was an accomplished tennis player and an amateur poet. Much of his poetry dealt with his immigration experience.

Vijit was loved for his compassionate nature - a person who valued harmony and who consciously worked to make the world a better place.

His warm words of wisdom and gentle sense of humour were valued by all who knew him

Paraphrased from the Star Tribune, Minneapolis, USA

✉ Rishabh Sharma (ex 553-JA '94) is working for Trisoft Systems in Delhi. He can be reached at "rishabhs@yahoo.com".

ACADEMICS

✉ Anil Mukerjee (ex 621-JA '79) is enrolled for his doctorate in Brazilian History at the University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. He can be reached at "amukerjee@hotmail.com".

✉ Varnita Pant (ex 360-K '92) is currently pursuing a masters degree in Cultural Communication and Technology at Georgetown University, Washington, USA. She can be reached at "vpk@georgetown.edu"

✉ Abhijit Brar (ex 222-OB '97) is in his last year at the ITC Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration in Manipal, Karnataka. He can be reached at "brar2010@yahoo.com".

✉ Saurabh Kumar (ex 254-KA '97) has joined the University of Southern California for a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. He can be reached at "fd97072@yahoo.com".

✉ Siddharth Gupta (ex 469-KA '00) is doing a dual degree in Bachelor of Information Technology and Commerce at Bond University in Australia. He can be reached at "sidgupta@rediffmail.com".

✉ Rohaan Kapoor (ex 488-JA '01) has joined the Nottingham University, UK to study Business and Information Technology.

BIRTHS

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

* A son, Karan to Poornima and Harendra Kailath (ex 171-KB '84) on 5th August, 2000.

* A son, Roshan to Lynn and Ajay Pandhi (ex 128-TB '90) on 26th September, 2000.

* A daughter, Elena to Seema and Vimal Gupta (ex 610-KA '88) on 10th November, 2000.

* A son to Vidisha and Varun Channa (ex 569-TA) on 18th January, 2001.

* A daughter, Anoushka Rathi Rajan to Nanda and Saradhi Rajan (ex 345-HB '86) on 23rd January, 2001.

* A daughter, Ria to Resham and Ajay Panjwani (ex 282-TA '85) on 27th March, 2001.

* A son, Aryaman Kapoor to Anjula and Navnish Kapoor (ex 592-JA '90) on 22nd July, 2001.

MARRIAGES

Our Congratulations to the following Old Boys on their marriages:

✉ Ravneet Singh Sadana (ex 215 '91) to Manikeet Kaur on 9th January, 2000.

✉ Gaurav Agarwal (ex 313-JA '92) to Kavita Verma on 22nd October, 2000.

✉ Aditya Kumar (ex 567-OA '93) to Sandhya Agarwal on 18th November, 2000 in Allahabad.

✉ Udai Singh (ex 166-TB '90) to Pooi Foong Kong on 26th November, 2000 in New Delhi.

✉ Ravi Khemka (ex 611-TB '95) to Nivedita Tiwari on 5th December, 2000 in Mumbai.

✉ Dushyant Singh (ex 246-KB '91) to Niharika Raje on 11th December, 2000.

✉ Arun Pandhi (ex 576-TB '88) to Vandana Kandpal on 14th December, 2000.

✉ Anirudh Reddy (ex 62-KA '90) to Deepika Sahney on 21st December, 2000.

Amitav Virmani (ex 260-JB '90) to Sonali Shankar.

✉ Rahul Goenka (ex 555-HA '94) to Ritika Agrawal on 17th January, 2001.

✉ Vivek Kumar (ex 541-JA '88) to Monica Singhal on 3^d February, 2001.

OTHERS

✉ Mr. Hensman (ex Housemaster of Kashmir House) has recovered from his illness and is feeling better. He is in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

DEATHS

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

• Maj Pradeep Kumar Mehra (Retd.) (ex 77-K '56) on 2nd January, 2001.

• Mr Pushpinder Singh (ex 108-K '60) on 2nd January, 2001.

• Mr Karanjit Singh (ex 177-H '63) on 4th January, 2001.

• Mr. Kiranjit Singh Paintal (ex 284-H '60) on 4th January, 2001.

• Mr Bhupat Singhji (ex 153-J '54) in January, 2001.

• Bhanwar Inder Singh (ex 37-J '52) on 8th February, 2001.

• Mr Virender Singh Sikand (ex 372-T '65) on 22nd February, 2001.

• Mr. Vijit Ramchandani (ex 225-JA '76) on 22nd February, 2001.

• Mr Pranav Pratap Singh (ex 329-J '60) on 12th March, 2001.

• Mr. Ajai Lal (ex 119-J '67) on 13th March, 2001.

• Mr. Ashok Khubchand (ex 316-J '56) on 31st March, 2001.

• Mr. Kalyan S. Raman (ex 237-H '63) on 14th July, 2001.

• Mani Philip Mohanjit (ex 199 - J '42) on 20th July, 2001.

• Maharaj Kumar Singh (Billy of Jind) (ex 241 - J '60) on 2nd August, 2001.

• Mr. Gajbir Singh (ex 241-J '59)

on 2nd August, 2001.

• Mr Baney Singh (ex 140-J '49) in 1998.



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BVS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Held at Hatfield Country Club, London on 27th June, 2001

The weather forecast for Wednesday June 27th, was not exciting at all - typical British mid week weather with scattered showers and not much hope of sunshine. With this in mind, we all expected a dull day at the seventh year of the Vicky Bawa Golf Tournament.

Over the years the tournament has become bigger and many more are interested to participate. The sponsors remain at a total of nine as any more would make it possibly difficult to organise and manage. Each year several meetings are held in London in an attempt to lay down democratic norms allowing all 9 sponsors to invite their respective guests to play in the tournament. We always end up with the required number of players with a maximum of 36 this year. The tournament has become a somewhat prestige issue with many wanting to play, but due to time and financial constraints there are invariably some who remain disappointed. There seems to be no solution to this other one of the sponsors winning the National Lottery !! New faces are always welcome and this year we had the immense pleasure of seeing Vicky's old friend Avinash (Avi) Bindra - (ex

42-T) who was for once on time at the early hour of 11:00 am at Hatfield Country Club. He was possibly disappointed as the brunch any did not include any chilled beer !!

The players were all set to tee off after the traditional English Brunch. Anil (Sabby) Sabharwal was grossly missed. This was the first time he was absent which was due to unavoidable circumstances. He was however given a regular commentary by means of a cellular phone. Without Sabby that tournament could not be the same.

The players teed off at the scheduled time of 12 noon, with each four ball being photographed by the official photographer-Nitan Kapoor. The weather was not as per forecast with the sun making many attempts to beat the clouds. This year the selection of the various four balls was done

with a prescribed code and was not permitted to change at will. Vijay (Tanz) Thapar, a gentleman Golfer, made sure that "fair play" was exercised.

As the participants came home after the 18th hole, excitement was building up as to the highest score. Rumors were afloat that Tiny Chowdhry had won with 42 points, and that was infact the result. For the second time Tiny won creating a record of being the only one to win this on two occasions. He was naturally thrilled with the winners trophy as well as a handsome return on his wagers with Deepak Dhawan, Ravi Ghai and Bitlu Sethi. Bets were honourably settled!

The tournament being in it's seventh year was of course that much smoother - we all knew the venue well, the bar even better

a series of Dosco photos - house photos, seniors, juniors etc etc. In two cases, mainly Tata House and Kashmir House - there was only one person, so to make the photograph interesting that person was given a chair to sit whilst the others stood behind him in a row ! Once the Dosco photos session ended then came the turn of others who objected to this closeknit fraternity - jealously I presume !! We soon dispersed, cleared our enormous bar bill, and headed for the Tournament dinner at Lahore Kabab House, Kingsbury. The restaurant was packed with over 80 guests who enjoyed the sumptuous meal laid out by the establishment - I would go to the extent of saying that better food is not available in India. Luckily we did not run short of "booze" as we were well prepared.

Here again several photos were taken and as the night progressed, the photos got more and more interesting. Finally, around midnight, one of the sponsors, Sanjiv Ghai took centre stage and recited poetry to a well deserved applause. This encouraged him even more, at which stage he started to sing effortlessly with all others joining in. This was a typical scenario which Vicky would have

enjoyed thoroughly - he was greatly missed and we all drank a toast to our dear departed friend, in whose memory this tournament will hopefully flourish for years to come.

2001 Participants included - Deepak Dhawan, Vijay (Tanz) Thapar, Nitan Kapoor, Arvind (Tiny) Chowdhry, Harsh (Bitlu) Sethi, Sanjiv Ghai, Dimpay Mehra, Pratap Dube, Sunil Amar, Ravi Ghai, Avinash (Avi) Bindra, Dhanu Gidwaney, Arun (Georgie) Shankasdas, B. Mohan Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Naval Nagpal, Anjali Nagpal, Sudhir Rishi, Ravish Chopra, Anil Mehra, Vinoo Nath, Karam Sethi, Yash Pal Sethi, Rahul Yadav (last year's winner), Arun Shankardass, Craig Douglas, Robert Harrison, Joe Cartwright, Ajai (Juju) Verma, V. Virmani, R. Smith, J. Donnelly, P. Fellows, A. Siddiqui, R. Sarin, B. Kohli & J. Diwan.

and as such the prize distribution went off very well. Abha Kapoor gave away this year's prizes which included:

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| Winner | : Arvind (Tiny) Chowdhry (ex 89-J) |
| Runners Up | : Dhanu Gidwaney |
| Third place | : D.Chopra |
| Fourth Place | : Deepak Dhawan (ex 377-T) |
| Ball Nearest to Pin | : Ajai (Juju) Verma |
| Longest Drive | : Dhanu Gidwaney |
| Sr. Most Participant | : Mr. Yash Pal Sethi |
| Lady Participant | : Mrs. Anjali Nagpal |
| Prize for 19th. Hole | : Nitan Kapoor (ex 151-J) |

Soon after the prize distribution there was a photo session which included of course



Nitan Kapoor
[ex 151-J '66]

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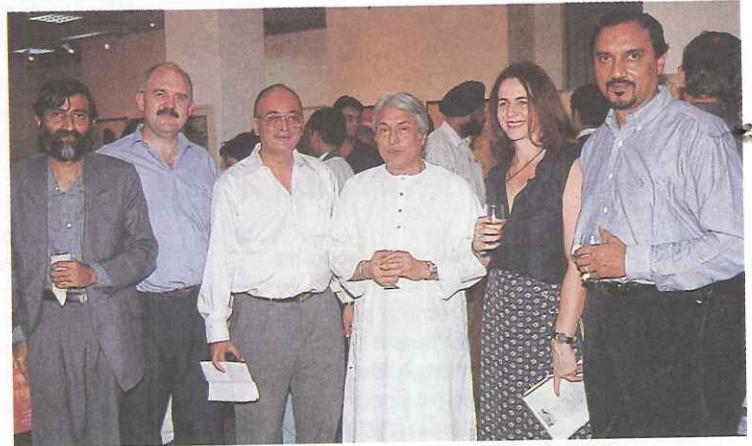
DSOBS - GUJARAT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

January 26, 2001 saw the worst earthquake in independent India, which claimed over 20,000 lives and rendered over 2,50,000 homeless. At this time of National calamity, the DSOBS, like every right-minded individual endeavored to step beyond just expressing sorrow and solidarity, decided to raise funds as generously as possible to help ease the suffering of the affected people.

An "Appeal Letter" was sent out by Mr. Ajay S. Shriram, President of the DSOBS to all old boys to donate generously for the earthquake victims so that the Society could collect a respectable amount, and do some meaningful work. The response to the appeal was good. In addition Mr. Vikram "Gullu" Srivastava (ex 345-J Class of 1970) came forward with an innovative suggestion to raise funds by holding a painting exhibition cum-sale and publishing a souvenir for the occasion. With this in view, Gullu arranged a 2 weeks long camp at Gwalior to which he invited some of the best artists in the country, to stay and paint for this exhibition. Needless to say, all

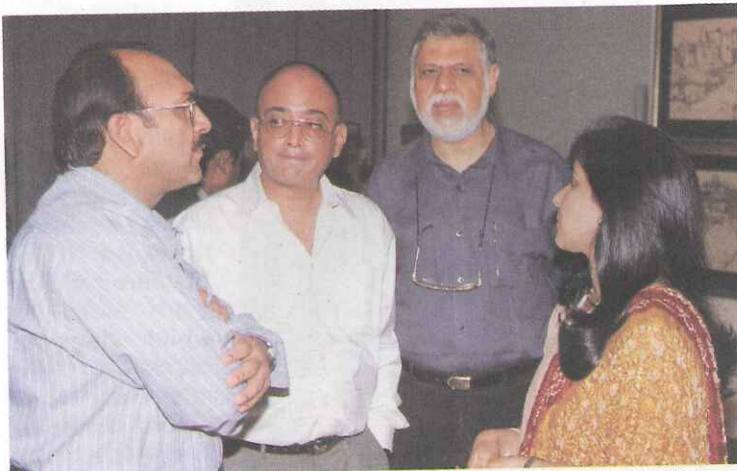
expenses were incurred by Gullu. 41 artists of repute donated their paintings for the worthy cause. A preview of these was held at the Kamal Mahal, Maurya Sheraton Hotel, New Delhi on 28th April 2001 followed by an art exhibition-cum-sale at The India Habitat Centre from 29th April to 5th May 2001. The response was overwhelming and a good number of people were present on both the occasions. The exhibition at the India Habitat Centre was inaugurated by Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Padma Vibhushan) followed by a short vocal recital by Zilla (daughter of Ustad Vilayat Hussain Khan).

A lot of hard work went into organizing this exhibition, and considering the time in

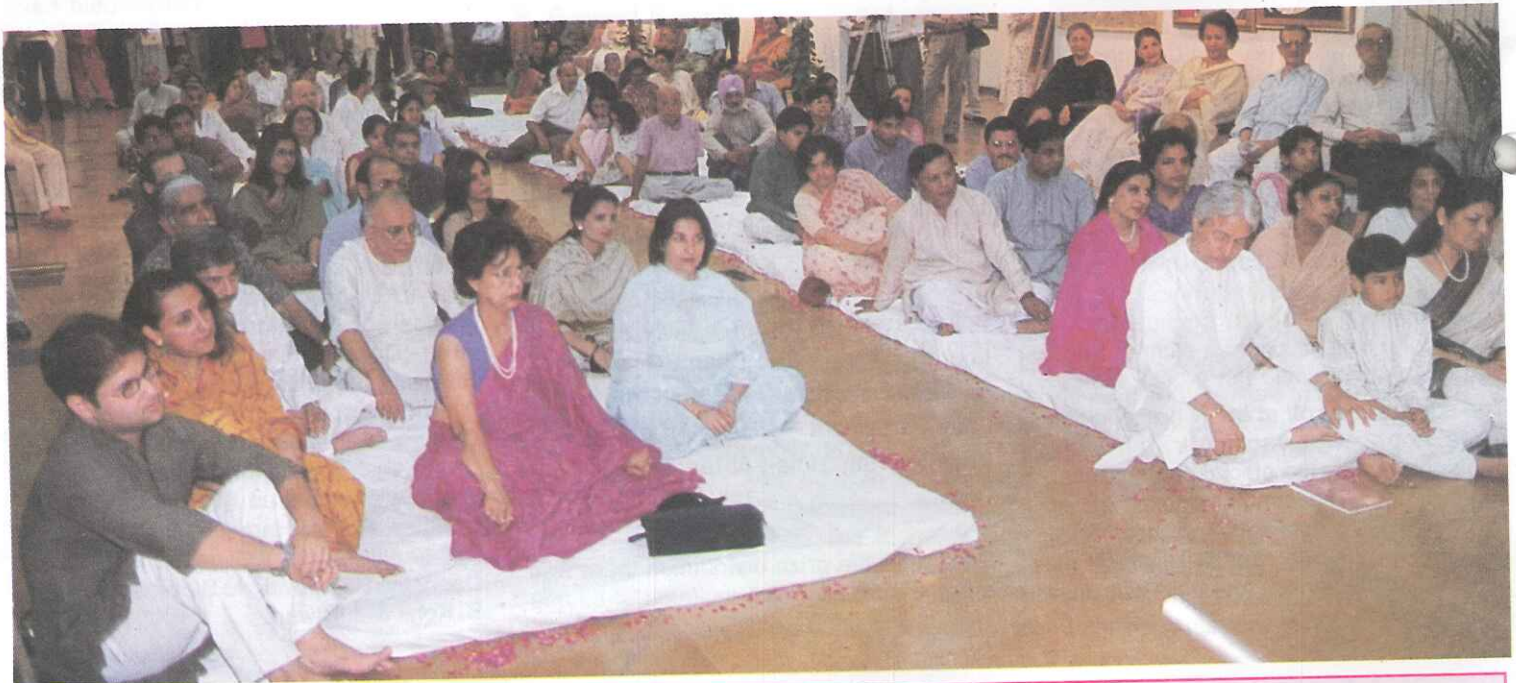
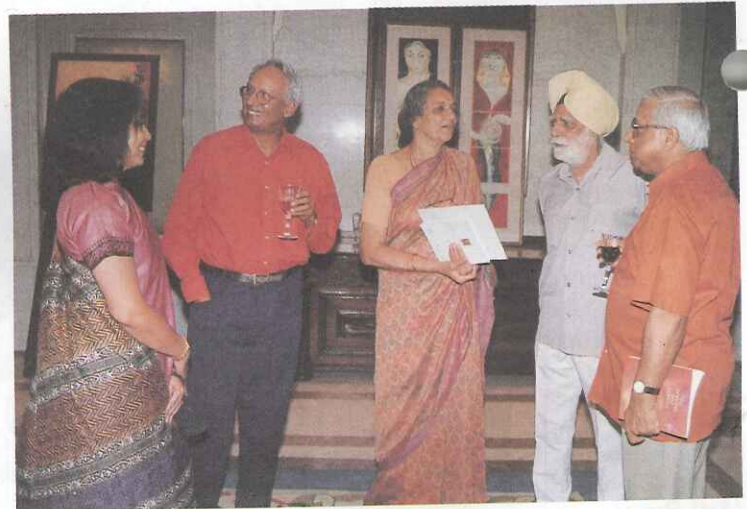


(3rd & 4th from Left) Vikram Srivastava & Amjad Ali Khan

hand of approximately 2 weeks, after the art camp, the task was stupendous. Vikram undoubtedly, and almost single handedly, arranged the show which was a thundering success! All thanks to him! And to all the patrons who visited the exhibition and supported this worthy cause. At the end, the Society collected approximately Rs. 11.0 lakhs. This will be used to provide facilities in the field of education.



(Left to Right) Ajay Shriram Vikram Srivastava, Nitin Kapoor and Vandana Shriram



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The Agra get together has now turned into an annual event, which has been going on for the past 5 years. It all began when Mr. Vijay Katra was posted in Delhi with ITC and true to his speech which he made at the 1st Agra weekend get together that this shall turn into annual affair - has certainly come true!

The 'D' day arrived -3rd of May when the School Party Bus was to depart from Maurya Sheraton. The original stalwart who has been all 5 years namely Brig. V. Sundaram and his lovely wife Meenu were there. Also, last year's new comers Mr. & Mrs. Shanti Bery along with this year's new comers Mr. & Mrs. Nayyar.

The Journey was as usual full of bonhomie and fun- lots of chilled beer and sandwiches. We reached Agra by late afternoon and were just in time for tea time. A lot of OB's had already checked in, the one's who came by the morning Shatabdi or by road. The evening was a quiet affair with the usual introduction to the GM of Mughal Sheraton and a Cocktail followed by dinner the entertainment included a Magic show which was truly enjoyed by the children.

The 4th of May (Second day) saw the

arrival of the bulk of OB's as it was a Friday. The assembly was held with Mr. Gurdial Singh as the acting Headmaster and was conducted in a very dignified manner, with a few OB's even trying to sing song No. 21! And by lunchtime we had the usual noisy scenes of reunion and comradeire.

The numbers started adding enough for Houses to have teams & Common room meetings with regard to games, activities, breaking bounds etc. The Housemasters were busy appointing House Captains and Games Captains and through the course of the evening, all activities had been finalized. The evening was spent by the Poolside with great Avadhi cuisine provided by the hotel as they had specially brought in the Chief Chef from Delhi - imtaiz (The man behind BUKHARA & DUM PUKHT). It was all the more enjoyable as we had the unexpected surprise of having Mr. Gurdial Singh turn up from Chandigarh After a great evening, it was off to bed for early starts to Cricket, Golf, Soccer, P.T. and you name it the next morning.

Saturday was full of sporting activities and fellowship. Interspersed with breakfast, assembly, lunch etc. The evening there was a water polo match between DSOBS and

Mughal, which we won. The cricket match was also won by Doon and was followed by Pagal Gymkhana.

Saturday night was "Golden Night" and the hotel used their new hall for the purpose, with great decoration etc. The women turned up in all their finery and the guys were seen straggling with pulled muscles and nursing various other pains.

All in all it was a great evening. With the prize distribution ceremony, Tata House seemed to have won everything (sheer strength in numbers seemed to have overawed the management) and generous freebies were given out randomly. The evening ended with some of us retiring early (2.00 am.) and others later (7.00 am.)!

Sunday was the traditional send-off Brunch with Beer followed by group photographs and 'Auld Lang Zyne' being sung.

It was yet again an extremely hospitable and friendly response from the staff and management of the hotel, who have over the years gotten immune to our nuances & idiosyncrasies. To host the Doon School bash for 5 year is fantastic and we certainly look forward to visiting them for the next 5 years too.



At the Golf Tournament



Assembly being taken by Mr. Gurdial Singh

SCALING OF M.T. KALANAG

8 members of a Punjab Police mountaineering team led by Shri P. M. Das (ex 298-H '69) IPS, Inspector General of Police, G.R.P. Punjab, Patiala

successfully scaled Mt. Kalanag (Black Peak 6387m/20987 ft) on 16th June 2001, despite poor weather conditions in the Garhwal Himalaya of Uttaranchal.

Sarabjit Singh, IPS, DGP, Punjab on 4th June, 2001 and the flag-in ceremony was held on 3th July, 2001 at Punjab Police Hqrs. Chandigarh.



Shri Sarabjit Singh, IPS, DGP, Punjab presenting the expedition flag to Shri P. M. Das, IPS, Leader of the expedition on 04.06.2001

This is the first time that an IGP has scaled a major peak. This is also the maiden venture of the Punjab Police in the field of mountaineering and so this is a "double" achievement.

This team was flagged off by Shri

(P.M. Das), IPS, [ex 298-H '69] Inspector General of Police, G.R.P. Punjab, Patiala.



The Team at the summit of Kalanag Leader in the centre with Punjab Police flag.

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GOLDEN JUBLILEE - CLASS OF 1951

The Class of '51 is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year - 2001. Besides the Jubilee Dinner in the School on 19th October, 2001, we intend to have a programme of our own festivities commencing 17th October, 2001.

Date-2001	Event	Remarks
17th October	1400 hrs - Class of '51 assembles in Dehra Dun with their spouse/progeny coming by train, bus, car or plane. Details would be communicated to those confirming attendance.	Shomie Dass assisted by five others of our class resident in Dehra Dun, is arranging visit to a forest bungalow -a la 'mid-term'. Backpacks and sleeping bags only recommended.
19th October (FRIDAY)	1300 hrs - We return to Dehra Dun and refresh ourselves for the Jubilee dinner.	1930 hrs - Jubilee Dinner in the Master's Dining Room (MDR). Class of '51 and their ladies/spouses.
20th October	Founder's Day functions in the School - Speeches in Rose Bowl followed by dinner at the Tennis Courts.	
21st October	Pagal Gymkhana by Tata House, RLH Cricket match. 1200 hrs - DSOBS-AGM followed by Old Boy's Lunch (MDR)	

We had a preliminary bash on 29th December, 2000 in the Delhi Gymkhana Club to discuss details, souvenirs etc. A few pictures were taken on the occasion.



(Left to Right) Vijay Channa, Harpreet Singh and Paramjeet Badhwar



(L to R) Suman Modwel Pratima Rao, Lalit Mathur and Vijay Channa

Harpreet Singh
[ex 2-H '51]
Class Representative

OLD BOY'S GET-TOGETHER IN SINGAPORE IN DECEMBER 2000 "The Old Order Changeth Yielding Place for the New"

Having had the privilege of interacting with Dosco's from various generations, one question is often asked...." is school the same". Does Doon still produce the same "good quality" of people, "leaders" as it did during our time"? Our answer is a firm YES. The Dosco get together hosted by Sunil Srinivasan's was a party with a difference. The highlight was the launch of the "Singapore Dosco scholarship". The Singapore chapter raised pledges worth

\$32,500 to be set aside for 2 scholarships for the under-privileged. It was heartening to note that over 80% of the money raised was by Dosco's in their 20's, some of who were still in University.

This gesture gives us lot of faith in the "new lot". The Dosco spirit lives on and is not limited to partying. Doon cultivates a unique set of values in most of its students and these values transcend generations. Every

generation of the Dosco will come forward to support a good cause to "make a difference" and not be quiet by standers to life.

Doon may have undergone cosmetic changes of buildings, students and teachers out the spirit still lives on... the lamp still burns bright. Dosco's work hard and... we sure do know how to party!!!!

Himmat Singh
[ex 20-KB '89]



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RESULTS OF DSOBS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2000 HELD AT THE CLASSIC GOLF RESORT

Tata House (Winner)	Stableford Points	Jaipur House	Stableford Points
Gurmeet Singh	45	Nauhar Rana	38
Avinash Bindra	40	Akshay Mohindra	38
Lalit Badhwar	40	Shiv Sagar	37
Samrath Bedi	35	Chit Bakhshi	35
	160		148
Hyderabad House (Runner-up)		Kashmir House	
Ajay Kapoor	38	Kashiv Alan	38
Kunal Verma	33	Jagat Bedi	31
Jai Bhatia	38	Vishnu Lal	31
Harsh Gupta	38	Ashish Bharatram	30
	152		130

AN APPEAL FROM MR. H.D. MANOCHA

Dear Friends,

As you all know, I gave 40 years of my life to the Doon School (1952-92) and have served it with devotion, loyalty, hard work and sincerity and rose from a clerical post to the responsible job of Scholars admission officer.

Unfortunately, the School had not formulated any Pension Scheme till the time I retired (in 1987). So I have nothing to fall back upon. To add to my woes my wife became seriously ill in 1993 and is permanently bed ridden with Paralysis

and damaged Kidneys. Having been deserted, we had to take shelter in Prem Dham, a Home for the Aged in Dehra Dun, through the kind courtesy and timely help of Mr. G. Ramchandani to eke out the rest of our life. But it costs Rs. 3200 pm for our Boarding and Food and Rs. 1000 pm on the treatment of my wife's prolonged illness and I just don't have the funds. This is a desperate situation which I am facing and am trying my best to arrange funds provisionally to meet the above demands.

Mr. Ramchandani had kindly issued an

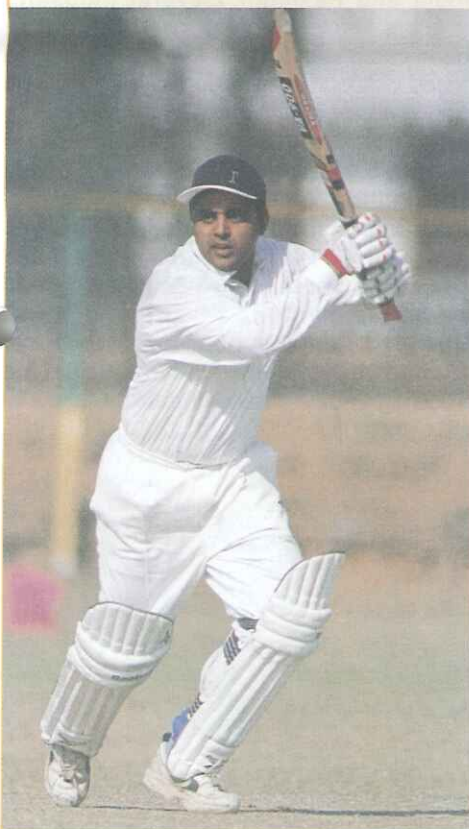
appeal in 1993 to Old Boys who knew me. The response was generous but those funds have now dried up and I am left with absolutely no choice but to make a fresh appeal. I have no idea how many more years my wife and I have but I need a bare minimum of Rs. 4500 per month to subsist. Please come to my aid.

All donations must go directly to Mr. H.D. Manocha.

H.D. Manocha

C/o Prem Dham, 23 Nehru Road,
Dehra Dun-248001

GRUDE 2001 – DOON, SANAWAR AND MAYO Held at Jamia Milia University From January 24th – 26th 2001



The Grudge, in true style began with lots of enthusiasm and good cheer. The teams were raring to go and though competition was fierce, the aim of the tournament was to bond through a sport enjoyed by one and all. Families and old boys along with their wives, showed up in large numbers all eager to cheer on their respective schools and lend moral support.

Doon clashed with Sanawar, their old rivals for a place in the finals. It was a memorable match where the entire team gave it their all. A useful contribution of 30 plus knocks by Raghav Malik and Uday Prakash gave Doon School the momentum to consolidate their position.

Tournament summary:

Mayo v/s Sanawar –	Mayo won by 52 runs
Doon v/s Sanawar –	Doon won by 6 wickets
Doon v/s Mayo –	Mayo won by 3 wickets
Finals: Doon v/s Mayo –	Mayo won by 41 runs

However what really gave the team its edge, and led them to victory, was an unmatched innings by Abhishek (Boozy) Misra (ex 253-JA). Abhishek displayed immense concentration and drove immaculately all around the wicket. His 108 not out, off 90 balls was the fastest century of the tournament. If that was not enough, Abhishek was also the only player to score a century, two years running (Grudge 2000 and 2001).

Though Doon lost to Mayo in the finals it was a superb effort by the underdogs and undoubtedly Cricket emerged the winner. Three Cheers to Doon School - Hip Hip Hooray!!! Hip Hip Hooray!!! Hip Hip Hooray!!!! Better luck next time guys!

Ratan Kapoor
[ex-124 JA '90]



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"FOR HILLS TO CLIMB" AND SIACHEN PEACE

The Doon School's contribution to the early years of Indian Mountaineering was celebrated with éclat on 22nd and 23rd June 2001 at the India International Centre (IIC). The Himalayan Club (HC) and the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) joined the Doon School Old Boys' Society (DSOBS) in organizing this.

The occasion was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the first major Himalayan climb by an Indian expedition. It was on 23rd June 1951 that Gurdial Singh, Roy Greenwood and Dawa Thondup climbed Trisul (23,360 ft.) The two other members of the expedition were Nalni Jayal and Surendr Lall. Three of the expeditions' four members were from the Doon School.

The Anniversary was commemorated by an Exhibition, the release of the book "For Hills to Climb", a presentation by the Trisul team, and a dinner. Besides many other mountaineers of all varieties, the events were attended by the President and the Secretary of the DSOBS, Ajay Shriram and Rajbir Singh, by many old boys and the Headmaster, John Mason.

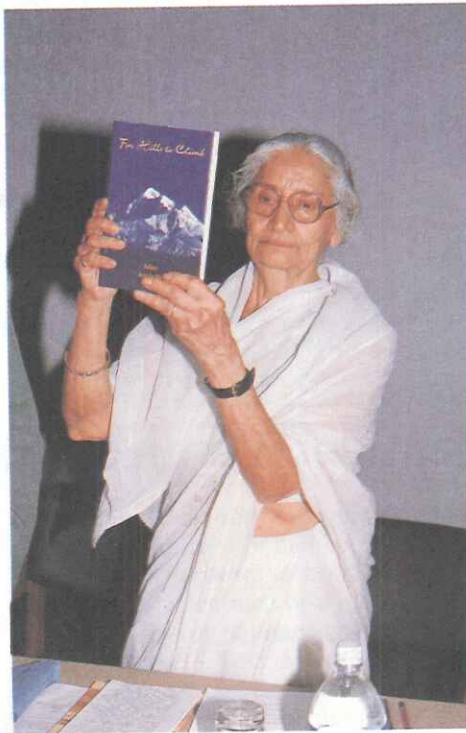
The Exhibition was mounted at the headquarters of the IMF from June 13 to 19; it was then shifted to the IIC on June 22nd and is to be on view at the Doon School from mid September to the end of November. It will then revert permanently to the IMF.

It was conceived and organized by Indira Ramesh and consists of a series of most attractive panels on synthetic fabric, combining photographs excellently reproduced, embellished with well-chosen texts. The whole conveys the Spirit of the Hills and stresses the ethics of mountaineering. For instance, one of the texts is an extract from a Speech by Gen. Smuts on Table Mountain: "The Mountain is not merely something externally sublime. It has great historical and spiritual meaning for us.

... It is the ladder of soul, and in a curious way, the source of religion..... We may truly say that the highest religion is the Religion of the Mountain." The photographs are of the Trisul expedition 1951 (how much younger they were then!) and these were supplemented by a series of water colours by Roy Greenwood, obviously a man of many parts.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 22nd June by Aamir Ali and was followed by light refreshments.

The main event, held in the auditorium of the IIC on 23rd June, was organized jointly by the HC, IMF and the DSOBS. It was presided over by Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, President of the IIC, a member of the Indian Public Schools Society and a lover



mountains. She released the book "For Hills to Climb" and the three surviving members of the Trisul expedition spoke of their experiences and their approach to the mountains.

The book was published by the DSOBS which raised the funds for it; it is an outstanding publication, well illustrated, and the Society can well be proud of it. It is a collection of articles, many of them from the DS Weekly, of mountaineering trips and expeditions by Doon School boys and old boys. The initiative and the main effort for this book came from Nalni Jayal and Gurdial Singh.

The tapestry of various contributions are strong together by some superb editing by Aamir Ali, adding enormously to its readability. In the words of a reviewer, "it is so well done, the writing just flows and the text entices you to read on".

Gurdial spoke of how his love of the mountains had been inspired by the writings of great mountaineers and

become a life-long passion. This had brought him in touch with many remarkable personalities and had continually enriched his life. Roy Greenwood was proud to have been a member of the Trisul expedition and outlined what the mountains meant to him.

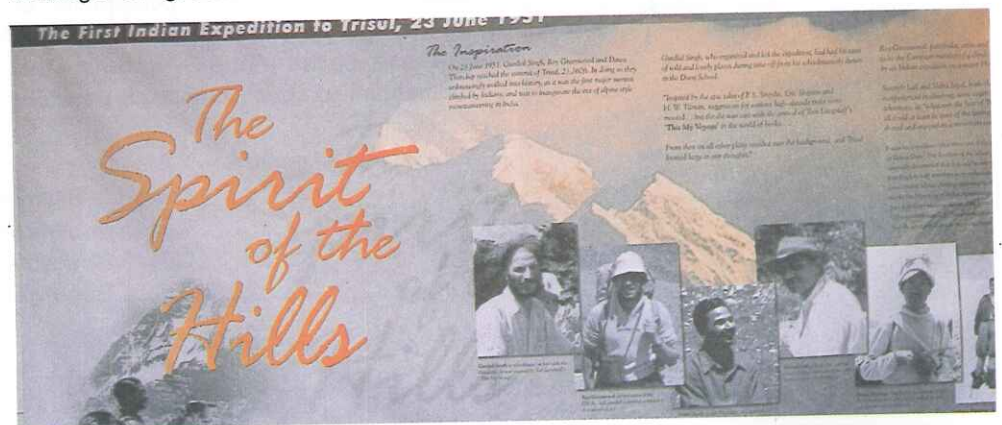
Obviously they had inspired him greatly and his talk - as also the paintings he had contributed to the Exhibition - reflected the poetry they had evoked. Nalni spoke with his usual energy deploring the commercialization of mountaineering and the erosion of its ethical values. He thanked the DSOBS and the many people who had contributed to the successful publication and the Exhibition.

The President, Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, made an impassioned plea for the protection of the Himalaya, a vital part of India's spiritual heritage.

The Siachen Peace Park

In speaking of the message of the book "For Hills to Climb", its editor Aamir Ali pointed out that if Doon School old boys took pride in having been pioneers of Indian mountaineering, it followed inevitably that they must accept their share of responsibility for protecting the Himalaya from pollution and degradation. There was one situation which must hit them in the eye and which they could not ignore: the Siachen Glacier.

This glacier was the scene of a military stand-off between the armed forces of India and Pakistan. Several thousand soldiers were stationed there: the Indian base camp was at 12,000 ft. Nearly all the many casualties were due to altitude, cold and weather conditions. Everything had to be helicoptered or air-dropped: military supplies, artillery, shells, arms, ammunition, food, drink, fuel, clothing, tents and medical supplies. Nothing was flown out. The tons of garbage generated by several thousand men living there could neither be burnt nor destroyed so it was thrown down the nearest crevasse. Human waste alone amounted to some 1000 kg a day; this was packed in metal



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drums and also thrown down crevasses. When this garbage and waste finally comes out after several generations at the snout of the glacier, our descendants will wonder at the legacy we had left them: tons of garbage and loads of shit.

This situation had continued for over 17 years. There was one solution which might end this stand-off without compromising the basic- and irreconcilable- positions of the two countries: establish a Transfrontier Peace Park. There are 136 transfrontier parks in the world on the borders of 98 countries. Some of these were specifically peace parks, set up in zones of conflict. A Siachen Peace Park would free a spectacular mountain area from further degradation, would save hundreds of lives, would save crores of rupees, and would facilitate further agreements between the two countries.

In view of the imminent Summit between the Indian Prime Minister and the President of Pakistan, the Meeting unanimously adopted an Appeal to the Prime Minister of India suggesting this solution, and asking him to consider it with statesmanship and vision.

Alas, the Summit Meeting ended in disagreement and disarray. But the idea of a Siachen Peace Park not only remains valid but becomes more important than ever.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE HILLS"

An Exhibition commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the first Indian ascent of Trisul (23,360 ft.)

This Exhibition was a presentation of the Himalaya Trust at the India International Centre on 22 June 2001, with financial support given by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation. It was conceptualised and coordinated by this writer and designed and visualised by Rajeev Manikoth of 'The Visual Idea', a Bangalore-based designer.

Anniversaries, especially those that span half a century, are deserving of commemoration. But one such event nearly got away without even a mention. Had it not been for a letter bearing a Spanish postmark that was delivered at Dehra Dun late in 1999, the event would have, in the self-effacing manner of its protagonists, quietly faded into oblivion. The letter, addressed to Nalni Jayal reminded him of a day in 1951, when four young men decided to try and climb a mountain named Trisul, a spectacular three-peaked summit rising to 23,360 ft. in the Garhwal Himalaya.

Two of them had actually got to the top. The writer of the letter, Roy Greenwood, one of the summitters, wanted to know if it was possible for the old team to celebrate the event by walking up to Gwaldam from where Trisul's three peaks may be seen in awesome splendour! While this was clearly not possible any longer for the three

seventy-years-old, it was evident that not only did we have an event on our hands, but a history, a story worth telling.

The ascent of Trisul in 1951, in fact, marks the beginning of Indian mountaineering. Harish Kapadia notes that at a time when it was predicted by the editor of the Himalayan Journal of 1947 that Indians would never take to mountaineering as a sport, a modest Indian team confounded the sceptics by climbing a major Himalayan peak in so laid back a manner as would have delighted the heart of the alpine purist. With few technological aids, or even appropriate climbing gear, this small party of novices led by Gurdial Singh went up without any fanfare, accompanied by three Sherpas.

The more one researched the background of the Trisul climb, the more it was apparent that one could not separate the history of mountaineering in Indian from the history of the Doon School. It was no coincidence that three of the four members of the Trisul team were from the Doon School, neither the early masters or the boys could avoid lifting their eyes to the hills with the spectacular Himalayan range at their doorstep. Nalni Jayal and Surendr Lall, both old boys of the Doon School, and Gurdial Singh, a master, owed much to the inspiration and encouragement of their mentors and guides, the early masters of the Doon School, who motivated their young charges to climb for fun as much as to learn to be with Nature. The seeds of the Trisul expedition and Indian mountaineering were sown a long way back.

To recreate the period and the event of 1951 visually for an exhibition, all that we had to go on was a sequence of tiny 2" X 2" black and white contact prints, taken during the expedition with a Rolleicord camera by Nalni Jayal. Three articles written by the climbers for the newspapers of the time provided the narrative - "the only way we could make up some of the money we spent from our small salaries for our

adventure!"

The fifty-year-old monochromatic prints, uneven and patchy as they were, were scanned for a uniform density. Blown up for the six large display panels of 7' X 3', and placed against a luminous backdrop of the mountain interspersed with the narrative, they began to come to life, hinting at several stories that lay behind the scenes - not merely the climb itself ("the wretched business of putting one foot before the other" as Gurdial wrote), but of the spirit that moved these young men and others of that era, the innocent, idealistic times they lived in, the inspiration they derived from books and companions, and their real life heroes, their teachers.

As the panels unfolded the story it was obvious this was vintage mountaineering: the extraordinary, joyful response to the beauty of the mountain landscape, the enchantment of the flower-filled meadows, the first encounters with willow warblers and barrhals, the grandeur and challenge of the awesome terrain that they were going through.

It was also an age of floppy shorts and PT shoes, army jackets and tinned baked beans - and of course the ubiquitous diary, faithfully updated each evening. Truly an Age of Innocence, a charmed time of life when climbing for profit and fame were as yet unknown. That time was to come all too soon when Everest was "conquered" in 1953, and today, for a consideration of \$ 65,000, can be "assaulted" again.

Trisul was not merely the first high mountain climbed by an Indian team, it was symbolic of an ideal, of a dream, when men came not as conquerors, but as pilgrims, when no flags were hoisted on the summit, when, in the words of Gurdial, "whatever the fate of Trisul might be, we kindred spirits all could at least be sure of the lasting satisfaction of the congenial company share and enjoyed in a mountain venture."

Indira Ramesh



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[ex 123-TB '90]

**Gaylord Restaurant, Menlo Park,
February 17, 2001**

Reporting live from Gaylord Restaurant this is your correspondent Neelu Garg. Gathered here are members of the BAD Society for their first get-together of the new Millennium. I was curious to find out how BAD is bad. There are no spiked hairs, colored hair, pierced body parts or skimpy clothes. In fact these are pretty good looking, well dressed guys. I learnt that BAD stands for Bay Area Dosco's and what does DOSCO stand for – the prestigious public school of Dehradun, India – DOON SCHOOL.

Present here are President – Yogi Dayal with his wife Bernie, Secretary – Rajesh Jha, past President Chickoo Batra with his wife Romi, past Secretary – T.J. Singh with his wife Kavita, Madhav and Jaya Patwardhan, Rohit Malik, Pradeep (aka Bob) and Neelima Garg, Avinash Kohli, Deepinder (aka Mac) and Leann Makhni with their children Meilani & Devin. There is much laughter, fun, a lot of teasing and pure excitement for getting together after a year. Happy hour started at 7.00 p.m. We have wine, soft and hard drinks and lots of hors d'oeuvres. Its 8.30 p.m. and we are being persuaded by the maitre'd to be seated. The menus are being handed out and 1 person is being given

charge to order for everyone. While we are waiting for the food to arrive it is business as usual. Yogi has nominated Bob Garg as the President for this year. There is much talk about who is going to be the next secretary. Mac Makhni volunteers to take the reins as Secretary for this year. I can see Rajesh let out a big sigh of relief after all he has held the post for 3 years in a row. Everybody is in agreement with the nominations.

It Was suggested....

It was suggested that we have 4 events during the year. Keeping in mind the holidays, the exams and summer vacations we have tentatively scheduled 4 events as follows :

1st Saturday of February. This will be after-holiday, pre-valentine and re-cap of prior year's activities kind of get-together. At this time we should be announcing the new President and Secretary of the year. Do not miss this one.

1st Saturday of May. We are hoping that by this time everybody is well tuned in. Exam fever for those with small children has not set in yet and we adults can take a break. Venue for the next event will be announced with a request for confirming your reservatin with a check. Please do not leave your check-book at home. Cash is

OK but no plastic. We will also be asking for volunteers to make this event a success.

1st Saturday of August. This is going to be our biggest event. It will be a family event and definitely outdoors during the day. FUN IS THE NAME OF THE GAME for this one. Games, prizes, good food and what have you. All suggestions are welcome for venue. Any volunteers who would like to get together with us and discuss this will be most appreciated.

1st Saturday of November. We still have time to have one last one. The holidays are around the corner and everybody is going to get s-o-s-o-o busy. Let us make it a theme party. Whether it be Diwali, Thanksgiving or Christmas or post FOUNDER'S DAY celebration. This is also a time for giving.

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Neelu Garg



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As at 31.03.2000	Liabilities	As at 31.03.2001	As at 31.03.2001	Assets	As at 31.03.2001
3,980,644.99	General Fund Balance B/F Add : Surplus of the year	3,980,644.99 963,501.31		Investments A. General Fund Syndicate Bank	1,500,000.00
	Less : Earmarked by Donor for Bursary Fund	4,944,146.30 225,000.00	4,719,146.30	H.D.F.C. I.C.I.C.I.	1,800,000.00 1,900,000.00
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500,000.00			500,000.00	C. COMMITTED FUND Bursary - HDFC CLASS 67-EXPDN-NTPC MADRAS REGION-C.B.I.	825,000.00 429,000.00 45,151.00
	COMMITTED FUNDS			FIXED ASSETS Fax Machine Computer Printer Computer set	5,344.00 1,424.00 25,000.00
500,000.00 45,151.00	Bursary Madras Region	850,000.00 45,151.00		STOCK DOSCO Record 96 The Doon School Book Memorabilia	5,180.00 11,350.00 292,116.61
429,000.00	Class 67-School Expeditions	429,000.00		ADVANCES Doon School Current A/c Grant Accrued but not due Tax deducted at Source	9,663.00 52,500.00 -
48,532.00	Class 74-Computer		5,310.00	Telephone Security Deposit Magic Software P Ltd-Archives	- -
337,590.00	Class 75-Archives Guj Earthquake Relief A/c Class 76-Silver Jubilee H.P.G. 2000	474,717.40 181,843.00 347,275.00 184,578.00	23,600.00 127,229.00		62,163.00
	Hills to Climb-Book	153,053.00	2,665,617.40	CASH & BANK BALANCES Allahabad Bank-S/B A/c-Dehra Dun Central Bank of India C-A/c-Chennai Syndicate Bank -S/B A/c Delhi -do- (Guj. Ind. Currency)-Delhi -do- (Guj. F. Currency)-Delhi Cash in hand	15,588.09 50,300.25 226,964.51 158,612.00 23,231.00 8,339.24
5,840,917.99	Total		7,884,763.70		483,035.09
			5,840,149.25	Total	7,884,763.70

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(President)

In terms of our separate report of even date
For V. Sahai & Co.
(Chartered Accountants)
(Mahesh Sahai)

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2000 TO 31.03.2001**

01.04.1999 to 31.03.2000	Expenditure	01.04.2000 to 31.03.2001	01.04.1999 to 31.03.2000	Income	01.04.2000 to 31.03.2001
47,540.00	Loss from Sale of Doon School book	8,155.00	227,679.85	Advertisement	175,000.00
693.50	Loss from sale of DOSCO Record	-	295.00	AGM/Founders' Day	11,202.52
138,500.00	Bank Charges	-	360,856.72	Std Chartd Bank Cr. Card	298,598.79
68,015.00	Bursary/Scholarship	3,275.00	33,138.39	Citibank -do-	65,118.39
10,000.00	Doon School Expedition	176,000.00	88,775.00	Donations	2,383,154.00
10,000.00	Fin. Aid. to H D Manocha	-	7,700.00	The Doon School Book	-
10,000.00	Doon School Weekly	25,083.00	-	DOSCO Record 96	3,080.00
288,800.00	Establishment	-	351,429.21	DSOBS Golf Tournament	51,442.00
2,000.00	Miscellaneous	216,362.00	-	Interest received	622,320.50
15,182.25	Postage & Telegram	16,548.60	70,000.00	IPSS Grant	70,000.00
18,018.80	Printing & Stationery	14,208.50	170,000.00	Membership Subscription	168,000.00
243,522.10	Rose Bowl Newsletter	26,738.52	30,460.87	Memorabilia	88,958.23
21,000.00	Scholarship/donatin-salangaon Pr. School	184,790.50	2,000.00	Weekly Subscription	-
-	Gujarat Earthquake Relief A/c	135,848.00	13,360.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	-
8,292.00	Telephone	2,335.00	-		
18,600.00	Travelling Expenses	51,838.00			
289,820.00	Donation - Doon School	54,874.00			
-	Donation - Welham Girls School	1,869,160.00			
-	Donation - Welham Boys School	90,520.00			
12,515.00	Depreciation on Fixed Assets	90,520.00			
20,673.00	Premature withdrawal of SAIL FDs-Loss	7,117.00			
142,523.39	Excess of Income over Expenditure	963,501.31			
1,355,695.04	Total	3,936,874.43	1,355,695.04	Total	3,936,874.43

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Rajbir Singh wonders where the term "toye" comes from. (The Rose Bowl, Vol. xxv. No.3)

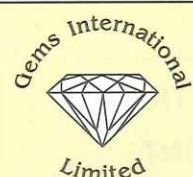
It was borrowed from Winchester : so we were informed by Mr. Foot, the first H.M. of Doon and himself a product of Winchester. (Alas! it finds no place in the new Penguin dictionary!).

Yours Faithfully,

K.P.S. Menon
[ex.215-J '47]

THE DOON SCHOOL FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - 2001

Time	Events	Place
Friday 19th October, 2001		
9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Parent - Teacher Meetings	Main Building
1.30 p.m.	Lunch for Board of Governors with Staff	Triangular Park
3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Inter House Athletics Finals	
	March Past	Main Field
	Prize Distribution	
6.30 p.m.	Play in English	Rosebowl
8.30 p.m.	Silver Jubilee Dinner - Class of '76	Tennis Courts
	Golden Jubilee Dinner - Class of '51	MDR
	Diamond Jubilee Dineer - Class of '41	MDR
	DSOBS Dinner & Dance for Old Boys and Parents	Vittal Mallya Hall
Saturday, 20th October, 2001		
9.30 a.m.	Prize Distribution of Art School followed by inauguration of School Exhibitions by the Chief Guest	Sunken Garden Main Building
10.00 a.m.	Innauguration of Chandan Kilachand Music School a gift from Kilachand Family	Near Rosebowl
10.30 a.m.	Innauguration of Tennis Courts, gift of the Class of '76, by the Chief Guest	Sport Complex
10.50 a.m.	The Chief Guest visits exhibitions	Main Building
11.00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Kilachand Library
12.00 noon	The Chief Guest meets boys and masters for a discussion	Vittal Mallya Hall
12.30 p.m.	School Exhibitions close	Main Building
1.00 p.m.	Founder's Lunch, by invitation	Triangular Park
2.30 p.m.	IPSS Meeting	Kilachand Library
4.00 p.m.	Tea with the Chief Guest	Sunken Garden
4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m.	Founder's Day Speeches	Rose Bowl
6.15 p.m.-7.00 p.m.	Music School Programme	Rose Bowl
7.15 p.m.-8.30 p.m.	At Home for Board of Governors and Guests by invitation	HM's Residence
	At Home-Parents, Old Boys & Staff	Housemaster's Residence
8.30 p.m.	Founder's Day Dinner for Board of Governors, Parents, Old Boys, Guests, Staff and Boys	Tennis Courts
Sunday 21st, October, 2001		
9.00 a.m. -12.00 noon	Pagal Gymkhana by Tata House (Stalls will remain open up to 2.30 p.m.)	Skinner's
10.00 a.m.	RLH Cricket Match	Main Field
12.00 noon	DSOBS - AGM	Vittal Mallya Hall
1.00 p.m.	Oldy Boy's Luch Boys are permitted to go out with parents or guardians	MDR
8.30 p.m.	Boys return from outing	



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