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Lucknow**

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

1. *Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. *Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

3. *Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to each one that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life .*



St. Francis of Assisi
Patron of the College



College Anthem

" We will answer "

1. Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,
Tho' no flags and no cannons the day greet,
We will answer when duty shall call.

Refrain : To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not,
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,
To the spirit of Francis we'll fail not,
We will answer when duty shall call.

2. Through the heat of the day and the burden,
And thro' sweat and thro' toil without guerdon,
To dishonour we shall not be lured in :
We will answer when duty shall call.
3. With a heart and a will where the right be,
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,
We will answer when duty shall call.

Words by V. E. Vance

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Principal's Message



Dear Students,

I know all of you have a great desire to be successful. There is no single formula that you can use for being a successful student. No one can give you the answer of how to succeed, as each person defines success differently. Find out what success means to you, in your own mind, and go for it! I can tell you though, from my own experience and also as someone who works with students every day, that you WILL change based on your school experiences. Some experiences will be positive; some will be negative, yet all have the potential to teach you something. Some experiences will have an immediate effect on you; others you won't notice the effect until many years down the road. You will face difficult choices, but you will have opportunities while in school that you may never have again. Things won't always be easy, but you have the ability to make the most of your experiences here. You will face some challenges, but you will also have the opportunities to reap many rewards. The choices are yours.

Know that there is a wonderful support available in the school while you are around, from your teachers and also from your own classmates. But you have to take advantage of it. Ask questions; seek answers. Reach out for help when you need it. Be an active participant in your education and your experiences. I do hope that this advice will be of some use and insight for you.

Best wishes for a successful and happy New Academic Year.

Fr. Vincent Nazareth

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Kushagra Misra
Mayank Awasthi
Puyush Dixit
Prashant Sharma
Rahul Singh
Ravi Singh
Rishi Bhasin
Satyajit Rajendra Phadke
Shivang Singh
Siddhant Goel
Siddhartha Agarwal
Somnath Pal
Vaibhav Ranglani
Vaibhav Sharma
Ved Gupta
Vishal Sood
Vivek Seth

List of Prize Winners 2002-2003

Nursery A

Excellent : Harsh Dixit
Very Good : Nikhil Arora
Good : Ritvick Kapoor
Full Attendance : Siddhant Chauhan
: Aditya Srivastava
Good Conduct : Syed Mustafa Haider

Nursery B

Excellent : Samarth Srivastava
Very Good : Kanishka Kapoor
Good : Sparsh Sinha
Full Attendance : Abhay Samuel Peter
Good Conduct : Apoorv Singh

Nursery C

Excellent : Shubham Pratap Singh
Very Good : Shaurya Misra
Good : Achyuttam
Full Attendance : -
Good Conduct : Azafar Siddiqui

Nursery D

Excellent : Gaurang Vaid
Very Good : Vatsal Tripathi
Good : Mumukshu Bhargava
Full Attendance : Fardeen Siddiqui
Good Conduct : Aneesh Chattaraj

K.G.A

Excellent : Shubhanker Mukerjee
Very Good : Hisham Ali Ansari
Good : Ayush Anand

Full Attendance : Abhinav Pandey
: Abhishek C. Paul
: Mohd. Irfan
Good Conduct : Mahir Riyaz Khan

K.G.B

Excellent : Rohan Kochar
Very Good : Ishan Atul
Good : Yash Chawdhury
Full Attendance : Karan Chandra
Good Conduct : Gary Jackson

K.G.C

Excellent : Sagar Rohira
Very Good : Rachit Baluja
Good : Sankalp Garg
Full Attendance : Bani Preet Singh
: Varun Narayan
Good Conduct : Ahmad Areeb

K.G.D

Excellent : Goyal Sonkar
Very Good : Shantanu Mangalam
Good : Shobit Mohan
Full Attendance : Pratyush Chauhan
Good Conduct : Craig Savio Bennett

I A

1st : Shikhar Shukla
2nd : Sarab Chhabra
3rd : Parth Jain
Good Conduct : Deepayan Malaviya
Full Attendance : Akash Sharma
: Shikhar Shukla

I B

1st : Himanshu Joshi
2nd : Shikhar Kapoor
3rd : Shivanker Tandon
Good Conduct : Roopal Raman

I C

1st : Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi
2nd : Syed Yawar Ali
3rd : Suyash Agarwal
Good Conduct : Abhinav Garg
Full Attendance : Pranay Sah

I D

1st : Shaurya Raghuvanshi
2nd : Saksham Agarwal
3rd : Sagar Rana
Good Conduct : Sarvagya Mehrotra

II A

1st : Shubhankar Kumar
2nd : Rohit Gupta
3rd : Arpit Kar
Good Conduct : Rohan Uprety
Full Attendance : Prabhjot Singh Allagh
: Shashwat Singh

II B

1st : Tushar Kanaujia
2nd : Sameer Kumar
3rd : Pranoy Deep
Good Conduct : Gautam Kacker
Full Attendance : Tushar Kanaujia

II C

1st : Pronoy Mukherjee
2nd : Palash Khanna
3rd : Prajwal Khanna
Good Conduct : Aradhya Khattri

II D

1st : Shantanu Jaiswal
2nd : Pavitra Singh
3rd : Satya Priya Singh Deo
Good Conduct : Kunal Bhargava
Full Attendance : Kunal Bhargava

III A

1st : Shanal
2nd : Syed Ashar Ali
3rd : Devanshu Bora
Good Conduct : Eshaan Singh
Full Attendance : Shubham Katyal

III B

1st : Ankit Shekhar
2nd : Amil Bhatnagar
3rd : Ashwin Gupta
Good Conduct : Vibhor Kapoor
Full Attendance : Vinayak Raj Singh

III C

1st : Shubham Agarwal
2nd : Siddhant
3rd : Arpan Mahajan
3rd : Naman Tandon
Good Conduct : Dhruv Singhal
Full Attendance : Arpan Mahajan
: Nimish Sharma
: Wilfred Labanty

III D

1st : Avanish Rastogi
2nd : Anurag Dwivedi
3rd : Shubham Raj
Good Conduct : Deepankar Puri
Full Attendance : Salil Awasthi

IV A

- 1st : Satwik Misra
- 2nd : Praveen Honhar
- 3rd : John Antony
- Good Conduct : Dhruv Kumar
- Full Attendance : Sarthak Mohan

IV B

- 1st : Harshit Agarwal
- 2nd : Amol Khanna
- 3rd : Priyank Agarwal
- Good Conduct : Vedant Srivastava
- Full Attendance : Akshat Sharma
- : Amit Dixit
- : Samarth Khare
- : Siddharth Kapoor

IV C

- 1st : Vaibhav Sethi
- 2nd : Kartikeya S. Sangwan
- 3rd : Adhar Maheshwari
- Good Conduct : Sajal Gupta
- Full Attendance : Rushil Sharma
- : Sajal Gupta
- : Sushant Das

IV D

- 1st : Shubham R. Asthana
- 2nd : Prabhav T. Srivastava
- 2nd : Manu Raghuvanshi
- Good Conduct : Prateek C. Nigam

V A

- 1st : Adarsh Mehra
- 2nd : Anunay Tomar
- 3rd : Avijit Agarwal
- Good Conduct : Siddharth Kacker
- Full Attendance : Pranay Tandon
- : Mohd. Athar

V B

- 1st : Anchit Rakesh
- 2nd : Syed Najjamuddin
- 3rd : Kaustav Ganguly
- Good Conduct : Robin William
- Full Attendance : Pranjal Srivastava

V C

- 1st : Tanuj Gupta
- 2nd : Mudit Kotwal
- 3rd : Rohit Nigam
- Good Conduct : Shashank Gupta

V D

- 1st : Pallav Grover
- 2nd : Kushagra Om Varma
- 3rd : Shashwat Rastogi
- Good Conduct : Amol Srivastava
- Full Attendance : Rohit Khanna
- : Shaurabh Das

VI A

- 1st : Akshay Arora
- 2nd : Ayush Kumar
- 3rd : Siddharth Kant
- Good Conduct : Shahkar Hussain

Class VI B

- 1st : Ishan Tripathi
- 2nd : Yasir Haque
- 3rd : Harshit Agarwal
- Good Conduct : Nishant Gupta

Class VI C

- 1st : Rachit Saxena
- 2nd : Satyam Kapoor
- 3rd : Ashay Gangwar
- Good Conduct : Sarthak Khare

Class VI D

1st : Garvit Singh
 2nd : Amit Shukla
 3rd : Amit Awasthi
 3rd : Ritesh Mohan
 Good Conduct : Ayan Anil

Class VII A

1st : Yash Vardhan Sinha
 2nd : Shubham Raizada
 3rd : Bobin Kurian
 Good Conduct : Prerit Mohan

Class VII B

1st : Aniket Agarwal
 2nd : Suyash Chandra
 3rd : Arpit
 Good Conduct : Gorav

Class VII C

1st : Ahmad Emad
 2nd : Kartikey Asthana
 3rd : Aniruddha Srivastava
 Good Conduct : Kshitij Prasad

Class VII D

1st : Shivam Batham
 1st : Shantanu Singh
 3rd : Nishant Gopal
 Good Conduct : Ayan Sen Gupta

Class VIII A

1st : Akshay Singh
 2nd : Apurva Vikram Agarwal
 3rd : Arpit Tandon
 Good Conduct : Vivek Kumar Sinha

Class VIII B

1st : Deepansh Dalela
 2nd : Satvik Dube
 3rd : Huzefa Shabbir
 Good Conduct : Tushar Puri

Class VIII C

1st : Himanshu Mohan
 2nd : Anindya Rastogi
 3rd : Umar Mujeeb
 Good Conduct : Fardeen Qadeer
 Full Attendance : Abdul Rubey Siddiqui

Class VIII D

1st : Dhananjay Pradhan
 2nd : Anant Tuteja
 3rd : Rafulla Srivastava
 Good Conduct : Akshat Guttani

Class IX A

1st : Kartik Gupta
 2nd : Shubham Tandon
 3rd : Harshit Malhotra
 3rd : Sameer Katti
 Good Conduct : Prasoon Mishra

Class IX B

1st : Rameen Khan
 2nd : Ankit Misra
 3rd : Puneet Srivastava
 Good Conduct : Prateek Tandon

Class IX C

1st : Nikhil Tandon
 2nd : Akash Singh
 3rd : Daud Khan
 Good Conduct : Praphull Kumar

Class IX D

1st : Siddhartha Trivedi
 2nd : Mayank Kumar
 3rd : Mohit Agarwal
 Good Conduct : Mayank Dwivedi

Class XI A

1st : Ketan Bhasin
2nd : Taru Agrawal
3rd : Aakash
Good Conduct : Rahul Goel

Class XI B

1st : Vijit Prabhu
2nd : Rohit Srivastava
3rd : Kumar Valbhav
Good Conduct : Pushkar Kohli

Class XI C

1st : Syed Saif Ahmad
2nd : Deepankar Bhattacharya
3rd : Ripunjay Saran
Good Conduct : Abhishek Kumar Singh



Rev. Fr. Romano Merit Scholarship
Standing 1st in VII, VIII, IX & XI in the Year 2002-2003

Aniket Agarwal VII B
Deepansh Dalela VIII D
Siddharth Trivedi IX D
Ketan Bhasin XI A

Mrs. M. Srivastava Scholarship

Awarded for obtaining highest marks in class III-Year 2002-2003

Ankit Shekhar III B

Ritu Raj Agnihotri Scholarship

Awarded for obtaining highest marks in class IV-Year 2002-2003

Satwik Misra IV A

Aditya Tandon Scholarship

Based on the results of class V for the year 2002-2003

Anchit Rakesh V - B

Ashish Anand Scholarship

Based on the results of class V for the year 2002-2003

Adarsh Mehra V - A



College Report



Ankit Puri
Captain

*Let us then be up and doing
with a heart for any fate
still achieving , still pursuing
Learn to labour and to wait.*

The afore mentioned amply describes the theme of our activities in St. Francis' college in the academic year 2002 - 2003. As I pen down my thoughts in the short frame of this report, I appear lost in an ocean of reminiscences of my association with the Alma Mater.

The year began on a note of gravity as we bade Rev. Fr. Lobo adieu. He was a very considerate and friendly person and I fondly remember his lectures on 'positive attitude' and how to be a successful person. We also welcomed Fr. Claudius amidst us as our new vice principal.

The college witnessed excellence in academic and sports sphere this year. Sudeep Tandon topped in the I.S.C. examinations with 94%. The I.C.S.E. boys also put up a spirited performance with Aakash Agarwal scoring 93% marks.

This year, the Teachers' Day witnessed some unprecedented performances by the juniors. The way they enacted and danced to the tunes of the latest Hindi songs was admirable and they received a thunderous applause from a spellbound audience.

The college observed the Patron's Day on the 4th of October. The customary annual concert that evening was a heart warming event. Songs, skits and prayers performed by the students under the able guidance of the teachers was a treat to the eyes. The theme of nationalism sent ripples among the audience who encouraged the students with their applause.

Youth Month was celebrated by the Rotary Club in October 2002. Shubham, Ashok and Saurabh Bagchi won the Second Prize in the J.A.M. and creative writing

competition respectively. Vaibhav & Shubham along with Indresh represented our college in numerous debates & quiz competitions organized by various colleges and brought laurels to our college. I congratulate all of them.

Our Annual Sports Day was held on the 26th of October in the august presence of Mr. Peter Fanthome (M.L.A.). The junior events like Caterpillar Race, Obstacle Race, Hanging the clothes and many more gave everyone a reason to smile at the ingenuity of the teachers and the discipline of the toddlers. Our gymnasts performed the awesome feat of jumping through a ring of fire. On the basis of points secured in various sporting events St. Patrick's house lifted the prestigious 'Cock House Shield' which was presented by the chief guest. Utkarsh Tripathi, captain of St. Patrick's House bagged the 'sportsman of the year' award while Vaibhav Saxena of class XII B won the coveted award for the 'student of the year'.

Hats off to you guys!

Despite our best efforts we missed the 'Champion of Champions' trophy at the Crossroads 2003 by a whisker. Some spirited performances from our boys won them numerous prizes, but yet again the ultimate prize eluded us. However Sanchay Karidhal was adjudged the Best Male Performer.

The college volleyball team finished second in the Inter Collegiate competition by a narrow margin to Spring Dale College. However our school cricket team won the Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Inter School Cricket tournament for the second time in a row. Congratulations to them all.

As I step out of this college which was a second home for me, I resolve to strive, to seek and to find but not to yield. The principles which I imbibed during all these years as a student will be the torch bearer for me in rest of the odyssey of my life.

"Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime

And departing leave behind us

Foot prints on the sands of time"

Ankit Puri
College Captain

St. Patrick's House Report



Utkarsh Tripathi
House Captain

"Fight the Good Fight"

"Achievement lies within the reach of those who reach beyond themselves"

St. Patrick's House, donning green, symbolizes the ever growing sportsmanship in its members. And its motto of "Fight the Good Fight" tells us the vein in which we must undertake our challenges.



Arindam Gupta
Vice Captain

2002 - 2003 will go down as a golden session to reminisce in the history of the House. It was really a dramatic turnout in the sporting activities of St. Patrick's House. But the best part was the fruits borne by our tireless endeavour in the form of 'Cock House Shield'. The house claimed five out of the possible eleven shields.

The year began on a low note for us as we stood last in soccer, though there was no dearth of talent in the house. In 'C' division Shubham, Ruchir, Animesh, Siddharth, Pranay, Vaibhav, Amit, Kush and Aashwin were little Ronaldos and played really well. In 'B' Division Alok, Imran, Prakash, Dhruv, Oswin, Kazim and in 'A' Division Utkarsh, Arindam, Himanshu, Hasan, Kanav, Divjot and Nishant put up a great show.

In Badminton we again lifted the shield this year due to the unrelenting effort of Satwik Mishra (a junior school lad), Mitul in 'C' Division, Alok, Imran, Aareeb in 'B' Div. and Kushagra, Utkarsh, Fahad in 'A' Div with Alok emerging as the junior open winner.

In Table Tennis it was the magic of Aareeb (winner 'B' Div.) Yash Vardhan and Kushagra which helped in to secure the second spot. Kushagra won the senior open.

There was a phenomenal achievement by Ashar Ali (College Basketball Captain) and Jafar in Basketball. But inspite of their strenuous effort we had to be content with the second spot.

In Hockey our first encounter with St. George's House had a nail biting finish which we finally won by 1- 0. Arindam was the scorer. We had no problem in

winning the final, which was against St. Francis' House. Thus we won the shield for the second time in a row. The diligent efforts of Arindam, Kanav, Utkarsh, Himanshu and Divjot are worth a mention. Our goal keeper Kushagra was just excellent in his job.

Swimming was a clean sweep for us. Our swimming champs Jamie, Satwik and Satyam were just marvellous as they won medals in every event.

We lost our Marathon Shield because of the last minute injury to our star runner Himanshu Pratap Singh, and had to be content with the second spot only. But Ashar Ali managed to come out with flying colours (winning it third time in succession). Our other runners in first fifteen were Alok (5th), Maharishi (11th) and Arindam (12th).

In cricket there is not much to say as we shared the third spot with St. Francis' House.

Athletics was the biggest crowd puller this year. Though we had lack of support from 'C' Div boys but the 'B' and 'A' Division boys were right on target. Alok, Imran, Prakash, Kazim in 'B' Div. and Himanshu, Utkarsh, Arindam in 'A' Division were the only good Athletes on our side. Alok missed the 'B' Div championship by a narrow margin of just 1 point. On the Annual Sports day our 'A' & 'B' Division relay teams proved to be the best as we won Gold Medal in both 'A' & 'B' Div relay. Utkarsh and Himanshu also performed well in the Inter College Relay. Thus with a total of 69 points we lost the shield to St. Andrew's House by 4 points and were shifted to the second spot.

Now the Cock House Shield depended on the March Past Shield which we won, thus winning the Cock House Shield. With the Cock House two other prestigious awards also went to the House.

- (1) Best Sportsman of the year 2002 - 2003 → Utkarsh Tripathi
- (2) Best All round student of the year 2002 - 2003 → Vaibhav Saxena

I would be shirking my duty, if I do not mention the name of my Vice Captain Arindam Gupta and Kanav Arora for their invaluable support. Ashar Ali was constantly by my side to assist me whenever I needed him.

Special thanks to our House Master Mr. N. Bose, Maam Nagranee, Mrs. S. Saxena, Mr. B. D. More, Mrs. K. Mukherjee and Mr. H. K. Gregory for their invaluable support throughout the year. I express my heartfelt gratitude towards our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig and Mr. N. Pant who helped me in all my efforts.

As I leave the college with fond memories of winning the Cock House Shield, I would once again like to thank all my colleagues for their collective effort and I hope that they will show the same zeal and enthusiasm in the years to come.

Utkarsh Tripathi
House Captain

Arindam Gupta
House Vice Captain

St. George's House Report



Mohd. Karam H. Kidwai
Captain

The house trotted down the path of time yet another year, picking up as it did, with typical Franciscan ease, triumphs, glories, some sorrows and adding many a beautiful and illustrious feather to an already over feathered cap.

The extravaganza kicked off with soccer. Despite some great performance shown by Vikram and Karam in 'A' Div, by Trivikram, Samar and Dabas in



Vikram Malhotra
Vice Captain

'B' Div and by Joshua, Swesh, Ashank and Kumar in 'C' div, we lost the shield by a meagre margin of '1' pt.

Table Tennis was not our cup of tea and we came third. Still, good performances were shown by Ashank and Anshuman.

In Volleyball superb control over the ball was shown by Abhijeet and Karam which might have been very decisive, but due to some harsh decisions taken against us we came third.

In Badminton, we did well by coming second. Worthy performances were shown by Srinivas, Abhinav, Utkarsh and Anshuman.

History repeated itself In Basketball. We maintained the tradition of winning the Basketball Shield. We defeated St. Andrew's in the first match and in the final we defeated St. Patrick's. Superb all round performances were shown by Anish, Anirudh, Ujjawal and Karam.

Hockey was the game in which we had hoped to do well but due to some misfortune we lost the first match. We bounced back to win the second match and came third. Good stick work was shown by Karam.

In Swimming we had hoped to do well but came third.

In Cricket, we played like champions. In the first match we defeated St. Patrick's by 8 wickets. In the final match we won by just 5 runs. Sincere performance was shown by every member of the team specially by Abhijeet, Jasmeet, Anirudh and Karam.

In Marathon, we had to prove our mettle, and it was proved only by Karam, Ashwal and Utsav who came 3rd, 8th and 11th respectively. This was not enough and we came third.

We were head to head with St. Patrick's in the Cock House race and everything was now left on the Athletic shield. It proved to be a disaster for us. Still, sincere performances were shown by Ashwal and Karam in 'A' div and by Trivikram and Rahul in 'B' div. Superb show of skill was shown by Joshua, Ashank, Swesh & Kumar, the up coming talents of 'C' div.

We are proud of Joshua as he got the 'C' div championship.

We won the Tug-O-War cake as our anchor Amit was fabulous.

In March past, the co-ordination of the boys was good but as we were having problems in and outside the field, we landed at the bottom. Sincere marching was done by Qadir, Vikram, Utsav, Anirudh and Karam.

We are content with our performance as we played with true sportsmanship.

I would like to thank Mr. Bhargava our House-Master, Mrs. Duggal, Mrs. Nagar and to my colleagues Vikram, Utsav and Anirudh. I would also thank Rev. Father V. Nazareth for his support and our P.T.I. Mr. Vig and Mr. Pant.

I write the last words of this report with the hope that the incoming Captain and Vice Captain will bring laurels to the House.

ADIEU ALMA MATER

Mohd. Karam. H. Kidwai
House Captain

Vikram Malhotra
House Vice Captain

Not for vain applauses that we struggle, not for the giddy heights of popularity that we wrestle but we fight for honour and "In Honour Bound".

If you lose it does not matter as long as you have tried your best for 'Honour' and shame from no condition rises, Act well your part and there honour lies.

"We will answer when duty shall call".

St. Francis' House Report



Saurabh Mukherjee
Captain

Perseverance Conquers All

'I tried so hard, had gone so far, but in the end it doesn't even matter. I had to fall and lose it all, but in the end it doesn't even matter.' These lines from a recent song describe just what I felt after our sports day prize distribution. We lost the cock house shield by a small margin, but winning or losing is not important. The important thing is that we play in the spirit of true



Gaurav Trivedi
Vice Captain

sportsmanship and give a good fight.

The year started with inter house football which was not supposed to be our cup of tea. But we won the football shield and that too in style. We won the first match against St. George's House in penalty shoot outs. An amazing Goal was scored from midfield by Ariz. In the second match we crushed St. Andrew's house by three goals to none. The goals were scored by Saurabh and Abhinav, who were also the top scorers. Brilliant goal keeping was shown by Gaurav Trivedi. In the 'B' Division we won both our games. Excellent performances were shown by Baghel, Nitish and Mandeep. In 'C' Division we lost both the games but respectable performances were shown by Joy, Tanuj and Mayur.

Table Tennis was our game as it has always been. We won in the A and C Divisions and came 2nd in B Division. Thanks to the strong performance of the Hazari Brothers. Nice performances were shown by Rishi and Vatsal. In the opens we had Tanay Hazari as the junior champion while Saurabh Mukherjee was the senior runner up.

Next came badminton, and it was a story in itself. We come fourth due to certain unfortunate reasons inspite of our boys winning in the 'B' and 'C' Divisions. Brilliant performances were demonstrated by Satwik Dubey, Rahul and Paurush. In the opens senior, Paurush emerged the winner crushing Ankit Puri in style. In

the juniors Satwik was the runner up.

Basketball was the next sport in which due to the lack of co-ordination and good players we came fourth. However, dedicated efforts were put in by Abhinav, Harshdeep, Gaurav, Tanuj, Vidhu & Saurabh.

In Volleyball we had a pretty decent team and we managed to stand 2nd. Excellent skills were shown by Harsh, Karan, Gaurav, Abhinav, Tribhuvan and Saurabh.

In cricket, what we experienced was a nightmare. We lost the first match against St. Andrew's House. The second match resulted in a draw due to certain unfortunate incidents. Very nice performances were shown by Sarfarazul, Gaurav Chandra, Ariz, Vidhu, Mansoor, Karan, Harsh, Faiz and Saurabh.

Next in line after cricket, was hockey. Brilliant defending by Gaurav and attacks by Mehul, Tribhuvan and Ariz made us win the first match. The second match was a really good one. It was a close encounter, but we lost the match by one goal in the penalty shoot outs.

Swimming was one big disappointment for us. We could manage nothing. However, dedicated efforts by Abhinav, Madhav, Mirsab and Ali Atif are worth a mention.

Marathon was a complete stunner for all the other houses. We were ranked fourth before the competition, but we came first in the end. Performances of Amit Chaturvedi, Nitesh, Paurush, Puneet and Peter helped us in winning the shield.

The last sporting event of the year was athletics. The boys were determined to win but managed to get the third slot. Dedicated performances were given by Tribhuvan, Divi, Saral, Nitesh, Ishan, A.K. Singh and Adhiraj. In the shot put, Karan Magoon won the gold medal while Mandeep won the bronze medal. In the discuss throw Jasjeet won the gold medal.

We came second in the march past.

As I leave this college I would like to thank our principal Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth who took a keen interest in all our sporting activities. I would also like to thank our house master Mr. D. Jackson and Mr. Mc Donald for their whole hearted support and Mr. N. Vig for his encouragement throughout the year. I would also like to thank my housemates Gaurav, Amit, Abhinav & Arpit for helping me in managing the house activities. In the end I would like to convey my best wishes to the next captain. Best of luck St. Francis' House.

Saurabh Mukherjee
Captain

Gaurav Trivedi
Vice- Captain

St. Andrew's House Report

'For Honour Alone'



Jagmeet Singh Anand
Captain

As I pass on the mantle of St. Andrew's House to my successor, my mind is afloat in an ocean of reminescence, as I reflect upon the events of this year.

The sporting event was sparked off by Soccer in which our spikers tried really hard but we ended up third. Appreciable efforts by Vivek, Farhan, Lohani,



Vaibhav Chaturvedi
Vice Captain

Luqman, Abhinav Rastogi, Jagmeet and Sunny from 'A' Division, Bahuguna, Ramkrishan and Eric from 'B' Div. and Ankit Sharma of 'C' Div. are worth mentioning.

Switching from an outdoor sport to an indoor sport was a bit difficult for us. T.T. proved to be a disaster. But Badminton lifted our spirits after a poor start. In A div Ankit and Akash emerged as winner and runner up respectively.

After the summer vacation it was the turn of Basketball. It's not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts. We lost first crucial match against St. George's House as outstanding efforts by Vibhor, Manak, Luqman, Jagmeet, Nikunj and Shardul was scanty against them. In spite of defeat our team managed an easy win against St. Francis' House.

'There is a time to let things happen and time to make things happen.' Volleyball season was surely the time when we made things happen. Excellent performance by Vivek Kaul, Jagmeet, Lohani, Bahuguna, Indresh and Ankit Puri made our way towards the shield.

In hockey we lost the shield to St. Patrick's House inspite of skilful efforts of

Jai Kishan, Vivek, Lohani, Ankit and Jagmeet.

Swimming proved to be a good sport for us as we got the second position. Vaibhav Chaturvedi won the swimmer of the year award.

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do'. We had this pleasure after defeating the all time cricket champions St. Francis' House in a nail biting cricket match. But we lost against St. George's House in the final by a small margin. Some good performances were shown by Ankit Puri, Varun Lamba, Farhan Azmi, Jai Kishan and Rohit.

Our Cock Hose chances were dashed when marathon proved to be a disaster as only Jai Kishan (2nd) Jagmeet (14) and Bahuguna (15) could rank in the first fifteen.

'A man who is master of patience is master of everything else'. We waited for the last event of the year that is Athletics from a long time as it was a decider for other houses but for us it was our saving grace. Due to an extra ordinary performance by Jagmeet who won the A Div. championship with 10 medals into his account and Eric Perera who won the B Div. championship gave us the athletics shield very easily. Ram Krishan, Jai Kishan, Jayesh, Ankit Sharma and Krishnendu were other good performers.

In the end, I would like to thank House prefects Bhaskar, Nikhil, Sunny and Saurabh Bagchi in the editorial board for looking after the literary section. I would also thank Vaibhav Chaturvedi our vice-captain and Vivek Kaul our volleyball captain. My report will be incomplete if I don't give thanks to our house master Mr. J. Hannah, Mr. Sawhney, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Vig.

"Defeat is a school in which truth always grows strong," and what truth is practice and incessant practice.

Jagmeet Singh Anand
House Captain

Vaibhav Chaturvedi
House Vice Captain

N.C.C. Report

The academic session 2002-2003 was a glorious year for Troop No.9 belonging to No.5 UP Air Squadron NCC located at St. Francis' College. It was the year that saw our cadets winning the Sports Shield, Rifle Shooting Shield, Drill Shield and finally the Overall Champions Cup at the Combined Annual Air Training Camp CATC-161 after a long gap of 5 years. It was the year that saw the appointment of Cdt, Sergeants and Cdt. Corporals. It was also the year in which our Cdt. Sergeant Piyush Sachdev left the college, but not before inspiring us to victory at the Annual Training Camp.

The year began with the recruitment of Class VIII cadets into the NCC. These talented boys were to be groomed into disciplined cadets in this period of 1 year. Cdt. Sergeants Piyush Sachdev and Dhruv Suri and Cadet Corporals Aniket Dabas and Samarth Pathak were entrusted with this responsibility and they sure did their job well.

The Annual Summer Camp was attended by 35 cadets. It enabled the cadets to gain valuable experience in comradeship and the hardships of military camplife. Cdt. Sgt. Piyush Sachdev led the NCC contingent at the Independence Day parade. The cadets put up a splendid show and earned some well deserved accolades. Soon after this Piyush left the college and Aniket was promoted in his place. Siddhartha Trivedi was appointed a Corporal.



By this time the 1st year cadets were good enough to participate in formal functions. Some of them were hand-picked for the Continuity Drill that we performed at the Annual Sports & P.T. Display. In the Continuity Drill our cadets performed 28 drill movements consecutively without the commands being verbally spoken.

Our contingent at the Republic Day was led by Cdt. Sgt. Dhruv Suri as the cadets marched their way to glory. This splendid performance capped off a great year for us.

To conclude, I would like to say that our experience in NCC has prepared us to meet the tough challenges of life in the future. It has brought about smartness and discipline in the cadets and has made us realize our duties as citizens of India.

I take this opportunity to thank our Principal, Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth for his constant support and encouragement. I also express my thanks to our Associate NCC Officer Mr. A.M. Morrison for his guidance. I would also like to wish our comrades for their great work. Last but not the least I would like to wish the 1st year's good luck for the next Annual Training Camp.

Cdt. Corporal Siddhartha Trivedi

Cdt. Sergeant Dhruv Suri

SOCCER REPORT



*"Success is sweet.....
.....but the secret is sweat"*

Time, it is said, waits for no one and the force of this fact dawns upon us today when our time at St. Francis' is nearly up. A new session is just beyond the horizon bringing with it new hopes and new aspirations. 'The old order changeth yielding place to new'. And thus one of the most eventful years comes to an end.

This year S.F.C.'s sport story commenced with Inter House Football Matches of 'A' Division in which the seniors gave a sterling display of their talents. But it was the performance of 'B' and 'C' Division boys which decided the shield. J. Howard, Alok, Shubham, Imran, Mandeep, Prakash, Ankit Sharma, Ali Atif and A. Bahuguna were some of the Junior boys who performed well for their respective houses.



This year it was St. Francis' House which won the shield, followed by St. George's, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's House.

Looking at the enthusiasm of the boys, Inter Class Matches were also resumed. Class 6B, 7C, 8A, 9D, 10B and 11C stood first in their respective Inter class matches.

This year our Senior Team participated in the 1st Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Inter College Soccer Tournament, held at Chowk Stadium. In the inaugural match, we launched our campaign in style, drubbing Police Academy School 12-0. The scorers were Ankit Puri (6 goals), Karam (3 goals), Utkarsh (2 goals) and T. Johari (1 goal). In our next encounter we trampled C.M.S. Mahanagar 4-0. The first goal was scored by Utkarsh, which was a free kick taken from the half field and landed directly into the back of the net. The remaining job was done beautifully by Karam and Ankit scoring 2 and 1 goals respectively. In the semi final we faced L.P.C. and our overconfidence led us to lose the game 2-0. L.P.C. went ahead to win the tournament. Our congratulations to them.

Our seniors were the ones from whom we learnt the tactics of the game and when we had to play a match against them it was a pleasure and the most exciting thing for us. The past Vs Present Match ended as a draw, the score being 2-2 by the full time.

Ankit Puri with 9 goals was the leading scorer of the year followed by Karam (7 goals), Utkarsh (6 goals), Abhinav (4 goals) and Farhan (3 goals).


I would like to thank our Principal Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth for his invaluable support. I would also like to thank our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig for his guidance and support. It was very pleasing to see his untiring efforts polishing the talents of the boys.

It was heartening to see the increase in enthusiasm for the game of football amongst the youngsters and I hope the upcoming stars like J. Howard, Shubham, Bahuguna, Alok, Ankit Sharma and other spikers, take the standards of football in S.F.C. to greater heights.

The Team:- Utkarsh Tripathi (Captain), Karam, Abhinav, Ankit Puri, Kartikey, Jafar, Hasan, Gaurav K., Saurabh, Vivek, Nishant, Divy, Lohani, Ariz, Aakash, Gaurav T. (Goal Keeper), T. Johri and Utsav Sharma.



Utkarsh Tripathi
Captain



BASKETBALL REPORT



As the year draws to an end, my heart is flooded with memories of the moments, I cherished with my fellow players. The long hours spent practising with my team-mates, the euphoria of victory and even the momentary frustration of defeat are some of the things that I still remember with great clarity.

As the academic year started, keen interest in Basketball was shown by the boys. A camp was also organised in the summer vacations in which we had Mr. A. K. Singh an ex-Franciscan for our training.

The season started off with the Inter House Matches. In the opening Match between St. Patrick's House and St. Francis' House, St. Patrick's House was the winner with the score being (16 - 4). Efforts of Kanav, K. V., Jafar and Ashar are worth a mention. Vidhu Shekhar's defending was the highlight of the match. The second match was an interesting encounter between St. George's House and St. Andrew's House. St. Andrew's House lost by a big margin, the reason being, that they were playing without their key player Jai, who was injured. In the next match St. George's House won by 25 - 22. Karam, Ujjwal & Anirudh were instrumental in the victory. The final was played between St. Patrick's House and St. George's House. This match was a real cracker in which St. George's House were the winners, thus winning the shield also. Ujjwal, Karan and Anirudh played very well. In the other match St. Andrew's House defeated St. Francis' House by 20 - 4 thus occupying the third place. Vibhore was the highest scorer of the match & of the season too.

Position of all the houses.

- (1) St. George's House
- (2) St. Patrick's House
- (3) St. Andrew's House
- (4) St. Francis' House



It was now time to step out of the gates of St. Francis' College and display our talents. We played a tournament at Spring Dale College. Our first match was against the host college. The team seemed to be a little nervous, but the excellent shooting, fabulous lay ups and 'Jordan' like dribbling of Ashar Ali helped us to win the match quite easily with the score of (40 - 6). Efforts of Jai, Ujjwal, Saurabh, Anirudh and Utsav were good. Now we were in the semi's and it seemed that luck was not with us. There we met St. Fidelis' College which had two or three of its key players playing at the national level. We played much above the expectations but lost in the last moments of the match.

Lastly I would like to thank my team - mates especially Ujjwal (V.C.), Karam, Gaurav Chandra, Jai, Kanav, Vivek Kaul and Vidhu Shekhar who were always there to help me whenever I needed them.

A special note of thanks to our Principal without whose support all this would not have been possible.

I would now like to express my gratitude to Mr. N. Vig our coach for his help and guidance.

Basketball Team :- Ashar Ali Minai (Captain), Ujjwal Rastogi (V.C.), Karam H. Kidwai, Kanav Arora, Jai Kishan Narang, Utkarsh Tripathi, Saurabh Mukherjee, Anirudh Singh, Vibhour, Manav, Nikunj, Mudit and Apurva.

Ashar Ali Minai
Captain





HOCKEY REPORT



"The old order changeth, yielding place to new".
As another session ends let us review the triumphs, failures, joys and the sorrows that we experienced during this session.

The season started with inter house matches. The enthusiasm which the boys showed enthralled me.

The first match between St. Andrew's and St. Francis' was a tough one. St. Francis' won the match in the shoot outs by 4-3. Second match was a keen encounter between St. George's and St. Patrick's. St. Patrick's won the match in shoot outs as the luck was not with St. George's.

The next match saw St. George's against St. Andrew's. It was a sensational match. St. George's won the match in shoot outs by 2-1. St. Patrick's in next game went on to beat St. Francis' again in shoot outs by 4-3, though both the teams were equally placed.

Players who showed good stick work during this season were Gaurav, Anirudh, Utkarsh, Amit, Mihul, Vivek and Karam.

In this session the goal keepers played the most immitant role as all matches went in shoot out stage. Gaurav of St. Francis', Vivek of St. Andrew's, Kusharga of St. Patrick's and Karam of St. George's did sensational goal keeping.

I am grateful to Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth who provided us with a nice hockey ground full of green grass.

I would also like to thank Mr. Pant and Mr. Vig for their guidance.

As I enshrine my report, I remember the years that I have spent in this prestigious college. I remember the hours that I have spent playing games in this college. My eyes are full of tears as I say adieu to this loving and caring St. Francis' College.

College Team - M. Karam H. Kidwai (Captain), Gaurav T., Anirudh S., Utkarsh T., Arindam G., Vivek K., Abhinav S., Mihul, Amit T., Hasan M., Kusharga P. (Goal Keeper) and Tribhuvan J.

M. Karam Hafeez Kidwai
Hockey Captain

"Defeat is a school in which truth always grows strong
and that truth is practise and incessant practise".



VOLLEYBALL REPORT



The past year proved quite eventful as far as Volleyball is concerned, but this year it touched new heights as our college participated in Inter College Volleyball Championship for the first time in the history of St. Francis' College.

The inaugural match was played between St. Andrew's house and St. George's House. It was an easy cruise for St. Andrew's House being the top contender for the shield, to win this match. They won the game against St. George's House by 2-0. However, full dedication and courage to fight was shown by Karam, Abhijit, Anshuman, Anirudh and Saquib. Also from St. Andrew's House, Vivek Kaul, Ankit Puri, Lohani, boy wonder Anant and Jagmeet Singh showed their hunger for victory. Special mention goes to Ankit Puri who, outclassed the others and showed his skills.

The next match was played between St. Patrick's House and St. Francis' House. In this nail biting encounter St. Francis' House showed all their skill and hardwork and proved their mettle by surprising St. Patrick's House with a score of 2-1. Immense talent was shown by Karan Magoon, who with his powerful volleys took the breath out of the other house's players. Gaurav Trivedi and Saurabh also played well. From St. Patrick's House Utkarsh Tripathi, Anandum Gupta, K. Hasan Murtaza 'fought the good fight'.

Now the fight for the third place was on between St. George's House and St. Patrick's House. Both the houses fought hard but in the end the brilliant efforts of Karam and Abhijeet were successful and St. George's House won the match and came third.

The last match between St. Andrew's House and St. Francis' House decided the prestigious Volleyball shield. After a tough fight given by St. Francis' House, the boys from St. Andrew's House ultimately won the game and the shield, thanks to the game planning shown by Vivek Kaul, the good volleys of Ankit, Anant, Devesh Lohani and the smashes of Jagmeet Singh.

Now, the interest in volleyball aroused the younger students and as a result

we saw Inter section matches being played for class 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th also for the first time. Whew!

In the Inter- section match of class eighth, the boys from class 8A came first, 8B second and 8D third. All the boys showed immense raw talent which needs to be harnessed.

In the Volleyball match between class 9, the boy wonder Anant Bahuguna's class 9D came first, 9C second and 9B third.

In class 10, the best class was 10B, then 10A and 10C.

In class 11th luck favoured 11A boys as they came first and 11C second with 11B getting the third place.

The class 12th match was very exciting in which class 12B came first, 12C second and 12A third.

Next in line was the much awaited B.S. Sood Memorial Inter College Volleyball Tournament organised by Spring Dale college, L.D.A. Branch. We practised very hard and honed our skills by our hardwork. Our first match was against Spring Dale College, Indira Nagar in which our players played with precision and judgement and as a result we won the game by 2-0.

The final was against the hosts, Spring Dale College (L.D.A. Branch). But as lady luck would have it, we lost the match after four sets with the score of 3-1. Despite the best efforts of D. Lohani, A. Banerjee, Karan M., Anant B. and Jagmeet and Vivek we won only one set and got the second prize.

Special mention goes to Ashar Ali, Arindam Gupta, Kushagra Pathak and thanks to all the Franciscans that helped us to improve upon our game and were always with us through thick or thin.

I am extremely grateful to our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig, without whose toil, the craze for volleyball would not have been aroused and to Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth & Fr. Claudius D. Almeida who gave us the support and permission to practise during school hours. I would like to conclude with these words, "I tried so hard & got so far, But in the end, it doesn't even matter".

Adieu Alma Mater!

The Team - Vivek Kaul (Captain), Karan Magoon (Vice-Captain), Jagmeet Singh, Utkarsh Tripathi, Anant Bahuguna, Devesh Lohani, Abhijeet Banerjee, Harsh Chandok, Simran Singh, Gaurav Trivedi, Abhinav Srivastava, Hasan Murtaza, Anirudh Singh, Kartikeya and Tribhuvan Jauhari.

*Vivek Kaul
Captain*



GYMNASTICS REPORT



Cardinal Newman wrote: "A man could do nothing, if he waited until he could do it so well that no one would find fault with what he has done".

Same was the case with our Gymnastics team. With no coach to train us this year the burden fell over the shoulders of the former gymnasts. After too many ifs & buts regarding the safety of gymnasts, our principal was finally convinced by our confidence and enthusiasm.

With just one month to go for the Annual Sports & P.T. Display and the captain Jagmeet Singh Anand busy with athletics and other house activities all the responsibilities from selection to presentation were handled by the vice-captain Indresh Chawla with immense help and support from Areeb Hashmi. The former gymnasts Kartikey, A.K. Singh and Sanchay provided rest of the support needed and thus the foundation was laid.

The practice started with the floor exercises which were quite easily grasped by the new gymnasts. The exercises consisted of front rolls, back rolls, dives and hand-stand roles. All these exercises were easier said than done & specially when perfect co-ordination was what that mattered.

The major problems arose with the exercises on the horse. These exercises needed a lot of concentration & devotion on the part of the gymnasts so as to avoid any kind of injuries. The gymnasts gave in their best. Overcoming all their fears, they presented a lively show, with 'The Ring of fire' being the best part of it.

During the last week, the practice for the pyramids started. Though all the gymnasts held equal importance in the pyramids, our best base A.K. Singh & the three class VII students Aditya Dixit, Ayush Bisht & Rishabh Agarwal deserve a

special mention for their perfect balance. The Vice-Captain Indresh Chawla demonstrated an expert juggling in the last pyramid.

A special thanks to Mr. Prasad, who is the swimming coach of our college & also a trained physical trainer from the N.C.C. for his support towards the end. I would also take this opportunity to thank our respected P.T.I., Mr. N. Vig for his endless moral support & encouragement and our Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth, for his trust & approval without which the gymnastics performance would have been impossible.

The Team

Jagmeet (captain), Indresh, Kartikey, Vaibhav, Sunny, Sanchay, Vikram, Anadi, Ujjwal, Shishir, Arunav, Areeb, Stanley, Maharishi, Sahas, A.K. Singh, Shaheed, Aditya, Ayush and Rishabh.

Henry Ford gives the tip of success:

"Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success"



Jagmeet Singh Anand
Captain

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

— Alfred Tennyson

Knowledge humbles the great man, astonishes the common man, and puffs up the little man.

— Anon

People who know little are usually great talkers, while men who know much say little.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. — Benjamin Franklin

He who knows others is learned; he who knows himself is wise. — Lao-tzu



ATHLETICS REPORT

The Athletic season started with long jump in which Jagmeet Singh, Nitesh and Joshua emerged out as winners in 'A' 'B' and 'C' Div. respectively. Tribhuwan Jauhan excelled in jumps by winning triple jump and equalling the college record in high jump.

In Marathon Ashar Ali reached the hatrick mark by winning the marathon third time in running with Jai Kishan as first runner up and Karam Kidwai as second runner up.

Next in line were shotput and discuss throw where St. Andrew's House out run others in the race towards shield. Karan, Jai, Eric, and Jagmeet gave a powerful performance.

In 1500m Alok came first with Himanshu ending up as runner up.

Himanshu and Jagmeet emerged as the winners in 800m and 400m race respectively.

After a big gap of 2 years this year we had our P. T. display and sports meet. The day was very important as it decided the "Cock House Winner" the A and B div. champions with Joshua already being named as the C div. champion and St. Andrew's House emerging out as the 'Athletics Champions'.

Excellent performance was given by Jagmeet Singh Anand who won 100m along with 400m, long jump, overall wining 9 medals out of 10 events. Tribhuwan Jauhari gave the second best overall performance by coming first in 200m triple jump and high jump.

In Inter House relay St. Patrick's House stood first followed by St. Francis' House, St. Andrew's House and St. George's House. Eric Perera won B Div championship and Jagmeet Singh Anand won A Div. championship.

Our college athletics team gave an outstanding performance by winning 4 x 200m inter college relay race held at St. Dominics' Savio College on the eve of our P.T. display. We also came first in 4x200m relay race held at our sports meet where as team from St. Dominics' Savio College came second.

In the end I would like to thank our Principal Fr. Vincent Nazareth and our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig and all the teachers without whom the event management was impossible.

S. F. C. Athletics Team : Jagmeet Singh Anand (captain), Tribhuwan Jauhari, Himanshu, Utkarsh Tripathi, Jayesh Singh, Divi Bhargava.



Jagmeet Singh Anand
Captain



TABLE TENNIS REPORT



"Work is accomplished by efforts, not by wishes alone".

The year 2002 - 2003 was a memorable year in the history of St. Francis' college as it saw the best Table Tennis players who have ever competed.

The Inter house table tennis championship started with the C div matches. Every match right from the first to the final was very interesting and the young players played with great enthusiasm. Tanay Hazari defeated

Ashank Mathur in the finals and stunned everybody by his powerful smashes.

Next in the line were the B div. boys fighting hard for their respective houses. In the finals we saw Dhruv Goel and Areeb Hashmi compete for the crown of B div. championship. Ultimately Areeb Hashmi of St. Patrick's House emerged out as the winner.

Now it was the turn of the big boys to uphold the honour of their respective houses. The A div. group comprised good district level players who participated very well but ultimately Tanuj Hazari and Anshuman Pratyush reached the finals leaving the rest behind. The finals was a clash of titans and at the end of a breath taking match Tanuj Hazari with his top spins and chops came out as the winner and became the A div. champ.

The next tournament in line was the junior open championship in which no player gave anything away. In the final Tanay Hazari became the junior open champion.

The next succeeding tournament was the senior open championship in which senior boys played with great zeal, determination and self confidence. The finals saw the clash of the captain Kushagra Pathak and Saurabh Mukherjee. It was a close encounter. Saurabh Mukherjee showed great determination but as 'fortune favours the brave' was defeated by Kushagra Pathak.

The Table Tennis shield went to St. Francis' House as it had the best Table Tennis players but other houses also had some geniuses like A. Pratyush, D. Goel, Gattani, K. Pathak and S. Kumar.

But that was not all. This year was a year of change as there were Table Tennis class VII championships. All players played well for their respective classes but finally class VII B stood first of all the four sections due to good performance of Dhruv Goel.

After observing the talents of the young champs and seeing district players play with great zeal, courage, determination and sportsman spirit, I am convinced that St. Francis' Table Tennis has a great future and will reach its peak under the able guidance of our coach, Mr. N. Vig.

All the best guys, and best of luck for years to come.

College Team - Kushagra Pathak (Captain), Tanuj Hazari, Anshuman Pratyush, Swamitra Kumar, Vaibhav Saxena, Saurabh Mukherjee.



Kushagra Pathak
Captain

The desire of knowledge like thirst of riches increases ever with the acquisition of it.

— Laurence Sterne

The mind is the man, and knowledge mind; a man is but what he knoweth.

— Francis Bacon

Knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.

— Samuel Johnson

Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns.

— J.M. Clark

To know that we know what we know, and that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge.

— Thoreau

You can't do much about your ancestors, but you can influence your descendants enormously.

— Anon



BADMINTON REPORT

The College Reopens after a hot summer vacation & the shuttlers are back on the court to exhibit their talents. This year a great deal of zeal & enthusiasm could be seen among the boys which made the contest that much more keen & fascinating.

First in line were the 'C' div. matches, i.e. the youngest of the Franciscan family got a chance to prove their mettle. St. Francis' House seemed to have a firm grip in this section as the final match featured both players from the same house. In a keen finish Satwik Dubey emerged as the winner defeating Rahul.



Next we had the 'B' Div. matches in which one saw exceptionally promising players battling it out for the top honours. After having a tough time in the earlier rounds, there was no respite for Paurush (St. Francis') & Srinivas (St. George's) in the finals too. It was a rematch of last year's final. Every point was keenly contested with both players throwing themselves around to earn their points. However Paurush withstood the pressure & emerged triumphant defeating Srinivas.

Then came the 'A' div. matches in which it was an all St. Andrew's House affair in the finals. Ankit Puri defeated away Aakash Agarwal to walk off with the 'A' div. championship, but the most exciting match of this section was between Utkarsh Tripathi (St. Patrick's) & Saurabh Mukherjee (St. Francis') as the two rival house captains gave away everything to fortune favours the brave and same was the case with Utkarsh whose untiring efforts helped St. Patrick's House to lift the Badminton Championship.

The Juniors were yet again in the spotlight for the Junior open championship. Alok of St. Patrick's House dominated the entire event & came first with ease. Rahul of St. Francis' was the runner up.

The last event was the senior Open Championship. Both Paurush of St. Francis' House and Ankit Puri of St. Andrew's House came through to the finals without much of a resistance. The final was the match of the session and lasted for almost an hour. But in the end there had to be a winner and in a keenly fought contest, Paurush defeated Ankit to become the senior champion.

As I pen off this report, I thank our P.T.I. Mr. N. Vig. for his guidance and wish luck to all the players for their next season.

College Badminton Team : Ankit Puri (Captain), Paurush, Srinivas, Alok, Kushagra Pathak.

Ankit Puri
Captain

SWIMMING REPORT



"He who struggles is better than he who never attempts".

— Swami Vivekanand

Although the swimming team could not get enough opportunities to display its talents in the academic year 2002-2003, yet the boys displayed an admirable spirit of team work.

Our first opportunity came in the form of the National Inter School Swimming meet, 'MACFAIR' held at C.M.S. Gontinagar.



It would be like sour grapes if I offer excuses but, the team did not get enough time to practice for the meet due to its date clash with our quarterly examination. Only Satyam C. Wahal and Vaibhav Chaturvedi could reach the finals in their respective events accomplishing no mean task.

Next was much awaited 'Inter House Swimming Competition' which counted a lot in the 'Cock House' race was held on 13 Oct. 2002.

The performance of the team boys was par excellence. Also some new talents emerged. Jamie V. Krishnan (3 Gold, 1 Silver), Satyam C. Wahal (2 Gold, 2 Silver) and Vaibhav Chaturvedi (2 Gold, 2 Silver) were the main medal baggers.

Sudhanshu Rai in the junior boys category made his house proud by winning one gold and two silver medals.

While St. Patrick's House was in a class of its own, the toughest competition was between St. Andrew's and St. George's House with St. Andrew's coming second by a margin of only one point.

The overall results were as follows:

1st St. Patrick's House

2nd St. Andrew's House

3rd St. George's House

I heartily thank the swimming coaches, Mr. R. Prasad and Mr. Madhu Sriwas for their co-operation throughout the year and Mr. Vig without whose support the swimming affairs could not have possibly been conducted.

Lastly I would like to give a piece of advice to my college Swimming team,
Before you win you have to believe you are worthy.

College Swimming Team : Vaibhav Chaturvedi (C), Kanav Arora, Pavit Shukla, Abhinav Srivastava, Satyam C. Wahal, Ali Atif, Jamie V. Krishnan, Harish, Naseem, Kumar Sankalp, Mirshab Mehmood Rabbani, Varun Aggarwal, Subhanshu Rai, Aditya Pratap Singh, Pawas Arya, Aiwashnya Swaroop.

Vaibhav Chaturvedi
Captain



Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is only by spending oneself that one becomes rich.

— Sarah Bernhardt

You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time.

— Charles F. Kettering

Mistakes are a fact of life: It is the response to the error that counts.

— Nikki Giovanni

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

— John Henry Newman

God will provide the victuals, but He will not cook the dinner.

— Anon



**Literary
&
Prose
Section**

In memory of Mrs. M. Srivastava

(Ex - St. Francis' College teacher of the period 1950 to 1989).



St. Francis' College has made a name for itself over the last more than a hundred years. The contribution of many teachers, who taught in this College with extreme efficiency and devotion is immense. Mrs. M. Srivastava was one such teacher who earned laurels for the college by her total commitment to the teaching profession.

She joined the college at a very young age of 21 years and taught for a full span of thirty nine years without any interruption. Her style of teaching was marked by the twin qualities of strictness and love for the boys. Those who were taught by her remembered her throughout and came to meet her whenever they could for several years even after leaving school. Such was her angelic impression which she left upon her students.

A God fearing disposition, an excellent command over the English Language and her hard work coupled with efficiency made her a favourite with the boys and colleague teachers alike. She worked in the college with dignity, self - respect and maintained an excellent and cordial relationship with the student fraternity, their parents and the teaching community.

As is often said, "God calls those to himself whom he loves". On 25th July 2002 she left for her heavenly abode after living a fulfilled life. Many people who knew her mainly her students Ex-Franciscans came to attend the last rituals and pay homage to the departed soul.

Writes her ex-student Mr. Kush Verma I.A.S. posted in Government of India....."It is difficult to capture in words what Ma' am meant to all of us, her students particularly to Lov and me. Her affection for us was beyond that of a teacher – it was a mother's love. She encouraged and guided us at every turn. I firmly believe that what I am today is because of her. Ma' am had an uncanny instinct of bringing out the best in her students. She fostered the spirit of enquiry and was forever willing to go that extramile to help us".

The heart of students and staff members who knew aches in fond memory.

To My Alma Mater

When I first came to class XII, I had an apprehension about what would be my fate after class XII. All my classmates would go their own way after the board exams. I would have to leave my school, carrying along with me only memories to cherish. The school to which we attended for fourteen years, in a month's time I would have to leave behind to me a second home - and move further on.



My Alma Mater will always be there close to my heart where ever I may be. It was within these four walls of the school that I have been nurtured and grown into the individual I am today. On retrospect, I never realised all these thoughts when I was in the lower standards where I first enjoyed life and didn't think of my future outside the four walls of my school. But now when I am on my way out I am overwhelmed by this emotion but still life doesn't end here, it has to go on. I do not know what precarious situations and circumstances await me out there in the real world. While I am sad about leaving my school but at the same time I am also excited and enthusiastic about what will come my way on my road of opportunities.

Few academicians were privileged enough to become Captains and office bearers but now we have to hand over charge to our juniors. I would like to share a piece of advice with the would be office bearers and Captains, which is a french phrase. 'Noblesse Oblige' viz. Privilege entails responsibility and let not Privilege hamper your responsibility.

As I bid adieu to life in school, I on behalf of all the XIIth standard academicians would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and our Principal. In the end I wish to tell you that we students have and will always have reverence and a special place in our hearts for our beloved Alma Mater which would never be oblivion.

Noel Freitas
XII-C

Know About India

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| 1. Largest Salt Water lake | — | Sambhar lake |
| 2. Largest River | — | Brahmputra. |
| 3. Largest Mosque | — | Jama Masjid in Delhi. |
| 4. Largest Museum | — | Indian Museum in Kolkata. |
| 5. Largest Dam | — | Hirakud Dam in Orissa. |
| 6. Largest Gurudwara | — | Golden Temple at Amritsar. |
| 7. Largest Desert | — | Thar Desert in Rajasthan |
| 8. Largest Lake | — | Wular lake in Kashmir. |
| 9. Largest Cave | — | Ellora in Aurangabad. |
| 10. Largest Dome | — | Gol Gumbaz in Bijapur |

Shikhar Shukla

I A

Friendship

Friendship is a
wonderful gift,

That people share
together,

And if we keep this
bond growing,

We will be friends
forever!



Pranay Rastogi

III D

Easter Time

1. At Easter Time,
We all eat eggs,
Some have eyes,
And some have legs.
2. We paint them blue,
We paint them green,
The funniest eggs,
That can be seen.
3. Wrap them in paper,
Place in a box,
Fill to the brim,
With candles and chocks.
4. Tie them with ribbons,
To give to our friends,
How sad it is,
When Easter ends.



Aditya Mehrotra
IV-B

Riddles

- Q.1 What is a doctor?
Ans. A doctor is a person who kills our ills with his pills and then kills us with his bills.
- Q.2 Name the place where animals rest?
Ans. For-rest
- Q.3 People of which island keep on crying?
Ans. Lakshad-weep.
- Q.4 Where in a pond would you find cherry?
Ans. Pond -I- cherry.
- Q.5 Which ant is good in Maths?
Ans. Accountant.
- Q.6 What does an egg say to the mixer?
Ans. It pains when I am beaten.
- Q.7 Name any pole where people don't live?
Ans. Electric-pole.
- Q.8 Why was the chicken sick?
Ans. It had people-pox.



Shanal
III - A

Jokes

- ✦ The child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks "what did you learn today?"
The kid replies, "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."
- ✦ A man is trying to understand the nature of God and asked him: God, how long is a million years to you?" God answered: A million years is like a minute." Then the man asked: God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny." Finally the man asked: "God could you give me a penny?" And God says : "In a minute."
- ✦ A policeman stops a lady and asks for her license. He says "Lady, it says here that you should be wearing glasses." The woman said "well, I have contacts."
The policeman replied "I don't care who you know! You're getting a ticket."
- ✦ Two guys were walking down a grassy road, houses to the left, houses to the right. Soon, they came across a strange looking pile of something on the ground.
First dude: "Hey, I wonder what this is" Second dude: "It's smelly and awful"
1st: "It's brown and nasty" 2nd: "Why don't you taste it?" So the first dude stuck his finger in it, tasted it, and made a face.
1st: "Angh... I think it's dog poop" 2nd: "Well, at least we didn't step in it."
- ✦ Psychiatrist : What's your problem?
Patient : I think I'm a chicken.
Psychiatrist : How long has this been going on?
Patient : Ever since I was an egg.
- ✦ A man went to visit a friend and found him playing chess with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen", he said, "Nah, he's not so smart." the friend replied, "I've beaten him three games out of five".



Sarthak Kulshreshtha
IV- C

Did You Know?

Q.1. Did you know that some words, which we use now have actually come from the names of people?

Ans. Here are a few words named after people. There are many others including measurement such as Volt, Watt, Ampere, Ohm, Newton, Gauss, Joule, etc.

1. Braille Louis Braille (1809-1852)
Founder of Braille language
2. Caesarean section Gaius Julius Caesar, Roman emperor who according to the legend was born in this manner
3. Derby Edward Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby
4. Diesel Redolf Diesel (1885- 1913), German automotive designer
5. Sandwich John Montagu, the fourth earl of Sandwich (1718- 1792)
6. Valentine St. Valentine, Italian priest



Q.2. Did you know the longest word in English Language?

Ans. The longest word in English Language is PNEUMONOU LTRAMICROSCOPIC SILICOVOLCANO CONIOSIS (45 words) which means a lung disease caused by breathing in certain particles [It is also spelled - Koniosis]

Q.3. Did you know which animal does not drink water in its life?

Ans. Kangaroo

Aditya Mehrotra
IV B

Jokes

Ramu : My father can hold up a car with one hand.

Raja : He must be very strong.

Ramu : Oh no, he is a traffic policeman.



Two persons were travelling in a bus.

First Person: Now a days we can't differentiate between a boy and a girl. Look at that boy sitting in that corner.

Second person: She is a girl and is my daughter.

First person: Oh! Sorry, I did not know you are her father.

Second person: No, I am her mother.



Siddharth Sinha
V B



Examination Fever

My pulse rate was extremely high,
My beat went fast when I took a sigh!
The illness made me tremble and shiver,
It was nothing but examination fever.
The load of the books made me 'bent',
Unfortunately I was compelled to lament!
Why are our minds full of tension,
Hardly any reason, I would mention.
Recalling all the subjects I had,
Perplexed me and made me mad!



Exams are after a few days,
To my goals rough and treacherous are the ways.
Preparation are low, expectations are high,
Staying on the ground, I want to touch the sky!
To reach my goals I had to fight,
To get reward and kill our plight!
I thought all this a few days before,
And got a lesson to work more and more!
'Cause labour we need to achieve success,
If we do, we get everlasting happiness."



Sagar Jounkani

V B

The Gangotri

From the laps of the mountains
From the garden of the Divine
Scurrying as a fountain
Speeding through the pines
The catchet of the neighbours recede
Where the heavens reside
Where the wren is enlivened
And enthral the dissatisfied
"Mother thou art very gentle
Issuing me then and then
Ensuring no strangle
My verbiage unreveals thy ven
Thou has caused me to rise fathoms
And be worshipped as the holy sanctum.

*Gautam Rastogi
XII B*

Mother Earth

Save Mother Earth's life,
Air, water and its light.
Makes us, healthy, wealthy and bright,
Stop poisoning, by adding carbondioxide.
Stop cutting, all the green trees,
Always plant more and more trees.
Stop adding, chemical fluorine,
Help us, keep the water clean.
Use wind, water and sun energy,
Stop burning fossil fuel energy
Life is made up of natural elements,
Pollutants break it into fragments.

*Mrs. Rekha Kumar
Science Teacher*

Jokes, Jokes, Jokes.....

1. Once it so happened in a flight that James Bond was sitting besides a Telegu guy. Both were travelling to U.S.A.
Telugu guy: "Hello, may I know your name please?"
James Bond: "I am Bond..... James Bond, And you?"
Telugu guy: "I am Sai..... Ventaka Sai..... Siva Ventaka sai.....
Laxminarayana Siva Ventaka Sai..... Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva.
Rajasekhara Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai Sitaramanjaneyuti
Rajasekhara Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..... Bulusupalli
Venkata Sai.....
Bond faints!!! since then when anyone asks Bond his name he simply says "James Bond".
2. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. When they were sitting inside their tent, Holmes asked –
Watson : "Look up and tell me what you see".
Watson: "I see millions and millions of stars".
Holmes : "And what does that tell you?"
Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and billions of planets. Theoretically, it tells me that God is great and that we humans are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, It tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. And what does it tell you?"
Holmes : "Practically, it tells me that somebody has stolen our tent".
3. Talking about those days when there were no mosquito repellents and people had to spend sleepless nights, Santa Singh was also experiencing the same. Everytime he tries to sleep, one mosquito comes and disturbs his sleep with a sound "guoon.... guoon." He gets very irritated and tries to cover his ear but the problem remains persistent. Ultimately he gets up and catches the mosquito between his hands. He is very kind and does not want to kill the mosquito but wants revenge. He starts singing, "so ja machchar, so ja". After some time he finds the mosquito falling into deep sleep. He goes near it and says, " guoon, guoon".
4. Banta Singh ordered a Pizza. The clerk asked him if he should cut it in six pieces or twelve pieces.
Banta : "Six, please. I could never eat twelve pieces".
5. Santa is buying a television. He asks : "Do you have colour television?" The shopkeeper replies in positive. Then Santa says : "give me a green one, please".

Mayank Kumar

IX D

WARS THAT OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE FOUGHT

It is often imagined by those who do not know our country's history so well that the Indian Armed Forces owe their character and traditions entirely to the British. Although, they were the British who were the forerunners of the Modern Armed Forces, the military traditions go back to the era of the Puranas, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. Then India was the only country in the world which had a codified military system and strict laws of chivalry.

But, those were things of the past. Today, since we have entered the 'nuclear age' the scenario has completely changed. Highly modernised and lethal warfare is the order of the day. Besides this the fact that India shares highly sensitive borders with Pakistan, China and Bangladesh, has made it all the more important for India to possess strong and reliable forces for its protection.

After India's independence, the armed forces of India were also divided. One third of the forces went to Pakistan and two thirds remained with us. Before the Armed forces could have settled down, came their first major war.

Soon after independence, the tribal Pathans invaded the Kashmir valley. Though unprepared all the troops that could be gathered, were hurriedly sent to face the enemy. Our forces fought hard at the gates of Srinagar, under extremely hostile situations. When Pakistan found that the tribesmen's laud to capture Poonch, Srinagar and some other battle objectives had failed it began to push in more and more tribesmen, this time, backed by their regular army. A fierce war was fought during the next fourteen months. But at each of the Major battle zone their efforts were foiled.

After the war was over the strength of the Indian Army and of the Indian Air Force was increased in the Kashmir valley and the Jammu area.

Until 1960 we had fought only against Pakistan. Then suddenly the Chinese turned against us and threatened us from their sides. In October 1962, they launched a major offensive, too massive for our forces to counter. Still, our troops held their ground bravely. The likes of Major Shaitan Singh and Captain D.S. Thapa will always be remembered for their valour.

In 1965, Pakistan attacked India twice. First in late spring, Pakistan troops entered the Rann of Kutch. We stopped them there but hardly had the issue been settled when they attacked Kashmir followed by a major offensive in the plains of

Chhamb. Our patience exhausted and we retaliated by invading West Punjab. It was then that the famous battle of Khem Karan was fought. The war ended after twenty two days when a cease fire by the U.N. was arranged. Yet in all fairness it cannot be said that we inflicted a decisive defeat over the enemy. The Big Victory was to come six years later.

In 1971, Pakistan forced another war on us. This time the war was fought on the eastern front, for the liberation of East Pakistan. Millions there had been killed during president Yahya Khan's reign of terror. This time it was India's turn to invade. By brilliant military tactics of General Manekshaw and with great gallantry, our forces entered Bangladesh from four sides. Within twelve days Dacca was captured, over 90000 Pakistani troops taken as POW's and Bangladesh liberated.

What followed was a period of wild stability during which our forces were further strenghtened. Many new inclusions were made in our air force and Navy, thus making them, one of the most sophisticated and dependable fighting units in the world.

Then, came the summer of 1999. On May 6th infiltrations across the LOC were detected. The regulars of the Northern Light Infantry of the Pakistan Forces, clad as Jihadis had occupied some key posts in Kargil and Drass sector. What our army faced there was a nightmare. Facing a well equipped and an eluding foe under extremely hostile weather conditions, that too, without sufficient intelligence input was never going to be easy. We suffered heavy casualties. Still, we were able to retain most of our posts. Besides it was also a big victory for India from the strategic point of view.

Since then the relations between India and Pakistan have remained strained. Various heinous acts of terrorism and a major terrorism attack on the Indian Parliament on 13th December 2001, led to a massive military built up at the Indo-Pak border. But an almost certain war was luckily averted.

The Indo- Pak relationships remain sour, hostilities against India have increased manifold. But our 1.1 million strong armed forces (which are the fourth largest in the world) are now in a position to counter any aggression from an enemy no matter how massive and determined.

Sahas Gulati
XI A



DO YOU KNOW

1. The guinea - pig is not a pig and it does not come from a place called Guinea! It is a South American rodent.
2. A fire fly, also known as a glow - worm, is neither a fly nor a worm. It is a beetle!
3. Yes -all Zebras do look alike! but they are not. There is some difference between the stripes of one zebra and another.
4. All mosquitoes do not bite. Males do not. Only the females do!
5. All canaries do not sing - only the males do!
6. The ant may be tiny insect but it is much stronger than you think it is! It is capable of pulling loads three hundred times heavier than itself.
7. A bull does not get angry on seeing the colour red. It is colour - blind like most other mammals.
8. Dogs have a strong sense of smell, but they are short - sighted and colour - blind, too.
9. Lobsters' blood is not red but pale blue.
10. All moths are not dull in colour and all butterflies are not bright and colourful. There are dull - coloured butterflies and brightly coloured moths, too.



Kunal Bhargava

IID

What's Missing?



Oh! I find myself set in this competitive world
Where there is struggle and strife all around,
But the real aim of life that ought to be pursued,
Is nowhere to be found?
Some people strive for money
While others for position, bread and honey.
Thus nobody wants to make life a game worthless
By setting for anything less!
Everyone without making efforts
Wants to become a minister overnight
They forget to crawl first and then to run,
Thus are responsible for their own miserable plight
We want to become millionaires
In order to lead a lavish life,
But for hard work who cares?
Hence means to achieve goals have become unfair
All just want to lead life at ease.
And don't want to be branded as busy bees
A fine job after post graduation has become an attraction
Thus adding to queues of the unemployed without satisfaction
The result is an idle mind without knowledge and imagination,
Making them a society of debased and corrupt.
Thus we can conclude after all this,
It is hard work, which is not to miss.
Hard work is to sail to cross life's vast sea
Values are not to be sacrificed
No matter how ambitious we may be.

Suyash Bhatt

VIII B

Live and let live.....

Isn't life itself beautiful enough for us to overlook the ugly scars inflicted by destiny?

The Charlingtons were very proud of their son Frank. When he went to college they missed him; but they looked forward to his letters and see him on weekends. Then Frank was drafted into the army.

After he had been in the army for about five months, he was called to go to Vietnam. Of course the parent's anxiety for his first letter was greater than before. And each week that they heard from him, they were thankful for his well being. Then one week went without a letter, two weeks-and finally three. At the end of the third week, a telegram came saying, "we regret to inform you that your son has been missing for three weeks and is presumed to have been killed in action while fighting for his country".

The parents were shocked and grieved. They tried to accept the situation and go on living, but it was lonesome without Frank.

About three weeks later, however the phone rang. When Mrs. Charlington answered it, a voice on the other end said, "Mother, its Frank. They found me, and I'm going to be alright. I'm in the United States and I'm coming home soon".

Mrs. Charlington was overjoyed, with tears running down her face, she sobbed, " Oh, that's wonderful! That is just so wonderful Frank".

There was silence for a moment, and then Frank said, "Mother I want to ask you something that is important to me. While I have been there, I have meet a lot of wonderful people and I've really become close friends with some. There is one fellow I would like to bring home with me to meet you and dad. And I would like to know if it would be a alright if he could stay and live with us, because he has no place to go".

His mother assured him it would be alright.

Then Frank said "you see he wasn't lucky as some; he was injured in battle. He was hit by a blast and his face is all disfigured. He lost his leg, and his right hand is missing. So you see, he feels uneasy how others will accept him."

Frank's mother stopped for a minute. She began to wonder how things would work out, and what people in town would think about some one like that. She said, "Sure Frank, you bring him home -for a visit, that is. We would love to meet him stay for a while; but about him staying with us permanently we'll have to think about that". There was silence for a minute and then Frank said, "Okay mother", and hung up.

A week went by without a word from Frank, and then a telegram arrived- "we regret to inform you that your son has taken his life. We would like you to come and identify the body".

Their wonderful son had gone. The horror stricken parents could only ask themselves. "Why had he done this?". When they walked into the room to identify the body of the their son, they found a young man with a disfigured face, one leg missing and his right hand gone.

Madhur Bhargava
XII B



The Dove



Where have you vanished, O Dove!
Thou messenger of peace and love.
The world needs you at this juncture-
When hatred threatens its very structure.
Your wings provide a soothing balm,
Where you fly there is always peace and calm;
Your melodious voice lends spirit to many a ditty
But little do leaders notice it, a pity!
You are the one who sages revere-
You bring thoughts that allay our fear.
Noah received a twig from you in the great torrent,
It gave him hope against the lashing current.
You resided in the minds of great emperors-
For they believed in love more than in terror;
So why has the trend now reversed
Which for centuries they had preserved?
The country is traumatized by enemies,
Borders witness clashing armies;
Internal problems prove another debacle-
Is it not a direful spectacle?
Was the world nurtured by great men,
To be ruined by men who are insane?
People and countries are losing hope in despair-
It is time, O Dove! For you to fly again in the air.

Saurabh Bagchi
XII B

"The entire universe is my native place"

The aforementioned words are of Kalpana Chawla, showing how she perfectly understood and appreciated the concept of unity in diversity. She was on board the ill-fated space shuttle COLUMBIA which disintegrated on February 1, 2003 approximately 63,000 meters above the earth's surface. Her colleagues were just as talented and had reached the pinnacle of success in their respective fields. They were Laurel Clark, Ilan Ramon (first Israeli in space), Rick Husband, William Mc Cool and Michael Anderson.

The tragic death of these astronauts has not only brought irreparable loss to their families but also snatched away from us some of the most brilliant minds in space research. The relatives who were preparing to celebrate their return were shocked into disbelief by this tragedy. We feel the loss of Kalpana more as she was much closer to India. She made us proud by becoming the first Indo-American astronaut in space on her first mission on November 19, 1997. She was supremely talented which can be gauged by the fact that even after belonging to a rather inconspicuous town of Karnal, she attained the stature of being an astronaut in NASA.

Kalpana as her name suggests has accomplished things and landmarks that one can hope to achieve only in dreams. She was a deeply religious, down to earth lady and was the perfect example of simple living and high thinking. Her cheerful, easygoing attitude made her a friend of everyone. She was very helpful by nature and was also sponsoring a few students for the NASA summer camp. Her words and works underline her basic belief that every body should be given a fair chance to portray his or her talent. These qualities have elevated her to dazzling heights above her contemporaries.

While on board COLUMBIA she took some beautiful snapshots of our planet and along with the crew performed eighty odd sophisticated experiments in the small duration of sixteen days. Her last message said that the experiments were successful and they were all fine. Unfortunately she and her colleagues could not make it safely to earth to take the accolades they truly deserved.

There is a lesson to be learnt from the life and works of Kalpana for all of us. We should constantly strive towards our cherished ambition in life and after achieving it we should also extend a helping hand to those who share a common goal with us so that they also in turn can help others. If one reflects on this policy, one finds it to be highly pertinent in the highly competitive world of today and should be practiced by everyone.

May God give peace to the departed souls and strength to their families to bear this irreparable loss.

Saurabh Bagchi

XII B

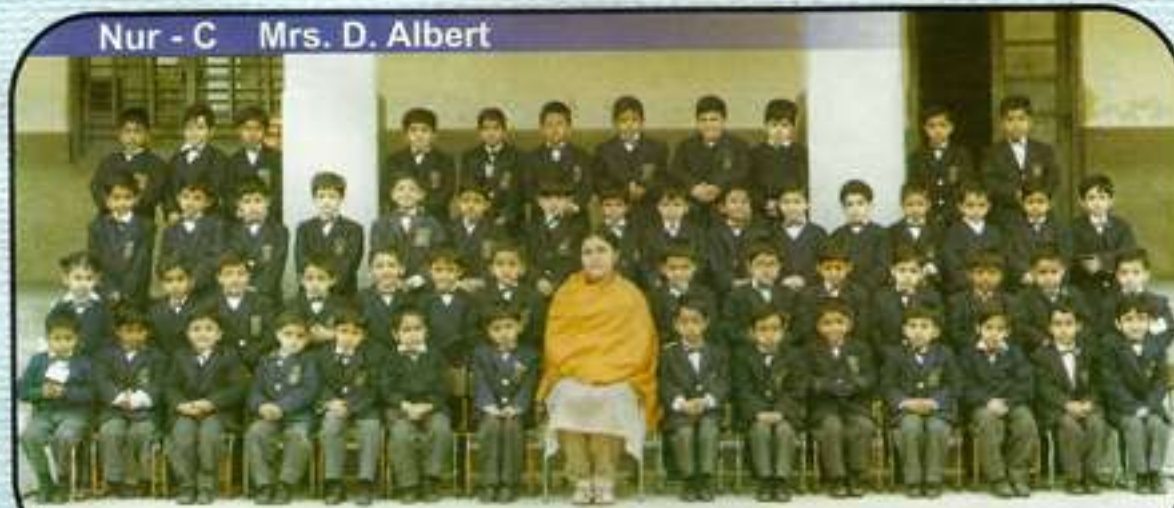
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III - C Mrs. H. Freitas



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VI - B Mrs. A. Mitra



VI - C Mr. H. K. Gregory



VI - D Mr. S. Daniel



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VII - B Mrs. A. Zutshi



VII - C Mrs. M. George



VII - D Mrs. V. Saxena



VIII - A Mr. S. Srivastava



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IX - D Mrs. S. J. Mitchell



X - A Mr. D. Jackson



X - B Mr. P. Bhargava



X - C Ms. P. Khan



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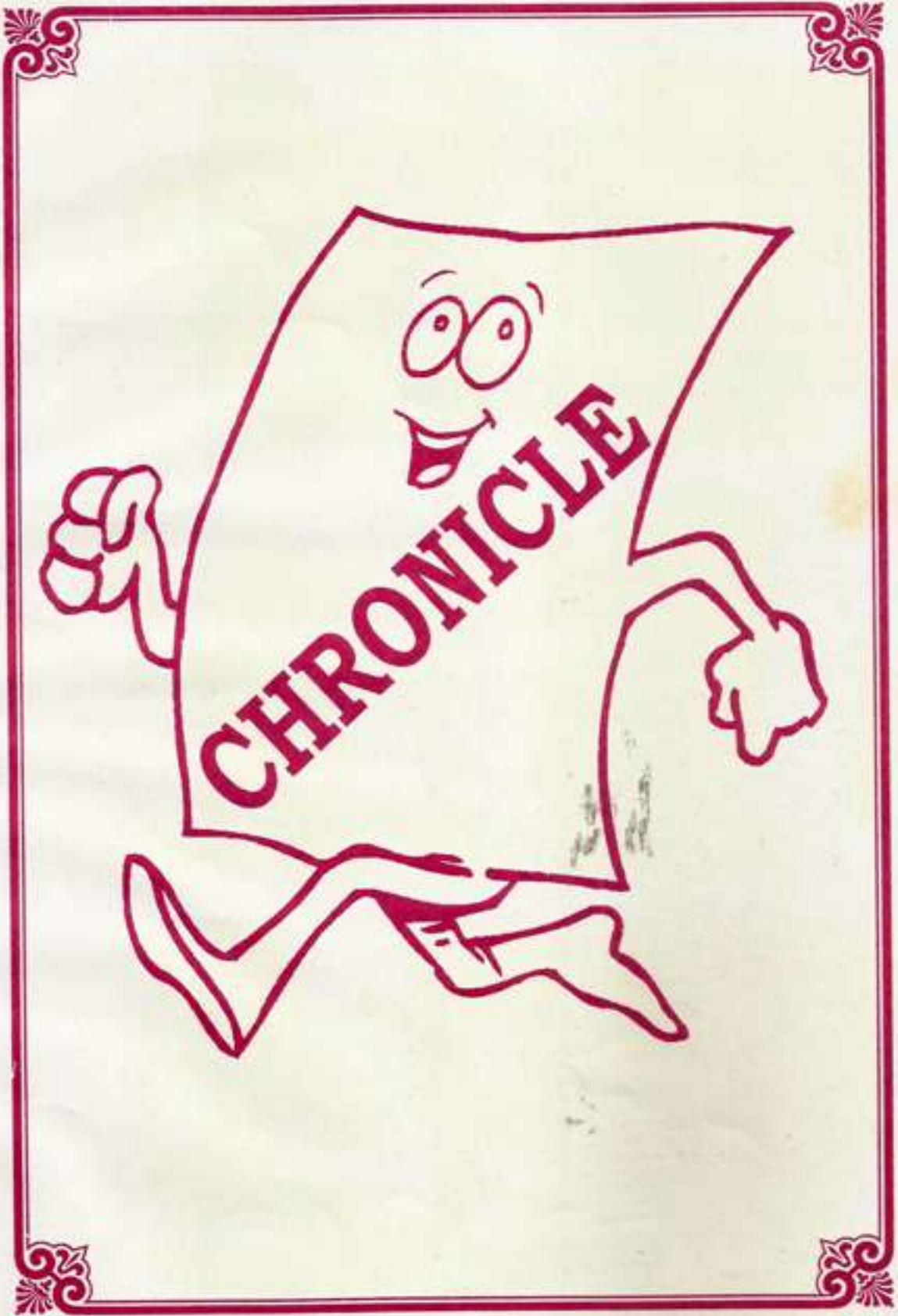


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XII - C Mr. S. K. Singh





COLLEGE CHRONICLE

April 2, 2002: The College reopens for the new session. We all are moving ahead. Life has a purpose .

We should be the proud inheritors of an august tradition. We should work incessantly to keep its flag flying high. The best way in which one can make a beginning is to do it now. How? By helping one's own self first .We must learn to listen, and accept the responsibility to repay the college by contributing towards keeping the college clean the library maintained and its standards high. Present ourselves in a favourable light, for we wear the St. Francis' badge. We must learn to differentiate the good from the bad. Keeping our thoughts flowing by keeping good company and by reading inspiring works.

April 8, 2002: Fr. Claudius, D'Almeida's arrival from Gonda as our new Vice-Principal. It is a new light in St. Francis' which shall guide us to attain higher goals. For this all, he rightly remarked: "I depend on your help, co-operation...." Fr. Almeida was the Vice- Principal for three years at Fatima Inter College, Gonda. We heartily welcome him.

April 16, 2002:The Investiture ceremony for the year 2002 - 03, as usual it was a solemn affair. The following boys solemnly pledged to uphold the college values beaming with joy and pride, The House Captains and Vice Captains carried the flags around and hoisted them in a grandiose style. The proud carriers of the college tradition are:



Annual Investiture Ceremony

College Captain : Ankit Puri XII B

St. Andrew's House :

Captain : Jagmeet Singh XII B

V. Captain : Vaibhav Chaturvedi XII A

St. George's House :

Captain : Karam Kidwai XII A

V. Captain : Vikram Mehrotra XII B

St. Patrick's House :

Captain : Utkarsh Tripathi XII A

V. Captain : Arindam Gupta XII A

St. Francis' House :

Captain : Saurabh Mukherjee XII B

V. Captain : Gaurav Trivedi XII B

Prefects

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Abhinav Singhal XII A | 2. Abhishek Bit XII B |
| 3. Aman Khan XII B | 4. Arpit Dhawan XII C |
| 5. Bhaskar Pant XII B | 6. Kanav Aroura XII C |
| 7. Noel Freitas XII C | 8. Nikhil Padhye XII A |
| 9. Rahul Agarwal XII B | 10. Shubham Ashok XII B |
| 11. Sunny Sapra XII B | 12. Vaibhav Saxena XII B |
| 13. Vishak Bhan XII C | 14. Udbhav Gupta XII C |

English Editors

Rohit Mishra : XII C

Shobhit Vaish : XII C

Saurabh Bagchi : XII B

Hindi Editors

Saurabh Agarwal : XII C

Mansoor Khan : XII C

Nitin Agarwal : XII C

Anshul Rastogi : XII C

Congratulations!

April 17, 2002 : The Prize Distribution for the session gone by. Rev. Fr. Paul Rodrigues consented to preside over the function and gave away the prizes to the deserving and meritorious students.



Rev. Fr. P. Rodrigues, Principal, Cathedral School, giving away the prizes at the Annual Prize distribution function.

April 20, 2002: The Traffic Police, in association with the H.T. Group, organized a Drawing and Essay Competition in the college premises for all the PACE members in Lucknow. The teacher co-ordinators and the HT team conducted the competition in our main school hall. Three boys from our college bagged prizes.

In Essay competition Junior Category Pranjal Gaur of VII D got the second prize. In the senior category of essay writing Nishant Upadhaya of class XI bagged the second prize. Mayank Mani of class VII A received the consolation prize. Later on these students were felicitated at a function organized by Hazratganj Kotwali.

Earlier in the day, Inter House Hindi Elocution contest had on the panel of judges Mrs. Chitra Pandey (Cathedral School) Mrs. R. Gosain (Christ Church College) and Mrs. Sneha Lata (Loreto Convent). The best elocutionist from classes VI to VIII were Rishabh Malhotra (St. Andrew's House) class VI, Rishabh Rastogi (St. George's House) class VII, Satwik Dube (St. Francis' House) class VIII.

April 21, 2002 : Two parallel matches in Football were played in the preliminary round of Inter- House Matches. St. Francis' House won 5-4 against St. George's House.

St. Andrew's House defeated the rival team of St. Patrick's House by 8 - 7.

April 22, 2002 : In the final Inter House Football matches St. Francis' proved its supremacy by beating St. Andrew's House by 3 goals.

April 23, 2002: For a final perspective, the two under scoring teams met on the field. St. George's secured the third position by defeating its opponent team St. Patrick's by 1 - 0.

First	-	St. Francis' House
Second	-	St. Andrew's House
Third	-	St. George's House
Fourth	-	St. Patrick's House

'Rhymes with Actions' or Recitation of English Rhymes was conducted for the Nursery students. Although there were no individual prizes, sweets were distributed among all the boys. Programme concluded at 10.00 a.m.

April 25, 2002 : 'B' Division Football

St. Francis' House clashed with St. Andrew's House and was victorious by 6-5. In the tussle between St. George's House and St. Patrick's House, St. George's won the laurels by 3-2.

April 26, 2002 :Our Junior school boys exhibited their dancing skills during the talent show. The judges were Mrs. J. Nagranee and Mrs. B. Sharma from the senior section. Indeed, they put their best foot forward and undoubtedly they won thunderous applause from their teachers mentors and friends. The top winners among the boys of standard II were Yaman Bhugunna (IC) and Harsh Malhotra (IB). The second prize went to Chaitanya (IA) and the third prize was bagged by Sameer Hasan (ID).

Among the boys of the second standard:

First	-	Amirtosh Singh	II B
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Second	-	Pranav Sethi	II A
Second	-	Vikal Rastogi	II C
Third	-	Gaurav	II D

A seminar was held at NBRI to highlight the efficacious working of W.W.F. in preserving nature and ecology. Our science teacher Mrs. R. Kumar opened the floodgates of interactional and promotional activities in our school. Since then about three hundred students (VI to XII) of our college have become the active members of the 'Nature Club of India', of World Wide Fund For Nature, India. Ecological awareness and proper execution of plans alone can curb the growing menace of pollution.

April 27, 2002: In the series of contests for our budding talents was a 'spelling contest' (for juniors). It was well conducted by Mrs. R. Franklin for class III students. The following boys had the winning edge over the others:

First : Class III B team comprising of Anil Bhatnagar, Ashwin Gupta, Rohan Seth.

Second : III A & III C

Ishan Singh and Kunal Gambhir represented class III A and Divyansh Bonn and Kaushik Burman represented class III C

Third : Classes III D & III C

Shubham Agarwal, Naman Tandon, Arpan Mahajan and Amvinder Singh were the participants from class III C. Whereas Ranjay Goel, Avneesh Rastogi, Kanishka Rastogi and Dipankar Punia were from class III D.

Besides the 'spelling contest' a scintillating Quiz also awaited the Junior school boys which was marvellously conducted by Mr. S. Mc Donald. There were about four participants from classes four and five from different Houses. St. Patrick's House which stood first among the Houses was represented by Suvigya Rakesh (5D), Kaustub Ganguly (5B), Satwik Mishra (4A), Yashab Abbas (4B). St. George's House bagged the second prize and was represented

by Shashwat Rastogi (5D), Mohd. Khalid Siddiqui (5A), Akshat Nagar (4A), Anubhav Srivastav (4C).

English Elocution for classes VI, VII and VIII also was held. The best performers from different classes were:

Sarim Ansari	-	Class VI	(St. Francis' House)
Amritanshu Joshi	-	Class VII	(St. George's House)
Satwik Dube	-	Class VIII	(St. Francis' House)

The distinguished Judges for the event were Mrs. G. Shepherd (Cathedral School), Mrs. D. Figg (Christ Church College) and Mrs. Hussain (Loreto Convent).

April 29, 2002: Mrs. R. Kumar of our college had scripted and directed an awareness play on drug- abuse amongst the students- 'नशे की लत'. A song drama well presented with placards, songs and social messages. Classes XI and XII enjoyed the inspiring and motivating skit. Our Principal, Fr. V. Nazareth promotes such awareness inducing programmes and provides moral support to both the staff and students.

April 30, 2002: 'Rhymes with Actions' or improvised recitation for K.G. Classes was conducted. The Headmistress of the junior section, Sr. Smitha presided over the function. No individual prizes were handed out, but sweets were distributed among all the boys. An excellent opportunity for the tiny-tots to exhibit their exuberance and bubbly enthusiasm on the school stage!

May 1, 2002: St. Francis' Soccer team vanquished City Montessori School, Mahanagar by 4-0. Utkarsh Tripathi and Ankit Puri scored one goal each.

May 4, 2002: In an Environmental quiz the following boys were top - notchers:

First	-	Akshay Swaroop	(X B)
Second	-	Arunabh Singh	(X B)
Third	-	Ankit Mishra	(IX B)
Fourth	-	Nirvan Vibhor	(VIII C)

May 5, 2002: Inter House Matches for

Table Tennis 'C' Division:

Winner – T. Hazaria (St. Francis' House)
Runner up – Ashank (St. George's House)

Table Tennis 'B' Division

Winner – Areeb (St. Patrick's House)
Runner up – Dhruv (St. Andrew's House)

Table Tennis 'A' Division

Winner – T. Hazaria (St. Francis' House)
Runner up – Anshuman (St. George's House)

Open Junior Table Tennis

Winner – T. Hazaria (St. Francis' House)
Runner up – Dhruv (St. Andrew's House)

Senior Table Tennis

Winner – Kushagara (St. Patrick's House)
Runner up – S. Mukherjee (St. Francis' House)

Table Tennis - House wise positions

First – St. Francis' House
Second – St. Patrick's House
Third – St. George's House
Fourth – St. Andrew's House

May 9, 2002 *Football 'C' Division*

St. Andrew's House defeated the rival St. Patrick's House team by 4 / 3.

St. George's House defeated St. Francis' House 3 / 0.

Finals:

St. George's defeated St. Andrew's 2 / 1. In a parallel match St. Patrick's House defeated St. Francis' House 1 / 0.

The overall position for the Football shield:

First	-	St. Francis' House
Second	-	St. George's House
Third	-	St. Andrew's House
Fourth	-	St. Patrick's House

May 11, 2002 Parents - Teacher Meeting.

May 12, 2002 Summer vacation commences

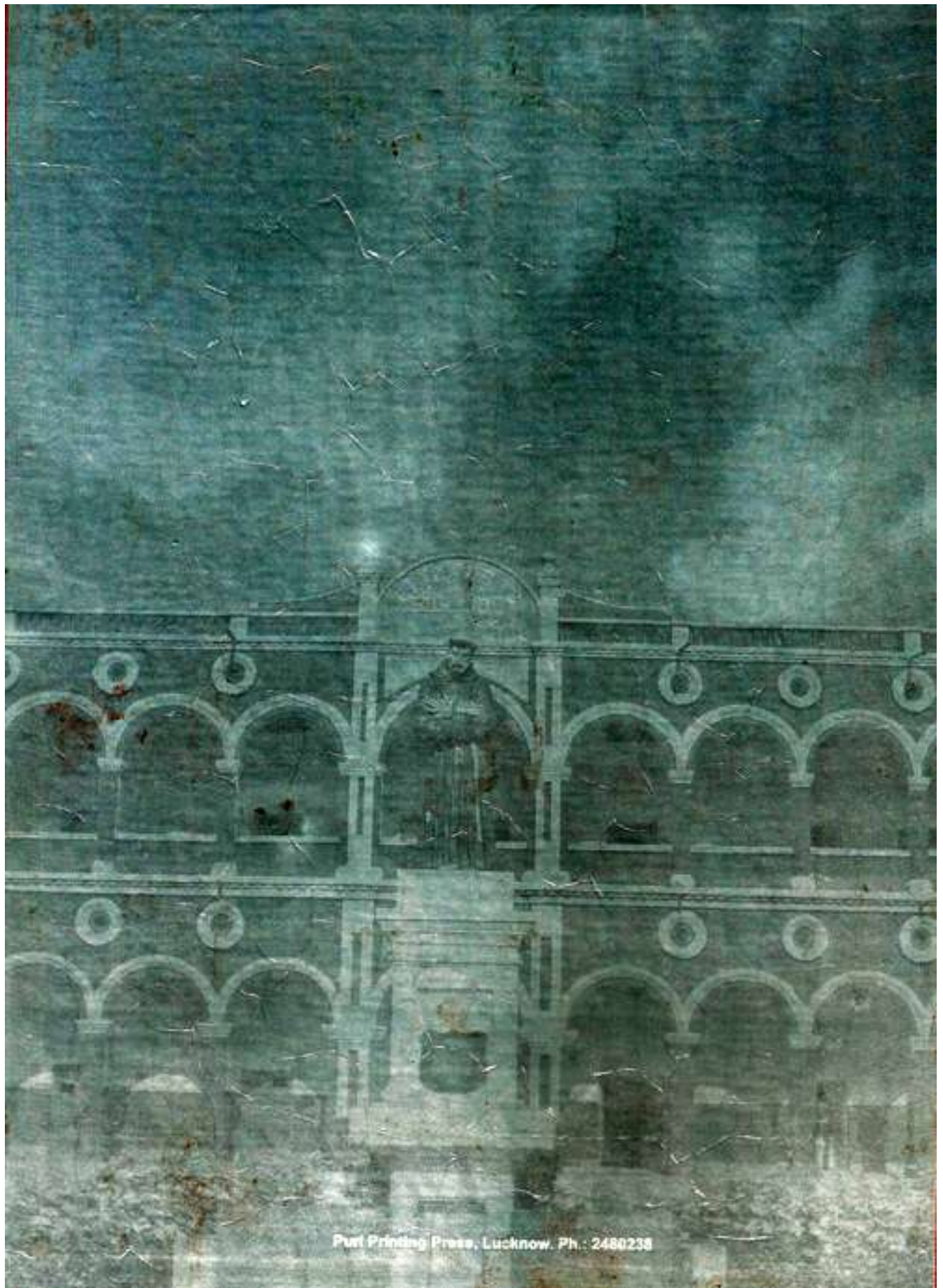
May 13, 2002 Summer camps for activities such as swimming, Basket ball and Judo. In the final round of Science Olympiad organised at Central School, Aliganj, Satwik Dubey of VIII B qualified at 228th rank All India wise.

May 14 to 17, 2002 In the District level Jaishankar Tewari Memorial District Badminton Championship Satwik Dubey (VIII B) reached the Quarter Finals.

May 13 to 18, 2002 Staff excursion (Annual) to Dalhousie, Khajjiar and Chamba.



Staff members taking a well deserved break at Dalhousie



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