

MARDI GRAS

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And on the second day the organisers said, "let there be story telling and music quiz and What's the good word (preliminary) and Quiz? And it was so. And the organisers beheld these things and saw that they were good (not their fault if the crowd didn't think so). So they beckoned the good scribe campastimes and said unto him, "Go forth among the multitude and tell them what hath passed". So we beseech thee to hearken unto us as we reveal unto thee the Gospel according to Campastimes:

Story Telling: IITM was a clear cut above the rest, though it must be admitted that we have the advantage of experience in this field, what with having to think up a new, convincing story everytime you are late in submitting a tutorial or lab record. Sammy, Sad Sack and Joe Cherian made full use of their talents in this regard and backed it up with some good accents to win. REC was reasonable and stood a clear second. The judges must have sorely taxed to decide the third place among the rest of the teams, all of whom put up a spectacularly uniform show of sub-mediocrity. Finally presurably by a process of elimination - the judges adjudged Loreto the best of the bad. We feel the judges should have awarded a special prize to Visweswaraya for their remarkably crude and obscene effort which kept the stomachs in the audience turning at a dizzying run.

General hint: The IIT audience is a little on the prudish side. So don't try to substitute vulgarity for humour - it will only make things worse.



Music Quiz: May we suggest that the name of this event be hereby transformed to Music-cum-film-cum-gossip-cum-anything-else-you-can-think-of Quiz? The misnomer notwithstanding, the item went off reasonably, the success being due in no small measure to the novelty of the event. The home team freaked out in this event too, strengthening the rumour this year's Mardi Gras has been 'fixed' (By the way, it hasn't been). Speedy, in particular, was impressively knowledgeable. The Lone Ranger from St John's, backed strongly by the crowd, put in an admirable single handed fight to come third. The event would have been a little better if the organisers had verified the questions and answers beforehand in order to avoid giving wrong answers.

We are deeply grieved to learn of the untimely death of Dr.S.Vaidyanathan of the Mechanical Engineering Department. We wish to express our sincere sympathies and condolences to his bereaved family on behalf of ourselves and our readers.



Quiz:- Reminiscent of the good old days. Meaning ancient Rome, where the crowds flocked to the amphitheatre to watch the gladiators in action. Yesterday's gladiators were equal to the challenge and answered extremely well, especially in the second and third rounds. The ladies were rather obviously not cut out for this sort of thing (I hope I'm not being chauvinistic). The affair went on for about four hours and, despite the customary good compering by Dr. Subramaniam and the new dimension of film shorts, it began to drag a bit towards the end. The marathon semifinal round was hotly contested, the scores of the participants at the end of the round being 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6. Ajith Kumar and Soumitra Das got through to the final and Ajith nosed past to win the event (we told you to put your shirt on him!). Rangaswami was also impressive, and was unlucky not to enter the final round.

Results:- 1st Ajith Kumar IIM (Cal.)
 2nd Soumitra Das (Sydenham's)
 3rd Rangaswami (St. Xavier's, Cal.)

Fine Arts Results:- Sketching:

 1st Nayer Ahmed (Loreto)
 2nd D. Madhukumar
 3rd Ravi Nsa (School of Architecture)
 4th N.K. Tawakley (BITS)

Clay Modelling:

 1st Paul Puthoor (UVCE)
 2nd C.R.Selvakumar (IIT)
 3rd S.Iftekaruddin (NEC)

Special Mention# R. Mukund (Vivek) and Vasantha Kumar (UVCE)

Introducing the Animals of the IIT Campus:

No.1: THE SAMMY (Zool. Name: K. Narayanaswamy)

What is a Sammy? A Sammy is a supercilious, self-satisfied smirk surrounded by hair which is surmounted by a pair of spectacles. It is a migratory animal which spends most of its time in this campus, but goes north (to Bangalore) in Summer. Normally a docile creature, but can be dangerous when aroused (Ladies beware!).

The Sammy has been in the news recently for winning the Extempore and Story Telling events in the current Livestock Show. It is also a good debater and Just-a-Minuter. Also excels in evoking a sort of primeval rhythm from percussion instruments and accompanying this with a song. Can also construct and compare skits.

In the evenings the Sammy may be seen participating in a group social activity called 'hockey'. This year he is the leader of his small tribe in this activity.

What is the Sammy's hobby? In his spare time, the Sammy studies Electronics and is now in the final - or, rather, fifth - year of his B.Tech.

On the whole, we might say that he has done quite well by any standards - especially for someone who is merely a supercilious, self-satisfied smirk surrounded by hair which is surmounted by a pair of spectacles.

Postview and Preview:

The second day was marginally better than the first (any way, it couldn't possibly have been worse). The large audience for the Quiz fully justified the shifting of this even from its customary location of CLT, which would have held less than one-third of the crowd, and that too in extremely cramped conditions (the poor air-conditioner would probably have just given up).

Notable mini-event: For once, the film club was at the losing end of a slick con/inadvertent slip of memory. A chap turned up with a 50- rupee note to buy a 2-rupee ticket. He was given the change of Rs.48/- before he forked over his fifty. That was the last anyone saw of him or the fifty.

Dramatics is on the card for today. The standard has been rising for the last two years. Hopefully the trend will be followed this year. Anyway, a movie has been tactfully arranged at the right time to lure prospective hecklers away from the prospective scene of their crime. We only hope the strategy doesn't work too well and cause the actors to play solely for the benefit of the judges, the P.A.men and the Dramatics Club Secretary.

Closing Comment: At least one of our visitors thinks that Grand Reddy and Ashok Parameshwaran make a nice combination -