



SCHOOL TIE, Nov 2005

### EDITORIAL

Denizens of Bombay suburbs got a vicious reminder from Mother Nature on July 26, showing them just who reigns supreme. Our politicians wanted the city to become another Shanghai, but Venice without the gondolas is what we became! Stories of bravery, grit and determination, of nights spent wading through neck-deep water abound, and everyone was either directly affected or knows someone who was. As we resume our normal lives, let's spend a moment in silence praying for those who lost loved ones.

This newsletter is designed primarily to keep us informed about our Alma Mater, our teachers, and of course our schoolmates. As time goes by, we lose touch with those who were close to us. Then by chance an email or a gathering brings us in contact again, and the connection is immediate. It warms the heart to reacquaint ourselves with those who were once familiar. In this issue, I have reproduced an excellent article by Shyam Balsekar giving a humorous update on his batchmates of 1984. I hope you like it and are encouraged to write about your own batch.

Ketul Patel, Kavi Desai & Sushil Sukhwani has been instrumental in redesigning our new web site { [HYPERLINK "http://www.stmarysalumni.net"](http://www.stmarysalumni.net) } to be active w.e.f. 21 Nov, 05 . Do visit, and use it freely. Try to get all your St. Marian friends to become members of the Association. It just takes a few minutes, costs less than a movie ticket, and keeps you in touch with an important phase in your life.

And lastly, Cheers to all, from the Managing Committee. Hail to Sushil, recently reelected President. The working of the Committee is getting more streamlined with active & enthusiastic participation from members & invitees. All members of the Association who are keen to devote their time and energy to doing charity in general and working for the betterment of St. Mary's School in particular are welcome to get involved in the Committee. Feel free to attend a few meetings and see how it goes.

**Bimal Goculdas (Class of 1985)**  
**Editor :- School Tie**



## ST. MARY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – A BRIEF REPORT

**Membership :-** We had 84 new members as against 56 in the previous year. The total is currently at 1337. The membership form is available on the new site & the life membership fee is Rs. 100 only. The Managing Committee of the Association has been meeting every alternate month & regularly contributing to activities of the Association.

**Charity :-** Rs.95000 was donated to the various charities during the financial year ended 31/3/2005. The list of organisations is Social Welfare Centre, Sitapur Eye Hospital, Child Relief and You (CRY), Little Angels School, HelpAge India, VOICE, Sanjivani Mahila Milan, Reach Education Action Programme, Greenpeace.

**Dinner Feb 2005 :-** The Dinner for 2004 which was postponed due to a large number of Alumni coming to India in Feb 2005. We had people from Australia, Canada, USA, UK, Brazil, Chile & New Zealand who had an eventful week in Mumbai. The group of about 50 people with wives enjoyed the dinner & dance. The live band was a hit with the golden oldies getting everyone onto the floor. The school anthem was sung by all with an instrumental recorded version. This can be downloaded from our new website. Another first was a professional photo studio set up where alumni clicked some wonderful snaps along with friends & batchmates. These snaps too are available on the web site.

Emile Joshi who coordinated the event for the overseas alumni did an excellent job in making this one of the most memorable dinners ever. Memorabilia such as the Umbrella, Caps, T-Shirts were on sale. The crowd of about 500 people lapped up the memorabilia & enjoyed the evening in the school.

**Other Activities :-** The association played a soccer match with the school team. This year after several years, the school team won. The team was excellent & gave the old boys a trashing. Not to be disheartened the old boys played a game with the Alumni Team of St. Stanislaus School in Bandra ( Report in this issue). Overall an eventful year & I wish to invite more of you to come forward & make our association more meaningful for us & the school.

**Sushil Sukhwani (Class of 1985)**  
**Hon. President,**  
**St. Mary's Alumni Association.**



### EXTRACT FROM THE SCHOOL REPORT - 2004 - 2005

The year began with an orientation day for the entire staff conducted by Fr Terence Quadros, S.J. Student counsellor at St Xavier's College. The seminar was stimulating and set the tone to begin the academic year with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

**ICSE Results March 2005** :- 120 students appeared for the ICSE Exams in March 2005 and all were declared successful. 99 students secured 70% and above. Master Siddhant Singh Secured 94.66% and topped the class. Master Ruchir Bhomawat secured the second place with 93.66% and Mihir Gogate was third with 93.50%. We congratulate them for their hard work and brilliant performance. May they continue to achieve greater success as they carry on with their academic pursuits. We also express our gratitude to all those who helped these students climb to the top and complete their school career with great success.

**Co-Curricular Activities** :- The debating, quizing, drama and oral communication events and competitions were held as usual and our students participated enthusiastically. The Indian Music and Western Music Talent Contests gave an opportunity to students to showcase their talents. Students were also provided a platform for expressing themselves in the regional and national languages. In the Junior Section, the morning assemblies were creative, effective and thought provoking.

The Annual School Exhibition was inaugurated by Fr Luke Rodrigues, S.J. of Seva Niketan. The exhibits were painstakingly prepared and well appreciated by our own student and parent body as well as by students and teachers of the neighbouring schools. A unique novel feature on this day was the hands-on experience for students to learn and mould clay pots using the potter's wheel.

Our students participated in the All-India Inter School Debating and Creative Writing Competition organized by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations, Delhi. Joshua Reuben & Siddhant Singh represented the school at the debate competition. At the Jannabai Cascade, our students bagged the third prize in the music section with their creative performance 'Fusion - East meets West'.

Bal-din was a day of fun and excitement for both the Junior and Senior Sections of the school, with games of skill entertainment, music, housie, telegames, a quiz programme and delicious snacks. It was one day when the students never felt like going home - thanks to the teachers and parents.

The Junior Sports Festival, this year was a riot of colours with class 1 performing as 'cheer leaders', class 2 forming the numeral 140, the important landmark in the history of St. Mary's dressed in the tricolour of the school, class 3 exhibiting their gymnastics skills and class 4 bringing it to a climax with a skillfully performed colourful farmer's dance.



The Preparatory students exhibited their olympic potential, through their mastery of running through barrels and somersaulting skills, on their Prep Sports Festival Day. Towards the end of the year, the Preppies had mastered 100 + songs and sang them in harmony!

Both the Pre-Primary and Primary sections have had a feast of excursions, filled with excitement which aroused their curiosity and interest. Their outings to the Nehru Science Centre, the museum, various gardens, water parks, visits to the IMAX and much more have been rich rewarding experiences.

Teachers' Day was celebrated on Monday, September 06, 2004. The students felicitated the staff in the morning with song and dance and challenged the staff in a Quiz programme. The parents meticulously planned 'An Afternoon of Entertainment' and hosted a sumptuous Buffet Lunch, catered to by Mr S Kanade and his team of Kool Cats. At this juncture, I take this opportunity to thank you parents for the warm sentiments expressed on Teachers' Day and for your assistance throughout the year, substituting for teachers, helping in the drama festivals and collaborating with the staff in other activities behind the scenes.

**Outreach Programmes :-** The response to the appeal for funds for those affected by the dreadful Tsunami in South India in December 2004, was overwhelming. The school collected a sum of approximately Rs. Six Lakhs for the relief and rehabilitation work of the Tsunami victims.

In February 2005, the school played host to the class 10 students of the Adivasi school in Uplat-Kazli. An entertainment programme and

fete was organized for them by the students of the interact club of classes 8 & 9, on the school campus. Our interactors of class 8 and a

few students class 9, went for a weekend camp to Uplat to get an insight into the life style of the tribal.

Canteen Days were days when there was a large spread of a variety of mouthwatering snacks generously contributed by our parents and students. The proceeds of these, made it possible to present a diwali gift to every class IV employee and to add to the corpus of the Adivasi boarding school in Uplat.

Hikes, campus, and excursions were organized for the Scouts, Road Safety Patrol cadets, Cubs and students of the Nature Club throughout the year, to inculcate the spirit of adventure and love for nature. A tour to South East Asia (Bangkok and Singapore) was organized during the diwali break. Needless to say, that all these were enriching, enjoyable and rewarding learning experiences.



A state-of-the-art, well furnished, air conditioned room with the latest educational equipment has been prepared for the students. The room will be known as the Arrupe Resource Centre (ARC) and will be used to make teaching and learning more alive and interesting. It will be inaugurated shortly.

The Alumni Association continues to collaborate with the school. The annual dinner and the customary football match has helped to cement the bonds of Marian friendship among them. The association intends updating its website to augment its membership to increase connectivity and interaction among Marians all over the globe.

As I conclude this report, I express my deep gratitude to all who have lent a helping hand in upholding the rich traditions of this great institution, St Mary's I am deeply grateful to the teaching, non-teaching, supplementary and support staff for their collaboration and team work. My sincere thanks to Ms Marie Martin, the Preparatory and Primary Supervisor for her unstinting dedication in the effective running of the Pre primary and Primary Sections and to Fr Leslie Rebello, S.J. for his assistance in the management of the school bus system and for taking care of the maintenance and finances of the school. Finally, I owe a debt of gratitude to Fr Oscar Rozario, S.J. Rector of St.Mary's School and to the Jesuit Community for their encouragement and valuable guidance.

May Mary, our patroness, continue to be our guiding light and may God bless our efforts in forming the minds and hearts of those entrusted to our care.

**Sports :-** Ten Teams of five age groups, vizu-8, u-10, u-12, u-14, u-16 participated in the football, tournament organized by the Mumbai School Sports Association. Our Under 14 team were the Runners Up. We also participated in the Neville D'Souza U-14 and the Ahmed Sailor U-16 tournaments. Our under 14 team won the Rev. Bro Columban memorial football trophy in the football tournament held at Vasai, Bishwa Pande received a cash prize of Rs.500/- for being the best player of the tournament. The team was awarded Rs.3,000/- for their splendid success.

Our under 16 team were runners-up, in the Maharashtra Anglo - Indian Inter - School football tournament held at St. Peter's School Mazagaon. The team received individual trophies and a cash prize of Rs.3000/-

Our Under 16 team won the Indian Cultural League Inter School Football Tournament held at Parel. Football kits were gifted to every member of the team.

The Bombay City District Athletic Meet



Under 10 - Calvin Lobo - 1st in shot-put, 2nd in long-jump. He was also selected for the Maharashtra District Meet held in Sangli. Maitreya Patel secured the 3rd place in 50 mts. Behzad Mistry stood 3rd in 100 mts. Aman Anand, Calvin Lobo, Maitreya Patel, Vidhit Sangekar stood second in the 4 x 50 mts relay.

Under 16 - Noshervan Polad won the 3rd prize in the discus throw.

Under 14 - Zal Udwadia 3rd in long jump.

All Parsees Sports Foundation

Under 10 - Behzad Mistry 1st in 50 mts, 1st in 100 mts, 2nd in long jump and also secured the individual championship.

The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd. Athletic Meet

Kiran Prakash - Under 14 - 3rd in 200 mts, 3rd in 100 mts.

Mumbai School Sports Association Inter School Swimming Competition

The U-16 team comprising Vivek Mehta, Nadir Contractor, Yash Merchant and Aditya Parampill secured the 3rd place in the relay.

District Sports Association Inter School Judo Championship

Zal Udwadia; 1st place in below 40 kg; Rohan Ranshinge 2nd in below 40 kg, Ashish Ranshinge 1st in below 45 kg.

Mumbai School Sports Association Inter School Judo Championship :

Under 16 - Amit Ranshinge - 3rd in below 73 kg

Under 12 - Ashish Ranshinge - 3rd in below 40 kg

Under 10 - Danyel Desa - 2nd in below 30 kg



### Go-Karting

At the 5th J.K.Tyre National Go-karting Championship held at Ahmedabad, Animesh Damani secured the 2nd place in the Junior Class and was awarded Rs.7000/- cash.

### District Level Skatting Championship

Muntazir Rajkotwala secured the 1st place in the Rink - 1 Race, 1st place in the Rink II and came 1st in the Road Race.

### Roller Skating

In the state level skating championship held at PUNE, Muntazir Rajkotwala secured the 1st place in the Rink II, 2nd place in the Rink - I and 2nd place in the Road Race.

### Sailing

Xerxes Bamboat of Class 8 was ranked 5th in the 'National Coastal Optimist Sailing Championship' held at Chennai in May 2004. He represented India at the Asian Sailing Championship in Huyama, Japan in August 2004. He ranked 26th out of 62 entries and was 2nd among the Indians at the National Inland Sailing Championship held at Khadakvasla, Pune in December 2004. Xerxes won the Silver trophy securing the 2nd place out of 43 entries.

Our boys also participated in the inter-school basketball, chess, carrom, table tennis, lawn tennis, cricket and badminton competitions.

**Father Evarist Newnes, SJ**  
**Principal**  
**St. Mary's School (ICSE)**



### **IF YOU ARE A PARENT**

If you are a parent, you have many aspirations for your child. Since good education is often the passport to a good future, I presume it leads you to send him or her for tuition classes. Doing well in academics increases the probability of landing a good job. And a good job means the child's future is ensured.

But these aspirations and actions might be doing more harm than good to your child.

In the first place, living for some distant future goal also means you do not live in the present.

Secondly socio-economic success is not the only aim of good education . Just as every seed contains the future tree, each child is born with indefinite potential. This is very different from the current view which sees the child as clay to be moulded.

There is an old (& forgotten) Chinese saying : “give a seed a potter, & you will get a bonsai.”

Dear parent, do not give up your child's present to secure his or her future. Give your child the freedom to truly explore life with abandon. In doing this, you will see your child flowers into a creative & sensitive human being. And when this happens, everything else money, social success, security will fall into place automatically.

Let your child be a child.

Azim H. Premji (Class of 1961)  
(An excerpt from another journal)

## THE SLIMES OF INDIA

Price : Rs 5/- (Sorry we can't pay you any more)

**Note : This is the last edition of the once in a decade News Report on the activities of our class mates from school. Names have been changed for publication in the 'School Tie'. However a brief description of the individual is given under the headline. Certain eccentricities of certain individuals have been commented on ruthlessly. But its all in good fun. They are all my classmates from school.**

Mukesh marries !!!

(Mukesh, a well intentioned but flashy dresser married Sonali..a romance which originated in the AIYO (All India Youth Association), an organization of which both were founder members. Mukesh a Punjabi, obviously inherited his flashy and exuberant mannerisms from his Dad, Lion Uncle, though, thankfully, not to the same extent. The AIYO, is a very self-righteous but well-intentioned organization which tries in several ways to make the world a better place. Harmeet is a soft-spoken introverted Sardarji who frequently says Oh Fie !!)



Mukesh in an unexpected move announced his betrothal to Sonali and before one could say "AIYO", also set the wedding date. Mukesh's wedding was a pretty grand affair and was celebrated in true AIYO style, with hordes of youthful (?) members of the AIYO (all 11 of them) swarming around the grounds picking up every paper in sight. If they had restricted themselves to only the papers lying around the ground, it might have been OK. But I personally think they went a little overboard when they insisted on entering the toilets and picking up even the toilet paper, sometimes even while they were in the process of being used. It, I think, caused some embarrassment amongst the guests. Lion Uncle (as in Mukesh Sr., (the 'Lion' on account of his being an active member of the Lions Club)) was also in full form and was flicking away continuously at a carefully trimmed lock of hair falling stylishly across his forehead, at a blinding speed of 100 times/min. He also insisted on bursting out into spontaneous Bhangda at the first sound of a Dholak or at the first sight of a Sardar. Poor Harmeet Singh was scared out of his wits at the sight of Lion Uncle, who was prowling around with eyes like a Hawk in search of a poor unsuspecting Sardar whom he could pounce on and engage in a round of bone shaking Bhangda. This nerve wracking experience of avoiding Uncle Lion was such a strain on Harmeet, that by the end of the function, he was quivering like a jelly, and said 'OH FIE !!' 87 times in rapid succession. Mukesh was also dressed extremely fashionably and was



staggering around under the weight of a gigantic turban. He had on a pair of really sharp (literally) mojdis with points like daggers. Infact while climbing onto the stage he nearly impaled the pujari on one of his mojdis. The man barely escaped with his langoti intact. The poor man after his narrow escape and at the sight of Mukesh coming up the stairs in the afore mentioned turban, went into a state of shock from which, if rumours are to be believed, he has yet to recover.

### **Kapil renovates house, marries interior decorator, Priya “Break that wall” Menon.**

(Kapil, a strapping and skinny, 6’3” tall share broker married Priya, an interior decorator. Kapil is also an active member of AIYO and an incredibly motivated guy in terms of righting all the wrongs that he comes across.

“Big Bull (shitter)” Kapil, after having made some big money on the stock markets decided some time ago to have his house renovated. To save the 15 % commission, Kapil, in a smart move, proposed to interior decorator, Priya “Break that wall” Menon, and much to the astonishment of the general public, was accepted by her. Priya, when asked, the reasons for her shocking decision, replied, “Well, at least he’ll come in handy for painting the ceilings.” Their wedding was subsequently held at the NSCI and was really nice. It was quite different as it was conducted as per Mallyayalli customs. However, this unfortunately meant that Kapil had to dress as a Mallyayalli bridegroom. He was therefore dressed in a lungi ( a little too transparent, I thought) and was bare chested with a cloth thrown across his pointed shoulders. It was a really gruesome sight and many of the more sensitive guests brought up their lunches. Luckily, Priya’s parents anticipating such a reaction had provided every one with barf bags. Kapil and Priya went to the Jim Corbett Park for their honeymoon. Kapil was most excited about this trip and went fully prepared with five safari suits and one ‘Catty’ (as in catapult) for self-defense. In spite of his preparations, Kapil, it seems had an extremely close shave during the trip and was lucky to escape with his vitals intact. During one of the safaris, Kapil, after urgent summons from his bladder, retreated into the bushes to release the pressure and lower the water level. We all know what a relief, the release of the pressure on ones bladder is. Kapil, it is assumed was also similarly relieved and in the ecstasy of the moment, it seems, he started singing. A passing short sighted and possibly senile, elephant cow, on hearing Kapil singing, thought it was her long lost baby calling out to her. She therefore came rushing towards the source of the noise and emerging from the trees, saw what it mistook to be a really scrawny elephant with an extremely small trunk spouting water. She immediately took hold of the trunk and started leading her ‘baby’ back into the jungle. Kapil was terrified and let out a loud shriek, whereupon the jungle guide came rushing through the trees and fired a shot into the air. This fortunately frightened the elephant into letting go of its ‘baby’ and running back into the trees. Kapil was initially extremely embarrassed and then subsequently extremely outraged and on returning to Mumbai, he, with the help of the AIYO (he is the ex-president, you know) immediately filed a suit against the elephant for sexual harassment and for invading on his rights as a youthful citizen of India to



answer the call of nature in the bushes. He is however extremely upset that the elephant has refused to answer the court summons and to appear in court. We are all eagerly awaiting the outcome of this dramatic trip.

### **Rajan gets daughter, gets his kicks from Tae Kwondo.**

(Rajan, a pretty portly guy, was one of the first guys to get married. He also had his kids early. He has a bit of a tendency to brag about his activities He has also recently taken up Tae Kwon Do. Rajan is also a member of AIYO.) Rajan “Man of Action” Mehta has been at it again.. As you might have heard, they have just had a baby girl (as of now unnamed). When Devika’s labour started, Rajan and Devika immediately rushed to the hospital. The efficient hospital staff took immediate action and rushed Rajan in to the Delivery Theater. Rajan raised a hue and cry and had an extremely tough time in convincing the sister-in-charge that in spite of his huge stomach, he wasn’t the one who was going to have the baby. He has also taken up Tae Kwondo lessons. He was telling us the other day, that he has now become extremely supple and flexible and can now actually kick above the knee. We pointed out to him that he would have to kick a little higher, at least as high as the groin, to make some impact on an attacker. But he says that in these days of specialisation, he is going to specialise in unarmed combat against midgets and men with really low-hanging groins. He was also saying that he has now become extremely strong and just the other day he actually did 2 push ups on his own. He feels that with this fantastic combination of flexibility and strength, he has a good chance of getting his black belt in a couple of months. We could not however extract any comment from his Sensai.

### **AIYO goes from strength to strength. Revolutionary new projects on the anvil.**

(This is a little bit about the AIYO of which Mukesh’s wife Sonali is the present President. Rajan is also mentioned again here. Portly Rajan just loves his food.) Sonali as you know is the latest AIYO President. She has taken her role extremely seriously and one rarely sees her smile these days (personally I wouldn’t smile either if I was married to Mukesh). Besides, the President of a huge organisation such as the AIYO would naturally carry the burden of India’s problems on his/her shoulders. What with problems such as the glue on postage stamps not being up to the mark and the Reservation Form for a Railway ticket being so damn complicated to fill up. Needless to say, the AIYO is flourishing under her dynamic leadership and is going from strength to strength. Their membership has also increased dramatically. Last quarter alone they got 2 new members and now their membership stands at a whopping 11 members. Her greatest coup however, was to enroll (one of the 2 suckers, OOPS, members of the last quarter) in the ever-increasing ranks of the AIYO (All India Youth Organisation) a 85 year old man called Homi Pestonjee. Sonali was thrilled and has some really ambitious plans for the AIYO and hopes to increase their membership to 25 members by the turn of the decade. We all wish her the best of luck as the AIYO is working on some excellent projects. Just last week they had organised a “Cleanliness Drive” where the members had a bath



and drove all the way to Gorai Beach and back. They are also continuing with one of their most successful projects (started by Kapil, a.k.a. Mr. Waste Management, during his tenure as the AIYO President) which is to provide clean underwear to all stray dogs in Bombay. An excellent project and as Kapil had said while introducing the project, “ It’s the least that we, as responsible and youthful citizens of India can do.” Another activity of the AIYO which I really admire is the support which they express to various causes. Recently, to express their support for the right of the Citizens of India to Break Wind In Public Places, all male members had started wearing black nadas on their ‘Kutchhas’ (meaning underwear, and in no way related to a certain tribe from Gujarat called Kutchhis). A pretty unique way to express one’s support, and also, a pretty unique cause. The story behind this is that Rajan Mehta after a heavy meal of Chole Bature and Butter Chicken had once gone to attend a speech at the Mantralaya. During the talk he let out such a loud and noxious fart (measuring 8.3 on the Richter Scale) , that he almost wiped out the entire Legislative Assembly. Several MLA’s had to be hospitalised and the Mantralaya was declared a Hazardous Zone for 2 weeks following the incident. Thereafter, not only was Rajan banned from entering the Mantralaya, but a Bill was also passed restricting Citizens from Breaking Wind in Public Places.

**Vinod, working hard(ly).**

(Vinod, an industrialist, really enjoys life..though he goes to great pains to explain to us how hard he works. He is married to Geeta. They frequently combine ‘business’ trips with pleasure. He is not a member of AIYO.) Vinod in a sudden fit of activity, has been working really, really hard and got in almost 5 whole days of work last month. The poor chap was exhausted and almost got burnt out. On top of all that, he & Geeta had to rush off on a 2 week long business trip to Mauritius where he put in almost 3 ½ hours of work. As they were already in Mauritius they decided to visit a Beach Resort and then go to Sun City. Any way, they are back after this rather hectic trip and are now planning a really relaxed holiday to help Vinod unwind.

Cheers,

Shyam Balsekar (Class of 1984)



### THE STANISLAUS MATCH

Finally, finally, the long promised and much discussed soccer match against the St Stanislaus Alumni was played on Independence Day ..and...what a match it was !!! It was really great. Our guys turned up in really good numbers. Everyone who had promised to come for the match, did actually turn up. In addition there were at least 5-6 extra guys who landed up unexpectedly taking up the attendance to an impressive twenty Marians. Sushil had managed to arrange colours for us (Red England Colours..no less!!). So we must have impressed the hell out of the Stanislaus guys. One of them came up to me and said, “Aay Bugger, let us score at least one goal mann”

And the women...mama mia!!! I think the high light had to be Katrina Kaif who was there with Salman (who is a Stanislaus ex-student). Salman, expectedly was bare chested...Katrina, unfortunately, was not...sigh!! In addition there were several very hot girls from Bandra, (a suburb well know for the high quality of women) who had come to attend the Sunday Mass at the church but who stayed on to watch the match.

Well, the final score was 5-0 in our favour. Rayo (our captain) scored 2 goals, I don't quite recall who scored the rest. We would have scored many more, but their goal keeper did a fantastic job..our compliments to him. Anyway, every one played well. The same Stanislaus chap who had spoken to me earlier came up to me and said, “ Cchaa Mann!!..you

buggers didn't let us score even one goal mann. Bluddy Chaaa!!!! On our own ground mann, Chaa Mann!!! You'll made us look like hulwaa mann....” (at this point he ran out words to express his obvious anguish.

Rayo (the lucky guy) collected the trophy from Katrina Kaif. However, she shook hands with all of us. (Grin). Anyway, after the prize distribution, the Stanislaus guys, who were fantastic hosts had arranged Biryani for us, and we had arranged the Beer. So it was fun..Beer and Biryani after a well played Soccer match..who could ask for more.

We appreciate the effort made by the Stanislaus guys for arranging and inviting us over for this match. We have now promised that we will play the next match on our school grounds. Will let you know more about this after it has been finalised.



I am giving below the names of all the guys who had come for the match.

Rayo (Captain) (1975)

Sushil (1985)

Shyam (1984)

Rajesh (1986)

Mohammed (1985) & family

Tony (1983)

Atul (1983)

Kaustub (1999)

Ameya (1999)

Akshay (1999)

Rahul (2000)

Yakuv (& his Langot) (1998)

Mahesh (1981)

Kaushubh (1998)

Abhishek ( 1998)

Das (1999)

Tarun (2000)

Avinash (2000)

Rishi (2001)

Hansal (2001)

Adil (who did not play)

And one chap who also did not play but had to be the bravest guy around (he had actually got his girl friend for a St. Marys Alumni event). Thanks a lot guys, for being there. Your school spirit and enthusiasm means a lot to us and we really appreciate it. It really does make all the effort worth while.

Cheers,

**Shyam Balsekar (Class of 1984)**

Sports Committee



## WEB SITE UPDATE

Dear Marians,

Just to let you know – we've got some great e-activity happening. Our much loved St. Mary's website is finally, yes finally, being revamped. Originally created & painstakingly nurtured by Pranav Mulani & Ali Dhoon, the new site is being re-designed by a group of dedicated ex-Marians under the patronage of the St. Mary's Alumni Association. We know it's about time but believe us, it'll be well worth the wait!!

We've got some great features on the site - the most important one being the **Class Directory**. Unfortunately, we do not have access to the old student lists between 1989-2002 but we are trying our best to get it. Therefore, to start with, we'll have details on guys from a few batches. But to help us build the database, we need all of you to write to your batch mates, etc and help us add them on to the list. Just in case you're a bit worried about getting spammed – don't be. We've built in a system wherein your email id is kept secret. Besides, no individual user will be able to send mass mails to the entire list. C'mon guys - let's get all the Marians connected.

Other sections on the new site include one on our beloved **School Calendar**, **School Tie**, all the **News** regarding the school, a **Message Board** for you guys to give feedback, and a **Photo Gallery** that'll show how damn good we looked in our youth. And of course we'll tell you everything you wanted to know about the **Old Boys' Association** and the **Managing Committee** but were afraid to ask.

Come on guys we need all of you to spread the word and make { HYPERLINK  
"http://www.stmarysalumni.net" } rock!!

St. Mary's Boys, St. Mary's Boys  
Hurrah! We are St. Mary's Boys.

**Kavi Desai (Class of 1988)**  
Hon. Secretary



### FOR OUR PARSIS FRIENDS

This is the day to go out and have fun, eat and make merry.

This is the day when the RTI staff will be working overtime:

Putlamai will head the dar ni pori team, Dolly Patel will roll out the patrel, Coomi Mevawalla will bake the kumas, Soli Botawalla will add the sali to the boti, Bhikhamai Bhamgara will fry the bhakras and Ketayun Kateli the cutlace. This is the day when no Parsi worth his name will go to work. Soli Solicitor will only drop into his office to give his staff mava ni boi from N. Lookmanji & Sons as will Dinsu Dalal at the stock exchange to leave Mahim no halwa from Joshi Budhakaka.

Dr. Bumla, at 79 will not open his dispensary, but will be at the Grant Road market to buy chhamnas for his unmarried sister Alamai (aged 82) to fry.

Just to add, Dara Daruwalla will be giving Rs. 5/ off on every bottle bought from his liquor shop opposite the Cama baug.

Percy Pochkhanawalla, Tehmu Topkhanawalla, Jimmy Gymkhanawalla and Darab Darukhanawalla will be at the Ripon Club reminiscing about how they all lost out on well-endowed Moti Motafaram 40 years ago.

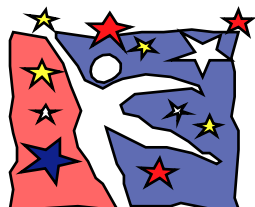
The culture vultures (the real ones are extinct) will all start getting dressed after their chai and batasa like Behramshaw Behra, who will go to Sam Kerawala's natak, Kavasji Kana who has tickets for My Fair Lady at Novelty cinema and Limjibhai Langra who will dance at the Parsi Gymkhana to the tune of the new Parsi rock band, Nusly and his nusesals.

The PVM gymkhana will be full of osteoporotic women in their finery and men with toothpicks trying to pick leftover botas from their dentures swaying to the accordion of Jango Seervai.

This will also be a day to call friends and relatives wherever they may be. Kayomarz Ghyara has already heard from all his 11 siblings as has Banubai Baria from her 12 cousins. This is the day when Gaimai Gimi will ask her grandchildren in Toronto not to eat beef and Dariush Bugli will dress in a dugli in Montreal. Kelly Kharas, Myrna Moos, Nelly Noble, Tania Tata and Grace Gazdar will also meet up in London for a Queen Mary's School reunion. So fellow Parsis, have a blast and a good laugh!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Behram Shroff (Class of 1959)**



# St. Mary's Alumni Association Annual Dinner 2005

*Date* : 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005. (Friday)

*Time* : 7.30 p.m.

*Venue* : St Mary's School (ICSC),  
Mazgaon, Mumbai.

*Cuisine*: Non Vegetarian - Jaffer Bhai's Delhi Darbar  
Vegetarian - Revival

Invitations for the function are available with the following

### Note

**Limited Invitations on a First Come Basis. So collect your invitations by 4.00 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**



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