



Issue FOUR..

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To write or not to write - that is the question (with apologies to Shakespeare). With IITians making their exit en masse, we don't know how many will be left to read this issue. Notwithstanding this we are dutifully bringing out our fourth issue for after all, 'Every Monday - Spectator Day'

This week was a study in moods - the flippant mood of R. K. Laxman, the plaintive mood of the Festember returnees and the expectant mood of the basketball team which left for Calicut. Read on to 'catch' some of these moods.

? GUESSWORD PRELIMS ?

The Institute Open Guessword Prelims were held in the Narmada, Tapti and Saras messes on Monday night. 18 individuals were gleaned from out of 48 by a new, experimental 'rotational' system. In the Narmada mess, Vidya (Go) and KGP (S) broke out, while top honours were claimed by M. O. Parthasarathy (B) and Chambal (N) at Tapti, and Venky (Go), Vivek De (Go) and Rajesh Gupta (N) topped the list at Saras.

"While there's tea there's hope." to quote Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. Strictly following Sir Pinero's advice, we probed the new system in an interview with Chai.

SPECTATOR: Is the rotation system new?

CHAI : In IIT(M) - yes. But it was tried internally this year in Saras and Narmada. In IIT(B) this system has stood the test of time.

S: Why was the old system scrapped? Was that necessary?

C: Firstly, the old system was scrapped simply to add some variety. Secondly, it was done to eliminate professionalism and cashing on codes, and to

give credit to the 'true' experts.

S: Please explain the system adopted in the prelims.

C: If there were n pairs, n^2 words are used. One side was stationary while the other rotated. So each person on one side partners each one on the other side for half a U. (I.e. either guessing or giving clues only.)

S: If good players get concentrated on one side of the table, the others on that side will come across good players less frequently. If the good players, by chance, alternate on any one side, the system proves to be a fiasco. E.g. when A is opposite G (good player), he may be guessing words, but when he is opposite B (bad player), he may have to depend upon B's guessing abilities for his points for a whole round. Can you suggest how these drawbacks can be eliminated?

C: They are eliminated by seeing which players are reasonably good (by past performance), and distributing them on both sides of the table, trying to see that good players do not alternate on either side. In-
~~stead,~~ if we use $2n^2$ words (i.e. each person on one side partners each one on the other for one U - half guessing and half clue-giving), the second drawback is eliminated. But this is practicable only for seven pairs or less. Since we have nine pairs for the finals, we shall be following the n^2 system.

To eliminate both the drawbacks, one must follow the $2n(2n-1)$ system, which is suitable only for either 5 pairs or 6 pairs. In this system, each participant partners every other participant for one U, i.e. one guy on one side remains stationary, and all the others move around in a cyclic fashion. But the more the participants, the more difficult it is to conduct.

S: What modifications would you like to incorporate during the year?

C: Firstly, the $2n(2n-1)$ system. Secondly, if the first team passes and the second team cashes, they get full points, and so on.

S: If my partner either passes or repeats a clue and I guess the word, should he get any credit? Yet you can never give points only for guessing or only for clue-giving. Hence, shall we call this an inherent drawback of the system?

C: All systems have drawbacks, but yes, you could call this an inherent drawback. But in the method we used, all the stalwarts who had proved themselves earlier got through to the finals.

S: But hadn't these guys proved their mettle in the old system? What happened to the 'true' experts?

C: There were also many 'proven' guys who didn't get through.

Thanking Tea, we proceeded for a cup of chai (...Oops! slight slip between the 'cup' and the lip.

THE VENUE FOR 'AS YOU LIKE IT' HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM CLT TO SANGAM.

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

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(Letters to the Editor may be handed in to Shiva (229 N), Bucket (225 Ga) or Chandranouli (48 N).)

Sir,

You interviewed Joy Thomas, the co-ordinator of Tintoretto, but I felt that you should have interviewed the winners.

Godavari.

Chelluri.

(We interviewed Joy to enlighten you on the game.)

COME SEPTEMBER COME FESTE MBER

" In many a festival, it has been the vanquished, not the victor who has carried off the finest spoils." This can be said of the 16 - member IIT team that took part in REC Trichy's FESTE MBER.

" More sober(?), less class than MG, no Pro shows, chikna scene not as good(?) as MG. The fare from 5 of the 25 colleges participating was fair. The campus is huge and barren with the scene of activity being the 'barn'. Organisation was good and IIT would do well to take some tips from RECT concerning Hospitality and good relations."

A mostly new-look team kept the IIT(M) flag flying high and retained the IIT shield. The QUIZ(fooyong,shiv ram) GUESSWORD(vasu,shivaram), CALL MY BLUFF(vasu,shivaram,fooyong) were cakewalks. N.Shankar got a placing for his limericks. Our boys zapped the REC guys by solving their Crossword puzzle in 10 mts flat.

Fine arts was smooth sailing for RECT aided by Parthiban(ex-IIT(M) arts sec.78-79). "Beauty is altogether in the eye of the beholder." For IIT(M) all present were beholders except the judges.

Cultural events proved to be a washout because

1. They didn't like it the way we like it.. manoranjan..as u like it.
2. We couldn't adapt ourselves to 'Ad-apt'.
3. We were too dumb for 'Mutactics'.
4. We didn't want to dance to their tune in ' Contradanza '.

Our music performance reached dizzy heights but apparently the judges didn't suffer from hypsophobia and weren't affected. Kati strummed his way to the best instrumentalist prize in 'Sultans of Swing' while 'Woman in Love' (usha sundaram) crooned her way to the best vocalist prize. IIT(M) was placed third in light as well as western music.

One remembers Maud Muller ,

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
 The saddest are these, "It might have been." "

but for the judges believing in

" the only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it."

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INTER HOSTEL

We saw only one match played last week. It was a hockey match in which Tapti beat Mandakini 4 - 0. This was the first inter hostel hockey match and it was quite interesting - what with hits from the sidelines and the rest. (new rules were in !)

Coming to the match proper the ball saw more of the sidelines and goalline rather than the caressing touch and artistry of the sticks. (new rules -sticks is out).

Kaushik spear headed the Tapti attack and converted all four for Tapti. Munavar was also impressive. Ashok of Mandak played well and was instrumental in warding many a Tapti move. If Ashok had played a bit more offensive pai might have been tested at least.

ATHLETICS SELECTIONS

28 September 4.30pm The selections got off to a very bad start ..nothing unusual, only two events....the 400 m hurdles and the longjump were postponed. As only two ladies (!) landed at the start the 100 m scheduled for them was scrapped.

Shridhar, Mani Maran and Agarwal were placed 1, 2 and 3 respectively in the 100 mts dash. V³, Hari and Seshadri were 1, 2 and 3 in the 5000 mts.

29 September 4.30 pm.... Siddu and Satyapal came through in heat 1 while Shyamsundar and Erry made it in heat 2 in the 110 m hurdles. Discus saw two competitors but 400m was a sellout with 17 taking part. (Field events did not have a full field) Bhaskar (1 no. freshie) was impressive while other qualifiers were V³, Palaniswamy, Ravi, Seturaman(?) and Venkatesh. The ladies umm chose to be absent.

30 September 4.30 pm 400 m hurdles saw two competitors while 800 was an improvement with one more. V³, Hari and ravi finished in that order. Palaniswamy won the 200 m in grand style with Venkatesh and Agarwal giving good chase. Satyapal clearing 5' 6" edged out Ravi kumar who cleared 5' 3". Hammer went 20 mts with Ranganath while Sethu threw it over 16 mts. Venkatesh of Tapti impressed one and all by coming thro' in the 100, 200 and 400 mts.

The organisers have informed us that the events washed out on the 1 st have been postponed to the 12 th.

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