



School Tie August 2001

EDITORIAL

It's time for another edition of the " School Tie " .

We have tried to put together material which has as much " Marian" content as possible and we would like to thank all the alumini who have helped us do so . Thanks, chaps, and keep up the good work !

We would also like to thank Fr. Evarist Newnes, Principal, St.Mary's for the support he has provided to Association activities in School ; it would be difficult to carry out any school -related activity without such help.

We all owe a lot to St.Mary's. If there is any way YOU could help St.Mary's and /or Marians , do get in touch with us/Fr.Newnes.

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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS AND REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001 (Abridged)

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen and my dear students. On the occasion of the Annual Awards Day, I consider it my privilege to welcome all of you in the audience. I now present the school report for the academic year 2000- 2001.

After an orientation programme for the teaching staff, by a team of Professors from St. Xavier's Institute of Education, we welcomed the students to a new academic year on June 05, 2001. As the issue of the Pre-Primary Act had finally been resolved , we heaved a sigh of relief. There were 1452 students on the rolls at the beginning of the academic year. During the course of the year, Mr. Menino Rodrigues, our stage manager and electrician retired after a long innings of 35 years of selfless service at St. Mary's. Ms Rosita D'Costa and Ms A. Datt left us. Ms Maria Dias, too, retired after putting in 22 years of service. We express our gratitude to all those who have left the institution, for their valuable contribution and wish them success



in their new milieu.

Ms Patricia Viegas & Ms Karishma Hora joined the teaching staff in June 2000. We welcome them.

The ICSE results of March 2001 were brilliant. We secured cent per cent results. Out of 116 students, 14 students secured above 90%, 44 students were in the above 80% category. There were 26 students in the above 70% group, 27 in the above 60% bracket and just 5 who secured above 50%. Master Sudhanshu Ladha stood first, securing 94.17%. Kunal Kundaje was second, with 94.00% and Devarsha Mehta stood third, with 93.50%. Congratulations to all our students and to all those who contributed to their academic growth along the way. We wish them success as they continue their studies in their respective streams and various colleges. May they keep the St. Mary's flag always flying high in every thing that they do.

Apart from academics, our students have also participated enthusiastically and successfully in several inter-school extra-curricular activities. At the Discovery Channel Quiz competition, our Junior team comprising of Masters Siddhant Singh and Akshay Dave, bagged the first prize and were awarded a cash prize of Rs.5000/- each and Hero Honda bicycles. In the Quiz Competition IQ 2001 for schools, organised by the Rotaract Club, Masters Malav Modi and Raghuvansh Ramaswamy were the recipients of Certificates and a cash award of Rs.10,000 each, as study aid from Informatics. In the Bournvita Quiz competition, Master Kartik Ramkrishnan and Nimish Murdeshwar were runners-up in the Quarter Final stage. Our school secured the second place in the inter-school Dramatics organised by Spotlight at the Jamnabai Cascade 2000. This hilarious play written and enacted by the students, is being staged again today with a few modifications. Our school won the Literary Art championship, that included dramatics, quizzing and debating, at the prestigious Jamnabai Cascade 2000 event. Peshotam Kapadia was awarded the Best Speaker prize. In the inter-school Essay competition, conducted by the Bombay Scottish Alumni Association, Soumitra Singh secured the third prize.

The interest and enthusiasm in the field of sports is definitely visible. We may not have made it to the top always, yet our boys have learnt a lot of skills on the games field. While there has been greater participation in inter-school events, there still remains the need for some, to put in that little more time, effort and energy that is required to achieve success.

Our school participated in all the football tournaments for the various age groups, organised by the schools in the city. Our under - 12 team made it to the finals, in the inter-school tournament, organised by the



Mumbai School Sports Association and were awarded the Runners-Up Trophy. In the Rev. Brother Paulus Football Tournament, organised at Vasai, our U-17 team won the trophy and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.3000/- . Our school participated in the "three on three" basket ball tournaments organised by the YMCA. The U-16 team emerged as winners, while the U-13 and U-18 teams were runners-up. At the Bombay City District Amateur Athletic meet, Bishwa Pandey won the individual championship in the U-10 category while Master Nishit Shetty was awarded the prize for being the fastest runner in the 50 metres event of the U-8 group. A detailed report of the achievements of our students in the field of sports will be found in the brochure. I congratulate and commend all those who have participated and represented the school in various activities.

Our efforts to "twin" with our rural school in Uplat-Patilpada, (Thane Dist.) continue. The entire school focuses its attention on this project , for a period of 10 days, when the "Canteen Days" are held to collect funds for the school in Uplat.

During the year, about 140 students of classes 8 & 9, had their social service camps at the Adivasi boarding school in Uplat. The cultural programmes and socials, working together to fill the potholes on the mud road, praying as one body and playing together in the vast open fields was an enriching and novel experience for our students. They were able to identify the problems of the tribal students and see how different it was from the urban way of life.

Last year the herculean task of renovating our magnificent auditorium was completed very successfully. This year, the exterior of the school has been given a new look with fresh coats of paint. One wonders whether the oldest building is 137 years old !

Our Computer Centre has recently been upgraded with Intel Processors and 128 MB RAM connected to a Ghz processor with a high speed network. There are now a total of 24 computers, connected to a server, for our students and one computer for the staff. The software syllabus, too, has been upgraded together with all the hardware. We hope to acquire a high speed Internet Line for our students and have our official school website shortly. We have taken the Big Byte !

The school band started enthusiastically on August 15, 2000, with the beating of the drums, the playing of the flutes and the blowing of the bugles.

The St. Mary's Alumni Association, through its executive committee has been working closely with the school. The Committee organised career talks, given by the Alumni themselves, for the students of class 10. The talks were informative and got our students thinking about their future dreams and plans. The Alumni



have also been partners in our twinning project and contributed handsomely for the rural boarding school in Ulpat. As true Marians and products of a Jesuit institution, they also provided monetary assistance to the Gujarat Jesuit Society, for the relief work of the earthquake victims in Gujarat.

And finally, dear Parents, I take this opportunity to thank you for your active involvement in the institution. Many of you have helped behind the scenes, in more ways than one, to give the best to our students. Your co-operation in assisting us in our co-curricular activities, viz. the Junior Festival of Plays, Sports Festival Canteen Days, School Exhibition, etc. is deeply appreciated. There are some among you, who have acted as "teachers", to fill in, while a teacher was on leave. We are deeply grateful to you for giving of your time and expertise. The Teachers' Day celebration, too, was a memorable and wonderful gesture on your part. Thank you for your generosity, your care and concern for the institution.

This report would be incomplete, if I failed to express my indebtedness to all those who help me to shoulder my responsibilities as Head of the Institution. I express my gratitude to the Heads of the various sections of the institution - Mr. Paul Machado, the Vice-Principal, Ms Theresa Fernandes, the Junior Supervisor and Ms Marie Martin, the Preparatory Supervisor and Fr Leslie Rebello, the Treasurer - for their assistance and co-operation in the handling of the day-to-day, academic and non-academic issues of this huge institution. I also thank the teaching and non-teaching staff, the supplementary and service staff and the members of the Jesuit community at St. Mary's, for their help and support.

May God our Guru bless them all.

May He fill each one of us with His strength and give us the wisdom to preserve the beauty of his creation in nature. May Mary, our Patroness, be with us along the way and guide every step we take to strive for excellence in every field.

Fr. Evarist Newnes, S.J.

FROM HERE AND THERE

MEHTA PIECES TOGETHER A MAHLER PUZZLE

For some conductors, Mahler's massive Second Symphony is a problem of cohesion--making hundreds of small parts and five extended movements into an organic entity that flows, that moves through disparate emotional and spiritual states without contradicting or distracting itself.

That has never been Zubin Mehta's problem. From the first time we observed him conduct this apparently sprawling puzzle in musical wholeness, way back in the 1960s, his grasp of its superstructure has proved



masterly, his polishing of myriad details into a clear narrative apprehensible.

The so-called "Resurrection" Symphony, a great and multifaceted work, has become one of his indelible signature pieces.

It could be no surprise, then, that at his latest return to the Los Angeles Philharmonic's podium, Friday night in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mehta presided over a thrilling and cathartic performance of the piece, beautifully executed by the orchestra he once led for 16 seasons, and with the accomplished assistance of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and two splendid soloists. It was an inspiring night at the Philharmonic.

All forces combined to display a continuity which, once achieved, seems inexorable. The Philharmonic's resources in re-creating this huge canvas have never been so broad, and the orchestra used all of them to express the emotional complexities in which Mahler uniquely specialised. The ensemble's first-desk soloists shone, but without interrupting the musical flow. And each instrumental choir added lustre to the whole performance, while complementing their fellows.

As must happen for the work to succeed, the two soloists, mezzo-soprano Mary Phillips and soprano Heidi Grant Murphy, contributed telling, warm-voiced, emotionally charged readings of their important assignments. They were supported wholeheartedly by the tonal expertise and wide dynamic palette of the full L.A. Master Chorale, in its best voice. At the end, appropriately, Mehta shared his bows with the Master Chorale's music director, Paul Salamunovich. Also appropriately, those bows were extensive.

(The abovementioned Newsitem appeared in the November 27th , 2000 edition of Los Angeles Times under the " Los Angeles Metro " column by Daniel Cariaga .)

{ submitted by Pranav Mulani }

MR.PARDIWALA

It was with sadness that I received the news of Mr. Pardiwala. Our Class of 1973, had the privilege of Jal as our PT master. May his soul rest in peace.

Visited the alma mater after almost 11 years. and what a home coming. The ole boys dinner was fantastic... the food was great and meeting class mates..was difficult spotting them..had to look for old balding and grey



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Marians !!! Limji N..I missed meeting you. Nothing seems to have changed and a walk around school, during class hours, brought back fond memories. Even the borawalla...Chauntpal was there...looking the same...a few streaks of grey and a little gaunt ..but what the hell !!!almost hugged the guy !!!

The auditorium, the junior classes and desks, the noise from the classrooms at recess...was great to be back.

The net and website is a great way to keep in touch. Any ideas if we have a N. America, Australia chapter of the old boys association ? If any one has news please reply. I do remember Sharrukh Saudhagaran (1972) was active with the US chapter.

Best wishes to all for the festive season and 2001.

Anand Rebello (kanda !) 1973

SCHOOL ANTHEM

From: Andrew

To: pranav4u@earthlink.net

Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2001 1:10 PM

Hi Pranav,

Here is something I would like to share with all St. Mary's students especially with those to whom St.

Mary's is very close to the heart.



Something about me : I joined St. Marys (ISC) in August 2000 as a Music Master teaching classes 1 - 4. I have "composed" the School Anthem which could be played on any multi media PC or could be added to the School Web page and downloaded onto any PC.

I still have to refine the composition and would be grateful for any comments or feedback.

Regards

Andrew Monteiro

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LIVE A LITTLE , LAUGH A LITTLE

BUSINESS LESSONS

Lesson Number One

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Lesson Number Two

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, "but I haven't got the energy.

"Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung and found that it actually gave him enough strength to reach the first branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fortnight, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon he was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot the turkey out of the tree.



Management Lesson: Bullshit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

Lesson Number Three

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold, the bird froze and fell to the ground in a large field. While it was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on it. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, it began to realise how warm it was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him!

Management Lesson:

- 1) Not everyone who drops shit on you is your enemy.
- 2) Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend.
- 3) And when you're in deep shit, keep your mouth shut!

25 THINGS THAT PROVE YOU'RE A BOMBAYITE

1. You think Chowpatty & Juhu beaches as "nature."
2. You say "town " and expect everyone to know that this means south of Churchgate.
3. You speak in a dialect of Hindi called 'Bambaiya Hindi', which only Bombayites can understand
4. Your door has more than three locks.
5. Rs 500 worth of groceries fit in one paper bag.



6. Train timings (9.27, 10.49 etc) are really important events of life.
7. You spend more time each month travelling than you spend at home.
8. You call an 8' x 10' clustered room a Hall.
9. You're paying Rs 10,000 for a 1 room flat, the size of walk-in closet and you think it's a "steal."
10. You have the following sets of friends, school friends, college friends ,neighbourhood friends, office friends and yes, train friends, a species unique only in Bombay.
11. Cabbies and bus conductors think you are from Mars if you call the roads by their Indian name, they are more familiar with Warden Road, Peddar Road, Altamount Road.....
12. Stock market quotes are the only other thing besides cricket which you follow passionately.
13. The first thing that you read in the Times of India is the "Bombay Times" supplement.
14. You take fashion seriously.
15. You're suspicious of strangers who are actually nice to you.
16. Hookers, beggars and the homeless are invisible.
17. You compare Bombay to New York's Manhattan instead of any other cities of India.
18. The most frequently used part of your car is the horn.
19. You insist on calling CST as VT, and Sahar and Santacruz airports instead of Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport
20. You consider eye contact an act of overt aggression.
21. Your idea of personal space is no one actually standing on your toes.
22. Being truly alone makes you nervous.



23. You love wading through knee deep mucky water in the monsoons, and actually call it 'romantic'.
24. Only in Bombay, you would get Chinese Dosa and Jain Chicken.
25. You call traffic policemen as "Pandus" and expect out-of-towners to understand that.

I LOVE MUMBAI!!

(submitted by)

A POEM BY AJAY SINGH , CLASS OF 1983

DEATH

Death takes my breath.

I see pain which is when it comes.

Does a dying man really feel what
we think of death.

Death may not be what it seems.

It's a breath away from breath.

The ether of energy.

The sound of Silence.

It could be the sound of a sparrow.



Or if I feel life right it could be the break of dawn or the onset of night.

It was the last few months in this sack.

I was thirsting for oblivion.

I was told that the dark side never ends.

But I thirsted for water.

Water was there in abundance but I always wanted more.

There came a time that I had no thirst.

That's when I realised that I was short of breath.

That was my story.

The truth was that I would be happier if I had quenched my
thirst with breath alone.

The last breath seemed to have water but it was too late.

When the sun rose in September.

The winter said I will be coming soon.

The summer graciously softened.

The days come and then come the months but the seasons come
when they have to.

The next day.



The winter winds once again reminded the summer.

But the end never comes easy.

Then came the sun the moon and the stars.

The summer was at a loss of words.

The winter had the skies on its side.

The old comes so does the new but time is perpetual.

WEB TIMES

Once again, we see a period of total silence on the Mary's alumni front for several months and then a flurry of activity, sparked by some seemingly substance-motivated emails.

And then, we see even MORE weird emails (albeit motivated by seemingly pertinent indignation) from individuals asking the **WHOLE** community to unsubscribe them! I know that end-user adoption on the internet has been slow globally, but even the newest users ought to know how to unsubscribe themselves from the list without, essentially, doing exactly what they are asking others **NOT** to do .. i.e., sending out mass emails with no substantive message.

I continue to be amazed by this trend, but I for one am not going to bad-mouth it...much. Sure, we have all graduated and gone on to do bigger and better things in life... but if this is the only way we Maryz Boyz can keep it together, then so be it.

Of course, I **WOULD** like it if the community as a whole could focus on more meaningful messages and thoughtful initiatives, such as the following (I'd bet that the combined net worth of the Mary's alumni today would be mind-boggling and certainly conducive to funding even a fraction of some of these kinds of activities!):

** contributing articles or anecdotes to this forum, or to the School Tie



(speaking of the tie, I believe I still have my ties from school when I was "de-virginized" by other taporis tearing out the tags at the back of the ties... any one else remember this?!)

** a student-mentoring program to help Maryz kidz identify earlier on in life the kinds of opportunities available to them (perhaps even net-based message-boards, since our alumni are SO fond of checking their emails....!)

** starting up a donation/fund to help retired Maryz teachers in their later years (how many of us even bother to check in on how our ex-teachers are doing these days (I know I have; have you?); do we even know how many of them are alive yet???)

** scholarships for teachers' (and staff's - e.g. peons, bus drivers, etc.) kids (or their recommended kids) to go to school / study abroad / get vocational training

** scholarships / prizes in the names of teachers & others we've loved and respected in the past, who are no more (Simoes, Chaudhary, Parmu, Pardo, Riba,

** travel allowances (even gifts of scooters, etc.) for teachers who live far away and commute long distances to get to school every day (or ANY other incentives that would continue to attract and retain the best teachers to work at our school);

** reverse-excursion programs for students with other schools in the States or elsewhere;

** regular presence of ex-students (even one!) at key school functions (such as the Annual Prizes ceremony, Giles or Harris-shield or BookBinder trophy finals, or even Teacher's Day celebrations), and speak about the community;

** a phone call once in a while to the PTA or to the Principal to understand what their needs are, and putting them in touch with people within our combined network who might be able to help;



** setting up local chapters of Maryz alumni, like so many of the US schools;

.... and so on. It doesn't take much to think about this, and perhaps with a little more effort we could hone in on doing at least a couple of these properly. I know there are some initiatives on these fronts, but I think the community as a whole would do well to at least make one attempt to understand if they can help at all.

If you're asking why I haven't done anything myself if I feel so strongly about this, you're right... mea culpa, I should have, and I seem to have hidden behind the veil of not being local any more (like many of the rest of us ; out of sight, out of mind, etc. I recognise we all need a little motivation, and not a little sharing with like-minded people, to kick these things off. And of course, we all have to deal with our own crap day after day, so there's a "share-of-mind" issue to deal with too.

Funnily enough, though, these last few messages have made me realise how far we've come since our school days, but also how little we as a community seem to have given back (I know there are individuals out there who are solid exceptions to this, and many more who care but are perhaps not plugged in or do not have the platform to be able to do anything).

So the next time any of you wants to unsubscribe, maybe you should ask yourselves if you can spend even a fraction of that time reaching out to other Marianians who can perhaps help you do something more constructive. I think if we can donate even the price of one Friday beer (or one "Coke", for the more creative users amongst us) back to the school or school-related programs each year, the amount would be staggering.

Pranav Mulani has obviously spent A LOT of his own time and money setting up this messaging service for us... and all we can do is to abuse his efforts! Shame on us.

If any of this strikes a chord with any of you, then send me an email back, and let's see if we can do something constructive (we at least have to try, I'd think.....). No promises, no questions asked. If something comes out of it, great. If not, that's fine, too. The school and it's core legacies will survive forever, independent of this group and its inactivity, and I for one will forever be a proud Marian, no matter WHAT kind of acid people are on these days.

And I DEFINITELY know where my "delete" key isso please DO NOT unsubscribe me.

Chao.

Ob E. Lix



JAAI WEST ZONE CONGRESS - GOA

“IN SEARCH OF TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING” was the theme of the First West Zone Congress held at Loyola High School, Margao, Goa, on the 2nd and 3rd December 2000 and was attended by around two hundred Jesuit Alumni from the Jesuit province of Goa, Pune, Gujarat and Mumbai. St. Mary’s was represented by Principal, Fr. Evarist Newnes, Mr. Adil P. Irani (President St. Mary’s Alumni Association I.S.C.).

The Goa Congress was inaugurated by ex-Chief Minister of Goa and an alumnus of Loyola High School Mr. Francisco Sardinha. The keynote address was delivered by Bishop Philip Neri Ferrao, Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman on the “Culture of Dialogue”. The second day was divided into four sessions followed by workshops on the topics “Tolerance and Understanding”. the Jesuit Perspective (Fr. Savio Rodrigues S.J.), “The Obstacles to Tolerance” (Mrs. Joan Rebello), “Human Relationships” (Mr. Agnel Crasto). The plenary session was conducted by Mr. Gerson Da Gunha (St. Mary’s School) who was the chief moderator, with a view to getting each of the alumni of the four provinces to formulate an agenda for the next one year on a short term and for the next three years till the next West Zone Congress.

At the concluding session the new Zonal council was presented. Miss Devyani Nawab, Mr. Conrad Gonsalves and Mr. Surjit Singh Arora were re-nominated to represent the West Zone on the Governing Council to be constituted at the conclusion of the 3rd National Jesuit Alumni Congress in November 2001. The West Zonal Council for the next term is :

Chairman : Manoj Singaypuri (Gujarat)

Vice-Chairman : Abitio Quadros (Goa)

Secretary : Denver D’Souza (Mumbai)

Treasurer : Susan Sherra (Mumbai)



Members : Adil Irani (Mumbai) (St.Mary's School I.S.C.)

Royston Costa (Goa)

Eric Menze (Goa)

Donald Marks (Gujarat)

Himanshu Desai (Gujarat)

Province Co-ordinators : Fr. Laurie Ferrao S.J. (Mumbai)

Fr. Omella Coutinho S.J. (Gujarat)

Fr. Hector Almeida S.J. (Goa)

Fr. Tom Ambrose S.J. (Pune)

Ex-Officio : Devyani Nawab

Conrad Gonsalves

Surjit Singh Arora

(submitted by Adil Irani)

JAAI MILAN

St.Mary's Alumini Association is a constituent of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations



of India (JAAI)

JAAI Milan has been designated as the 3rd National Congress of JAAI and shall be held in Bombay at St. Stanislaus High School from November 23rd to 25th, 2001 .The JAAI is committed to making a difference with regard to the many social issues and problems facing our country by using the excellent commitment and value systems that have been shaped through Jesuit education.

If any alumnus would like to know more about/participate in JAAI Milan, do let me know.

Robert Lawrence (e-mail : rlawrence@hotmail.com)

SOME PRESS

{ An Interview of Mr. Azim H. Premji (Chairman & Managing Director, Wipro) }

The philosophy of high thinking rather than high living taught Premji the value of money early on. His schooling at St. Mary's School, a Jesuit-run institution, inculcated discipline and middle-class values. Chartered accountant Percy Treasuryvala, who lived next door, remembers his childhood friend and neighbour as being serious and quiet but with a passion for the outdoor. Often, the friends would drive up to Mahabaleshwar, a tiny hill station near Mumbai, take long walks and return home.

Premji's mother, Gulbanoo, is a qualified doctor. Now in her mid-80's she lives alone in south Mumbai. Long-time family friends say that she's been a bulwark over the years. "She groomed him and protected him when he was young," says Ravi Mody, CEO, Surat Beverages, another childhood pal. After his father died, she was chairman of the company until Premji was ready to take over.

(The abovementioned is an excerpt from an Article that appeared in " Business India " December 11 to 24, 2000 issue.)



THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY'S

Mazgaon-based St Mary's ISC gears up for the forthcoming inter-school football season

Time 7.30 am.

Date : June 19, 2001

Venue : St.Mary's ICSE, Mazgaon.

Event Probably small for the readers, but big for the boys who are working hard to get selected into the schools football team.

Total number of students present : 189 in all, belonging to different age groups (from under-8 to under-16)

Exercise No. 1 : Nine cricket stumps fixed parallel and at an equidistant. The challenge for the under-8 boys was to dodge these stumps to and fro.

STANDING fourth in the queue where the boys were asked one-by-one to follow the exercise, Darsha Bhagat was somewhere towards the end.

Finally arrived the aspiring footballer's turn. Enthusiastic Bhagat set off to display his talent. One -by-one he knocked down all the stumps that stood as a challenging barrier. The boys behind laughed as he made nine blunders in a row. That did not really bother him though. He completed the exercise without an iota of embarrassment.

Bhagat is just one of the 189 very enthusiastic boys who want to don their school colours no matter what, in the forthcoming inter-schools football event that commences in the midweek of July.

Last year St.Mary's were not so good as far as results went. They were out early in the league and knock-out tournament. Only the under-12 team finished runners-up to St.Stanislaus in the under-12 category, while the under-10 'A' team showed some prowess

to reach the semi-finals.



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The quest is on this year to win the titles or at least reach a decent place in all age categories. "It is not that the boys did not play well last year. It is just that we didn't win titles. But this year we plan to do much better. We are counting a lot on the under-14 team, " said coach Leroy Nunes, who along with his brother Shawn take care of under-10 and under-8 team.

On the other side of the ground, the under-14 team first ran a few warm-up laps to loosen their body before getting into actual football training sessions. Among them was last year's under-12 captain Jehangir Tara, who received a red card during the final against Stanislaus only to lose the match 4-0 when he handled the ball. " It was totally unintentional . It was just a reflex action, and the referee punished me with marching orders. The entire team was demoralised, "Jehangir recalled.

Nevron D'Souza was a part of the losing finalists too. " We will not repeat last year's performance. We can take on any team this year, " asserted D'Souza. But more than the statement, it was the unsaid words and the confident smile that showed the determination.

But even with such a heavy turnout this year, Mary's will have to take utmost care in selecting the boys. They had four teams in the under-8 and under-10 category last year. But according to the new MSSA rules only two teams will be allowed.

It was better off last year. At least all students got a chance to play. To tell these boys that they aren't playing in the team is disheartening. I personally feel MSSA shouldn't stop the boys from playing. Let them have fun," Leroy opined.

MSSA do face a lot of problems only in making the fixture, leave aside the organising part. But it's their prerogative to take the right decision.

And as far as boys are concerned, cheer up ! There's always a next time, next year.

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(The abovementioned Article appeared in Mid-Day, Friday June 22, 2001.)

ST. MARY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

presents **Annual Dinner 2001**



Date : 2001
Time : 7:30 p.m.
Venue : St. Mary's School (ISC)

Mazgaon, Mumbai

Come all your Marians with your better halves and have a ball with old memories and lots of fun.
Invitations for the function are available with below mentioned Committee Members.

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Adil Irani 3628565 -

Keki Master 4150759 2047323

Sushil Sukhwani 3670486 2003055

Noshir Dastur 2845565 2661734

Fali Mehta 3871298 2671566

Deepak Mehta 3862705 4376281

Bimal Goculdas 3630709 2852234

Khoorshed Doctor 3616783 4935211

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