EDITORIAL

Messy rooms, staying up late, concerned parents lecturing us to get our acts together, breaking rules, sharing photographs on social media sites about how bad our life is and why we hate it etc. Don’t this sound familiar? Yes my fellow acquaintances, these are our qualities as teenagers. We do a lot of things at this age, (I’m not going to discuss all of it or presume at some point of time this article is going to end up in one of our parents hand, and we know the rest...). For most of us, going home is the most monotonous task of the day, back to the same old quarrels about why we are spending our precious time doing unproductive work while we should be studying for a ‘bright future’ and countless such accusations as to how incompetent we are. I am sure we all have been through the situation where after long hours of studies we finally pick up the phone and at that very instance one of our parents storms into our room! They find us texting a girl or anyone at all the events that follow are constant in every household and there is no need for any elaboration from my part.

We love taking risks, doing stupid things. Believe me we are not alone and will never be. This problem of ours has been a household crisis from times immemorial and I am confident it will continue for generations to come. The question arises: Why are we like this? Is it a problem that comes together with the freedom of being a teenager or are we at fault? These questions have not just haunted us individual but as a nation as well. But fear not my fellow teenagers we are not at fault. Study shows that this risk taking and dim-witted behavior of teenagers actually helps us to grow into healthy and well-balanced individuals. And the good news gets even better: scientists believe that there is no harm if teenagers question their parent’s belief. That’s normal and healthy; it has been developing identity and personality.

Addressing teenagers will be incomplete if we overlook the issue of food seeking. We all like new and exciting things, but we nevervalue them more highly than we do during adolescence. A stated study shows that the amount of risk taken by an individual is highest during his or her teenage years. Seeking sensation isn’t always a bad thing. For example, adventure sports are not necessarily dangerous if done the safe way. Study shows that impulsiveness in an individual generally drops throughout the span of her life. The bottom line remains, that seeking sensations is not necessarily bad. If we take the responsibility of keeping ourselves safe. Thus my friends, from now you tell yourself that you are being a stupider and naive, we now have statistical and scientific reasons to support our case.

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BOARDING HOUSE CALLING

Strange things have been happening in the boarding house this month. Everyone seems to break down in some way or the other—either physically or emotionally. Beginning with the Cal-Meet, now every boarder’s voice is broken down to shrill and whistled voices. Teachers fail to recognize a student by his voice during attendance prep, causing a lot of confusion. While everyone’s voices are now shut down, Aashish Gupta turret ‘Deadpool’ as he is now getting whacked down by everyone and still doesn’t feel it. We fear he too may breakdown pretty soon.

Aayush Gupta has also gone through an emotional breakdown. He has decided to put his nature behind and attain a philosophical view of life. Arnold Xavier is going through a mental breakdown. For once he makes up his mind to take Caesar’s place and actually performs a stunt by hanging out of the window of a moving school bus. Unfortunately this stunt didn’t please the warden and Arnold was left hanging outside the principal’s office.

Aayush, the cobra is not actually going through a breakdown, but we are afraid he might break down in a rather unnatural way. This poor chap isn’t able to find any more high-quality videos. We also know that he’s soon drop his banana milkshake on the dining table like he usually does.

While all this goes on, Ashish Hussain is busy dealing with his clients from the U.S and Jatin has still not returned from his world of books and cars. Thankfully our crew Munir (Prince) has finally returned from Pakistan after celebrating Rakshabandhan. We hope next month wouldn’t be as weird as this month. If it still will be, it will be because Varun or better Zeedus decided to step down from his huge throne.

DAMIAN DON WILLIAMS

CAMPUS ROUNDUP

August was filled with so many C.C.A activities that there is hardly any time to try and get a hang on things. The above mentioned activities started in the first week of August and are carried all the way over to the second week of September. The first major event of the month which coincidentally fell on the first day of the month was the Annual Martin Memorial Debate (Fun Fact: The Debate is not named after Martin Prince Martin but instead is named after the father of the our principal Mr. DeSouza). To nobody’s surprise our team defeated their sisters by not allowing the motion to pass. Next up was the three day extravaganza, the The Martin Martin Debate and Bolle The Quiz which included all the quiz related programs A to C. And this was the Chief Guest of the Indepedence Day Parade this year. The rain tried to stop the proceedings, but failed to do so as the boys performed their duties efficiently igniting the fire. The Annual Hind Entertainment Programme was held in the evening that day. The theme of the program was ‘nationalism as always’. Selected boys from all the sections of the school presented items in dance, singing and acting. The event ‘Uday Naka’ was the highlight of the event. Not because it resembled a swear word we all love to use but in fact, a very well acted and well executed play. Mr. N. Shrikar and Mr. A. Awasthi, we thank you for this. The boys were given a small vacation following Independence Day, thanks to Mr. Fisher and to the boarders who live in far away places. While all this was happening, the boarders and the team for this year’s Martin Memorial were tirelessly preparing themselves for the meet, which was held in the first week of August at Arikada camp on the Cal-Meet in next issue of the pad. The boys from Kolkata sure did enjoy their stay at Lucknow. There was good interaction between the two cities which is, let us not forget the whole point of the meet anyway. The preparations for the Founder’s Day programme also began after this. The musical rendition of ‘Dilruba’ was at the centre of attraction this year. By the time the month was over the boys were treated to a sudden realisation, the most dreadful part of the school calendar, the examinations were not on their heads, stomachs and brains. And with only fifteen days to go its now time for the boys to keep their sports gear in and to take their books out. Happy studies. That’s all for now.
Day 1
La Martiniere’s Girls’ College, a place which every boy from La Martiniere Boys hopes and dreams about visiting. For some this dream had finally come true thanks to ‘Entente’, a three day event organised by the Girls’ College in which schools from all over Lucknow were to participate in a series of competitions ranging from group singing to IT Quizzes. There was a delay due to some technical problem. However, Mrs. Das, the host for the day didn’t let the atmosphere lose its energy. With more vim and vigour than the teenagers seated before her she provided moments of humour whenever things seemed to have slowed down. After the event had officially declared open by Mrs. A. Das, Vice principal of LMGC the participants proceeded to the venue of their events. The first event to take place in the auditorium was ‘Pecha Kucha’, which is the Japanese term for ‘chit chat’, in this the students had to describe a Hollywood movie using a PowerPoint presentation containing 20 slides. The event was quite tame as most of the participants failed to express the essence of the films and ended up just narrating the entire plot of movie and that too without giving a spoiler warning. However, there was a little too much excitement in the LCM camp as the participant for this event, Vedash Tandon was nowhere to be found. The search quickly began with reports coming in that he had left the school after the parade practice for that day. Twenty minutes passed by still no sign of him. Mr. Clarke’s (the teacher escort for that day) blood was boiling now. “What to do if he doesn’t show up?” This question plagued everyone’s mind. Thankfully, serial debater Gibran Khan was there, who stepped up to take Vedash’s place. Though this may seem like an exaggeration, this is what happened. Merely 10 seconds before Gibran’s turn Vedash arrived on the scene, running across the hall he grabbed the mike from one of the ‘BEES’ and started to describe his movie ‘The Great Gatsby’. The second event of the day was ‘Chronicles of Charades’ an event in which one participant had to read a script while the other had to act accordingly. Our team which consisted of Manveet Raj and Praneet Pandey were placed third. After this it was time for the Literary Quiz, the theme for which was ‘Commonwealth Writers’. A fun-filled situation was created during the quiz as two members of the audience answered more questions correctly than the participants. There two audience members were none other than our very own Vineeth Malhotra and Praneet Pandey. The slightly disappointed Quizmaster asked the participants to read more books in lieu of this. After a rushed lunch the final event of the day ‘Retro Remastered’, a group singing competition, was up next. As the name suggests the participants had to sing songs from the days gone by mainly from the 80s-80s era. The experienced teachers present or basically anybody with a good taste in music enjoyed the event wholeheartedly as the participants performed classics such as ‘Hotel California’, ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ and ‘Sweet Child of Mine’. Our team gave an impressive performance as they sang ‘A Little Help from My Friends’ by The Beatles while the hosts presented a mesmerising rendition of “I want to hold your hand”. The songs were accompanied by signboards from the audience. The loudest were of course, the boys from La Martiniere led by their college Vice-captain, Utkarsh. There was even some dancing initiated by the host Mr. Das.

Day 2
“You are not supposed to be here, please go to…” This was the phrase that was being reiterated by the organizers of the Entente to the La Martiniere Contingents from the start of the second day right till the very end. Apparently the Martiniere Boys had a real knack to be in precisely the places where they were not supposed to be in.

The day started off with the performances of our juniors, who were positively delighted to be in the ‘Sister’ school. Their determination and enthusiasm was extremely infectious and the senior contingent finally got into the stuffy auditorium to cheer for their juniors.

After the juniors had finished off with their performances it was time for the Senior’s to prove their mettle, and they did not disappoint either as they performed incredibly well in the event Sientistab (apart from a few minor fiascos), a classic case of We came, We saw, We conquered.

This was followed by a brief break in which our contingent could be seen roaming around the sprawling and picturesque estate and familiarizing themselves with it. We were enjoying ourselves when suddenly out of the blue, a rumour was started that our omnipotent principal, having received information about the clandestine appearance of a few students from the girls college was coming along in order to catch these persons non-grata. This caused quite a flutter in the already overcrowded populace, with reports of confirmations of the Principal having already set off reaching them from their ‘sources in the college’. Mercifully for them it proved to be just an elaborate hoax.

In the meantime there was a Gandhi Corner exhibit about the human heart which was simple, interesting, informative and deeply intriguing because as put by a member of the contingent, “There are girls, talking about what ails the heart…. The time ticked by enthusiastically swiftly we reached the highlight of the day. The event of ‘Modern Shakespeare’, it was an event in which a play of the Bard had to be tweaked and made more to fit the 21st century. The build-up to this already livewire event was colossal, with last minute practices being carried out with religious zeal, especially of Loreto Convent, who must have rehearsed like a bazillion team as reported by Akshat Rastogi, who seemed to be drawn to their contingent like a thirsty man to an oasis.

Modern Shakespeare kick-started with various performances, ranging from rib-tickling to thought provoking and then the simply slapstick remakes of the great Shakespearean classics like Othello, Romeo and Juliet, 7 stages of a man and The Merchant of Venice, with The Merchant of Venice being the clear favourite.

Apart from the gambling on the procenium there were some antics in the audience with the cry of “GO MART!” echoing from the halls of the hallowed institution. Some of the members of the audience apart from the two Martiniere Institutions (chiefly C.M.S. and St. Fidelis) tried to start a chant of “GO BACK HOME MART!” but they were met with a deafening answer with all the Martiniere Boys and the team of volunteers for Entente joining in the chant of “GO MART!” The flashpoint was when one of their teachers, Hike Sir, as many of our class 12 will remember him, joined in the chant.

The whole event might have gone through smoothly without any more chanting and sloganising showboars but for Francis, who started the familiar chant of “Pepe, Coca, …”, but were met by cries of “Pokémon!!!” from the audience. Our Hamza, then led the chant, and at that moment, he looked like a man possessed. With his holding figure cast in the garb of Nenesis, he truly looked like an intimidating sight.

At the time the hosts started their own performance of Romeo and Juliet a few members of the audience took upon themselves to set the dance floor on fire as soon as any sort of music was played. However the group was soon reprimanded and their team threatened by deactivation. Full marks for being a sportsperson.

All in all, it was an enjoyable second day with strong performances which emphasised Emancipation of Women, Stalking on Social Networks, LGBT rights etc.

Day 3
We finally reached the third day of the play, this year a new event had been added to the three day slugged, “Cybus” by lills was an event which seemed to draw heavily from our very own Oxauro. The inaugural edition had events on Paint (Tech-Stroke), PowerPoint (Slide your Point!), IT quizzing (Quiz O Comp) and Web designing (Virutusware) and Robotics (Robo-a-Bote). Out of these, the event on Paint, PowerPoint and IT quizzing were exclusively for classes 5 to 8 and only the Web designing was open for the seniors. While Robotics was for 9 to 12. We were ably represented by Aditya Kumar Singh and Palash Uptra who came 3rd in the event on web designing. Despite accuracies of nepotism being raised, the event went fairly well.

Finally the distribution of the prizes for the whole event started. Our school was awarded prizes in many fields and the participants departed in high spirits. All those who visited the Entente will be left with an indelible image of Swapnil Bhattarya acting as drunk Shakespeare complaining about how his life had gone very....

Haris RFG and Yashasvi Srivastava
BOULONE LICE QUIZ

"The teams that have qualified this year for the stage round of the Boulone Lice quiz are… St. Francis College, St. Agnes Loreto, Seth M. R. Jarapura, La Martiniere Girls College, A.P.S. Nerul Road and La Martiniere College." For the first time in three years, La Martiniere College had qualified for this event. For the past two years, we had come tantalizingly close to qualifying round or improving our hopes of starting to break against the sharp fruits of reality.

This year it was different. Fresh blood had entered into the fray, and finally the school was in the final six. The college was represented by Anshul Singh and Yashasrihithi Srivastava. The prelims had been a bit perplexing, but thanks to paying close attention in their Chemistry classes in 11th and History and Psychology in 10th, the stage team managed to blend the best and qualify for the stage final.

The finals were scheduled for two days after the preliminary round was held; this meant a complete day of nervousness and last minute preparations. During this time, the college team could be seen frantically studying through Science Magazines and O.K. Magazines and could be seen spending most of their time either around the library. The 8th of August, the day of the quiz was upon us and the team was seeming to be on top of the world, with calls of "All the Best." You’ve got to win this one! mixed with certain threats of Death by Crushing (Vignesh being the tool to inflict the punishment) and so with butterflies in the stomach, the two participants proceeded onto the stage.

Here they were met by another surprise, the information they had collected and studied so painstakingly for the past week was futile, they had been provided the wrong topics, instead of the current year’s topics, they had been provided with the previous year’s topics. Despite this immense setback, our team managed to come out of flying colours and managed to position a secure place in the top four along with St. Agnes Loreto, St. Francis and Army Public School, Nerul Road.

The last round was the buzzer round and consisted of 10 questions. They were playing it nice and slowly until they made the mistake of giving a wrong answer. There was immense pressure on the college team and they managed to hold their own by answering the last question correctly. This resulted in St. Francis finishing first with 20 points with the rest of the teams preferring to remain mum and try for the 2nd place. In the tiebreaker questions, our team again slipped up and answered a question wrongly, making us finish 4th. The question immediately after was answered correctly by St. Agnes Loreto and they finished second and hence A.P.S. Nerul Road finished third without having answered a single question in the buzzer round.

All in all, it was an amazing and educating experience and we took back pleasant memories of this event.

THE CLAUDE MARTIN DEBATES

The Claude Martin Debates 2016 were held between the 4th and 6th of August. As it was organized by the LEO (La Martiniere Extra Curricular Organisation), the considerable effort put in by the students was evident. Nine reputed schools from the city as well as from different parts of the country took part.

They included Vasant Valley School, New Delhi; Maharaaja Sayajirao Marathi School, Jaipur; Bishop Cotton School, Shillim; and St. Agnes Loreto Day School, St. Francis College, Seth M. R. Jarapura School, G.D. Goenka, La Martiniere Girls College, and Loreto Convent from Lucknow itself. Our own school La Martiniere College was not able to participate because of the overwhelming response we received from other institutions. The Spree House was ablaze with excitement with the students cheering for teams 'Explorer Unlimited' or 'Opponents' pitched against each other one more a desire to watch and listen. The high standard displayed by the teams was commendable. The teams were at their best but as we know two win some and two lose some and thus only two teams with brilliant debating and skills made it to the finals. They were Vasant Valley School from New Delhi and La Martiniere Girls' College from Lucknow.

In the final debate Spree House was filled with shouts of 'Sisters! Sisters!' Debating was at its peak but unfortunately our so called 'sisters lost'. Vasant Valley had adjudged the best team and the 'Best Speaker' was awarded to Swati Singh of La Martiniere Girls' College. Enthusiastic and friendly interaction were the highlights of the competition. The boys and girls enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the Principal's lawn. The prize distribution ceremony was marked by the final vote of thanks extended by the Principal Mr. Calyste McFarland.

The participating teams reveled in the hospitality and could not refrain from local sightseeing, shopping and enjoying the world famous Lucknowi cuisine.

A well scripted saga culminated in huge, byte and exchanging of contact numbers. Awaiting the next ones - 'We La Martiniere'!

DEVANKSH TANDAN

URDU AT LA MARTINIERE COLLEGE

La Martiniere College has become the first English medium school in the city to introduce Urdu as an optional subject up to class 8. The subject is taught from the current academic session. The college has collaborated with a Dubai-based Urdu society for 7 years to run the course.

Forty students from class 5 have opted for the course in Urdu. La Martiniere students have the option to study Sanskrit and French. It is a well appreciated move to introduce Urdu in mainstream education and forty students opting for it in the first year is an encouraging sign!, said Mrs. N. Hassan. Our Urdu teacher is Dr. Arsalan Haque, who is also a renowned poet.

ALI HAIDER, 9 E

INDEPENDENCE DAY

After 70 years of independence, it seems like it was yesterday when our first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru addressed the nation with his first speech of independence 'Tryst with Destiny' in which he said "at the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom".

The tradition to celebrate Independence Day was carried on this year as well in La Martiniere College, with the presence of our respected Chief Guest Lt. Col. Anil Srivastava, present to unfurl the flag. Our chief guest who is a member of the alumni of La Martiniere College was considered to be the unofficial advisor to our principal Mr. Cyril McFarland.

The parade of La Martiniere College comprised of six contingents, namely Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Air Wing, Naval wing and the Army Wing commanded by our college vice captain, Utkarsh Singh.

Our honorable Chief Guest Lt. Col. Anil Srivastava addressed the college with his speech and motivated all the students along with instilling them to strive for excellence. He also enlightened the boys about the glory and honour which a person receives when he/she serves in the Armed Forces of the Nation. He requested the boys to imbibe all those qualities in themselves and become good and hardworking people. He also told the boys about the three priorities that the officers of the Armed Forces have; first comes the welfare of their nation, second comes the welfare of the men that he person commands and the last comes the welfare of his family and himself. He took the salute of the parade.

That evening, in Spence Hall the Annual Hindi Entertainment Program was held. The hosts of the programme were Abhinav Rai, Samad Khan of the senior section and Aditya Jauhari of the junior section. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by our respected head of departments, accompanied by our principal. The programmes in the entertainment program were all related to patriotism and sacrifice for the freedom of our nation. The programmes comprised of different songs, dances and plays performed by the boys of our junior, middle and senior school. The title of the junior school play was 'Abtar Bisar' our charmatari Gufratnatchi while the senior school play was titled 'Uski Manzil'.

The play ended with our principal addressing the college and announcing the most coveted title of the awards for Hindustani in Hindi which was awarded to Nisha Ghatotekar who enacted as 'Zamindaar' in the senior school play 'Uski Manzil'.

The principal also applauded the efforts of Khadija Sanaeen, a pupil of class twelve, who choreographed the dance of the boarders.

After the principal’s speech ended, the whole college stood to attention for the national anthem and dispersed with the feeling of patriotism still there in their hearts.

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TECH TRIA

Oears, one of the premier organizations responsible for conducting and organizing events at La Martiniere College, organized the second edition of Techtria, an interschool multimedia based event on the 30th of July.

The event consisted of various IT and Media based events like Revelations – the IT Quiz, Buzz Off – the Tech Extremors, Flip Flop – Tech Turncoat debate, and Enigma – the Digital Treasure Hunt. Sixteen schools participated in this event, including La Martiniere Girls College, St. Agnes Loreto and many others. La Martiniere College performed very well in all the events, attaining a position in almost all the major events, and ultimately winning the overall Trophy.

One of the biggest head-turners was Gamer's Nirvana. The first round consisted of Need for Speed – Most Wanted, a car racing game. Only the top 4 participants could move on to the next round, which was Call of Duty – Black Ops 3, a first person shooter game, and only saw 2 participants move on to the next round which was FIFA.

Revelations, the quiz, was another big one, with audience members and participants both jumping out of their seats in excitement to answer questions based on their favorite technology and games. The quizmaster for the quiz was Vighnaharta Mehrotra, a class 10 student, in which, La Martiniere College was placed Second. Enigma was another hit with a proclivity La Martiniere Girls' student Roopali Neeljee actually being able to crack the entire '16 problem treasure hunt in just 24 minutes! The closing ceremony featured a very spirited prize distribution ceremony hosted by the Omicron President, Praneet Pandey, followed by a heartfelt note of thanks to the Omicron Team and all the teachers who helped with the event.

Overall, the event was a great success for the college as well as the participants. Omicron deserves a special note of thanks just as much as the Principal and the Vice-Principal.

PRANEET KUMAR PANDEY
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