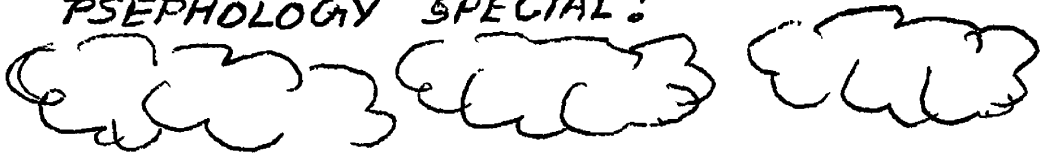


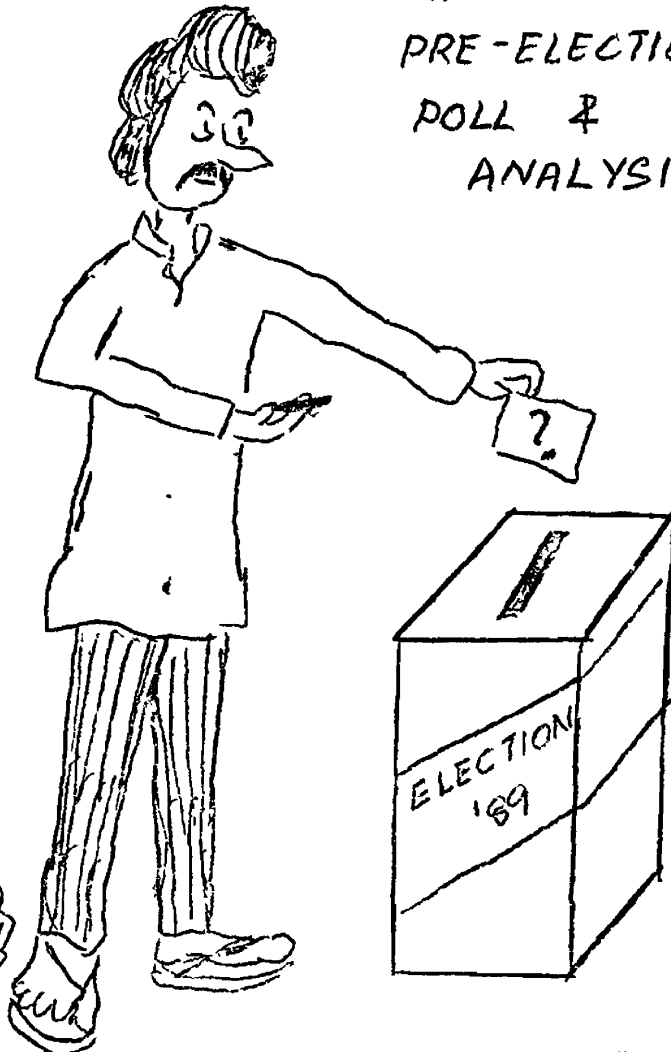
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ROUND RAT



W.J.

Due to intense dissatisfaction about KRAZY KAT,  
we hereby change our mascot to ROUND RAT

Hi folks!

Its election time. So we have something interesting for you in this issue-the PRE-ELECTION POLL RESULTS. In this, we have tried to present the response of the student body of IIT based on a questionnaire based opinion poll. A lot of homework and slogging has gone into this exercise. We profoundly thank the following for making the exercise a success.

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Rajeev Rai (Saras)	Horo	
Paper wt. (Ganga)	Venu	Godav
Kinky ( " )	104	
	Rohini	Sarayu
	Prasanna Rao	Mandak
	Anand	

On the Cul scene, the only inter hostel event held so far has been covered. On the sports scene, we have some reports on interhostel fouter and TT matches.

SPECTATOR has received a couple of letters from the hostel Lit Secs cribbing about the many events being ignored in the Interhostel scene. We will be publishing these letters in the next issue. (owing to our inability to publish them in this issue due to lack of space)

We have a whole page of this issue dedicated to cartoons.....

Now read on-----

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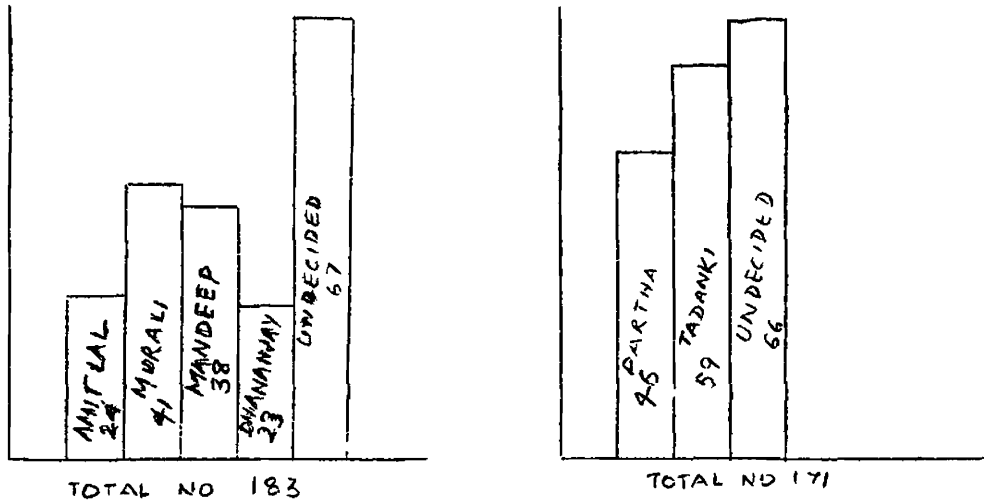
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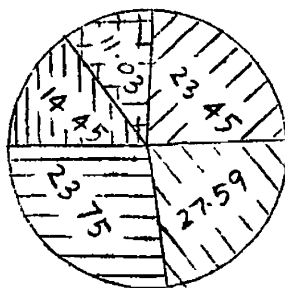
Spectator conducted one opinion poll recently in order to gauge the chances of winning of the individual candidates contesting for the posts of Gen. Sec and HAS. This was a serious exercise and was conducted efficiently. The sample size was 10% of the electorate which comes to roughly 200 people.

The analysis of the results are as follows:

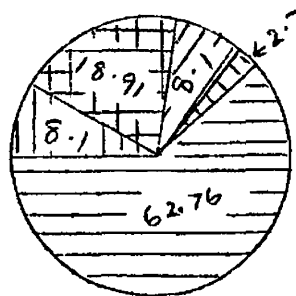
For the Gen Sec elections, the number of people who chose each candidate and the number of respondents who were undecided is best shown by the histogram given below: So also is the case of HAS.



Now these figures would become more meaningful when broken up into UG and PG separately. The figures are expressed as %ages in the following charts:



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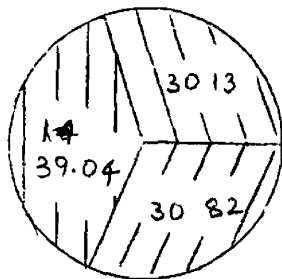


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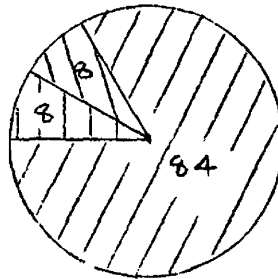
- ||| - AMIT LAL
- /// - MANDEEP
- \\ \\ - MURALI

- ### - DHANANJAY
- === - UNDECIDED

For the HAS, there is nothing much to choose between the two candidates in the PG sector whereas the UGs are more definite. The Pie charts below express the opinion of the respondents.



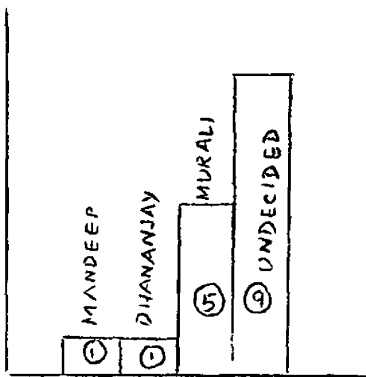
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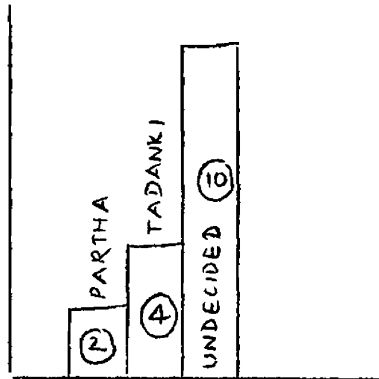
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||| - TADANKI  
 \\\ - PARTHA  
 /// - UNDECIDED

What information we can finally gather is that the UG sector Mandeep and Murali are running neck to neck for Gen Sec while Tadanki is comfortably in the lead. In the PG's sector, Dhananjay is way ahead leading; with 56% undecided. Sarayu has been dealt with separately. The Histograms for Sarayu are given below. One important thing to note is that Sarayu has 55% undecided with Murali having got 31.25% of the votes polled, for the Gen Sec's post.



GEN SEC



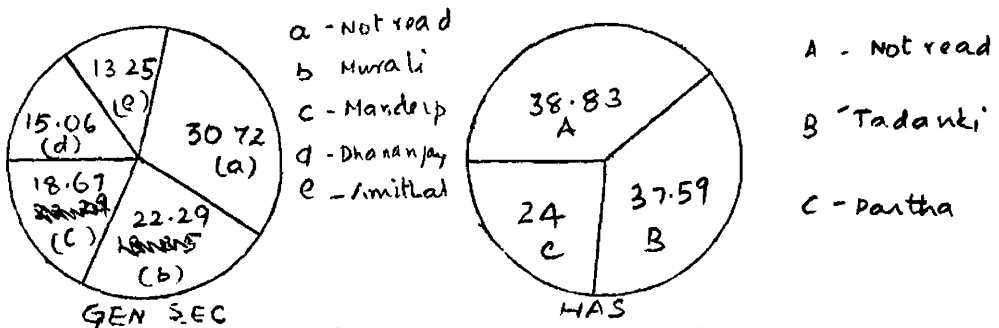
HAS.

Coming to the hostel wise splitup, the hostels Narmada, Saras, Godav and Ganga support their respective candidates fielded for the post of Gen Sec while Alak and Jam so the same for HAS. Murali seems to have a slight edge in Jam while Mandeep enjoys good support from Mandak and ALAK. Dhananjay is well ensconced at the top in the entire PG sector. T

Tadanki is leading in Narmada, Godav, Saras, Brahms, Sarayu, Ganga and Alak, while the rest is in Partha's favour.

The Pie chart below gives the break-up of the respondents' idea of the most impressive manifesto:

A.



The response obtained for 'the degree of confidence' of the respondents' choice of the candidate (ie. the probability of his choice winning the election) is:

- 47.05% are absolutely sure of their choices' victory.
- 45.87% are reasonably sure.
- 7.06% do not think that their candidate would win.

Another popular belief is that a person, however well you know him, will vote for you only if you 'put' him by putting personal campaign to him. We decided to test this hypothesis, and we asked the junta:

"Would the guy campaigning to you for your vote win your vote over the guy not campaigning to you?"  
Surprisingly, only 56.1% of the people claim that campaigning affects them, while 43.9% answered with a clear "no". A victory for issues over personal gratification? We hope so.

Another topic we analysed was the basis for the choice of candidates. The choices offered were:

- a) Based primarily on the points made in the manifesto
- b) Based primarily on how well you know the candidate
- c) Based on whom your friends vote for
- d) Based on whom you think has slogged the most
- e) None of the above.

The results for the above question throw up an attitude of independence as far as the choosing of candidate is concerned. (Alternative 'c' received just 0.99% credits) 17.82% opted for 'e' which is surprising as all the relevant choices have been taken into account. Choices 'a' and 'b' have 31.19% and 30.69% support respectively. As this forms a large chunk of the electorate, it can be inferred that about 60% of the populations' vote depends on either the points made in the manifesto or how well known the contestant is. The respondents also seem not particularly influenced by a candidate slogging more than the others. (As only 19.3% opted for this choice)

As it is obvious from the statistics, the number of 'undecided' is staggering for both HAS and Gen Sec. So it would not be wrong to predict that this large chunk can sway the election any way.

So much for the results. These results indicate the trend around the weekend. They don't indicate swing with time. These only the final elections can tell us.

FOOTBALL REPORTS

The footer match between Godav and Narmada was expected to be a cake-walk for Narmada. The Narmada team looked to be oozing with confidence (or was it overconfidence) at the start. Godav, with all its players in Royal blue, seemed undaunted by the reputation of their opponents and proceeded to display their ball skills. In the first half Narmada made a few concerted attempts and nearly succeeded in bringing down the Godav bastion. But the lion-hearted Godav defenders foiled their attempts time and again. On one particular occasion, Narmada seemed to have scored off a free-kick but by an act of divine providence the ball hit the crossbar. This kick was taken by Chandran. For Godav, Manoj made one or two penetrating solo runs only to meet the Great Wall of Narmada- their Goalkeeper. Wali gave admirable support to Manoj.

The second-half was generally a replay of the first, with Godav having the better of the exchanges. The Narmada Goalie was stranded twice during this session but the chances went abegging due to poor shooting. Vasu, Narmada's ace of trumps was very ably marked by Slice who didn't allow Vasu even a look at the ball. The Godav defence proved to be as impenetrable as any Great Wall should be with Pai in particular putting up stellar performance. The halves, Vaidy, Kiran and Slice scotched any hopes of a Narmada win by thwarting every move of theirs. Finally the match ended in a goalless draw with the Godav emerging moral victors in this battle royal.

The Alak - Jamuna match was marked by a series of [ : trys, near misses and the like. The number of chances muffed by the two teams were so many that one was hard put to keep count. The Institute Captain, Machan made all the moves for Alak which is usual but unusually and unfortunately the forwards looked as if they were playing blindfolded, goofing time and again. Zico and Vivek had directed some good shots at the goal only to see the ball either go out or parried well by the goalie. For Jamuna, Kartik, Sarabh and Panda defended exceptionally well. All said and done, the match ended in a forgettable goalless draw.

INTER HOSTEL TT:

The inter-hostel TT tournament in the league stage saw Alak bulldozing their way to the top though they were seeded only third. The scores speak for themselves- Alak beat Ganga 5-1 ;

Alak beat Saras 5-1

Alak beat Mandak 5-0.

Ramkumar was undoubtedly the boss around. The piece de resistance was a match between Ramkumar and Sivakumar in which the younger brother triumphed. For Alak, incidentally, Ramkumar and Damor did not lose even a single match in the whole tournament.

For Saras, which has a good reputation, (the defending champions) Nagarajan and Jaypaul played well and put up a good fight against Alak. But nothing could stop Alak from getting the gold.

The final positions were Alak Gold, Saras Silver and Ganga third.

Ramesh Mantha.

INTER HOSTEL JAM

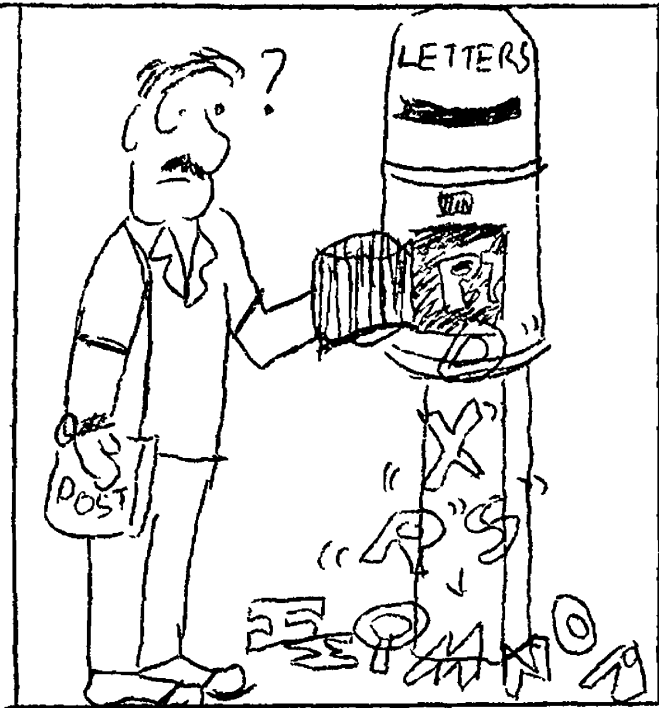
JAM competitions need reformation. They have degenerated, due to professionalism, to just bland, dull speaking. As a result of this, there are only a couple of guys in IIT like Ramesh(Jam) and Praveen (Narmada) who can entertain the audience to a reasonable degree.

Jam has degenerated so much that usually JAMs consist of 6 chaps fighting to th and nail for 2 points, 3 points, etc. Imagine the topic -'Lenin's grave- A communist plot'. This is an oft repeated topic which figure in interhostel Jam yesterday. The speakers would be most likely to say "My girl friend (note: this is the most common method of starting) came up to me and said-Why are you digging Lenin's grave. I replied I was digging Lenin's grave because blah blah, and then she said, "But you must not dig Lenin's grave blah blah and I said Lenin's grave Blah blah". If you have got pained you know how Jam competitions are like. This nonsense continues till somebody objects.

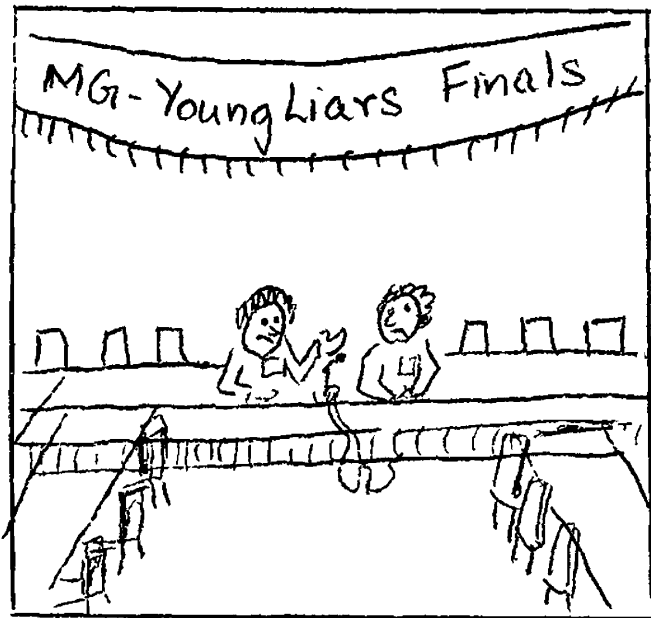
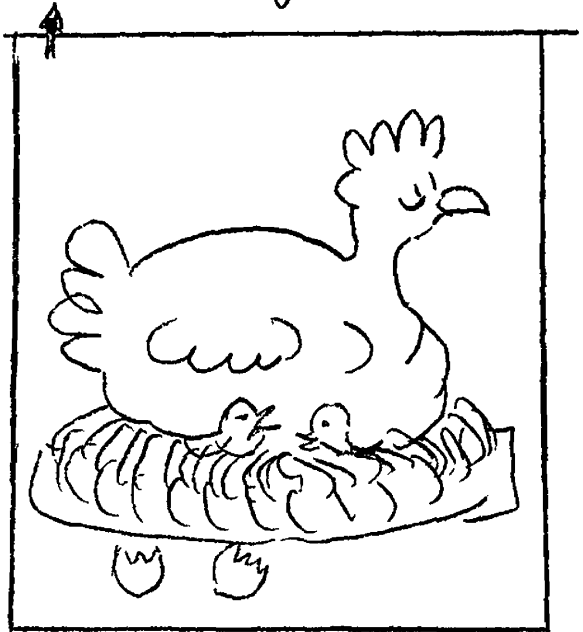
Now what must be done is that we should go easy on pauses. Accent must be on humor. Girl friends must not figure anywhere. All said and done, Jam, which is a spectator oriented event must be made better.

Anyway, for the record, Ramesh, Ajay, Praveen, C Sri, Aditya, Ramnath and a couple of others have qualified for the finals to be held tomorrow.

# Kaat-oon Korner (It's back!)



"Well, no wonder our shells broke. Someone is sitting on us!"



"Well, Mr. Judge, Everyone promised to turn up, but...."

"Never let your humility get in the way of your pride!"



Remember? It's Round Rat.

