

EDITORIAL

There have been two suggestions towards a new name for the wall magazine. One is 'Mandak Raag', by our Warden; the other, 'Mandak Drag', by Pandy and Co. Both suggestions have been put aside since making a new title block is a big pain.

Do pass on anything suitable for the Rag before it gets difficult to get it published. Any suggestions regarding the Wall Magazine may be given to room no. 152.

IIT PILLS

IIT seems to be the number one place for pills. Now and then guys freak out pilling, but pilling in prohibited areas (Oops, sorry!) staff quarters touched a new high during MG-81.

I was one of the volunteers who had (involuntarily?) volunteered to volunteer. Initially my job was to go round the campus selling tickets for the 'professional' dance recital of Hema Malini and the music concert by Shivakumar Sharma and Zakir Hussain. And I tell you, it wasn't all fun and games, but it had its amusing moments, nevertheless.

The profs' houses at first sight seemed damn encouraging. Raju had already told us all the 'con' talk.

Ring! Ring! Ah, somebody is in. A face comes to the window - looks at us suspiciously, and then, seeing the thick wad of tickets, opens the door.

I start off, 'Madam, good evening, we are selling tickets for the Yeah! The film actress He is the best artiste on the blah, blah!' Five minutes non-stop, and then she says with a 'sweet' ~~xxxx~~ smile, 'Oh! but we won't be in station.' At the first house, like a nut, I believed the crap, but later on I realised that half the IIT population was 'out of station' from Sat. night to Mon. morn. Some enthu for 'outstation trips'.

Women's Lib, they say, but Machaan, in IIT there is no hope for WL. 'I cannot say anything, my hubby ain't at home,' was a very common one. Some said they'd get tickets from the Depts., but according to reliable sources, no tickets were issued to the Depts.

But the best experience was in the N.E. corner of the campus. In a Prof's house, I rang the bell and stood there, by then well versed in the art of bumming dough from 'toughies'. This 8 - 10 year-old kid comes along and opens the door and gives a sly grin. I tell him, 'Could you call your Momma or Poppa?' (Note heavy courtesy.) He says, 'Yeah, but what do you want?' Taken aback, I told him that I was selling tickets for Very casually he banged the door in my face, saying, 'I'll just check up if Mom's at home.'

Special reference has to be made of this very active prof.

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TO NANDAKUMAR WITH LOVE

Gen Sec has bought a new bike.
Gen Sec is resigning.
Can you put two and two together?

For the past few days, Nandakumar has been in a euphoric elated state of mind. I asked him the cause of his bubbling enth. 'I'm resigning,' he joyfully announced.

Mandak Rag: But why?

Nandakumar: I'm not satisfied with the job. I get all the dirty work. (Does he mean the bogs?)

MR : What about the TV?

NK : Actually, if I wanted, I could have got it repaired a month back (!). (Shouldn't that have been in the future tense?) But I didn't take interest in it.

Psst!. Overheard conversation, same day:

Nandakumar: Krishna, do you have a 50-pip coin?

Krishna : What for?

NK : To ring up someone to repair the TV.

K : Sorry, I don't have one.

NK : It's cool, I don't know whom to ring up anyway.

VOLLEY BOLLEY TITBITS

333 - 364 beat 133 - 164 and 233 - 264.

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201 - 232 beat 301 - 332 and 101 - 132.

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Finals between 333 - 364 and 201 - 232.

Rajshekhar played very well. He retrieved some near-impossible balls. He is very calm and collected on the field, and never raises his voice. Seshadri showed very good anticipation while Alok sent the ball back with maximum ease and consistency. Special mention must be made of Roy Matthew, who turned up every day with long-sleeved shirts tailored to exhibit his armpits.

GUESS WHO

There is one guy in the hostel for whom cricket is more than a game. It's his life (though he's occasionally seen playing V.ball.) He has devoted himself so completely to this game that he is ready to do whatever he can for it. He reaches his emotional peaks during Test matches. A genial conversationalist, he needs but little provocation to start off, 'Way back in 1942 at Lord's, in the second innings of the third test between

It all started casually with a chair removed from room No. 115 and the making of a pitch out of the small strip beside the ball baddy court, etc., etc. He saw to it that cricket was popularised among the inmates and that it was played regularly. Mind you, I'm not saying this to get a place in the hostel cricket team.

Now this guy started this game with an old broken bat (with apologies, as it served the purpose) and a tennis ball. But in the process he had invented a new game called 'Tennis Ball Cricket'; and he had the interest and perseverance to approach those who could do much to promote this game. He fought it out and made them see reason. And then what?

A great day for T.B.Cric. OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED GAME OF MANDAK. As a result, more and more facilities will be provided in due course, and tennis balls supplied by the Sports Secs., and slowly we might get all the equipment. A new development was the conduction of an inter-wing tourney on Sat and Sun. Perhaps the Sports Secs. saw it this way: if Narmada could start 4-a-side hockey, why can't Mandak introduce 6-a-side T.B.Cric.!

I think you guessed who our man is.

WHAT THE ---- or rather, WHADDHA ***

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CRICKET

Come Saturday, we saw some pleasant, enjoyable and well-organised matches. All the matches proved to be virtual walk-overs, but for one, which provided a scintillating finish: This was the match between the first floor wings.

Alok Dhir and Co. batted first and hit up 84 runs in the stipulated 10 overs, with a useful contribution of 31 by Natraj. Set a target of 85 to win, Chelluri and Co. started disastrously, till Seshadri came to their rescue with a hurricane knock of 33. The last ball found Ben with the following alternatives: a sixer would fetch a win, a four a tie, and anything less a defeat. 'Anything less' resulted, since the ball landed one foot short of the two-run boundary.

Some good performances were by Ramki (31), Hari (44), Seshadri (33), Natraj (31), and Shyam. There was some good bowling by K.Sri, AB, and Shyam.

301 - 332 could not make it to the finals, although Hari swung his balls well.

The teams which made it were AB and Co., and Shyam and Co. The finals will be held next weekend.

BRAIN TEASERS

A census taker went to a house and asked the man who opened the door his age and the ages of those in his family. The man told him his age and said, 'I have three daughters. I won't tell you their ages, but the product of their ages is 36 .' The census taker thought for a short while and said, 'Tell me some more.'

'The sum of their ages is one less than the number of the house next door.' The census taker went to the next house and came back after some time. He said, 'I still can't get their ages. Can you give me another clue?'

'My eldest daughter is sleeping upstairs. Do you now know their ages?'

'Yes, I do,' said the census taker.

WHAT ARE THEIR AGES ?

[Every statement or fact is significant.]

Solution next week.

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