GOODBYE AND FAREWELL

In the wake of a devastating loss, we mourn the passing of Mr. Nigal Charles Hopley, a noble and gentle soul who, for the past nine years, brought his profound talent and unwavering dedication both as a librarian and the director of theatre arts at La Martiniere College.

On May 3, his loved ones attended his funeral in the college’s chapel, commencing with a poignant rendition of “Nearer, My God, To Thee” by the college choir. The pastor led a solemn prayer, followed by scripture readings and a heart-touching speech delivered by Mr. Hopley’s sister. Following the service, Mr. Nigal Hopley’s coffin was placed for the Nizamatganj Cemetery for burial. All college activities were cancelled until the summer vacation as we collectively mourned the departure of Mr. Hopley. A memorial service on May 9 honored Mr. Nigal Hopley’s life. Speeches, songs, and a montage highlighted his impact on the college community. Students spoke of his caring nature, while the media team showcased his remarkable journey. His memory will forever be cherished, leaving an indelible mark in our hearts.

Mr. Egbert embarked on a new chapter in his life, saying farewell to the school and embracing new beginnings in Kolkata.

-Chaitnay Agarwal 12-D & Jaisri Noman 11-D

EDITORIAL

The month of April opened with a rather exciting and emotive event. The graduation of our beloved batch of 23 was an emotional event for all of us including the batch of 20 themselves. Seeing our boys leaving their school life and entering the world as men was truly wonderful. The farewell was conducted on the East Terrace by the La Martiniere Extra-Durctoral Organization. The Prize day was conducted on the evening of 29th April, 2023 after a 2-year break, the day began with a parade, portraying the distinguished demeanour of the boys. After a year of hard-work and toiling, the efforts of all our prize-winners did not go unrecognised as they were called upon the stage to receive their hard-earned prizes from our chief guest. The event was closed with a vote of thanks and thus came to an end a great and pompous evening.

The spelling bee competition was held in the middle school library. The students from classes 6th, 7th and 8th displayed their excellence in English grammar by spelling complicated words which aren't just difficult for the common man to spell but even more difficult for him to understand. The participants truly set an example for their juniors. The month of May also saw the release of the CSC results for classes 10th and 12th boards. All the students met with overwhelming success-their hard-work and studies finally bore fruit. A list congratulating the top-10 percentile students in the college was released which will serve as an example for our current class 10th students.

But sadness has a peculiar way of sneaking into the streets and streams of happiness. About two months ago, tragically struck our school when we received shocking news of Mr. Hopley’s sudden demise due to a cardiac arrest. The shock and disbelief were overwhelming as we grappled with the reality of losing someone so dear to us. Mr. Hopley was not just a librarian; he was a hero for most of us. The annual play, under Mr. Hopley’s guidance, became an unforgettable experience for all who participated. His passion, creativity, and dedication was evident in every aspect of his production. His warm demeanour left an indelible impression on countless students, making him a cherished member of our school family. The loss of such a pivotal figure in the school left everyone devastated. The college flag was lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect. The school, united in grief, came together to honour the life of a pure soul, the most respected individual and a guide to us all. A holiday was declared, allowing all of us to reflect on the immense impact which Mr. Hopley had on all of our lives. A memorial service was conducted in Spence Hall which was attended by students, staff and teachers to pay tribute and find solace in each other’s company. The outpouring of love and support during this time of mourning served as a testament to the profound impact Mr. Hopley had on all of our lives.

As if fate hadn’t already been cruel to us, we were dealt with another disheartening blow upon the receipt of the news that our beloved English teacher – Mr. Varun Egbert had announced his departure from our school. Mr. Egbert, an English teacher, was equally cherished by our community. His love, guidance and his unique way of teaching was equally loved by the entire school. Together with Mr. Hopley, he played a pivotal role in the workings of our editorial board guiding us through the workings and encouraging us to bring out the best in us. The loss of both of these exceptional individuals has left a void which cannot be easily filled. Their love and teaching has left a mark on all of us – motivating and pushing us to be the very best versions of ourselves. The Editorial Board serves as a testament to their hard-work and dedication towards the students of this institution.

But as a great man once said – “a man cannot be dead unless his name is yet spoken in the land of the living.”

Our lives will continue and eventually this hard time shall also pass, but the teachings of both of these exceptional teachers and the values inculcated by them within us will continue to develop us into the individuals they would’ve wanted us to grow into.

-Devansh Restogi 12-F & Adit Joshi 11-C

BOARDING HOUSE CALLING

The college campus came alive as resident scholars returned after a much-needed academic break. The break provided a well-deserved opportunity for students to recharge and revitalize themselves before diving back into their studies. Eager to embark on the new term, the resident scholars were greeted with an orientation meeting held in the Fish Bowl, where they were joined by their parents.

During the break, the campus was not devoid of activity either. One of the highlights was the inter-house hockey matches, which saw enthusiastic participation from the boarding house. Like any other house event, this competition offered numerous students the chance to showcase their talents. Among them was Harsh (Nepal) who went above and beyond to help his house, Martin, win. Harsh tirelessly trained the younger players, despite their unintentional attempts to test his patience.

In a touching tribute to the College’s rich heritage, a recital of the Ramcharitmanas Samtarkand Path took place. This annual event commemorated the 9th anniversary of the consecration of the College temple. Staff and resident scholars gathered in the temple premises to partake in the recitation, which was followed by a delightful Bhandaras. During the feast, the senior boys took special care of their younger peers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity among all.

-Beyond the campus walls, the boarding house achieved remarkable success in the Lucknow district boxing championship. Abhishek Bruce and Kenneth John emerged as shining stars, winning the silver and bronze medals, respectively. Their accomplishments added to the pride and spirit of the boarding house, showcasing the talent and determination of the students.

As the term drew to a close, the college bid farewell to its students for the summer vacations, as attended by both the staff and the resident scholars.

-Yash Awasthi 12-C

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PRIZE DAY

After 2 years of the devastating pandemic, the academic session 2022-23 was one filled with colours of joy. The school finally resumed, to be in its previous glory, with uninterrupted and regular academic activity being restored. Finally, on the 28th of May, the entire school witnessed the Prize Day, an event that celebrated the success of all those who had emerged meritorious in various disciplines and activities of the school.

Prof. Alok Dhawan, Director, Centre of Bio-Medical Research, Lucknow and a former Martian was invited as the Chief Guest for the event along with his wife Mrs. Neela Dhawan. The event commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest in the College’s ceremonial car followed by the parade’s salute in acknowledgment of his arrival. A well turned out march past of cadets along with equestrian riders, bearing College flags, took over with tunefully orchestrated Bajra and Bagpiper bands playing their instruments in the background. While members of the staff, clad in their ceremonial academic gowns, were seated on both sides of the stage, a group of teachers from both Junior and Senior campuses were arranging the Prize Winners in lines, according to the order of events.

The Principal initiated the event by welcoming everyone in the gathering and introducing the Chief Guest to the guests by elucidating his professional accomplishments. The College Annual Report was then presented to all present by the College Principal. The College Choirs enchanted everyone by their melodious voice with the Junior Choir singing “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” and the Senior Choir rendering the popular “Count on Me”. Their mesmerising pieces won over the crowd and rejuvenated everyone.

Finally, the prize distribution began with the Junior School students’ efforts being awarded. Mrs. Neela Dhawan presented the awards to the finest of children, several of whom had had the honour of receiving accolades for the first time in their life. It was absolutely delightful to watch the smallest of children studying in the Preparatory Department move up the success stairs of the stage to receive a congratulatory token. The Junior School students are undeniably the school’s rising stars.

Upon the conclusion of their prize distribution, an audio-visual presentation “The Year That Was” was played on 2 big screens installed on both sides of the East Terrace, prepared by the school’s industrious media team, the multimediam presentation recounted all academic and co-curricular activities during the previous academic year. The voice over of the presentation was done by the College Principal.

Then came the most highly awaited part of the evening, the Senior Campus’ prize distribution. Beginning with class-wise academic awards, the longest of queues were meticulously arranged in sync with the long-drawn Senior School Prize List. From classes 6 to 12, a large number of achievers, many of them bagging more than just a single award, proudly made their way up the stairs of the East Terrace to receive their awards. The Chief Guest was called upon to distribute the prizes. Each prize winner had an opportunity for a photograph with the Chief Guest handing him the award. The class-wise academic prizes continued into the special prize list, another Herculean list of achievements in a vast number of areas ranging from academic excellence to elocutions, debating, quizving, football, hockey, swimming and even equestrian. The multiplicity of avenues wherein the College awards the most talented students is what makes up the essence of the Martian ethos:- the all-round holistic development of its students. A plethora of medals, trophies, cups and certificates were placed upon a huge table near the Chief Guest and we saw numerous students rejoicing the fine many times to receive the rewards for their unparalleled efforts in aiming for glory.

Both individual and group activities and both inter- house and inter-school activities were taken into account to structure the Prize List. Towards the end of the programme, some members of staff were also honoured for having served the institution for 20 and 25 years. The Prize List finally concluded with the announcement of Martin House lifting up the Inter-House Challenge Cup popularly called the Cock House Cup leading to a wave of enthusiasm sweeping through the Martin House students.

To draw the final curtains, the Principal invited the Chief Guest for his closing remarks. Dr. Dhawan spoke extensively about the essence of science in society and about how it transformed his life in particular. The most significant message he delivered was that one can effectively earn wealth from knowledge but necessarily the other way round and one must be an avid pursuer of knowledge and not material wealth.

The College Captain was called upon for a formal vote of thanks. The 4 hour programme finally concluded around 10:30 P.M with the College Song followed by the National Anthems. The event had inevitably left the entire gathering hungry and fatigued but had undeniably felicitated the great efforts put in by the winners. Irrespective of how small or big the prize is, each student who wins is gratified when his dedication pays off with the laurels he receives.

-Samast Bahl, 12-D

SPELLING BEE

Every year, an annual spelling bee competition is held for students studying in the Middle School. The competition aims to improve their linguistic skills and to help them gain a better understanding of the English language.

The Spelling Bee Competition for the year 2023-24 was organised in the Middle School Library on two different dates for 2 different categories bifurcated on the basis of their standards. While the class 6 met on the 2nd of May, the 7th and 8th competed on the 6th of May.

Before competing on the big stage, Middle School teachers organised a preliminary round to select the eligible candidates through a written test from all the participating classes.

The main event was held in two rounds, the first one was called the ‘Spell Quest’, an event where the quiz master called out words and asked the participants to spell them correctly to test their prowess over the subject. It was a fair and tough competition and only a few made it to the next and the final decisive round called the ‘Jumble Spell’. This was where the hand-picked finalists were given jumbled letters and they had to use their power of vocabulary to arrange them in such an order to make a meaningful word out of them.

The final round had the participants on their toes and it all came down to the last minute when the score sheet was being tallied to determine the winner. Defeating all the other contestants, Aarav Mathpal of 8A stood first in his category while Shivansh Rating of 7B and Anant Singh of 8C were declared the champions in their respective categories.

This would not have been possible without the guidance Mrs Rana who helped in the organisation of the event. The event is a crucial step on the ladder to help these young minds to develop into the prodigies of tomorrow while also helping them gain better command over the English Language.

-Archt Mittal, 12-F

CLASS 6: THE JUNIORMOST

BATCH MOVES IN

How do you feel after having stepped into the Senior School Campus from the Junior School Campus?

On my first day at the Constantia campus, I was both nervous and excited. The campus is mesmerizing, it feels as if I am in an altogether different world. I am enjoying the campus with friendly seniors and caring teachers.

-Atharva Chitransh Singh 6-C

The magnificent building Constantia is the heartbeats of the College. For me coming to the senior campus was a dream coming true. It is a matter of pride for me to be a part of the school.

-Akhand Kumar Rastogi 6-A

The Senior campus is a lot different from the Junior campus. There are a lot more opportunities to explore my interests. The first day was a rollercoaster of emotions where I felt excited, nervous, overwhelmed and curious at the same time.

-Ayaz Kumar 6-D

I was excited about the Constantia campus. As I entered, I was in awe of the campus. I want to carry the legacy of the College ahead. I felt truly Martian in the Campus.

-Aastik Yadav 6-D
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Le "Fish Bowl":
Dévoilement d'une salle spectacle

Au milieu d'une grande anticipation et d'excitation, la salle d'activités tant attendue de La Martinière Collège à Lucknow a été inaugurée, signifiant une occasion capitale pour toute la communauté scolaire. La grande cérémonie a célébré le dévoilement de cette installation remarquable, nommée à juste titre le "Fish Bowl", en raison de son importance historique et de sa conception architecturale unique. Équipée d'équipements de pointe, le Fish Bowl est appelé à devenir un centre dynamique de créativité, de divertissement et d'engagement communautaire.

L'inauguration a eu lieu le 31 mars 2023, coïncidant avec la cérémonie d'adieu des professeurs sortants, créant un événement poignant et mémorable. Le Fish Bowl est le symbole de l'engagement de l'école envers la croissance et la transformation continues. Initialement conçu comme un simulateur pour les activités du Corps National de Cadets (NCO), son objectif a évolué au fil du temps pour devenir un espace polyvalent répondant à une multitude de besoins.

La conception architecturale du Fish Bowl est une véritable merveille, alliant harmonieusement fonctionnalité et esthétique. Situé légitimement en dessous du niveau du sol, le hall présente de grandes baies vitrées au niveau du sol, permettant aux observateurs de regarder à l'intérieur sans entrer. Cet élément de design unique donne l'illusion de regarder des poissons nager dans un bocal, inspirant le nom "Fish Bowl" pour la salle d'activités. L'aménagement et l'utilisation de l'espace soigneusement planifiés garantissent une expérience confortable et immersive à tous ceux qui franchissent ses portes.

Le moment de l'inauguration du Fish Bowl était particulièrement important, car il coïncidait avec la cérémonie d'adieu des membres du corps professoral sortants. Les enseignants à la retraite, qui avaient consacré des années à façonner l'esprit des étudiants, ont célébré de manière sincère entre les murs du Fish Bowl. L'événement a permis aux membres sortants du personnel d'exprimer leur gratitude et leur appréciation pour le collège. Le Fish Bowl a servi de toile de fond poignante pour cette occasion mémorable, créant une atmosphère de révérence et de nostalgie. Au-delà de son rôle au sein de l'école, le Fish Bowl est en passe de devenir un catalyseur de l'engagement communautaire.

À ce stade, detables de ping-pong ont été installées dans la salle pour que les résidents universitaires ainsi que les externes participent et jouent pendant qu'ils sont au collège. L'inauguration du Fish Bowl annoncera une nouvelle ère de possibilités et d'innovation au sein de la communauté scolaire. Avec sa conception architecturale saisissante, ses équipements ultramodernes et sa capacité d'adaptation à diverses activités, le Fish Bowl est destiné à devenir un centre dynamique de créativité, d'apprentissage et d'engagement communautaire. Alors que les étudiants, les enseignants et les membres de la communauté se rassemblent dans ses murs, ils seront témoins du pouvoir transformateur de cet espace remarquable, favorisant l'inspiration, la camaraderie et les souvenirs inoubliables. Le Fish Bowl témoigne de l'engagement inébranlable de l'école à offrir une expérience éducative enrichissante et à favoriser le développement holistique de ses élèves.

-Ayaan Mahmood B-A & Syed Arham Hameed 10-D