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WANDERLUST



FATHER'S MESSAGE

**"There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative." –
W. Clement Stone.**

In the immensity of the facts when the world is chasing self-gain and self-realization is all forgotten, I would hold the baton for all those who are running for a cause.

The vistas of engineering apart from the deliverance of the machines have expanded to re-engineering of the self. As is popularly known today, 'inner engineering'- the embalming of one's soul and mind, not losing the spiritual consciousness in the wake of achieving big goals. At Agnel, FCRIT-Vashi, we have realized this basic need of the human intellect and are working towards it.

In addition, the student and the faculty community alike at Fr.CRIT work to achieve value-based education, not losing pace with the mechanized world. The paucity of time is made good by effectively venturing into fruitful activities like social cell and the creative space is engineered by various clubs. The technical artistry flows into the workshops and seminars that are conducted by the institute at national and international levels. The classrooms at Fr.CRIT are a witness to value-based education which the teachers impart. The students soak in this holistic knowledge and thus add the finesse of 'humane' to their portfolios.

However, that is not all that we do; we play, we sing, we go for picnics and treks, we attend the assembly and sing the national anthem every day with pride.

In a nutshell, it is cognizance, gift wrapped in an atmosphere of mutual respect and pride. That is what we follow and aspire for.

'Rhapsody' is a small effort, to reach out to the readers to understand our institute and its higher purpose, which is not just academic but much more.



FR. IVON ALMEIDA

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi all!

It is time for the next issue of ***Rhapsody***. We have tried to make this edition more visually enchanting with pictures supporting the written literature. *WANDERLUST*, the theme, depicts the scientific thirst that leads our wanderers to their magical oasis. The team has given wings to the semantic artistry in recounting the major events of the individual departments to keep pace with the theme. I would like to add here that one wanders in imagination and perceptions, as our newsletter rightly telltales.

We have also tried to keep the readers entertained by adding small 'did you know' boxes to garnish the reading. The creative section has the glimpses of some of our very artistic endeavours, they also include two prize-winning entries from our students.

The other sections are more informative but tastefully written; they kaleidoscope various events that happened in college in the last six months.

Our cover story about the college fest FACES talks about the cultural aspect that the students have engaged with. In addition, we have added a students' feedback section wherein the students have opined about the experiences of their campus life. The tastefully done up formatting and structural set up is the icing on the cake that one would not fail to notice.

So, here we come with all glimmer and shine once again to touch you up on your curiosity and intellect.

Happy Reading!



Tuhina Bose



Our cultural fest FACES, a ray of hope and a stress buster from all the assignments and tests

for the students of FCRIT marked mid-September this year. This fest helps the students to take a break from their hectic schedule and participate in many extracurricular activities.

The fest was scheduled on 14th, 15th and 16th of September. Being an intra-college fest students from every branch had already started planning days before the actual dates.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the new building seminar hall where the General Secretary of the 2017-2018 council Felix Biju gave a very inspiring speech and shared his vision with all the other students.





As the event kick-started, sports played a very major factor on day 1. All the teams played their heart out to be victorious and gain those special points. Football, basketball, kho-kho, kabbadi, throwball, cricket and many more had a very great response. But the most interesting of all, tug of war stole the limelight. Not only the boys but the girls as well showed their strength and proved that they are no less than the boys.

Cultural events too had a huge turnover. The foyer was full of students cheering for the participants on all the three days. The instrumental, band events, singing, open mic, dance shows marked out to be the favourites of the students. The band event was one of the most successful events of FACES. The students buried under the immense pressure of studies had a great opportunity to showcase their secret talent. Out of the three bands, "Epiphany" won the hearts of not only the students but also the judges which ultimately led them to victory. The dance event was also one of the most loved events.



Did you know ?

Phantom Vibration Syndrome is the name given when someone thinks their phone is vibrating but isn't.



The final year students of Mechanical gave a very “interesting” and indeed a “Cultural” performance which every student of FCRIT will remember. This is apparently a tradition that the students of the mechanical department have been following for many years.

The third day marked the traditional day which involved all the students right from the first year to the final year dressing in their best attire and showcasing the varied dressing culture of India. From kurtas to sarees every attire in the Indian culture was observed. Selfies and DSLR clicks highlighted this day as everyone was eager to capture memories that would last a lifetime.

FACES concluded with an amazing jam session which proved to be a very good source to eliminate stress. IT was the winner of FACES 2017. Although winning was a part of the fest, the way every student enjoyed this fest was unbelievable.

Special thanks to all members of the student council who managed to organize a very successful event.

MECHANICAL



The Mechanical Engineering Department had a very active semester this year. Various clubs like MESA and SAE had organized various seminars, activities and industrial visits.

MESA

The mechanical engineering students association had a very efficient team this semester. Under the guidance of Mrs. Suvrana and Mr. Deepak, they successfully organized SYNERGY. This year the company that was invited to share their precious knowledge was Godrej. The representatives from the company gave a very useful piece of advice to the students. They emphasized on the fact that understanding of the concept was way more important than the pointer. Students were briefed about the current scenario in the engineering field and to tackle various work-related problems.

SAE

The Society of Automotive Engineering(SAE) too had an active semester. SAE had organized an industrial visit to Bajaj at the Chakan plant this semester. All the SAE members were a part of the industrial visit. Chakan stands out as an epitome of modern engineering and architecture. The plant manufactures Pulsar, Avenger and KTM bikes. The industrial visit briefed the students about the methods of production and the dedication required for handling the work in such a big company. As an engineering company, Bajaj has done a remarkable job in maintaining the environment. Their entire plant is canopied with trees and water gets treated at an indigenous water treatment plant. The SAE council had successfully organized the visit and it was a learning experience for those who were present.



ISHRAE

The **ISHRAE** student chapter of Fr. C.R.I.T., Vashi was installed on 20th August 2017. The ceremony was held at Saraswati college of engineering. The ceremony began with the national anthem. After the national anthem, the students were briefed about ISHRAE and its work in the colleges all over Mumbai. About twelve colleges had participated in this event. The council members were installed with their posts. They took the oath for their respective posts. The ISHRAE officials gave us an overview of their work. We also had an inspirational talk which boosted our fallen morals regarding our future and then the event finally concluded.

Event 1. Opening Ceremony of ISTL/Participation in ISTL.

Venue: The Orchid Hotel, Vile Parle.

Date: 5th May 2017.

Event 2. Industry Interaction.

Venue: ACME Aircon Pvt. Ltd., Mahim.

Date: 23rd August 2017.

Event 3: Expert Lecture on Heat Load.

Venue: Fr.C.R.I.T, Vashi.

Date: 18th September 2017

Event 4: ISHRAE Job Junction.

Venue: Lokmanya Tilak College of Engineering, Khoparkhairane, Navi Mumbai.

Date: 26th, 27th and 28th October 2017.

Event 5: ISHRAE Student Project Grant –(ISPG UG).

Event 6: National Student Design Competition 2017.



Did you know ?

By 1932, the name tiasco between Horch the man, and Horch the company was water under the bridge. Horch (the company) and Audi entered an agreement along with two other German car manufacturers, DKW and Wanderer, to form Auto Union. The four rings, which Audi still uses today, originally represented the four companies of Auto Union

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COMPUTER



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This year, the department of computer engineering conducted various exciting activities for the students' overall growth and development. Towards the end of the first half of 2017, the second year students were given a competitive platform to participate in the summer project competition conducted by the computer department under CSI- Cryptex.

All the groups got a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents and skills as the next semester after the summer vacation commenced. A "Summer Mini-Project Evaluation" event was conducted by the department where all the innovative projects were exhibited. The best projects were announced as winners towards the end of the project exhibition day. The CSI- Cryptex also conducted various other coding events in this semester where the students participated enthusiastically.

The major event being the seminar was conducted on 17 August 2017 in the college seminar hall. The seminar started with inauguration function in the morning. The highlights of the event were firstly the speech which was delivered by the CSI president, Ms. Gloria Benny. Then the speech which was given by Dr. Lata Ragha, the comp's HOD emphasized the importance of using technology in a sustainable manner. Her speech markedly dotted the theme of the seminar- "Role of technology and Environmental issues". The dignitaries present were the Principal-Dr. S. M. Khot, the Asst. Managing director- Dr. Fr. Ivon Almeida, the HOD-Dr. Lata Ragha, the convener of CSI-Mrs. Shweta Tripathi, the convener of Cryptex-Mrs. Shagufta Rajguru and the chief guest-Dr. Bakul Rao.



The felicitation ceremony of the summer project winners was the next to follow where winners were awarded certificates and prizes by Dr. Fr. Ivon Almeida. The first prize was bagged by the team having the topic "Theft Detection Vehicle".



Did you know ?

Doug Engelhard invented the very first computer mouse which was made out of wood. He created it in 1968.

The other entries for the prizes were-“Smart Drive” and “Fire Fighting Bot” who tied for second prize and “Queue Reduction System for Canteen” and “Smart Pantry” who tied for the third prize. The inauguration ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Mrs.Shweta Tripathi.

The seminar day was divided into three brief sessions. The first part was taken by our chief guest, Dr.Bakul Rao, who has successfully done her PhD at IIT Bombay. She gave an informative session highlighting the importance of using technology in an eco-friendly manner and promoting sustainable development. She also spoke about their initiative called “CTARA” which was started in 1985 at IIT Bombay. This is a center for technology alternatives for rural areas aiming to get every engineering field towards the development even in the rural areas. They also offer UNICEF and Ministry of rural development fellowships to interested students.

Dr.Pravata Mohanty from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research(TIFR) pioneered the second half, where he gave a brief informative session on the topic “Solar Storm and its effects on Earth”. Students were mesmerized with his intelligent inputs on terms like ‘Coronal Mass Ejections(CMEs)’, cosmic collisions, super volcanoes, solar flares etc. and how these things can have harmful effects on Earth. He also spoke about GRAPES-3(An India-Japan collaboration for the world’s most sensitive Muon Telescope).

The third part of the seminar was taken by Mr. Ajay Pawar, IRS who is an FCRIIT Alumni 2010 computer engineering graduate. He delivered an interactive session for the students present. He spoke about competitive exams for further studies in India after engineering like CAT, GATE, UPSC exams. He also enlightened us about the important life skills one should have as well as the necessary things required to be a successful and a happy person in life.

The event was a success due to the collaborative efforts of the third year computer students and the teachers. The planning, organization and execution of a successful event was appreciated by all who were present. An active role was played by the teachers in overseeing the students for ensuring a smooth flow of the seminar day.

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EXTC



MICRO

MICRO 2017 was a one-day lecture series organized for the second, third and final year students. It was held on 29th of July at the college seminar hall. The program started at 10 am in the morning with the lighting of the lamp and prayer. Dr. Milind Shah, HOD of EXTC Department, gave the welcome speech and enlightened us about the importance of electronics and telecommunications and also emphasized on the need for knowing the course outcomes. Dr. S. M. KHOT, the honorable principal, spoke about the importance of electronics in all other fields of engineering. Fr. Ivan Almeida, Assistant Managing Director, expanded the vistas of engineering for the human cause when he talked about internal engineering and the importance of meditation. He also conducted various exercises on meditation.

The departmental magazine BANDWIDTH-2017 was officially released on this eventful day by the chief guest Dr. Uttam Kolekar, chairman of adhoc BOS-EXTC, MU and Principal of A.P. Shah Institute of Technology, Thane. The speech given by Dr. Uttam Kolekar was really inspiring and thought-provoking. A session was taken by Mr. Sandeep Desai on "Opportunities in the core for EXTC engineers and road to start-ups". He inspired a lot of students into entrepreneurship. The one-day seminar thus came to an end with the vote of thanks by the chairman of IETE council.

Did you know ?

The first hand-held mobile phone was demonstrated by John F. Mitchell and Martin Cooper of Motorola in 1973, using a handset weighing ca. 4.4 pounds (2 kg). In 1983, the DynaTAC 8000x was the first to be commercially available

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EXTC



OSCILLATIONS

It was a two-day fest organized by the IETE-ETSA council for the second and third-year students of EXTC department. It had technical as well as non-technical events. Oscillations rolled off with various competitions like VISUALQUIZ, JUNKYARD, LOGIC PLAY and SHERLOCK. VISUAL QUIZ was a memory based game wherein students were shown videos and later were asked to answer the questions... SHERLOCK consisted of 'Riddles Wrapped in a Mystery inside an Enigma.' JUNKYARD checked on students' innovative ideas. They were asked to make something out of the raw materials provided. LOGIC PLAY had technical questions which students had to crack.

Day two comprised of 'JUDGEMENT DAY'-the Prime Event and Technical Paper Presentation competition. Group discussions and mock interviews formulated a part of the judgement day program conducted by representatives of Endeavour classes. Mock interviews enabled candidates to get a fair idea of the actual interviews. It helped them to overcome their anxiety and boosted their confidence. Technical Paper Presentation competition was held in the afternoon and it was judged by Mr. Jatin Desai and Mrs. Smita Hande. Students showcased their technical knowledge with the help of working projects. The fest received a great response from our second and third-year students.

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Recent Events:

In the beginning of the second half of 2017, EESA(Electrical engineering students' association) with Endeavour had arranged a seminar for the final year students. They gave the students an insight regarding the various options they would have after they graduate from college.

The Vidyut seminar is conducted annually by the electrical department for bridging the gap between academics and the industry. It was held this year on 9 September 2017.

As the final year students would now be joining industries, the session organized for them was about Modelling Stability Analysis and Control of Power Grid, which is a core subject for electrical.

For semester V, the first session was on Power System Protection and the speaker was Mr. Arpit Bohra, who is an Electrical engineer currently working at Burns and McDonnell, Vikhroli.

The second lecture was conducted by Mr. Amitkumar Yadav, who is currently working as a Support engineer for projects at Thyssenkrupp Industrial Solution(India) Pvt. Ltd. at Pune. He spoke on the Design aspect of Electrical systems.

The semester III students, who were introduced to core electrical subjects they will be having from this semester were privy to a talk on a lecture on Transducers and Industrial Measurements which is a subject in the course. It was conducted by Mr. Omprakash Barure, the director of BITC, Pune. His experience on the topic gave the students the practical relevance of the subject in the industry.

The second session was conducted by Mr. Swapnil Tulsankar, who is the Team Leader for Business HR partner, at Pidilite Industries Limited. He spoke about the role of an employee as an individual and as a team in an organization.

Did you know ?

A refrigerator uses less energy than a PlayStation 3.

The Institution of Engineers(IEI) had organized a mini project competition for Semester V students on 22nd July 2017. This competition was judged by Mr. Ramachandra Bhosle, who is a research scholar from IIT, Bombay and our alumni. Twenty groups consisting of four members each had participated.

A cash prize of ₹2000 was awarded as the first prize, ₹1500 as the second prize and ₹1000 as the third prize.

Towards the end of the semester, a maintenance workshop was conducted for semester V students. This workshop gave our students an opportunity to get a hands-on experience with machines and also apply the theoretical knowledge that they have got to practical use.

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IT



On 28th July 2017, the IT department of FCRIT hosted the yearly held CSI event. The CSI event is held under the Father Agnel student symposium every year. It is a much-awaited event since the students can directly connect with people from the industry. Every year the event contains a central theme. This year it was about data. More precisely data science.

The event started off with the introduction of the chief guest Mr. Sujit Mishra from GRID analytics India, Principal of FCRIT Dr. S.M. Khot, IT HOD Dr. H.K. Chavan, Asst. Managing Director Dr. Fr. Ivon Almeida and the CSI co-ordinators from the IT department. The event was led by the current CSI president Mr. Chandrashekhar Patil. Students from IT sem 3, 5 and 7 were present as a keen audience. Cash prizes and certificates were distributed to students for various competitions and projects.



The main event was about data science which was presented by Mr. Sujit Mishra. He gave the students a brief introduction to data and made them realize the importance of data analysis with statistics. The data stored in servers account to petabytes of data. How to deal with the data is crucial in today's age. The speaker started by explaining the current data trends. As a data scientist himself, he was well aware of the different ways of handling data. He gave us scenarios where the data is dealt with academics and the industry. The differences were detailed with examples.

Data analysis is a growing platform. The various types of data analytics include descriptive analysis, diagnostic analysis, prescriptive analysis etc. Each approach is unique and has its own advantages and disadvantages. Mr. Mishra walked the IT geeks through the various perks in knowing data science with real-life examples relating to IT companies.

Did you know ?

A red panda is an animal native to the Himalayas and southwestern China. The English word for red panda is 'Firefox' which is where the browser gets its name from- so the Firefox logo is actually a red panda, not a fox!



Analysing this amount of mammoth data requires a powerful software. There are a couple of problems like the classification of data, regression, association and detection of data. Certain softwares are designed by data scientists for this very purpose. Mr. Mishra gave the students a clear demo of how this works. This live demonstration gave them a better understanding of how data is used by these softwares. The software used for this demonstration was TIBCO Statistica. The software can structure meaningless data into meaningful data. It can organize and identify data. The best part about Statistica is that it can work on any format. This gives it flexibility and portability. Mr. Mishra demonstrated it by converting un-structured data written in WordPad to meaningful data using Statistica. The software is built using Microsoft framework. Statistica can help companies to track product performance easily since it gives us a pictorial representation of the data inserted. Statistica can also work best using excel sheets. It has various tools where we can organize and re-arrange data according to the requirements.

The event made the concept of data science clear and the applications of data were understood deeply. Such events spike curiosity in students and help them to know what the industry expects them to know.



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COLLEGE EVENTS



FRESHER'S PARTY

FCRIT Vashi had organized a splendid Freshers' welcome party for the batch of 2017-21. The event was organized under the guidance of Ms. Tuhina Bose, Assistant Professor-CS. The event was canopied under the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities.

The purpose of the event was to officially mark the beginning of an amazing journey. The event took place on 14th of September at FCRIT auditorium which was buzzing with enthusiasm and youthfulness. All the participants were dressed conforming to the dress code and the theme- #Trending.

The welcome speech was delivered by Ms. Rhea Thomas to welcome all the Freshers. In this fun-filled event, the hosts Mr. Clarence and Ms. Piya took the stage to talk about the past Mr. and Ms. Fresher in a meme-filled presentation. It was followed by a musical skit about nostalgia, love, memories and affection performed by the cultural group.

Next was the Mr. and Ms. Fresher pageant. It started with the rapid-fire round and then moved on to talent showcasing. From mesmerizing dance to energetic lip sync, from beautiful singing to amazing stand-up, the entire event left the crowd awestruck.

The results were hard to announce but Denisa Tony and Vaibhav Dubey were crowned Ms. and Mr. Fresher of FCRIT 2017-18.

A vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Sharvil Degwekar to credit the second year students for spending time and energy in organizing this amazing event.

The entire crowd danced and enjoyed during the DJ session. 350 strong dancing to the same tune - What a sight to behold!

Lunch was served later. And thus this musical and magical day came to an end.

STAFF PICNIC



Under the auspices of a cool drizzle and a breezy day, FCRIT swung to a mood of merrymaking and connecting with nature. The teachers and authorities of Fr.C.Rodrigues Institute of Technology had a staff picnic on 7 October 2017 at Khalapur which is a scenic village near Panvel. The highlights of the picnic were sumptuous food, outdoor events-like rope-walking, swimming, outdoor games and antakshri.

The picnic uplifted the mood of all the faculties who mingled as one team under the canopy of FCRIT. The institute celebrated the spirit of belongingness and being in unison with nature. It was rated as one of the prime memorable events of the year.

The event was conceptualized and organized under the guidance of Rev.Fr.Dr.Ivon Almeida, Assistant Managing Director-FCRIT and carried forward with the help of the Principal and other professors.

SOCIAL CELL

The events at the Agnel Social Cell(ASC) of FCRIT, Vashi kicked off with great energy on the first day of FACES, the first event being the Raddi Day. With much planning and thoughtful execution by the event coordinators Jeswin Emmanuel, Lokesh Nagar and Ayush Shetty, the Raddi Day event became a great success. The amount received after selling the old newspapers and junk was an all-time high. The money collected will be used for the events that will be conducted by ASC in the future like Ashram visit, seminars, etc. The event became a success due to the tremendous support of the students of FCRIT.

The second event conducted on the second day of FACES was a felicitation ceremony, wherein those people who keep the college campus clean and those who make sure that the students and the faculty inside the campus are safe were shown a token of gratitude by the ASC council members. The event was aptly named as 'Recognizing the Unrecognized' by the council. Once again the event became a success due to the arrangements which were done by the event coordinators Shubham Pandita, Mohammed Talha and Shraddha Pawar. The smiles on the faces of these unsung heroes after they were thanked for their hard work in keeping the college clean and safe was indeed a sight to watch.

The last and final event of the ASC ended on a high note when the drama for spreading awareness about 'Organ Donation' won the Street Play competition by securing first prize. The event coordinators were Jabez James, who scripted the play and Nimmy Augustine, who played a part in the drama. The play was directed by Chandrashekhar Patil and comprised of actors from the second and third year of FCRIT. The event was indeed a masterstroke of ASC, thanks to the hard work, dedication and teamwork of the director and the talented actors of the play.

When asked who all were responsible for the awe-inspiring conduction of the events, Utkarsh Mishra one of the council members responded saying "The whole council acted as one with complete support and guidance from Dr. Sanjukta Bhoumik who is the person-in-charge."

GENESIS

On 14th September 2017, the first day of FACES, GENESIS was organized by the GENESIS council members under the systematized guidance of Mrs. Tuhina Bose, Assistant Professor, Humanities. The event kick-started at 10:30 am sharp with an enthusiastic response from the first year students. Aby and Merin welcomed the participants with a very warm and friendly welcome speech. The competition rounds started soon after. The literary round marked the beginning of the competitions wherein the students were asked to create a tagline with the newspaper cuttings provided to them. Participants came out with exceptionally innovative taglines and concepts in the given time. The second round was Dub-smash, wherein the participants were asked to create meaningful videos of their acting with a message. This round was also received with great enthusiasm and thrall by the participants. The final round was the marketing round where the selected teams displayed their convincing and creative abilities in selling their products/ideas. The final teams were awarded gift hampers from Landmark.

The events were judged by Dr. Sanjukta Bhowmick, Ms. Rakhi Bhadkamkar and Ms. Tuhina Bose and the GENESIS team.

As the event concluded with a thanksgiving speech by Ms. Tuhina Bose, the participants had explored their writing, speaking and organizing skills afresh.

The feedback from the participants proved that GENESIS was conducted and organized perfectly.



DRAMATICS CLUB OPEN MIC EVENT

FCRIT was witness to a spectacular event hosted by the Dramatics Club on the 6th of October, for the felicitation of council members and freshers. Thanks to an astounding participation by students and faculty alike, the event was a grand success. This event proved to be a remarkable platform and a creative outlet for the students to express their multiple outstanding talents.

The audience was treated to a multitude of events, each one showcasing the sheer brilliance of every participant. The various events conducted include The Speech Recital, followed by Poetry, Mimicry, Beatboxing, and Stand Up comedy which brought out a plethora of talent amongst the contestants.

The event was judged by the supremely talented Ms. Susan Mary, final year student and an exceptional singer and a phenomenal keyboardist. Vaibhav Dubey was adjudged the winner of the open mic event for his brilliant poetry recitation. Saumitra was awarded second place as he too enthralled the audience with brilliant poetry. Shawn shared the second position for his brilliant Beatbox performance.

Motivated by the grand success of this event, the dramatics club of FCRIT is thankful for the appreciation and participation showed and promises to keep organizing more of such events to encourage every student to express their talent on this platform.

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Dreams of the present

*Impulse to kill
The harmless that flew
Was it fear
Was it personal will
Difficult to differentiate*

*Its transparent blood
Fluids gone the wings broken
A life destroyed
A moment in time
Would it matter
The life of one which caused no harm*

*Did adversity crush us
Break us, pluck the wings
That let our dreams fly
The enthusiasm spilled
Would it be crushed to death
Finding no light to resurrect
Are we the murderers of that we dream
Or let the world crush those with the
responsibility that teems*

-Mathew J Thomas

RELIGION OF THE MIND

*What has religion done
Devison beyond means
Belief breaking us
The minds of all who cant see
That love care and want is
All that we seek
No difference in all the delusion
For harmony is the goal
To cling on a delusion
Is better than war that destroys our
soul*

-Mathew J Thomas

THE REAL HERO

*A father may never show his love
For the child he cared over everything
above
His sacrifices unparalleled
For the life we live
And our meets to be met

His love is one that is beyond us
For he shows it in ways that cannot be
understood

All love to the man
Who would never stop to toil
For that smile on our face
And our dreams that were his*

-Mathew J Thomas

A CONFESSION

I always found confessions to be pointless. I didn't have a reason for this. I simply found it too simple for it to be a solution for cleansing ourselves. Honestly, I've faced problems with understanding anything that involved ethical reasoning. Ethics are boring, there isn't any crisp in it. I'm no revolutionary, trust me.

I think I'm a douche. It's embarrassingly accurate. I talk a lot, blabber unwanted nonsense under the pretext of being a ruthless soul with a rash ordeal.

But, Father Gabriel wasn't a douche. He spoke rarely, but his words weighed so much of thought. A sensible man, he was. He knew me well, better than anyone, I would say. He played the guitar, read a book every week and loved his long white hair.

It was a Saturday evening, two weeks before Christmas. Father Gabriel was sitting on the seat on the other side of the wooden wall, with a netted cavity in the middle, waiting. I greeted him that day as I walked past the church. After all, what happened, there was something that drove me into having a conversation with him.

"I don't like this, Father. All of this. Too much of Jesus for me, I'm not that pious.", I said, trying to be as honest as I could as I knelt down next to him on the other side of the wooden wall. He wore a white robe, it scared me. There was silence in my mind for some seconds.

"Go on, keep talking. Let loose, son." He was too cool for a priest. I tried to understand religion, but couldn't. For some reason, I knew that he knew this.

"Father, I'm not here for a confession. I need a conversation. No prayers, no forgiveness."

He smiled.

"White robes, they scare me, Father...", I said, as I stammered. He looked at me vaguely, as he saw me struggling to get words out of my mouth. He knew something as if he knew what happened perfectly.

I couldn't say anything after this that day. Flashbacks were all I could see.

Men, with their white robes and white pyjamas, with white caps on and their harsh voices, strode towards us. One of her relatives had a hockey stick. He was the sturdiest among the four.

"Mil gaya, Bhaijaan!", said her relative, pointing his hockey stick at me.

Loudspeakers shouting out prayers while God's up there busy listening.

I don't remember much what they said, except for the abuses. Three on my sister, all the other on my mother. Fright disabled my senses. I felt clueless. Silence and fear inside. I could have run, but I didn't. I stood there as she stood behind.

She was beautiful. Her eyes were. They were so deep that there wasn't an end to their depth.

She wasn't tough to be noticed; search for a black robe and there she was. Many saw her robe as a cage, chains to complete redemption. But she loved her robe. For her, it was her armor. *"All of us have invisible armors under which we hide our real selves, you can simply see mine. What's wrong?"*, she said that day. I valued every conversation with her. Every moment. I valued her, probably more than I ever valued myself.

Love, don't. Don't start a story here, this love story wouldn't have a good end, love. But Love doesn't listen. Love's a child. Children don't listen.

"It's not your fault. Love does not let you choose. Love is too pure and simple to understand what's right and what's forbidden; what's preferred and what should be kept hidden", I still remember her saying this. It was a beautiful day, that day. We spoke the least that day. It took me time to realize, that was the day we spoke the most.

She stood behind me that day, weeping. She ran ahead, hugged one of the four men, spoke and yelled some words in a language I wasn't aware of, as the other three men beat me. She yelled something and they left me. They took her and left. There were questions on my mind that day, as I struggled to get up with the bruises on my left hand. One of the scars and all of the questions remained with me for long.

I could have said all of this, I just couldn't, while Father Gabriel seemed to have a solution, he seemed to know what exactly happened, but he did not speak.

"I'm sorry, Father. Mom's calling. We'll talk next time", I said.

"Your will, son. It wouldn't be that tough to start this conversation next time, with this lie you've made up here, would it?"

I smiled. He knew I lied that day, that mom didn't call. Father Gabriel and I spoke a lot, I did not confess any of my sins during these confessions I had with him, not even once. He did not mind.

Even after having all these conversations, all my questions remained unanswered. Even after all the knowledge he gained, he seemed not to have an answer to any of my questions. He kept saying, "You'll get your answers when I leave this place.", after which he would laugh it off.

Now, here's the day. All I can hear are people weeping at Father Gabriel's funeral. People with black suits and formal trousers and sarees, weeping and whispering. Loudspeakers shouting out hymns, while God's up there, busy listening. All of this, as she stood there in a corner with one of her children.

She was old, she wore a black robe, her 11-year old daughter wore it too. She wept bitterly. She wept the most. She wept till the end, till Father Gabriel was buried. She sat there, near Father's grave, even after everyone left.

"Father Gabriel answered all my questions.", I told myself, as I stood there watching this old woman with a black robe, weeping next to Father's grave.

Clarence Johnson

Computer

Sem 3

Have you ever thought what makes you different from the crowd?

The sparks that lighten up your spirit, the answers that you look for, the infinities that bind you, the rules that abide you, the places your imagination flies to?

That's what we do for most of our lives till we know the ultimate end. We are lost like the spirits who left the body long ago wandering the labyrinth running away from the daunting question and finding solace in virtual reality and living faux fantasies. Life will never be a satisfactory one but an unattainable dream. The crippled soul which smells of fresh wounds every morning and the feeling of undying woes for not understanding who we really are or what is our purpose? Let your soul go beyond horizons, through the sea with ripples that are bed to sunlight. Don't plan your life, it will go against you. Go against it and it will make plans to find you. You will never run short of things that were meant for you whether you accept it or not. Break the shackles of religion, judgements, beliefs, what people expect from you and look at the other side of the sea where the sun shines bright and clean because one day our body will feed the soil from where it sprouted and nothing else will really remain except the world with hollow ideas about humanity. Dark times in our lives become a treasure forever giving happiness upon reminiscence about how it no more chokes our throat while the good memories only bring back tears the way we can never have them back. All we are left with are the memories that we keep fabricating into tiaras weighing down our heads and that's all we earn when we lose the last breath.

Forever is a misconception, nothing lasts forever but it starts its cycle of life all over again as the mother nature does. The trees in the woods and the snow at the peaks of the Himalayas and the saffron coloured ambience when the sun showers its early rays depicts the beauty of life. That shows even after nights of cold the sun will shine bright melting the pains and blooming the flowers. We think humans are alive than anything on the face of the earth but the truth is opposite, look at the natural ambience around you and you will learn lessons of life that you never knew. Stop loving illusions or things that never really exist or doesn't belong to you, neither you do chase the ghosts of the past or the illusions of the future but live where you are and love what you have got.

- Saumya Purohit

Student Corner

Feedback

DENISA TONY (MECHANICAL SEM 1)

Q. How is your FCRIT experience so far?

As compared to the two years of my junior college life, Agnells was a complete change for me. It took time to get accustomed to the strict environment. Now that I have gotten accustomed to it, I feel grateful to experience the perks of being a student at Agnells. It is good to see the teachers being so motivating and dedicated. The efforts which the teachers are taking for us is commendable.

Q. Was the freshers' party up to your expectations?

I was a bit nervous about the freshers' party. I think that we are really blessed to have such great seniors who had organized the entire event to the zenith of their potential. It was a very different and unforgettable experience which will be cherished for the rest of my life. The overwhelming crowd was warmly welcomed and catered for. Overall, the party which was organized with great efforts truly surpassed my expectations.

Q. The one thing you would like to change about Agnells.

Over the period, I have realized that the students' approach to the disciplined environment is very negative. If I could change anything, it is their attitude towards discipline and make them believe that this inflicted measure is going to benefit us in the long run and propel us to a brighter future.

Q. Are your seniors friendly?

I know a few seniors. Even if I am not that close to them they have always been welcoming and I know that I can count on them for sure.

Q. Who is your favourite teacher and why?

Since we have just started off, I have not really got a favourite teacher but I must admit that all of my teachers are well versed in their subjects, co-operative and ever ready to help. Each of them will be an inspiration to me even after my college life since I want to follow their footsteps and be a professor one day.

VAIBHAV DUBEY (EXTC SEM 1)

Q. How was your FCRIIT experience so far?

My overall experience till now has been good so far but I will not say that it has been the best. Some moments were good, some were depressing and other times were so busy that we had to be constantly kept on our toes.

Q. Was the freshers' party up to your expectations?

It truly surpassed our expectations. I had felt that with all the strict rules the freshers' party would be extremely formal but it was a pleasant surprise to have an informal party. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment. All kudos to our sophomore year seniors for making the event so memorable for us!

Q. The one thing you would like to change about Agnels.

If it was up to me, there is one and only one thing that I would like to change and that is the attendance policy of Agnels. It is not something I am against but I would appreciate it if our teachers would be considerate as far as attendance is concerned since college life should be much more than just attendance.

Q. Are your seniors friendly?

Yes, I find them friendly and super interactive and I look forward to learning a lot from them.

Q. Who is your favourite teacher and why?

Being in this college for the past two months, one teacher I have come to venerate is Keerthi Unni madam from the EXTC department who teaches us BEE. The efforts she takes and the methodology she has adopted to teach us this difficult subject is something I can completely relate to and have developed a liking towards this subject.

ADITYA JADHAV (COMPUTER SEM 7)

Placed in TIAA (Package 7 lakhs)

Q. Brief up your three and a half years experience at Agnels in one line.

This period of my life has been a joyous learning experience where I have enhanced my skills and developed a bold and creative personality.

Q. You were placed in TIAA. How was the entire experience for you?

I got placed in a business services company TIAA where the entire placement process was really difficult and challenging. Group activities were the toughest. Only three people got placed and I must say the competition is a lot, so being well prepared is a must.

Q. Words of wisdom to juniors.

Be confident and develop an approach towards problem-solving that makes you stand out in the crowd because that is what ultimately matters in the end.

Q. What is the one thing you will miss about Agnels once you graduate?

The bonding which I have with my teachers, friends and even the chai walla in our college who sometimes gave us biscuits for free.

SUBHANSHU RAJPUT (MECHANICAL SEM 7)

Placed in TCS (Package 3.36 lakhs)

Q. Brief up your three and a half years experience at Agnels in one line.

Lost in assignments and tests which is something I will miss when I will look back.

Q. You were placed in TCS. How was the entire experience for you?

It was a two-stage process. The aptitude test was followed by an interview. Here, I was mainly asked about my final year project. Not a very tough process but still keeping yourself updated with the today's world is what matters.

Q. Words of wisdom to juniors.

Every moment is enjoyable, so enjoy it before it turns into a memory.

Q. What is the one thing you will miss about Agnels once you graduate?

I will miss the assembly and more than anything else, the playlist of songs that is being played before the assembly every day. It may be repetitive but it was one unique thing that I will never forget.

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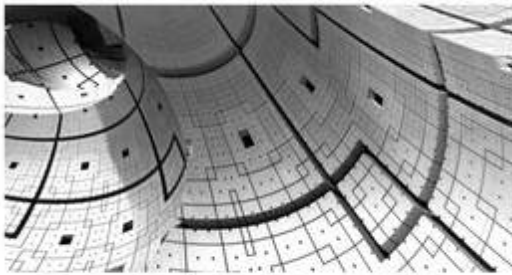
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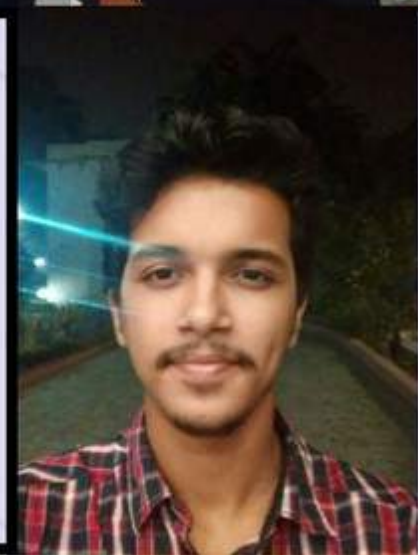
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From the Principal

Sometimes one needs to take a
step back and observe as a bystander.

The growth of this institute means a lot to me and now when the things are put in order I would love to see this baby grow and flourish; of course with so many hands to nurture and as many hearts to bless; it can only walk a path of progress, the preamble of which you just visited.

Many Thanks!

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