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## The Term Gone By

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Whether it be DSMUN, or the Inter-House Boxing Competition, this term has witnessed a plethora of taxing yet exhilarating activities. The marathon had begun from the moment we entered the gates of Chandbagh.

Only two weeks into the term, we saw the much awaited DSMUN kick off with over 550 delegates from over 50 schools attending the prestigious conference. To build on last year's conference, four more committees were introduced this year, which led to great expectations of the delegates, who did not leave Chandbagh disappointed. Viral fever hit school just days after the conference, resulting in a booked hospital as well as a postponed Inter-House Swimming Competition. When the swimmers were finally allowed to dive into the pool, we witnessed an unprecedented number of records being broken, as well as Jaipur house emerging victorious for the fourth consecutive year.

In the coming week, history repeated itself at the Chuckerbutty Debates as the team managed to lift the trophy once again, this time fending off opposition from Bishop Cotton Boys School in a well contested final round. The victory, however was short lived as Doscoc left the MPH only to enter the silent corridors of the Main Building for Test week. As usual, Doscoc overcame this hindrance as well, only to be met by the PTM's in the weeks that followed.

The usually vapid period that followed was brightened up by the Inter-House Football Tournament that entertained one and all. With several closely contested matches taking place, Tata House eventually battled its way to the top, sweeping the Junior, Senior and House Cups.

At the same time, the final events of the Inter-House Music Competition comprising the piano solo, drum solo, Hindustani vocal, Hindustani instrumental, Tabla section and the Choir section took place. Admirable performances were given by Suyash Raj Shivam, Yuvraj Nathani, Tushaar Sharma, Aditya Gupta and Vrindam Nagpal. Though a lot of effort was put in by all the houses, it was Oberoi House who bagged the House Cup by a close margin.

In the days that followed, boys dispersed to their respective mountain abodes for Midterms. While the B-Form went for a relaxed Historical Midterm, the S-Form capitalized on their first private midterms with *elaborate* plans. Shortly after, the Kamla Jeevan Hindi Debates commenced, and the school tasted victory in the debating arena, yet again. The team held up the trophy defeating RIMC in the final round. Truly, it was a debate to hear!

And then there was Founder's. With late night play and music practices happening every single day, all effort indeed paid off as the Founders' English Play, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* and Hindi Play *Tughlaq* were smashing hits! Credit is due to Mr Shrey Nagalia and Mr Hammad Farooqi for directing and producing such brilliant plays. The final day of Founder's witnessed Mr Kunal Behl, the CEO of *Snapdeal.com*, address the school as the Chief Guest, along with the Headmaster and the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Gautam Thapar. After the speeches, the school was treated to the musical performance, *Soundscape*, which received, as always, immense praise and was highly appreciated by parents and Old Boys alike. On a humanitarian note, the Founder's Dinner was cancelled this year as well, and the money was directed to relief efforts in flood hit areas around Uttarakhand. Compliments are due to all those who were involved in making Founders the success it was!

Post Founders, the Inter House Athletics Competition smashed into the filled stomachs of the students. This (un)fitness, however, was left in the food stalls, and the Competition saw Rishav Raj Das break the long lasting 400m Hurdles record, and win the Pentathlon as well. The School then went on to take part in the Annual Districts and IPSC Competitions, where our athletes bettered their already outstanding form. Kudos to an amazing performance! Basketball was next in the long haul to the end, and Oberoi house claimed the House Cup after being involved in several nail biting matches, which turned out to be Cup deciders in both the Junior and Senior categories. The ball, with definite speed, went straight through the hoop and landed in the boxing ring. This year's competitors had trained from the beginning of the term, which was evident through the great skill and stamina that was showcased during the bouts. The marathon was almost over, though the toughest part was left. Yes, Trials!

And with that, the term suddenly ends. We hope the entire school has a fun filled winter break, which applies to the Sc's and A formers as well, even though their marathon has just begun.



## Regulars

### Paramedics

The following are the results of the **Inter-House First Aid Competition, 2014:**

- 1st:** Kashmir
- 2nd:** Oberoi
- 3rd:** Hyderabad
- 4th:** Jaipur
- 5th:** Tata

Congratulations!

### Mathletes

The following are the results of the **SL Sharma Senior Mathematics Colloquium Prize Test, 2014:**

- 1st:** Samarth Juneja
- 2nd:** Sarthak Gupta

Well Done!

### Proficient Sportsmen

The following have been awarded the **Sunil Rawley Prize** for proficiency in sports this year:

- Swimming:** Tanay Gopal Agarwal
- Tennis:** Viksit Verma

Congratulations!

### The Fight Club

The following boys have been awarded **Colours** for **Boxing:**

**Full Colours:** Ruhaan Dev Tyagi, Tanishq Agarwala

**Half Colours:** Daksh Bhatia, Nikhil Chauhan, Sasyak Pattnaik, Hritihik Shukla

Kudos!

### Tennis

The following have been awarded **Colours** for **Tennis:**

**Full Colours:** Akhil Ranjan, Devang Mehra (**Re-awarded**)

**Half Colours:** Leonardo Pamei, Harshit Bansal, Rohan Chaudhari

Congratulations!

### Athletics

The following boys have been awarded **Colours** for **Athletics:**

**Full Colours:** Rishavraj Das, Varun Narain Sinha, Rajkumar Vijay, Kartikay Garg, Kartikeya Kardam, Nikhil Saraf

**Half Colours:** Angad Singh Shergill, Sikandar Suri, Sarthak Katiyar

Congratulations!

### Squash

The following are the results of the **Individual Squash Championship, 2014:**

#### Under-15

**Winner:** Mayank Sojatiya **Runner-Up:** Nikhil Fatehpuria

#### Under-17

**Winner:** Shourya Kishorepuria **Runner-Up:** Sajal Bansal

#### Under-19

**Winner:** Sudhansh Agarwal **Runner-Up:** Ishan Sandhu

Mayank Sojatiya and Ishita Bharadwaj have been selected to represent **Uttarakhand** at the **35th National Games** to be held in **Kerala** next year.

Well done!

### Shooting Hoops

The School Basketball Team participated in the **Indian School Basketball League Challenger Cup Competition** held at Doon International School from **October 11-November 23, 2014**. The team reached the finals where they lost to Hilton School. Karan Sethy was awarded the **Rising Star Trophy**.

Well done!

The following boys have been awarded **Colours** for **Basketball:**

**Full Colours:** Tanishq Agarwala, Atharva Matta, Nachiket Jain, Karan Sethy

**Half Colours:** Shreyansh Chedda, Shouraya Kishorepuria

Congratulations!

### Blazers

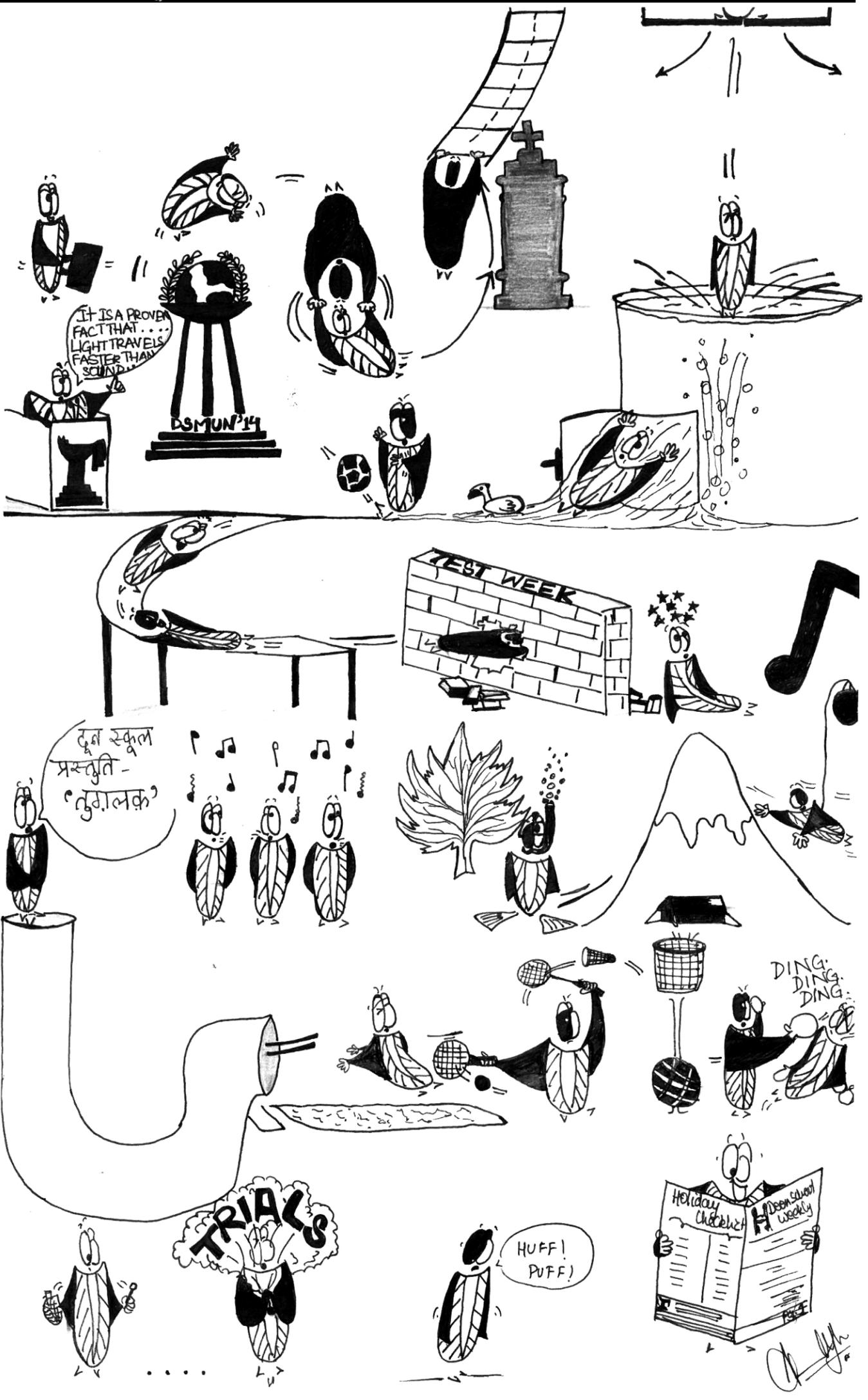
The following boys have been awarded the **Games Blazer:**

Nikhil Saraf, Kartikay Garg, Kartikeya Kardam, Angad Singh Shergill

The following boys have completed their **Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels** of the **International Award for Young People** and have been awarded the **IAYP Blazer** for the same:

Sarthak Gupta, Mihir Kiran, Sabhya Katia, Ritvik Kar, Ayush Tripathi, Shivam Sharma, Preetham Mohan, Vibhav Gupta

Congratulations!



| Comic Poetry |

# The Doon Knight

Jai Ahuja

A watchful protector, the silent guardian,  
His identity was a mystery,  
None knew of what he did,  
Every action created history.

The Batmobile was a thing of the past,  
The Activa was what was trending,  
Whenever trouble met Astley Hall's way,  
The Doon-Signal needed sending.

And lo and behold, the clock tower would shake,  
and the caped crusader would descend,  
A blow here and a blow there,  
All evil would undoubtedly end.

His virtues were unbiased,  
Love all, serve all,  
Be it the 'residents' of Dalanwala,  
Or the goons of Astley Hall.

You may not have seen, and maybe, you never will,  
But then again, its only in the times of a crisis,  
When truly, ladies and gentleman,  
The Doon Knight Rises.

## Round Square Conference

Chirag Bakliwal and Riyan Aggarwal report on the Round Square Conference held in Hisar, Haryana.

While the 5 houses were busy cheering for their basketball teams, a group of 7 students escorted by Mr. Tapan Barui attended the South Asian and Gulf Regional Round Square Conference 2014 held at Vidya Devi Jindal School in Hisar, Haryana. The theme of the conference was 'Enrich, Elevate and Empower'. A number of schools from all over India and the Gulf region attended this conference.

After a rigorous bus journey encountering 7 hours of heavy traffic and bumpy roads, we finally reached our destination, ready for a fruitful experience. Our day went by with us recuperating from the exhausting journey and admiring the enormity of the school. Later that evening, we went for a chilly swim at the school's pool to meet our new companions. This 'session' was thoroughly rejuvenating, and was a good end to our day. Yet, we weren't finished, as afterward there was a delicious dinner and a 'Jam Session' to complete our arrival. Everyday thereafter, an invitee speaker would give a morning speech that inspired us and enhanced our outlook for the upcoming *Barazgas*. The first day it was the eminent actor, Karan Grover who addressed us; the next day was Shivane Sen, a reputed counsellor; on the third and final day, the speaker was Nitin Saluja, an alumni of the school.

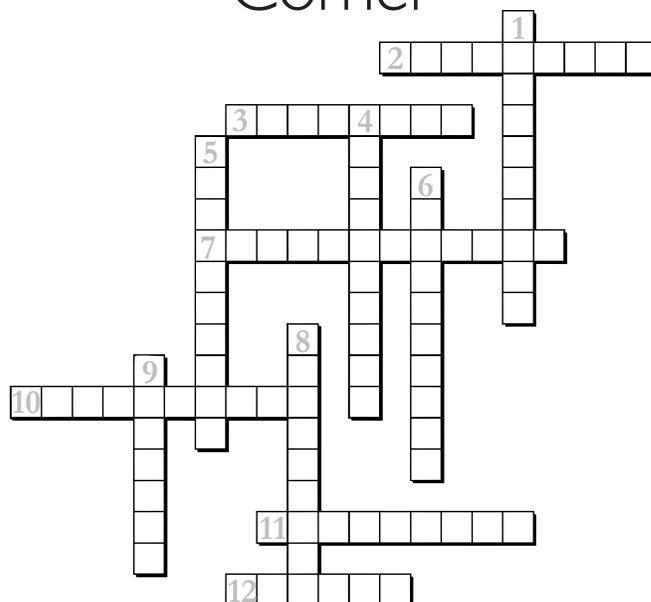
In the days that followed, we visited the army cantonment and had the pleasure of a dusty but thrilling tank ride, which was in the same tank that was used in the movie "Border". Everyday we attended the *Barazgas*, where we had productive discussions

about social and geo-economic issues. Along with these sessions, we attended art workshops which enhanced our admiration for art. At the conference's 'International Costume Display', we dressed our entries as a *sheikh*, an ethnic *Hawiiian* and a *Naga* lady. We received praise from all other participants at our costume design and creativity, emerging as winners of the competition.

As an end to a fantastic conference, the Cultural Evening surely did not disappoint. We chose to perform a skit on women empowerment titled, "I am a woman. Hear my voice" to highlight the issues faced by women in the country today. For this, we received much appreciation along with a standing ovation.

And thus, a mutually productive and exciting conference came to a close. After rendering such unforgettable memories and moments, we reluctantly packed up and bid farewell to all our new friends and contacts as we left. Truly, it was the experience of a lifetime.

## The Cruciverbalist's Corner



### Across

2. a state of misfortune or affliction
3. fearless, adventurous
7. irritation, frustration
10. faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy
11. a political leader, who gains arousing people's emotions and
12. to regard with respect

### Down

1. unusually advanced or talented at an early age
4. quickly fading, short-lived
5. not easily excited to action or display of emotion
6. having or emitting an iridescence like that of an opal
8. quick to recover, bounce back
9. to regard with scorn or contempt

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

#### Across

2. hedonist
5. inane
7. perfunctory
8. gimmick
10. incognito
11. aglet
12. luscious

#### Down

1. lore
3. euphoria
4. patrician
5. ecumenical
6. grotesque

Source: <http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/crossword/>

# The Roving Eye

Ch.Ed, Ed and S.Ed(dy)

(Note: Our Editor ~~kindly~~ asked us to remove his name from the authorship as he felt it would severely dent his chances for the coming year. ~~After much argument~~, we obliged)

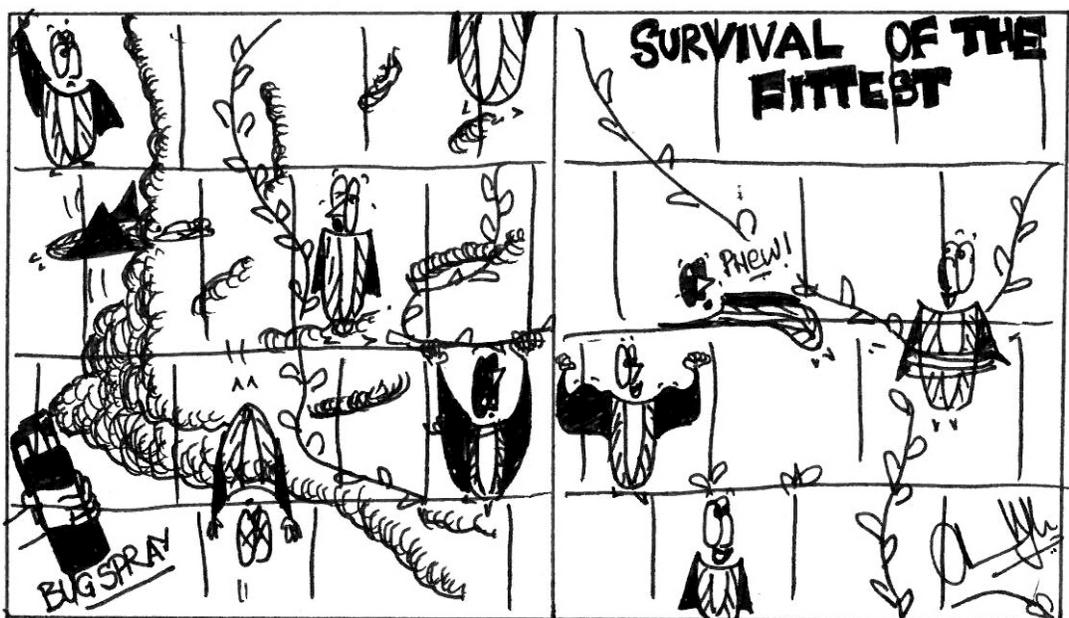
From the oily combs in S Form rooms, to Oxford style mufflers worn across the blazers, an Iron Curtain has descended across the Continent. The Dosco community has been anticipating this for a while now; spies report an unnatural increase in profits for Gillette and of course, Cherry Shoe Polish (stashed under innumerable beds). Spies further report, worryingly, a marked increase rise in pretentious wisdom and thickening of the air, which might lead to suffocation in less than a month. But then again, that's all that's left. Let's hope the holidays come before the end.

Truly, reports show that the podiums have been set alight: from debating, to MUN, to public speaking showdowns during assembly, one can hardly imagine the pressure generated at those wooden stands of wisdom. The Debating Dervish may have passed from these parts, but the Secretary-General hopefuls are on the brink of all-out war. Let's hope the (M)UN can maintain peace this time! Next up in news are the Assembly Speeches (of course!). From insightful talks about Gaza, hockey, and something about boxes, the speeches this year have forced a lot of us to start thinking ~~of them~~ different, but again, the Cold War did see a lot of propaganda.

As always, School Captain hopefuls are evident across the Houses. Kashmir House maintains its reputation by *fielding* the man in (blazing) blue, while Jaipur House finds candidacy in young Finch, who seems to have been inspired by '*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*'. On the other side of the School we have Tata House, who, having successfully captained the School for two years in a row now, hope to replicate the feat with the Roadrunner (*beep beep*).

When it comes to incoming prefects, however, the candidacy for the House of Gentlemen goes through the roof, and a number of individuals have taken a hiatus from hygiene in order to be the first ones to make it to morning toy! With Richie Rich and the Poke(mon)-Master widening the gap between them and the favorites, well, Gentlemen, it's a sight to watch! The Eagles, on the other hand, have Meghan Trainor and Mr. Vajpayee flying for all it's worth. With a number of School level responsibilities hitting their wings, the race to the finish is sure to be a fine one. It's the Nizams who take the cake, however. After the midterm debacle and the antics of the Twelfth Man, the Econo(mystery) and Mr. (Lost in the) Echo have a tough

battle to fight. Meanwhile, the ~~Man Who Sold His Ferrari~~ who's Ferrari Was Sold finds solace in the boxing ring. Oh wait. Then of course, we have Tata. The closely fought House Captaincy is an epic, a showdown between OYA TATA and OYE TATA, and it's a no-brainer as to who will win. (The one who shouts



louder, of course!) On the other side of the School our spies observe another bird fight: The Ballerinas of Swan Lake. Inspired by Natalie Portman and her hair-raising roles, Dexter (Beta Version) and Mr. Mayo are concocting new chemicals each day to put each other off. It's not surprising really. After all, Dexter (Beta Version) got a 100 in Sciences- it's natural that he should blow things up! It is the gorgeous, the extravagant, the Man with the Wires Crossed who's sitting behind the scenes and running the show: Uma (Thurman). And so the war rages on.

In conclusion (our spies are tired, you know), as we move towards an impending Cuban Missile Crisis on the 1st of February, soldiers stand ready to take up the mantle. Weapons stand polished and keen. And it is on that note that we'd like to paraphrase Batman and remind every hopeful out there: "*You either die a scopat, or live long enough to see yourself become a... prefect?*" (This was our Editor's *only* contribution to this article).

# The Holiday Checklist

The best things to play, watch, listen to and heat you up these Winter Holidays

## Motion Pictures

Inherent Vice  
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies  
American Sniper  
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay (Part 1)  
Taken 3  
Horrible Bosses 2  
Exodus: Gods and Kings

### HORRIBLE BOSSES 2



## Video Games

FIFA 15  
Saints Row IV: Re-Elected  
Saints Row: Gat Out of Hell  
Dying Light  
Halo: Spartan Strike  
Lara Croft and the Temple of Osiris  
Exogenesis: Peril of Rebirth  
Far Cry 4  
WWE 2K15  
Assassin's Creed Rogue



## Music

Artist	Album
Charlie XCX	Sucker
Lil Wayne	Tha Carter V
50 Cent	Street King Immortal
AC/DC	Rock or Bust
The Waterboys	Modern Blues
Eminem	Shady XV
David Guetta	Listen
Pitbull	Globalization
Fifth Harmony	Reflection
Carrie Underwood	Greatest Hits: Decade#1
Papa Roach	F.E.A.R.
Bob Dylan	Shadows in the Night
Mikki Ekko	Time
Owen	Other People's Songs
Ne-Yo	Non-Fiction



## Sports

Event	Date
AFC Asian Cup Football	Jan 4-26
African Cup of Nations Football	Jan 17-Feb 8
Australian Open-Tennis	Jan 13-26
FIH Hockey Champions' Trophy (Women)	Nov 19-Dec 7
FIH Hockey Champions Trophy (Men)	Dec 13-21
Manchester United vs Liverpool	Dec 14
Liverpool vs Arsenal	Dec 21
Manchester City vs Arsenal	Jan 17
Chelsea vs Manchester City	Jan 31
Indian Super League: Finals	Dec 20
Djokovic vs. Nadal (New Delhi)	Dec 8
FIFA Club World Cup	Dec 10-20
International Tennis Premier League	Nov 28-Dec 13
FINA World Swimming Championship (25M)	Dec 3-7
Hopman Cup (Tennis)	Jan 4-10

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