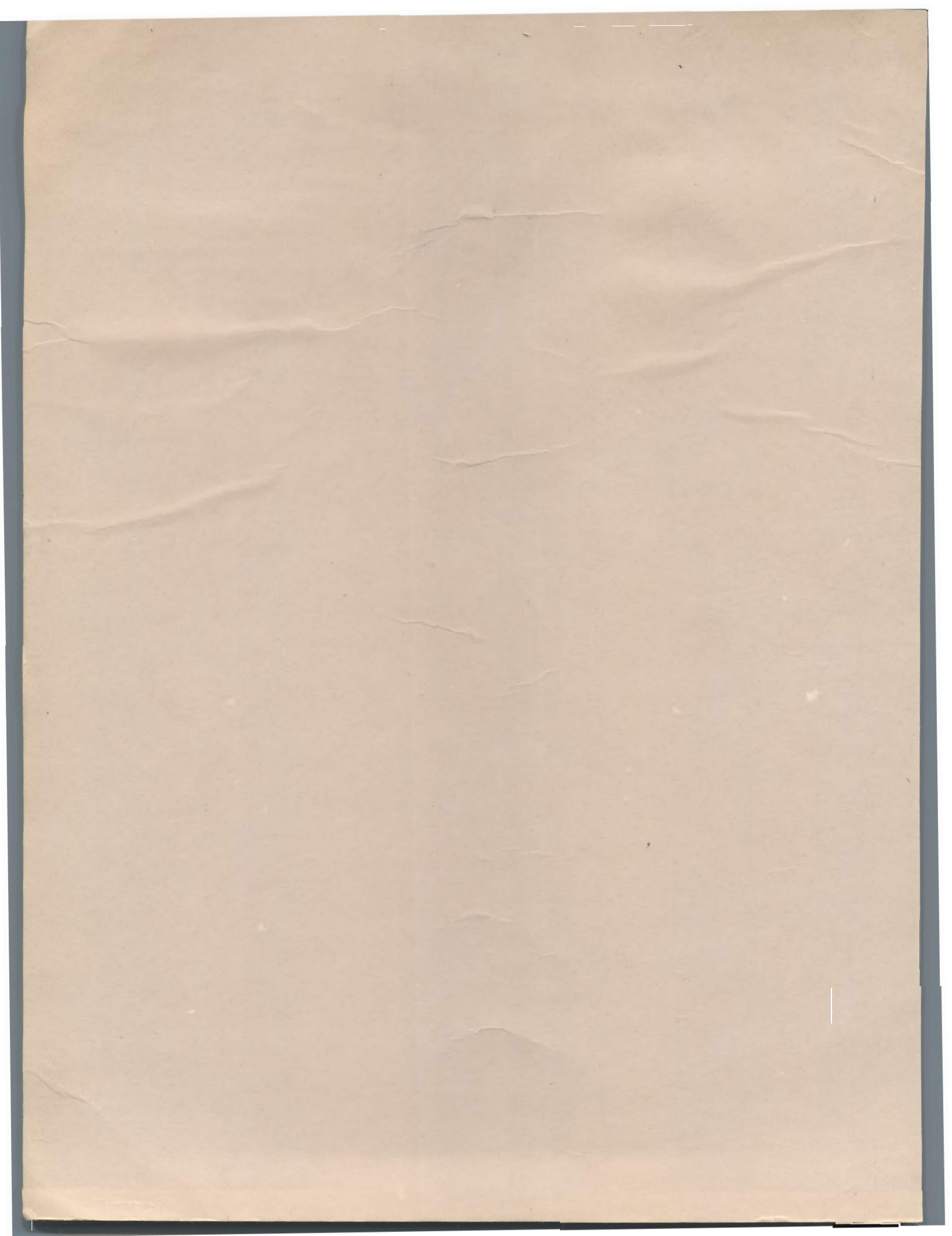


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EDITORIAL

It appears to be the privilege of students, nowadays, to decide whether they will set themselves seriously to study, when they gain admission to colleges, or get involved in activities far removed from the pursuit of learning. There was a time when a young man who had arrived at the ripe age of twenty years, or thereabouts, began to entertain serious thoughts on becoming independent, by setting about earning a living for himself. But, alas, such an ambition is at present far from the thoughts of many of our present-day *hopes of the future*. The old idea of personal pride and achievement has, for some of our young men, lost its value and, with that factor no longer being held in the high regard it deserves, many youths of the present generation leave one wondering what sort of mess they will make of their future.

Perhaps a few sober thoughts, on this subject, might be in order for our senior Columbans who are now about to leave the so-called hot-house atmosphere of a school that stands for hard work and self reliance. During their term here they, many of them, were pushed along, very often against their will, in an effort to help them realize that the sacrifices being made by their parents, to give them a good education, should not be in vain and that, with honest effort, a person of normal intelligence should be able to face the future with courage. We would do well to remember that our future is what *we* make it. Others — and there are many of them — are willing to help us along the road to success, to make sacrifices for us and to encourage us, but a time surely comes when we have to step out on our own. Whether that step will be a bold or a faltering one largely depends on ourselves.

Academic
Results
and
Distinctions
of the
1969 I.S.C. Class

Results of the Indian School Certificate Exam. 1969

FIRST DIVISION

Navin Devichand
Sameer Kaiwar
George Kuriakose
Anil K. Kutty
Sunil Malhotra
Suresh Malhotra
Vinod Mathew
Man Mohan Singh
Pradeep Kirti Sud
Cherian Thomas
Pravir K. Vohra
Prakash Krishnan Bhasin
Rajiv Varma
Arun Mehta
Rahul Sood
Rajendran Sabanayagam
Rajinder Pal Singh
Baja Ram
Rajan Mani
Arun Kumar Khanna
Narender Nath
Dennis Chan
Aubrey John Ferrao
Hemant Bhatia
Sukhdeep Singh Brar
Sanjay Wanchoo
Tejender Pal Singh Mehta
Vijay Nair
Parvinder Singh Pruthi
Ashok K. Ram
Sukumar Sah
Pradeep S. Sarin
Rajiv R. Sikka
Ajay Singh
B. G. Srinivas
Rakesh Varma
Kuldeep Shastri
Jaspal Singh
Hemendra Singh Bajaj
Bhaskar Sikder
Madhukar Tandan
Rajiv Shirali
Ravi Pall
Deepak Roy
K. Surendranath Nair
Sridhar Krishnan
Sanjaya Johri
Sunil Chopra
Deepak Bhanot
Pavan Bhatia

Manoj Pant
Vivek Rae
Anupam Narayan
Sanjay Kumar
Pradip Kumar Jha
Atul K. Dholakia
Amitaba Jayaram
Anand Desai
Winston Anil Browne
Vikram Ajit Chopra
Pravin Bhambri
Sanjay Sood
Manmohan K. Soni
Jogindra P. Singh
Kapil Rawal
Vikram D. Phatak
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Joseph M. Mandy
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Deepak Dhawan
Deepak Chatterjee
Ashok B. S. Sunderraj
Rizwan S. Kazmi
Ashok Sachthey
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Abhoy Prasad
Gopal Menon
Dinkar Khullar
Raman Madan
Rajiv Kapoor
Rajeev Dubey
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Suresh D. Raj
Aditya Pandit
Yateshwar D. Khanna
Pradeep Kalra
Pawan K. Jain
Kul Bhushan Gogia
Prabir Dasgupta
Pavan Behl
Deepak R. Agarwal
Kasi Seshadri Bhaskar
Deepak Singh
Navnit Talwar
Deepak Banerjee
Jagdeep Singh Bhandari
Arun Sharma

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Jagdish C. Chalakal
Munish K. Gupta
Pradeep Kumar
Ashok Rahul
Daleep K. Sharma
Yudhvir Singh
Raj Deep Thakur
Abhijit Basu
Rakesh Whorra
Brian Carl Fernandez
Vinod Varma
Dilip Malhotra
Krishna Kumar
Alok Kakkar
Rakesh Kumar Chugh
Somnath Datta
Bhagwan Gehani
Sunil Saigal
Ravi Sehgal
Dheeraj Kumar Kapuria
Vijay Khanna
Virender Nath Choudhri
Cyril Joseph Christopher
Biswajit Banerjee
Sudhir Sharma
Vikram Seth
Balbir Singh
Rajkumar Nair
Shariq A. Khan
Rajeshwar Kathpalia
Naresh Chandra Gupta
Nagesh Grover
Kulinder Bahl

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Amar Nath Bansal
Vinayak R. Patwardhan
Ravinder Nath Mehra
Atul Ghulati
Arun K. Paul
Rajan Sharma
Rabindra Masters
G. Gopalakrishnan
Rahul Kumar
Bharat B. Tewari
Debasis Mukherjee

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In an official letter, dated July 8th, 1970, the following information was received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India :

No. F. 4-72/70-N.S.1.

Government of India
Ministry of Education & Youth Services

The Principal,
St. Columba's High School, New Delhi.

Subject :- National Scholarships Scheme—1970-'71—Indian School Certificate Examination—Dec. '69—Selections of

Sir,

I am directed to state that Shri :

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Manoj Pant | 5. Arun Mehta |
| 2. Avanindra Kumar Pandey | 6. Bhaskar Sikder |
| 3. Deepak Chatterjee | 7. Rajeev Dubey |
| 4. Sanjaya Johri | 8. Dinkar Khullar |

passed his/her Indian School Certificate Examination from your school in 1969. I shall be grateful if you kindly arrange to send the enclosed pro forma regarding particulars of the candidate etc. to him/her at the address (permanent) available with you *under intimation to this Ministry* with an advice that he/she may kindly fill in the same and return it to this Ministry at a very early date and at the latest by 31st July, 1970, failing which it will be presumed that he/she is not interested in the scholarship.

Kindly treat this as MOST URGENT

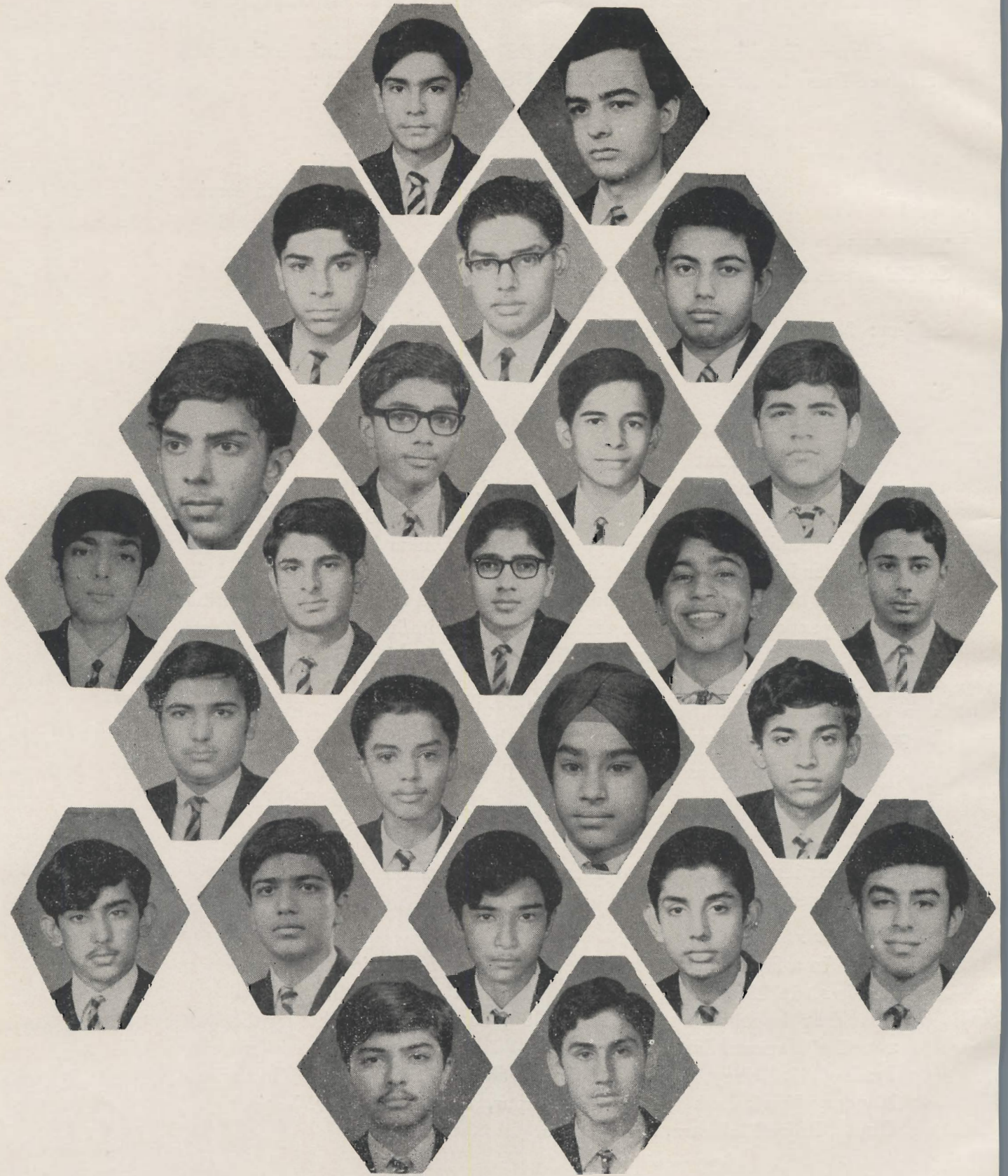
Yours faithfully
Sd. Sec.

Our heartiest congratulations to those eight boys on their splendid achievement :

Footnote :

In a further letter from the *Ministry of Education and Youth Services*, dt. 23rd Sept., 1970, the Principal received the welcome news that the following boys (of the 1967 batch) were eligible for the award of National Scholarships :

Pradeep K. Dubey, Gautam D. Ramchandani, Sanjiv Sain, Dinesh Kapoor, Vivek Luther, Ravinder Kapur, Shankaran Nair, Vibhor Gupta, Rajiv Malhotra, Ajit K. Seth.



Candidates Who Secured 'Ten Points'
or Less in the I.S.C. Examination 1969

	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Hindi	Maths.	Physics	Chemistry	Bio- logy	Aggregate
Sameer Kaiwar	2	—	—	2	1	2	2	9
Anil K. Kutty	1	1	—	2	1	2	—	7
Parvinder Singh Pruthi	2	2	—	1	2	2	—	9
Ashok K. Ram	2	—	—	1	2	2	3	10
B. G. Srinivas	2	—	3	1	1	2	—	9
Thomas Cherian	1	—	—	2	1	2	3	9
Rakesh Varma	1	—	—	2	2	2	1	8
Sanjaya Johri	1	2	2	1	1	—	—	7
Ravi Pall	2	2	—	2	2	2	—	10
Bhaskar Sikder	1	1	2	1	2	—	—	7
Madhukar Tandan	1	3	1	1	3	—	—	9
Arun Mehta	1	2	—	1	1	1	—	6
Kasi Seshadri Bhaskar	1	—	—	2	1	2	3	9
Deepak Chatterjee	1	—	3	1	1	1	—	7
Pravin Bhambri	2	2	—	2	1	2	—	9
Rajeev Dubey	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	5
Dinkar Khullar	2	1	—	1	1	1	—	6
Gopal Menon	1	2	3	—	2	2	—	10
Avanindra Kumar Pandey	1	1	—	2	1	2	—	7
Manoj Pant	1	1	3	2	—	1	—	8
Vivek Rae	3	2	—	2	2	1	—	10
Deepak Banerjee	1	2	—	2	2	3	—	10
Jagdeep Singh Bhandari	2	1	—	3	2	1	—	9
Sunil Chopra	1	2	3	—	2	2	—	10
Atul K. Dholakia	1	3	—	2	1	3	—	10

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE OF 1969

Photographs on opposite Page

Rajeev Dubey Arun Mehta

Dinkar Khullar Deepak Chatterjee Bhaskar Sikder

A. Pandey Anil K. S. Kutty Sanjaya Johri Manoj Pant

Rakesh Varma Jagdeep Ehandari K. S. Bhaskar Sameer Kaiwar Madhukar Tandan

Pravin Bhambri B. G. Srinivas Parvinder S. Pruthi Thomas Cherian

Vivek Rae Atul Dholakia Gopal Menon Deepak Banerjee Ravi Pall

Sunil Chopra Ashok Ram

NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION

The Science Talent Search Scheme, implemented by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, through the Department of Science Education, in the year 1963-'64, was re-named "The National Science Talent Search Scheme" in 1966.

The scope of the National Scheme includes an All-India examination, held at the end of Class XI, for selection of 350 students, every year, for the award of scholarships from B.Sc. 1st year to Ph.D. stage. The scholarships are awarded only to those students who join basic science courses.

The rates of the scholarships and book award will be as follows :

1. Scholarship award @ Rs. 100/- p.m. for three years of the B.Sc.
2. Rs. 250/- p.m. for two years of the M.Sc. course
3. Rs. 350/- p.m. for Ph. D. work for a period of 4 years
4. Book award of Rs. 100/- for 3 years to B.Sc. students
5. Rs. 250/- for the next two years to M.Sc. students
6. Rs. 500/- for the next four years to Ph. D. scholars
7. Reimbursement of fee of the scholars @ Rs. 15/- at the B.Sc. stage, Rs. 18/- at the M.Sc. stage, and Rs. 20/- at the Ph. D. stage.

Senior boys from St. Columba's have competed for Science Talent Search Scholarships over the past seven years. There were 27 candidates for the S.T.S. examination held at the end of 1964. Over the years, since then, the number of examinees has fluctuated, but in very recent years about 50 boys from here appear each year.

The results :

	<i>Successes</i>
1964-'65	9 scholarships
1965-'66	9 scholarships
1966-'67	10 scholarships
1967-'68	13 scholarships
1968-'69	10 scholarships
1969-'70	11 scholarships

Kasi Seshadri Bhaskar (of St. Columba's) secured **FIRST PLACE** in India, in the National Science Talent Search Examination of 1969-'70

The other successful candidates this time were :

Deepak Chatterjee, Parvinder Singh Pruthi, Cherian Thomas, Rakesh Varma, Manmohan Saroop Zutshi, Vivek Rae, Pavan Behl, Joseph Mathai, Sanjay Sood, Anil Kumar, Shankaran Kutty

Congratulations to the successful candidates !

Footnote There were 6,894 candidates in all for the S.T.S Exam. in 1964. It is to be assumed that the present number (which is not available) is far in excess of that of -'64.

S U R V E Y

ON THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE CLASS OF 1969

A survey of our most recently "passed out" class was first published in The Columban in 1964. The idea in collecting data for such a survey was to let our pupils, both present and past, know how successful Ex-Columbans are in seeking admission to colleges affiliated to Delhi and to other universities. A notable feature in this matter is that a large percentage merits selection for Honours Courses, in spite of the fact that the demand for seats, especially in the better known colleges, necessitates a rigid selection routine.

The group under survey in the following pages has done *Mightily*, judging by the fact that about two-thirds of them made the *grade* and were selected for the study of a wide range of subjects. Those readers who cherish past numbers of our magazine will, naturally, get down to the serious business of comparing past groups with the present batch. We shall leave them to their statistical comparisons but we may be excused if we say that there has been a very obvious drift away from the scientific courses in recent years and almost a landslide over to Economics and Commerce, with medicine *gaining* rapidly on them.

Note : Colleges mentioned in this survey are Delhi colleges, unless otherwise designated.

Name	Division	College being attended	Subject	Pass or Honours	Distinctions or Scholarships won.
Ajay Singh	Ist	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Civil Engin.	Honours	Passed National Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam.
B. G. Srinivas	Ist	I.I.T. Kanpur	Electronics	Honours	
Rakesh Varma	Ist	Hindu College	Medicine	not applicable	Was placed 245th in National Science Talent Search Exam.
Kuldeep Shastri	Ist	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Chem. Engin.	Honours	
Jaspal Singh	Ist	N.D.A. Kharakvasla	Military Training		Secured 24th place on Entrance Exam. Merit List.
Hemendra Singh Bajaj	Ist	Hindu College	Commerce	Honours	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College being attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won.</i>
Bhaskar Sikder	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Won National Science Talent Search Scholarship
Madhukar Tandan	1st	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	
Rajiv Shirali	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Ravi Pall	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Deepak Roy	1st	Sri Ram College	Economics	Honours	
K. Surendranath Nair	1st	Hindu College	Chemistry	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Sridhar Krishnan	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Sanjaya Johri	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Secured a place on I.S.C. Merit Scholarship list
Sunil Chopra	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Deepak Bhanot	1st	Hindu College	Chemistry	Honours	
Rajendran Sabanayagam	1st	I.I.T. Madras	Chem. Engin.	Honours	Won National Science Talent Search Scholarship
Rajinder Pal Singh	1st	Punjab Uni. (Chandigarh)	Medicine	Not applicable	
Bala Ram	1st	Hindu College	Economics	Honours	
Rajan Mani	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Arun Kumar Khanna	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Narender Nath	1st	Sri Ram College	Economics	Honours	
Dennis Chan	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Aubrey John Ferrao	1st	St. Stephen's College	History	Honours	
Hemant Bhatia	1st	Sri Ram College	Business Admin.	Honours	
Sanjay Wanchoo	1st	Delhi Coll. of Engin.	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Tejender Pal Singh Mehta	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Vijay Nair	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	Passed Entrance Exam. for training in Marine Engineering
Parvinder Singh Pruthi	1st	St. Stephen's College	Physics	Honours	Won National Science Talent Search Scholarship
Ashok K. Ram	1st	Hans Raj College	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Sukumar Sah	1st	Sri Ram College	Economics	Honours	
Pradeep S. Sarin	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Navin Devichand	1st	St. Stephen's College	History	Honours	
Sameer Kaiwar	1st	Delhi Coll. of Engin.	Mech. Engin.	Pass	
George Kuriakose	1st	St. John's Med. College (Bangalore)	Medicine	Not applicable	Won National Science Talent Search Scholarship
Anil Kumar Kutty	1st	St. Stephen's College	Physics	Honours	Secured 341 st place in National Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam.

Name	Division	College being attended	Subject	Pass or Honours	Distinctions or Scholarships won.
Sunil Malhotra	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Suresh Malhotra	1st	Delhi College of Engin.	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Vinod Mathew	1st	Dayal Singh College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Man Mohan Singh	1st	St. Stephen's College	Chemistry	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Kirti Pradeep Sud	1st	Hindu College	Economics	Honours	
Thomas Cherian	1st	Christian Medical College (Vellore)	Medicine	Not applicable	Secured 988th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam.; He was placed in 233rd position in Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam.
Pravir K. Vohra	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Krishnan P. Bhasin	1st	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Rajiv Varma	1st	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Mech. Engin.	Honours	Secured 668th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Arun Mehta	1st	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Elect. Engin.	Honours	Secured 97th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Rahul Sood	1st	Reg. Engin. College (Kurukshetra)	Mech. Engin.	Honours	
Pavan Bhatia	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Navnit Talwar	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Deepak Banerjee	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Jagdeep Singh Bhandari	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Arun Sharma	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Manoj Pant	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Secured a place in I.S.C. Merit Scholarship List
Vivek Rae	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Was Placed 310th in National Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam. Passed I.I.T. Entrance Exam. in 1735th place
Anupam Narayan	1st	I. I. T. Kanpur	Metall. Engin.	Honours	
Pradip Kumar Jha	1st	St. Stephen's College	History	Honours	
Atul K. Dholakia	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Amitaba Jayaram	1st	St. Stephen's College	English	Honours	
Anand Desai	1st	Hindu College	Mathematics	Honours	
Winston Anil Browne	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Vikram Ajit Chopra	1st	St. Stephen's College	English	Honours	
Pravin Bhambri	1st	I.I.T. Powai (Bombay)	Chem. Engin.	Honours	Secured 189th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam. Merit List
Sanjay Sood	1st	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam. Passed Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College being attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won.</i>
Manmohan K. Soni	1st	S. G. T B. Khalsa College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Jogindar P. Singh	1st	Hindu College	Chemistry	Honours	
Kapil Rawal	1st	Delhi College	Medicine	Not applicable	Secured 80th place in N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Vikram D. Phatak	1st	Ferguson College (Poona)	Medicine	Not applicable	
Lalit Khanna	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Joseph M. Mandy	1st	Delhi College	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam., Passed Dufferin Entrance Exam.
Deepak Dhawan	1st	Deshbandhu College	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I.I.T. Entrance Exam., Marine Engin. and Indian School of Mines' Entrance Exams.
Deepak Chatterjee	1st	Hindu College	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam., Passed Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam. and was declared eligible for I.S.C. Merit Scholarship
Rizwan S. Kazmi	1st	Aligarh Muslim Uni.	Economics	Honours	
Ashok Sachthey	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
M. K. Gopinath	1st	Med. Coll. Vellore (Madras)	Medicine	Not applicable	Was called for interview for award of Science Talent Search Scholarship
Avanindra K. Pandey	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam. Was declared eligible for I.S.C. Merit Scholarship
Abhoy Prasad	1st	St. Xavier's College, Ranchi	Pre-Uni. Exam.	Not applicable	
Gopal Menon	1st	St. Stephen's College	Chemistry	Honours	
Dinkar Khullar	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Was declared eligible for I.S.C. Merit Scholarship. Awarded All-India Entrance Scholarship to Delhi Uni. (4th place in India)
Raman Madan	1st	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Textile Engin.	Honours	
Rajiv Kapoor	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Rajeev Dubey	1st	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	Was declared eligible for I.S.C. Merit Scholarship. Awarded All-India Entrance Scholarship to Delhi Uni.
Subroto Choudhury	1st	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	
Sanjay Kumar	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Gerard A. Braganza	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Vijay Singh Chauhan	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Anil Bahl	1st	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	

Name	Division	College being attended	Subject	Pass or Honours	Distinctions or Scholarships won.
Pradeep K. Soni	Ist	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam. Passed I.I.T. Entrance and N.D.A. Exams.
Bikram Wahie	Ist	Hindu College	Economics	Honours	Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Jatinder Singh	Ist	Deshbandhu College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Manmohan Saroop Zutshi	Ist	Hans Raj College	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam. Passed Science Talent Search Scholarship Exam.
Suresh D. Raj	Ist	Guindy College of Engin. (Madras)	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Aditya Pandit	Ist	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Yateshwar D. Khanna	Ist	N.D.A. Kharakvasla	Military Training		
Pradeep Kalra	Ist	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	Passed Marine Engin. Entrance Exam.
Pawan Kumar Jain	Ist	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Kul Bhushan Gogja	Ist	I.I.T. Hauz Khas	Chem. Engin.	Honours	Secured 1019th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Prabir Das Gupta	Ist	Ramjas College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Pavan Behl	Ist	St. Stephen's College	Chemistry	Honours	Was placed 311th in Science Talent Search Exam. Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Deepak R. Agarwal	Ist	Delhi College	Economics	Honours	
Kasi Seshadri Bhaskar	Ist	I.I.T. Kanpur	Elect. Engin.	Honours	Secured FIRST place in Science Talent Search Exam. Was placed 26th in I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Deepak Singh	Ist	Hindu College	Economics	Honours	Selected for Training by M/s. Rolls Royce, England
Sukhdeep Singh Brar	Ist	Agri. Uni., Ludhiana	Not Stated		
Rajiv R. Sikka	Ist	St. Stephen's College	Economics	Honours	
Ashok Kumar	Ist	Shivaji College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Ashok B.S. Sunderraj	Ist	Sri Ram College	Commerce	Honours	
Osmund A. Chakravarty	2nd	P.G. D.A.V. College	Commerce	Honours	
Jagdish C. Chalakal	2nd	Kirori Mal College	B.Sc. Gen.	Pass	
Pradeep Kumar	2nd	Hans Raj College	Commerce	Honours	
Ashok Rahul	2nd	Kirori Mal College	Economics	Honours	
Daleep K. Sharma	2nd	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	
Raj Deep Thakur	2nd	S.D.B. College (Simla)	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed N.D.A. and Duff-erin Entrance Exams.
Abhijit Basu	2nd	Agri. Coll. Pant Nagar (U.P.)	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Munish K. Gupta	2nd	Hindu College	Commerce	Honours	
Rakesh Whorra	2nd	Has joined his father's business			
Brian Carl Fernandez	2nd	Plans to go overseas			

Name	Division	College being attended	Subject	Pass or Honours	Distinctions or Scholarships won.
Dilip Malhotra	2nd	Has emigrated to Canada (Quebec, Montreal)			
Krishna Kumar	2nd	Agri. Coll., Hissar (Haryana)	Agriculture	Honours	
Alok Kakkar	2nd	Sri Ram College	Economics	Honours	
Rakesh Kumar Chugh	2nd	Ramjas College	Economics	Honours	
Somnath Datta	2nd	St. Stephen's College	Mathematics	Honours	
Bhagwan Gehani	2nd	Ramjas College	Economics	Honours	
Sunil Saigal	2nd	Hans Raj College	Economics	Honours	
Ravi Sehgal	2nd	Hindu College	Commerce	Honours	
Dheeraj Kumar Kapuria	2nd	Kirori Mal College	Economics	Honours	
Virender Nath Choudhri	2nd	Maharaja Savijirao Uni. (Baroda)	Mech. Engin.	Honours	
Cyril Joseph Christopher	2nd	Hindu College	English	Honours	
Biswajit Banerjee	2nd	Birla Instt. of Tech. (Pilani)	B. Sc. Gen.	Pass	
Sudhir Sharma	2nd	Hans Raj College	Economics	Honours	
Vikram Seth	2nd	Delhi College	Medicine	Not applicable	
Balbir Singh	2nd	Ramjas College	Commerce	Honours	Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam.
Rajkumar Nair	2nd	Marine Engin. Coll. (Calcutta)	Marine Engin.	Not applicable	Passed I.I.T. Entrance Exam., Passed N.D.A. Entrance Exam., Awarded Merit Scholarship for admission to Indian School of Mines
Vijay Khanna	2nd	Hindu College (to migrate to Sri Ram College)	Commerce	Honours	
Shariq A. Khan	2nd	Transferred to Lucknow			
Rajeswar Kathpalia	2nd	Delhi University	B.A. Gen.	Pass (through correspondence)	
Naresh Chandra Gupta	2nd	Hindu College	Commerce	Honours	
Nagesh Grover	2nd	Hindu College	Commerce	Honours	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Kulinder Bahi	2nd	Maharaja College (Jaipur)	Medicine	Not applicable	Passed I. I. T. Entrance Exam.
Yudhvir Singh	2nd	Hindu College	Political Sc.	Honours	
Vinod Varma	2nd				
Vinaya k R. Patwardhan	3rd	Father has been posted to Nigeria. Son presumably gone there			
G. Gopalakrishnan	3rd	Gone to Madras	Information not available		
Ambrish Sachdev	3rd	Hans Raj College	Commerce	Pass	
Amar Nath Bansal	3rd	Hans Raj College	Commerce	Pass	
Atul Ghulati	3rd	Dayal Singh College	B.A. General	Pass	
Arun K. Paul	3rd	Govt. Coll. Gurgaon	Commerce	Honours	
Rajan Sharma	3rd	Hindu College	B.A. General	Pass	
Rabindra Masters	3rd	Hans Raj College	Economics	Honours	
Rahul Kumar	3rd	Hans Raj College	Economics	Honours	Qualified for admission to Diploma in Hotel Management
Debasis Mukherjee	3rd	D.A.V. College Chandigarh	Medicine	Not applicable	
Bharat B. Tewari	3rd	D.A V. College Chandigarh	Medicine	Not applicable	
Ravinder Nath Mehta	3rd	Nehru Coll. (Faridabad)	B.A. General	Pass	

Analysis of Survey on 1969 I.S.C. Class

<i>Break-up of the Courses</i>	<i>Honours</i>	<i>Pass</i>
Commerce	32	
Economics	37	
Science (Physics & Chemistry)	12	
Mathematics	3	
English	3	
History	3	
Engineering	15	4
Medicine		23
B. A. and B. Sc. (General)		6
Agriculture	1	
Business Administration	1	
Total Number Doing Honours :	107	

Order of popularity of Colleges in Delhi :

1. St. Stephen's College	35
2. Sri Ram College of Commerce	26
3. Hindu College	19

Others :


4. Hans Raj College	9	
5. Ramjas College	4	
6. Kirori Mal College	3	
7. Delhi College	3	
8. Delhi University	1	
9. Deshbandhu College	2	
10. P. G. D. A. V. College	1	
11. Shivaji College	1	
12. Dayal Singh College	2	
13. Delhi College of Engineering	3	
14. Indian Instt. of Tech., Delhi	6	
15. S. G. T. B. Khalsa College	1	
	Total : 116	

In Colleges outside Delhi :	32
Full particulars not available for	6

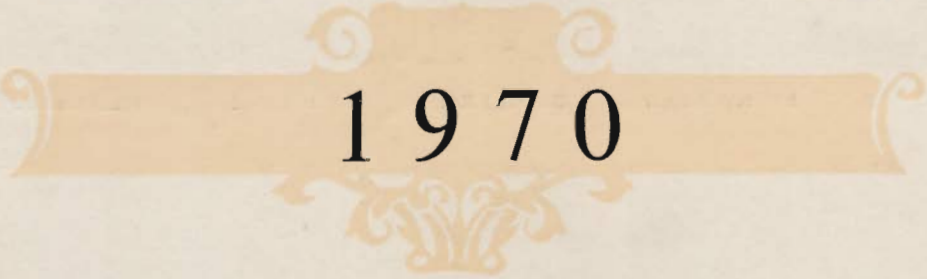
Roll of Honour

(Being a list of the names of boys who secured 1st place in the
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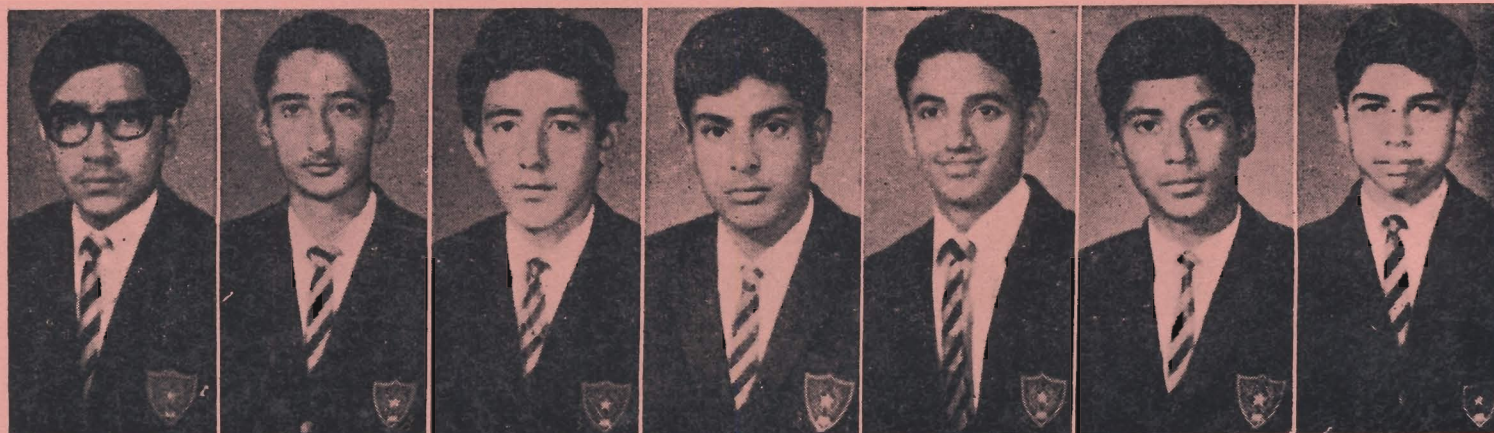
		<i>Distinctions</i>	<i>Credits</i>	
1942	M. Kirpalani	4	4	} Grades A ¹ to A ³
1943	M. Benegal	3	5	
1944	A. A. E. Morshed	7	1	
1945	M. A. Rafi	7	2	
1946	K. K. Roy-Chowdhury	6	3	
1947	J. D. S. Lokshmanan	7	2	
1948	B. N. Kumar	3	6	
1949	V. Ambegaokar	6	3	
1950	P. P. Gupta	7	2	
1951	D. K. Das	5	4	
1952	A. Rao	7	1	
1953	F. Balchandani	6		} 8 Subjects Taken
1954	Davin John Jhirad	4	3	
1955	Peter Seyboth	7	1	
1956	Chandra Sekharan Iyer	6	2	
1957	Vinod Bihari	7	1	
1958	Sanat Kumar Shiralkar	7	1	
1959	Pawan Chopra	5	2	
1960	Vinod Gupta	8		
1961	Sunil Sud	8		} 6 Subjects Taken
1962	Aamir Mustafa Kidwai	8		
1963	Rajat Tandon	5	1	
1964	Sanjay Shyam	5	1	
1965	Chandra Kiran	6	1	
1966	Pankaj Tandon	5	1	
1967	Amitabh	5	1	
1968	Anil Bhatia	6		
1969	Rajeev Dubey	6		



INDIAN SCHOOL
CERTIFICATE
CLASS



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Ravi N. Khanna

Satish C. Duggal

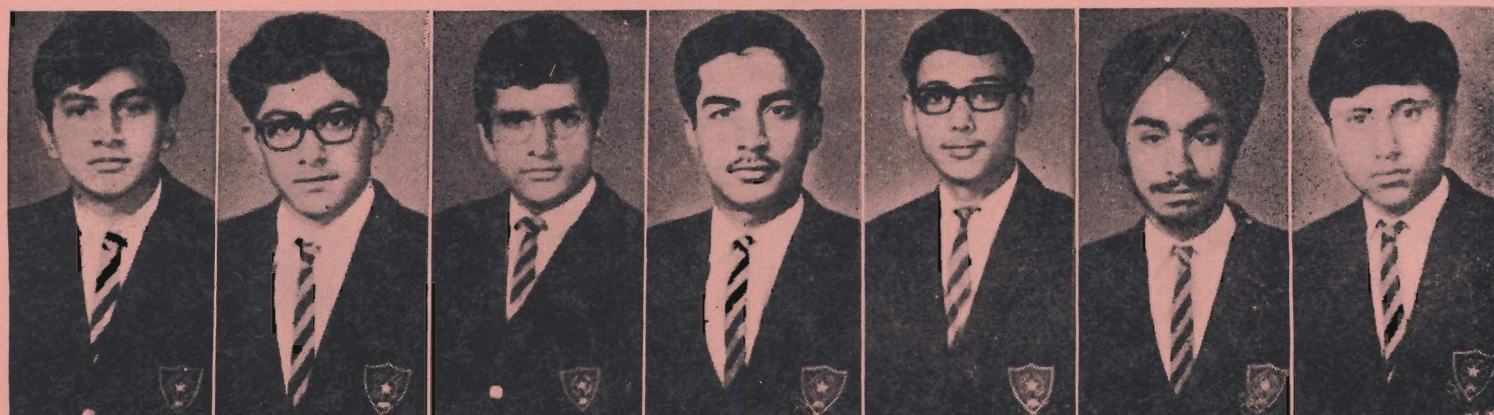
Ajay Bahl

Philip L. Varghese

Suresh Kumar

Niloy Roy

V. Khera



Anil Gupta

Rotash Mal

Sanjeev Kumar

Balwant Rai

Arun Anand

Maninder P. Singh

Vivek Vohra



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Lokesh Chandra

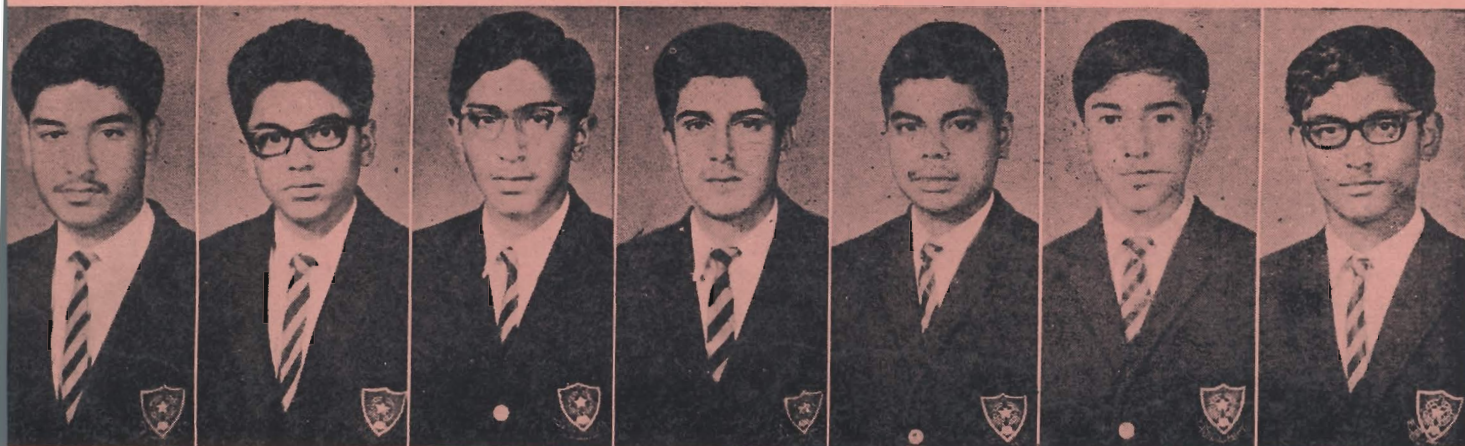
Arvind Bhuchar

Santosh K. Varki

Suresh C. Punetha

Mallick Hamid

P. K. Banerjee



Alok Agarwal

Vinod Saxena

Vinit K. Mathur

Deepak Talwar

Dipak R. Hemmad

J. V. Rodrigues

Sunil Chibber



Anil K. Kishore

Rakesh K. Grover

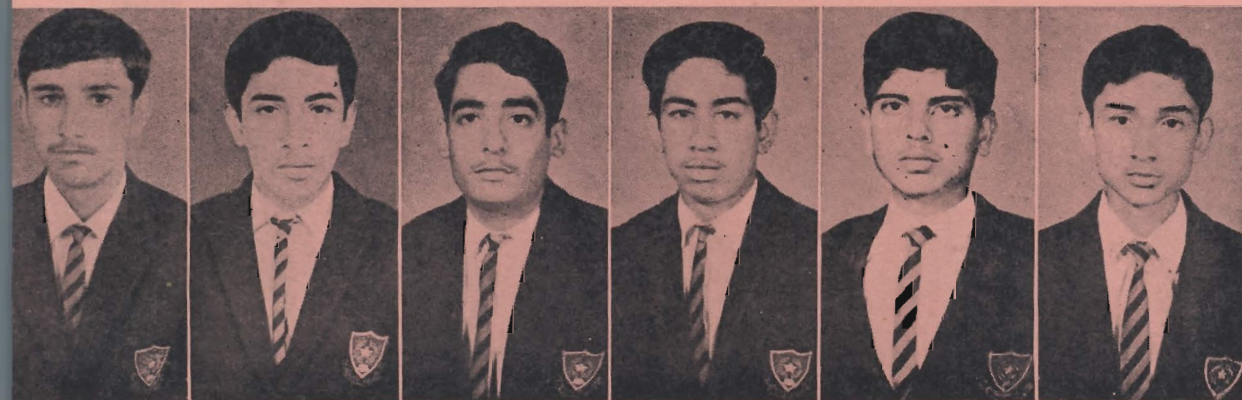
George Joseph

V. K. Rajakrishnan

George Mathai

Ashok Saxena

S. K. Malhotra



Rakesh Sharma

B. B. Mishra

Jayant Mehta

P. Shrivastav

Ravindra Laljani

S. Bhagavati

SEC.

A



Deepak Whorra

P. Kumar Jain

Aman Nath

Vijay K. Mehra

Deepak Malik

Rajesh Bhalla



Sumit Guha

Ranjit Narayan

N. Upadhyaya

A. P. Bernard

Jude Yep

Maxi Miranda



Atul Gupta

Anil Kapoor

H. Jayaprakasham

A. Ghulati

Sumant Mathur

Ashok Malhotra



Rajesh Varma

Derrick D'Souza

Ajit E. Jacob

Raj K. Yadav

Gautam Barat

Maxim H. Pinto

Mathai Samuel



George Miranda

P. S. D'Souza

G. Bhatnagar

A. P. Changrani

Tapan K. Jha

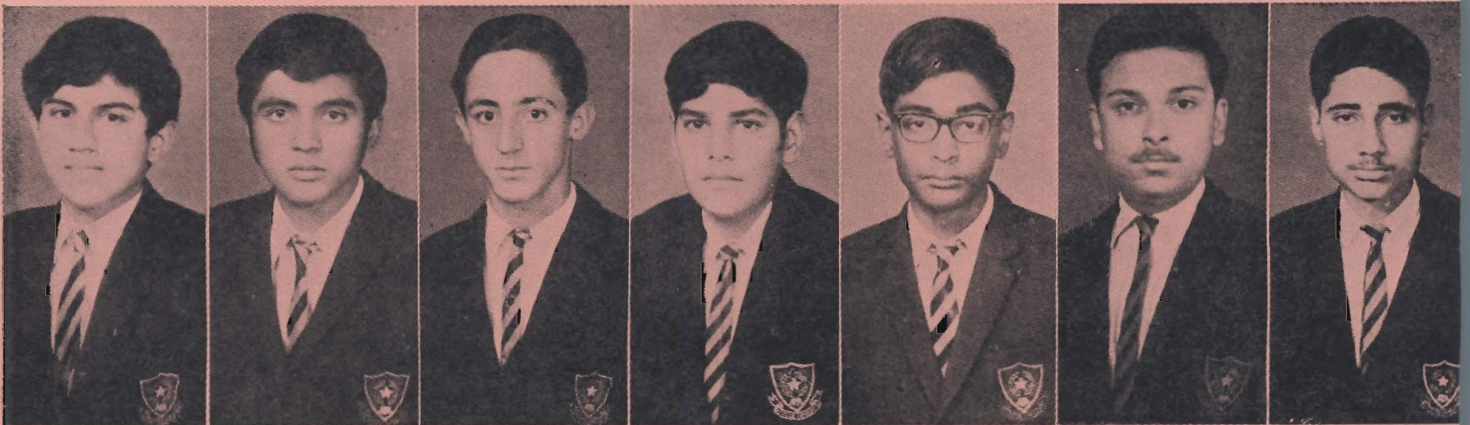
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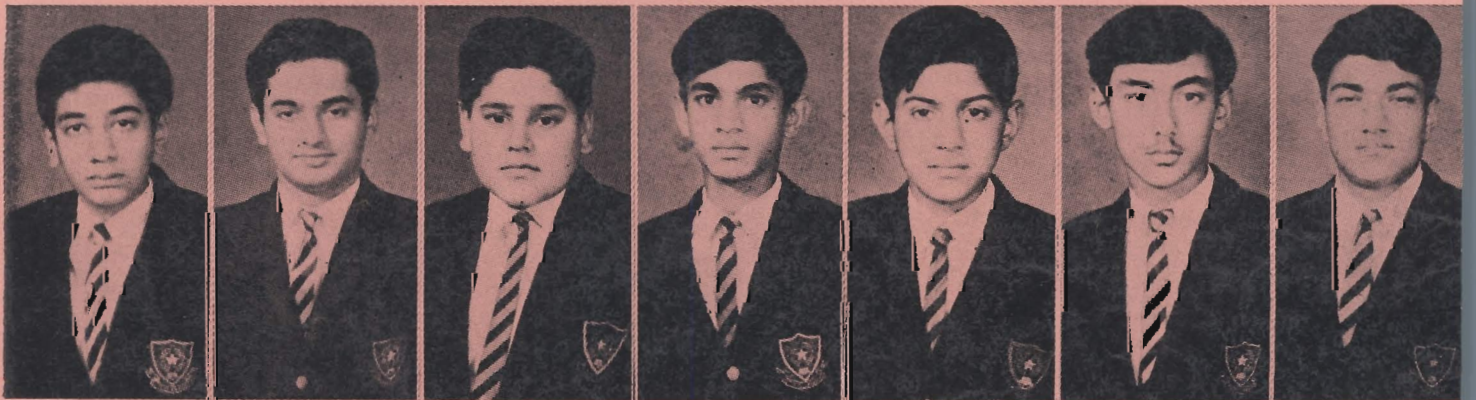
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Himangshu R. Vaish Nirvikar Singh Sunil K. Lall Amar Barua Rajat Basu L. Mirchandani Stephen George

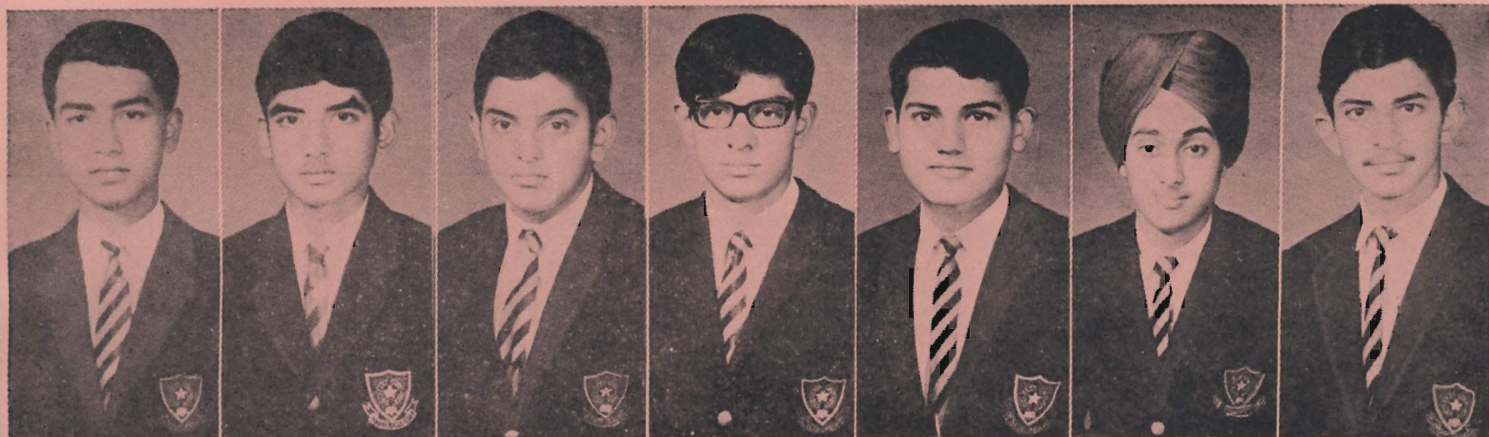


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V. Dalmia Prakash K. Shah Rajiv Gupta F. F. Monteiro A. J. De:Souza Avjit. Datta Noel Kolet

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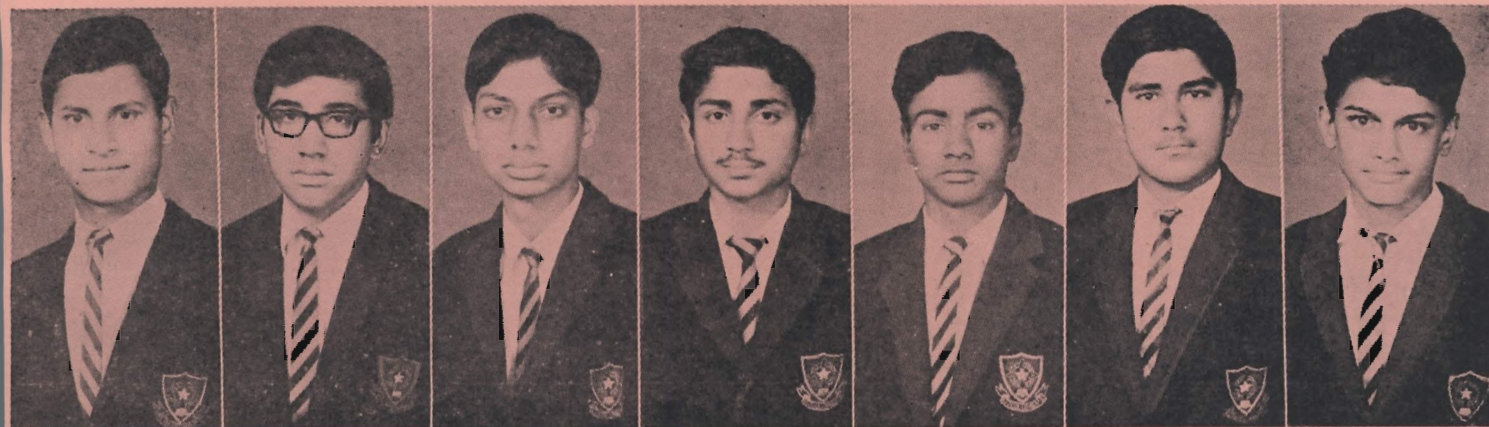
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Lalit Kumar

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Sanjeev Rattan



F. C. Ferrao

Rajan Chopra

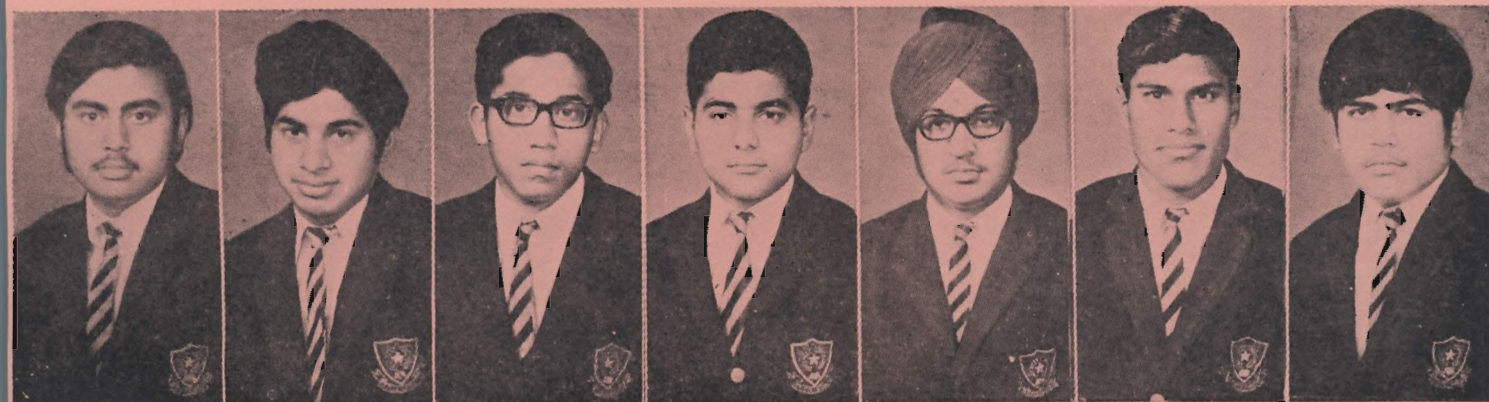
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K. D. Malhotra

Patrick Rajan

Sanjiv Oberoi

C. A. Manuel



Atma Dayal

Kuldeepak Bagga

T. S. Thalanany

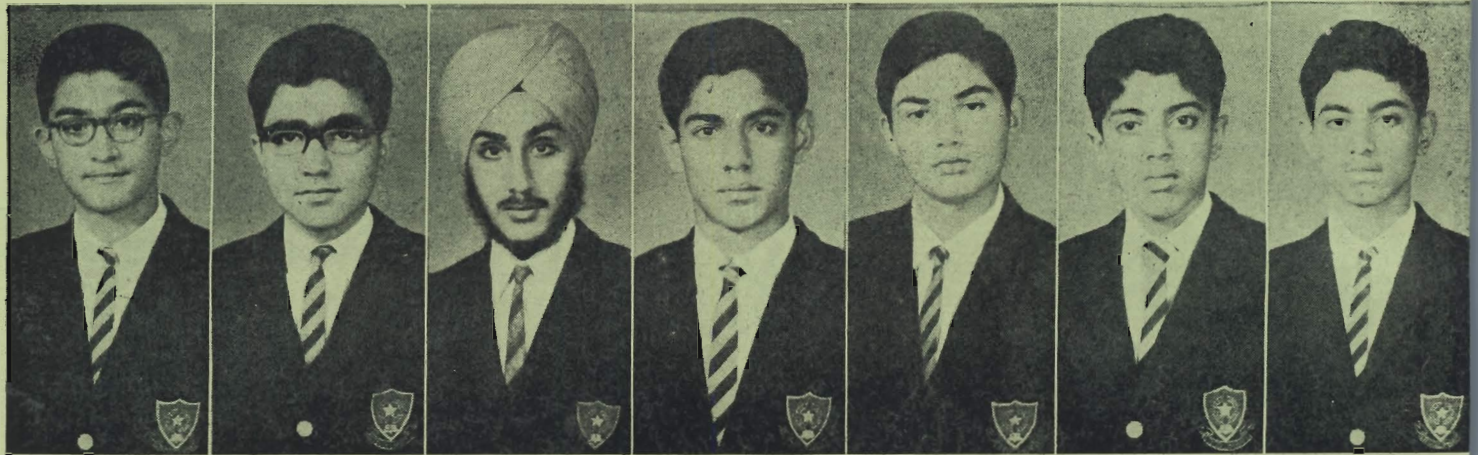
Sanjiv Mehta

K. Singh Mehta

Nicholas D' Souza

Mahesh Thadani

C.



S. A. Shirali

Satinder Kapur

R. S. Kochhar

A. A. Ramchandani

Y. R. Behari Lall

Atul Kalra

A. A. Hattangadi



Sanjeev Bhel

Anupam Kapoor

Ajay K. Puri

K. Neelakantan

N. M. Rasquinha

Ashok Varma

Rajiv K. Gupta



Daljit Singh

Suneel Anand

Venkataraman M.

Gopal Krishnan

R. Ichhponiani

Bharat Bhushan

A. A. Baretto

SEC.
D



Adoni U. Sekhar



Philip Thomas



Rakesh Dhamija



Ashok Bhandari



Padam C. Saini



Bimal Kapur



Harish Kumar



J. B. J. M. Pereira



A. Krishna Kumar



Samuel Bastian



K. Balachandran



Gurdeep S. Bedi



Sunil Sethi



M. E. D. Daruwalla



Vijay Thadani



Deepak Kapur



Sunil Chopra



Rajiv Kumar



Sunil Kumar



P. R. Chowdhry

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBR



Middle School and Senior Boys Honour the Flag

An announcement made by the Principal, on the afternoon of Thursday, August 13th, that the flag hoisting ceremony to commemorate Independence Day would be held, *weather permitting*, at 9.00 a.m. on the following day, damped the hopes of more than 1,500 of our boys. This annual feature is eagerly looked forward to, and not always from patriotic motives! Surreptitious glances were cast out through the classroom windows, on the morning of the 14th, to see how the weather was behaving. A deadline had earlier been fixed; the ceremony would be held, if the weather were promising, at 8.30 a.m. The clouds rolled back, obligingly, well before the time limit, the classes were marshalled on to fixed positions on the lawn in front of the new school building and the stage was set for the arrival of Admiral Nanda, chief of the Naval Staff.

The official car turned in the gate leading to the Middle School a minute before time. The Chief Guest was welcomed by the Principal and then escorted to the top of the steps leading to the main entrance of the building. The boys came smartly to order, the flag unfurled without a hitch, helped by two look-outs perched sixty feet above the ground, and the boys, having come to an "at ease" position, were addressed by Vinit Mathur, in Hindi.

Br. J. N. Foley then officially welcomed Admiral Nanda and gave his listeners a brief outline of the admiral's career. He spoke some words of advice on the meaning of Independence and on the duties of his hearers as citizens. In conclusion, he asked the assembled boys to take special note of what the Chief Guest was about to say to them.

In addressing those assembled for the flag hoisting, Admiral had some



Admiral Nanda, and the Principal, Br. J. N. Foley, listen to an Independence Day address.

Admiral S. M. Nanda

complimentary remarks to make about St. Columba's and the high esteem in which the school was held, not only in Delhi but in the country at large. He probably surprised his young audience in stating that his own two sons had studied in S.C.S. and that they had done "quite well" since they had left the school. He went on to express more serious ideas which he would like to put before his listeners. They were the young generation from whom the admirals and leaders of tomorrow would come. It was their duty to fit themselves now to assume a constructive role in the India of the future.

The ceremony was brought to a fitting end with the playing of the National Anthem. The Chief Guest was then introduced to members of the Staff. And, having been refreshed by a cup of tea, he drove off with a befitting "Thank you", expressed by three thousand clapping hands.



आदरणीय अतिथि महोदय, अध्यापकगण और साथियो,

हम सब जानते हैं कि भारत के इतिहास में १५ अगस्त का दिन बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण है। आज से २३ वर्ष पहले पन्द्रह अगस्त को हमें यह दिन देखने को मिला। वातावरण को देखते हुए हमें इस दिन को बड़े उत्साह और अभिमान के साथ याद करना चाहिए। मैं आपके सामने इस बात को दोहराना नहीं चाहता कि हमें आजादी किस प्रकार मिली क्योंकि हम सब इस बात को अपने पूर्वजों से, अथवा पुस्तकों को पढ़कर जान चुके हैं। यह ठीक है कि इस उद्देश्य की पूर्ति के लिये हजारों जानें गईं, अनेक परिवार नष्ट-भ्रष्ट हुए और आखिर वह दिन आगया जब जेल की यातना सहने वालों की आशा, भारतीय जनता की आकांक्षा और शहीदों की साधना पूरी हुई।

आजादी तो हमें मिल गई परन्तु प्राप्त आजादी को बनाए रखना कोई आसान काम नहीं है। यह हमारे सम्मुख एक बहुत बड़ी समस्या है। इस समस्या का हल भी हमारे पास है और वह यह कि हम सब को प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में पहले से भी अधिक कड़ी से कड़ी मेहनत करनी होगी। हमारे सम्मुख भारत की आर्थिक दशा, गरीबी, प्रान्तीयता आदि का बन्धन एक बहुत बड़ा सिर दर्द है। वैसे तो हम सब का कर्तव्य है कि हम इन समस्याओं पर विजय पाने का यत्न करें, परन्तु हम विद्यार्थियों पर इसका उत्तरदायित्व सब से अधिक है। हमीं इस देश की वागडोर को संभालने वाले होंगे। कुछ समय के बाद हम में से ही कोई डाक्टर बनेगा, कोई इंजिनियर, कोई व्यापारी, कोई समाज-सेवक इत्यादि। मैं तो यह कहूंगा कि इन सब चीजों का आधार-स्तम्भ हमारी शिक्षा ही है। अच्छी शिक्षा ही हमें अच्छा नागरिक बना सकती है। इसलिए मैं इस बात पर जोर दूंगा कि अच्छा नागरिक बनने के लिए हमारे पास ज्ञान और अच्छा चरित्र अवश्य होना चाहिए ताकि हम विद्यार्थी दुनियां के सामने यह दिखवा सकें कि एक अच्छा चरित्रवान बालक ही एक अच्छा और सच्चा नागरिक बन सकता है।

हमारे सामने रोज एक नई कठिनाई आजाती है। मुसीबत के काले बादल हमारे सिर के ऊपर मंडराने लगे हैं। आज इस विश्व के अन्दर ऐसे मुल्क भी हैं जो एक शान्ति-प्रिय देश की शान्ति को भंग करने की चेष्टा कर रहे हैं। वे हमारी आजादी का मजाक उड़ाना चाहते हैं। आज हम उन्हें बतला देते हैं कि भारत का एक एक बच्चा शान्ति रखना ही नहीं किन्तु शान्ति के लिए लड़ना भी जानता है। लेकिन आश्चर्य तो इस बात का है कि यह दशा आखिर आई ही क्यों? मैं तो यह कहूंगा कि हमारे देशवासी ही इसके लिए जिम्मेदार हैं। हमें अपनी स्वार्थ-भावना इतनी प्यारी है कि हम यह पहचानते नहीं कि कौन हमारा मित्र है और कौन हमारा शत्रु। हम अपने लाभ के लिए, अपना पेट बड़ा करने के लिए अपने कर्तव्य को विलकुल भूल ही चुके हैं। यदि हम इसी भावना में डूबे रहे तो यह सम्भव हो सकता है कि हमारी प्राप्त की हुई आजादी कहीं खतरे में न पड़ जाये। इन सब बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए आओ हम सब विद्यार्थी इस तिरगे भंडे के नीचे यह प्रण करें कि हम गांधी जी और नेहरूजी के मार्ग पर चलेंगे। अपनी भारत माता की रक्षा के लिये अपना सब कुछ बलिदान कर देंगे। स्वार्थ की यह भावना जो हमारे साथ चिपकी हुई है उसे हमेशा के लिए भूल जाएंगे।

इस समय इस देश का प्रत्येक बच्चा और प्रत्येक नवयुवक अपने अपने स्थान पर एक सिपाही है। इसलिये याद रखो कि हम जो भी कदम उठाएँ, वह हमारे देश की प्रगति के विषय में ही हो। हमें भारत माता की लाज रखनी है— चाहे हमें अपना सब कुछ बलिदान क्यों न करना पड़े।

“जय हिन्द”

THE HORSE AND I

Harish Kumar, 11-D

I have lately come to the conclusion that horsemanship and I were born strangers, and that horses are just not my cup of tea. Four agonising weeks atop an equestrian specimen, more or less rooted to a hard saddle, have convinced me of this.

It was in one of my weaker moments that I decided to become a horse rider. Visions of riding a thoroughbred, leading the bunch *a la Piggot*, flashed before my inexperienced mind and drove me on towards this misguided ambition. A contemptuous neigh from a miserable animal has led me to believe that a gaping hole has been left not only in my pocket but in my inflated pride as well.

I arrived at the riding school nattily dressed in my best breeches, growing more and more confident with every step. The moment I raised myself awkwardly into the saddle all my confidence evaporated. The prospect of trotting along perched at such a height, nervously clinging to a bridle for dear life, did not sound too encouraging. But I had committed myself, and withdrawing was now out of the question. The art must be mastered whatever the consequences.

Lessons continued for a few days and my confidence was returning. I was, by then, fairly proficient at trotting. Why not go for a canter, I thought! Perhaps I could venture a gallop. The horse seemed to sense my ambitions and the next moment I found myself perilously close to the limb of a tree which must have been twelve feet above *terra firma*. I had a lucky escape, and decided to be more careful in future, when I got back to earth.

It was shortly after this experience that an incident happened which forced me to retire from the paddock. My face still reddens with shame when I recall the day of decision. I had placed my right foot in the stirrup and sprung into the saddle only to find myself facing in the wrong direction. The instructor, noticing my odd posture, remarked, "Young man, if there isn't a bridle at that end, well you might catch the horse's tail and hold on.

This final indignity was more than I could stomach. I left in a huff, deciding to try mountaineering or some other relatively safe hobby of that nature.

THE LOVI CHANDRASHEKHAR PRIZE

This prize has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of Lovi Chandrashekhar who was a pupil of Class IX-B of St. Columba's, and who died suddenly on the 26th June, 1965.

Chandrashekhar, son of Col. Shivanath, was admitted to St. Columba's on Jan. 10th, 1963. On the 26th of June, 1965, he passed away in a hospital in Poona, to the great grief of his parents.

He was a talented and meritorious pupil as well as being a dutiful son. He showed great promise and there was every reason to believe that he would develop into a young man of whom any school might be justifiably proud. May his soul rest in peace.

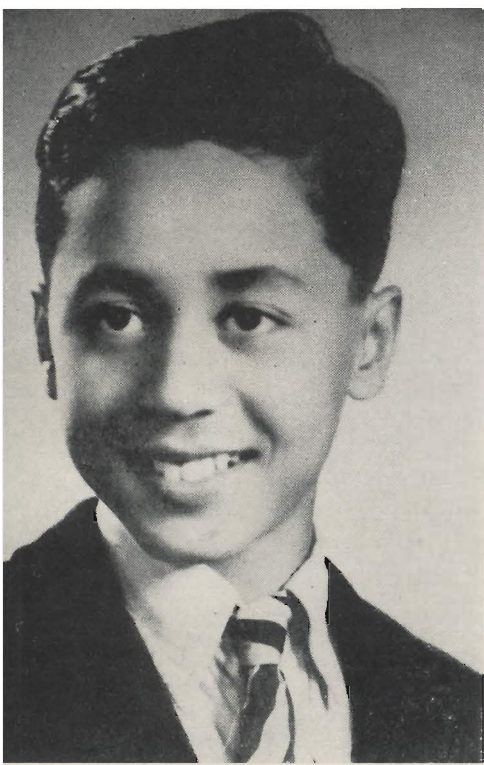
Details of the Prize

A sum of money, donated by his parents, has been placed in Fixed Deposit in a Delhi Bank. The interest on that sum will be used to purchase a book prize which will be presented each year to a boy of outstanding merit in Class IX.

Ravi Dubey of Class IX-B was awarded the prize for the year 1969.

Note :— Ravi Khanna, who is at present studying in Class XI-A, was awarded the prize in 1968

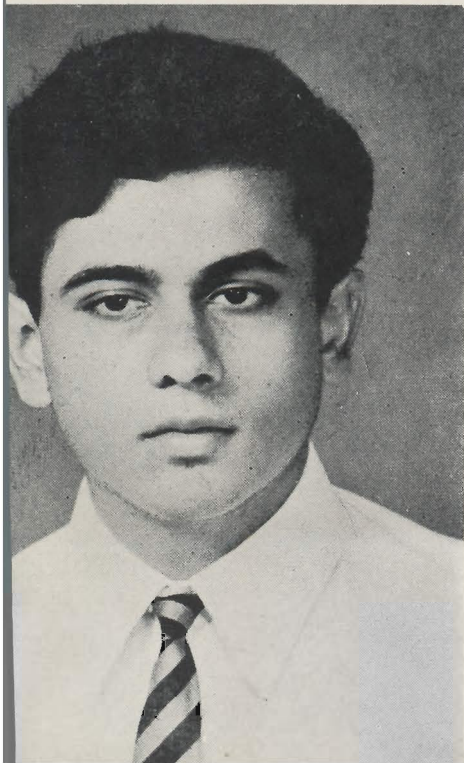
Sujit Memorial Prize



The prize is awarded annually to the best boy in Class XI. The Principal selects the boy on the basis of his character, an all-round performance in studies, sports and other school activities.

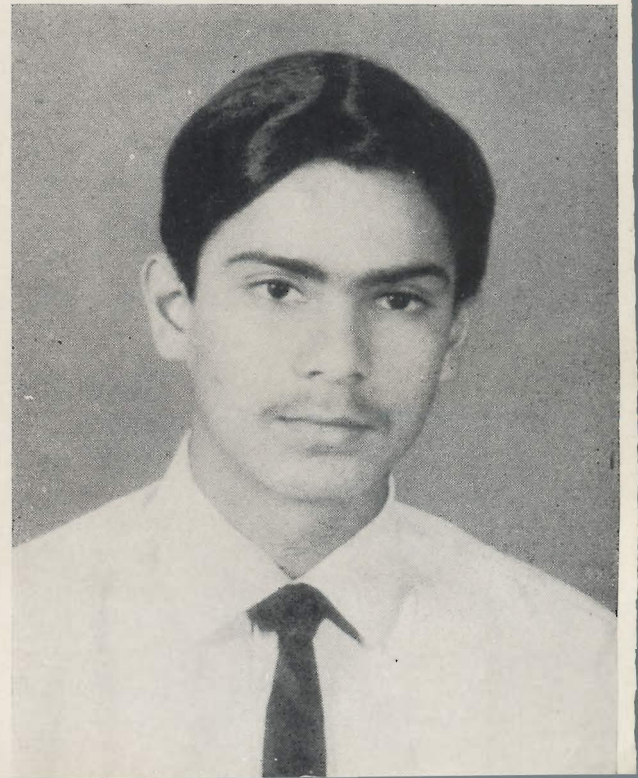
This year (1970) the Prize has been awarded to Rajeev Dubey.

The winner of the Prize in 1969 was Gautam Shiralkar.



Gautam
Shiralkar

Rajeev
Dubey



MEETING OUR ANCESTORS !

(Ramani Venkatesan, 7-C)

On the fourth day after Ganapati Puja, it is a custom to immerse the deity whom we worship in the waters of the nearest river or lake. Accordingly, one Sunday evening, we went to Okla with our statue, for immersion. It was quite a long journey there and it took our family about half an hour to get to the river.

Okla, on the banks of the Jumna, is commonly known as "The Home of the Monkeys". This it proved to be on this occasion. When we arrived we spotted a horde of them and they, spying on us, immediately came hopping and jumping towards our car. They appeared to be particularly interested in the package containing the idol, and which was being held by my father.

My grandmother had taken off her slippers and one bold little monkey grabbed one slipper and made off with it. When we boys tried to retrieve it the monkey, accompanied by the rest of the gang, ran helter-skelter and climbed up the nearest tree. Grandmother was thoroughly annoyed but father consoled her and said that we would try to get the slipper back. The noise we made caused the monkey to drop its prize into a large pile of bushes.

Dad and the rest of us literally beat about the bushes, but had to give up as there was no sign of the shoe. As far as Grandma was concerned the monkey had won the game.

But, to our surprise, the warden of the area came hurrying along, when we were about to leave, with a badly mauled slipper and a grin of victory on his face. We gave him a tip for his pains and then left Okla, convinced that monkeys, from whom we are said to have descended, are no less mischievous than many of us boys.

Footnote :

The title is that of the author.

MEET MY SISTER

(Arvind Y. Krishna, 3-A)

Bani is my small sister. She is just two years old. We play together and she must always have her way. She always gets more than her share.

She is fond of painting but her painting is always a mess because she throws colours at the paper. She does not know how to read or write, so when she snatches my books she holds them upside down. She reads out the first words that come into her mind.

When I take away my books to do my lessons she begins to cry. To make her happy again I have to play with her.

Sometimes Mummy takes her to the market and gives her toffees to bring home for me. But she always eats them before she gets back home. Still, I like her, as she is my baby sister.



A WEIGHTY BUSINESS!

The late Aga Khan used to be worth his weight in gold—literally, when once he weighed over one million rupees. But if you valued the Aga Khan in terms of body chemicals, he would be worth Rs. 20.00.

Two-thirds of each of us is water. That's free. In the remainder each of us has enough fat for six bars of soap. The magnesium in us would make two flashlight photographs, while the phosphorous would make three boxes of matches. The iron in each of us would make a nail, while the lime could whitewash a little shed. We have about two dozen spoonfuls of sugar and some sulphur. The carbon in the body could supply lead for pencils.

What, really, is man worth? Twenty rupees? That is his body alone. But who can evaluate his mind and spirit, which make him a little lower than the angels.

Ivan Sassoon—Calcutta Herald

ALL THE

Below is published a summary of ALL the Indian School/Senior Cambridge Certificate results from write the scholastic record of St. Columba's—a record of which any school could justly be proud.

To help those who might give the table more than a passing glance, it may be noted that the statistics are for their information, and to save them the tedium of tallying the various "divisions", we add the following:

1. Total No. of examinees.....2046 2. First Divisions.....1123 3. Second Divisions.....1000

"Distinctions" are reckoned on the basis of: (a) A¹, A², A³ ratings (old system), (b) ONES and

	Total	First Div.	Second Div.	Third Div.	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Hindi	Ele. Maths.	Geography	History
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1943	8	2	3	1	1	1		4	1	
1944	7	3	3	1		2		3	1	1
1945	13	6	3	3	5	1		2	1	1
1946	15	3	5	3			3	5	4	1
1947	23	8	5	7		5		11	2	2
1948	19	5	4	7				2	1	1
1949	26	12	6	3	1			11	6	
1950	25	7	7	10	4	1		8	4	
1951	18	5	7	5	3	2		7	1	3
1952	29	15	5	8	2	1	1	15	9	4
1953	32	12	6	11	3		5	7	6	
1954	32	16	13	2	3	3		22	1	1
1955	49	39	7	2	8	16	2	34	7	
1956	39	27	10	1	1	11	12	26	13	
1957	70	38	16	13	23	6	6	32	1	7
1958	77	45	24	6	11	14	3	45	14	
1959	121	56	49	14	4	5	21	38	20	
1960	100	51	33	10	19	13	20	47	11	
1961	131	83	35	10	28	17	23	46	21	
1962	156	60	60	31	11	25	16	56	8	
1963	159	78	63	16	25	27				
1964	135	66	56	11	7	15	12			
1965	155	93	53	9	44	24	10			
1966	171	119	37	12	51	53	15			
1967	147	88	47	11	37	44	14			
1968	130	79	41	9	35	45	9			
1969	155	105	34	12	85	22	9			

RESULTS

69. We think that it will be of interest to our readers, especially those who, as pupils here, have helped to
 ne various headings represent the "distinctions" achieved in the subject names which head the columns.
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4. Third Divisions.....229 5. Failures.....61

(sent system)

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HERE AND THERE

Editor's note :

As this section of our magazine is intended to cover over the *minor* and *noi-so-minor* happenings in and around the school during 1970 (and 1969, in places)—happenings that did not make big headlines over the period under review—readers are asked not to expect a chronological arrangement of news items.



Item : Scouts Away !

There was considerable excitement on the morning of Oct. 8th, this year, as a busload of our newly formed Scout Troop was recounted, for the tenth time, before leaving for a weekend in Dehra Dun. Worried parents and heart-broken (perhaps, only,) brothers and sisters said last goodbyes and gave weighty words of advice to somewhat boisterous *escapees* from home. Needless to say, the scouts were thrilled at the idea of *getting away from it all*. Those about admired Mr. J.P. Gupta, Scouts' Master, who was the picture of confidence, as the bus left amidst cheers and waving hands. It has been learnt, from reliable authority, that the trip was a *stunning* success and that everybody got back safely.



Item : All About it !

Rev. Br. A.A. Loftus, Superior General of the Christian Brothers, had tea with the Staff Members during his short call to S.C.S. on July 30th of 1969. Some of those *worthies* succeeded in button-holing Br. Loftus, as is evident from the picture here. And we presume that the conversation was on conditions "Down Under", as Mr. A.V. Sequeira and Mr. J. Johnson were then seriously thinking of emigrating to Australia. They must have found hope and promise in what was said as they both (1st and 3rd, from left, in the photo) have since said farewell to S.C.S., where they rendered loyal and valuable service over a number of years.



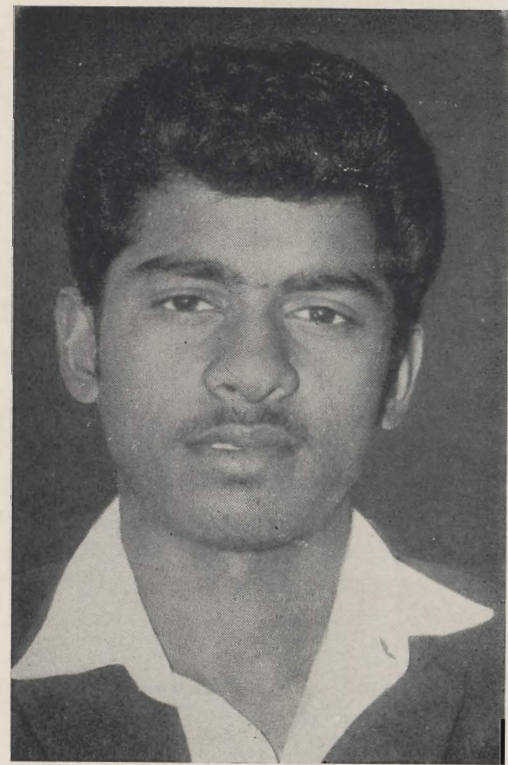
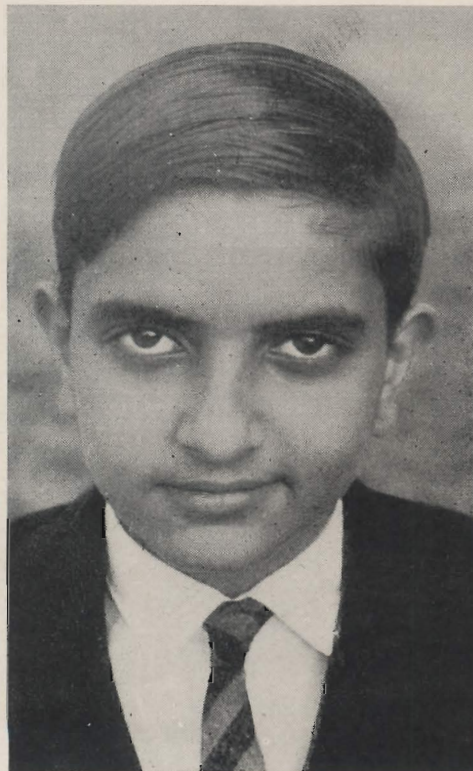
Yes, it's the Delhi Mecca !

All our readers must have recognised the Mall of Simla when they first glanced at the photo here. A score, save one, of our Seniors must know every nook of that hallowed spot which they tramped over dozens of times, and often at the witching hour of night, during their seven-day holiday, in May of this year, at the Queen of the Hill Stations.

The boys had to find their own meals while there, and can now claim to know the best and cheapest places in town. They scouted *all* of them.

The Boy with the Bat

The *horrible* picture (as he says it is) is that of Vinay Tuli who has certainly made a name for himself on the Table Tennis Merry-go-round in Deihl this year. Quiet and retiring by nature, he has *what it takes* to make a star. Vinay has become an expert at the game through long hours of practice, backed by grim determination, so much so that even Delhi's State Champion, Ex-Columban Devinder Puri, feels somewhat uneasy when he faces up to young Tuli.



A Record Holder Twice Over !

That is Philip Barretto who set a new record at our Annual Sports in March 1970, and then went on to hit the headlines in the Salwan Football Tournament, in September. At the end of that tournament he was declared the best centre-half back of the lot which had played. He was awarded a scholarship of Rs. 20/- per month, for one year, by the organisers of the tournament, and was, later on, selected to play on the Delhi State school-boys' team in the National Football Competition. Philip is the first boy from S.C.S., in recent years, to earn this honour, in football.

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Believe it or not (with apologies to Ripley)!

A whole *swarm* of lady teachers turned out on March 17th for a Staff cricket match. They took the field like seasoned campaigners, batting and bowling by turn. Some of the strokes were, admittedly, of a variety that the great Bradman had never visualised. Some of the antics and styles displayed on the pitch were not altogether *Sandhurstian* nor *Parisian*. But it was all good fun, missed for the most part, unfortunately, by the teachers' pupils. And when the *display* was over a scrumptious lunch was served to all, winners and losers (if there were such), in the school hall.

Some Jubilee !

It was on Aug. 7th that Miss Ragh, our tried and true K.G. teacher, passed the 25th *year-stone* of her service in St. Columba's. The Jubilarian was full of life and fun, as usual, letting nothing away with her fellow teachers who had gathered to felicitate her and

make a token presentation, as an indication of their high regard for her. Twenty-five years teaching the *very beginners*, the "5 plusses", would be more than most average teachers could take but Miss Ragh still pushes ahead gallantly, determined, we presume, to make it a "twice-times twenty-five" super record. We wish her God's blessings and many more years of devoted work among her little ones.

The Socials !

During the past two years, or so, the idea of having social evenings with the *ladies* of C.J.M. has gained popularity. Senior boys from Classes X and XI only are permitted to organise *get-togethers* which pinch pockets tightly, and which are quietly, yet fully supervised by teachers. Community singing, games and competitions and, of course, *eats*, help somewhat shy teen-age boys and girls to have pleasant evenings together. It is intended that such meetings will foster mutual respect among the Seniors.

• • • W R I T I N G

Modern writing—at its worst—consists in gumming together long strips of words which have already been set in order by someone else, and making the results presentable by sheer humbug. It is easier—even quicker, once you have the habit—to say *In my opinion it is not an unjustifiable assumption that* than to say *I think*.

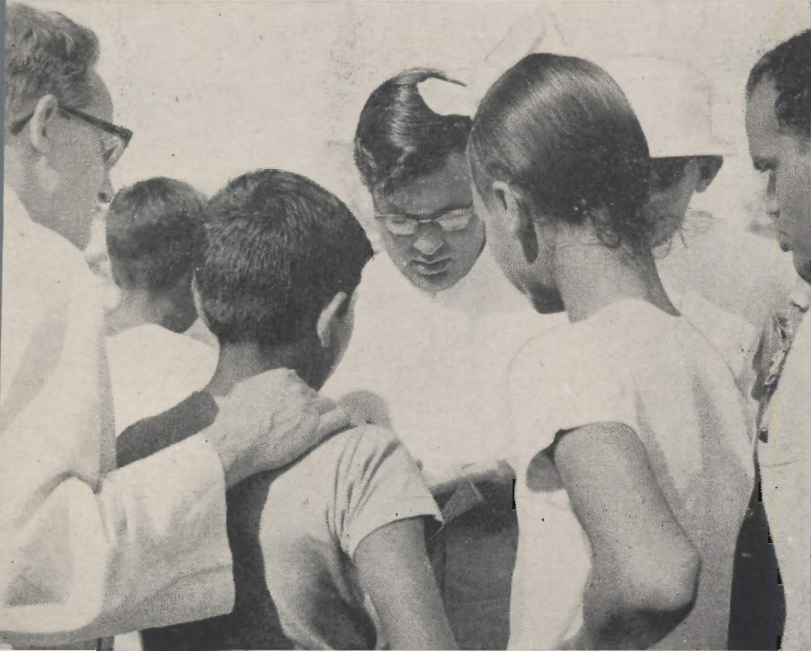
(George Orwell)

SPORTS



ANNUAL SPORTS

Saturday, March 7th, 1970, was Annual Sports Day. To quote the "Sunday Standard" of March 8th..... 'today parents and well-wishers thronged the huge National Stadium to witness one of the finest spectacles rendered on the playing area'.



The "National Herald" then takes up the theme with : 'A spectacular drill display climaxed the three week sports programme.... Even the tiny tots thrilled the massive gathering'. The Sports' Editor of *The Statesman* goes on to say that *St. Columba's School Sports Day and Drill Display presented one more enchanted after-noon.... first were the*



Winners of Inter-School Relay



thrills of the hectic sprint finals, then come the gymnasts with their enjoyable expertise and, finally, the best of all, the mass drill.

In the eyes of the thousands of well-wishers—parents, big brothers, big sisters, small brothers, small sisters and a sprinkling of grand parents—the display at the National Stadium turned ‘*the deserted National Stadium into a little dreamland*’, to quote the Hindustan Times. For the boys out on the field Sports Day was the end of weeks of endless marching, drilling, running, disappointment (for some) and (for most of them) achievement. Away from the cheering throngs they had striven and, at times, felt the thrill of a victory that earned their classes valuable championship points. Many of them had been pushed into inglorious positions in sprints that would decide who should run in the finals of March 7th. But there was one consolation for the losers, and that was that they would all play a part on Sports Day. If they did not run, they would walk or march, at least.

The 21st of February had been marked in the calendar as *Sports day, 1970*. Practices and heats had been geared accordingly. Then the rains came. The National Stadium, which was undergoing alterations, turned into a quagmire and the big event was postponed till March 11th. Then the

sun broke out from behind the winter monsoon clouds, so *the day* was advanced to the 7th. In between there were a couple of exciting visits to the arena, and unexpected holidays. It was to be the first Saturday in March, or none at all.

To return to Sports Day. The programme got off to a flying start at 2.30, sharp, in the afternoon, with the 100 metres of the Senior Division. Philip Barretto was favoured to win this event, which he did in grand style. He was closely followed by R. Sharma, with the leggy Avijit Dutta a few inches off, to take third place and to confound the experts who didn't give him a vote. The short sprints for the other divisions were next run off, and then came the Inter-School Relay.

This event had been won by our boys since the time the competition had been started. Mr. Alfred was quite confident that his squad, which had shown steady improvement during training sessions would keep St. Columba's banner flying. *Spies* who had seen the opposing teams practising were not at all happy. Frank Anthony School had a first rate team, with a really good runner to finish. Their timings over the distance looked convincing.

A hush fell over the National Stadium as event No. 25 (the 6th of



S P O R T S

1969

It was a
Day for
the Children

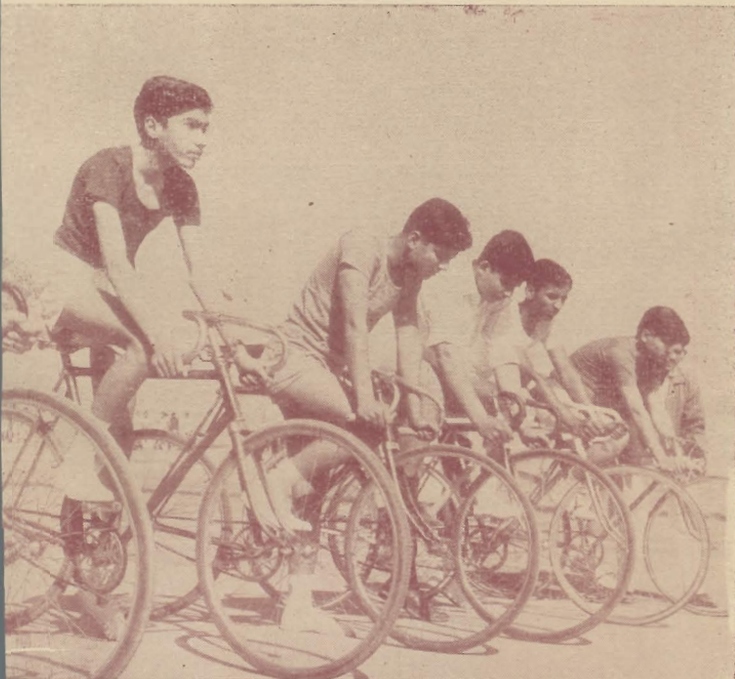




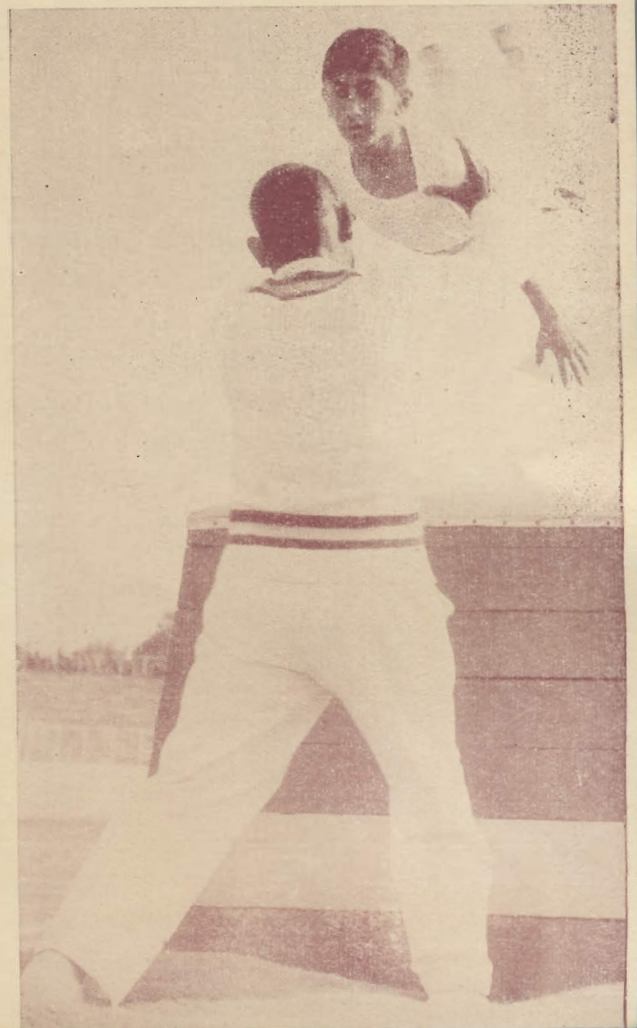
Mr. Chhabra
Presided.

A Y 1970

Up
and
Over !



1969
The Last
Race on the
Track !



the afternoon) was announced. The teams were already moving towards their marks. The runners were given last instructions and were warned, particularly, about taking the baton in the proper handing-over area. Then they were off. Our supporters in the shamianas simply ignored their teachers and crowded down to the railings to get a better view.

R. Sharma, running on an inside lane, got off well and made up ground on his opponents, reaching our second man, Michael Souza, almost level with them. Even at this point, with a very smooth change over, our prospects of winning looked bright. Michael carried on the baton to Sunil Lall, handing it over to him some feet ahead of the rest of the bunch. From then on we knew that St. Columba's record was safe, especially as Sunil was our best runner in the school, on the curve. He increased the lead and passed on the baton to Philip Baretto who sailed down the track to the tape, more than seven metres ahead of his nearest Xavierian opponent. Frank Anthony School boys had a rather clumsy first change-over and, so, had to be content with third place. St. Columba's boys set up the fastest timing for the distance over the past five years.

When the cheering and the handshaking, plus back-slapping, were over the rest of the athletic programme was

completed. Keen interest was maintained in the events that followed, especially since the leading classes in the respective sections were closely followed by the runners-up. Competition was particularly keen between Classes X-A and XI-C, as only a few points divided them all through. Class X-A eventually won the day with a well-deserved 10-point margin.

Next came the March Past Competition for the Seniors. Clad in pastel-coloured vests, classes IX, X and XI marched on to the field and took up their positions, to be judged under various headings, by Senior Officers of the Defence Services. When the preliminary judging was over they marched past the saluting base in front of the stands, where Shri S. C. Chhabra, President, N.D.M.C., took the salute. The Marching squads strode past to the martial music of the Bengal Engineers Group and Centre Band. Class X-A here, again, outpassed their rivals and bagged the second major trophy of the meet.

Then came an interval, after which junior boys set the drill feast rolling with gymnastics and ground exercises. Class V boys waited in the tunnels at the far side of the pitch, in the meantime. They were soon to make their entry, to treat their proud parents to an expertly executed Swedish Drill. Having shown what keen ten-year-olds

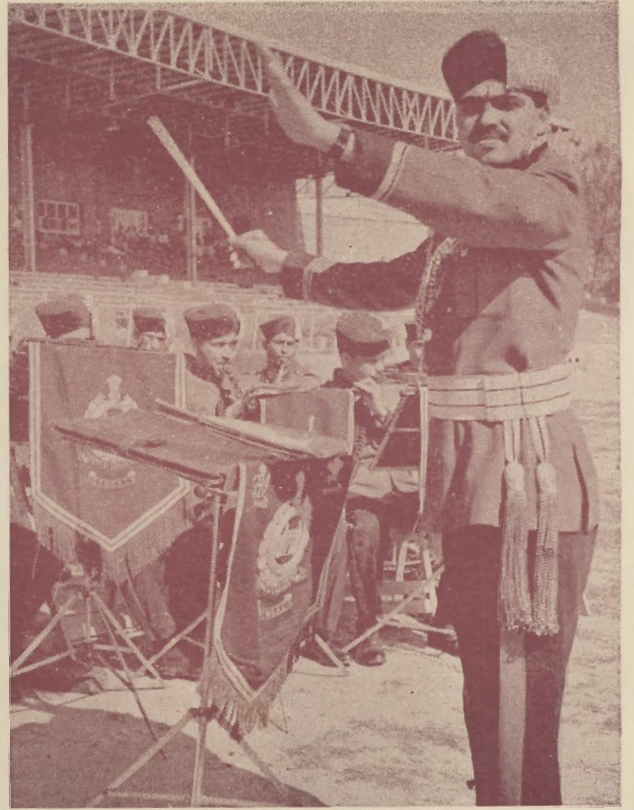
are capable of, the "boys of five" marched off to take up new positions at the end of the parade ground, and to make way for the *Group Drill* that followed. In all there were seven different types of drill on display. They were, besides those already mentioned :

Balloon Drill, Kukri Drill, Flag Drill and Composite Drill.

As each group moved over to make way for the next it marched into a pre-arranged position on the field, to build up a squad of 1,500 for the Composite Drill and the *Grand finale*. This included a tableau spelling out JUSTICE AND PEACE on the steps opposite the covered stands. The boys of classes III and IV joined together to piece together very-much-alive letters, some of which entertained "unpeaceful"

thoughts about those letters formed by rival classes and sitting next to them. But, as the band gave the warning notes, they did form a short-term truce and were all good little boys for a few moments.

The long-awaited prize-giving followed the *Grand finale*. Mrs. Chhabra did the honours, with a handshake for one, a pat for another, and a "namaste" for the hesitant ones. Speeches, fortunately short and meaningful ones, followed the prize-giving, with the Principal, Br. J. N. Foley, thanking our honourable guest, Mr. Chhabra, for sparing time to preside, Mrs. Chhabra for consenting to give away hundreds of glittering trophies, and all those who had helped to make St. Columba's Sports Day of 1970 *an enchanting feast of colour and thrills*.



RESULTS OF ANNUAL SPORTS 1970

A DIVISION

Best Athlete : P. Barretto

1. Broad Jump	1. P. Barretto	2. P. Zelenkov	3. R. Sharma
2. High Jump	1. J. Yep	2. S. Nair	3. P. Barretto
3. Hop, Step & Jump	1. P. Barretto	2. R. Sharma	3. A. Datta (New Record)
4. Shot Putt	1. S. Anand	2. D. P. Saini	3. N. D'Souza
5. Discus	1. D. P. Saini	2. V. Fotedar	3. F. Ferrao
6. 400 Metres	1. P. Barretto	2. D. Sawhney	3. N. D'Souza
7. 100 Metres	1. P. Barretto	2. R. Sharma	3. A. Dutta
8. 200 metres	1. P. Barretto	2. R. Sarmha	3. S. Lall

B DIVISION

Best Athlete : Tapas Ray

1. Broad Jump	1. T. Ray	2. L. Mirchandani	3. A. Cooke
2. High Jump	1. J. Arya	2. V. Arora	3. A. Cooke
3. Hop, Step & Jump	1. P. J. Jacob	2. L. Mirchandani	3. V. Arora
4. Shot Putt	1. V. Arora	2. P. Kapur	3. S. Kumar
5. Discus	1. J. Arya	2. R. Gupta	3. L. Mirchandani (New Record)
6. 400 metres	1. T. Ray	2. V. Arora	3. A. Cooke
7. 100 metres	1. T. Ray	2. D. D'Souza	3. V. Arora
8. 200 metres	1. T. Ray	2. V. Arora	3. A. Cooke

C DIVISION

Best Athlete : R. G. Rajan

1. Broad Jump	1. H. Singh	2. A. Carneiro	3. R. Sodhia
2. High Jump	1. L. R. Joshi	2. H. Singh	3. V. Suri
3. Shot Putt	1. R. S. Rawat	2. B. Khan	3. A. Carneiro
4. 400 metres	1. R. G. Rajan	2. P. Rocha	3. N. Gracias
5. 100 metres	1. J. Garewal	2. N. Gracias	3. R. G. Rajan
6. 200 metres	1. R. G. Rajan	2. N. Gracias	3. A. Carneiro

D DIVISION

Best Athlete : S. Kutty

1. Broad Jump	1. R. Rishi	2. C. Reis	3. P. Dhar
2. High Jump	1. A. Kutty	2. J. Xalxo	3. U. Misra
3. 150 metres	1. S. Angrish	2. S. Sharma	3. I. Xess
4. 200 metres	1. A. Kutty	2. A. Barboza	3. S. Gracias
5. 100 metres	1. A. Kutty	2. J. Gokhale	3. S. Angrish
6. Wheel-barrow race	1. Bandari & Malhan		
	2. S. Kapur & A. Karki		
	3. V. Nangia & E. Armstrong		

CLASS FIVE

1. 100 metres	1. V. Chatrath	2. Srinivas	3. S. Godin
2. 150 metres	1. B. Faria	2. P. Barretto	3. Srinivas
3. Flag Relay	1. Class V-C		

OPEN EVENTS

800 metres	1. P. Barretto	2. D. Sawhney	3. R. G. Rajan
Old Boys' Race	1. A. Armstrong	2. P. Martim	3. V. Chan
Inter-School Relay	1. St. Columba's	2. St. Xavier's	3. Frank Anthony School (Time : 47.2 secs.)

INTER - CLASS RELAYS

Junior	1. Class VII-D	2. Class VII-A	3. Class VI-D
Middle Sect.	1. Class IX-C	2. Class VIII-B	3. Class IX-D
Senior Sect.	1. Class X-A	2. Class XI-C	3. Class XI-A

MARCH PAST

Senior Section	1. Class X-A	2. Class XI-C and Class X-C (a tie)
Middle Section	1. Class IX-C	
Junior Section	1. Class VII-D	

WINNING CLASSES

Senior Section	1. Class X-A (227 pts.)	2. Class XI-C (217 pts.)	3. Class X-C (156 pts.)
Middle Section	1. Class IX-C (204 1/2 pts.)	2. Class VIII-E (175 pts.)	3. Class IX-B (156 pts.)
Junior Section	1. Class VII-B (178 pts.)	2. Class VII-D (160 pts.)	3. Class VI-E (144 pts.)

VICTOR LUDORUM (for 1970)

PHILIP BARRETTO

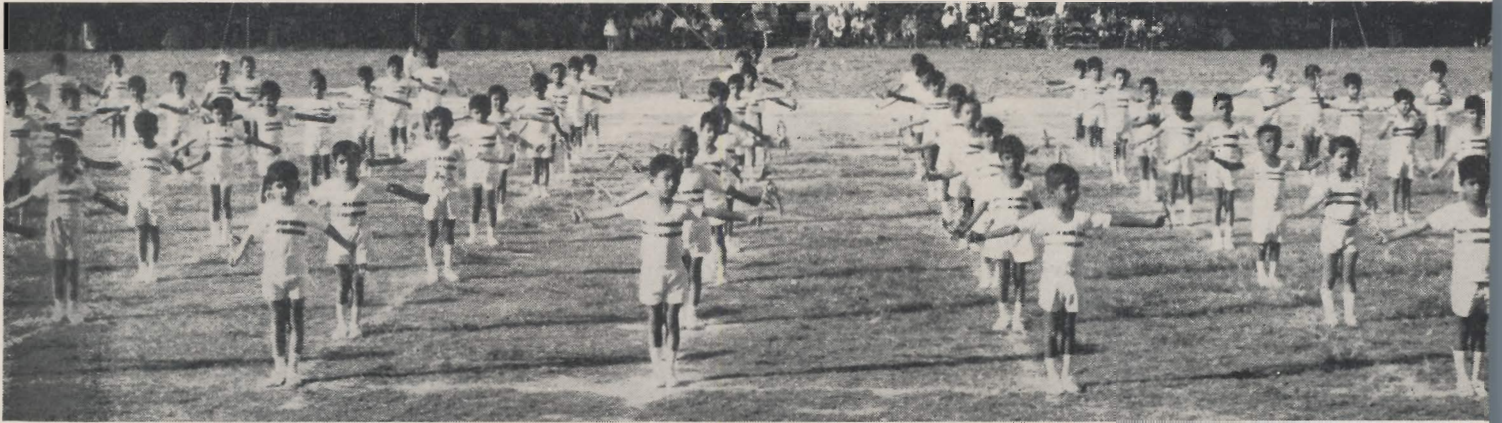
NEW RECORDS 1970

1. Philip Barretto	Hop, Step and Jump	38ft., 6 1/2 ins.
2. J. Arya	Throwing the Disc	85ft., 2 ins.

School Records

High Jump A Div.	Height 5'3.5"	R. Alvarez	1966
High Jump B Div.	Height 5'1"	D. Shalome	1961
High Jump C Div.	Height 4'7"	A. Francis	1963
High Jump D Div.	Height 4'3"	A. Sarin	1961
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Broad Jump A Div.	Distance 18'11"	A. Alvarez	1966
Broad Jump B Div.	Distance 17'7"	S. D'Souza	1961
Broad Jump C Div.	Distance 15'2"	G. Poonam	1955
Broad Jump D Div.	Distance 14'10"	R. Nair	1964
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Hop, Step & Jump A Div.	Distance 38'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	P. Barretto	1970
Hop, Step & Jump B Div.	Distance 36'3"	S. D'Souza	1961
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Javelin Throw A Div.	Distance 141'1"	A. S. Oberoi	1960
Javelin Throw B Div.	Distance 121'11"	S. D'Souza	1960
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Discus Throw A Div.	Distance 115'7"	C. Desanges	1966
Discus Throw B Div.	Distance 85'2"	Jai Arya	1970
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Shot Putt A Div.	Distance 41'5"	A. Abeti	1966
Shot Putt B Div.	Distance 32'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	P. Singh	1963
Shot Putt C Div.	Distance 28'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	J. D'Souza	1963
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100 metres A Div.	Time 11 secs.	E. Obanye	1963
100 metres B Div.	Time 12 secs.	L. Suri	1963
100 metres C Div.	Time 12.6 secs.	D. D'Souza	1963
100 metres D Div.	Time 14 secs.	F. Fernandes	1959
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200 metres A Div.	Time 23.9 secs.	E. Obanye	1963
200 metres B Div.	Time 25.7 secs.	V. Auluck	1963
200 metres C Div.	Time 27 secs.	J. D'Souza	1963
200 metres D Div.	Time 29.6 secs.	D. Bagli	1963
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400 metres A Div.	Time 54.5 secs.	O. Lobo	1955
400 metres B Div.	Time 59.2 secs.	A. Sethi	1963
400 metres C Div.	Time 1m. 4.3 secs.	R. Pal	1964
400 metres D Div.	Time 1m. 5.5 secs.	R. Nair	1964
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800 metres Open	Time 2 m. 9.4 secs.	A. Kakkar	1967

JUNIOR SPORTS



October 7th was gala day for our Juniors, when they had the stage all to themselves for two thrill-packed hours. Parents, grandparents, small brothers and smaller sisters came along in their hundreds to fill the stands and, at times, to take an active part in the proceedings, while the boys of K. G. to FOUR crawled, sprawled, ran and rode in competition for mounds of packaged sweets.

To say that the competition was keen would be to put things mildly. There were occasions when there were five *firsts* at the victory stand, all claiming to have finished ahead of the others. Unfortunately, some had to be sent back to the chief judge to have the tangle sorted out. He had, in turn, to consult the other chief judge before a first *first* could be picked.

Some of the events were unusual for a sports meet. The fact that all eleven hundred juniors *had to compete* necessitated slight departures from Olympian standards. There was, for example, back-ward running, horse-and-jockey races, potato - picking - and - planting relays and wheel - barrow wheelings. Excitement sometimes got the better of competitors who suitably forgot to cross the victory line and headed for the victory stand instead, only to be told to complete the race first, by starting all over again.

At the beginning of the festival *Official* judges had been appointed but, as the show proceeded, it was noticed that there were interlopers in the judges' arena. One little girl took it on herself to act as *clerk of the course* for the potato race. She was suitably dressed in black, to sit on the panel of judges.

S FESTIVAL

Another young lady, dressed in red, inspected the lines of boys drawn up for competition, possibly thinking that they had formed *a guard of honour* for her visit.

Parents and friends who had come to witness the spectacle soon caught the mood of the festival. The coca-cola and ice-cream stands were more than well patronised and if the 2,000 bottles consumed from the soft-drink stands should act as a pointer to the numbers present then our estimate in providing 1,200 chairs to seat the spectators fell somewhat short. Some small boys would go so far as to say that the crowd was nearly as big as that present on Annual Sports Day, in March of this year.

The key words of the Junior Sports Festival were: Participation and Enjoyment. One small chap who was encumbered with a rather imposing plaster-encased leg *had to be* assisted to

the school to join in the fun. Another *hero* had met with a minor accident on the way to school and turned out in a "gory" shirt, something which the organizers had not foreseen.

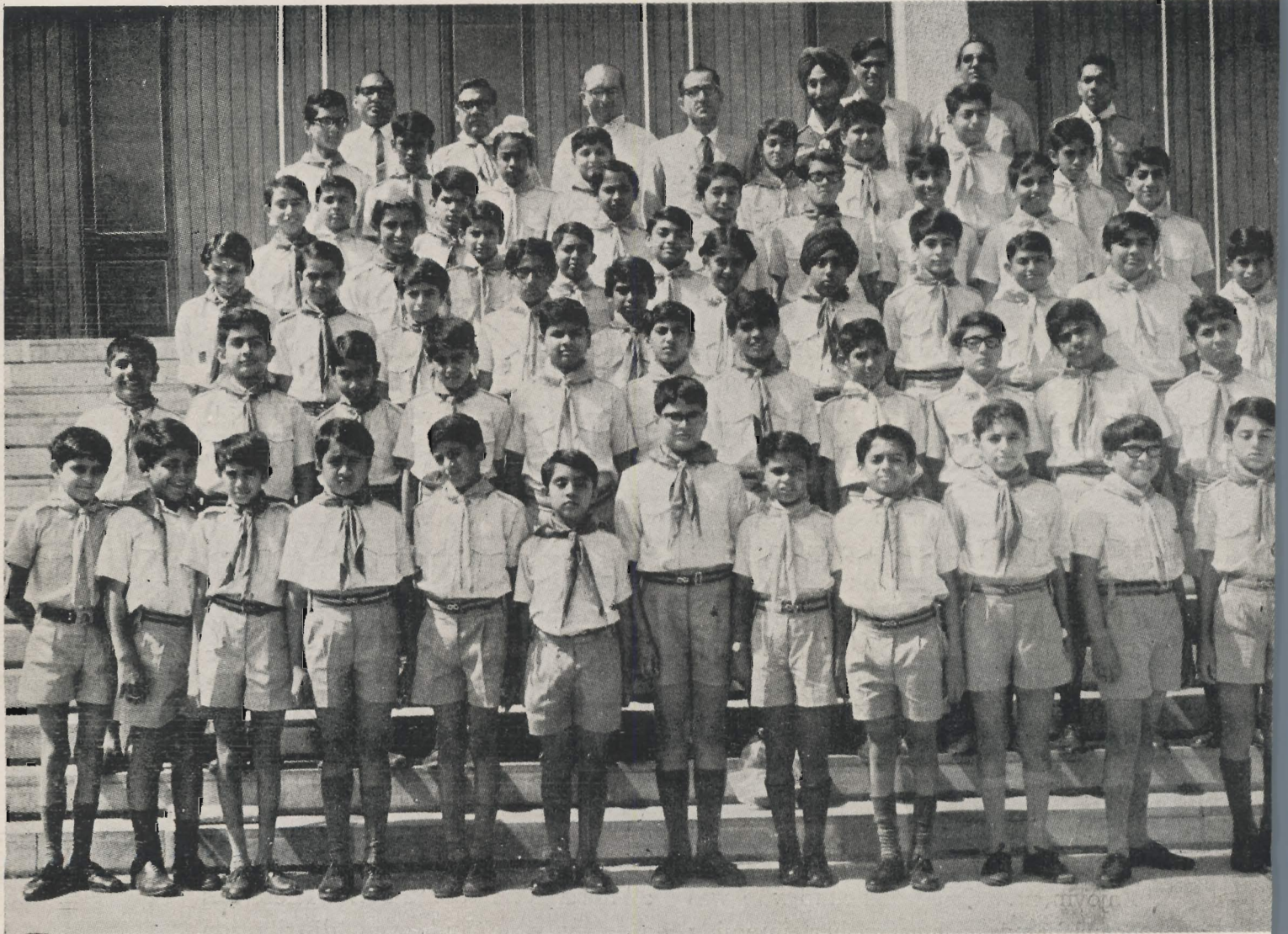
About half-way through the festival big threatening thunder-clouds rolled up from the south-west end of the field. They gave a few hollow claps and, fortunately, rolled by, not in the least dampening the spirits of the competitors. Parents and spectators scanned the sky, made hurried calculations for escape but shortly caught the cheerful and courageous atmosphere that pervaded the boys' shamianas.

To conclude, there were *real* winners in the various competitions held. K.G.-A and K.G.-D *hogged* all the prizes for their age group, each class collecting three. Classes 1-A and 1-B bagged all the sweets in the "Firsts". There was a fairly wide and even distribution among the 2nds, 3rds, and 4ths.

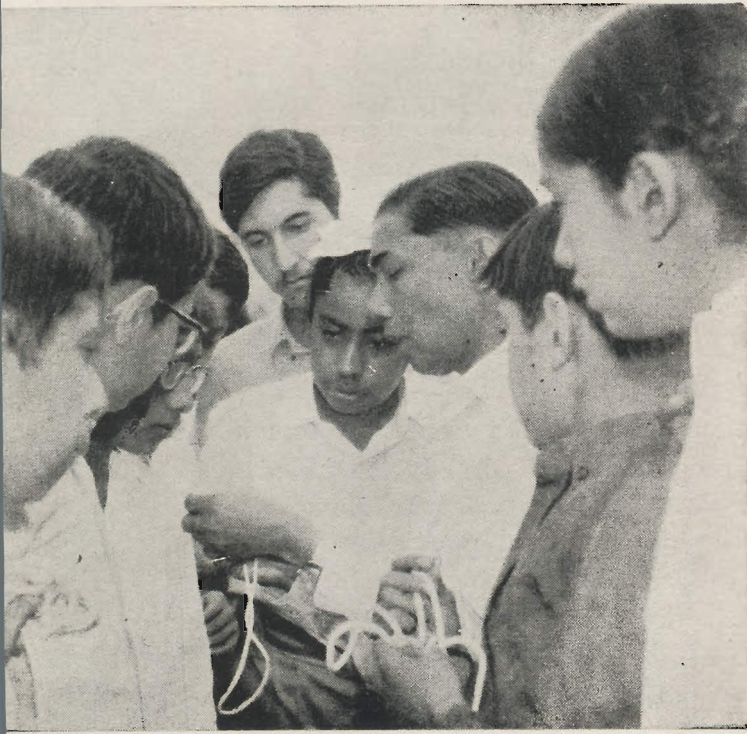
Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them. (Oscar Wilde)

The amount of absenteeism, indolence and incompetence permitted students is far greater than that permitted almost any other sort of worker. (Time—May 1968)

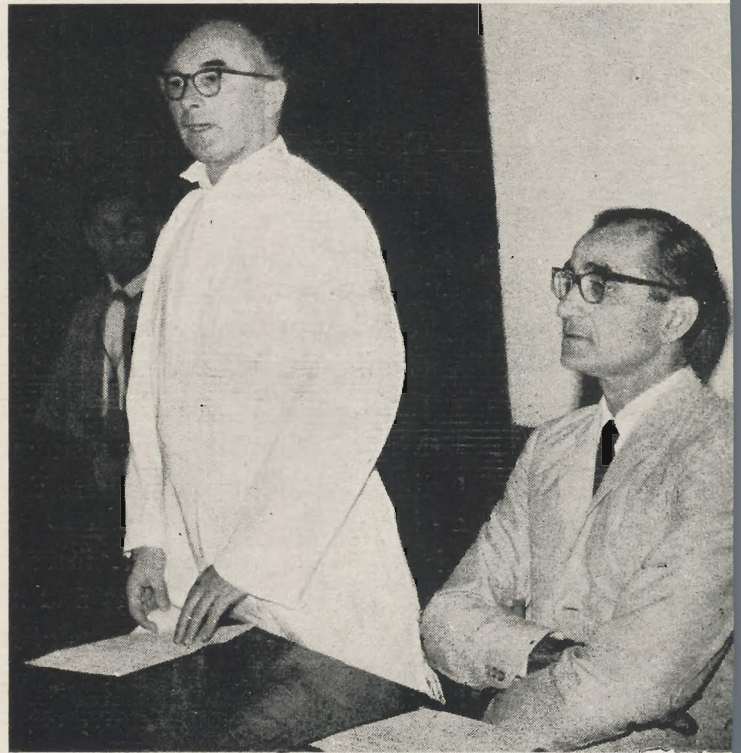
BOY SCOUTS IN S.C.S.



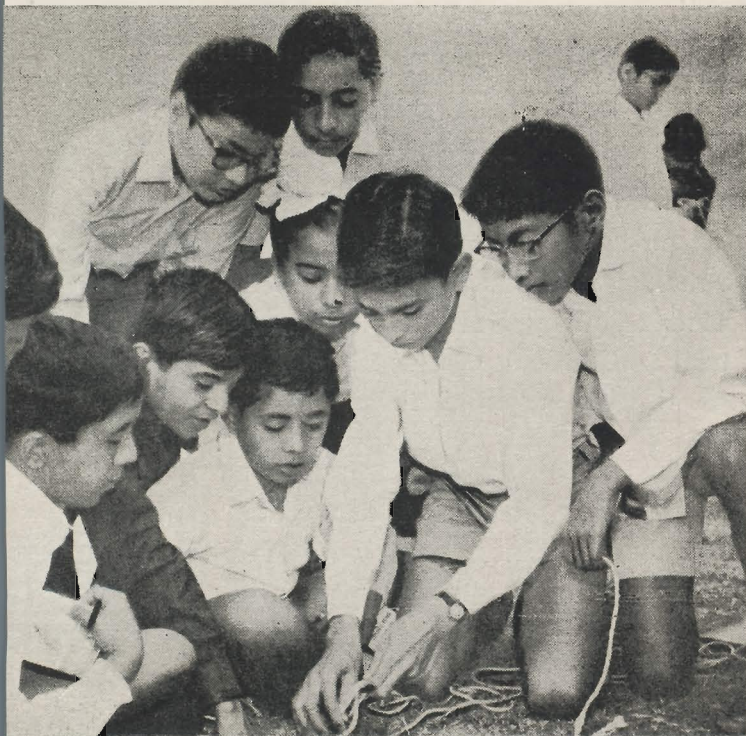
The morning of May 2nd, 1970, was an exciting time for Mr. J.P. Gupta and his sixty scouts. At last a long-cherished dream of Master and boys was about to be fulfilled. Zero hour was to be 10.00 a.m. The boys gathered in excited little groups. Cravats were adjusted, last minute instructions were given to the members of the "guard of honour" and, occasionally, a boy sallied forth to see if the *big man* had come.



Learning



Principal Addressing the Scouts



Practising Knots



Discussing the Speech

The Hon. Mr. Justice Vyas Dev Misra, Chief Commissioner of Scouts in India, the *big man* of that morning, was awaited. He would preside at the first "formal" meeting of our newly established Scouts' Troops.

Shortly before 10.00 a.m. a very ordinary looking Ambassador car rolled up to the front steps of the Middle School building. The Chief Commissioner, accompanied by the General Secretary for India, Mr. S.H.A. Jaffri, alighted, to be welcomed by the Principal, Br. J.N. Foley, and Mr. J.P. Gupta. The visitors were then led through two files of scouts and into the auditorium, where the remaining scouts had already assembled.

Mr. J.P. Gupta introduced the distinguished guests, mentioning the various positions they had held in the scouting movement during their long association with the scouts of India. In the course of his "few words" he observed that the Boy Scout movement had survived, and was thriving, in spite of other youth movements' efforts to attract the interests and allegiance of boys.

The Principal, Br. J.N. Foley, then welcomed our distinguished guests and requested them to "come again", and often, to encourage our newly formed scouting troops. On behalf of our Scouts' Master and our newly inducted scouts, he promised the Commissioner and the General Secretary that St. Columba's units would soon be model "tenderfeet".

Then it was the turn of Mr. Justice Misra to speak. In a very informal and down-to-earth talk, he told his listeners that the ultimate object of the Boy Scout movement was to make good citizens of its members. A scout should be noted for a spirit of service to others. He should be patient, cheerful and self-reliant in times of trial and difficulty. Scouting should be played in a sportsman-like spirit, and this was a "must" for every member of a troop.

The meeting was rounded off by a few words from Mr. Jaffri who departed from normal speech-making routine by asking his young listeners to join with him in a "war whoop", something the boys did with gusto.

Before the guests said goodbye they joined the newly "commissioned" scouts in a souvenir photograph. The pictures on these pages are sufficient evidence that the scouts of St. Columba's are a smart and happy lot.

A SAILING WE DID GO

On Sunday, June 14th, 1970, three travel-weary Columbans arrived at the CME (College of Military Engineering), Dapodi, to begin a seven-day course in sailing. The three boys received a rather wet welcome, as the monsoon rains had already arrived in the Western Ghats. Rain fell all that 14th evening, turning the black cotton soil into a foot-clinging morass.



Our prospective sailors were soon accommodated in a barrack, where they awaited the arrival of other Delhi schoolboys who were to take lessons in sailing. According to reports twenty boys were to move in but by late evening only five others had arrived, to make a disappointingly small group of eight. The five late arrivals were from Bombay. While our boys awaited their fellow-trainees they explored the CME estate and, naturally, discovered the canteen, where they sampled the cut-price "goodies" of Kirkee.

The training session began on the 15th morning at 9.30 a.m. Major S.S. Uberoi, a top-class sailor himself, arrived, clad in full uniform and heavy boots, at 9.30 sharp, took chalk and duster, in the lounge of the CME Boat Club, and proceeded to make his listeners acquainted with the various parts of a sailing boat. The lesson took a very practical turn when the teacher led his trainees down to the wharf and on to a boat. Here, also, they learned how to rig a sailing boat.



AT THE CME

difficult to right their craft. Some of the learners found that getting back into a small boat could be very tedious. The evening session of Tuesday also had its thrills and spills, with the added ignominy of having to be rescued, for some. But it was all part of the learning game, which soon was taken for granted.

Under the expert guidance of Major Uberoi, a few CME officers and the boat-house staff, the learning pace quickened, so much so that the landlubbers of Sunday had reached the racing stage of the course by Thursday. The routine lectures daily became more interesting, and shorter ; the sailing practice, longer. Races were "run" under YAI Rules and tactics were learned and rehearsed. There were fewer casualties, as the learners had, by then, acquired the skill of evening a tilting boat.

The training course ended, officially, on Sunday, June 21st, with a visit to the NDA at Kharakvasla. The trainees were taken there by army truck and spent two very interesting hours, there, tramping the campus which

At 3.30 p. m. on Monday our boys had their first launch out on to the Mula River, under the guidance of seasoned instructors. Each learner was clad in a cumbersome life jacket which was guaranteed to keep its wearer afloat for twenty-four hours. Now that they had really started, the boys thought that the art of sailing was "dead" easy. You just sat in, held the main-sheet and the tiller, and the wind wafted you along. They were soon to learn that there was more to it than that.

Tuesday's programme included both morning and evening sailing. When the lecture part of the programme was over the boys were quickly aboard, and launched into a fresh breeze. Then things began to happen. Boats readily capsized, dunking their occupants who found it somewhat

has been trod by hundreds of Ex-Columbans, over the years. They found the "Arts and Mathematics" block (donated by the Sudanese Government) most interesting and, of course, visited the dining hall and the swimming pool. They wound up their visit with a quick run down to the NDA Sailing Club.

Monday, June 22nd, saw our "experienced" sailors saying goodbye and heartfelt "Thank you's" to Major Uberoi, their CME hosts, the CBKs, the WAGTAILS and the ENTERPRIZES, to begin their 1,000-mile journey back to land-bound Delhi.



Trainees Visit NDA

THE COMET

SAMIR HUKIL, 3-B

One morning Mum woke me very early, saying, "Do you want to see the comet?"

I jumped out of bed and went out on the roof. There it was, a round, ball-like star, with a long tail. It looked bright and beautiful, and different from the other stars we see every night. I watched it for a long time. Daddy said that it was a lone star going towards the sun.

They say a comet is a bad sign when it appears over a country. Why should such a lovely thing mean bad luck? If you want to see a comet you must get up very early in the morning because it goes away when the sun rises.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ELOCUTION — COMPETITION —

On April 28th and 30th our Junior School boys were on view in the school auditorium, to entertain their proud parents and to compete for handsome trophies, through reciting rather interesting and, at times, somewhat amusing recitation pieces.

The programme for the 28th was a rather imposing one, as there were twenty-five individual and fifteen choral pieces to be presented and judged inside a two-hour period. Vikram Sharma of Class 1-A suitably set the judges scoring with "Isn't he brave?" He was followed by four other Class One "braves", all of whom recited poetry.

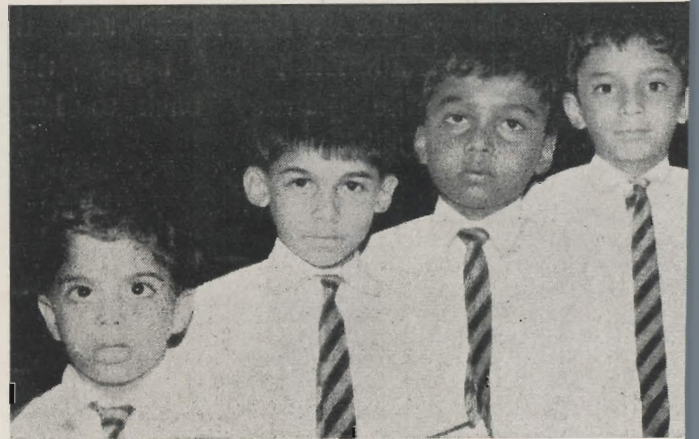
Biswajyoti De of Class 1-D outspoke all the other boys of this age-group and carried off the cup for the "Firsts". He had chosen a very topical piece: "A Mouse on the Moon".

Class 1-B more than evened the score with D Section when the Choral Pieces Competition came up for judgement. They sailed along "On the Ning Nang Nong" to an easy victory.

When the "Ones" moved over, Class Two took the stage with fifteen pieces, five recitation, five declamation



Class I Winners



The Announcers

and five choral. Ashim Ghosh of 2-D was an easy winner of the "Best Man" cup, reciting "The Little Mistake". Rahuī Kaīe won the Declamation contest of the "Ones". His "Bingity Bangity School Bus" almost brought him home in a dead heat with Ashim.

The D Section again were supreme, when the choral pieces were recited. The other sections had no answer to "Father William".

It was then time for the "Twos" to return to their classrooms, to make way for the "Threes". R. Krishnamurty told the audience what happens "When Father Carves the Duck". Deepak D'Souza followed with "Missing" and then Trevor Keelor of 3-C came on to relate "The Adventures of Isabelle", which wooed the hearts of the panel of judges and won him top prize in 3rds.

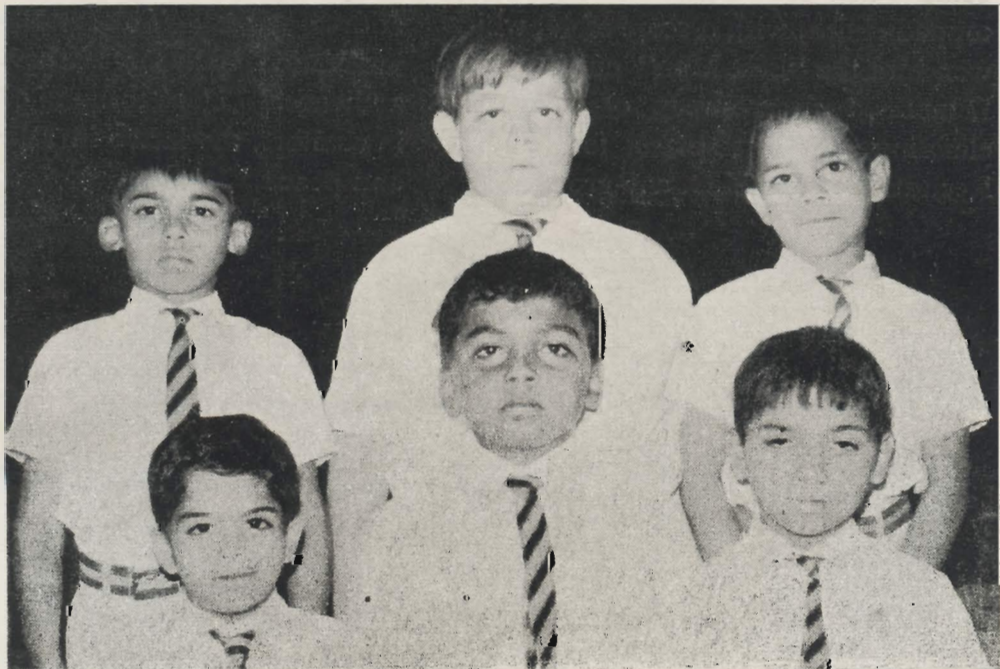
Sam Cherian of 3-C tried to outdo Trevor with "Mandy on the Moon" but just had to be content with first place in the Declamation contest only.

In the choral competition it was 3-C all the way, with an expertly-recited piece: "The Night Wind." Class 3-E tried, but failed, to out-blow the C Section with a *plain* piece, entitled "The Wind".

Class
Two
Winners



Class
Three
Winners



Miss Street (British Council), Mrs. Boiling (British High Comm.) and Miss Swamynadhan (S.C.S.) had a rather difficult time in sorting out the minor placings in this rather full programme of almost two hours, a job they did to everybody's satisfaction.

The programme of the 30th, when the K.G. and Class 4 boys were on view, was less strenuous than that of the 28th, there being *a mere twenty-seven items* on the card.

The K.G. stalwarts, averaging $5\frac{1}{4}$ years, set things moving with Amit Ahluwalia telling his audience about "Someone". He was followed by Aman Sethi of K.G.-B who left Amit in the shade but who was ultimately caught up with by Anish John of D Section. They tied for first place, each scoring $43\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 50.

Roy Peter Sinai, also of D Section, proved unbeatable in the Declamation competition for Class K. G. He also topped Anish, with a score of 44, which won him the "Best Man" cup. Section D made a clean sweep of things by claiming the 1st place for Choral Recitation in the K.G. age-group.

Now came Class Four's turn. The pieces chosen for presentation here were long and demanding, but the Junior School "Seniors" were equal to them and simply vowed their listeners. Fariz Karanjawalla outshone all the rest with a fine rendering of "At the Theatre". Raju Zutshi of 4-C took on a difficult piece in "The Hypnotist" and was declared best in the Declamation contest for the 4ths.

Class 4-B fought back gallantly, in the Choral competitions, and carried the day with "The Song of the Sea Wind".

Thus came to an end two days of strenuous competition and weeks of monotonous practice which bore abundant fruit, if not in cups and prizes, at least in the satisfaction of being listened to intently and heard with appreciation.

Footnote :

During the Elocution Competitions this year the whole programme was relayed to the classrooms over the public address system. This was a welcome innovation, both for teachers and the audience. The former could listen in comfort, the latter in relative quiet and peace.

All the Results

Class K. G.

Recitation

Declamation

1. Aman Sethi (B)
1. Anish John (D)
3. Amit Ahluwalia (A)

1. Roy Peter Sinai (D)
2. Jagdeep S. Rikhy (B)
3. Rajiv Bhasin (C)

Choral : Class K.G.-D

Class One

1. Biswajyoti De (D)
2. Peter Gracias (E)
3. Anil Swami (C)

Choral : Class I-B

Class Two

1. Ashim Ghosh (D)
2. Rudi Hourigan (E)
3. Ranjyoti Barooah (A)
3. Arjun Kapur (C)

1. Rahul Kale (C)
2. Rohit Bhagat (E)
3. Anuj Gupta (D)

Choral : Class 2-D

Class Three

1. Trevor Keelor
2. Ashley Noronha
3. Deepak D'Souza

1. Sam Cherian
2. Samir Hukil
3. C. A. Gonzalez

Choral : Class 3-C

Class Four

1. Fariz Karanjawalla (D)
2. Dawal Buch (E)
3. Rajiv Chandran (C)

1. Raju Zutshi (C)
2. Nishoshay Saigal (D)
3. Lyle Lopez (E)
3. Rajeev Gupta (B)

Choral : Class 4-B

Close To GOD

M. Satyanand, 10-D

I have been to many hill stations and have seen many peaks but, for sheer beauty, the Kedarnath Peak and the region in which it is set are unrivalled. The greenery in the valley at the foot of the peak has to be seen to be believed. It stretches as far as the eye can see and is, probably, due to the high rainfall in the area.

The journey to Kedarnath is an arduous trek of fourteen miles up a steep and rocky path. It is not the fatigue only, but also the surrounding beauty, that leaves one breathless.

When our party visited the place we set out early in the morning and did not arrive at our destination till five in the evening. The journey was really gruelling, but we were helped on by the good strong tea available along the way.

One of the features I liked, particularly, about the scenery was the gradual ascent of hills, till they finally gave way to snow-capped mountains. They seemed to unfold like the petals of a flower.

On our way uphill we stopped at Ram Bara, a place four miles from our ultimate destination. We were already almost exhausted. But we, somehow, continued and were rewarded as we rounded a bend, a short mile from Kedarnath. There, in front of us, stood the Shiva temple, a sight which gave us new vigour and fresh encouragement to continue.

The temple, built entirely in stone, stands in lonely grandeur against the glittering snow-wall of the Kedarnath Peak. The beauty of the temple adds to the surrounding scenery which is something enchanting, yet intangible.

Now the hills flattened out into meadows which were criss-crossed by small streams. They were the only sound to be heard breaking the peaceful atmosphere of the place.

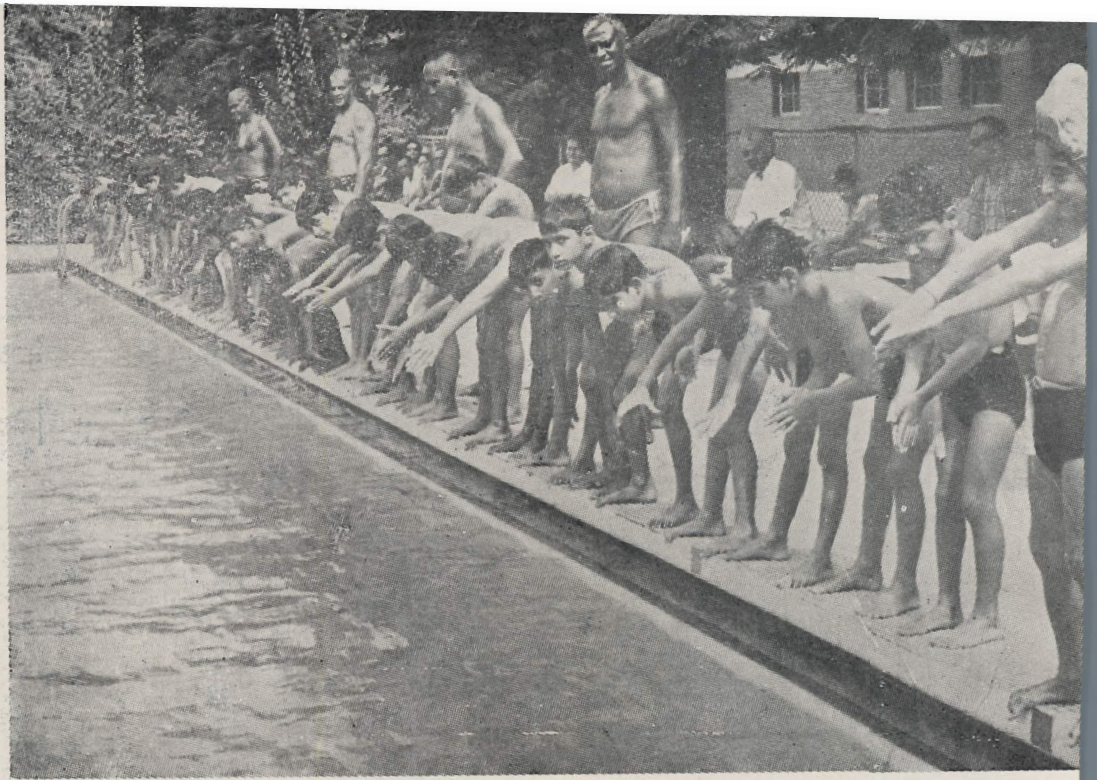
We quickly found our way to the guest house where we were to stay for the night. Soon a fire was glowing on the verandah, from where we watched a glorious Himalayan sunset. It was something out of this world and, so, I half expected the Great Lord to appear resplendent on the mountain top, illuminated by the sinking golden orb.

After a welcome meal I retired, to dream of the beauty of Kedarnath. This was a dreamland, indeed, fit to be the abode of God.

SWIMMING



Juniors
Graduate
To Deep
Water



TRIAL BY WATER

The photograph on this page is the last chapter in a story of success. The story began in the middle of May, this year, when somewhat over 200 land-lubbers had, for the most part, their first dip in a swimming pool. There had been a rush for passes which permitted children from five years and above to join the summer swimming camp.

The first chapters of the story offered some hectic and exciting incidents. Little chaps arrived at the pool all dressed out in the latest swimming gear, only to clutch on to protecting mothers when they were coaxed to look into the *great and bottomless deep* of four feet. Others who launched out soon got unbreakable grips on the gutter edge and dared anyone to budge them.

But on the second or third trip moods had changed. Timid fellows of yesterday were seen wallowing in the crystal pool; mothers beamed with triumph and satisfaction; the instructors smiled as if to say "We knew they could not resist".

By the end of eight weeks of coaxing, coaching and daring, most of the children had graduated to the deep end of the pool and many of them were jumping, time and again, off the high diving board. Messrs. Viegas, Lockwood, Sawoo and Gurung who had worked like Trojans through it all, and who had shown unlimited patience with the beginners, were, by then, on the look-out for potential members of the School Swimming Team. And proud parents justly boasted that their darling boys had lived up to family traditions in making good, in any element.

INTER-CLASS AQUATIC MEET 1970

The swimming-competition-season merry-go-round got off to a big splash in the school pool with the inaugural "Non-School Team Swimmers" Meet, on Friday, August 13th, 1970. The Competitions were confined to boys of Classes 5 and 6, the various sections of the respective classes competing against one another. Competition was, naturally, exceptionally keen and "consoling" in the sense that school team veterans had to be content with spectator roles.

A very interesting feature of the whole competition was that one competitor, only, who was listed to take part in the heats was absent, while *every finalist* was there, and on time !

There were six individual events for each class, with two team events. Seven points were awarded for a 1st place, five for a 2nd, three for 3rd and one for 4th place, in the relay competitions. The individual events' points were : four, three, two and one.

The preliminary heats were "swum off" on the evening of Wed., Aug. 11th. The coaches, and judges, were on the look-out for promising swimmers who might be suitable for the school team squad. Creditable timings were returned, considering that the competitors were all mere beginners at competition in aquatics. Among the Class 6 boys, O. Menezes returned a timing of 56.00 secs. for the 50 m. Breast Stroke. V. Rai of Class 5-A pipped V. Dharbari, also of 5-A, on a touch, with a timing of 51.90 secs. for the 50 m. Free Style. Those were "Final" timings.

The final class placings were in doubt to the very end of the meet. In Class 5 the points tally at the end was : 5-A (16); 5-B (18); 5-C (20); 5-D (17); 5-E (9). In the Class 6 competitions, Classes 6-E and 6-D fought it out to the final splash, with 6-E tallying 30 points to 28 for 6-D.

Boys who showed promise in individual events were : V. Rai (5-A), and F. Lal (5-D). These boys each had a "first" and a "second", thereby sharing the trophy for "Best Man". In Class 6, Rajan Mehra (6-E) outswam all opposition, winning two events and securing a "second" in another. He was declared "Best Man".

At the end of the meet the prizes were given away by Squadron Leader Trevor Keelor, an expert himself in another element, who spoke some words of praise for the winners and encouragement for the keen triers. Certificates were then proudly shown to very proud parents of competitors who, a very short time ago, were mere timid beginners.

THE DOLPHINS' INVITATION MEET 1970

Our School Swimming Team got the first opportunity of showing their paces in the Dolphins' Invitation Meet, held at the N.S.C.I. Pool on August 15th and 16th. This was to be the proving ground of their long, arduous hours of training over the previous five months. The boys rose to the occasion in grand style, swimming away with three of the four championships.

Particularly encouraging, in this meet, was the success of our junior boys in the "ten" and "twelve" age groups. The ten-year-olds completely dominated in their division, so much so that in some events they claimed "firsts" and "seconds". Anil Kumar of Class 4-E had three wins to his credit, in individual events. He was a member of a winning school relay team and helped the "Under Twelve" relay team to win their event. This all mounted up to the unique tally of FIVE Golds—an all-time record for a

boy so young. He rounded off his winnings with a bronze medal.

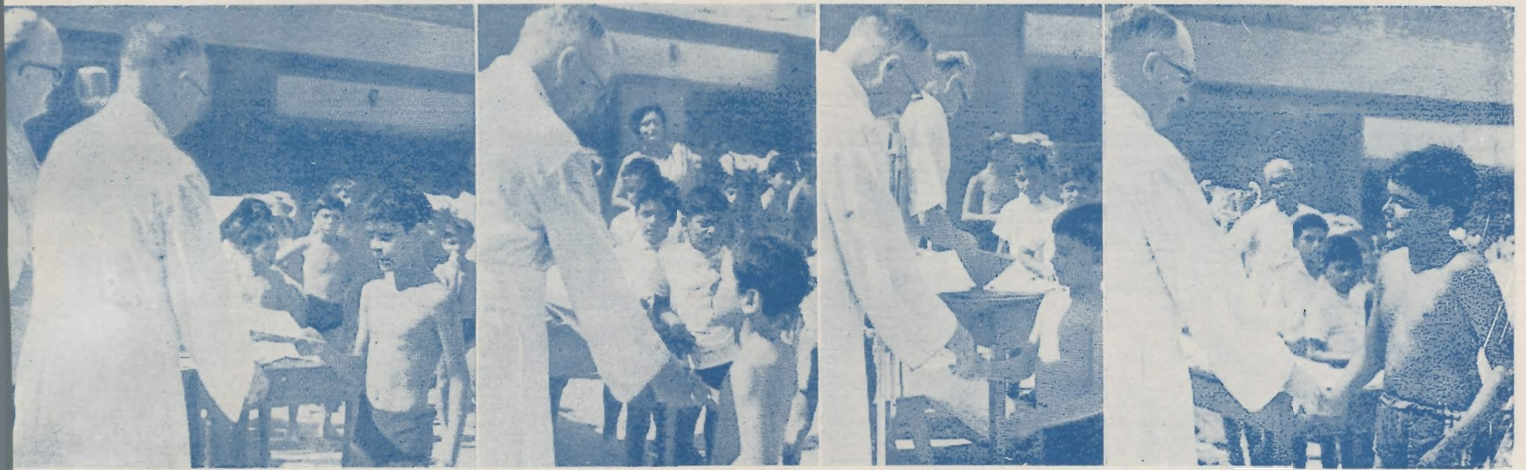
In winning their three championships, our boys broke the existing Records in no less than SEVEN events. Our "Under-Sixteen" relay squad bettered the old marks in both the Medley and Free Style Relays. S. Darbari set up a new timing in the "Under-Twelve" Breast Stroke event, Anil Kumar shattered the Record in the Breast, Free and Back strokes, and, not to be outdone by their seniors, the relay squads of "ten" and "twelve" set up new timings. R. Paintal (under 10 years) joined in with Anil Kumar in "doubly" breaking the Back Stroke existing Record.

To conclude, there appears to be bright days ahead for our School Swimming Team, with such a promising squad of youngsters in the lower age groups—youngsters who are already setting headlines for our seasoned, competition-scarred senior boys.

A Comparative Points Tally (Final)

	St. Columba's		Our Nearest Rivals
10—yrs.	3 4		A.I.S. 8
12—yrs.	3 3		A.I.S. 20
14—yrs.	1 1		A.I.S. 26
16—yrs.	3 8		A.I.S. 13
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JUNIOR AQUATIC GALA



On Saturday morning, Aug. 29th, our Junior School boys had the swimming pool all to themselves, for the *first ever* Junior Aquatic Gala of St. Columba's. Altogether, 108 boys, ranging from "half-past-five" to nine and a half years old, participated.

The requirements for competing were as follows :

Boys from Classes Two, Three and Four were required to swim 25 metres. Boys from K.G. and One got by with 10 metres.

Parents and small brothers and sisters were present in goodly numbers, to see their *champions* splutter and splash the prescribed distances, in

timings which were by no means worthy of the Record Books. The only record established on the 29th morning was that 21 races were swum, speeches made and certificates and prizes given to everybody who competed, in exactly eighty-five minutes.

Class XI-C provided all the officials for the gala ; the Class Teachers kept law and order, and had their charges at the starting post long before a race was due to start. *Veteran* swimmers who had made the School Swimming Team, in Aquatic Championships, were debarred from most of the races. They did, however, have a share in the fun, with a race of their own.

The Results (in order of merit)

Classes K.G. and One : Arjun Khanna, Rohit Sharma, Aseem Madhok

Class Two : Rahul Kale, Ignatius Xalxo, R. Bhattacharyya

Class Three : Sitaram Sawoo, V.V. Giri, Narinder Singh

Class Four : Michael Xalxo, Sanjay Kumar, Bassil Hussain.

VETERANS' Race : 1. Anil Kumar (4-E), 2. Ravi K. Murthy (3-A)
3. Sanjay Kumar and Michael Xalxo (4-C)

Relay Race : Won by Class 4-C (Sanjay Kumar, Sanjeev Kapur, Michael Xalxo and Joe Cordoza)

Delhi Inter-School Aquatic Championships

On the 5th of September, 1970, St. Columba's completed a grand treble, in winning the Inter-School Aquatic Championships, in both Senior and Junior grades. In all three years our boys provided the *Champions* in both *Junior* and *Senior* (individual). This year (1970) we had two in a *tie* for top honours, Senior, and two for top place, Junior.

Outstanding were : Michael Daruwala and Ajay Kumar (S.), and Sunil Kumar and R. Mehta (J.)

A glance at the table of results, on Sept. 6th, shows the extent of the supremacy of our representatives :

50 Metres Freestyle (Juniors) :

Sunil Kumar (St. Columba's) 1, R. Mehta (St. Columba's) 2,
H. K. Dhanda (St. Columba's) 3.

4×100 Metres Relay (Seniors) : St. Columba's 1

100 Metres Back Stroke (Seniors) : Ajay Kumar (St. Columba's) 1,
R. Dixit (St. Columba's) 3.

100 Metres Freestyle (Seniors) : M. Daruwala (St. Columba's) 1,
R. Dixit (St. Columba's) 3.

100 Metres Breast Stroke (Seniors) : M. Daruwala (St. Columba's) 1,
R. Verma (St. Columba's) 3.

4×100 Metres Medley Relay (Seniors) : St. Columba's 1

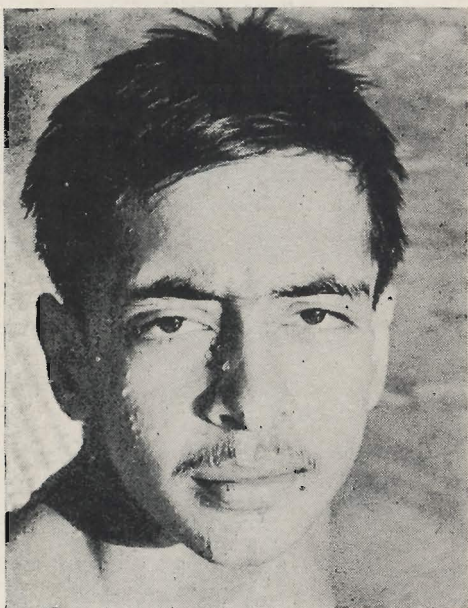
Swimming Team 1970

Class

- 2nd Rahul Kale, Ignatius Xalxo,
- 3rd Sita Ram Sawoo, R.K. Murthy,
- 4th Sanjeev Kapur, Michael Xalxo, Sanjay Kumar, Anil Kumar,
- 5th V.S. Darbari, Rakesh Kapoor, C. Heer, Sanjay Mehra, B. Kapur,
- 6th Sandeep Kishore, C. Falleiro, Mohit Pant, S. Sabarwal,
H.K. Dhanda, J. Xalxo, P. Moncourt,
- 7th S. Sachdeva, Michael D'Souza, Vishwanath, R. Singh, N. Lobo,
- 8th R. Mehta, L. Joshi, S. Darbari, Sunil Kumar, S. Angrish, S. Rikhy,
S. Falleiro, D. Mitra,
- 9th R. Malhan, R. Dixit,
- 10th S. Sarin, Ajay Kumar, K. Singh, T. Shea,
- 11th S. Malhotra, R. Verma, S. Rattan, M. Daruwala.

Delhi State Aquatic Meet 1970

When the Delhi State Meet came round, this year, our swimmers were seasoned campaigners, having proved themselves in both the Dolphins' and the Inter-School Championships. Over the years the State Aquatic Championships have spread their arms to embrace competitors of all age-groups from 10 yrs. to 16 yrs; counting by even numbers. Boys from St. Columba's swam in the 10, 12, 14 and 16-years divisions, winning the trophies in two of them and running a close second in the third.



Ajay Kumar continued to dominate the Under-16 swimmers here, as he had done in previous outings. This year swimmers were permitted to enter as many events as they wished. Ajay entered no less than *six* events and notched up 4 *first* places, one *second* and one *third*. Besides, he swam in two relay races, helping his team to finish *first* in one and *second* in the other. His collecting EIGHT certificates, together with an equal number of trophies, at a State Meet, must surely be a record.

Anil Kumar of Class IV, who competed in the juniormost division, *ran* away with all the *first* places of the 3 events on the card. This sturdy nine-and-a-half year old youngster had had no real opposition at the Dolphins' Meet. Here he threw off all challengers in the 50 M. Free, Breast and Back strokes.

Both Ajay and Anil were declared "Best Man" in their respective age-groups. Our only other *star* was S. Darbari who won the 50 M. Breast Stroke event in the Under-12 Section. Darbari had also won this event at the Dolphins' Meet, in a Record timing.

The Trumpet

THE TRUMPET, our school bulletin, reached the fifth milestone of its existence this year, and continues to go from strength to strength. When the founder of the paper, Mr. J. Johnson, left for Australia, this year, the rather difficult task of keeping it going fell on the shoulders of Mr. Doyle. He has measured up to the task well and can proudly produce statistics which show that The Trumpet is now more popular than it had been in previous years. Over 1,000 copies are printed per issue, which shows that almost 50 percent of all Columbans support *their* paper.

Time, and the change of editorship, has brought about changes in the format of the monthly. Formerly it was meant mainly for the Middle and Senior boys; now the Juniors get prominence in its pages and show their approval by buying 250 copies per month. We presume that the 5 to 9 years age-group pupils show the bulletin to their parents, who are thereby kept informed on what is happening in and around St. Columba's.

Besides giving the junior boys a

special corner in The Trumpet, the Editor also finds space for competitions of various types, so much so that there is general excitement and keen interest evident when the paper makes its appearance in the classrooms, at the beginning of the month, generally. Since there are usually no strictures on the use of "unfair means" in solving the puzzles, many competitors take full advantage of the scope given to them for getting the answers *somewhere*. Somehow, the *Examining Board* turns a blind eye to such *malpractices* and the results are declared in very quick time.

When Mr. Doyle moved into Mr. Johnson's chair his X--D boys adopted the orphaned Trumpet. They scour every nook and cranny of the school establishment to get at anything that might resemble news, so much so that every aspect of life here gets its meed in print. Teachers are cornered for class results, umpires *have* to open their scorebooks for inspection and budding journalists are contacted to supply the copy that goes to make quite an attractive and all-inclusive monthly publication.



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BR. SUPERIOR GENERAL'S VISIT

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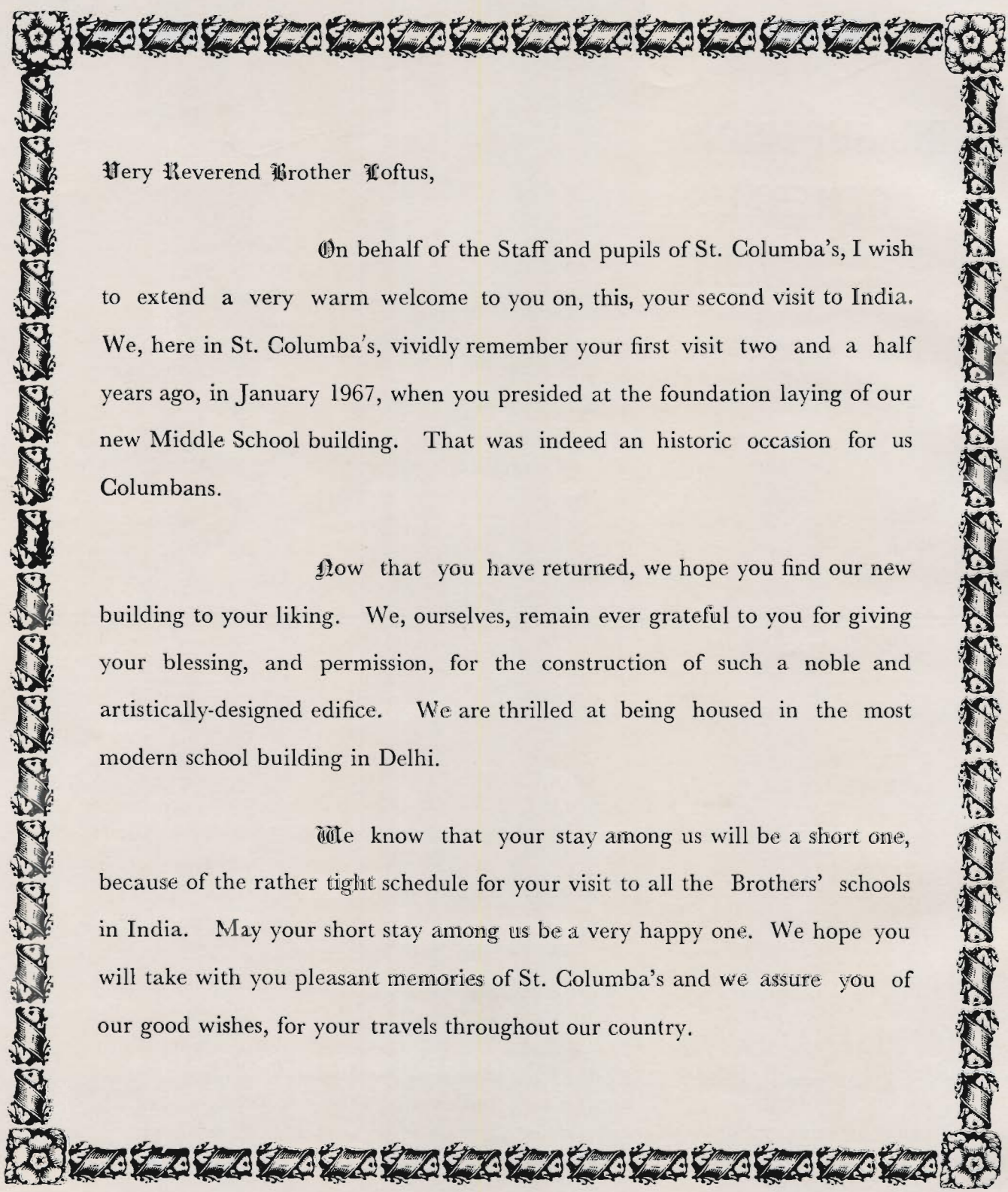


July 30th, 1969, will stand out vividly in the memories of the 2,500 boys who were drawn up in military formation on the school playing pitch to welcome Br. A. A. Loftus, on the occasion of his second visit to Delhi. From early morning telephones were buzzing with enquiries as to when the Bombay plane would arrive. It was reported to be behind schedule, and the big question was would the distinguished visitor arrive before 1.00 p.m., closing time for classes. The welcome news of his arrival came over the phone at 12.25. He would come along to the school immediately after he had disembarked from the plane.

Hurried preparations were made for his visit. All the boys were *hurried* on to the field adjoining the junior building, microphones adjusted, seats

yanked into place and a welcoming address looked over. By 12.45 p.m. everything was in order. The school car drove in the main gate and the visitor, having got out, walked up the passage-way between ranks of K. G. boys, to the dais on the steps of the building. He was escorted by Br. E. X. Leonard, former Principal of St. Columba's, and by Br. J. N. Foley, the Principal.

The Principal then did the honour of introducing Br. Loftus who had returned to Delhi after an absence of two and a half years. The speaker reminded his listeners that the Superior General had laid the Foundation Stone of our new building on Jan. 24th, 1967. Since then the Middle School building had been completed and was now housing over a thousand boys.



Very Reverend Brother Loftus,

On behalf of the Staff and pupils of St. Columba's, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to you on, this, your second visit to India. We, here in St. Columba's, vividly remember your first visit two and a half years ago, in January 1967, when you presided at the foundation laying of our new Middle School building. That was indeed an historic occasion for us Columbans.

Now that you have returned, we hope you find our new building to your liking. We, ourselves, remain ever grateful to you for giving your blessing, and permission, for the construction of such a noble and artistically-designed edifice. We are thrilled at being housed in the most modern school building in Delhi.

We know that your stay among us will be a short one, because of the rather tight schedule for your visit to all the Brothers' schools in India. May your short stay among us be a very happy one. We hope you will take with you pleasant memories of St. Columba's and we assure you of our good wishes, for your travels throughout our country.

BR. LOFTUS REPLIES

In replying to the address read by R. Dubey, Br. Loftus said that it was a great pleasure for him to visit St. Columba's for the second time, to meet the Brothers, the members of the Staff and the pupils. He would also like to see the new building which had come up since he had been in Delhi two and a half years previously.

Having commented on the high reputation the school held, and the fine type of pupil it was turning out, he went on to advise his young listeners that they must take full advantage of the chances of education which they were getting and that they should prepare themselves diligently, now, to be the leaders of the future. India, one of the great countries of the world, needed leaders who would be prepared to sacrifice themselves for their motherland. They, his hearers, would have to set an example which others would do well to follow. Every young man who receives a good education must be a leader, and a credit to his country.

In conclusion, Br. Loftus thanked the Principal for having given him the opportunity of meeting the boys of St. Columba's, the Staff and the Brothers.

The reception ended with three loud and hearty cheers for the visitor. It was then time for the boys to catch the buses home. The whole function had taken twenty minutes.

At 4.30 p.m., on the evening of the 30th, the Superior General had tea with the members of the School Staff, in the auditorium of the Junior School Building. To mark the occasion, Mr. A. V. Sequeira spoke a few words. He said that the members of the Staff were glad to have Br. Loftus with them, firstly, because of whom he was and, secondly, because he was the Head of a world-wide teaching society. He concluded by saying that they, the Staff members, would co-operate wholeheartedly in maintaining the high reputation in which St. Columba's, one of the schools under the headship of Br. Loftus, was held.

Br. Loftus meets the teachers





THE BROTHER RICE MEMORIAL MEDAL ESSAY

JUSTICE

By Philip Varghese (XI-C)

Justice is a much used word today. From the poorest labourer to the highest in the land, men are ever demanding justice for themselves. Even nations are not above squabbling among themselves and the International Court of Justice was set up to settle these squabbles as well as to decree the basic rights of man.

The modern concept of justice arose from the mists of antiquity in the minds of primitive savages. Their justice was crude. It consisted mainly in the prevention of murder and robbery within the tribe, so that it was strong enough to attack others, or to withstand the molestation of other tribes. As man developed so did his concept of justice. The Assyrians had a very refined sense of justice, as witnessed by the code of Hannurabi. The Jews also had a fixed idea of what was justice and what was not, and they followed, strictly, the Mosaic Law.

Every man has a basic concept of justice, implanted in him at birth. This is his conscience. No matter how primitive or uneducated a man is, something tells him what is right and what is wrong. It is on this foundation that justice has developed.

Basically, justice grants us certain rights. A man seldom says that he is fighting for justice. He usually says that he wants his rights. What previous generations fought bitterly for we now regard as basic rights and would not consider giving them up. Perhaps no people fought more desperately than the oppressed, demanding justice. It is their manacled hands which have contributed in great measure to our modern justice.

The Suffragettes of the early twentieth century fought for a just cause. Man had been regarded superior to woman right through time. Then woman rebelled and won her point, and modern society knows no distinction between man and woman before the law.

We have said that justice grants us rights. Indeed it does. The various basic rights we have—to own land, to worship one's own God, and many

others—have been won over centuries of strife. But those rights are not merely goals which, when once obtained, can be cast aside. Each right bears with it a responsibility, and if we grab the one and shun the other we have not lived up to the justice to which we appealed when we fought for this right. A right is not a crown of laurels; it is a pilgrim's staff which helps us on our long road to a more perfect justice for all.

The instrument of justice is the law. Each nation has its own laws which decree what is right and what is wrong. The variability of laws from nation to nation indicates that human justice has yet a long road to tread. What is regarded as a basic right in one country may not be allowed in another. Thus, even in a world where distances have shrunk because of rapid communication, the basic concept of justice varies.

Human justice never was perfect and never will be. Any thinking man will realize that perfect justice is something that is an impossible ideal. Perfect Justice belongs to God alone. As the prophet put it: "Enter not into Thine justice, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no man be justified". Even if the ideal is beyond our grasp, we can at least try to aspire to it.

The same quotation brings us to another point: if no man is justified in God's eyes, how shall he be saved? The answer is, obviously, mercy. Mercy is an indispensable part of justice. Cold, stern justice, which makes no allowances for circumstances, is no blessing, but an

oppressive tyrant. Unless mercy is tempered with justice we cannot regard it as justice at all.

The law decrees that we have a right to property and to the goods we have earned. We cannot call a man unjust because he has enriched himself through his labour. The man who enters another man's house at night to dispoil him is a thief and should be punished. But suppose a man is desperate with hunger and robs another, should he be punished? He has a right to have a living wage by means of which he can support himself. If the rich man passes him by without a thought he does a terrible injustice. His right to property confers on him the responsibility of helping the unfortunate. This aspect of justice has been more or less overlooked and, today, more and more men are recalling the parable of Lazarus and Dives. They demand that wealth be shared more equally.

The very instruments of justice are men. They being imperfect human justice cannot be perfect. The frailties of men render the justice they administer imperfect. As Shakespeare put it: "See with thine eyes how yond justice rails at yond simple thief; Hark in thine ear; change places and, handy-dandy, who's the justice and who the thief?" However, the mere fact that we cannot attain perfect justice should not prevent us from seeking it. By doing so we shall build a safer, happier and saner world.

TABLE TENNIS

School Table Tennis Tournaments

The first table tennis tournament of 1970 was held in March. In an Inter-Class tournament between Classes 9 and 10, Class 10-C emerged easy winners. Runners-up were Class 9-B who gained this position because their closest rivals, 10-A, conceded a couple of walk-overs.

In the Middle Section Class 8-C cornered top honours, while Class 6-B were worthy winners in the Junior Section. The matches in both these divisions were keenly contested. The tournaments were run on a league basis, and were efficiently handled by Mr. T. Lockwood.



Class 10-C T.T. Team

Inter-School Tournaments

By the time those Inter-class tournaments were over our boys were ready to challenge other schools. They challenged Delhi Public, St. Xavier's and Modern Schools. The boys of 10-C beat the combined 10ths of St. Xavier's in two matches. In the third match of the series our representatives, V. Tuli, J. Arya, A Mody, N. Sachdev and S. Kurup routed Xavier's by 6 games to 1.

We had facile victories over the Delhi Public School team, in two matches, the score being 8 victories to nil on both occasions.

Modern School, who had several recognised Delhi players in their ranks, were next challenged and beaten by 4 games to 1.

Class VI

Winners Class VI-B

● Siddharth Chib ● Bhasin Parikshit ● Papu Gambhir ● Deepak Mathur

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

J. Arya, 10-C

Over the past few years table tennis has improved immensely in St. Columba's, so much so that our *stars* can now hold their own against any challengers in the Capital. The year 1970 was a particularly successful year for us; we entered eight tournaments and claimed five titles, along with a runners-up place, in one.

N. Sachdev won top place in the D.P.C., Bal Bhawan and T.O.I. tournaments, while Vinay Tuli captured the titles in the *Delhi State Week-End* and *St. Columba's Open T.T.* Championships. Our Sub-Juniors (S. Kurup and S. Chib) covered themselves with glory. Kurup won practically all the tournaments he entered; Chib usually filled the runner-up position.

Delhi Inter-School Tournament

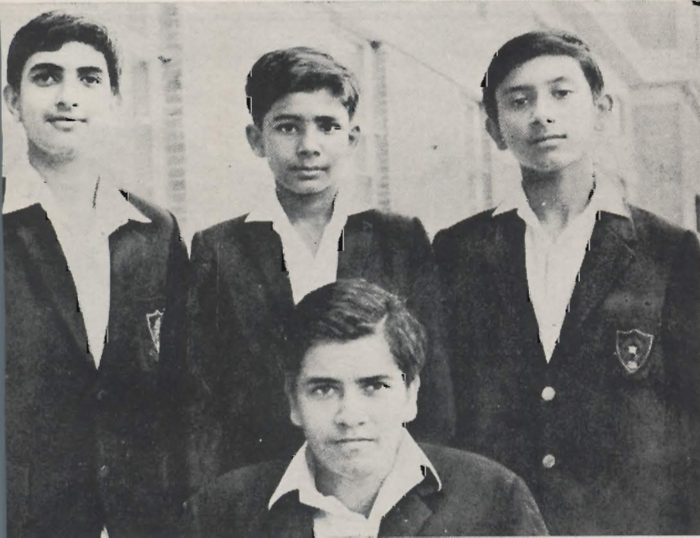
Competition was extremely tough in this tournament. Our Seniors had to bow to Khalsa School which had in its ranks a top-class Delhi player, Manjit Dua. Our Juniors, however, took the title in their division.

Northern India Championships

When a Delhi State Junior Team was being chosen for the Northern India Championships the full team was picked from our stalwarts. This was, naturally, an honour which V. Tuli, N. Sachdev, A. Mody and S. Kurup deserved. And, to prove that the selectors' confidence in them was not mis-placed, the team of Columbans demolished all opposition from the Punjab, U.P. and Rajasthan, to claim the title for Delhi.

This last victory was richly deserved by our players who, during the hot, sticky evenings of the long summer months, smashed and volleyed relentlessly, getting in hours of practice every day.

All through their practice sessions, and during the many tournaments they entered, the boys were encouraged by Br. T. P. Fitzpatrick and Mr. T. Lockwood.



AN UNUSUAL HOBBY

(Satinder Kapur 11-D)

“Dear Satinder,

Smt. Indira Gandhi was glad to receive your note dated Oct. 29, 1966, and the sketch you have enclosed with it. She sends you all her good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Sig. (Private Secretary to the Prime Minister)

This was what the long-awaited letter said. It was my first effort at collecting letters from eminent persons, I had sent our Prime Minister a sketch of her father, Pandit Nehru, on the anniversary of his birth, and then wondered if she would bother to reply to “small” me.

Needless to say, when the reply arrived, all decked out with “Prime Minister’s Secretariat”, I was very excited and, naturally, opened it with trembling hands. My first effort had been one-hundred percent successful and this encouraged me to write to the late President, Dr. Zakir Hussain, to Shri Morarji Desai and to our present Head of State, Mr. V. V. Giri. I am happy and proud to say that all of them sent me replies which I cherish.

Success with our own dignitaries has encouraged me to write to such world figures as President Nixon, Mr. Kosygin and Queen Elizabeth of England, all of whom I expect will oblige with replies through their secretaries.



NEWS FROM EX-COLUMBANS

Return of the Wild Geese !

There was a terrific, and rather boisterous, turn-out of *old* students on Sports Day, 1970, for the annual 200 metres *ritual* race. The starter, seemingly, as in former years, did not make himself heard when quoting the rules of the race, with the result that some of the more innocent of the boys, *only*, actually ran the full distance. The majority entered into the sporting spirit of the event and succeeded in conveniently ignoring all directions. It appears, however, that there were winners, whether through skill or by popular acclaim. Somebody did collect the prizes when the show was over.

P.S. The title is meant to suggest "*the wandering ones*" and does not, we hope, brand our ex-pupils as *geese*.

Keeping the Flag Flying

Quite a number of our past students continue to make the headlines, both in academics and in sports, years after they have doffed the *Old School Tie*. Among them are :

Ajay Bakshi (1968) who topped the list in the Pre-Medical Exam., in Delhi, this year. He secured a very creditable 78% aggregate and was selected to join the A.I.I.M.S., Delhi.

Arun Bhasin (1968) secured 4th place in the Pre-Medical Exam. He has also joined the A.I.I.M.S.

The Chopra Twins (1968) secured 9th and 11th places. Who got which place they themselves *only* know!

Harinder Singh Sethi and **Rajiv Khosla** (1968) tied for 4th place, in India, in the Entrance Exam. for admission to the A.F.M.C. in Poona.

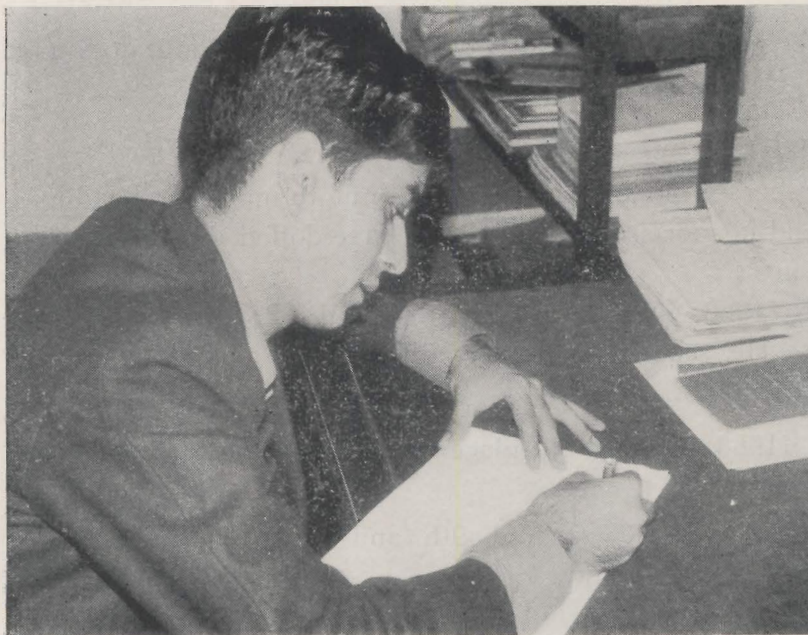
Naresh Malhotra, an outstanding swimmer and water polo player in 1963 and 1964, is now pursuing a course in engineering at the CME, Dapodi, Poona. He is popularly known there as *The Swimmer* and helped his team to defeat the Sappers, there, in 1970. This was the latter's first defeat in years. Naresh has also taken to sailing and has been in the competition class for a few years.

Sunil Amar was also a prominent swimmer in the early *sixties*. He has since travelled widely in the Middle East and North Africa, by jeep, and has now settled down to the serious business of Chartered Accountancy, at William Temple House, 29 Trebovir Rd., London, S.W.5.

Vinay Sethi (1964) wrote in Aug., this year, to say....."I am glad to inform you that I appeared for the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, held in May 1970, and have passed the same with distinction, securing 74% marks in the aggregate. I stood **THIRD** in India and **FIRST** in Northern India, and have been awarded a Merit Scholarship by the Council of Chartered Accountants of India "

Raman Revri (1962) called to say that he has been studying Agricultural Science in Germany, over the past four years. He is a proficient German speaker and can be found at the following address :

744 Nurtingen, Staat Eng. Schule fur Landbau, W. Germany.



Rajiv Rattan who was a very promising swimmer in '64, and who won a bronze medal at the National Aquatic Championship that year, returned to re-visit S.C.S. early this year. He is now serving in the Indian Navy.

Gautam Shiralkar wrote from the I.I.T., Bombay, to say he has tagged all the Ex-Columbans who are studying there. They are :

Francis Coelho (4th Yr. Elect. Engin.), Rajen Pratap (4th Yr. Mech. Engin.), Sanjeev Sain (3rd Yr. Elect. Engin.),

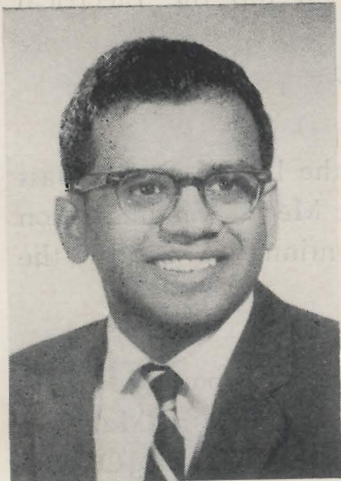
Praveen Bhambri (1st Yr. Chem. Engin.), Nalin Bamzai (3rd Yr. Mech. Engin.). Gautam, who was awarded the Sujit Memorial Prize in 1969, is studying Mech. Engin. at the I.I.T., Bombay.

C.V. Seshadri (R. Subban), who was in St. Columba's from 1941 to 1942 and from 1944 to 1945, called to St. Columba's to report on his achievements over the past 25 years. They make an imposing list. They are :

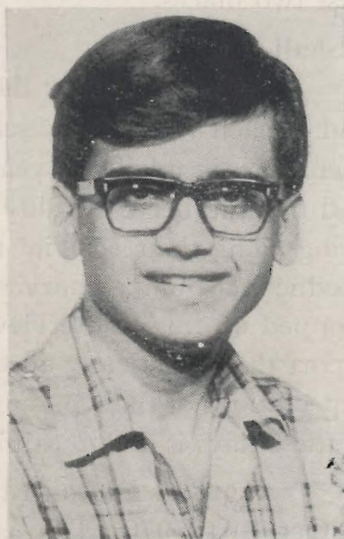
1. Ph. D. Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburg,
2. Assistant Professor at M.I.T.
3. Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, I.I.T., Kanpur, and
4. is expected to be Head of that department in the not too distant future.

C.V. Ranganathan (R. Subban), a brother of Dr. Seshadri, is First Secretary, Permanent Indian Mission to the U.N., New York. C.V. studied in St. Columba's from 1941 to 1945. He was, at one time, stationed at the Indian Embassy, Peking.

M. S. Kalelkar, whose name appeared in "The Columban, 1968," was chosen for the "Distinguished Teaching" award by the Physics Department of Columbia University, in 1969. He showed "exceptional interest and aptitude for teaching". Mohan is now doing research for a Ph. D. degree in Nuclear Physics.



Ashok Kalelkar (1969), brother of Mohan, is now Dr. Ashok, and father of a baby son. Congrats., Ashok, to you and your wife!



Note : Ashok and his wife (nee Joanne Bottiglieri) have named their son MILAN.

Ashok Chandra (1963) was awarded the President's Gold Medal on the occasion of his graduating, with distinction, in Elect Engin. at I.I.T., Kanpur, 1969. Ashok has gone to the U.S.A. to continue his studies, there.

Ashok Bhargava (1959), former Secretary of the OCA, is at present completing his Research Project at 1111 Spring Street, Madison, Wis., 53715, U.S.A., for the award of a Ph. D. degree.

V. Subramanian who was one of the first 32 boys to join St. Columba's on Opening Day, 1941, is now A/G of Himachal Pradesh. His brother, and also an Ex-Columban, is Div. Commercial Superintendent, Madurai, Sth. Railways.

Santosh M. Madden, also a "First Day" pupil, has, over the past sixteen years, shown a keen interest in the OCA. Santosh is a man of wide interests, among which being languages and membership of many associations. His nephew will join the K.G. Class of 1971.

Deepak Roy (1958), who was one of the SCS stalwart swimmers, in the late "fifties", is the proud father of twin sons whom he would like to see admitted to St. Columba's. Deepak has now set up a business in Delhi, where he hopes to settle down.

S. Chakravarty (1962) brought along his charming wife to visit St. Columba's in, August, this year. Sudhanshu was back from the U. S. A. on a short holiday. He hopes to return, for good, to India, when he has finished his research for his Ph. D.

Samuel Samson, who secured 1st place in his Graduation Class at I. I. T. Delhi, in 1970, was the third Ex-Columban to top the Electrical Engineering batch. The others were :
1968 Chander Ramchandani 1969 Pradeep Maitra

Still leading !

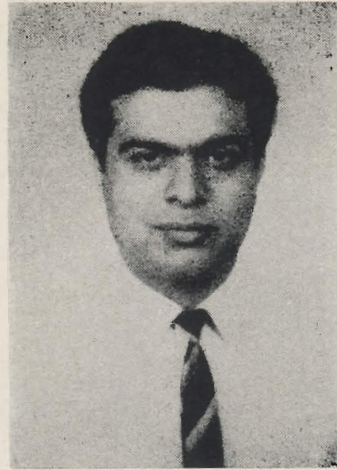
According to reliable reports, Ex-Columbans of the 1966 I. S. C. Class are leading their fellow students by a few lengths in the Mech. Engin. section of the I. I. T. at Delhi. The twin Kekre brothers continue to occupy the first two places.

I Shall Return !

Such is probably the intention of most boys as they say goodbye, at the end of each year, to the school that has been part of their lives. Many of them remain adrift for years, before they finally fulfil their promise. Others, and the number is steadily increasing, look forward to the day when they will bring along their son in tow, seeking his admission. The year 1970 has produced a bumper harvest of returnees. About a dozen Old Boy fathers cropped up in the interview queues, in September, and we are pleased to report that practically all the "second generation" Columbans lived up to the expectations of their parents and came in *on their own power*. And getting in these days is a *little* stiffer than it was twenty years, or so, ago !

Augustus Dalton (1966) made front-page news, in a Delhi newspaper, on Oct. 31st, 1970. The paper carried a news item on his invention, "a keyless, *howling* combination lock." Augustus hopes to have his lock patented.

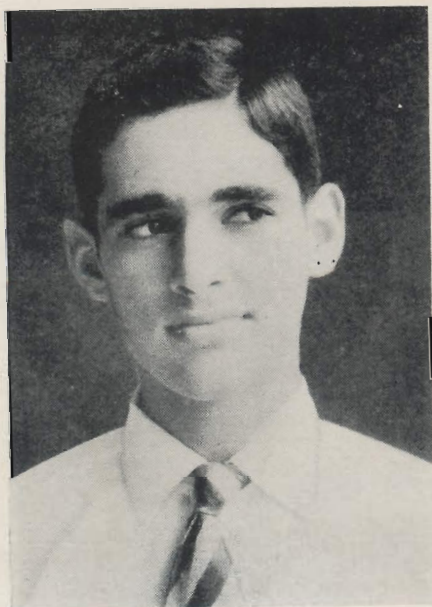
EX-COLUMBAN WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP



J. Bhattacharya (1961) is the first ex-pupil of S.C.S. to claim this distinction. In a letter dated 3rd May, 1970, he writes : "It certainly makes me feel proud as a Columban to have been selected for the Rhodes Scholarship...I still regard my performance in the S.C. as a significant blot in my academic record. In a way, however, this *failure* (17 points!) was the single-most important factor which spurred me on to better results, later on, and thus regain my greatly shaken self-confidence.... After school I was successful in the I. I. T. exam. but chose to take Medicine instead. While in medical college I was sent abroad for three months, as a Nuffield Exchange Scholar (one of two sent every year from this country, from medical colleges).

As for the Scholarship, you might be aware that it was instituted by Cecil Rhodes, in the late nineteenth century. The first Rhodes Scholar to have gone from India left for Oxford in 1947. There have been about 47 Scholars from this country since. Nowadays, two Scholarships are awarded to Indians, every year. Scholars may take up any subject at Oxford, and work up to a Post-Graduate Degree. I am the fourth medical Scholar from this country, and plan to do research in Human Physiology, towards a D. Phil.

Footnote : St. Columba's is certainly proud of its first Rhodes Scholar and wishes him every success.



Sanjay Gandhi (1963) hit the "headlines" in the Delhi newspapers during 1970. He was the subject of much controversy and speculation owing to his SMALL CAR PROJECT. Sanjay spent his last two school years in S.C.S., having come here from Doon School. While in St. Columba's he showed great promise as a swimmer.

His next stop was Rolls Royce, England, where he became acquainted with the works of a car. St. Columba's wishes him every success in his venture, and a bright future for his invention.



Navin Jerath (1962) made the headlines in *The American Reporter*, dated June 3rd, 1970. The write-up described the important role that this "Indian Student" is playing in the United States Space Programme. A few quotations from the paper are apt, here.

'Navin Jerath, who received the outstanding achievement award at the California Institute of Technology, last year, for his work on a component design for rotating fluids, spent the summer of 1969 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, in research which bears directly on the proposed tour of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

"Tracking and guiding space vehicles up to now has not been a major problem because we are operating with neighbouring bodies like the moon," Jerath said in an interview, last week.

"But when satellites travel to planets like Jupiter, the earth is not in a good position to track or guide them. So a method of ON-BOARD GUIDANCE has to be developed, if an optical view of these planets is to be obtained, to gain information about them.

"My job is to decide when to start taking pictures, how many pictures, the sequence of the pictures and the intervals between them."

'Jerath is a native of New Delhi. He attended St. Coumba's High School and the Indian Institute of Technology, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering in 1968.

Upon returning home, he hopes to do research at space centres in India, such as Thumba'.

Footnote : Navin has been invited to join J. P. L., after the completion of his doctoral thesis.



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The End of the Road

The Editor of The Columban is grateful to Samuel Samson (1964) for collecting the following information about the 1964 I. S. C. batch which has recently made I. I. T. news.

In the year 1965 no less than 52 Columbans joined various Indian Institutes of Technology. Here is how the Delhi contingent has fared in the final examinations :

Mechanical Engineering

1st Class :— Anil K. Duggal, Pradeep K. Mukerjee, Harbinder Narang, Sanjaya Shyam, Kamal K. Jain, Rajeev Srivastava, Sunder H. Malkani, Atul Kumar Misra.

2nd Class :— Gautam Kaul (60%+)

Electrical Engineering

1st Class :— Samuel J. Samson (1st in Deptt. of Elect. Engin.), Rajan Srinivasan, Lawrence Simoes, Mohan Miglani, Gopal Krishna Saxena.

2nd Class :— Ronald D'Souza (60%+), Vijay Mittal.

Civil Engineering

1st Class :— Amitabh K. Dutt, Naveen Khurana.

2nd Class :— J. P. Singh

Chemical Engineering

1st Class :— Vikram Tandon, Ashok Chawla.

Textile Engineering :

1st Class :— Vinod Kumar Taneja.

2nd Class :— Inder M. Singh, Gopal K. Talwar.

RESULTS FROM KANPUR I. I. T. (1970) (1964 I. S. C. Class)

B. Rawal	1st Class	(Metallurgical Engin.)
Keshav Lal	1st Class	(Mechanical Engin.)
Karanwalia	1st Class	(Mechanical Engin.)
P. Menezes	1st Class	(Metallurgical Engin.)
R. S. Mehta	1st Class	(Electrical Engin.) Now doing M. Tech.
Avinish Giri	1st Class	(Electrical Engin.)
A. K. Nigam	1st Class, with Distinction,	(Aeronautical Engin.)
Deepak Malhotra	1st Class	(Metallurgical Engin.)
Ashok Chawla	1st Class, with Distinction	(Mechanical Engin.)
T. Abraham	1st Class	(Chemical Engin.)
S. K. Khurana	1st Class	(Electrical Engin.)
Arun Kumar	1st Class, with Distinction	(Metallurgical Engin.)

The 10th August, 1970.

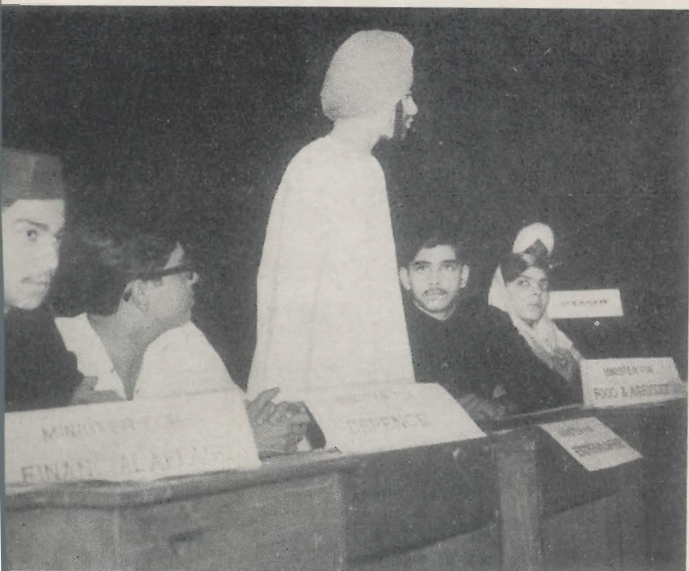
The Principal,
St. Columba's High School,
Alexandra Place,
NEW DELHI-1.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of introducing myself to you. My son, Mr. Dhruva Gupta, was a student of your school from 1947 to 1958 when he passed the school final examination with distinction. Dhruva joined the Institute of Chartered Accountants, England, in 1960, and passed A. C. A. examination from the same Institute, in 1965. After becoming a qualified accountant, he joined the London School of Economics and passed B.Sc. (Hons.) examination in Economics, in 1969. Mr. Dhruva Gupta joined the International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC., U. S. A., in March 1970, as an officer, after having been selected through open competition.

Dhruva has been blessed with a son on July 1, 1970. Dhruva is likely to be posted in New Delhi in three years' time. I shall be most grateful if you will kindly register the name of the boy "Dipak Gupta" in your school for admission. If any form has to be filled in, kindly make the form available to me for doing the needful.

Yours faithfully,
M. R. Gupta



PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE MAKING

The idea of staging a mock Parliament session was mooted in mid-August. Mr. Doyle, who had taken on himself the task of presenting such an unique performance, in St. Columba's, gathered prospective "Ministers" and "Opposition Members" from the 10th classes and set about organising the thing in real earnest.

By Oct. 21st the stage was all set for a public presentation of "Question Time in Parliament", by the now seasoned parliamentarians who had taken their roles in right earnest. The School Hall had been re-furbished; a raised platform had been set up and benches arranged, suitably labelled, for the session. The hall was chock-full with *ladies* from C. J. M. and *men* from our senior classes. Br. P. C. Curran, Assistant to the Superior General of the Christian Brothers, was invited to be the guest of honour for the occasion.

The proceedings began with the *Speaker*, Avininder Singh, reading out the Agenda. The *Home Minister*, Mohit Satyanand, was the first *Cabinet Member* to speak up for his Ministry. Other *Ministers*, in turn, came *under fire*. But it fell to the lot of the *External Affairs Minister* to be under the sights of the Opposition oftenest. This worthy *Minister* was, at times, abused and threatened, especially by the *Leader of the Opposition*, Mohit Jain. He was ably supported by the diminutive Rohit Wanchoo who really *wowed* a keenly interested and appreciative audience.

In the course of the session matters tended to heat up at times, but it was the *J. S. Leader*, for the day, that struck the tinder box. He, in a very realistic manner, and to the surprise of many of those in the *galleries*, threatened to use his chappal on the *Minister for Finance*. He climaxed his show of disgust and ire by leaving the House, thus bringing to a *fitting* end an extremely interesting and informative Mock Parliament Session.

Br. Curran, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Producer and his charges for having presented a very instructive programme. The Principal, Br. J. N. Foley, joined in congratulating the *Members* and their mentor.

There was a repeat performance on Oct. 22nd, to give those Senior boys and girls who could not be fitted in on the 21st a chance to witness the proceedings. The by-now confident participants really played to the gallery and gave their viewers what, we hope, is *not* a view of the real thing—a full-grown Parliamentary Session.

S. Shyam Sunder X-D

ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION

The On-the-Spot Painting Competition is now a very popular annual feature in St. Columba's. This year there were 259 budding artists, from 5-and-a-half to nine years old, present in the School hall on Sat., April 18th, ready to take part in the big *splash*. Each entrant was loaded down with paints, brushes, ink bottles and, in some cases, with huge sheets of paper.

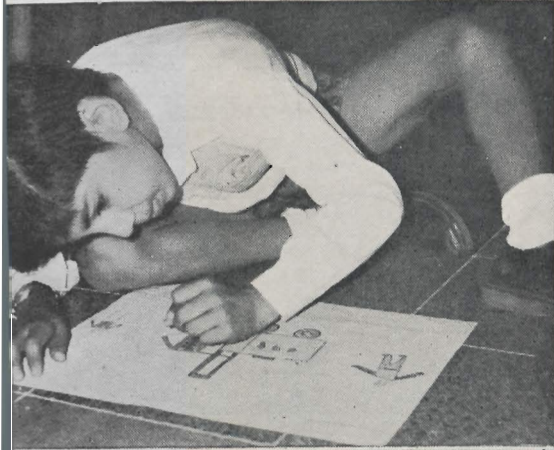
They were soon busy at their masterpieces, once the subjects had been announced. Many boys assumed rather amusing positions and postures, as the photographs on the following page show.

As the morning wore on scenes began to assume recognizable shapes. Some of the smaller competitors turned out five or six completed paintings. "Quantity, not Quality" was their motto. One little fellow handed up a *blank* sheet which, so he said, depicted a cow which had moved on to *another field, having eaten the grass* of his particular field.

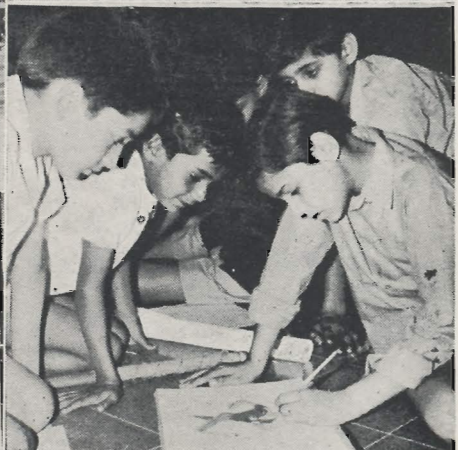
The judges had a pretty busy time, immediately after the competition, trying to sort out the winners from stacks of *masterpieces*. The eventual prize-winner were :

- K.G.* A.Chakravarty (C), S. Kanungo (D), S. Datar (D)
1st T. George, P. Gracias, K. Parikh (all of E. Sect.)
2nd D. Chakravarty (A), I. Noronha (E), A. Gupta (D)
3rd A. Saxena (A), A. Sachthey (A), K. Nanda (D)
4th J. Cordoza (C), J. Sylvester (E), R. Banerjee (B)
5th B. Chakravarti (B), S. Sarveshwar (B), P. Kak (A)
6th P. Kodesia (A) P. Sachdeva (E), S. Sen (E)
7th Patrick Hugh (D), Neville Lobo (A)
8th H. Kohli (C), J. Ramaswamy (B), L. R. Joshi (B),
Santan D'Souza (E)
9th P. Basu (A), R. Baraud (A), N. Malhotra (C)

(Mrs. S. Fernandes)



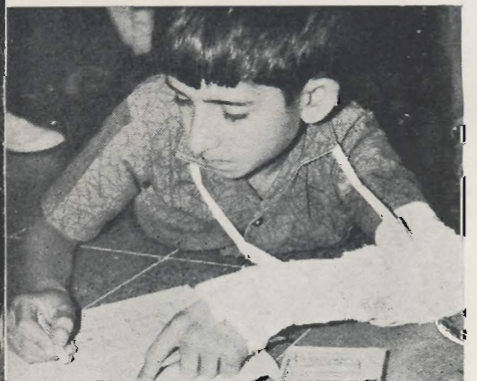
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ARTISTIC
POSTURES!

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not submitted.



THE GAME OF CRICKET

Oscar Wilde is quoted to have once said, "I do not play cricket because it requires me to assume such indecent postures." And George Bernard Shaw remarked, sarcastically, "Fools play cricket and bigger fools watch it." As for Wilde, it was his personal opinion but, if we are to take Shaw seriously, all of us schoolboys could be classified as fools.

Cricket has a long and interesting history. The "noble game" of today was the sport of the idle a few centuries ago. It was regarded as being immoral in that it encouraged laziness and gambling. Heavy bets were placed on the results of matches in those days. Later it found royal patrons. One prince is reported to have died as a result of over-exerting himself in a cricket match. Nor has cricket always been a peaceful and gentleman's game. Three players were killed following a disagreement at a Kent versus Essex match at Tilbury, in 1776.

Among the many strange matches played under the name of cricket was one played between the "Gentlemen of the Hill" and the "Gentlemen of the Dale" at Linstead Park, in 1794. It was played from start to finish on horseback. In 1867 the "Ugly Men" of Plymouth played the "Handsome Men" of the same place. The match ended in a draw.

Still stranger was the match played in the Fiji Islands, when cricket was in its infancy there. Two villages decided to settle a difference between them by means of a cricket "war". There were fifty players on each side, which included all the available males of each village. Fieldsmen stood around the wicket, on top of thatched houses, perched in trees and in all imaginable postures. Against this fielding side the fifty batsmen scored ONE run.

Another of the distinctions of cricket is its vulnerability to the whims of the weather. Bad light and rain often stop play. The worst known weather conditions, ever, prevailed in a match at Nottinghamshire when there was snow, hail, sleet, rain, unbearable sunshine, thunder and a gale in the course of a day's play.

Animals, too, do their share, at times, to hold up play in cricket. Here in India the pariah dog is a familiar visitor to the pitch, but in a country match in England a flock of swallows once flew across the wicket and held

up play for a time. Nearer home a swarm of bees temporarily stopped a Ranji Trophy match.

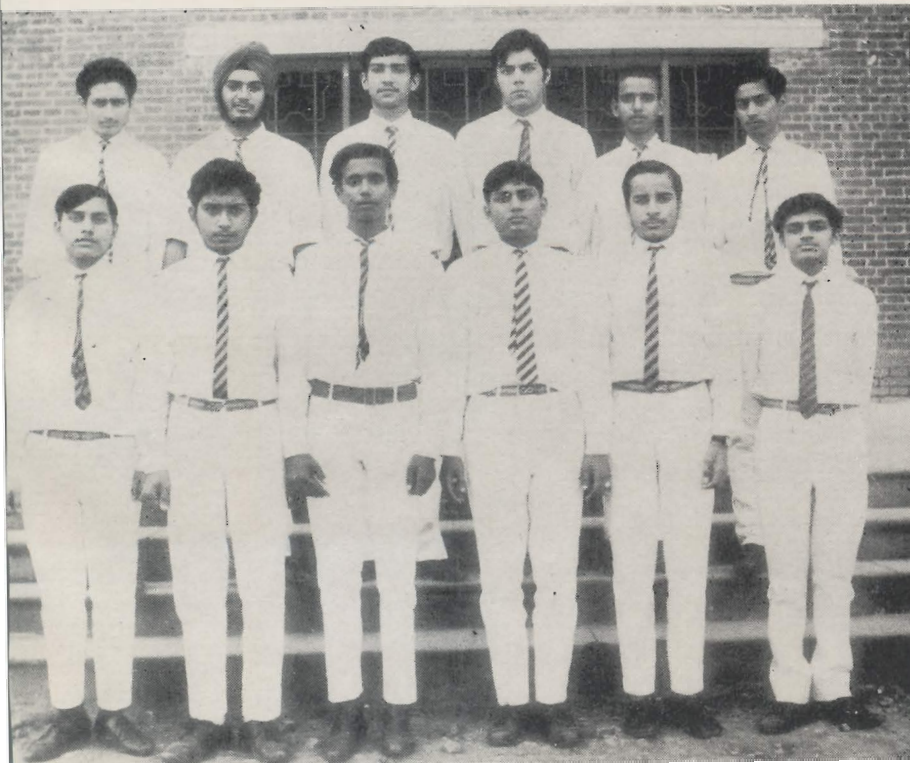
Batsmen have been out in rather unusual ways. In a match played in 1870 a batsman left his wicket under the impression that he was out. Not even the umpires could persuade him to return to his crease. His name appeared on the score book thus : J. Southerton (retired, thinking he was out). Another batsman used to utter a prayer as soon as he took guard, to protect himself against the wiles of the bowler. This so incensed one bowler that he threatened to complain the batsman to the M.C.C. for his "unethical" form of defence.

No other game can boast of as many records as cricket can. Compare Victoria's 1107 with Northamptonshire's 12, all out ; P.G.H. Fender's century in thirty-five minutes with 24 runs made by a man named Yarde in five hours, twenty minutes against the M.C.C. ; Bradman's average of 115 runs per innings in 1938 with that of the Maharajah of Porbander which was 0.66. These records of failures make amusing reading : G. Deyes scored 3 runs in fourteen successive innings, while S. Clarke's record for nine innings was zero. The largest number of byes in an innings was 73.

The unpredictability of cricket is remarkable. Hampshire were once dismissed for 15 runs and followed on to beat Warwickshire. Essex once lost to Derbyshire after totalling 597 in the first innings. They lost by nine wickets.

It must be borne in mind that all the figures above are for first-class matches only. If statistics for ordinary school games were gathered they would be truly fantastic.

(Compiled by N. Singh and N. Pandalai of XI-C)



Class X-D
School
Champions
1970

HOCKEY

When the curtain had been rung down on our Annual Sports the hockey tournaments began. Interest in the game seemed to be keener this year than in former years, judging by the number of hockey sticks that appeared in all sorts of odd places, and at odd times, even during school hours. Portions of the playing fields were commandeered in the early mornings and, believe it or not, in the hot afternoons by enthusiastic groups of boys who, obviously, wanted it to be known that they were eligible for selection on their class team.

Our Senior Eleven played eight matches in what proved to be a very short season and were beaten only in one match of the eight. Our 5'-4" team had a few friendly games with Mount St. Mary's and St. Xavier's. They kept an unbeaten record in all their games.

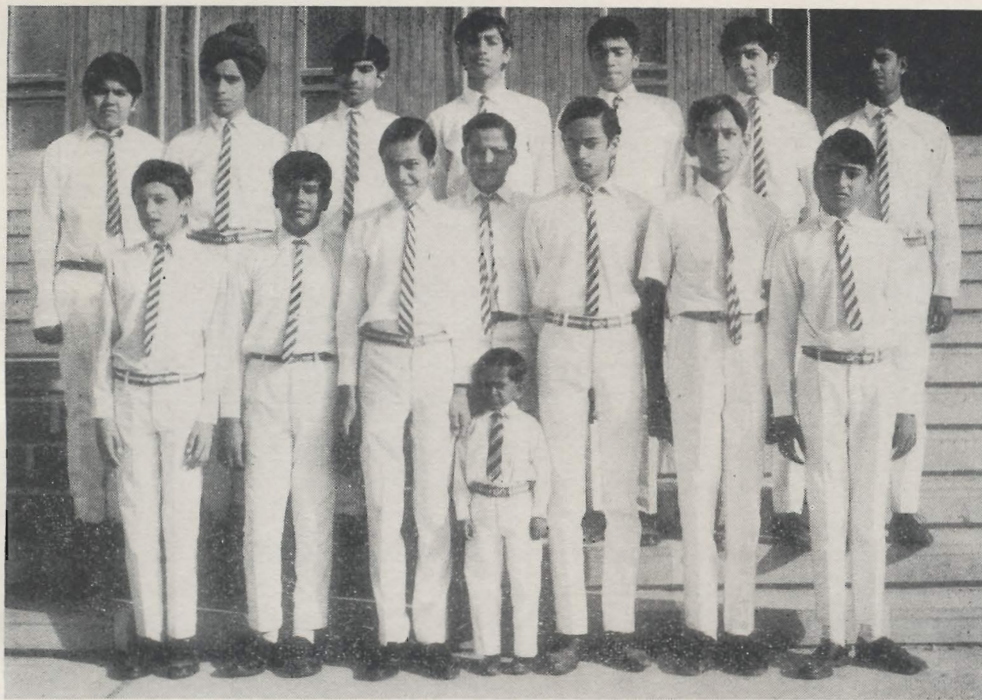
Our Inter-Class tournaments were keenly contested at all levels, providing upsets, as in other years. Class XI-B, the Senior Champions of 1969, simply demolished all opposition in the senior league, to finish their games with a full six-point tally. Class XI-C were poor runners-up, with only three points from three games. This lowly total, however, earned them the right to play XI-B in a final, for senior honours.

The final match was a hard, keen struggle between the veterans and the struggling XI-C who served up scintillating hockey and sent the XI-B giants reeling with a tally of three goals to nil. Patrick Rajan, Deepak Malik and Sunil Lall of XI-C played inspiring hockey, which won for them places on the School Eleven.

Class X-D appeared to dominate the league among the 10ths. But when the final reckoning came it was found that Class X-A had tied with X-D for top place in the league. This called for a play-off which ultimately ran into three games, each with extra time, in an attempt to find a winner. Finally, recourse was had to short corners, penalty pushes and, in desperation, the toss of a coin. Class X-A were declared the winners.

These was a departure from custom this year in the sense that the 11ths did not play against the 10ths to decide who were the ultimate champions in the senior classes. Participation in the Quadrangular Tournament, the selection of a Senior Eleven and its training did not leave any time for inter-class finals, as we had had in the cricket tournament earlier in the year.

Footnote The hockey league winners in the junior class tournaments appear, along with the photographs, on the pages following.



Class 8-E
Hockey
and
Football
Champions

CLASS CHAMPIONS IN HOCKEY FOR 1970

1. Class 7-D This Class also won the Football and Cricket championships. The Class photograph appears on page 103.
2. Class 8-E. The combined hockey and football teams appear above.
3. Class 9-C. The Class photograph appears on page 103
4. Class 10-A. They also won the Athletics Championship (Senior)
5. Class 11-C. Runners-up in Athletics and March Past Championships.

The Winning Teams

Class 8-E Babar I. Khan, Shankar Angrish, T. S. Darbari, Santan D' Souza, Julius Pontes, Satjit Singh, Samir Bagchi, R. Agarwal, D. Thadani, Rohit Adya, Jatinder P. Bhandari, Anil Saxena.

Class 9-C S. Ahluwalia, Ranbir Rawat, Vicky Suri, Vivek Kohli, V. Gambhir, Hardesh S. Achreja, Ravi Verma, R. Subramanian, Atul Saxena, R. Malhotra, Adrian Cooke, R. Agarwala, Peter Varman.

Class 10-A Amit Roy, Philip Barretto, Ashok Bhardwaj, Bharat B. Soni, K. N. Sherwanji, Ian Shea, Sunil Lal, Raziq Khan, Joseph Pinto, Rakesh Mathur, Girish Sarin, Kawaljit Singh, Michael Sousa.

Class 11-C Avijit Dutta, N. D'Souza, F. Ferrao, Stephen George, Sunil Lall, Deepak Malik, Vicky Malkani, Charles Manuel, K. Singh Mehta, Patrick Rajan, Sarbmeet Singh, A.D. Singh, Lalit Mirchandani.

THE "QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT"

The Quadrangular Hockey Tournament was inaugurated this year. St. Xavier's, Mount St. Mary's, Salwan Public and St. Columba's Schools participated in the tournament, pitting their Senior Elevens against one another. Initially, the tournament was to run from April 27th to May 1st but, owing to Salwan Public being unable to field a team early in the competitions, the final could not be played till May 7th.

The teams were very evenly matched, especially St. Xavier's, Mount St. Mary's and St. Columba's, with the result that at one time thoughts of replaying the whole league were entertained. Our team drew with St. Xavier's and Mt. St. Mary's in their first two matches, but had an easy victory against Salwan, winning by a margin of five goals. St. Xavier's beat both Salwan and St. Mary's who were dogged with injuries right from the start. The conditions of competition stipulated that the two leading teams in the league play a "final". This brought us up against St. Xavier's, with prospects of winning the trophy, having had slightly the better of the exchanges in the first match against them.

The final was, however, a sore disappointment for us. Our stalwart back, Ravi Dubey, could not play owing to sickness. This necessitated bringing in a substitute. Our boys played a brisk game, matching their opponents in every department, but a few slips in the back line resulted in two easy goals for St. Xavier's. This, naturally, was very disheartening for our team. We did have a slight edge over our opponents for most of the game but our forwards mis-hit many times and failed to notch up a score. When the final whistle went we were three goals down. The St. Xavier's boys deserve all credit for their victory. They snapped up every opportunity afforded them and played a keen, clean and strenuous game.

Among our "stars" were: Mario D'Souza, on the left wing. His efforts won a round of applause even from our opponents. Patrick Rajan played a captain's part all through the tournament. He was seldom beaten to a ball in the backs, and was a rock of cool, calculated defence. George Miranda was a tireless trier in the forwards but, somehow, Lady Luck did not always smile on him. Sunil Lall, the Roberts brothers and R. Dubey were sound defenders.

The school was represented by the following boys during the tournament :

Amit Roy (Suresh Sundaram)

Ravi Dubey (James Roberts); Leonard Roberts,
Sunil Lall; Patrick Rajan; Bharat Soni

Sumant Mathur; Deepak Malik; George Miranda; Bibhuti Mishra; Mario D' Souza

The Inside Story!

The task of interviewing children for admission to Classes K. G. and ONE had fallen to the Principal and the Vice-Principal over the years. It had become an almost impossible one, in recent times, owing to the great increase in the number of applicants, so much so that a new system of getting the job done was tried in 1969. It was this: the Junior Class teachers would do the interviewing in future. They would be given *guidelines* telling them how to go about it and the Principal, having studied their reports on prospective pupils, would effect the admission of new pupils to the school.

Teachers who were assigned the task of interviewing 5-year-olds, for admission to K.G., would work in teams of *three*, each being allotted a particular experience area in which to test a child. They would act independently and submit their findings to the Principal. In 1970 there were four such panels interviewing children during the week Sept. 7th to 11th. They were assigned to the four corners of the Junior Building and sat in judgement on the applicants who were expected to appear before them, unaccompanied by parents.

The interviewers rated the children according to a pre-set merit scale and then handed in their mark sheets for analysis, not knowing how applicants in other parts of the building were faring. Ultimately it worked out that there was a very high correlation between the scoring of the different panels.

The same system of interviewing was used with those who applied for Class 1, with this difference. Written tests in both Arithmetic and English were set for the six-year-old admission seekers. The standard expected was that of our K. G. classes, at their present level of achievement.

On Sat., Sept. 19th, 1970, over thirty teachers devoted about four hours to the job of screening those who aspired to admission to Class 1. The children were tested *five times over*, before the findings of the examiners were submitted to the Principal who, in due course, studied the ratings and then allotted seats according to merit.

NOTE:—While applicants were expected to be familiar with spoken English, adequate allowance was made for children whom the teachers found deficient in this area but who, otherwise, gave evidence of being suitable for admission.

News Clippings

DIARY JOTTINGS

Last Goodbye :

There were many changes on the Staff during the past two years. Teachers who had become household names dug up their roots and moved to pastures new. First to leave was *Mr. Shirley Jacobs* who had established herself as a very efficient and likeable K. G. teacher. She and her husband emigrated to Australia, where they are both doing quite well. St. Columba's and her tiny tots miss her.

In July 1969 *Miss Meera Vasudeva* got married and shortly afterwards left for the U. S. A., where her husband lectures in a college in California. Meera had just spent two years in S. C. S. but had, in that short time, proved herself to be a very capable and popular teacher. We wish her every success in her adopted country.

Mrs. R. Sequeira who had spent six very fruitful years in the juniormost classes, here, resigned in December '69, as she and her husband were emigrating to Australia. Rosalind was a very popular member of the Staff, always bubbling over with good humour and ever trying out new and fresh methods to make her teaching effective. Her colleagues and St.

Columba's regret that she had to leave, and wish her a thousand blessings *Down Under*.

Mr. A. V. Sequeira who had come here in Jan. 1963 also resigned in Dec. '69, prior to leaving for Australia, Alex, as he was called, by her confreres, taught brilliantly in the topmost classes in the school and exercised a wonderful influence for good on his senior pupils. He was intensely interested in the good name and welfare of St. Columba's. His boys held him in the highest regard and he, in his turn, coaxed them on to do ever better at their studies. Their results, especially in English and English Literature, hit an *all-time high* under his care. We are happy to know that he has elected to teach in a Christian Brothers' School in Australia and wish him even better results than he had here.

Mrs. E. Malhotra also resigned in December, when her husband was posted out of Delhi. She had spent six years on the Staff, here. Hers was a jovial nature which made life happier for her fellow teachers and her pupils who never took advantage of her kindly ways but worked like troopers for her. We were sorry she had to leave St. Columba's for good.

Mrs. Kusum Haida, our Elocution teacher, first joined the Staff in 1964, stayed for about two years and then left to get married. We were extremely happy to see her return, to rejoin the school in Jan. 1968. This time she stayed for a little over a year, when she resigned again, to join her husband in Kabul, when he was posted there.

Her pupils and the Staff were sorry to see her go as her teaching and the choral group she trained were a treat to watch, and listen to.

Mrs. Anne Ullal left in July '70, when her husband was transferred on promotion to K. G. In the short period of eighteen months that she spent here she became a school and Staff favourite. Her pupils miss their even-tempered, patient and kindly teacher, especially.

Mrs. P. Keelor leaves for Bagdogra at the end of this year, to join her husband, Air Trevor Keelor. She will be a great loss to the Junior section of the school. St. Columba's hopes that her *exile* from Delhi will be a short one.

Mr. J. J. Johnson resigned in Jan., shortly before he emigrated to Australia, where he has taken up teaching in a Christian Brothers' School. Jimmy Johnson first joined the Staff in July '65 and soon made his presence felt here.

He was a versatile teacher and could handle efficiently, a number of subjects in the top class. The Trumpet was his brain-child as was a School Staff Society, get-togethers for the teachers. Having sampled what Australia has to offer, he has expressed a wish to return to S.C.S. in the not-too-distant future.

Days of Reckoning

Twice during 1970 Parents of our Junior School children were invited to visit the school.

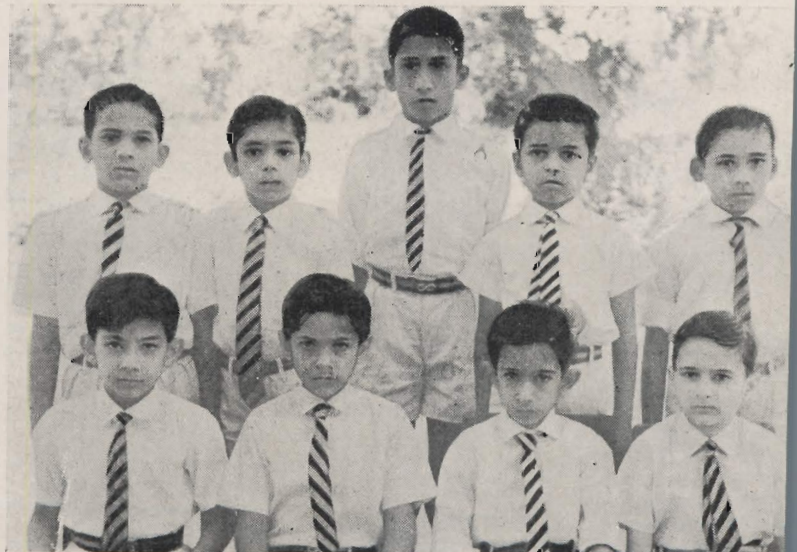
Other Art Prize-Winners

S.C.S. Special (Prizes donated by Mrs. S. Fernandes and Mr. A. Michael)

1. Bhaskar Chakravorti (5-B)
2. Malcolm Kharkongar (5-A)
1. Luis D'Souza (8-C),
2. Jagmeet Singh (8-C)

WILD-LIFE PAINTING COMPETITION
(Sept. '70)

- Rajib Bannerjee, Samith Roy (4-B)
Earl David Nampui (6-D)
Pradeep Thakur, Dhiraj Joshi (6-A)
Pundareek Basu (9-A) Hari Cohly (8-C)



oms to meet the Class Teachers of their sons. The first meeting was on April 11th, the second on Oct. 31st. About 400 parents called on each occasion, which was an indication that the experiment in calling them was worthwhile. On the second occasion quite a few of the children, brought along, which was something they probably, not expected. The Class Teachers and the Management appreciated the interest shown by so many and look forward to many more such visits.

Chairman, Sir, and Friends !

On April 4th, 1970, our Debating representative, Sanjiv Kumar (11-A) and Ravi Dubey (10-D) out-spoke the representatives of thirteen other schools in the Gowardhan Dass Memorial Inter-School Declamation contest at Springdales' School. They carried off a very handsome trophy.

Ravi was declared the Best Speaker, while Sanjiv earned a very creditable 4th place.

Later, in August, they participated in a National Inter-School Debate" contest, held at St. Columba's Public School. There again Dubey was declared the *Best Speaker*. However, in the National Championships we had to be content with 4th place.

Wide, Open Spaces

The Columban Mail Bag contained quite a number of accounts of the various class picnics

completed satisfactorily during 1970. Each particular writer thought that his outing was the only one *worth recording in print*. Unfortunately, space, and time, does not allow the printing of accounts of all picnics. Still, they get a *look in here*.

On March 14th, a busload of *biologists* (now *ornithologists*) visited Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. They went via Agra, where they spent a night, and got to Bharatpur next morning. Among the amusing incidents of the trip were: having a guide who did not know the names of the birds and visiting a holy man who smoked a bidi. Some of the bird-watchers did not see many birds, seemingly.

Faridabad Lake was visited by Class 9-C boys, in September, while the boys of 10-C spent a few days somewhere in the same area, during the Dusshera Holidays.

The boys of 9-E went to an unheard of place called Dhasna, about 30 miles from Delhi.

A Visitor from Rome

Br. P. C. Curran, Assistant to the Superior General of the Christian Brothers, visited St. Columba's and spent a few days here in early October. During his stay here he spent some time visiting the classrooms and meeting both teachers and boys. He was impressed by what he heard and saw about the school.

ELOCUTION COMPETITIONS

CLASS V

Winners

- 1st Vipul C. Prakash (V-E)
- 2nd Sanjay Mehra (V-A)
- 3rd { Guneet Singh (V-E)
Bhaskar Chakravarty (V-B)

Choral Group

- 1st Class V-C & V-E

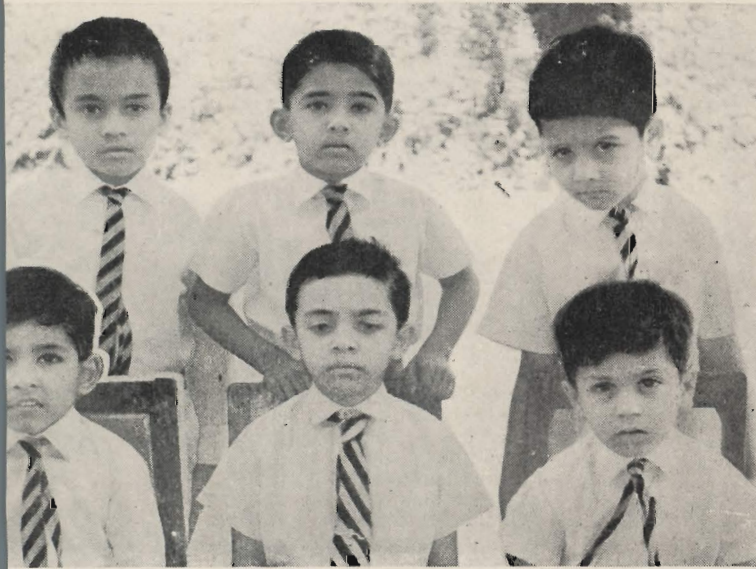
CLASS VI

Winners

- 1st Amit Gupta (VI-A)
- 2nd Stephen Gracias (VI-B)

Choral Group

- 1st Class VI-B



ART

Junior Winners

Results of the Indian School Certificate Exam. 1968

FIRST DIVISION

Abraham Abraham
Anil Bhatla
Alin Bhatia
Ambar Chatterjee
Anand Daftary
Sunil Damodar
Suresh Hingorani
Leonard Diago Lobo
Pradip Narain
Atul Kripesh
Vivek Sachdev
Mukesh M. Shivdasani
Sanjay A. Kanvinde
Dev Prakash Vaish
Samir K. Banerjee
Rakesh Bhatnagar
Vincent L. Chan
Rajan Chopra
Ahmed Shafi Ikhlal
Navneet Khanna
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