

EDITORIAL:

The General Body Meeting held last Saturday (14th March) was very interesting. The Warden, Dr P.Achuthan came with some points to make and he made them alright. Though some of his statements might have appeared childish to some of the 'grown up' inmates of the hostel, there was a lot of sense behind them.

The New Messy System (is that how its spelt) was rejected at the General Body Meeting. According to this system, 4 hostels will have one veg. mess and one non-veg. mess, i.e. all veg. guys of Alak, Jamuna, Mandak and Ganga go to Jamuna for breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner while all non-veg. guys go to Ganga. This was suggested with a view to decrease the cost and enhance the quality of the food. But, apparently, the inmates of Mandak were not in favour of having their grub anywhere else but in Mandak. They did not mind hooting protractedly till someone was convinced that the GB had rejected the idea.

This time Mandak will have a very sick Hostel Day - on a Saturday. There will, of course, be no movie screened on our lawns. The function will begin, regardless of the sun, at 4:30 and end at 6:30 just when everyone is ready to have some fun. But the main point that was discussed about the Hostel Day was whether to have high tea or dinner!

While the whole hostel is enjoying itself playing Holi, here we are faces stained with colour, trying to produce something worthwhile(?) (the question mark was for sceptics, others can disregard it) for the notice board.

CHAUVINISM IN IIT - A Sympathetic Review

—Vivekkrishna De

That Rajiv Jayaraman has boldly come up against the little-thought-of 'Miss-mannerisms' of his inmates is interesting and instructive. But I am afraid that his points are a bit too shallow and specious. Here follow some of my observations that might make me sound less stupid.

First of all, free interaction of sexes is perhaps, very much unwanted by the Institute authorities. How else can you explain the location of the girls' hostel in such a remote corner of the campus, that only by sheer mischance might you happen to catch a glimpse of it, let alone its member of your dreams? This rarity of regular informality has much widened the gulf between the two sexes.

Secondly, the witnesses of Mardi-Gras '81 which most of us were, will be the last men in the world to accept that there is even a modicum of discourtesy in the reaction of IITians towards what they call 'chicks'. Never in a Mardigras show, be it Western Music or Dumb Charades or something 'sicker' were the girls howled at just because they were girls. I should say, the credit for earning relentless 'boos' in the inter-hostel competitions goes absolutely to the miserably poor show they invariably put up and it will be unwise to say that IITians have any sort of prejudicial attitude towards the fairer sex.

It is the overwhelming majority of the male or rather the microscopic minority of the female species that has implanted a vicious seed of insecurity in their minds which, in a large measure, has estranged them from the bigger chunk of the student population.

So you see, 'chauvinism' as Rajiv thinks is very much rife among us, is not a reflection of our parochialism, neither is it any kind of snobbishness. It is something peculiar to the uniqueness of the circumstances we are placed in and we are last to blame.

Above all, I think it is a bit too early that we are being taken to task and that too, for no fault of ours. Let us wait and see. There are four more years lying ahead of us and maybe the time when we are able to break the ice is not very far off.

TIPS TO THE PROSPECTIVE RELATIVE GRADER - N C Suresh

Life in IITM is based on Relative grading. All IITians have unconsciously taken the hypocritical oath of dedicated service to relative grading. Which, incidentally, was why they started grading their uncles and aunts. (That was a PJ. I hope you noticed it).

Let me give you a couple of tips on relative grading. The basic thing is that the relative grader should not let it be known that he is relative grading. Acting just the opposite will give a feeling of security to the other guy and our man can casually relative grade to 10 CGPA.

The average time taken to walk at normal speed from one room to the next is 2.2 secs. Relative grader can make use of this time to mug while his pal is walking to his room. Saying 'Good-night' and going into the room is not a bad idea. R. Grader can also tell a good joke and mug while they are laughing. Able R. Grader can ditch taking baths and mug while others are taking theirs'. Able R. Grader can also stop _____ and mug while others are _____ing.

That is all. I'm not going to give you any more hints. What will I do then?

'Kyo.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR D BATCH GUYS.
No Chem. Quiz on Tuesday.

SOME GOOD JOKES TO LAUGH AT (Laugh as long as you want):

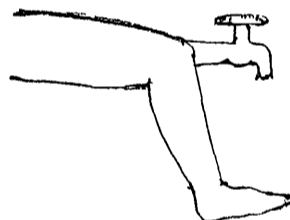
Businessman (to Salesman) : Get out, I can't see you today.
Salesman : Excellent sir, I'm selling spectacles.

A man has to light a gas stove, two bonfires and three funeral pyres. The wood has a lot of petrol on it. The gas stove has very little gas. If he has only one match, which should he light first?

Answer: The match, stupid!

MEDICAL AID:
What to do with water on the knee?

Just give it a little tap!



THE CHEMIST

--Onglipo Chengoli

- He is a chemist. (1)
- More of an experimentalist than an observationist. (2)
- He toils for the improvisation of indigenous materials. (3)
- And he believes in self supporting researching work. (4)
- So he works with his and only his! (5)
- He works day and night; (6)
- Observing its various resonance structures. (7)

[There is a one-to-one correspondence between 'his' in line 5 and 'its' in line 7.]

His results are encouraging
Unlike ordinary systems; his resonance
Results in unstability of the system
And it collapses to a flexible non-vibrant object.
After radiating quanta of unknown characteristic and asymmetric
field vectors

Intermittently.
After he got married recently
He is more interested in hyperconjugation
Than the simple single bonded symmetric resonance.
He says there is a vast scope
In the new field, mainly because
There are a number of stable states
In which the experiment can be conducted.
And he adds -
The right procedure at the right time
Results in (in the near future)
A new system capable of
Either resonance or hyperconjugation.
