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President's Desk

Dear Friends,

It has been a wonderful tenure as President of the Xavier's Alumni for the 2nd time – with a plethora of events being organized for the School and the Alumnus in the last 2 years. But all of this has been made possible because of the relentless hard work, dedication and loving support of my Executive Team members – who have become a close knit family during the course of time.

Luv Shekhawat '98 has been the ideal Secretary – managing all the routine work and seamlessly coordinating with the School authorities for all our events and more.

Nagendra Pratap Singh '95, Jaidev Totlani '89, Kartik Sinha '02, Atin Mathur '09, Mohd. Tariq '02, Ahasan Khan '96 & Rizwan Ahmed '95 have consistently done a meticulous job of organizing the various Sports Events – be it Football, Cricket, Badminton, Volleyball or Handball.

The various academic events like the Quiz, Essay Writing Competition, Robotics workshop etc. were smoothly conducted due to the efforts of Kishore Joshi '86, Mohd. Aqil '91, Anant Pareek'97 & Yogesh Sharma'07.

The Newsletter and Social Media team of Ashish Nagar '89, Rajiv Jain '94, S.P. Natha '96 and Anuuj

Mathhur '99 have always been on their toes to spread the latest happenings amongst the Alumni members, and bring out the iconic Newsletter at regular intervals.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of Raghu Raj Singh '81, Neetiraj Singh '95, Mohanlal Sardana '91 and Anurag Mehta '93 and so many other active Alumni members who directly or indirectly contribute to the activities organized by the Executive Committee.



Last but not the least, I would like to thank Rev. Fr. Dominic S.J. for playing his role of the Director to perfection – always guiding us and ensuring the fullest cooperation of the School authorities and staff in our endeavours.

It is time for me to bid adieu as the President, and hand over the reins to my respected senior Ajay Kochar '76 and his new Executive Committee, who will formally take charge on the upcoming AGM. I wish them the very best for the next term, and hope that they will take the glory of Xavier's Alumni to greater heights. Of course I shall be always available to support and strengthen the bonds of fraternity, and help in whatever ways I can.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Golden Jubilee batch of 1969 and the Silver Jubilee batch of 1994 and extend a warm welcome to all the Alumni to join their celebrations at the upcoming ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, 26th Dec. '19.

I & my Executive Committee, once again thank you for all the blessings, love and support which we have received from our seniors and juniors and wish you all Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

- Dr. Suneet Singh Ranawat, '81



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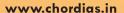


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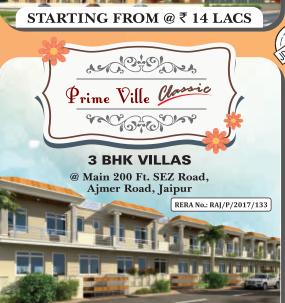


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ELECTION OF NEW COLLEGIUM AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As per the rules laid down in our Constitution, there is a change of guard every 2 years for the Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur. The process starts from appointment of 2 election officers who in turn invite applications from Batch Representatives of all members of the Alumni. The Collegium formed thereafter nominates /



elects the new Executive Committee for the next 2 years. Ajit Bhargava '71 and Ajit Singh '62 took the onus to conduct the proceedings. After due screening of the BR applications, all concerned were invited to the Junior School Hall on Sunday 8th Dec., 19. Except for some batches, all the other BRs were chosen unopposed, and these were chosen via lottery taken out by Rector Rev. Fr. Verkey (who was there in lieu of Alumni Director Fr. Dominic).

There was a unanimous nomination of Ajay Kochar '76 as President, Dr. Mohd. Aquil '91 as Vice President and Kishore Joshi '87 as Secretary of Xavier's Alumni, Jaipur for the term of 2019-21.

There were 9 candidates in the fray for post of 7 Executive Members, out of which Shailesh Kakkar '74, Rajesh Ahuja '90,

Ravi Singh Rajawat '96, Atin Mathur '09, Anudeep Mathur '98, Anuj Mathur '99 and Mohd. Tariq '02 got elected by an overwhelming majority.

The current President Dr. S. S. Ranawat expressed his sincere gratitude towards the Alumni members for their active participation- specially felicitating the seniormost Alumnus Dr. Gautam Sen '56 on the occasion. The Election Officers were also honoured and thanked for their efforts in conducting the free and fair democratic election process in a transparent and seamless manner. Rev. Fr. Verkey was presented with a memento for his gracious presence as the Alumni Director. Dr. S. S. Ranawat thanked his current Executive Committee for the excellent work done in the past two years and wished the best to the incoming President and his team.







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7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

he 4th Edition of 7-a-Side Alumni Football Championship was organized with four Teams as Golds, Reds, Blues and Greens. The star attraction of the event was the Director of Alumni and Principal of Xavier's School, Fr. Dominic-who played for the GOLDS team. Showcasing true sportsman spirit in one game, Fr. Dominic scored but



straight away confessed that it was a 'Hand of God' goal-much alike the infamous Maradona strike. Well

- who else would have been more favoured by the Almighty for this benevolence!! Blues had a smooth sailing with the young and senior footballers playing in tandem under the able captaincy of Sunil Nair - winning all of their matches - including the finals!

Nagendra, Tariq, Kartik, S.P. Natha & Ahsan Labib Khan did a wonderful job in organizing the tournament to perfection inspite of last minute sponsorship shortfall. Senior footballers of Xavier's Alumni like Gajraj Singh '88, Ashish Nagar '89, Suresh Nair '89, Sunil Nair '91, Ishrat, Rehman Rana, Ahasan, Ravi, Raghav, Yogesh, Mujahid and many others participated zealously in all the matches and were specially felicitated by Tariq

for their passionate dedication in playing the

tournament every year and setting an inspiring example for the youngsters. Many Alumni members turned up to enjoy the games and cheer up the players. Heartiest thanks to the School authorities, ground staff and the referees for the successful organization of the event.



COSGROVE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

he 7th edition of the Annual Cosgrove Cup Golf Tournament was organized by The Xavier's Alumni Golf Association at the prestigious Rambagh Golf Club on 1st Dec, '19. As against about 40 players last year, this edition saw 60



golfers competing for the top prizes. The team of Prakhar Asawa, Vishal Baid, Sumit Kasliwal and Rajesh Singh took the Running Trophy, while the **Top scorer in the Veterans Category** was Kamal Bordia. Prize for **Closest to Pin** went to Inam Shamsi, **Straightest Drive** to Jai Shandlay and **Longest**



Drive to Rishi Raj Singh. The event was graciously sponsored by Ajay Kochar, Dr. Amit Mathur, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Yogendra Singh, Taru Agrawal, Vishal Baid, Nimit & Sumit Kasliwal, Sandeep Sharma, Apurv Bordia, Nitin Sogani, Dr. Mujhaeed, Kulbeer Singh and Sanjeev Choudhary.

POOLSIDE PARTY

he enticing prospect of pristine cool waters of the Xaviers Olympic size swimming pool beckoned the crowds at the annual Alumni Poolside Party organized on 29th June, '19. The hot sunny day initially dithered the attendees, but then they started trickling in by 6 pm onwards. The junior pool soon filled up with siblings of the Alumni, some of whom joined them in recreating their 'Fundoo Sir' days.

Thanks to the zealous Ajit Bhargava, Hemant Sharma, Rajiv Bhargava and Mukesh Jindel (all of 1971 batch) – who took upon themselves to propogate the unique Xavier's legacy of Baseball, we saw a lively game with the younger Alumnus being coached in the techniques and rules by these stalwarts.

The customary Water-polo game occupied the shallow end of the pool with spectators enjoying the frenzied splashing and shouting of the participants, and cheering them on every time the ball was smashed in the nets.

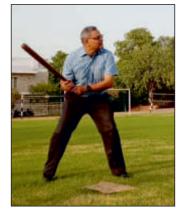
Peppy music from the D.J. Corner and live commentary on the proceedings by Dr. Aquil'91 enlivened the atmosphere and kept the momentum of the party going on. Around 7 pm, as the appetizing aroma of chicken biryani, mutton kebabs and pao bhaji started seeping in the swimming pool area, the crowd moved outside to the upper field lawns to replenish their energy with the sumptuous snacks.



Recreating the old times, there was a Movie Show on a large LED screen and hi-fi sound system, which accentuated the visual effects of the action packed movie 'JOHN WICK- CHAPTER 2' starring Keanu Reeves. The audience enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere sitting down on the soft and lush lawns of the field, and watched the gripping movie till the

end.

All thanks to the immense cooperation and involvement of the Principal Fr. Dominic, Vice Principal Fr. Sobin, Rajendra Choudhary Sir, Dandia ji and the support staff, the annual Xavier's Alumni Poolside Party was once again a successful event coordinated and managed by the enthusiastic Executive Committee specially Luv Shekhawat, Tariq, Nagendra Singh, S. P. Natha, Ahasan and Mohd. Aquil.







NARESH PARDAL MEMORIAL QUIZ

aresh Pardal Memorial Quiz was conducted on 12th July 2019. This inter-house quiz is organized annually by Xavier's Alumni in the memory of Mr. Naresh Pardal of 1973 batch. He was a fine student – proficient in academics and extra curricular activities - who matured into a courteous, well- mannered and affable gentleman -but



unfortunately passed away in his prime. The Pardal family sponsors this event in his memory every year. The Quiz was conducted by Kishore Joshi, along with Luv Shekhawat, Rajiv Jain and Anant Pareek. There were 6 rounds covering various subjects like Current Affairs, History, Sports and Science in an Audio-Visual and Rapid-fire format. Students of class 11th were the participative audience, and correct answers to random questions thrown to them

were rewarded with candies.

Reds house emerged as the winner and was awarded with the Winning Trophy and cash prize of Rs. 6000. The Blues house came runners up and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 4000. The Greens house secured third position with a cash prize of Rs. 2000. The Chief guest Mr. Rajneesh Pardal '77, Dr. Ranawat (President XAJ) and Fr. Dominic (Principal) gave away the prizes.

N.D. MARSHALL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

he much awaited annual event of Xavier's Alumni - The N. D. Marshall Cricket Tournament- was held on 2nd and 3rd Nov. '19 at Xavier's Cricket Field in the memory of Mr. N.D. Marshall - a former Indian Test player and an iconic coach of the Xavier's Cricket team for about 3 decades since 1950s, under whose mentorship the team won many tournaments at the State and National levels.

A Batting pitch and fast green outfield produced more than 1000 runs in 4 matches. This year there were three teams who participated in the



tournament - playing 12 over matches in the qualifying rounds culminating in a 20 over Final played between Reds and Greens.

In the finals, Greens won the toss and electing to bat first, scored 117/10 in 18.3 overs. Leading scorer for Greens was Akbar Sher Khan with 38 runs in 35 balls. The leading wicket taker was Dharamveer Kanuja with figures of 4-0-20-3.

Flamboyant hard hitting by Salvin Stanley won the match for Reds in just 8.3 overs without losing any wicket. Salvin smashed 89 runs in 32 balls with 5 mighty sixes and 12 boundaries. Hitesh Mehta scored 22 of 20 balls with 1 four and 1 huge six.

The Man of the Series was Salvin Stanley for his brilliant performance in all 3 games. Best Batsman of the series was Siddharth Lemror, Best Bowler was Dharamveer Kanuja and The Best Fielder award was won by Tariq Khan.

Xavier's Alumni is grateful to **M/s Kishan Gopal Rungta Pvt. Ltd.** for sponsoring the event and SudhirLodha '81 of **M/s KILO SABZI** for providing Food & Refreshments.

Kudos to Nagendra Singh, S.P. Natha, Kartik, Mohd. Tariq of the Xavier's Alumni Executive

FR. BATSON XAVIER'S FOOTBALL CUP & XAVIER'S HEROES VOLLEYBALL CUP

he 5th season of Father Batson Xavier's Football Cup and Xavier's Heroes Volleyball Cup tournament was held on 19th to 22nd August, 2019 at the Xavier's Grounds. Xavier's Alumni majorly sponsors and organizes this Inter-School Championship. There were total 16 school teams fighting it out for the prestigious running Trophies.

VOLLEYBALL

Xavier's Girls Volleyball team lifted the trophy beating Brightland School by 3-2. Xavier's Priyamvada was titled as Rising player of the tournament and Vishakha titled as Player of The Tournament. Best Smasher was Niyukti from Brightland School. This was the 5th consecutive XHVC winner trophy for Xavier's Girls team .Thanks to the coach Mrs. Pinky Verghese and the entire team for making us proud.

The Boys Title was won by Tagore School beating Seedling School in the finals. Best Smasher was Yuvraj from Tagore international, Player of The Tournament - Raghav Bohra of Tagore International & Emerging player - Kunal from Seedling School.

FOOTBALL

In Football, Xavier's Jaipur lost the finals by 2-0 to Jayshree Periwal International School. Emerging Player of the tournament was given to Mohd. Albaksh Khan of Xavier's. Saurabh Chettri of Xavier's won The Golden Boot for scoring the highest number of goals. Arjun Pandey of JPIS was adjudged Player of the Tournament. The prizes were given out to the winners at a presentation ceremony on the 22nd evening by the Chief Guest DCP (South) IPS





Yogesh Dadheech. Nagendra Singh, S.P. Natha, Luv Shekhawat, Kartik Sinha & Mohd. Tariq of XAEC organized the grand tournament with support and encouragement from Fr. Dominic (Principal), Fr. Sobin Martin (Vice Principal), Mr. Rajendra Choudhary (HoD, Physical Education), Mr. Mohit Rozario, Coaches and Ground Staff.

Sincere gratitude to our sponsors for the event - CELEBAL TECHNOLOGIES (Anupam Gupta 1994 batch), RAHUL METERS (Devendra Bohra 1994 batch) and UNICORN DREAM HOUSE - for wholeheartedly supporting the Alumni Event.









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ABHIMANYU SINGH MEMORIAL FOOTBALL MATCH 2019

bhimanyu aka Manyu,was born on 14th July, 1978 at Jaipur and graduated from Xavier's in 1995. While in college, he cleared the NDA entrance test and joined The National Defence Academy (NDA) Khadagwasla, Pune. Manyu was honoured as an "Exceptional Pilot" when he was just 23 years because of his skills in flying a MIG 21 - but unfortunately passed away during one of his sorties just a year later. He was awarded with the prestigious "विशिष्ट सेवा पदक" after martyrdom for "Exceptional Services & Military Intelligence". Manyu and his love of football made him one of the leading players of School team participating in the Nationals, and thereafter as a regular player for his college and later NDA. The Annual Flying Officer Abhimanyu Singh Chauhan





Memorial Football Match 2019 was played on 14th July, 2018 on his 41st Birth Anniversary between Xavier's Alumni and Xavier's School Football Team. The Chief Guests for the occasion were Abhimanyu Chauhan's Parents and Family.

This year the cup was won by Xavier's Alumni by 2-1 in a thrilling match where the experienced Alumni team played their heart out against the young guns. The School Team was presented with Rs. 1100.00 cash by Xavier's Alumni for their sportsmanship. The Running Trophy was awarded to the Alumni Team by Fr. Dominic SJ (Director –Xavier's Alumni), Dr. Suneet Singh Ranawat (President) and Abhimanyu's parents. The event was perfectly managed by the efforts of Manyu's batchmates of '96 with support from XAJ Executive Committee and School authorities.

RAFFEE CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

r. Mohd. Raffee'74, who became President of XAJ in 2008-10 was a dashing footballer of his times –

an aggressive center forward, playing for the team at the school and state level.

The annual Xavier's Inter-house Football Raffee Cup, promoted by his son Salim Panwar '96, was organized on 29th & 30th Aug. '19. There were

energetic matches between the four Houses, and Blues beat Golds 2-0 in the thrilling finals. Rector



Rev. Fr. Verkey, Principal Fr. Dominic and Vice Principal Fr. Sobin graced the Prize distribution ceremony and gave away the Running Trophy to the Blues and the Best Striker to Kartik Rana, Rising Star to Ishaan Singhal and Best Player to Sowren Siddha.

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OBITUARY - SHRI TRILOKI DAS KHANDELWAL, BATCH 1950

he Xavier's Alumni Family extends heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of one of its seniormost members - Shri Triloki Das Khandelwal.

He studied at St. Mary's in the junior classes and joined St. Xavier's, Jaipur later as a student of the First Batch of the school. He studied in Xavier's for 4 years and passed out in the year 1950. A jeweller by profession, Triloki Das ji was also associated with the Jaipur Silica

Company, and proud owner of the famous "NAWAB SAHAB KI HAVELI" in the walled city. He never lost touch with his Alma Mater – regularly



coming to the School Grounds and the Swimming Pool till recently, and a permanent attendee at our AGMs for many years. All his associates remember him as a caring and compassionate human being who contributed generously towards social issues. A pious man, he was an astute devotee of Lord Krishna – mandatorily going for the Morning and Evening Darshan at the Govind Devji Mandir every day.

Triloki Das Khandelwalji passed away recently on the 4th of Sept. '19. We pay our deepest respects to the departed soul and pray for the Almighty to grant him everlasting peace.



The XAEC members felicitated the following teachers – Mrs. Archana Sharma, Mr. Melven Castelino, Mrs. Preeti Pareek, Mrs. Rama Trivedi Shekhar, Mrs. Peeush Joshi, Mrs. Lalita Pareek and School staff – Mrs. Prem Devi, Mr. Amrit Kullu, on completing 25 years of dedicated services in a function held on Sept. 5th and expressed gratitude towards Mrs. Minney Fostina Singh on her retirement.



HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

avier's Alumni Handball Tournament was conducted from 7th to 15th July, 2019. Most people would confuse this sport with conventional Handball – but not a Xavierite – who has grown up seeing players smashing the ball on the huge Cement wall using their palms – much alike Squash without any racquets. This is a sport unique to Xaviers Jaipur. The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from young and senior Alumni members. We had 16 entries in the singles and 30 entries for doubles category.

Winners (Singles): Brian Charlesworth (2003) Runners up (Singles): Shiraz Afridi (2016)

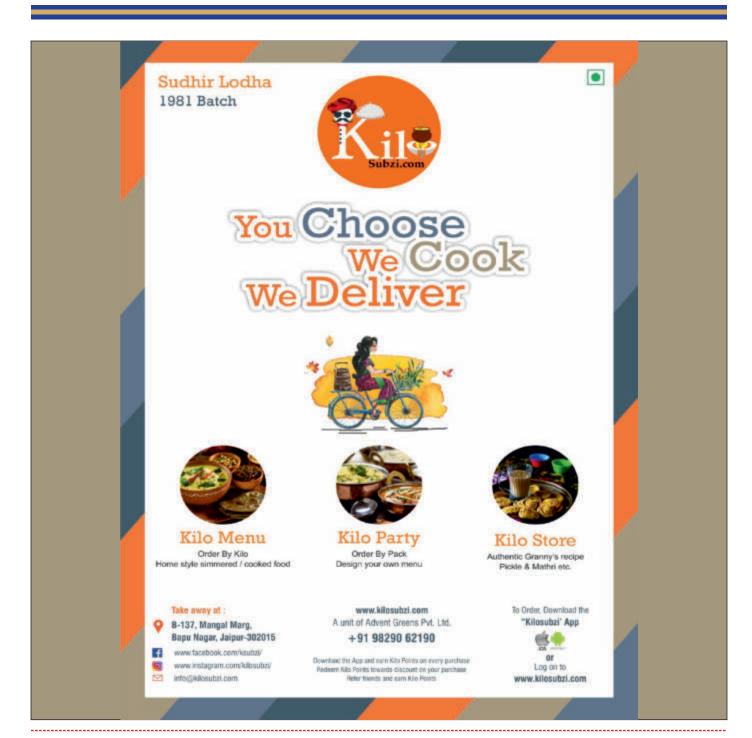
Winners (Doubles): Shiraz Afridi (2016) and Lakshit Sharma (2017)

Runners up (Doubles) : Brian Charlesworth (2003) and Nabeel Ahmed (2011)

The winners were presented the prizes and Trophies by the Principal Rev. Fr. M. Arockiam and XAJ President Dr. S.S. Ranawat.



Heartfelt thanks to Mahavir Pratap Sharma (1984 batch)- an avid Handballer himself –for sponsoring the event and helping Nagendra Singh '95 and Rizwan '95 of the XAEC to successfully carry on the tradition.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY - NEVTA





X-MEN OF BATCH '94

ime flies quickly! Oh my God, 25 years have gone by ... if that thought was not overwhelming enough, summarizing the in a few words was proving extremely challenging.

Luckily, I stumbled upon this beautiful poem:

School is a daily routine for us.
In the morning, we're sure to make a fuss.
Even when the sun is still not up,
Here we are, awake at 6 am sharp.
Late a minute and we have to run.
Eyes half-open, shoelaces undone.
We reach school and we see our friends.
Immediately, the torture ends.
We may at times find school stressful.
To have some fun, we have to bend some rules.
Talkback to teachers, and detention we serve
No doubt, it is sometimes what we deserve.
They teach us and give us a helping hand.
They're forever ready to listen and be a friend.



When I was reading this, it suddenly hit me – the X-Factor of Xavier's!!

And that I think friends, is the secret - the feeling of belongingness started with that shared scooter ride to school, brainstorming to think of innovative excuses if you were late or during dress-checks, the camaraderie

to survive all the classes, returning back in the evening every day when the same friends turned into competitors in sports/dramatics because they belonged to a different House, strict disciplinarian Fathers played the role of friendly mentors and the most vociferous players on the volleyball court....in the end, everyone belonged to ONE INSTITUTION.

A special thanks to all the Fathers, teachers, Staff members/office-bearers and all fellow Xavierites for creating this wonderful environment which was not just a school but a way of life. I will forever be proud of being a part of this community Cheers for Xavier's!!





ANNUAL SPORTS DAY - JAIPUR





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GOLDEN-BLUES: THE BATCH THAT BID GOODBYE TO THE SIXTIES

s the 69ers (no sniggering, please) celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their completing a defining decade in Padri School under the leadership of Fr. Richard Pereira, this short note from noted cardiologist Dr. Shiv Harsh encapsulates how we were schooled to become the older but wiser men we are today. St Xavier School in the 1960s was indeed a life-defining experience for all of us.

A School of Fish?

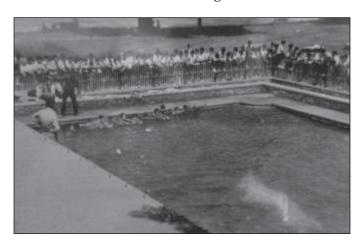
A loud thump was followed by a barely stifled gasp from thirty-odd teenagers stuck behind their desks. Then a pained voice rose up from the floor. "Son, give me poison but don't give me such an essay. Zero out of ten." The tall frame of Father Ryan was hugging

the floor, where he had fallen, or rather allowed himself to fall.

Fr. Ryan had this uncomfortable ritual (for us) of having one of us read his essay out loud in front of the class. The offending kid this time (who shall remain nameless) was not fond of using words of one or two syllables when words of five or six syllables would do. Father Ryan, needless to say, was not amused. Simplicity, Clarity, Laser-like focus. These were the virtues our teachers drummed

into us, and for the most part, they have served us well. Miss Francis got the ball rolling with "Living English Structure," and there was no looking back. By the way, I often wanted to ask whether there was also a "Dying English Structure," but the thought of being sent to Fr. Ribeiro for a few choice "bendovers" gave me pause.

Hindi and Sanskrit were not neglected either. Pandit





Hukum Narain still lives large in my memory, a firm reminder that a humble life, simple living and high

thinking can electrify students far more effectively than any flamboyance. And the ability to sing Hindi poetry doesn't hurt, either.

And Sanskrit? I don't know about others, but the love of that language which our teachers aroused in me challenged me such that to this day I read the Gita and Valmiki Ramayana in the original Sanskrit. Don't ask me how much I understand!

Ah, those days! Calling our school a school is a travesty. A school of fish

refers to the same species that swim together and move in a synchronized manner. We were a swarm of bees, a barrel of monkeys, mischievous, cranky, from disparate worlds. And the school, the teachers, turned us into a pride of lions.

I am a Xavierite, hear me roar!

- Shiv Harsh '69

