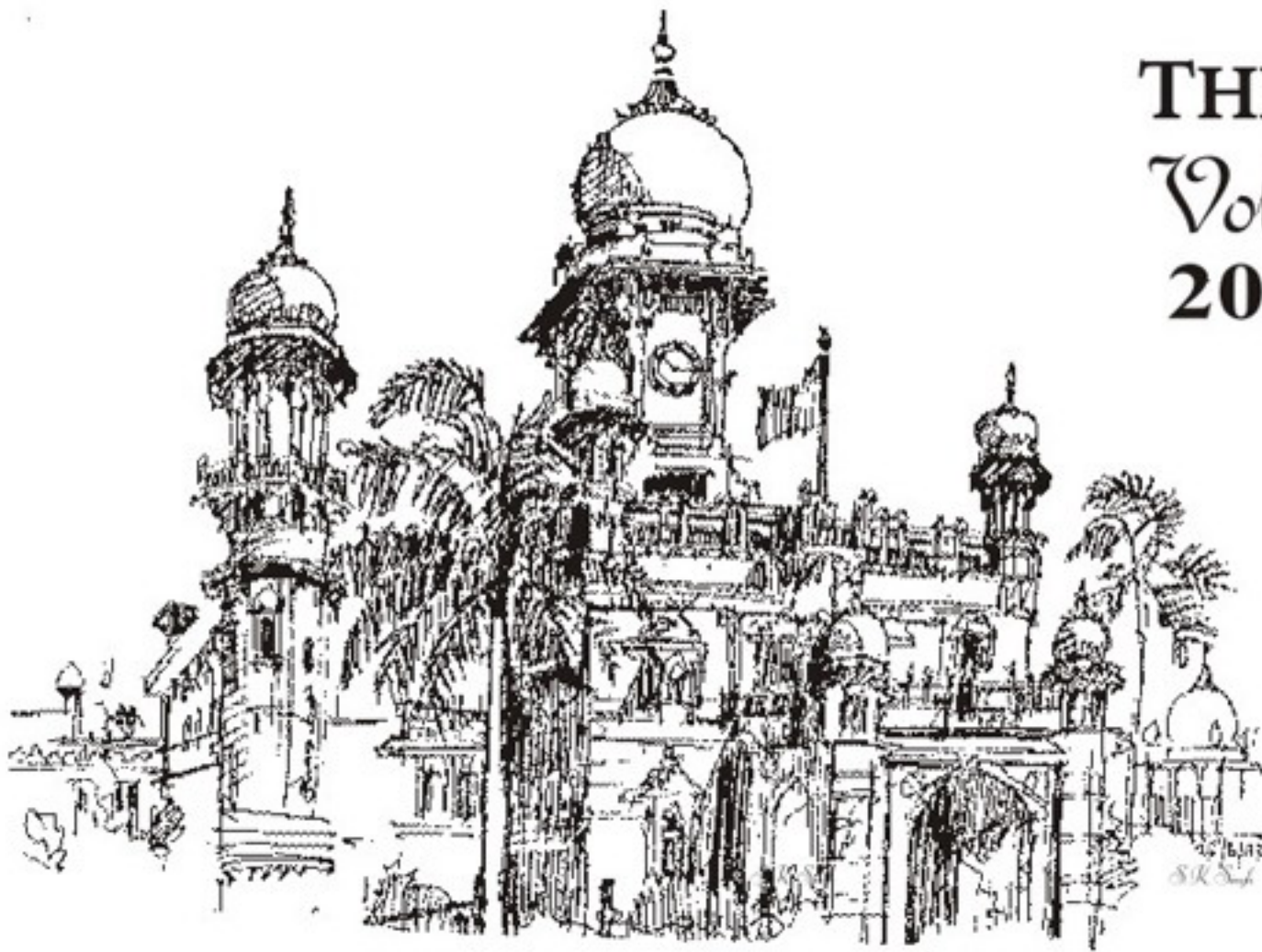


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PAUSE TO THINK

We are responsible for what we are, and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If what we are now has been the result of our own past actions, it certainly follows that whatever we wish to be in future can be produced by our present actions; so we have to know how to act.

Swami Vivekananda

editorial

Winter breeze, late night studies, last minute preparations, the fun in the fete, no hooting against the Old Dalians during the football and cricket matches, the 128th Prize Giving, the much needed winter -break, the early morning march past practices, the festive house spirit, the class 12 girls draped in a 6 meter long cloth, boys in tuxedos and class 12 students in red and white ready to graduate at 17 by the lake! This practically sums up these 3 months which were ironically the most hectic yet the most memorable part of The Daly College calendar.

This is the first and the last time I'm writing the editorial. I don't know how I feel. Privileged yet not satisfied. Wanting to move forward but wanting to re-live all the time spent here. Excited for a new life ahead but scared to detach myself from the warmth of this place. I guess that's what staying in Daly College for 12 years does to you! In school and otherwise in life as well, with every step you take, things seem to get even tougher. There are going to be moments when nothing would go right, you'll be deprived of an opportunity, people are going to be disappointed but trust me good things fall apart so that better things can fall together.

I hope this New Year marks the beginning of a new decade for all of you. You're practically a part of the best school of central India. Be proud of it and yourself. Make use of all the opportunities given to you so that you can mould yourself into the best pots of the country!

The Daly college was like the warm-up round of this long race called Life. This campus and the beings inside are going to make sure you are acquainted with every phase. All you need to do is absorb, learn and move forward. Easy, isn't it? I wish good luck to the batch of 2012. The year ahead for this batch is going to be challenging but hey, this life is what you make it. No matter what, you're going to mess up sometimes and it's a universal truth. But the good part is you get to decide how you're going to mess it up. Keep trying, hold on, and always, always, always believe in yourself, because if you don't, then who will? So keep your head held high, keep your chin up, and most importantly, keep smiling, because life's beautiful and there's so much to smile for. I hope the newsletter tells you all you need to know about the past 3 months. Have a good time reading it.

We welcome written feedback at thedalian@rediffmail.com.

Gautami Mansharamani
Member of the Editorial Board

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING



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I like to see a

man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.
-Abraham Lincoln.

Yes, indeed, all of us are proud of this place we live in and many of us have made this place proud of us, and many of us hope to do so in the future.

This year's annual prize giving week saw some of the most amazing past vs. present matches. Football, hockey and basketball girls were won by the present teams while basketball boys and cricket turned in the favour of the past. The batch of '85 had their reunion this year for which Ms. Badhwar and Mr. Potty took special 15 minute classes on life.

We saw some spectacular performances in the ODA Concert and our cultural program. The cultural program included the Indian orchestra which was a masterpiece performed by a group of 15 students, a group song which was dedicated to late Shri Atul Gokhale, a mesmerizing western dance, a poetic drama titled 'Draupadi ke Sawaal' dramatized by Konpal Pantni, a fine piece of folk dance, a Hindi play with commendable performances by Hiresh Suvarna and Danish Patel, and the choreography 'Return from the edge' which was a theme based performance showing the impact of drug addiction on the society.

The cultural program was followed by the Principal's report which was longer and becomes more impressive with each passing year. Then we had the prize giving with Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry being the chief guest who told us about the importance of time and how we, the future of the nation can change the world. He also inaugurated our new skating rink.

Special Academic Prizes:

For Class 12 - School topper- Raj Rastogi, Commerce stream- Raj Rastogi, Science (engineering) - Dhruv Premani, Humanities- Devangi Jhalani, Science (medical)- Dolly Singh Tongya.

For class 10 - The following students scored a

perfect CGPA 10: Augustus Henri, Mohnish Kedia, Radhika Munshi

Dr. Surendra Singh Chandel Memorial Prize for the highest marks in English Class XII- Nishtha Juneja.

Vishal Kapoor Memorial Medal for the best performance in Commerce stream class XII- Raj Rastogi.

Nikhil Agrawal Memorial Medal & Trophy for highest marks in Computer Science (Class XII)- Nishith Maheshwari.

Shri Anant Rath Memorial Medal & Trophy for the highest marks in Biology in class XII- Dolly Tongya.

Commissioner's Cup for the best All Round progress during the year 2009-2010 - Bijit Bharali.

S. Kartar Singh Chhabra Memorial Medal for the Best All Round Sportsman of the year 2009-2010- Nagendra Pratap Singh.

Principal's Medal for the best All Rounder in Sports- Shreyasi Dang.

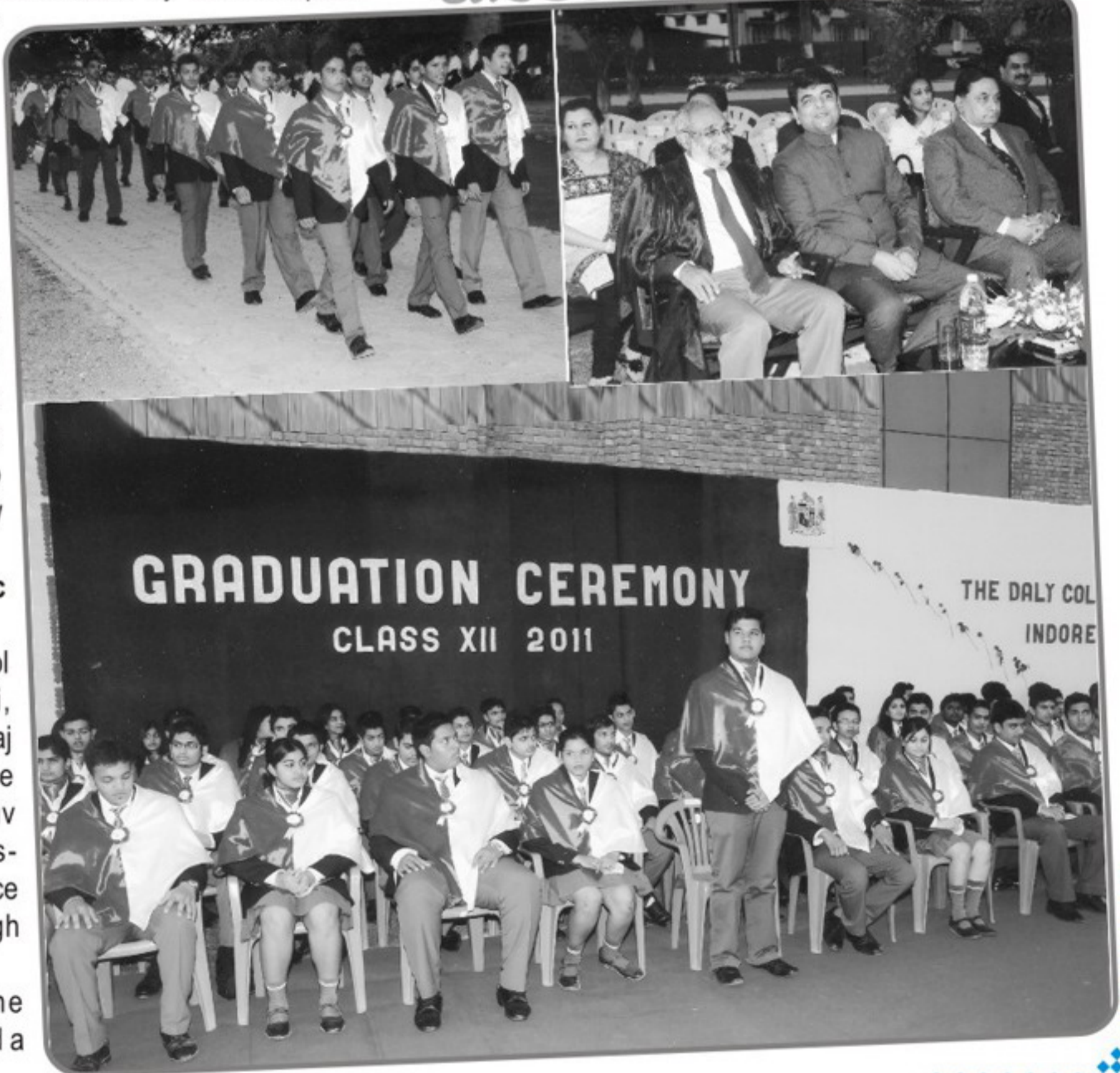
Prasad Dasgupta Gold Medal for the best All Round Student of the college- Nikita Mann.

Chandok Trophy for the Best All Round student of the college- Nikita Mann.

Narsingarh Cup for the Cock House- Jawahar House.

Principal's Cup for the best all round house among girls- Bharati House.

GRADUATION CEREMONY



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Another year gone by...

A feeling of hushed expectancy overpowered all of us as all the graduating students- clad in ceremonial red and white robes, took their places in front of the lake after a stately march. The chill surrounding the beautiful lakeside venue could not succeed in dampening the general air of anticipation coupled with poignancy.

The 29th of January- to be marked in the memories of the batch of 2010-11 as the day when they officially bid adieu to their teachers, the juniors and most importantly, the place that has taught them all they know about loyalty, friendship and- sometimes, the recklessness of breaking rules.

After everyone had been seated, citation for every student was read out by the senior teachers of the school. Many twelfthies were surreptitiously wiping tears at this wholehearted endorsement from teachers- their complete acknowledgment of every little way each and every one of them has contributed to the Daly College.

Next came a quintessential DC tradition- the lighting of diyas by each outgoing student from a lamp held by Mr. Sumer Singh- symbolizing the kindling of the light of knowledge in their hearts. The diyas were then placed around a vibrant flower-Rangoli at the center, after which the students made their way to Mr. Potty who handed each of them a rose and Mrs. Potty, standing beside him, applied "tilak" to every forehead- a tacit symbol of blessing and luck for their onward journey in life.

After this, the distinguished chief guest of the evening- Mr. Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh - Minister of State for Petroleum, Natural gas and Corporate affairs for the Indian Government- addressed the gathering with his perceptions of boarding schools in general- and specifically, about how they teach values rather than simply school curriculum.

Shlokas from the Upanishads were then recited in Dr. Rajopadhyaya's reverberating voice which were translated by the Principal in his magical voice.

Gifts of appreciation were then handed out starting with a beautiful memento to the Chief Guest and a copy of Gandhi's eternally inspiring "My Experiments with Truth" to every outgoing student. The two and a half hour ceremony then ended with everyone making their way to the BUM club for dinner.

It can safely be said that not a single eye was dry as the graduating students bid sad farewell to their teachers and juniors. The atmosphere was charged with intermittent camera flashes, interspersed with emotional cries of "I'll miss you..." mixed with nostalgic recollections and the undefinable euphoria of eventual independence.

For us, it was simply another year gone by. For them, it was the culmination of the most memorable phase of their lives.

Saloni Bindal, XII D

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Adios D.C.

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was the season of light; it was the season of darkness. It was the epoch of belief; it was the epoch of incredulity. It was the spring of hope; it was the winter of despair. It was the age of Wisdom; it was the age of foolishness."

These lines from Charles Dickens' "A tale of two cities" come to my mind as I recall my time here at the Daly College- an institution where I experienced happiness along with sorrow, hope along with despair. Today, as I stand before you to address you all as the Head Prefect for the first time, though, ironically to deliver my farewell address, there are three things that I wish to address from the bottom of my heart. The first is the pursuit of my intellectual interests. We live in a country where mathematics and hard sciences are disproportionately emphasized and the humanities are considered to be the subjects of the least interested in studies. From a very young age, though the study of metals excited me, it did not stupefy me; though the study of geometry satisfied me, it did not amaze me. And it did not take me long to figure that my interest lay in the humanities and social sciences. Reading literature- what a delight, studying modern history - amazing and studying psephology- nothing can be better. But as I grew up, I became aware of the discrimination social sciences face in our nation, how they are treated as mere assortment of facts devoid of reason and how their beauty goes unappreciated. I felt that my interest would transcend in to the academic arena and would only remain an avocation forever because of lack of opportunities and simply because others thought that in a rapidly progressing economy like India, there was no place for historians, philosophers, sociologists and writers. A deep fear had gripped me- the fear of leading a life of boredom in which I would never have the freedom to do what I wanted to. However, I did not know at that point of time that after joining DC, all would change. After I came here, I entered an environment where I had the opportunity to explore the treasure of knowledge which had been concealed from me. DC allowed me to develop intellectually and personally and polish the skill of analysis at the same instance.

And yes, defying societal expectations, I decided to study humanities. I did feel uncomfortable while defying societal expectations. But I felt unusually happy that I was doing what I wanted to. And as I pursued what I wanted to despite all obstructions, I learnt courage.

The second thing is public speaking. When I was thirteen, I

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had first heard FDR's words "All we have to fear is fear itself". But it was only after coming to DC that I realized their meaning. The agent of this realization was public speaking. At DC, when I first participated in a formal public speaking competition, I performed miserably. As I sat down later to analyze the cause of my misery, I realized that it was only a vague feeling of failure that had paralyzed me. As this realization dawned upon me, I resolved that if I were going to speak anytime in the future, I would do so with confidence fighting fear. Since then, whenever, I have stood on the podium, I have done so with confidence and telling those who do not believe in me that yes, even I can.

Almost all farewell addresses across the world are characterized by a vision for the community to which the Speaker belongs and my address is no exception. So, today I lay my vision for DC.

When President George W. Bush was elected, Time magazine had issued a statement regarding his alma mater Yale University saying, "If there is one institution in the nation which has given the country its leaders, it is Yale". Friends, perhaps 30 or 40 years from now, I too wish to see the DC at a similar level. I might sound over ambitious. But believe me, that it is possible.

It is possible if we have the spirit of cooperation. Some poles are still apart, some plugs have not been put into the right sockets. We need to rectify these and that is only possible when we begin to believe that before being a Vikramite, Ashokian, Rajendrian, we are all Dalians. It is only possible when we begin to believe in what president Lincoln said "Passion may strain but should not break our bonds of affection".

A final word of concern to my batch mates. Mr. Foot, former headmaster of the Doon school had once asked the graduates of his school, "After you pass out, what will your ambition be? Would you try to amass as much wealth and power as possible? Or you would serve the society? Would the palace you leave behind be a palace on Malabar Hill or will it be built in the hearts of the people you have served?"

My friends, I ask you all to think about the same. I request you all to lead an enterprising life where you help others along with doing what you want to do.

This is all I have to say. Thank You. May god bless you and may god bless the Daly College.

Pranav Kumar Jain XII

Closing Time

When I started writing this speech, I thought to myself, how lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard? It is disturbing to know that this may be the last time I speak in the auditorium and it is all the more disturbing to know that this was the day that I'd been wishing for and now that it is here, I want time to freeze. I wish I didn't have to say farewell to the Daly College, a place we like to call home.

I think it's true for all of us when I say that we're going to miss cheering our respective houses during the Athletic Meet,

playing Truth and Dare in Class 9 and taking out Flames in class 7 and 8. We're going to miss calculating marks after every exam and hearing someone say, "puri khunus nikali hai" It is going to be awkward not asking someone "kitna time bacha hai lesson khatam hone mein?" and it's said to know that there will never be another High Tea photo session.

From harmless souls with oily hair and spotless uniforms, to terrifying rogues with messy hair, the journey has been exhilarating. When I first came to DC, I was still living in an extremely protected environment. DC taught me to go beyond the conventional. It taught me to value the small things in life, be it the samosa on Wednesday or the smiley badge in Junior School.

It is ironic how we've wanted to leave school and go and live our own lives, but when the moment's finally arrived, we want a time machine. I don't know think I'm ready to say good bye to the batch of 2011. The batch that rose from ashes to glory to win the IPSC Cultural Fest, IPSC Football, IPSC Athletics and various other accolades. It is not an understatement when I say that our batch has been there and done that. I am proud to say that our batch lived up to the reputation of the previous batch and definitely raised the bar for the batches to come.

To the juniors without whom we wouldn't have been victorious: Cherish and preserve what you have because someday you're going to be in our position. You'll be wishing you had the time for another student dance, time for another evening at the DC Café and time for another chance at living the Dalian life.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Pranav who made up for my losses and put up with me all this while. He showed me that it's not about where you're from and what you've been taught, it's all about what you make of what you've got. He has truly been an inspiration.

Dear batch mates, we are in a dicey position. With one step towards studying for the boards and with another pulling us back to December, we must understand that this is not the end, but the beginning. Yes there will be times when we'll feel like giving up but we cannot fight darkness if we don't turn on the light. We now look at the future, remembering our Dalian roots where the road may lead us. Even after we have forgotten what year of college we are in, what our professor's name is and what the value of money is, I can assure you that we will still carry that mall coin of moments minted in the kingdom we like to call DC.

We know now that no matter how far we travel on our own separate paths, somehow we will always find our way back to each other. And with that, we can get through anything. Here's to us: who we were, who we are and who we will be and to this moment. To our lives: together but apart

Rhea Sanghi, XII F

Gone are the dayssssssss.....

It's time to say goodbye to my alma mater....my dear Daly College where I spent so many unforgettable moments of my life. The joyful and sweet memories associated with my

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school days are far beyond my words of expression.,still I have sat to pen down some of my feelings. Now when I look back, I lament about how carefree life was at DC. Gone are the days when we wanted two Sundays and no Mondays but still managed to be present in the morning house line ups.

Gone are the days of stressful Quarterly, Half Yearly and Annual exams and the enjoyable holidays after them. The days of fights but no conspiracies and the days of competitions with a Go Ahilya spirit to beat the rival house thus creating a defeat into victory have all come to an end. The classes that we bunked and the candies that we munched can never be forgotten. And how can I forget the endless photo sessions at DJ night, Casual Day, High Tea and the list goes on.

I know it's time for me to move ahead with new challenges ,to a place of roses and thorns but my school memories will linger in my heart forever and ever. It was here that I came to realise my individual talent and refine my potential. Looking back to the past days I can recollect almost everything.....from learning languages to mathematics with its calculations, accountancy with its redemption. Life at DC was filled with hopes, dreams, confusions, tensions, happiness and sadness, a beautiful world of the colours of success and failure. Altogether it was eventful .I remember all my teachers whether it was someone who pushed me harder, or one who became my friend or who made me think about the world in a different way. Those cut your nails ,pull up your socks, remove kajal reminders and the constant Mr. Potty fear...oh I have become so used to these. The loving and caring words of my teachers, their claps at my victories, smiles at my achievements, those special moments set aside to talk and listen.... will be cherished.

Life is beautiful.....school days are even more beautiful.....they are the very elixir of life. My heart aches to leave this amazing place but it is said that all good things come to an end..... with this belief I move into the outside world with a true Dalian spirit to prove that where ever we go we are fondly remembered.

Dipsha Ghatak, XII B

ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE



Report on Round Square Regional Conference in JORDAN

Trying to fit in the experiences of six days of a regional conference held in Jordan would leave anyone struggling for words because what we experienced there is simply indescribable. We started our journey from Indore on the 14th of December with six delegates Rishika Maheshwari, Isha Sharma, Nikita Tuteja, Aashna Patel, Khyati Kakwani and Harsh Dewra escorted by Mrs Apoorva Banerjee. We finally reached Jordan after a long tiring journey of almost a day. Our first impression about Jordan was a desert with no site of habitation. We were welcomed by the King's academy warmly and we soon got adjusted and with no time for rest our conference commenced. The theme of the conference was "Water availability and its future use in the 21st century". We soon got to know the other school delegates. Most of the schools were Asian the majority being Indian and one from Kenya and USA each. On the first day we had an introductory session given by the headmaster, Mr John Austen and we were divided into different Barazza groups. Our first keynote speaker was Charlie Hopkins who gave an overview of the region. On the second day after having breakfast we left for a tour of the city of Madaba. We visited Mt. Nebo and St George's Church in Barazza groups. After returning we had an opening ceremony. The second key note speaker was Jane Taylor .We then had a Barazza Group discussion session. At night "THE CRUCIBLE PLAY"was performed by the King's academy students in the auditorium followed by a school dance. On the fourth day we left for Jordan Valley and there we visited an ecological park and a dome constructed which is a student's initiative that was built for the travelers to halt and rest. At the same place we were addressed by Mr. Abdel Rahman Sultan ,program director who spoke about the prevailing water crisis in Jordan. We went on a long trek and after that we visited the Baptism site and we reached Petra and stayed the night there .The next morning we visited Petra that was most awaited .Petra has been a UNESCO world heritage site and is one of the seven wonders of the world. On the next day we floated in the "DEAD SEA-THE KILLER SEA".There are no fish or any kind of squirming creatures living in or near the water. It was so much fun floating in a "SEA".We then had a cultural evening where all schools performed forgetting all the barriers of color and culture. We were energetic throughout. The very next day we had Barazza review sessions in which we finally drew a conference statement on which we now have to work. Rishika Maheshwari and Isha Sharma gave a presentation about DC and its role in making the campus environment friendly. We had a formal dinner after that followed by a surprise dance organised by King's Academy. We thumped our feet on Arabic songs. This was our last day. We bid goodbye to each other the next day. Our conference was over. We were left with many unforgettable memories of the conference. We are full of ideas on how to create sustainable communities.The conference has taught us to be more sensitive towards the prevailing global problems.

Rishika Maheshwari & Isha Sharma, XI B

Servina with love at Sanawadia



Sanawadia, a village on the outskirts of Indore, 9 km away from The Daly College is surrounded by lush green hills and fields which grow Maize and Jowar. We have adopted a basti or hamlet outside Sanawadia. The primary occupation of men and women in the basti is casual labour.

The 'basti' has been provided with a narrow cement road, on both sides of which are temporary and poorly built residences. Recently two other facilities have been provided: electricity from the main grid which is available for a few hours a day and synthetic water tank for the use of the community. However, there is no drainage system, toilets, water points to individual houses, electric street lights, community hall, sewage, soak pit etc.

The 'basti' or hamlet of 30 families is close to the main road. All the families are bhil tribes who have moved to this area in search of employment. The nearby village of Sanawadia is dependent on these tribes for labour and has settled them on strips of village land some distance away from the main village.

This site where the students worked on building the integrated wind and solar energy source is on a small hillock overlooking open fields and hills. It is a scenic and clean area. This work was done by students who attended RSIS project in December.

The RSIS team consisted of eighteen students and three adults from St. Clements, Westfield, Ivanhoe (Australia) St. Cyrians, South Africa, Gordonstoun (Scotland) Windermere St. Annes (England), Vivek School, Doon School, Indian school Muscat.

The Project was an initiative to help attain environmental sustainability at Sanawadia. The Daly College & RSIS team helped this hamlet by providing: sustainable street lighting, wind generator and solar power for the community. The underlying value of this project was to allow every individual to achieve a self realization of the psychological, social and physical benefits of giving up ones time and energy in the service of someone or something else. Dr. (Mrs.) Janak McGilligan & Mr. James R. McGilligan (OBE) who are at present looking after Barli Institute for the upliftment of rural women helped us throughout the project. The project involved: painting of 18 poles & electric point fittings, digging and preparing the base for tower for the wind generator, digging and preparing base for secure anchor points for 4 guy wires for tower, construction of base for



tower and anchor points, digging and preparing the base for all 18 poles, preparing the area and frames at the proper angle etc for installation of photovoltaic panels, construction of base for photovoltaic panel and installation of frames on the roof, and construction & painting of the cabinet for the battery and the inverter. 1.9 KW energy is produced of which 1KW is solar energy and 0.9 KW is produced through the Windmill. Each pole has a 5 watt CFL bulb. These 18 poles light the street of the hamlet fulfilling the dreams and hopes of these 30 families.

Successful efforts were made to familiarize the team with the local community. Initiatives like art and craft, story telling and playing games with the locals were taken up. Students volunteered to help create awareness on basic health and hygiene, clean housing and good habits.

A survey of the hamlet was done by the Daly College students in the month of September 2010 to understand the problems and aspirations of the inhabitants. The scheduled work was completed before time. The credit goes to the hard work put in by each individual and the commendable leaders.

Our regular visits saw an increase in the participation of the locals. We became role models as the locals started making efforts to keep their surroundings clean. The Daly College team will also be building a community hall for them.

The Dalians made an earnest effort to raise funds for the community hall. The casual day, the traditional day, student dance, fete and brochures with advertisements were the various fund raising strategies which the RS student committee planned and organized to raise funds to build the community hall. The students make a contribution towards construction work on week ends. Seeing this, even the Government has agreed to contribute equally to this noble cause.

The service project offers an opportunity to know the problems which rural India faces and learn about the difficulties the under privileged children experience. Touched we were to see that despite the difficulties the children face, smiles are spread over their faces. It takes education beyond textbooks and offers a meaningful learning experience for life. The students are committed in their own little way to contribute to the education of these children.

This is just a modest beginning and has a long way to go. We are thankful to our school to lead and guide us towards the

making of a caring society where each individual has something to offer to make the world a happy place to live in.

DAIMUN - Confer. Challenge. Conquer. Reality is yours.

Model United Nations (MUN) is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, current events, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy. Participants research a country, take on roles as diplomats, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to world problems.

In DAIMUN, each participant represents a country. Participants are confronted with real life problems faced by the world and debated in the UN. As diplomats, they must defend their stand on various issues, compromise and negotiate with conflicting interests with the singular aim of finding the most sustainable and effective solutions to the problem.

The eighteen of us represented our school or rather Qatar/Australia/CAR' accompanied by Mrs. Archana Mankotia, Mrs. Jayshree Patel and Ms. Preeti Sable for the Dhirubhai Ambani International Model United Nations (DAIMUN) conference, which was held in Mumbai at the Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS).

DAIMUN had the following committees:

Security Council, ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council), DISEC or GA1 Disarmament and International Security Council), ECOFIN or GA2 (Economic and Financial Council), SPECPOL or GA4 (Special Political & Decolonization Committee), HRC (Human Rights Commission) and The Press Corps.

The theme for this year was "Corruption", a very pertinent issue that plagues our world today as a majority of the world watches helplessly. All items on the agenda were handpicked after vigorous research. There is no doubt that DAIMUN 2010 was stimulating, challenging and enjoyable. Reaching Mumbai on the 28th of October, we had an orientation session in the evening. The conference unofficially began with the lobbying session just after the orientation. The lobbying session was meant for delegates to interact with each other and combine their resolutions with countries that had similar opinions or become signatories of a resolution. Being a signatory meant a vote in favour of discussing the signed resolution.

The next day, the conference officially began with Mrs. Nita Ambani, chair DAIS as our chief guest. It was followed by a panel session. The panelists were: Ms. Priya Dutt, Sanjay Dutt's sister, Rajkumar Hirani, film director and Rakesh Maria, the Chief of Anti Terrorist Squad, Maharashtra.

Over the three days of the conference, all of us in our committees discussed, debated and passed various resolutions. This included the resolutions being proposed, debated and amended following full THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) procedure. On the last day of the conference, we had a plenary meeting that is all the committees of the General Assembly sitting together and finally passing the resolutions.

The funny thing was that by the end of the trip, all of us referred to each other as 'delegate' or 'honored representative from Qatar/Australia/CAR' and spoke in full THIMUN format official language. On this trip we learnt a very important aspect of life, time management. We never wasted a minute. As soon as we would get back from the conference in the evening in less than half an hour we enjoyed rushing out shopping or sight seeing or eating. From Palladium and Gelato to amendments and voting, we loved it all.

Overall, it was a great learning experience. We look forward to DAIMUN 2011.

I would like to thank our Principal Kr. Sumer Singh, Ms. Sarita Badhwar, Ms. Preeti Sable, Mrs. Jayshree Patel and Mrs. Archana Mankotia for giving us this wonderful opportunity

Kuber Bagani X G

annual athletic meet



The Athletic Meet, an opportunity for students to display their skills, talent and stamina on the field was held from 24th Jan to 27th Jan 2011. "Winning is not everything, but participation and the will to win is everything" - with this spirit the Inter House Athletic Meet commenced. The Meet was



declared open by our Principal, Kr. Sumer Singh who was also the chief guest for the opening day of the Meet. He received the salute of the marching contingents which marched along the athletic track to mark the beginning of



this four day long extravaganza. The day progressed with many events ranging from relays to pole vault to hammer throw and many more. The ground was tightly packed with students of various houses. The students cheered and boosted their athletes displaying a great deal of house - spirit within them. The house positions kept changing with the finish of every event bringing enthusiasm and curiosity among all, each hoping to grab the trophy.

Coming to the prize giving the Best Athlete awards were earned by Yohaam Shah (capt. athletics) -Tagore House, Deepak Bodade- Rajendra House and Mohamad Burhaniwala for levels, I, II and III respectively. Among the girls, Snehdeep Kaur (capt. athletics) - Indira House and Palak Garg, Ahilya house were awarded the best athletes in level I and level III respectively and the Best Athlete award level II was shared by Vasundhra S. Chandel, Bharati House and Vruddhi Doshi, Indira House. A new record for shortput level III was made by Minaksi Mangal, Ahilya House.



The trophy for the best march past contingent for the 2nd time in a row was bagged by Bharati house, and among boys Rajendra House won the March past cup.

The prize distribution ceremony was followed by the closing ceremony where Shri Mahendra Hardia, Honorable Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare (Govt. of MP) was the chief guest for the occasion. Finally, the fourth and final day of the athletic meet came to an end with the prize distribution and declaration of the house positions.

The Athletic cup was bagged by Indira House, after a neck and neck competition with Bharati House, followed by Ahilya House. As for the boys, the shield was proudly held in the hands of Ashok House, followed by Rajendra, Tagore, Vikram, and finally Jawahar House.

Finally, the Annual Athletic Meet came to an end, with hearts of many in a sheer state of ecstasy but at the same time one could see many sorrowful hearts & eyes swelled up with tears.

Enthralling enthusiasm & inextinguishable house spirit. I think that is what Athletic Meet is all about. Isn't it?

Nidhi Lahoti XII C, Shilpika Ganeriwal X G

equestrian In the South Indian Equestrian Championship held at Bangalore from 23rd to 27th September, 2010, Rishabh Mehta won a Silver medal in Show Jumping and Rohit Mehta won a Bronze medal in Jumping Accumulator.

In the Junior National Equestrian Championship held at Delhi in Jan 2011 Rishabh Mehta won Silver medals for Show Jumping (individual) and Rohit Mehta won a Bronze Medal for the same.

Recently Rishabh Mehta was awarded the Eklavya Award which is the highest honour of the state by the MP Government.

ISHA BUDWAL : She won the Finals of ALL INDIA CHAMPIONSHIP series in U-14(singles) and finished runners up in U-18 category held at Kolkata.

She also took part in AITA(All India Tennis Association) Tennis series held at Raipur, Chattisgarh and was declared winner in the singles and doubles in different girls categories.

Aayush Gupta Of class XII has done his diploma in French and received a degree for the same from the French Ministry. We congratulate him on his achievement.

PRE-PRIMARY REPORT

Zainab Barwaniwala of UKG II won a gold medal in the sub-junior category of Roller skating championship organized by the Indore Roller Skating Association in December 2010.

Advaya Goel of UKG I participated in the sub-junior chess competition organized under the aegis of Think Foundation in December 2010.

Advaya, an upcoming chess player is also a budding keyboard player.

Well done and keep it up!

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The month of October was especially busy for the Junior School as the children of classes I, II, III prepared for 'Euphoria' their annual concert followed by the Junior School Day in December. We closed the term on a high note when the students of Junior School went to Malaysia to participate in the International UCMAS Competition and came home with trophies and prizes including the World Championship!!!!
 Ananya Sethi of class II - World Champion
 Anant Kasliwal of class II 4th

Pagal Gymkhana

The Sports day (Pagal Gymkhana) was organized for classes I, II, III, and IV on the 13th of November 2010. The children participated in various events like Toffee race, Bursting the Balloons, Jalebi Race, Brick Race, 3 legged Race, My Fair Lady and the Relay Shuttle race. It was a fun filled morning and the students participated most enthusiastically. The chief guest for this event, Director of Sports, Mr. Dharam Verma awarded the certificates to the winners.

Treasure Hunt

On 27th Nov. The day dawned bright and smiling. The Jr. School wore a festive look with balloons and streamers adding lots of colour to the already smiling faces. And why not? The Treasure Hunt was on!!! The children were divided into two groups. Group I- Classes I to III and Group II- Classes IV to VI. Mr. Ansari co-ordinated event, had everything planned to the 'T'- with challenging clues and hints. The first ones to come on to the field were the tiny tots of classes I, II, III. All of them got busy looking for the clues for the slips and all the 'treasures' were unearthed by them. The campus was brimming with excitement as the children ran around 'hunting' for hidden treasures. The next group of children from classes IV to VI too successfully unearthed the 'treasures'. The chief guest for this event Air Marshall Sumit Mukherjee awarded the certificates to the winners.

Euphoria

Junior school was proud to present their annual function 'Euphoria', 'Being the children of India' wherein it was emphasized that India, which was once a land of untold riches was plundered and enslaved by the British. India traversed a long, arduous journey to emerge as a power to reckon with. Her children owe a debt of gratitude to the leaders who made this 21st Century a reality.

This dance-drama was an endeavour by the children to demystify complex terminology like Republic, Sovereign and Democratic as they recounted India's story showcasing a slice of history and talked about our rights as enshrined in our Constitution and the duties that go hand in hand with these rights. 'Euphoria' was a stunning spectacle and the thunderous applause was well deserved.

Jr.School Day

The Junior school once again showcased its amazing talent on the 128th Jr. School Annual Prize Giving held on 3rd Dec. 2010. It was a great success and all the guests and parents appreciated the efforts of young Dalians. We had the pleasure of having Kr. Ram Pratap Singhji, Kila Amargarh, IFS as our Chief Guest. As per tradition, the evening began with the lighting of the lamp and an Invocation. The cultural program began with the Orchestra playing the tune of 'Bhumi manglam' that blended with the Final Countdown.

The Jr. School Report highlighted the hidden talent of our students recognized with the support of our Headmistress Ma'am Rashmi Ahuja. The list of Prize Winners not only boosted the enthusiasm of the students but kept the parents brimming with excitement and pride to see their children receive prizes. Shiv Vandana, a totally divine performance was the next item, which transported everybody to the Himalayas. An English group came up with two inspiring songs. One of the most awaited items was the English Play- 'The Emperors New Clothes'. The auditorium filled with laughter as the performance packed in a lot of humour too.

"East meets west" a rhythmic blend of Salsa and Kathak left everybody tapping their feet to the wonderful beat of this fusion.

The fillers by Helen O'Grady were well appreciated by all. 'Yunhi Chala Chal Rahi' was the Hindi Group Song. The Hindi play- 'Ashoka ka Shastra Tyag' depicted the life of Ashoka and how he renounced war. It was enacted very well.

What an Idea Sir ji' was a presentation by the class IV students. It was hilarious and connected the past to the present as well as and the future showing how 'we' the adults have depleted the world's resources.

The evening culminated with the piece de resistance 'Thousand hands' a stylishly choreographed dance performance where the clock work precision of the intricate movements left the audience spellbound and then came a standing ovation.

The Prize winners were:

1. Beville Prize for the Best All Round Student of the Junior School- GEHNAMODI, KRITIKAKASLIWAL
2. Academic Prize 1st in Class VI 95.03%- SHREYAS BINDAL
3. Academic Prize 2nd in Class VI 95.01%- JINISHA

PAHUJA

4. Academic Prize 3rd in Class VI 94.45% - VEDANT KEDIA
5. Banda Prize for the Best Hindi Declamation Level III CHITRARTHA DIXIT, KRITIKAKASLIWAL
6. R. K. Karnik Prize for the Best Hindi Elocutionist - Level III - SHUBHRABHATNAGAR
7. College Prize for the Best English Elocutionist Level III - KRITIKAKASLIWAL
8. College Prize for the Best English Declamation Level III - SARVESH SAMVEDI
9. College Prize for the Best English Essay (Junior School) RISHABH SHRIMAL
10. College Prize for the Best Hindi Essay (Junior School) JATIN BARODIA
11. College Prize for the Best Dancer (Junior School)- SRIVIDYA PREMJI, SANGHAMITRAPLODA
12. College Prize for the Best Artist (Junior School) - AKHIL TANTED
13. College Prize for the Best Musician (Junior School) - RAJAGARWAL
14. College Prize for the Best Quizzer Level III - SHREYAS BINDAL
15. College Prize for the Best Swimmer (Boys) - Level III - ROSHAN BHOJWANI, ABHISHEK WADHWANI
16. College Prize for the Best Swimmer (Girls) Level III - GEHNAMODI
17. Principal's Medal for U-11 Squash Champion (Boys) - RAHIL SABOO
18. Principal's Medal for U-11 Squash Champion (Girls) - ADWITEYAKASLIWAL
19. College Prize for the Best Tennis Player (Girls) Jr. School - ISHABUDWAL
20. College Prize for the Best Tennis Player (Boys) Jr. School - ATISHAY MODI

Young Round Square Regional Conference-2011

The year 2011 began on an ambitious note where D.C. Played hosts to the Young Round Square Regional Conference. 'Make a difference' was the theme of the Young Round Square Regional Conference-2011 held at Daly College from 7th to 9th Jan'2011. The bright young future citizens of the world participated with a lot of enthusiasm and warmth beating the early January' 11 winter chill. We had participants from Armenia, Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh and almost all the member school of India. The school campus was filled with the laughter and chatter of the young delegates. After an ice-breaking session and an informal inauguration on 6th evening the conference started off with a big bang with the formal inauguration on 7th morning. After a brief cultural program befitting the occasion, the flag ceremony, our Principal's address welcoming the delegates, the Keynote speaker Mrs. Priti Patel (a Manipuri dance exponent) took the stage. Mrs. Patel has been successfully using dance therapy to help children afflicted with cerebral palsy. She enlightened and inspired us with her video presentation and talk. The multi-cuisine dinner, where some of the parents prepared mouth watering delicacies was a 'hit' with the children.

'Rieka' Speakers. Dr. Anupama Negi, Dr. Kutty Menon and Mrs. Monica Punjabi Verma addressed the delegates and answered their questions. The audience was specially moved by Dr. Anupama Negi's presentation and how she, a

cancer patient herself is spreading a ray of hope among people suffering from cancer through her counseling centre 'Sangini'

Mrs. Monica Punjabi Verma 's students were testimony to her dedication and selfless service. Mrs. Monica Punjabi runs the 'Mook Badheer Sangathan' a school started by her parents. She has been working relentlessly to establish the fact that differently abled individuals are not different, they communicate in a different language. She led us to believe that no hurdle is insurmountable.

The Multi Cultural evening that followed the 'Riika' discussion was delightful and the little Armenian children had the audience enraptured. The 3rd and the final day had groups going to places like Sirpur lake, Barli, Kasturba Gram, and an Organic Farm. The children also planted saplings, visited the Water Recycling Plant, and made a windmill.

The conference came to an end after a brief cultural programme, the Principal's address, reading of the Barazza report, the Riika report and the Conference Statement.

With the Principal's dinner at DCBS and a dance party we bid adieu to our delegates. The conference closed leaving a happy, enriched and eager bunch of future citizens determined to 'Make a difference'.

A World in Motion

A group of 4 students along with Mr. S.K. Kanchan represented the Daly College Jr. School in 'Jet Toy National Olympics 2010, under the programme by SAE- International- A World in Motion.

27 other school teams from all over India participated in the National Olympics 2010 which was conducted in Nasik.

Although the future Engineers from the Daly College Jr. School were not lucky enough to bag any prize, this gave them an opportunity to learn new things and to make friends.

Staff Workshop I.T.

An I.T. workshop for teachers was conducted from 11th Jan 2011 to 14th Jan 2011 in the Junior School. The workshop was attended by all teachers of the Pre-Primary and the Jr. School. It was conducted by Mrs. Vinita Daudkhane and Mr. Sumant Agarwal of the Jr. School. The Workshop commenced with familiarization with Ms-Word. This was followed by hands- on practice in Ms- Paint, MS Excel and Ms- Power Point. The teachers found it to be a great learning experience. They also felt that such workshops should be conducted at regular intervals to keep them updated with the changing technology.

HELEN O' GRADY Workshop

Helen O 'Grady organised a seminar on 'Mind Canvas'. Teacher's enrichment programme at Shri Satya Sai Vidhya Vihar, Indore. Mrs.Sunita Singh Shaktawat and Mrs.Sara Khan attended the seminar. Topic of the seminar was 'Creativity in Teaching' The speakers were Dr. Reeta Sonawat and Mrs. Shona Jaiswal. The different levels of creativity were discussed. To develop creativity freedom to the children should be given in the classroom for it to flourish. Brainstorming is important before any activity to begin Classroom atmosphere should be non- competitive and spontaneity of response should be encouraged.

English Workshop

An English Workshop was held at Prestige School. It was organised by Rachna Sagar Publications. Mrs Avril J. Birsturgeon, Mrs. Pritha Lahiri, Mrs. Sara Khan, Mrs. Sunita Singh Shaktawat and Mrs.Neerja Luthra from the Jr. School

attended it.

This workshop emphasized the need to make education more child centric and the classroom experience a fun, learning place for children. The ideas for games, innovative ways of teaching and student participation were explored.

Gujarat Trip

The students reported on 4th Jan.2011 after the Winter Break but owing to the intense cold wave the school was closed down up to the 16th of Jan. As only 16 boarders were left in the house, our Principal decided to organize a trip to Gujarat for them. The students were absolutely thrilled to have spent their bonus holidays travelling to Gujarat. This was an educational tour as they visited the Gir Forest, Nagua Beach, Sabarmati Ashram and other interesting places.

Annual Athletic Meet:

The Annual Athletics Meet was held from the 24th of Jan. 2011 to the 27th of Jan. 2011.

The Best Athlete Level- III

Boys: Mohammad Burhaniwala (Tagore House)

Girls: Palak Garg (Ahilya House)

Minakshi Mangal (Ahilya House) set a new record in Shot-put (level III girls.)

A REPORT ON The 25th Mayo- Daly Meet

The Annual Mayo Daly meet began with the arrival of the Mayo College team with their Headmaster Jr. School Mr. P. Chaturvedi, Mr. Rajendra Sharma the games incharge, and Mr. Ankur Bhatt, on the 17th of Feb 2011.

Every year we look forward to these meets. This year was very special, as it was the Silver Jubilee year. These fixtures have been continuing since the last 25 years. The teams of both the schools play three matches, that is, Football, Hockey, and Cricket. A special cultural programme was organized by the Dalians on the 17th evening. The Mayo College boys also joined us and put up a splendid performance. The cultural programme included, Vandana by both the schools A soothing musical rendition by the Mayo boys. The Thousand Hands a mesmerizing dance was put up by the Dalians. We also had a few songs and a hilarious skit by the Daly College students.

The day ended in a happy a note with the children all geared up for the football and hockey matches to be played the next day.

On the 18th refreshed and rested the boys got ready for the football match. Before that we had a special assembly which was attended by the Mayo boys. The Headmaster Jr, School Mayo College Mr. Chaturvedi addressed the children and expressed his happiness to be a part of the assembly. While addressing the children he extended his good wishes to the Dalians and his blessings to the Mayoites.

Amidst cheering, the football match began at 9:35 am at the Range ground, after the formal introduction of the two teams. The first half was dominated by the players of Daly College though they missed 5 corners and a penalty, which in fact was a turning point of the match. The Mayoites on the other hand took advantage of the first opportunity that came their way and Mohit Lal Shreshta their captain scored the first and the deciding goal.

The Mayo team showed better coordination in the second half of the game which was dominated by them, the spectators witnessed some brilliant passes made by Rishabh, Dinesh, Anmol and Mohit of Mayo College. Whereas, Rohit, Sumit, Aayush, Saksham and Soham of

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Daly College were a pleasure to watch. The game ended in a 1-0 win for the Mayo College.

The Post lunch session saw The Red and whites and the Blues geared up for the Hockey Match at the Bolia Ground. From the beginning the atmosphere was charged and as soon as the match commenced at 3:20pm, the Dalians started dominating the game. Though the Dalians earned the first as early as 3:25 pm the first goal was scored by Mahendraveer at 3:45pm. The Mayoites were quick to reply when Mudit converted a penalty corner into a beauty of a goal. At half time the teams were equally placed at 1-1.

Ankit Sastiya a lad of class IV did not miss any opportunity to convert some brilliant passes by Deepak Chauhan and Piyush Bundela and scored two beautiful goals in the second half. It would stay thus inspite of some very good passes and dribbling by the Mayoites who could not repeat the feat of the first half of converting penalty corners into goals. Some players like Ishu, Suryabhan from DC and Gurfateh, Mayank and Mrinal of Mayo College showed their extra ordinary skills in dribbling and passing. The Daly College won the match 3-1. At the end of the day we were at an equal footing and enjoyed the Principals Dinner at the BUM club.

Today was a crucial day for the teams. The cricket match to be played was going to be a decider. They went into the Scindia Ground with mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness. The match began at 9:15a.m. With the Daly College winning the toss and electing to bat. Jonty and Yashraj opened the batting. After the stipulated 25 overs the Dalians made a total of 104 runs, setting a target of 105 run for the Mayoites to win. Jonty was the highest scorer with 14 runs and Yashraj closely followed him with 13. The Mayoites fielded well and stopped some boundaries. Pranit bowled well taking 3 wickets, while Shrey took 1. Mr. Wide was the highest scorer with 53 runs.

After a brief interlude, Shashwat and Kunal opened the batting for Mayo team. Daksh got the 1st wicket. At the end of 12th over it seemed that DC was going to win but 3 dropped catches and a few misfields by the Dalians coupled with a few powerful shots by the Mayoites seemed to seal the fate, but again in a sudden of events the Mayoites lost four quick wickets and DC were on the driver's seat. But Mr. wide again played a vital role. 3 wides from the bowler made the Mayoites victorious.

The spectators were treated to some brilliant knocks by Vinamra, Vedaant, Animesh and Rajat. The outstanding bowlers to name a few were Vikrant, Daksh and Raghav.

It is said "You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits that are real joy."

This is in fact the spirit of sports which was reflected in the last two days on and off the fields. The bond of friendship has been strengthened and we look forward to meeting you the mayoites again next year.

Results of Competitions:

The Colours of Spring was an Art Competition which was organised on 22.01.2011. The list of Winners class wise is:

Class & Section	Name of Student	Position
IC	Ishita Agarwal	I
IA	Siya Arora	II
IC	Vanshraj Jain	III

IC	Himadri Rathore	Cons.
IC	Jagriti Agrawal	Cons.
II C	Rudra Saigal	I
II C	Vedika Dubey	II
II A	Sara Qureshi	III
II C	Saumya Agrawal	Cons.
III C	Zahra Chandurwala and Rishika Jain	I
III C	Ananya Singh	II
III B	Amol Chitale	III
III C	Raina Modi	Cons.
III C	Jhanvi Rajpal	Cons.
IV D	Ria Chordia	I
IVA	Naquiya Barwaniwala	II
IVA	Divnoor Kaur Chhabra	II
IV D	Uruba Khan	III
IV B	Ananya Sharma	Cons.
IV D	Gaurang Daga	Cons.

Just A Minute was held on 05-02-2011 for students of classes I to IV. The following were the winners:

Class & Section	Name of Student	Position
IC	Ishita Agarwal	I
IB	Shubham Agarwal	II
IB	Ishan Modi	III
II C	Saumya Agarwal	I
II A	Kalp Kankaria	II
II B	Bhavya Sumariya	III
III A	Aryan Khandelwal	I
III B	Jhanvi Rajpal	II
III C	Vidit Juneja	III
IVA	Naquiya Barwaniwala	I
IVA	Kratine Saksena	II
IV C	Rhea Maheshwari	III

Solo Dance Competition : A Solo Dance Competition was organised for the Students of classes I to IV on 29-01-2011. The students were ranked I, II and III under the classical, western and folk dance categories. The winners were:

Result for Inter Class Dance Competition I

NAME	CLASS	Position
CLASSICAL		
ADRIJAKHANDELWAL	IB	I
JAGRITIAGRAWAL	IC	II
SIAARORA	IA	III
WESTERN		
HARSHEEL SHAH	IB	I
ABHIRAJ PATWA	IB	II
AADIT PAREEK	IC	III
FOLK		
JHANAVI SINGH	IB	I
SHREYASHI CHOUDHARY	IB	II
MEHAK KULKARNI	IB	III
CONSOLATION PRIZE		
ANSH PARASHAR (WESTERN)IA		

Result for Inter Class Dance Competition I I

NAME	CLASS	Position
CLASSICAL		
PRANAYANI SINGH	IIA	I
KRATIKANAHATA	II B	II
DHWANIKAAGRAWAL	II C	III
WESTERN		
KUSHAGRAMITTAL	II B	I
CHAHETIAGRAWAL	II C	II
ARSHIABUDWAL	IIA	III
FOLK		
JHANVI BADERA	II B	I
HARSHITA GARG	IIA	II

ANANT KASLIWAL

CONSOLATION

Result for Inter Class Dance Competition III

CLASSICAL		
VIDHI SONI	III B	I
SANJANA MODI	III C	II
GAURI SHAHRA	III D	III
WESTERN		
AMEE CAPRIHAN	III D	I
ARYAN KANCHAN	III B	II
NISHANT DAWANI	III A	III
FOLK		
ZAHRA CHANDURWALA	III C	I
KANAK SHARMA	III B	II
ANVESH SINGH	III A	CONSOLATION

Result for Inter Class Dance Competition III

CLASSICAL		
KHUSHI GOYAL	IV A	I
ANANYA SHARMA	IV B	II
ARYA PILANI	IV A	III
WESTERN		
NAQIYA BARWANIWALA	IV A	I
ISHWAR GANGWAL	IV B	II
KRATINE SAXENA	IV A	III
FOLK		
KATYAYNI SINGH	IV A	I
VANSHIKA BHANDARI	IV B	II
JAYTI RANA	IV D	III
KHUSHI CHHABRA	IV C	CONSOLATION
ANVI AGARWAL	IV A	CONSOLATION
RIACHORDIA	IV D	CONSOLATION
KANHA SHRIVASTAVA	III D	CONSOLATION

Sanskrit Shloka recitation competition:

On 2nd Feb. 2011 a Sanskrit Shloka recitation competition was conducted for the students of classes V and VI. The students recited very meaningful and enlightening shlokas in Sanskrit and tried to translate the same in very simple language in Hindi as well as English. The winners were:

NAME	CLASS	Position
PRATYUSHA NYATI	V	I
AMEYA JAIN	V	II
TANVI SATISH	V	III
AMISHA ZALANI	V	CONSOLATION
ADWITEYA KASLIWAL	V	CONSOLATION
YASHASHVI SHARMA	VI	I
SRISHTI BERI	VI	II
MUDITA GRAWAL	VI	II
SATWIK VERMA	VI	II
ANKIT ATTRI	VI	
MADHUMITA BANERJEE	VI	CONSOLATION

Entrepreneurship Activity

The students of Junior School celebrated An Entrepreneurship day on the 07-02-2011 under the E-week NEN- 2011 organised by the students of IPSC Academy. The little Dalians learnt who is an 'Entrepreneur' and what is 'Entrepreneurship' as they were given a chance to come up with innovative business ideas. The students participated with enthusiasm and were really glad to be involved in something new and exciting.

मेरी जापान यात्री



मैंने उस परवरदिगार से कहा, 'मुझे जन्त में भेज दो उसने मेरी तमन्ना को पूरा करते हुए मुझे जापान भेज दिया.. ..' सचमुच जापान जाना मानो कल्पना के स्वर्ग में जाना था। मुझे दिसम्बर माह में शत-प्रतिशत छात्रवृत्ति पर जापान जाने का मौका मिला। जापान जाने के लिए मैं बहुत ही उत्साहित था। दिल्ली से मैंने 3 दिसम्बर को जापान के लिये यात्रा शुरू की। जिसमें हवाई जहाज में पहली बार सफर करना एक बहुत मजेदार अनुभव रहा, 4 तारीख को मैं जापान पहुँच गया। मेरे लिये नया देश, नए लोग और नई संस्कृति में रहना एक अलग अनुभव था। अगले दिन हम जापान के धार्मिक स्थान 'कियोमिजू-डेरा' मंदिर गए, जहाँ हमने जापान के धर्मों और उनकी संस्कृति के बारे में सीखा। वहाँ से लौटने के बाद अब बारी थी हिरोशिमा जाने की। यह वही जगह है, जहाँ अमेरिका ने द्वितीय विश्वयुद्ध के बाद परमाणु बम गिराया था। हम बुलट ट्रेन से हिरोशिमा गए। वहाँ जाकर हमने हिरोशिमा के बारे में न सिर्फ जाना-समझा बल्कि उस हिरोशिमा के एक सुन्दर शहर के रूप में साक्षात् दर्शन किए, जो एक समय में परमाणु शक्ति से बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हुआ था। वाकई जापान की विकास यात्रा देखकर मैं दंग रह गया। जापान की विकास यात्रा, जापानी लोगों की विनम्रता, उनका ईमानदारी से भरा दिल, उनकी मेहनत करने और समय का पाबन्द होने की आदत ही शायद जापान को विश्व के सफल देशों में से एक बनाती है। ये सारी आदतें जापान के लोगों में कूट-कूट कर भरी दिखीं। मैं बहुत किस्मत वाला था, जो मेरा मेज़बान परिवार 'सपोरो' नामक शहर में रहता था। यह अपने आपमें बहुत ही सुन्दर शहर है। उससे भी अधिक खुशी की बात तो यह थी कि मैं जिस जगह रहता था, बस वहीं एक ऐसा द्वीप था, जहाँ इतनी जल्दी बर्फबारी शुरू हो जाती है। दिन भर बर्फ गिरते रहना और उसी मौसम में सारा काम करना भी एक अलग अनुभव था, जिसे भूला नहीं जा सकता। यह अनुभव मेरे लिए और भी मजेदार था क्योंकि मैंने पहली बार बर्फबारी देखी। अलग स्वाद एवं भिन्न तरीके से बना खाना चखना भी एक विशेष अनुभव रहा मगर अब समय था घर वापस लौटने का, आँखों में आँसू एवं दिल में ढेर सारा प्यार, दोस्तों से लेकर मैं भारत लौट आया मगर आज भी जहाँ जापान का नाम आता है, मुझे अपनी जिन्दगी के ये सुनहरे तेरह दिन याद आ जाते हैं। जिन्होंने मेरी जिन्दगी में एक

नया रंग भरा।

दीपक सोलंकी, ग्यारहवीं 'जी'

स्मृतियों के झरोखे से



आज भी याद है मुझे वह दिन जब डेली कॉलेज की यह 118 एकड़ की ज़मीन जेल जैसी लगती थी और मालवा हाऊस चिड़िया के पिंजरे के समान, पर वक्त गुज़रते ही यह जगह एक जन्नत का एहसास दिलाने लगी। डेली कॉलेज,

एक स्कूल से, मेरा एक अपना घर बन गया। चौथी कक्षा से आज बारहवीं कक्षा तक यह 9 साल का सफर मुझे हमेशा याद रहेगा। गौर किया जाए तो यहाँ मैंने मेरी ज़िंदगी के सुनहरे पलों के साथ-साथ कुछ बुरे दिन भी बिताए पर हर दिन, एक नया दिन साबित हुआ, हर दिन एक नई सीख मिली। कभी मालवा हाऊस में हाऊस स्टाफ ने दिल बहलाया, तो कभी सीनियर राजेन्द्र हाऊस में डॉट का सिलसिला ज़ारी रहा। छात्रावास में रहते-रहते कुछ शरारतें हमेशा के लिए याद रहेंगी। मालवा हाऊस में छुप-छुप के कैफे जाना तो सीनियर स्कूल में सीनियर के लिए छुप-छुप कर खाना ले जाना, मालवा हाऊस में केवल 20/- में काम चलाना पर सीनियर स्कूल में 500/- भी कम पड़ जाना। कितना फर्क है “मालवा हाऊस” से “राजेन्द्र हाऊस” पहुँचने तक। सही मायने में डेली कॉलेज का जुनून उसके अलग-अलग हाऊस में ही है। जब भी कोई अंतरगृह प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन होता है तो हर बच्चे का जोश और जुनून सिर चढ़कर बोलता है। ऐसे में किसी हाऊस की जीत का मतलब मानो उस हाऊस को चार चाँद लग गए हैं पर हार जाने पर उससे दोगुना दुख भी होता था, जितना दुख शायद परीक्षा में फेल हो जाने पर भी नहीं होता। परीक्षा से ज़्यादा मेहनत उस रात की मैगी बनाने में लगती थी जब पेट में केवल चूहे दौड़ रहे होते थे। बातें बताते-बताते खत्म नहीं होती क्योंकि डी.सी. (डेलीकॉलेज) में ऐसे कई यादगार पल हैं जिनसे मेरा हमेशा का रिश्ता जुड़ गया है। दोस्तों के साथ मस्ती-मज़ाक में शायद वक्त का मैं अनुमान नहीं लगा पाया, पर ग्रेजुएशन के दिन उन आँसूओं के साथ यह अहसास होने लगा कि अब वक्त नज़दीक है, जब हमें अलविदा कहना होगा। आगे बढ़ने के लिए, कुछ चीजों को शायद यादों में ही सजाना होगा। इन्हीं यादों के साथ मैं अपने सभी साथियों के लिए, शुभकामनाओं के साथ एक मंगलमय जीवन की कामना करूँगा।

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एक वक्त था जब मैं विद्यालय से विदा हो रहे अपने सीनियर्स की उपलब्धियों का बखान इस पत्रिका द्वारा किया करती थी और आज मैं स्वयं ही इस दौर पर खड़ी हूँ जहाँ आगे कुछ रह गया है तो केवल कुछ दिन, जो मैं डेली कॉलेज के साथ बिता सकूँ। वैसे तो न्यूज़ लेटर के जरिये मैं अपने विचार और भाव प्रकट करने में हमेशा सफल रही पर आज डी.सी. में बिताए वक्त और अपने विभिन्न विचारों को एक कर लिखना थोड़ा कठिन साबित हो रहा है क्योंकि इतने सालों के साथ को, चंद शब्दों में बयाँ करना नामुमकिन है। डेली कॉलेज, जहाँ पहले हर छोटी चीज़ नई-सी लगती थी, आज वही दिल के इतने करीब है कि यहाँ से निकलने का ख्याल ही मन को भावुक कर देता है। डेली कॉलेज में बिताये वक्त में मैं आज जो कुछ भी हासिल कर पाई हूँ उसका श्रेय मेरे शिक्षकों को जाता है। गौर किया जाए तो यह साबित होगा कि यहाँ हमारे शिक्षक अपने ज्ञान का प्रकाश फैलाने के लिये हमेशा तैयार रहे, देरी थी तो केवल हमारे साथ की, उस सीखने की ललक की, जो हमें हमेशा कुछ नया अनुभव दे जाती, ऐसा ही कुछ मेरे साथ हुआ। जूनियर स्कूल से लेकर आज बारहवीं कक्षा तक मेरे हर छोटे-से-छोटे काम को यहाँ सराहा गया और हमेशा मेरा उत्साह बढ़ाया, जिससे न केवल मुझमें नई उमंग जागी बल्कि मेरा आत्म-विश्वास भी बढ़ा। मैं डेली कॉलेज के सभी शिक्षकों का दिल से शुक्रिया अदा करना चाहूँगी उस हर शिक्षा के लिये, जिससे मैं कुछ नया सीख पाई, उस हर डॉट के लिये, जिसने मुझे अपनी गलतियों का अहसास कराया, उस हर शब्द के लिये, जिसने मेरे हौसलों को बुलंद किया। दोस्तों के बिना, स्कूल का यह सफर अधूरा-सा लगता है। हाँ, वह हर दिन याद आएगा अब, जब कोई न था, फिर भी उन दोस्तों का साथ, हमेशा मन बहला देता था। छात्रावास में रहते-रहते कुछ ऐसी यादें जुड़ गई हैं जिन्हें याद करते ही चेहरे पर कभी मुस्कान आ जाती है तो कभी उदासी की लकीर खिंच जाती है। वह कुछ ऐसे दिन होते थे, जब कभी मस्ती करने की पूरी तैयारी रहती थी, तो कभी लगातार सिर्फ खाने का मन। इस हँसी-खुशी के बीच मुझे कुछ ऐसे दोस्त मिले, जिन्हें मैं हमेशा अपनी यादों में ताज़ा रखूँगी। सही मायने में, मेरे साथ उन तमाम विदा हो रहे साथियों में आगे बढ़ने की चाह तो है पर डेली कॉलेज में बिताए कल को छोड़ने की



हिम्मत नहीं, यह जगह है ही इतनी अनमोला। समय के साथ, जगह की महत्ता को समझते हुए कुछ ऐसे पल जुड़ गये हैं जो अब केवल यादों में संजोए जा सकते हैं। इस जगह ने हम सभी को कुछ-न-कुछ दिया, उस तोहफे को सम्मानपूर्वक स्वीकार कर ही हम कुछ हद तक स्कूल के प्रति अपना आभार व्यक्त कर सकते हैं। याद रहे, डेली कॉलेज के साथ हमारा यह रिश्ता हमेशा का है, कभी डेलियन के रूप में तो कभी ओल्ड डेलियन के रूप में। साथ ही मैं डेली कॉलेज में अध्ययन कर रहे छात्रों से कहूँगी कि वह इस जगह का पूर्णतः उपयोग करें। सही वक्त पर, सही जगह की महत्ता समझें, उसी में जीवन की सार्थकता है।

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'डेली कॉलेज' मेरे लिये एक ऐसा जादुई चिराग साबित हुआ जिसने इन पाँच वर्षों में मेरे व्यक्तित्व को न सिर्फ पूरी तरह बदल दिया बल्कि उसे नयी पहचान भी दी। 2006 में जब पहली बार मैं यहाँ आया तो एक बात को लेकर मैं आश्वस्त था कि मुझे दोस्त बनाने में अधिक समय नहीं लगेगा लेकिन कटे बाल और कुर्ता पज़ामा पहने अपने साथियों और उनकी दिनचर्या को देखकर मन में ये सवाल अक्सर उठता था कि 'मेरा क्या होगा?' समय के साथ इस वातावरण को अपना बनाने में मुझे अधिक समय नहीं लगा लेकिन मुझे यहाँ अलग तरह की चुनौतियाँ और अवसर मिले, जिन्होंने मेरे भीतर कुछ करने की जिज्ञासा पैदा की और नये अनुभव भी दिये। जब अपने से वरिष्ठ छात्रों को हाऊस कैप्टन की नीली शर्ट में देखता या छात्रों से विदेश यात्रा के किस्से सुनता तो मेरा मन भी ये सब करने के लिये उत्सुक हो उठता था। यही कारण है कि आज इस कॉलेज को अलविदा कहने से पहले मेरे पास वो सारे अनुभव हैं जिनकी मैंने कामना की थी। यहाँ रहकर मैंने शूटिंग की राष्ट्रीय स्तर की प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने का अवसर पाया, जो कभी मेरे लिये सपना था। यही नहीं, विदेश यात्रा और सामाजिक कार्यों ने मुझे नयी ऊर्जा, नयी शक्ति का अहसास भी कराया। आज मैं कह सकता हूँ कि इस कॉलेज में आने से पहले मैं उस गीली मिट्टी की तरह था, जिसे सुंदर आकार में ढलने के लिये किसी कुम्हार का इंतज़ार रहता है और जाने से पहले एक ऐसे व्यक्तित्व का प्रतिरूप हूँ जो भविष्य की हर चुनौती के लिये आत्मविश्वास से भरपूर है।

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