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Questioning Legacy

Aryan Chhabra *comments on the provision of an Old Boys' quota during the School's admissions process.*

"To attract and develop exceptional boys and teachers from all backgrounds to serve a meritocratic India..." – The Doon School's Mission Statement.

With the School's entrance examination now a fortnight away, this article examines an issue that has long been a part of our lives, but for some reason is forgotten as soon as we enter the gates of Chandbagh. It pertains to a change that I feel should be made in our admission procedure. This change I refer to is the advantage given to the sons and grandsons of Old Boys during The Doon School Entrance Examination. In a world where systems of reservations and quotas are being increasingly questioned, this provision needs urgent reform.

Before delving further, it is first important to understand the specifics of this provision in our admission process. It is a well-known fact that applicants nationwide (if not worldwide) face tough competition to earn the right to be called DoscOs, with only one in five boys being admitted. As we know, it is a three-step process consisting of a registration fee, exam and a group interview. On consulting the Admissions Office, I learnt that two lists are drawn after the examination process is over. One is the 'General List' that includes all applicants who are not related to Old Boys of this School. Another list constitutes all those applicants who have a 'Direct Relation' (i.e. sons or grandsons) to any Old Boy. Contrary to our belief in a meritocracy, the cutoff for this second list is significantly lower than the cut-off for the General List, ranging in excess of 10% over the years. This has led to a considerable number of Legacy Applicants gaining admission at School: in the latest D-Form batch, 29% of all new entrants were legacy students, while that number stood at 50% of new C-Form students – disproportionate figures in both cases. Such a difference in the cut-off begs the question: why should being related to an Old Boy give some applicants an edge over others?

After a fair amount of thinking, here's what I could gather. Firstly, it helps build what some might call a 'legacy'. I am sure that some would agree that the idea of a son or grandson walking through the same corridors and treading a similar path is instantly appealing. History repeating itself in the shape of different individuals might indeed help create traditions and legacies that families take pride in. This is the reason why reputed universities also have 'legacy' quotas. For instance, in 2015, Harvard University had reported a legacy admissions rate almost three times that for regular applicants, (comparatively, The Doon School's rate is roughly six times greater than the normal). In the same period, this number stood close to 25% for Yale and Stanford Universities, in excess of 30% for 'legacy' applicants to Princeton University and over 40% for the University of Pennsylvania. Thus, it can be concluded that examples of this system exist at reputed institutions. This advantage is also meant to act as an incentive for Old Boys to send their sons to School and help keep the financial machinery, in terms of fees and fundraising, running smoothly. Apart from their own associations, people are more inclined to provide their assistance to an institution if their loved ones are studying in it. To clarify, in no way do I imply that people can 'buy their way' into this institution (the School, in fact, has a policy against accepting donations from prospective and current parents). Interestingly, another reason often cited for such a quota is genetics. Any institution that offers quotas generally works on an assumption that the children of the alumni will have traits that are similar to their relatives. Such reservations are not just limited to educational institutions - they are present in other fields as well (for example, the Armed Forces), which shows its widespread use in choosing the right person for that particular institution.

However, here's why I oppose such quotas: they negatively impact merit, which undermines our mission statement. Students who enter School through this quota come at the cost of students who have worked

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Regulars

Rallying Laurels

The School Table Tennis Team participated in the Dehradun District Table Tennis Championship. In the **Individual Category**, Kanish Agarwal stood **runners-up** in the **Juniors Sub-Category**, while Paarth Agarwal stood **runners-up** in the **Seniors Sub-Category**. Shyamal Singhal won the **Senior Individual Championship**. In the **Doubles Category**, Kanish Agarwal and Raghav Misra stood **runners-up** in the **Juniors Sub-Category**. Paarth Agarwal and Anuman Goel stood **runners-up** in the **Seniors Sub-Category** while Shyamal Singhal and Harshvardhan Agarwal won the **Senior Doubles Championship**.

Congratulations!

A Shot at Success

The Doon School participated in The Doon School Under-14 Invitational Football tournament. In the league matches, the School beat **St. Joseph's Academy 3-1** and **Summer Valley School 12-0**, drawing against **RIMC 0-0**. The School reached the **semi-finals** and lost to **Welham Boys' School, 7-6**.

Well Done!

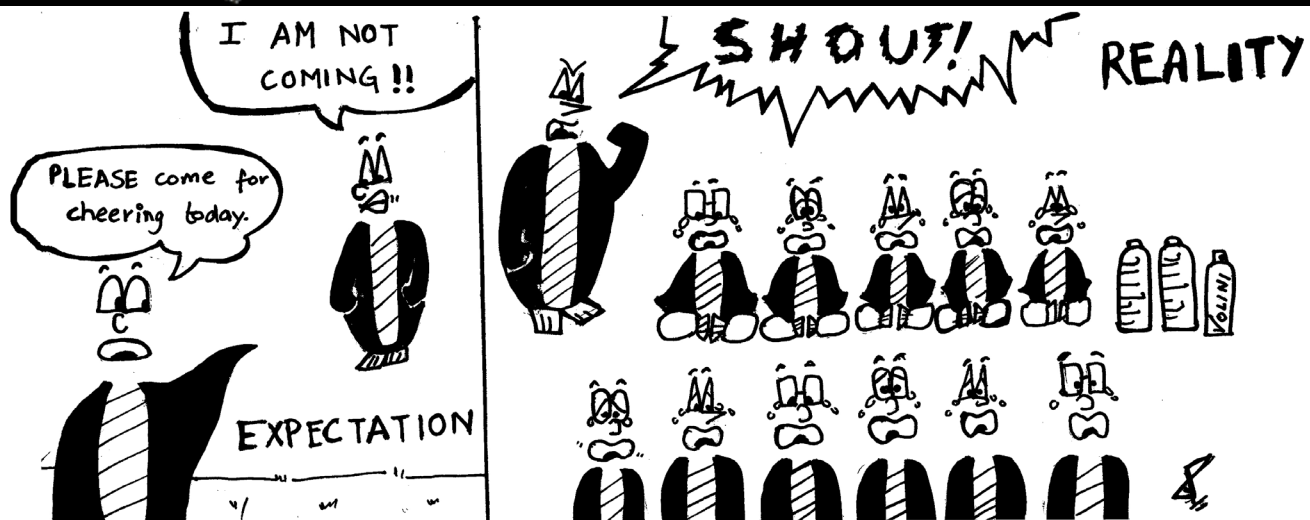
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Should there be an Old Boys' quota for The Doon School Entrance Examination?



(424 members of the School community were polled)

Dosco Doodle



Dictating Freedom

Pratham Bansal

"There is no recipe to be a great teacher, that's what is unique about them."
- Robern Sternberg

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

You can't bank the rob.

Bharat Choudary, IB English Student.

He can't do misogyny.

Armaan Verma, 'politically correct'.

I train by doing oscillations of Skinners.

Shreshth Mehra, 'physically' educated.

He has broken many chastities.

Vedant Mehra, broken heart.

Descend up!

Ranvijay Singh, (oxy)moron.

AGS is on his way.

Arjun Singh, gender blind.

I know I am should be punched for this.

Prakarsh Gupta, yes, you should.

I no pick it!

Kanishkh Kanodia, beggars can't be choosers.

Teacher's Day!

The *Weekly* would like to thank all masters for their tireless service to the School, and wish them a happy belated Teachers' Day!

Around the World in 80 Words

Journalist Gauri Lankesh was murdered outside her residence in Bengaluru, leading to protests. Roger Federer lost to Juan Martin Del Potro in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open. 120 children fell ill in China due to food poisoning. Protests broke out in the U.S. after Jeff Sessions' announcement to repeal the D.A.C.A. policy. The Rohingya crisis in Myanmar intensified as PM Modi reached the country for talks. The PM's Cabinet underwent a reshuffle, with Nirmala Sitharaman appointed as Defence Minister.

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harder and will have scored higher on the entrance examination. While I appreciate the sentiments with which Old Boys regard the School, having a separate quota for any type of candidate does a disservice to that very institution which so many have come to regard so highly. It is for this reason that such quotas have been abolished at many reputed institutions across the world, including those we compare ourselves to. I am confident that many Old Boys would agree that they would rather have their loved ones come into School after having gone through a fair and meritocratic system of selection. Additionally, if an Old Boy was competent to pass the examination without such a quota, then their son/grandson should be – genetically speaking – equally competent to pass the examination without such an advantage; any claim otherwise would render the argument for quotas because of ‘genetics’ invalid. In turn, having such a quota discourages other aspirants who have worked hard, but find themselves behind those whose claim to passage may depend merely on an Old Boy’s surname. Moreover, it erodes public confidence in our claim to a ‘meritocracy’, owing to this practice which contradicts that very notion.

Furthermore, if we are rewarding students based on the merits of their fathers, then following the same principle, we should also restrict an applicant if his father did not have a ‘disciplined’ school report. At times, admitting people based on genetics also entails checking what that ‘legacy’ might be - one of hard work and grit, or one of rash and uncouth behaviour which will prove to be troublesome for our School.

Above all these issues, there are deeper questions that we as an institution have to ask ourselves: are we still the School that was established as a meritocratic entity that would serve a free India? Are we really living by the words of our Founding Headmaster (i.e. not being an ‘aristocracy’ of privilege, wealth or position)? Or by trying to keep pace with the world, have we lost sight of our true identity? There are times when an institution has to review an established system to check if it is really suitable for attracting and developing exceptional boys. For us, I believe, that time has arrived. *(Adapted from the Founder’s Day Issue, 2016 - No. 2449)*

The ‘Junko’

Divyansh Nautiyal *comments on the School’s recently restored vintage car: ‘The Junko’.*

For the great majority of students who are unaware of this: our School is actually home to a 1929 Chevrolet Vintage car. As it currently lies in the Motor Mechanics Shed, only a few boys and masters in School would know of the existence of this majestic automobile, which spends its time silently tucked away for most of the year. However, this term the car was finally restored to drivable status, a truly remarkable feat. After endless toiling by the boys of the ‘Motor Mechanics’ STA, the ‘Junko’ was finally set into motion and was seen taking rounds of the campus by most of us (with adult supervision).

Long ago, when the Chevrolet engine and chassis lay in the Workshop, Mr Shanti Swaroop took the initiative to bring such a car to life. To complete the project, a grant of a mere 250 rupees was made by our Board of Governors. The ‘Engineering Society’ in school was also established at the same time to look after the maintenance of the car. Regarding the Junko’s current features, it has four cylinders and is a 32 BHP Touring Coupe engine. Even though the car is ninety years old, it does not fail to instil awe into those who view it.



The beautiful machine has been previously used to take the Chief Guest around the campus during Founder’s Day celebrations. Individuals such as the Dalai Lama and Rajiv Gandhi have enjoyed the privilege of riding the Junko on such occasions. Surprisingly, although the Junko might seem delicate in its current state, it had managed to grab a few awards in the Vintage Car rallies three decades ago.

While being a part of School’s heritage, the Junko has also given Chandbagh a fair share of drama and entertainment. It has often sent passengers flying out while driving around the campus and malfunctioned mid-journey on many occasions. However, despite this dramatic and historic legacy, it fails to get the kind of attention it deserves by our School. Now that the car is rolling, I would suggest the School community to pay a visit and appreciate as well as recognise the efforts of the Motor Mechanics team. It will certainly not fail to surprise one, and surely give both DoscOs and masters an insight into a part of our School’s history.

The Roving Eye



Ch.Ed and Habibi Brothers

As promised in the Week Gone By, the *Weekly's* Senior Editorial Board brings to its readers the inside scoop on the long delayed, yet long awaited Socials that took place at Welham Girls' on Sunday evening. Despite a string of House Feasts, a PTM, the Inter-House Football competition, and other pressures all week long, this invitation for Socials was accepted after a split between the 'socialites' and the 'studious' (through a rather suspicious voting procedure). Contrary to offended rumours in Dalanwala ("Did they say no because they like Mayoites more?"), this decision 'to go or not to go' was made difficult with the upcoming Trials. Many falsely claimed they wanted to look at their coursework instead. "We'll study all our lives, but we might never have Socials again," was a line argued by a smooth talking negotiator. "Bro, the food's gonna be great, don't worry about anything else," said another, fully aware of the entire batch's PTM outing on the same day.

And so, the batch returned from their outings early, fending off all persistent questions from parents on their planned 'activities' for the night. One huge plus point of Socials was how well it diverted parental attention from the usual post-PTM scolding to curiosity about their sons' behaviour at this event. The most-innocent authors of this piece, however, had the luxury of informing their anxiously possessive mothers that, "It's all work, no play. We only go so we can write this Roving Eye." Yet, after a certain Senior Editor's performance at the House Captain's dance, a more accurate description of his Socials evening might have been 'Roving gaze'. For future reference Captain, the simple mantra is shoulders and waist.

If any faculty tried to obtain appointments at local beauty parlours this weekend, they would have been out of luck. As per gossip social intelligence reports, from morning to evening the city's premier establishments were occupied by Welhamites and certain Doscos (*abem*), taking the opportunity to upgrade appearances slightly tarnished by weeks in the sun and mud. Facials were undergone (with little change), new haircuts were sported, Eid kurtas were repurposed and outing appetites were controlled. In short, everything save plastic surgery was attempted. Then again, there was a sizeable chunk of Doscos who turned up in plain whites, ate as much food as possible without being rude, and came back to the comforts of Chandbagh. Not to be forgotten are the accounting stalwart(s) who stuck to their studies and dined on the ACE curriculum.



The introduction of a game politely called "musical conversations" (and not so politely called much fouler names) was indeed an amusing sight. Two concentric circles of Doscos and Welhamites circumambulated the stage, stopping with the music to make 30-second-long (awkward) conversations with whomever fate brought together. Sitting back down, the old adage "The way to a Dosco's heart is through the stomach." was well followed – with starters being served in plenty. But the Doscos themselves were certainly conscious (to varying degrees) of their female counterparts, and portions were measured accordingly - except for the chicken nuggets, which were hoarded in scores by the visiting gentlemen. By the end of it, the main course for the night was sidelined by both these nuggets and the numerous intimate conversations.

On that note, it's our journalistic duty to report the newest developments that are taking the batch by storm. The Bombay Boy left his companion from the previous Socials (much to the delight of the *jalebibai*) and was seen continuing a conversation which started over a cozy dinner the previous night. Rumour has it that these two prodigiously promiscuous and snow-white individuals are finally ready to settle, with tickets being booked for a planned tryst after Trials. An honourable mention also goes to the skinny Warrior, who was happily reunited with his weight loss motivation. As for the conspicuous absentee: a teddy from Jaipur forgot to turn up for this special night after requesting his special friend to "ensure the cute Event Manager shows up." The Event Manager took no note of this absence, again spending time with the Doubtful Warrior. Meanwhile, the Jordanian Sikh took leave to attend his very own Socials in Chandigarh, leaving the Nepalese princess free to interact with Doon's own Nepali royalty and his coterie of friends. Surprisingly, the tall Socialite maintained a low profile this evening. Her Socials had perhaps already ended after an extended lunch at Salt and Cravings with the high jumper, Sam Smith and company.

As the discussion moved outdoors for dinner, the starry-eyed Stanford aspirant-on-a-break turned his ambitions onto another goal, and ushered his guest towards a corner table, only to be levelled by the intrusive Funboy. As

this love triangle developed (and is still ongoing), a battle of the birds was seen as the Eagle and Swan swept in for the Flycatcher. In this conflict, the Eagle seemed to ‘out-fox’ his more scientific opponent. Meanwhile, the other Stanford *bhakt* chose long diatribes on Indian politics as a means to impress a particular chess player. However, his moves were outpaced by those of the slick dancer, whose skills on and off the floor surely fluttered some wings. For the night’s finale, all groups and couples gathered for the typical jam-session, with the traditional divisions and the deafening music (with some degenerating to arm-wrestling instead). Unfortunately, our wild delight was short-lived, with the ending cut short by NTC’s ‘pleading’ voice.

And in this rather underwhelming manner, we come to the end of our report on Socials (and possibly, our last Roving Eye); the Weekly’s sources say that the next Roving Eye might be due after Founders, perhaps in November. The manoeuvring, though, continues – with the Careers’ Fair (any comments, Senior Editor?) and Kamla Jeevan Debates being the next rendezvous for couples, gifts and letters. But with the state of the music at the jam, it’s difficult to tell whether DJ Khaled wants ‘another one’ or not.

“What’s your name?”

Jeman Kairon and Ojaswin Verma *address the nepotism salient in India.*

It’s been seventy years of freedom from the British Raj, and India has come a long way since then. A span of this length should’ve been adequate for our nation to prosper and develop fully. But in these decades of freedom, our country was unable to attain the level of growth that its potential promised. This is due to many in our country still being bound by old and outdated customs, which compel us to question the real independence of our nation. India could have thrived if a practice like nepotism wasn’t rampant. With a somewhat alluring quality, these unethical practices have led our leaders and people into contempt. Known in Hindi as *bhai-bhatija vaad* or *maa-beta vaad*, the word nepotism itself means “to favour one’s friends and/or relatives in official action”, and most prominently occurs during the appointment of positions or awards. The various modern dynasties in our country – especially in the political, business and entertainment worlds – bear testament to this. Indeed, nepotism’s impact has been so powerful that the true and deserving have often not received a fair chance in various fields. Simply put, the question “Who’s your father?” holds more importance over one’s competence and suitability for a role or privilege. Strikingly and shamefully, this has been salient throughout our country’s realpolitik: infiltrating the political world that’s supposed to comprise ‘exemplary leaders’, raising further questions about the ‘meritocracy’ that ought to exist.

For instance, an exploration by Patrick French for his book ‘India: A Portrait’, uncovered that “Three out of ten MPs entered politics through family associations, and a disturbing 69.5% of woman MPs entered the government through the same.” Furthermore, he reported that two-thirds of Indian MPs under the age of 40 are from political families, a number that balloons to 100% for MPs under 30. The reason for their mercurial rise and entry into Parliament at such a young age (some take decades to get elected) is only self-evident, and echoes one message: nepotism prevails at the highest levels of society, and its effects are quite marked on our nation.

It must be noted that this phenomenon doesn’t just pertain to the nation’s politicians, but exists in widespread fields across the country. That is why it’s important to spread awareness amongst Indians about this issue, who have the right to know about the status quo and its national effects. Regardless, if we consider this logically: why should the unskilled have decision-making power? Why should certain candidates remain deprived of what they deserve? When will merit actually play a part in selecting leaders? Such cronyism has not only restricted our choice of leaders to those with questionable competence, but also annihilated the spirit of hard work and dedication, which was once necessary for people to achieve positions. In the process, they would have improved their own skills while doing so. However, that boost, today, no longer exists.

The scourge of nepotism has also trickled down into the walls of Chandbagh. We’re sure it’s been noticed by the whole Dosco community, which unfortunately has never thought of throwing up the issue. Be it in sports, co-curricular activities or even academic classrooms, nepotism does exist. Naming such places and people would be redundant, since the areas where such practices occur and the people involved are well known. Regardless, it’s clear that this can’t be tolerated, and has to be scraped away before more damage is done to our School’s moral character. We must recognise how unfair the practice is, and reflect on how we’d feel to be deprived of a position we deserved, due to nepotism shown by those above us. It’s also important to recognise the poor image that nepotism brings to our institution (analysed on Page 1), where a moral education is indeed prized. Once again, stopping this practice is the need of the hour; otherwise, as mentioned before, the hardworking won’t work hard, and talent will gradually fade away - reducing the quality of our institution.

This effort shall only be effective, however, if our initiative against nepotism is replicated across the country, and sincere and honest selections are conducted in all fields. It is our hope that, for School and country, the people of India wake up to this unfairness, and such is done soon.



Under the Scanner

Lewis Hamilton | Jai Paul Lakhanpal

On September 2, the Monza Stadium located north of Milan bore witness to Formula One racer Lewis Hamilton set the track alight. Hamilton grabbed his 69th pole position, overtaking the record of 68 pole positions set by F1 legend, Michael Schumacher.

After a delay due to the harsh weather conditions, the spectators and racers eagerly awaited the start of The Italian Grand Prix. It was worth the wait, for Hamilton displayed his skills with sheer brilliance, finishing four seconds clear of runner-up, Valtteri Bottas. As Hamilton raced to victory, he was recognised by Formula One maestro and his personal inspiration Michael Schumacher to be “a driver with a mighty piece of car control”. He is now known worldwide as the leader of an exalted group of drivers, holding one of motorsport’s greatest records.



With this win, Hamilton has made his way to the top of the F1 standings, overtaking Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel for the first time this year. His win in Italy – long considered Team Ferrari’s homeland - has been a huge blow to Vettel who was the favourite to win this race. Many Hamilton supporters believe that with this new found confidence, he will stay on top of the table for the rest of the season. Certainly, this awe-inspiring performance will go a long way in boosting him. Hamilton is now focusing on using all his skill for the upcoming Singapore Grand Prix; if he wins this upcoming race, he would be ahead of Vettel by a good margin. As all racers and supporters gear up for Singapore, we Formula One fans hope to witness the brilliance of Lewis Hamilton again.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I write this letter in response to the article, ‘Fortune over Fame’ by Aviral Kumar and Jai Paul Lakhanpal in Issue No. 2477. The article makes a number of preposterous and unsubstantiated claims on the fight between Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor. Before I dive in to the specifics, I would like to state a few facts: Conor McGregor has aggregated a 21-3-0 (W-L-D) professional UFC scorecard. Mayweather now holds a record breaking 50-0-0 undefeated scorecard. The important thing in both the scorecards is the win by knockout statistic: McGregor has an 85% rate opposed to Mayweather’s 54%. Furthermore, most of Mayweather’s knockouts were technical (meaning that the opponent was poorly defending himself). McGregor on the other hand has the reputation of knocking his opponents’ unconscious. Strike force is a boxing statistic which determines how much force an athlete is able to generate in his/her punches. McGregor is known to generate up to 850 pounds in his strikes which is a whopping 36 pounds more than Mayweather. It’s worth mentioning that McGregor’s fight style is the striker (frequent puncher) type. With all these statistics, what I’m basically trying to say, is that McGregor has given no reason to the world to believe that he wasn’t a viable opponent to Mayweather. He had the statistics, the training, the scorecard and most importantly the conviction.

Let’s not forget that McGregor indeed was dominating 9-10, in half the rounds. Though, the question of whether the entire event was a publicity stunt or not is debatable. I do feel that it is wrong to assume that an event this big can be scripted. There’s no denying Mayweather’s superior experience, nor can one question his ultimate victory. What the article goes to show is how little people really know about the nuances of combat sports and is reflective of how neglected the activity has become in School. Besides this article, in my conversation with an active junior member of the boxing team, I was surprised to find out that the individual had no clue of what a Technical Knockout was.

Notorious sent out a very important message to the world by taking on Money. Not everything you do should be governed by how good or bad you are the activity, rather it should be your own conviction or drive that makes you want to do something. The world might be incomplete denial of McGregor having any chance of winning, but there was no doubt that he put up a far better fight than what most expected.

If nothing else, dear Editor, I hope this letter helps people understand the nitty-gritty of the intrinsic dance of the butterfly and the bee.

Warm Regards,
Archit Barthwal

The 'Meme' Generation

Nirvair Singh *comments on the misuse of memes in the today's world.*

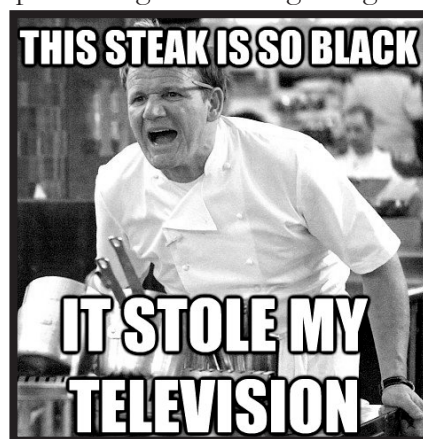
"Is your body like McDonald's... 'cause I'm lovin' it."

The line above is from a recent image now colloquially termed, a 'meme'. The word 'meme' was first mentioned in Richard Dawkins' book, 'The Selfish Gene' and since then has become a globally used word. It has been one of the trending by-products of the evolution of social media in the past decade. Created to spread ideas in a humorous or satirical manner; memes use photographs, symbols and videos to present ideas in a concise and humorous format, grabbing a user's attention. They are primarily used to spread ideas all over the internet in a matter of minutes. As we've all experienced on our Facebook and Instagram 'feeds', they serve as a method to effectively spread awareness by making their messages attractive and easy to comprehend.

However, in recent times there has been a shift in the motives behind the creation of memes. As the initial line would suggest, a meme's ability to go viral is being misused in today's world. Instead of spreading constructive ideas, they are now being used to be little and hurt sentiments of individuals or groups.

According to me, rather than highlighting social issues, memes have now become those impediments in society which they once opposed. Memes nowadays promote various forms of discrimination (sexual, racist and gender based) through innuendos, puns and snide remarks (we only have to 'check Facebook' later today to confirm this). This intolerance has contributed to troll wars and hate speech, with people coming out and degrading one another. I worry to see this futility in thought and action emerging, and seek to analyse this change of motive in the meme culture and its impact on our generation through this article.

Let us first look at an example of what memes have evolved into today. A popular meme trending nowadays is taglined "People are like *licorice*, nobody likes the black ones", which induces a stereotype in society of looking down on coloured people. It is through such inductive memes that people internalize such stereotypes and prejudices. Being privy to such content makes one develop a sense of intolerance towards the individuals or groups depicted, essentially making memes a medium to create stereotypes among the masses. Since memes are on a platform as vast as the Internet and are tailored for it, they receive widespread coverage helping to reinforce such stereotypes in



people. Furthermore, the misuse of memes makes one consider pulling others down as an acceptable form of entertainment, as a laughing matter; this makes others make more such memes for they are considered 'normal'. However, I believe that this is unacceptable, for memes should not target minorities and falsely define their identity in society. They do this by making stereotypical images and providing incentive for others to continue this cycle of abuse. This corruption within society leads to the formation of an inferiority complex in sections of society for they are constantly mocked and degraded by others. Such comments make these sections retaliate against society for they are marginalized and mocked, retarding social cooperation and development. This shows the power of memes, which can universally circulate messages and ideas of all kinds in a matter of minutes. This makes them extremely potent and therefore must be used responsibly. The sentiments that are hurt and the issues that arise due to the misuse of memes are what need to be recognised across the globe. A baby step towards such awareness would be articles like the one you are reading that spread awareness on the side effects of these memes. However, what better way to broadcast a message than a meme itself? Since memes are such effective tools, they themselves can be used to spread awareness. Some meme creators and sharers have already started doing this by making specific memes to spread awareness on stereotypes present in society and most memes alike. These memes such as 'Successful Black Man' and 'Ordinary Muslim Man' introduce stereotypes and connect them to an unorthodox thought in their punch line. For example, a meme with a black man with the punch line "Get out and give me your car keys now" induces a stereotype where one pictures a black man robbing a person. However, when they read the punch line "You're not driving drunk on my watch", they are left astonished and are made cognizant of their own stereotypes. This encourages reflection and opportunity for change in thought processes, by leaving viewers pondering over their unconscious thought process.

Memes reflect biases and stereotypes, making us reflect on our own selves. Living in an age where everything is fast paced, it is important we take time out to reflect on our own actions and their consequences. Laughing at jokes at the expense of others is not acceptable in any form and should not be encouraged. With the internet being the medium for expression and thought, for the past two decades, it is posts like these memes which degrade all other accomplishments of our generation. With steps being taken towards constructive reform, hopefully sense will prevail over 'the meme generation'.

The Week Gone By

Nehansh Saxena

Of late, it seems that the School's propensity to work has reached a tipping point – with one event arriving at the heels of another. Through this cloud of work, things seem normal for the too-distracted SC Form, whose last Founder's Day is right around the corner. Yet, the countdown has been less of nostalgia but more of fear, as these Trials shall determine the hallowed 'predicted grades' that secure (or shatter) hopes for most college-aspirants. For others, the academic front is marginally calmer after the last PTM ended. Indeed, these events were more relieving than yesteryears, since parents came and left campus *before* Trials instead of after, saving some from lectures on seeing exam marks.

At the outset, we witnessed a Careers Fair in the MPH. Many took this opportunity to 'build linkages' with the visiting reps – often with a sweet smile and glowing chuckle, while others buried their faces in pillows back at the Houses on 'excusing' themselves from class.

Our afternoons, meanwhile, have been spent brushing upon the manicured turfs as we cut through the Inter-House Football Competition. Despite seeing some exhilarating games, the Main Field's two neighbours found themselves in a rematch after rule flouting. Although it changed the verdict, leaving some yellow eyes with blue tears, the grumbling soon quieted down. However, the star favourites of the competition seem to be flying high, with a thunderous House XI that's darkened the grass with deep green. It would leave a deficit in my coverage if another thunderous gentleman wasn't mentioned, whose strict enforcement of the rules often delays the real action.

Speaking of the action, the School Council's extension internet timings turned many midnight frowns upside down. However, the proposal to make cheering optional met with a few jeers afterwards, witnessed mixed reactions. The most relieving news, however, was the overdue inclusion of Golf and Shooting as sports.

Now, as another week comes to a close, the hectic fortnight of studying begins. With visitors here for the Kamla Jeevan Hindi Debates, Fest of Design and RLSS Camp, we shall be ready to play the hosts. A piece of advice during such busy times: don't spread too thin; the marks on your exam papers are not transient like the monsoon clouds. Else, prepare for a thunderstorm.

Fill in the Blanks

Famous Masters

Clues

1. An avid mountaineer who unfortunately died during midterms; a prestigious debating competition in School is named after him: _____.
2. This master was a cricket lover and introduced the Games' Blazer in 1949: _____.
3. A renowned Mathematics teacher and housemaster who has authored several course books: _____.
4. A master and an Old Boy, this man enhanced the level of English Dramatics at School: _____.
5. Remembered for his passion for mountaineering, he was fondly known as 'Guru': _____.
6. Known as 'Bond', this legendary master is known for his devotion to cricket: _____.
7. A Padma Shri awardee who pioneered the introduction of Boxing in school: _____.
8. An innovative English teacher and a mountaineer who frequently wrote for the Weekly: _____.
9. A Physical Training (PT) instructor who is idolised for making the PT and Athletics culture in School mainstream: _____.
10. An influential Physics teacher and a housemaster; a Science Essay contest is named after him: _____.
11. The first Art master of School; he is known for sculpting two statues in the Rose Bowl: _____.
12. He was a brilliant Tennis player and also published his poetry translations in the Weekly: _____.
13. He was a Hindi teacher and writer; a Hindi Essay writing competition named after him: _____.
14. This former Master-in-Charge of the Weekly trained the most boys for the publication; he went on to become the headmaster of Welham Boys' School: _____.
15. This Mathematics teacher and Hindi poet was known for never wearing warm clothes; his son currently teaches in School: _____.

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