

EDITORIAL:

MANDAK RAG has won the right of freedom of expression. Objection was taken by the mess workers to what was published last week. During the meeting held to settle the issue, no mess worker turned up, but they were amply represented by our warden Dr. P. Achuthan. The following were the decisions taken:

1. The article would not be removed but would be explained to the mess workers. This would solve the problem, which was considered to be a misunderstanding.
2. The Rag would not be subjected to perusal by the Warden before publication.
3. The Rag would be typed only on Saturday afternoons and only in the presence of the office manager. We are not allowed to type alone in the office in future due to the presence of important files there.
4. The Rag would be careful not to hurt anyone's feelings.

On Tuesday, two gentlemen came to Mandak, screaming for blood. Their brother was to have an open heart operation on Wednesday and more than one litre of A+ blood was urgently required. They had contacted the IIT Hospital from which they had obtained a few names of students with A+ blood. Two of the names were Subramshu and B. Venkatramana (Laddoo). On being approached, they readily consented to donate blood. They were taken by car to a hospital near Perambur where they donated 300ml of blood each. According to Subramshu, 'It took just about five minutes. It didn't have much effect on me except for slight giddiness and fatigue for a day. Anyway, I'd like to know the result of the operation.'

Kudos to Subramshu and Laddoo for their generosity.

Yesterday there was yet another incident in the mess. The potato curry was over at 7:35 PM. There was no curry at any of the tables and two of the servers said that it was over. Some students were denied potato curry. Later, I found a bucket, more than half full with potato curry in the kitchen. I immediately called the General Secretary of the hostel and showed it to him. The curry was seen by LED, Dharmaraj, Lundo, and me. We went to talk to the Mess Supervisor. There the mess workers were eating supper, with plenty of the potato curry in their plates. By the time we returned to the kitchen, the bucket had been removed.

This a relevant matter to be considered by the inmates and office bearers.

LIMERICK CONTEST

Prize Rs.10/=

Complete the following limericks (totally 5 lines).

1. There was a hostel called Mandak,
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2. While passing by Sarayu one day,
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- RULES:
1. Each inmate may give in two entries (both on the same topic if he likes) to room no.152 on or before Friday the 13th March.
 2. The entries will be judged by the Editorial Board, whose decision will be final. A prize of Rs.10 will be awarded to the best limerick on Saturday evening in the mess. The winning entry and other selected entries will be published next week.
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HOW CAN THIS BE?

-- Hari

1. Sam Patch always goes to the tallest trees, takes his shoes off, and jumps over them. How can this be?
2. Three people are under a small umbrella but none of them gets wet. How can this be?
3. Two men, their wives and sons are related to each other as follows. The men are the wives' husbands and their fathers. The men are the sons' grandfathers and fathers, and the wives are the sisters

and grandmothers of the sons. The sons are uncles of each other.
How can this be?

4. A farmer, his daughter, a minister and his wife went to a forest. They found an eagle's nest and four eggs in it. Each of them took one egg and still there was one egg left over. How can this be?
5. A doctor in Delhi had a brother in Bombay who was a lawyer. But the lawyer in Bombay had no brother in Delhi. How can this be?
6. In the north they say, there are deadly mosquitoes, a good amount of which weigh a pound and they also sit on logs and bark when people go by. How can this be?

Keep reading to find out the answers to these riddles.

BRAVO MANDAK!

-- Stylo 3'l

Up at 7 were the footballers with enthu,
Including the talented goalie, Subramshu.
To face the veterans from Narmada-B,
They had toiled hard for a week, maybe.
The game revealed to Mandak, talent apart,
The brute force the veterans could impart.
Muscle power they used to send us reeling,
Not before our defence gave them a strict dealing.
The show, of course, our boys stole
With Subramshu's karate at the goal.
Dipi's guts and our forwards' dare,
Were to all an unqualified nightmare.
With the final whistle our heroes fell.
What a fall that was, my brother.
A fall, that I'd forever remember.

On Sunday, the first of this month, Mandak put up a commendable fight in the first round of the FSA Football Tournament before going down 1-3 to Narmada-B. Our team was represented by Sheshadri, Shajan, Subramshu, Natrain, M.P. Srikanth, Dipi, Vasan and Ramaswami.

WHY IS IT SO?

-- Tautomer

Why is it that...

...all the three bogs are occupied when you rush to them early in the morning?

...everyone's air is low when you are late for class?

...everyone asks you the result of the match after you've lost it?

...the TV conks out just before a good programme?

...the volleyball court fills up just before you step into it?

...someone or the other drops in for a chat just after you've sat down to mug?

...the library book is a week overdue when you realise you have to return it?

...the SAC lacks the item you are badly in need of?

...the water in the shower stops just after you have soaped yourself thoroughly? (and at embarrassing times too?)

...your friends always turn up when you are about to sip a cool drink bottle?

...no one believes you when you are on the right side of an argument?

...your wing does extremely well in a competition when you are not participating?

What goes 99-thump, 99-thump,?

Ans: A centipede with one wooden leg.

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Why did Pink Panther walk round and round the tree?

Ans: He believed that one good turn deserves another.

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A ship carrying blue paint collided with a ship carrying red paint. Everyone was marooned.

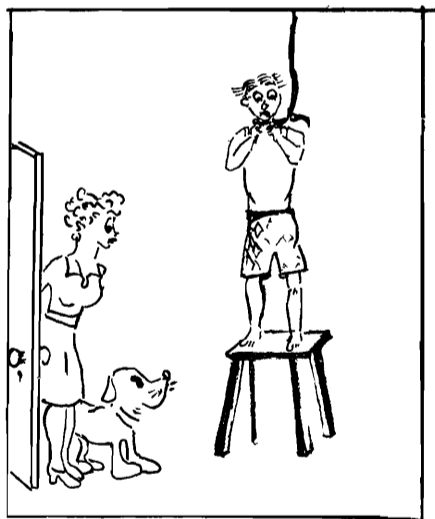
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1. Which American patriot was called Cincinnatus after an ancient Roman hero?
2. Who first ran the mile in under four minutes?
3. What are ungulates?
4. In Irish legend, whose shrieks portend a coming death?
5. What is the literal meaning of KAMIKAZI?
6. What is the name of China's new script?
7. Which Biblical character commanded the sun to stand still over the valley of Ayalon?
8. Who is Lee Lacocco?
9. Who was the sculptor of the PENSEUR? (More commonly known by its English translation.)
10. In which countries are the following?
(a) Waterloo (b) Cologne (c) Tegucipalpa (d) Timbuctoo.
11. Who was the most famous Frenchman to be imprisoned in the 1890s on Devil's Island, off Guyana, if it wasn't Papillon?
12. Who wrote 'J'accuse' in defence of the above-mentioned Frenchman? He was a revolutionary writer more famous for 'Nana'.

Hand in your answers to Pondy before 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. The first person to hand in an all-correct entry gets a prize of Rs. 10. Editors may not participate. The entire responsibility for this quiz rests with Pondy.

CARTOON CORNER

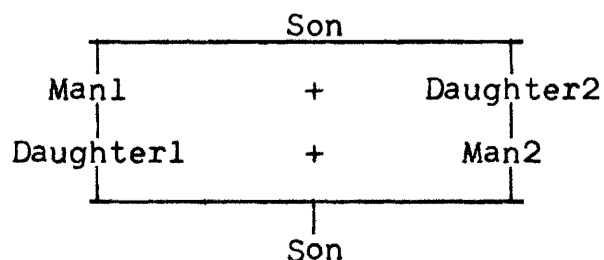
-- Ashish Parelkar



'Do hurry up, Dagwood, I need that stool.'

SOLUTION TO 'HOW CAN THIS BE?'

1. He just jumps over his shoes.
2. It isn't raining.
3. The two men are widowers, and have married each others' daughters.



4. The minister's wife was the farmer's daughter.
5. The doctor was a lady doctor.
6. The mosquitoes sit on the logs and barks of trees, and of course, a lot of them will weigh a pound.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S CHESS PROBLEM IN RETRO-ANALYSIS

The Bishop is at QR3.

Is THE BISHOP AT QR3 or QR4
BLACK

Let us analyse the position carefully. The first hint which we can get is the double QNPs. This shows that some black piece or other must have been captured by the white QRP at QN3; but the only black piece missing is the KP. But obviously it cannot be the KP. Hence it should only be the Knight. But Black already has two Knight's, so it is clear that the Knight at Q8 must have come by the queening of KP. White has lost only a pawn and a Bishop. So black's move was ...P X B = N. So it is the White Bishop which had been lost. Therefore, the other Bishop is at QR3.

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B?							
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WHITE

HOWZAAT!

An expecting father rang up the hospital to enquire about his wife who was undergoing labour. He rang up the Cricket Stadium by mistake where an interesting match was in progress. 'How's it coming?', he asked. 'It's going on fine. We have already got two out, and one more is on the way. The last one was a duck.'

A masochist went to sadist and said, 'Please hit me.' The sadist vehemently refused and they both went away feeling very happy.

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The shortest poem in the world:

FLEAS

Adam
Had'em.

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PALENDROMES

1. A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA.
2. MADAM I'M ADAM.
3. ABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBA.

Heard in class:

1. If $\cos \alpha$ is less than 1, α is acute and if $\cos \alpha$ is greater than 1 α is obtuse.
2. I'll give you your Perio papers on Monday or Tuesday whichever is earlier.
3. If the x-component of the force is F_x and the y-component is zero, the resultant is at 45 degrees to x-axis.
4. Octa means 6. In maths you learn that Octa is eight, but in practice Octa is 6.
5. Charge = charge density X Area.
 $q = \sigma A$
Multiplying both sides by L,
 $qL = \sigma AL$
Now we see that L is common on both sides of the equation. Therefore, cancelling L we get
 $q = \sigma A$.
6. $\ln e = 0.9999993$.

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