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AT THE END OF THE ROAD

## EDITORIALY SCRIBING

*It is with a sense of nostalgia that we write this editorial, our last.*

*An eventful year is drawing to a close, a dramatic year, the year that saw the birth of a third campus mag.*

*How did it all start? An idea ... an ambition ... a new mag. Our team was formed around September 5 and out rolled our first issue on September 12. The reactions were varied. "Not a bad idea." "Every Monday? We've heard this sort of thing before." "Let's see how long it lasts." To such sceptics all we had to say was, "Wait and see." Well, we hope they have done both. In the course of a few weeks, it gradually dawned on the IITian that we had come to stay.*

*Nine Mondays and nine issues later we ducked away the odd semester with a bouncer issue on the forthcoming Inter-IIT Meet. The production of this bouncer issue was unique - one of our best covers - the whole issue typed on an electric typewriter - and the whole issue was ready a full week in advance.*

*From then on was a period of hectic activity - daily issues at inter-IIT, Kharagpur; during GF; 6-a-side footer; and Sprinculin; not to mention a post-Inter-IIT issue and the coverage of inter-hostel events with instant results of all matches at QUARK notice board under a new column, 'FOR U'.*

*What do we feel at the end of the whole show? Surprise. Surprise that in twenty-three years of this institute no one did any such thing.*

*What has been accomplished? An issue every Monday? A*

total of 51 issues? An average of two issues every week? Much more than that. With SPECTATOR we've begun an age of discovery that may never end. People who have never cared before found themselves keeping track of the goings-on. Sportsmen and performers in other fields saw in SPECTATOR a reassuring evidence that their effort would not go unnoticed - that their honours would be lauded. So much so that wherever we went - in the hostel, at class, in tea shops, at OAT - we were always mobbed with questions like "What about next week's issue?" "Who's the Man of the Week?" "Who do you think will win?" and so on and so forth. Hazaar feelings were involved with SPECTATOR.

What has kept us going? The desire to be different? The desire to be the best? The desire to set traditions? Encouragement? The desire to prove sceptics wrong? The desire to be desired?

Not often do mags, in themselves, capture the imagination of the general IIT junta. Right now we share a moment of pride and wonder that we've done what most people thought couldn't be done. To a remarkable extent, the campus shared in the success of the magazine.

SPECTATOR was honoured to honour two outstanding personalities this year. SPECTATOR presented two cups. One was for the 'MOST POPULAR PLAYER' of the GF tourney, which was awarded to 'Saar' Ramanujam; and the other, the 'MAN OF THE YEAR' trophy, which went to George (he had a 'runaway' win at the polls).

At the end, one thing is sure. SPECTATOR has come to stay. What happens next year? Well, SPECTATOR is now under the purview of the Publications Committee and a new editorial team will be appointed by the SAC. We hope the new team makes a good job of it. We wish them all the best.

It's been "A great feeling; a great year." And now the

*time has come to say adieu. The end of the road....*

*(That was us signing off.)*

#### MEN AND MATTERS

A journalist's path in the institute is strewn with a good many occupational hazards - procurement of paper and other related items, production and other such trivialities. But luckily for us, we had no such problems. People went out of their way to help us. The success of the mag is attributed to

1. Prof. R. Srinivasan, our unofficial publisher, who, apart from bearing the assault on us from Sarayu, always had a good word for us.
2. Badrinarayan, our cyclostyling man *par excellence* ... give him anything, right from a peepul leaf to an A4 bond sheet, and the cyclostyling will be impeccable.
3. Mr. Swamy of the Reprographic Section, who took special care on all our covers in the limited time we gave him.

After production comes the painful and time-consuming process of arranging and stapling. Again here we had an enthu band comprising of 'Comet' Kamath, 'Burly' Sethu, 'Thandu'

Nicky, 'Big' Ben, 'Pane' Burr, 'TT' AB, 'Om' Hari Om, 'What da' Vijay, 'Bandru' Chandru, 'Pilly' Saiku, 'Goodhal' Vasan, 'Lady Di' Woppo and 'Booby' Duggie.



ENGINEERING UNIT TROPHY

*for Soc events*

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*for Lit events*

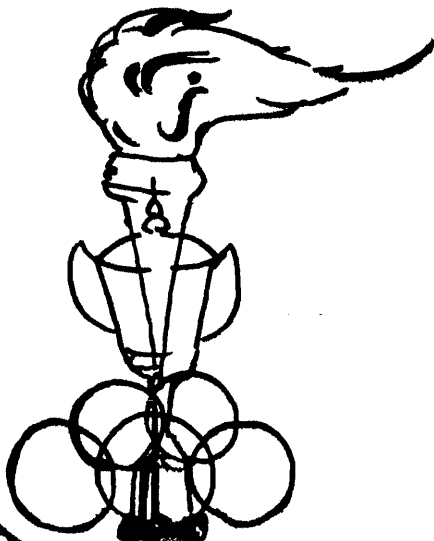
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THE SCHROETER

*for Sports*

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## THE BEST OF '81-'82

*The Speech of the Year:* goes to Billy's vote of thanks on Institute Day, in which he thanked the audience in CLT for presiding over the function.

*The Anti-Spectator Award:* You know who - our co-eds. (Certainly not the co-editors, folks!)

*The Swinger of the Year:* HSS Mani, Golden Boy of gymnastics, who swung his way parallel, horizontal, vertical, no holds barred.

*The Most Talked-About Personality:* "Our prominent socialite" - we really catapulted her into prominence.

*The Statement of the Year:* "Thank God I'm an atheist."

*The Skipper of the Year:* Nehru Isaac, whose heart hopped while his feet skipped and his admirers jumped with glee. Favourite skipping ground: railway platforms.

*The Winner of the Year:* Sandy of IIT Kanpur for snatching defeat from the jaws of victory in the 4 x 400 m relay at the Inter-IIT Meet, Kharagpur.

*The Profound Statement of the Year Award:* goes to Thermody of Ganga: "Serving on Hostel Day is a TdS job."

*The Trustworthy Person of the Year:* Abdul Rehman Antulay - ex-CM of Maharashtra - who traded in trust.

*The Con of the Year:* The new Constitution.

*The All-Rounder of the Year:* This place is shared (with difficulty) by Pashupati and Suresh Menon.

*The Hindu-is-getting-scared Award:* goes to CAMPUS NEWS for being highly readable in both print size and content (you only need a lens to focus on it).

*The 'Fag-Ending' Award of the Year:* Dr MR Udupa, whose presence at the Quark counter discouraged first and second years from buying cigarettes.

## WHAT - A - POLL - OH !

Counting a thousand-odd votes for the Man of the Year was certainly a cumbersome task. But we were kept in good humour by some entertaining votes.

- \* *Kurty* - for horsing around;
- \* *Bucket* - for paining;
- \* *(Focus) Ramesh* - for getting married;
- \* *Talukdar* - for flight into outer space without the help of powered vehicles;
- \* *Sardar Manmohan Singh* - for spending years on politics, cricket and the constitution - old, new and future; rough, smooth and fair;
- \* *Prof. PV Indiresan* - for sheer entertainment;
- \* *Django* - for nearly getting SACKed.

TALLY HO !

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01	Athletics			20	4		12						
02	Aquatics				1					5	3		
03	Badminton				8	1	1						8
04	Ball Badminton			10		6					2		
05	Basketball			6	10					2			
06	Bridge			8						2			8
07	Carrom				2		10			6			
08	Chess			1	1	10							6
09	Cricket			2	6		10						
10	Football			4	4								10
11	Gymnastics				6		10			2			
12	Hockey						2			10	6		
13	Kabaddi			2			10			6			
14	Skating						3			1	5		
15	Skating Hockey						5			3	1		
16	Table Tennis						10		6	2			
17	Tennis				2		6			10			
18	Volleyball			10	6						2		
19	Waterpolo					1				5	3		
20	Weightlifting	2								6	10		
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March Past Trophy : SARAYU.



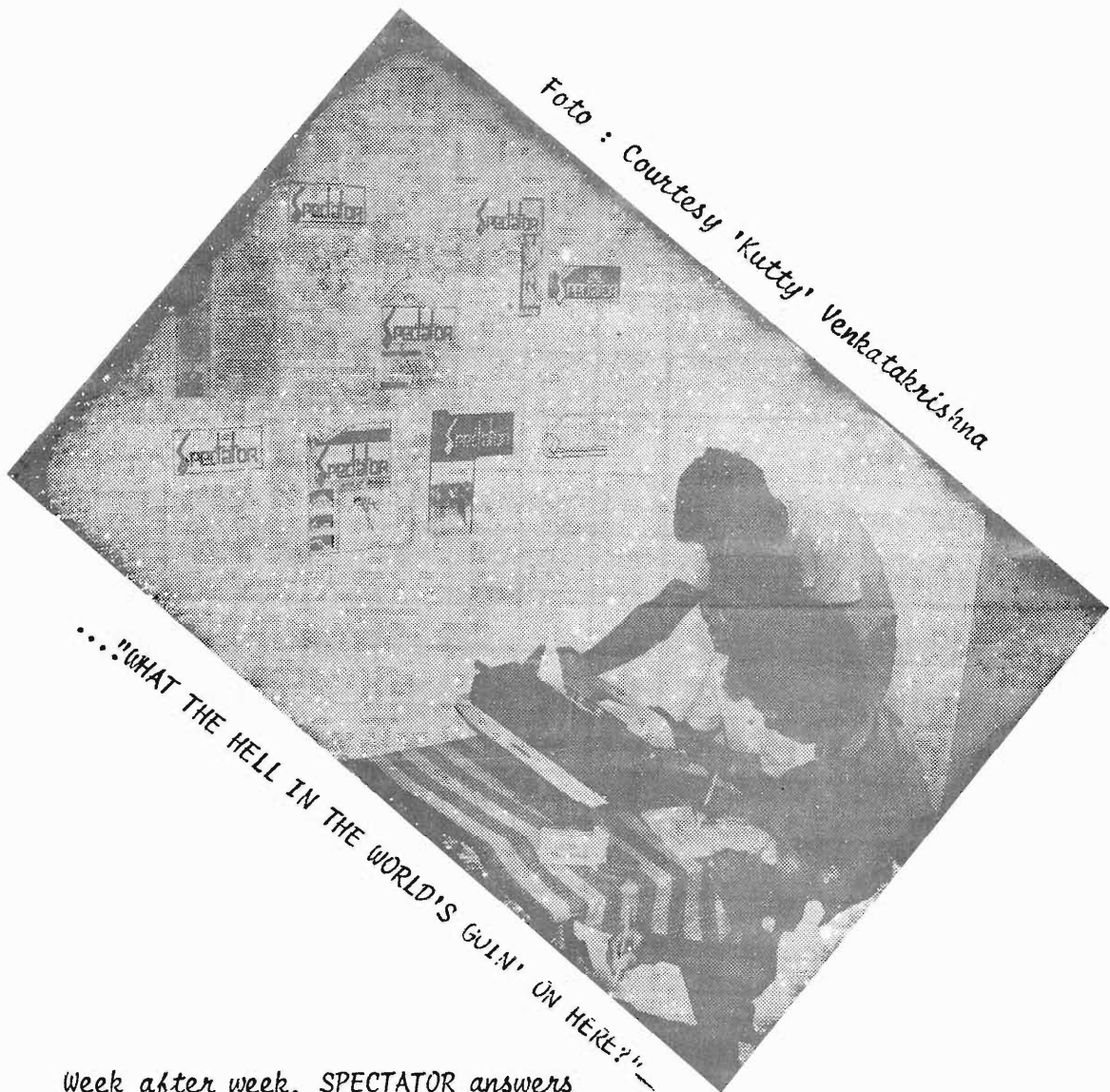


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... "WHAT THE HELL IN THE WORLD'S GOIN' ON HERE?"

Week after week, SPECTATOR answers this question with complete coverage of the activities of the campus - both on & off the campus.

- Follow schedule, fix up reporter
- collect report, check details
- weigh, praise, evaluate, record
- deplore, applaud, judge
- calculate, predict
- assess, explain, determine
- double check, illustrate if necessary
- clarify, examine
- confirm, edit
- cyclostyle, rotaprint, combination
- arrange, staple, distribute

Think of next Monday...

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So much goes into one issue.