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FROM US TO YOU

The bats have been oiled and kept away, the fields are barren, another semester comes to a close. The multitude has been 'booked'. The next fortnight is but the proverbial lull before the storm. The calm will give way to frenzied activity which will reach its shattering climax in Kharagpur. Kharagpur will be like a powder barrel waiting for a spark.

With nine deliveries and a bouncer tucked away behind us, the time has come to say "à bientôt".

INSTITUTE OPEN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

By Mama (TTN)

The competition began, true to IIF style, at 6 p.m. sharp! (only one hour late, that is) - thanks to the Institute transport (How many times has this happened before?). An article on Institute transport is needed, sure, but not in Spectator, I guess.

So, off to a shivery start (thanks to A/C for this) with Patki (Ma doli) and Rathi (Tabla) providing the only spell of Hindustani music for the day. Patki is a really talented guy - he caught Rathi napping! - It was a good team effort and a good

start for the evening.

Cam another pro - Bhas er on the flute - sounds classy even when he plays casually.

And then entered the first (two) of the hazaar veenas of the day. Ramnath & Gopinath, the veena twins, played decently but were handicapped by an unrehearsed mridangan accompaniment (Ramesh). Standards in Vocal music have rarely been noteworthy at I.I.T.(M) and this competition was no exception. Rangarajan rendered a couple of kirtanas without flaw (and without much colour, either). Modulated singing will project him better.

The Carnatic Raga for bringing in rain is Amrutavarshini - that was what Meera played - AND IT DIDN'T RAIN!

Veena 4: G.G. chose a quaint raga (Manoranjani). His contact mike was not always in contact with the audience. He shaped up well but, strangely, went off form towards the end.

Veena 5: T.V.D.Kumar, yet another first year find, played a neat Pantuvarali, but again, lacked lustre. However, Ram Mohan, who accompanied him on the Mridangan, was very good.

It was sad that none of the veena players gave off his or her best on this occasion.

K. Subs put up a very well-rehearsed show and impressed most, while Kannikeswaran was like the IIT graduand at the convo - imperfect bowing!

Srinivasaraghavan should be happy being a submarine - he can operate well below 'C' level. His voice has a basic tone that's too bass! - no tonic can help him about this.

Shanti was another first B.Tech. who sang. But she was a bundle of nerves. She, too, would benefit from a lower 'sruti' (basic tonic). It is true that classical singers don't bother much about pronunciation of the Sahitya while rendering Krithis but 'Vatapi Ganapatheem' was the limit. I mean, Jayakrishnan, who does have a good voice. In fact, he did

well in his second number in Durbari Kanada.

On the whole, an enjoyable evening, but ...

(a) Organization was bad (by classical music standards, as the man whose name is made up of two masters' degrees in Arts should know),

(b) The event should have been held before the monsoon.

(c) An enthused audience seems to turn up only if the 'Inter-hostel' tag is attached to the competition - patriotism in a passive form!

The Results

Prize for the best team: Patki & Rathi. (Both Tapti)

Vocal

N. D. Rangarajan - I (kr)

Jayakrishnan - II (Ga)

Veena

Meera Seetharam - I (Su)

G. G. Ravichandran - II (Br)

Other instruments

K. Subramanyam - violin - I (Sa)

K. Bhaskar - flute - II (Na)

Percussion

Ram Mohan - I (Go)

Rathi - II (Ta)

Footer

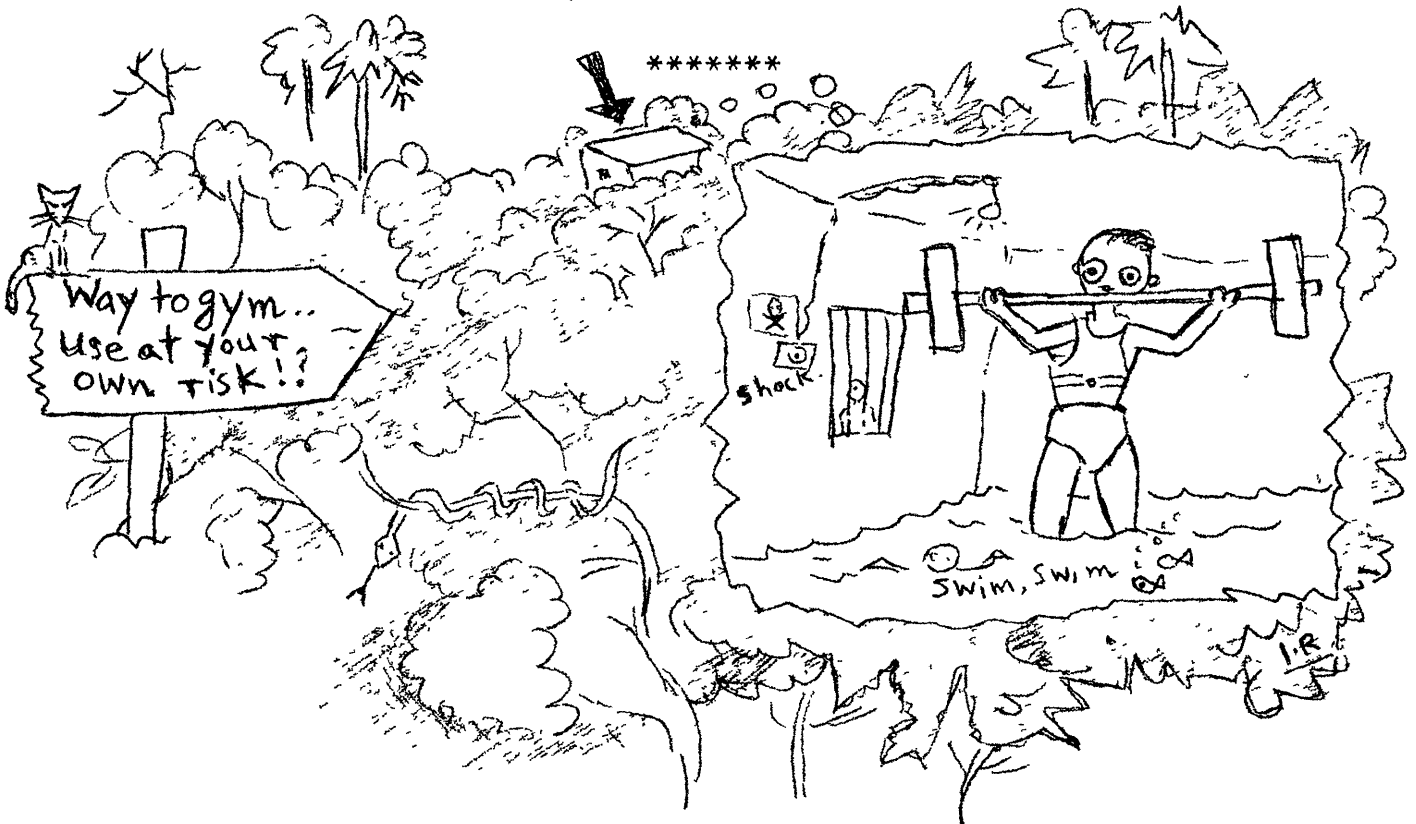
IIT IN THE LEAD

Our team took a 2-1 lead in the continuing (Text?!!) series of matches against the Saidapet side. Kumaran, Ashish and Javed found the mark in that order for a 3-0 win.

BasketballIIT KNOCKED OUT IN SEMIS

Our Institute team took part in the inter-collegiate tournament conducted by the T Nagar Junior Basketball Club this week. Our first round match was totally one-sided and we beat Quaid-e-Milat 50-25. Murali scored 13 and Gadi 8.

The semi-final was a close and well-fought affair. Down 30-34 at the breather, IIT gallantly went down to Stanley Medical 42-52. Phillips (16) and Sunil (14) excelled for the winners while Venu (16) and Chandu (9) shone for the vanquished.



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SPECTATOR Team:

Shivakumar
Bucket
Chandramouli
Rajesh
Rafeeq

Spectators:

Mama
Vishu
Nogo

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