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We Headed?

Madhav Dutt writes on the new developments in School

As times change, so do people. And as people change, so do the things around them. Doon is an embodiment of this transformation. In my own 5 years in Doon, I have seen infrastructural, systemic and societal changes take place. New ideas are implemented, curriculums are tinkered with and the entire focus of the school changes. Small changes in large quantities could change the school beyond recognition. This change begs the question: is our School headed in the right direction?

This School shapes the boys it takes. Doscos are unique because of the values and characteristics that they absorb in their time at Doon. Forgive me for being a little quixotic, but are these years still shaping great 'leaders of the future'? Saying the school shouldn't change at all is a gross exaggeration. If Doon stayed the way it was in 1935, it wouldn't be in the position it is now. The point of contention is not the fact that we are changing, but the fact that the 'Doon School ethos' is. This ethos, which everyone talks about, is that indefinable entity that makes a Dosco who he is.

One very evident change is the career and college-centric approach the School has applied. Less than 30 years ago, Doscos used to play hard, eat like pigs and sleep like kings. Even though boys from those ages have succeeded in life, the fact is, the School is now facing threats from a host of other equally proficient schools from all over India. These schools are pushing the standards up in every sphere of education, be it co-curricular activities or sports. Thus I believe this excess emphasis given to careers is justified, mainly because it is getting harder and harder to get into colleges that would result in a good job.

The senior-junior relationship in Doon is transforming as well. In my opinion, this is also a change for the better. There is a smaller gap between the forms, and juniors are friendlier. In my initial years of School, everyone used to be petrified by the seniors. Now, the awe and respect given to seniors stands, but the fear has diminished. This transition is slowly leading to a more egalitarian society in Doon. Obviously, the occasional disciplinary action taken by seniors is justified and necessary, but as a whole, the bond is developing and growing in the right

The topic of specialization is also one which can affect the Dosco ethos. Since its creation, this institution has

specialization in sports is unneeded in school. All boys should play all sports, as that is how it has been done. If some boys are extraordinarily talented in other sports, they should be allowed

endorsed an all-round education. I believe that In essence, this institution is the same; it is merely adapting to survive.

to practice that sport as well, but besides these exceptions, school should hold set sports for the community. The penultimate element that has evolved in School is social service. Social service has never been carried out with zeal in School. Now, in accordance with Arthur Foot's sentiments, social service is done selflessly and is growing exponentially in School. Boys travel to the corners of Dehradun to help society. They teach lesser privileged children math, they donate blood in clinics (a relatively new initiative), they build villages, and now Doscos even teach lesser privileged boys how to play soccer! Some boys do it for the hours, while others do it because they genuinely enjoy it; but in the end, we are making a difference.

The final change, one that I look upon unfavorably, is the to-be implemented daily schedule. Changing the daily pattern would result in changing the way boys work, and the way they are working right now is acceptable, to say the least. Though discussions about this new schedule are not concrete, the details are fairly public now. The new schedule, in which the day starts later, disturbs the balance that the current schedule has managed to strike in terms of hours of work a day and amount of time put in for studies, sports and activities respectively. Having sports on alternate days is not sensible, as boys need adequate practice in sports to improve. Right now, after lunch there is an equal amount of time given to activities (two hours, after lunch) and sports (the next two hours, till toye time). The current schedule is an ideal one. However, the fact that I am already complaining about this is unjustified as we will only know the new schedules true worth once we have actually followed it!

Doon is an institution that takes pride in its tradition. Things in school are changing, and I am sure that in less than a decade, the school would have evolved even more. But one thing is for sure, if the school has survived for so long, the right choices are being made. All in all, the school has altered its focus to fit the changing world. In essence, this institution is the same; it is merely adapting to survive.



SHOOTING STAR

Samarjit Singh participated in the All India G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship held from November 3-11. He shot a total score of 282 out of 300, securing 1st position and winning Gold.

Congratulations!

SCIENTISTS

Shivam Goyal and Gaurav Garg participated in the International Asteroid Search Project and contributed in generating important scientific data for Near Earth Objects.

The following are the results for the Dipankar Sen Science Quiz, 2012:

Seniors:

1st: Mahak Sharma and Gaurav Garg

Juniors:

1st: Omar Chisti Well done!

INTER-HOUSE NEWS

Following are the results of the Inter House Tennis

Competition 2012:

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

House Cup: 1st: Hyderabad 2nd: Oberoi 3rd: Kashmir 4th: Tata 5th: Jaipur

The following are the results of the Inter- House

Basketball Competition, 2012:

Juniors: Seniors: 1st: Tata 1st: Jaipur 2nd: Hyderabad 2nd: Tata 3rd: Kashmir and Jaipur 3rd: Hyderabad 5th: Oberoi 4th: Oberoi 5th: Kashmir

House Cup: 1st: Jaipur 2nd: Tata 3rd: Hyderabad 4th: Oberoi 5th: Kashmir

The following are the results of the **Inter House First**

Aid Competition, 2012:

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

The following have also been awarded First Aid Medallions: Arnav Joshi, Dilsher Brar, Lanka Adarsh, Utkarsh Jha and Vishal Tummala

In the Foot-Martyn table tennis friendly fixtures, in the singles team event, Foot House beat Martyn House by 3-2 and in the doubles event, Martyn House beat Foot House **2-0**.

Well done all!

Opinion **4** oll

Do you think that some sports in the Autumn Term should be shifted to the Spring Term?



(386 members of the School community were polled)

Next Week's Question: Are you aware of the recent developments in Israel?

APPOINTMENTS

The following are the appointments for the forthcoming vear:

Art: Pritika Sandhu

Doon Stock Exchange: Anshul Tibrewal

Hindi Dramatics: Ritesh Shinde

Robotics: Sabhya Katia

Motor Mechanics: Shubham Agarwal

Yoga: Arnav Joshi

Trophy Squad: Suyash Bishnoi Paper Recycling: Madhav Dutt IAYP Programme: Madhav Dutt Weather Reporting: Arjun Sharma

Archives: Apekshit Goel

Boys bank & Tuck Shop: Jai Singh Yadav

Rahul Srivastava has been appointed Editor-in-Chief

of the **DSIR**.

Kunal Kanodia has been appointed Editor-in-Chief

of the Econocrat.

Ritesh Shinde has been appointed **Hindi Editor** of **The**

Doon School Weekly. We wish them a fruitful tenure!

ACCOLADES

Arjun Parmar and Shantanu Seth have been awarded the Games Blazer.

The following are the **Photography Prizes** for the year 2012:

Portrait Section:

1st: Abhishek Pande and Shreshtha Verma

2nd: Orijit Chatterjee General Section: 1st: Pranay Kothiwal 2nd: Orijit Chatterjee 3rd: Aditya Vir Roy Congratulations!



Around the world in 80 Words

News from around the world: Tension has been building up in the Middle East as an Israeli airstrike has killed the leader of Hamas' military wing. While Europe is disturbed by the repeated revolts against the government's austerity measures in Greece, Spain and Portugal, China is ready to unveil its new set of leaders as Xi Jinping has taken over from Hu Jintao as the head of the Communist Party. In the USA, Obama has stood firmly for raising taxes.

| School Council Minutes |

Minutes of the School Council Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2012, 2:15 pm in the Nandlal Kilachand Library

The following were present for the meeting:

1.	Dr. Peter McLaughlin	Headmaster (Chairman)
2.	Mr. Philip Burrett	Deputy Headmaster
3.	Mr. Samir Katre	Director of Administrative Affairs
4.	Mr. PK Nair	Dean of Studies

5. Mr. Deepak Sharma6. Mr. MC Joshi Dean of Sports Dean of Activities 7. Mr. A Qezilbash Dean of Students' Welfare 8. Mr. Piyush Malaviya

Dean of External Affairs 9. Mr. Debashish Chakrabarty Housemasters' Representative 10. Mr. AK Mandhian Teachers' Representative 11. Mrs. Sarabjeet Sandhu Dames' Representative 12. Yuv Vir Khosla School Captain

13. Siddhanth Sachdev

Prefects' Representative 14. Nabeel Shah H House Senior Representative 15. Abhishek Bansal H House Senior Representative 16. Rohan Chaudhri H House Junior Representative 17. Saksham Goyal H House Junior Representative J House Senior Representative 18. Karan Singh

19. Karan Pratap Singh Kairon J House Senior Representative 20. Rahil Chamola J House Junior Representative 21. Sahir Chaudhary J House Junior Representative 22. Abhijeet Karwa K House Senior Representative 23. Madhav Dutt K House Senior Representative K House Junior Representative 24. Devansh Aggarwal 25. Ashvin Solanki K House Junior Representative 26. Raj Surana O House Senior Representative O House Senior Representative 27. Nakul Talwar 28. Manan Pradhan O House Junior Representative 29. Shourya Kishorepuria O House Junior Representative T House Senior Representative 30. Aviral Gupta 31. Arjun Parmar T House Senior Representative 32. Nikhil Saraf T House Junior Representative 33. Smayan Sahni T House Junior Representative

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Arjun Parmar and seconded by Aviral Gupta.

Matters arising from the previous meeting

1.IB Classes should be equipped with functional technological facilities

The Secretary informed the Council that after the recent Technological Council meeting, the necessary action was being taken.

2. Ties

Siddhant Sachdev inquired about whether the new ties would be used at Founders' Day and if all boys who had ties previously, would have to use the new ones. Mr. Philip Burrett explained that all boys would have to use the new ties and this would be in effect from Founder's.

3. iPods should be allowed for S Formers

The Chairman reminded the Council that many boys were abusing the School IT Policy and S Formers could not be allowed iPods, under such circumstances. Mr. MC Joshi also brought to the notice of the Council that juniors are being bullied to help them escape the restrictions that are placed on them. It was decided that it would take longer to see whether S Formers should be allowed iPods.

4. The Academic Council should have at least one student representative

Mr. PK Nair informed the Council that the Studies Council had been formed and it will have meetings during the course of the term.

5. JAM Session for the entire School on Golden Night

The Chairman apprised the Council about the pending decision from the Housemaster's Council about having a JAM Session for the entire School on Golden Night as School closed a day early for holidays last term and everything could not be accommodated for.

Proposals for the Current Meeting

1. Shelves should be placed in the CDH for bags

Abhishek Bansal pointed out that the school bags outside the CDH during meal times looked most shoddy and hoped to see shelves as a possible solution. The Chairman felt that a creative solution was necessary, as having shelves for all students would not be aesthetically appealing either. Mr. Samir Katre reminded the Council that this would also not be a feasible solution. The Council felt that keeping bags outside the CDH during meals is convenient and would not bother the community to a great degree.

2. Improvement of medical facilities

Aviral Gupta requested the Council to look to improve the machines used for 'heights and weights' by the Hospital. Also, Arjun Parmar asked the Council to consider making the physiotherapist available at more approachable hours, for the benefit of all those who required their attention. There was no further discussion on the matter and the Chairman believed that these changes could be looked into.

3. There should be no 'no outing' weekends

Madhav Dutt questioned the idea of having no 'no outing' weekends and said that if some boys were to stay back for particular reasons, others should not be stopped from availing outings. Siddhant Sachdev added that there should be enough outing weekends to allow boys to take all their outings. The Chairman expressed his concern that boys should stay in School to avail the opportunities that school provides, which helps preserve the boarding school ethos and such no outing weekends are necessary.

4. Renovation of the green room in the Rose Bowl

Karan Singh mentioned the constant inconvenience experienced by the cast and crew of plays. Abhijeet Karwa also mentioned the inconvenience in storing props. The Chairman was okay with the matter and Mr MC Joshi also expressed his concern by saying that the green room really needed refurbishing.

5. PT should be cancelled during the second term

Sahir Choudhary told the Council that the PT, without PT Leaders and an incentive of the PT Competition was not helping the students and if the reason to hold PT was to ensure that boys do not get late for classes, other more constructive ways could be adopted like having morning toye. Nabeel Shah also requested the Council to look at the possibility at having sports practices for swimming and other sports during the same time. The Council decided to look at the possibility of changing what happened during PT and not to cancel it altogether.

6. Pets on campus should be supervised

Arjun Kamdar brought to the notice of the council that pets roam around campus unsupervised. He requested the Council to look at the possibility of ensuring that the pets are supervised. There was no further discussion.

7. A more efficient system should be devised to replace the current G-store chit system

Abhijeet Karwa hoped the Council would be able to look at the prospect of having a digital system being followed in the G Store, like the Library and the Boys Bank were following as it would be a lot more convenient. The Chairman said that the possibility of having such a system would be looked into.

8. Students interested in shooting should be allowed to visit Jaspal Rana Shooting Range

Abhijeet Karwa told the Council that quite a few boys were interested in visiting the Jaspal Rana Shooting Range and it would be a good opportunity to learn a new sport. Siddhant Sachdev added that shooting could take the same course of action that golf has taken in School. Mr Deepak Sharma explained that before looking at the possibility of sending boys, we would have to see how many boys could go to the range and how practical it would be. He said he would report to the Council in the next meeting.

Other Matters with the Permission of the Chair

Mr. Phillip Burrett updated the Council about the new uniforms. He said that instead of changing the suppliers (which would increase the costs by up to seventy percent), the current suppliers would be able to improve their quality with a marginal increase in the cost.

2. Diving should be restarted

Siddhant Sachdev wished to restart diving as a sport in School. Mr. Deepak Sharma pointed out that diving had been stopped due to an accident in the swimming pool and the lack of a professional coach. Also, the swimming pool has an infrastructural problem; it was not deep enough to allow students to dive in it. The Chairman concluded the matter saying the feasibility of restarting diving would be looked into, but it would not be possible if the swimming pool was not safe for diving.

Secretary (Shashvat Dhandhania)

Chairman (Dr Peter McLaughlin)



This week saw the Boxing Competition come to an end. The Week Gone It was rather two-sided, with Hyderabad winning five and Jaipur House four of the categories and Kartikay Kardam being the only spoiler, winning his Light Flyweight category for Tata house.

Diwali fell on the 13th, barely four days before the trials.

A Barbeque dinner (unfortunately vegetarian), the Fireworks' display (some procured their own, don't know how) and the cakes from the Headmaster's residence however, uplifted the moods of all.

The autumn term is always a busy one, and the back to back Inter-House competitions are now behind us. We're done with the scoping season and the 'senti' last few days for the SCs as SCs are numbered. With trials on our heads, it is time we find our books, dust them clean and dig deep to study what we probably didn't know existed in them.

'Footy' in India

Vireshwar Singh Sidhu expresses his views on India and its association with association football

We all know how Sergio Aguero's goal in the dying moments of the City-Queens Park Rangers game clinched the Barclays Premier League title for the Blue Half of Manchester, but do any of us know that with only six games left in the Indian League in the previous season, as many as six teams were in the running for the championship? Probably not. The likes of Robin van Persie and Iker Casillas are household names but why have Baichung Bhutia and Sunil Chhetri been the only ones to penetrate through our mind barriers?

The answer is simple enough; the promotion is just not enough to pit football against cricket in our homeland. Indian League, or the I-League as it is called, is by far the country's biggest football competition, consisting of names such as Mohun Bagan and United Sikkim, but unless you are a die-hard fan of any of these clubs; the way most of us support Chelsea and Manchester United, the competition passes unnoticed. After all, we are dealing with a market where Maradona visits on the invitation of a jeweller rather than a football stakeholder.

The All India Football Federation, the body governing Indian football, signed a contract with IMG Reliance for a period of 15 years, worth 700 crore, the mandate of the deal being that IMG Reliance shall promote the game in every way possible. Unfortunately though, IMG Reliance hasn't been quite up to task. The I-League highlights are not broadcasted on television; the main supporters of Indian football, namely, Nike, Panasonic and Coca-Cola end their deals this year, with the renewal of their respective contracts yet to be thought of. It has been two years since the deal was signed and the blame game has already started with many fingers being pointed at IMG Reliance for not doing enough to promote the game. Truth is that the tournament schedule itself receives nothing more than a laugh. The first 14 matches were followed by a 13 day break for Dussehra holidays. If this is to be, then the leagues across the globe would have occasional breaks for Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas and New Years'.

In the book *Soccernomics* by Simon Kuper and Stefan Szymanski, India is rated the worst underperformer in football, relative to population and income. India is ranked at a lowly 168 in FIFA ratings, something to be rather ashamed of. Its slow progression can be blamed on cricket, though that shouldn't be, because if football can overtake bull-fighting as the most popular pastime in Spain, why can the same thing not because

in Spain, why can the same thing not happen here in India? As written by Kuper, marketing is the best catalyst for football.

China, USA and Australia have made significant achievements with promotions, and in turn, have landed the likes of Didier Drogba, Beckham and Del Piero respectively. Though, European leagues are still much more popular than these leagues, USA, has become a retirement inn for big footballers of sorts. China too, has been brought into the Western European limelight. The average attendance at I-League games is 500, which is rather abysmal, even for a market such as ours. In comparison, Major League Soccer, the US football competition, has attendances of

18,000, though the competition is only 16 years old. Football is the third most watched sport in India, with a significant rise noticed in the past couple of years. India hosted Bayern Munich in early January this year as a farewell match for Baichung, which got some much needed attention to Indian football; but if you think that the fans were cheering for Clifford and Subrata Paul, think again.

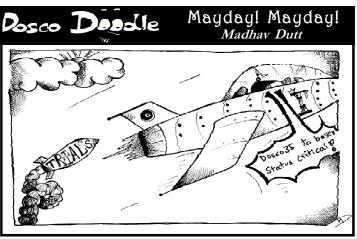
What Indian football lacks is home grown talent which can be idolized by our youth, much similar to the way Messi is god to millions; and of course, the money which cricket has to offer. The I for Invisible League, as said in the Economic Times, could do with more spectacles, a bigger fan base and grander fanfare. Better marketing too, would take it a long way but when does it come out of the shadows into the limelight, only time will tell.

Young Orinthologists

Arjun Singh reports on The Great Himalayan Bird Count which the School recently took part in

It could not have come down to this so far, Through the interstices of things ajar On the long beaded chain of repeated birth, To be a bird while we are men on earth.'

These words of Robert Frost have inspired many to watch birds. And so, six of us escorted by VVK left on the October 27 to take part in the 5th Great Himalayan Bird Count. We had an induction class at the Survey of India and our group was assigned to Dhanolti. With us, came an experienced ornithologist who would act as our guide. We reached our Rest House in the evening and had a quick meal before settling in for the night. At the crack of dawn the next day, we set off along the mountain roads for a glimpse of birds in and around, seeing species such as Nuthatches, Russet Sparrows, White-Collared Doves, Flycatchers, Jays and Woodpeckers. After having breakfast at a local dhabha, we went for a 2 km trek up to a temple nearby. The locals told us that it was believed that a Goddess's head was buried there and thus, the temple was named Sarkundadevi. The highlights of this trip were the endangered White Rumped Vultures, the Himalayan Griffon, which is the largest vulture found in the country and the Lamagier, which is also known as the Bearded Vulture. In the evening, we were taken to the Dhanolti Ecological Park where we saw some Green-Backed and The Great Tits. The next day we went for a walk on a forest trail where we again saw some Azure Tits as well as a Steppe Eagle and a huge flock of Scarlet Minivets. This was our last session of birding as we had to leave early due to one of our friends falling sick. However, it was a great trip and one to be cherished.





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±200%. However, please do remember, exit polls are only an indicator and final results may vary wildly.

As the term comes to an end, the long awaited announcements have begun. Those announcements which made sure that an S former was punctual. Those announcements which made sure an S former was well dressed... Yes, while more announcements are to be made, scoping season is officially over. So, being the Editors of the Weekly and enjoying the privilege of wielding the pen, how could we resist the opportunity to lay bare the facts?

Firstly and most importantly, the School Captain race is finally coming to an end. The campaigning is now officially over and so is the scoping. In this long and tiring campaign (which, however, did not cost six billion dollars) we find it pertinent to mention a few candidates who, according to our exit polls, have a high chance of taking office.

For starters, the American (possibly taking inspiration from President and President Elect Obama) took the drastic step of going further than side parting. He shaved off all his hair. But, before you make any assumptions, let us reassure you that it was strictly for the School English Play. As per our research, this candidate's chance at a Founder's Day Speech seems strong due to his recent laurels at Chucks. We must also commend the contender for his eagerness to raise the bar of our flagship debate, if fortune favours him. As a footnote, did not fortune favour fools? Well, who can also forget the Chief Editor of the Book That Comes Out Every Year,' who incidentally hopes to do and be so much more. His ambition has been duly noted by us and all the girls at Unison. May we politely remind him that the Electoral College comprises only the students of The Doon School? What is worth noting is that our polls show that he enjoys an extremely large cult following among juniors. (*The Weekly*, also humbly requests him and his compatriots to temper his grip over juniors, and stop trying to poach our talented correspondents to the *Book*.) Last, but by no means the least, standing tall (although he is rather small) amidst all the competition is 'The' future School Soccer Captain. Undoubtedly, this candidate has been taking it easy over the past few months. Maybe, he believes he need not campaign for votes or maybe, 'he is letting his game do the talking'.

Now, no Roving Eye would ever be complete without bringing to you the latest in the world of regional politics, would it? So let us proceed with our comprehensive coverage of the local gossip. For starters, though, we do not have any highly placed or reliable sources in the Swan, we have heard that the recent outperformer at DAIMUN has come under attack many times. The unusual nature of the weapon, a Javelin, however, does help us gain some idea about the culprit. While the latter is suspected of recently having delivered an articulate speech, thus gaining the recognition of the Headmaster, the former is yet to devise a retaliation strategy (though we are assured one is in the making.) In other news, the new AV boy in charge has surprised us all with his dedication to the subject of *Scoping*. Unfortunately for him, his chances look bleak due to strong, vocal and articulate competition sailing in from the Southern parts in the form of Tum-Tum. Amidst all this competition, the School Swimming Captain has not given up and is trying to wade and dive his way through. However, in the middle of this mess, is the 'baby' who is crawling his way to the top. We wish them good luck for their future endeavours!

We also hear that Kashmir House is brimming with *scopats*. Undoubtedly, Mr Cartoon (who also occupies a seat on our board) remains in the lead with his website and cartoon book playing a pivotal role in his publicity campaign (quite an expensive one, that too!) It will be safe to say, as per our exit poll of masters, that he will be the next House Captain. Also worth mentioning is the 'Communist' who has taken over the United Nations and is still scoping for more! We advise 'Sir' to relax a bit. Additionally, the self-appointed VDC is also getting his hopes high after receiving certain colours. However, the 'Soccer Stud' and the 'Dictator' remain unperturbed and devote all their attention to History. *The Weekly* applauds their attitude keeping in mind their high chances. Further down, the House of Warriors is also shouldering some brave soldiers, in this fight for supremacy. We must add that it was great to see the man with hands of metal mellow down this term. It seems he has been trying to show a mature and helpful side. His impeccable toye attendance record and stylish cravat (which he does not know how to tie) must also be mentioned. If we looked at Tata House and left out the house Englishman, we would be committing a grave injustice. After enthralling his form mates with dance videos and his post-exchange accent, this Englishman was last seen doing great work for Founder's as well as garnering favour with Juniors.

Furthermore, shockingly, The House of the Nizams, after a fantastic performance in breeding candidates for School Captaincy, still has a few *suptats* left. The first person who comes to mind is, of course, the partner in crime of previously mentioned Chief Editor. We hear that he has already placed a mirror in his room, so that he can quickly change his tie when it calls. Another person who comes to the forefront is (yet) another School Captain probable who was left out of this scholarly article for various reasons. The cricketer seems to be enjoying continued popularity and is satisfied with his performance. After this star studded performance from Hyderabad all we can say is 'Hyderabad, Zindabad.'

Lastly, the Eagles also have their fair share of *scopats*. Though, one of the candidates tried to coax his way onto this article, our troops and the Ch. Ed. halted his advance! Among the true *scopats* is the future House Captain (who seems to be having a wonderful time after defeating the Future School Athletics Captain) and the future School PT Leader. After having some bad luck in the game of Monopoly things maybe finally working out for him! Now, all that remains for us is to wish the *scopats* best of luck.

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