EDITORIAL

What a year it has been! Starting in April with a tearful goodbye to the batch of 22 with their farewell, the year showed much promise as we moved into the next stage of normalcy. Recovering from the years of COVID prior, in the time of which most, if not all, came to a halt, proved difficult as the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship stood at all time low. The spark was only dimmed by the cancellation of the evening bazaar, which usually ushered in the times of celebration and socializing right before the break for summer vacation. Though it was difficult, the Martiniere spirit once again stood strong and persevered through the bleak winter of the lockdown and school came back in full force with activities and events being organised.

Soon after the summer vacation, the preparations for independence day and the Hindi Entertainment Program followed with children busying themselves in a number of different matters ranging from a play and a Nukkad Natak to a full scale parade, which exceeded all of our expectations and matched the Martiniere standard with quality and showmanship. Following shortly after, the awaited Inter-Martiniere Meet or more commonly known as the “Caf-Meet” caught hold of our attention. Once again hosted in our Constancia campus after quite a few years, the event took place as a memory to remember. This year, the meet proved even more special as many of us realised the true reason for competition; to interact with new perspectives and to make friends.

With the start of September, the school celebrated teacher’s day hitting new heights. Spence Hall was set alight with bright lights and music once more as the senior students put up a show for their teachers and mentors with acts of singing and dances that touched the sky, or in this case, the roof of the Spence Hall stage, quite literally. Soon after, the Founder’s wish was once again satisfied with a dinner for the wards of the school. A feast was raised in the memory of our founder and all that she gave to us, commemorating the reason that we are here today in the first place. This Founder’s Day was slightly out of the ordinary as only a chapel service and a dinner was held on this day itself. With the end of Founder’s Day, the college moved into a socnem session with the half yearly examinations held for all classes, putting a temporary stop to all activities. The students worked diligently and took the tests in their stride and moved on to showcase themselves in the English Entertainment Program, putting up The Greatest Show with hard work and effort unmatched.

With new talents being discovered after the athletics season coming to an end with a grand sports day, the glorious marathons was led by the colour party followed by Martin house which won the Overall Athletics Command Trophy and we saw all the three athletics champions from the boarding house. Asher was seen troubling the chief guest by approaching the prize stand continuously for medals (Senior Champion). Our very own College-Vice Captain (Aayan Rizvi) and day-schooler authorities are much appreciated by their juniors by sharing a very close bond with the boarding which is something positive for the times to come. The Christmas season is here! The boisterous and lighting up of the Christmas trees have kickstarted the Christmas season with Ivan Parker finding ways to somehow become Santa Claus. We also witnessed the third dorm boys gang up in small groups to win prizes at every possible game stall put up at the college face which turned out to be relatively successful. Senior boys nowadays dig up every possible reason to be a part of the choir. The boarding is healthy and functioning well and excited for the upcoming Christmas Cantata!

-Vivekan Rastogi 12-C (College Captain)

BOARDING HOUSE CALLING

HODSON’S RUN

On the 18th of November, about 500 pupils of the college participated in the annual marathon named “Hodson’s Run” after Sir WSR Hodson, putting their endurance and athleticism to the test. A long of strong-willed athletes had been training themselves for this reason for several months. The marathon had two categories: Junior’s with the distance of the run being 3.5 kilometres and Senior’s with the route extending to about 8 kilometres around the Cantonment area of Lucknow.

The Saturday morning was dark and cold when the Junior’s Marathon started outside Gate Number 4 of the college at 06:00 a.m. and the boys gradually paced their way across the lap. Within the next ten minutes, Michael Jude Alexander of Hodson house finished the run at Sir Hodson’s Grave within the campus showing exemplary endurance and practice. He was closely followed by his competitors rushing towards the finish line using the last bit of their energy! A huge number of students had completed the run within twenty minutes each pushing their limits and performing their best.

The Senior’s Hodson Run started near the Didhuka Ganitors and the boys enthusiastically rushed as soon as they heard the starter pistol go off at 06:30 a.m. The lap was long and tiring for a lot of the athletes but for the boys who had been practicing for months steadily paced across the course. Within the next thirty minutes, Shau-Anthony Desa of Lyons house reached the finishing line at Sir Hodgson’s Grave making him this year’s winner of the New Marathon. He too witnessed close competition and was quickly followed by his successors in the run. A lot of students found it difficult to complete the run given its rather long distance and just completing the marathon was a personal accomplishment for a lot of them that morning.

Apart from all the students, numerous members of the alumni also participated and completed the New Marathon reliving their memories as a Martiniernian. Several teachers of the college were also involved by being posted at checkpoints throughout the run to prevent any form of regulation breaks and to guide the students as a majority of them were not aware of the route.

The prize ceremony was concluded at the Grave that morning. The first five winners of the marathon were awarded a cup by the Hodson’s Horse Regiment. The Principal announced that Lyons house won the Hodson’s Run for the year 2022.

-Devang Pratap Singh

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October and November followed with two of the largest events held in school annually, Constancia and LMUN. Both flagship events of Leo and the La Martiniane MUN society respectively, each one surpassing their past iterations and knocking it out of the park with our comeback. November also carried monumental grief with the last Day of Krawki leaving the 23 batch filled with tears when the realization of the little time they have left in school. Now here we are, December has brought out the festive bells with Christmas right on top of our hearts
La Martiniere Model United Nations (LMUN), took place from the 18th to the 20th of November, LMUN, one of India’s finest and most highly revered MUN conferences, ardently stands up to imitate virtues of diplomacy, deliberation, negotiation, and crisis management among students, shaping them into prudently thoughtful, solution-oriented leaders of tomorrow.

Physically welcoming over 400 students as delegates from across the nation, the Ninth Edition of LMUN was back again with 11 committees under the Secretary-General, S.M. Ayan Rizvi’s title theme “Creating the Distinction” and a collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre of India and Bhutan. From global collaborations in the space sector to a futurist global military crisis in 2030, LMUN’s diversified agendas had it all.

**DAY 0**

The 17th of November was an extremely cumbersome day for the Secretariat, Directorate, and the Organizing Committee with students immersing themselves wholly into the DIY class preparations. From reaching the airport for escorting outstation delegations to managing the registration desk with ID cards to arranging the delegate kits, the industrious teams did it all. The committee venues were set up the same day with adorably made agenda-partent posters being placed on soft boards in many classrooms to set the ambiance for the conference. The Logistics “Team indeed deserves all the credit for making such arrangements possible within demarcated time frames.”

Participating delegates, faculty advisors and presiding chairpersons enjoyed the privilege of being escorted around the campus’ massive establishments in the evening in a campus tour hosted specifically for incoming schools to get their hands on cherishable memories of visiting the founder’s grave and the top floors of Constantia. The campus tour was followed by a pleasant high tea. All eyes were now set expectantly for the upcoming 3 days.

**DAY 1**

Finally, the immeasurably painstaking penance of one complete year bore fruit. The conference for which the Secretariat had toiled round the clock for months was now a reality. The event commenced with the Opening Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in Spenos Hall. Devang Pratap Singh and Rumun Amsing Habib hosted the Opening Ceremony that welcomed former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, Mr. Rajinder Khanna, as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Mr. Khanna addressed the congregated delegates, talking extensively about India’s geopolitical challenges and stressing hugely with regards to the menacing China. Finally, the moment that each Secretarial member was eagerly awaiting arrived as Devang introduced the Secretariat members who were then honoured with gavels as well. The Ceremony concluded with the Secretary-General declaring the session open which was immediately followed by a high tea. The first committee session began at noon with chairpersons briefing delegates about rules of procedure, committee introductions, and conversing with them on how they desired the committee to progress, setting the tone for full-fledged debating and deliberation in the session that followed lunch.

The team-such awaited Delegate Evening started at 6 pm with the College Alumnus band A&R Aryanam setting the East Terrace on fire with their mesmerizing performance. The group got the delegate crowd dancing merrily to the tunes of many popular campus numbers. The charm of the social evening was enhanced manifold by food stalls selling scrumptious meals at East Terrace, facilitating delegates to party at Tuesday Kitchen or Tavola Pizzza after quenching their thirst at Milkshake Factory.

Indeed, LMUN 2022 was a runaway success with a year-round strenuously invested effort that produced sweet results. Undeniably, the team “formed holding such a gigantic event with such impressive arrangements. The team held up the Martinis flag high with their phenomenal efforts.”

---Samaat Bahel & Krithin Bhaisan

**DAY 2**

The second day was incipient with a Keynote Address delivered by Mr. Zaam Naouli who spoke to the delegates about international economic paradigms and shared vital psychotropic tools for healthy living. The second day was marked by an extremely hectic schedule with 3 committee sessions. The committees had progressed up to the point of delegates finding suitable topics for their moderated caucuses and the deep layers of the agendas. Following a short high tea, the delegates were again led to the East Terrace for the Fellowship. From a gracious ball dance on heartwarming tunes to the College Band taking over with its thunderous rock beats, the Fellowship got the delegates hooked from the very beginning. Further, DJ Saad Al took over with his charismatic ceterity in handling tracks as well as his impeccable ability to drive their mood. Moreover, Sarthak Singh, the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Operations, continued to help neurotic delegates within him. Al Saad took to the stage for the finishing tracks. The delegates burst out cheering his name aloud as he started playing. The Fellowship concluded by righteously serving its purpose of strengthening the bonds of affection among the delegates.

The college kitchens, which had already made the delegates’ afternoon with serving delicious Chooi Bhatura for lunch, also made their evening by serving luscious local delicacies that included Biryani and muton shami kebabs for the Principal’s Dinner followed by the Fellowship.

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General, the undisputed jewel on LMUN’s crown, held a midnight crisis from 11 pm to 3 am to deliberate upon peace terms between Russia and Ukraine.

**DAY 3**

With the delegates’ anxiety peaking, the last day ultimately arrived. The committees that had been through two days of fruitful deliberations looked forward to producing committee documentation. Alliances and blocs that were formulated presented in session notes, concerning concrete solutions that delegates encapsulated in their committee paperwork for conducive discussions.

The Closing Ceremony, hosted by the Deputy Secretary-General, Krithin Bhaisan began at East Terrace in a virtual address recording from Dr. Shashi Tharoor talking about the importance of Indians in geopolitics. This was followed by the Chief Guest, Mr. Balram Bhargava, the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, addressing the gathering on India’s tussle with COVID-19 through a visual presentation. Following this, the Secretary-General took over to introduce the Secretariat and compliment their perseverance for the conference along with the Secretarial members, introducing the various teams behind LMUN as well as announcing the awards for the conference turn by turn. The much-awaited award ceremony was a story of La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata sweeping the best delegate award for two consecutive years, bagging the Best Delegation award in the process.

Lastly, Ayan delivered the concluding speech for the event describing his thoughts about with the conference and what it entails to be holding an event of such a scale at school after 2 years of online MUNs. He stated to have worn the same tie that he wore as a delegate at his first experience at LMUN that day while signing off as the Secretary-General as his speech came to an end. The event finally concluded with the Principal addressing the gathering on carrying back memories, friendships and healthy experiences.

The 138th Senior Athletics meet was held on the 26th of November commencing at 1:00 p.m. Lt. General Vivek Kashyap, who is the Chief of Staff at the Head Quarters of Central Command in the army along with the Colonel of the Regiment-6, Lancers was the chief guest for the day. It was rather significant that three College Coaches - Gold Blazers were awarded on that day to students who had displayed exceptional individual performance in a certain sport during their tenure at school. Syed Wali Hussain and Faraz Aftab Rizvi, the captain and vice-captain of our football teams respectively were awarded the prestigious shield along with Reish Aryan, the captain of the cricket team.

The day started with the Torch Relay in which the captains of all of the various sports played in La Martinier held and passed the torch to each other following traditions and symbolizing the light of spirit, knowledge and life with the passing down of the symbolic fire.

This was succeeded by the track events for the day which included only the short sprints and dashes in the Colls, Juniors and Seniors categories to keep the environment full of excitement as the athletes immediately darted at their full speed. An exception to this was the 200m cycle race for the Juniors and the 500m cycle race for the Senior Division which were extremely thrilling to witness.

The relays obtained maximum enthusiasm and zeal from the audience as the athletes were not only representing their houses but also vying against the boys of our college and the alumni was won by the present team. A glamorous equestrian display was also put up by the show jumping team and the ride school of the college. The track events followed more such displays such as the gymnast’s feat of overcoming strength and flexibility and the rather formidable isekwondo display. All the students from classes six to nine showed extremely well-coordinated class-ws P.T. drills as well.

The drills were followed by the majestic march past of the college consisting of all the athletes who had participated throughout the session along with the marching band of the college. As soon as the march past halted, the prize day distribution commenced. Aya Jost Singh of Martin House was the soia athlete who broke past records in not only one but two events this season which are the long jump and 100m sprint in the junior division and was awarded the trophy for the Junior Athletics Championship. In the Senior category, Asher of Martin house won the 100m sprint, making him the “fastest runner of La Martiniere College” and several other medals winning the Senior Athletics Championship. The Central Command Trophy for the overall winners for the athletics season of 2022 was awarded to Martin House.

Impressed by the performance and the efforts put up by the boys, the Chief Guest granted us a holiday on the next working day as a gesture of appreciation. The beating of the retreat was conducted and the flags were lowered and with ‘that the Athletics Meet for 2022 came to an end.”

---Devang Pratap Singh
LAST DAY OF KHAKI

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The newly incoporated La Martiniere Law Society organised the first edition of the Intra-School Moot Court Competition from the 29th of November to the 1st of December under the guidance of the faculty advisor, Mrs. H. Dhawan. A Moot Court seeks to simulate the ambiance of an actual courtroom with students impersonating lawyers to act as respondents and defendants for a given lawsuit. The teams were allocated a comprehensive Moot Problem that revolved around a case involving data privacy, a refugee crisis and human rights abuses being fought between two nations at the IJC, inviting students from classes 9 to 12. The competition began on the 29th with a bunch of 48 students in 16 teams, largely non-law students, all of whom being obvious to what might unfold in the coming days. The event began at 9 am in the Activity Hall with a brief introduction and qualification of the incoming judges. The preliminary round started off at 10 am at 6 venues. Each pair of competing teams were to give a 30 minute presentation explaining their side of being petitioners or respondents in the first session which was followed by the teams reversing their sides and act as the other party in the second session. The second session conclusions were marked by the presence of 8 judges and advanced to the quarter-finals the following day. The second day also began with the draw of lots at the Activity Hall determining the final eight teams and respondents. The same format of moulding followed the second day as well with 4 finalists moving to the Semi-Finals the next day. The third day began with the welcoming of esteemed judges at the Activity Hall who judged the Semi-Final and Final Rounds. The final round started at 12:15 pm and concluded at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room. Finally, a team comprising of Devast Tiwari, Aayush Bharti and Anshul Awasthi were adjudged the winners. The event concluded with a thanksgiving speech delivered by Aryan Chowdhary, a member of the Core team, complementing the efforts of the teams and teachers who worked for the event's success.

-Sameer Bahri

ENGLISH ELOCUTION

The English elocution competition was held in October for the Colts, Junior and Senior divisions consisting of students from all the classes of both the middle and senior school. The colts division consisted of classes 6 to 8, the junior division consisted of classes 9 and 10 and the senior division consisted of classes 11 and 12. Elocution is a competition that helps in improving his diction, comprehending of literature and reciting the poems/poetry with correct pronunciation and improving their memory skills. Each division was judged by 3 teachers who were proficient in their subject and awarded points to the students on various standards. The colts division saw great recitation from even the junior most students of the school with outstanding enthusiasm. In the Junior division, the poems recitation consisted of themes from moral lessons to dramatic monologues and lastly verses from the famous writings of novelists by authors such as William Shakespeare. The chairman of the competition was Mr Egbert who moderated the competition and helped in bringing out the best in the children.

The senior division participants showed great recitation and diction skills. Their themes consisted of long monologues, consisting of speeches by renowned figures like Greta Thunberg and the iconic speech made by Mr Nehru on the night of India’s independence day. The junior division was judged by Mr Vincent Clifford, an English teacher of the senior school. The chairman of the competition was Mr Clifford who looked after the proceedings and guided the participants.

In the senior division - Division A: Aiswarya Agarwal of 12-C stood first.

In the junior division - Division B: Parth Pandey of 9-C stood first.

-Kriti Bhaisin

हिंदी विभाग

समाप्ति की लेखक दर्शनी गुप्ता

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-Parth Mittal
**FRENCH SECTION**

La Journée Des Enfants

Chaque année en Inde, le 14 novembre est célébré comme la Journée des Enfants pour marquer l'anniversaire de naissance de Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, le premier Premier ministre de notre pays. En plus de rendre hommage à Pandit Nehru, la Journée des enfants s'efforce de sensibiliser aux droits, aux soins et à l'éducation des enfants. De nombreux programmes éducatifs et de motivation pour les enfants sont organisés à travers l'Inde ce jour-là. Les enfants s'appellent affectueusement Jawaharlal Nehru, Chacha Nehru et leur croyance en lui était une source continue de joie pour lui. La Journée universelle de l'enfance a été initialement observée le 20 novembre, comme l'ont déclaré les Nations Unis, mais en 1964, Jawaharlal Nehru a désigné le 14 novembre. Depuis le début de la première Première ministre comme la Journée de l'enfant. Le jour est aussi connu sous le nom de "Bai Divas" en Inde.

En marce de respect ainsi que pour les enfants une journée où ils peuvent s'amuser pleinement, la Journée des enfants est célébrée dans toutes les écoles de l'Inde. De nombreux programmes spéciaux de variétés sont organisés dans les écoles pour que les élèves se sentent joyeux. Notre école, le Collège La Martinière, n'est pas différente et en plus de cela, nous organisons même une assemblée annuelle dans laquelle toutes les étudiantes autorisées se réunissent en enseignants et au lieu de notre directeur, le capitaine du collège tenant l'assemblée tout en les imitant et en portant des tenues, des professeurs qu'ils imitent. De cette façon, les étudiants passent un moment merveilleux et joyeux à l'assemblée. Les enseignants reçoivent des récompenses et des prix à la place des étudiants pour n'en nommer que quelques-uns comme le "Melleur athlète de l'école-Mr. A. Gomes", le "Body Builder de notre école-Mr. S. Simon" et bien d'autres, pour dire que les récompenses sont parfois sarcastiques mais aussi réelles à des moments précis.

Après l'assemblée, des boîtes de friandises sont remplies aux étudiants qui sont définitivement aimés par les étudiants. Comme nous espérons avoir obtenu plus une boîte de friandises, les enseignants sont si généreux d'en donner deux si nous le voulons. Cette année, la boîte de friandises contiendrait des aliments emballés que j'ai vraiment aimés. Dès que la distribution de la boîte de friandises a été faite, nous nous sommes déplacés vers Spence Hall pour voir un programme de divertissement organisé par des enseignants. Dire que le programme de divertissement de cette année a définitivement été un énorme succès parce que les étudiants l'ont adoré. Les professeurs étaient vêtus de vêtements traditionnels indiens, ils ont chanté, ils ont dansé, ils ont présenté une promenade de chat aussi, nous avons énormément apprécié le spectacle jusqu'à la fin. Nous n'étions pas tristes parce que le spectacle n'était pas bon, nous étions tristes parce que nous souhaitons qu'il puisse durer éternellement. Après le programme, nous avons été renvoyés à la maison plus tôt et comme peu d'élèves souhaitaient "ce n'est pas la journée de nos enfants, tous les jours?" les autors avaient la même pensée au fond de leur cœur.

-Keshav Mittal

**URDU SECTION**

حالت سنین

اس میں کوئی کوئی دیکھیا یا بیہ کوئی کبھی بڑا یا بچا تھا - اس کا مثال یہ ہے کہ یہ کسی بھی بچے کو وہ ہو سکتا ہے یا جونس یا دیگر کوئی بچا ہو سکتا ہے۔ اس کے مثال کی روشنی میں کہ یہ بات ہے چونکہ وہ کسی بھی نہیں ہے پھر اس نے اس کے لیے بچے کی بدولت کا کاوش کیا اور آپ وہاں ہو سکتا ہے۔ اس کے لیے بچے کی بدولت کا کاوش اور آپ وہاں ہو سکتا ہے۔

-Hasnain Agha 10-A