

EDITORIAL:

MANDAK RAG hasn't yet received the funds promised to it. I hope this will be rectified quickly, although we have spent only Rs. 2Q till now.

The cassette tape deck which should have been installed long ago is not yet fully functioning, and was taken away for 'repair' a few days ago. Pandy and Co. have recorded about 7 cassettes of their choice, without caring to know what was generally wanted by the inmates. Till the cassette deck is working properly, the turntable should be available at all times. It would be nice if Pandy could keep the whole hostel informed about such matters via the notice board.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Sir,

I am glad that MANDAK RAG, in response to my suggestion, has agreed to start a column dealing with various current topics. In the first edition of it, given below, IIT chauvinism is discussed. Next week's topic is PERIODICALS - OH! WHAT A PAIN. Meanwhile, any views for or against this week's topic may be sent to me. If preferred, the names shall be kept anonymous.

Mandakini.

Rajeev Jayaraman.

CHAUVINISM IN IIT

--Rajeev Jayaraman

This probably is a very controversial topic, not D as you may think. But as far as I am concerned, this topic has no controversy. Every thing is crystal clear and there is no doubt that basically and fundamentally all of us have turned into male chauvinists. Every facet of Institute life clearly depicts this.

During the inter-hostel competitions the girls' hostel is always booed - not because they aren't good, but because they are girls. I needn't specify any specific example - the inter-hostel quiz, western music.

We like cracking jokes at the expense of the fairex sex. How many inmates in this hostel haven't commented on girls in the campus? Probably one could compile a massive dictionary with words coined for the females who hadn't done as much as borrowing a book from you. And if by chance good thoughts prevail, and the student doee say a decent word about the girls, immediately (according to us) the student has flipped for the girl or some such wierd rot.

We generally try to degrade females passing the JEE. 'Oh! She is a freak; just a muggo jaar, no brains.' That is a pretty common statement. We cannot accept the fact that girls too can be intelligent. Even if one gets a decent CGPA (9 points or so) She is still a muggo. Does it not reflect harshly on our own chauvinistic behaviour? Why do we regard girls as inferior in every way? Is it because we are socially immature or is it because we are all confirmed chauvinists?

How many times, during boring lectures in HSB, have we come across perverted graffiti? I needn't specify what the caligraphy depicts - it is all too well known. What pleasure people get by commenting on other people, especially females, is beyond me.

Another point is the mixing up of the sexes. We tend to have a standard approach towards this. Boy A talks to female B. Someone cracks a joke and A and B laugh. Typical inference - A has flipped for B or vice versa.

I am not inclined to believe that we are socially immature as for 16 years, all of us have come across females either at home or at school. Still why are we so orthodox and decadent in our views? I think the only reason is that we are all confirmed chauvinists.

These five years are the years, when we should enjoy ourselves, and what I mean by enjoyment is good clean fun. It is high time we threw our narrow-mindedness to the winds and became free. It is also high time we avoided chauvinistic views and looked at matters objectively.

RESULTS OF THE LIMERICK COMPETITION

There was plenty of enthuse and the editors had a difficult time judging them. The prize of Rs.10 was shared by ASHVIN R. and M.D.RAMASWAMI. Today, on Saturday the 14th at 7:10 PM in the mess, they will be presented with a prize of Rs.5 each. Some other commendable efforts have also been published.

PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES:

While passing by Sarayu one day,
In the sizzling month of May,
I saw a luscious blonde,
But God! Did I get conned!
Not knowing that mirages never
stay.
--Ashvin.

While passing by Sarayu one day,
I spotted her happy and gay,
With those swaying hips,
And coloured lips
She left me staring away.
--M D Ramaswami

Here are some other entries:

While passing ~~Sarayu~~ by Sarayu,
Jogging along came 'things' in
rows of two.
One of the 'things' dropped
something,
While retrieving the pants want
bing
And what I saw was zap-ping.
--A B Srinivasan

There was a hostel called Mandak,
Where, stayed a boy, tall and
dark,
With an upturned nose
And a photogenic pose
He'd refuse a trip to Quark.
--M D Ramaswami

There was a hostel called Mandak,
About which I heard a remark:
'The inmates are looney
'Cos they have an LED,
They think they can burn in the
dark.'
--R Chakharapani

There was a hostel called Mandak,
Which had a gen. sec. named
Nandak,
He hunted for one,
But found he had none,
To hide which he called himself
Landak.
--Srinivas 'Mickey'

PONDY'S QUIZ

PRIZE: RS.5/=

1. Which is the lowest altitude airport in the world?
2. Roger Bannister ran the mile first in under 4 minutes. Who was the next to accomplish this feat?
3. Which was the first ever credit card? (Give the name)
4. Which is the book from which the award-winning APU TRILOGY was made by Ray?
5. In the west, the formal suicide of the Japanese is known as Harakiri. What is it called in Japan?
6. What caused a controversy during President Carter's visit to India when Morarji Desai was the Prime Minister?
7. Which lake, also called the Swabian Sea, lies on the Swiss-German border?
8. What was Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Turkish leader of the 1920s known to his people as?
9. Which French revolutionary leader was murdered in his bathtub?
10. 'Remember the Alamo' was the stirring war cry of the Texans. What was the Alamo?
11. Which American president led his Rough Riders up San Juan Hill (before he became president) and in which war?
12. What protein does hair contain?

13. Which star constitutes Orion's Shoulder?
14. In which drama is this heard?
'Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgement.
... the apparel oft proclaims the man.'
15. Who is the most highly paid director in Hindi films?

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Hand in your entries before 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 15 to Pondy.
The first all-correct entry gets Rs. 5.

Results of Last Week's Quiz

The prize of Rs. 10 was won by Ben Verghese. A. B. Srinivasan got 10 correct out of 12.

Answers

1. George Washington was the American patriot who was called Cincinnatus after an ancient Roman hero.
2. The first to run a mile in under four minutes was Roger Bannister.
3. Ungulates are hooved animals.
4. In Irish legend, the shrieks of the banshee portend a coming death.
5. KAMIKAZI literally means Divine Wind.
6. China's new script is called PINYING.
7. Joshua, son of Nun, was the one who commanded the sun to stand still over the valley of Ayalon.
8. Lee Lacocco is the head of the Chrysler Corporation.
9. The PENSEUR (also known as the Thinker) was sculpted by Rodin.
10. (a) Waterloo is in Belgium. (b) Cologne is in Germany.
(c) Tegucigalpa is in Honduras. (d) Timbuctoo is in Mali.
11. The famous Frenchman who was imprisoned in the 1890s on Devil's Island (off Guyana) was Captain Alfred Dreyfuss, a Jew accused of treason.
12. 'J'accuse', in defence of Alfred Dreyfuss, was written by Emile Zola, who was more famous for 'Nana'.

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-- Dipi

Lots of things are happening in 1988.
Let me tell you what everyone's at.

Duggal's given up skating and grub,
Now he's the SLIM debonair owner of the IIT night club.

In the night club no one plays up the cabaret dancer,
For you see, muscleman Shekhar is the club bouncer.

Bhargava sings with Moses at the Guitar,
Kishore drums; as a group they'll go far.

Pondy was as you know always groovy,
These days he's acting as a villain in a movie.

Akela's a detective, always looking for a clue,
Nundoo teaches Karate and also Kung-fu.

Chelluri's set a new record by dropping the highest number of catches.
Chandramouli is the linesman for the Institute Volleyball matches.

Tambe's got over bikes, now he's on motors,
Dharmaraj is the President of the Madras Union of Doctors.

Vivek's a secret agent, deadly and cool,
With his gun he's called 'the man from Istanbul'.

Ben's latest best-seller is 'The Harmonic Mean',
Chitra's freaking out at the modelling scene.

Laxmi's kind of talent is rare,
She's the top photographer for Debonair.

Joykutty is now managing Quark,
Bharat is acting in 'Jaws III', obviously as the Shark.

Rajesh was the Dean of Students, recently got fired,
AB's the new superstar, as Amitabh Bacchan's retired.

At Karthik's Tharamani shop you'll get any fag,
Dipi's putting off funda pills for the MANDAK RAG.
I could go on till my fingers developed sores,
And I'd only be stating the facts.
To end, a message from a friend of yours,
Don't let life bug you man, just cool it and relax.

STOP PRESS! TUESDAY 1630 hours

SHAME! SHAME!

This page had been tprn off by some *?'μπΣ** guy. The page had been brutally torn in the middle of Ajay Tambe's cartoons, which, unfortunately could not be redrawn at such short notice. However in spite of other pressing engagements, we have retyped below LED's article.

HOSTEL AFFAIRS

--K S Raghavan

It appears as if Mandakini inmates are generally dissatisfied with the working of the hostel and we have taken it out on the Mess workers. I feel that everyone should be judged equally.

To start with, the office seems to be working on its own schedule. Notices are not put up in time and this causes a lot of problems. I hope you remember how we nearly had to give Godav a walkover in volleyball because our office didn't put up the notice. There is yet another incident which affected only a few of us but is still worth mentioning. A few weeks ago I saw a notice announcing a South Zone level Bridge Tournament to be held this weekend. Now the notice is not there. One also sees a number of notices announcing events like inter-hostel quiz, etc. which are already over.

Another important point about the office is that the secretaries are not getting the money they want for various things in time. Seshadri will tell you how long he has to wait to get money for purchasing sports equipment.

Shajan has been wanting to discuss our November mess bill with
Any guess as to what happens next.

Finally coming to the students, my only complaint is the spilling of food in the mess. I request the students to be more careful in future. (For their own good as Shajan is thinking of fining anyone who ~~xxx~~ spills a bucket of sambar or likewise.)

INTER HOSTEL TENNIS

MANDAK SWAMPS KRISHNA 2-0

Results:

Christie beat Dutta 10-0
Ajit beat Nair ~~KX~~ 10-6

Mandak defeated Krishna on Friday 2-0 in the inter-hostel Tennis. Ajit defeated Nayar 10-6. Ajit was very consistent with his serves and played a controlled ground game with some superbly placed shots. On the other hand, Christie ran through Dutta 10-0. Dutta was no match for Christie. Christie lost just 7 points in 10 games. Mandak meets Ganga on Monday. Mandak was represented by Ajit, Christie and Rajeev.

If you want to be remembered after you are dead, either do something worth writing about or write something worth reading.
- Benjamin Franklin.

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