



THE BLACK 'N WHITE

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'Sup Brothers. Sisters. New people? For those who don't know me, I'm Z (Zee). I represent the Black and White 'cuz I'm the only student here who IS black and white :)

This institution has created a niche for itself in the academic arena of this part of the country and it is because of the sincere effort of the teachers as well as that of the non-teaching staff and the students. So bear in mind all you newbies here, it passes on to you to take the school to new heights (I AM a senior, so you better keep your ears open). On a lighter note, don't get too tensed about getting ragged. We here at Faculty don't "rag", all we ask for is a little intro and probably test your crooning skills a bit. And if you prove to be a health hazard to our auditory system, then you'd be asked to kindly stop :P

Old hands, its EXAM TIME! Aaaaargh! Try not to think about the exam tensions, its not a big deal (although it is). I get scared too, sometimes.

I guess you might have heard about the recent ban on the release of Bollywood films 'cuz of some dispute among the multiplex owners and producers. But its been resolved now and I bunked my math tuition on Friday to catch a flick (don't tell my mom).

Some wise guy actually said that the darkest hours come right before dawn, so be it. You may feel lonely the first few days of school, but that doesn't mean you should get your cell phone to school to act as a security blanket. Trust me. Been there, done that. Not going back.

Man, I'm getting preachy! Should probably stop. Ciao!

GLIMPSES

Friends, Facultians, and misfits—lend me your ears (rather, eyes); we've got quite in this issue this month. First of all, you might have noticed the newsletter's been completely re-done. As for the content, check out page 4 for a **special feature** of a serious football bashing. Page 6 has a column just for the girls. Check out the rave reviews on **Scavenger Project** and **Flight 666**. We've done away with "Wrack Your Noodles" and put in a crossword instead. Go bananas.





Ed Speak....

Like wraith-like figures out of their shadowy graves – unseen yet felt, un-talked yet animated. Is that what has become of what we address as ‘the environment’? Saving the environment has become part of the “pop culture”– with every other celebrity seeming to have a narrow obligation to saving the environment – just another “Africa”.

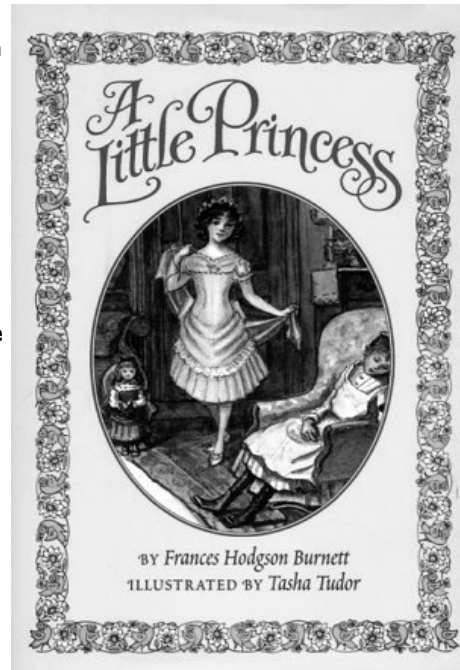
It cannot be said that there have been no tries, but it can be said that these have been rather fruitless. Mere ceremonies aren’t enough. People have got to realize that there is more to it than just planting trees and later buying the latest chic furniture.

With global recession, issues on the environment have just taken the back seat. Perhaps, this is enough to summarize the effects of materialism and in introspect, the human greed.

All hope is not lost, yet.

A Little Princess - Frances Hodgson Burnett

This book revolves around the story of a peculiar child called Sara Crewe. Motherless Sara was brought up by an indulgent, rich father in the rarefied atmosphere of luxury in India. A great book lover, she is forever dreaming and inventing stories. Her father, Captain Crewe, sent her to a school in London, run by the hypocritical Miss Minchin. Although Miss Minchin finds the solemn seven year old child’s ways odd and quite unlike anything she has ever seen before Miss Minchin fawns upon her with an eye on her father’s wealth. Her father provides extravagant and lavish things to her but strangely, Sara remains unspoil by all this indulgence, showing much kindness to girls less fortunate than her. Thus, her ways and riches lead her to be dubbed as ‘A Little Princess’. Then, at her eleventh birthday, her father loses his fortune and dies, leaving her a penniless orphan. Frustrated by the turn of events, Miss Minchin takes out her fury on Sara by making her an unpaid maid-of-all-work. At one stroke, the ‘Little Princess’ turns into a ‘beggar maid’, starved, overworked and ill treated by Miss Minchin and her staff. Her strong character enables her to fight successfully against her new found poverty and scorn of her fellows.



Does her father’s trusted friend, who is in search of her, find ‘little missus’ (a name given to Sara by her father)? What could be the next shock awaiting Miss Minchin? To find out the answers, take a peek at the book. It is considered a classic novel and a must-read for children because of Burnett’s imagination and his portrayal of Sara’s character. Believe me, there’s a lot to learn from this sweet story and it deals with some heart wrenching real life events that stir your soul.

Ananya Bordoloi
X A.



LOL!

Q: You are stuck in a room with a grizzly bear, a snake and a Man-U fan. You have a gun and 2 bullets. What do you do?

A: Shoot the MAN-U fan. Twice.

Q: Why did god make Chelsea fans so smelly?

A: So that even blind people can laugh at them.

Q: What does a Liverpool fan do after winning the premiership?

A: He turns off the Playstation and goes to sleep.

THE BEAUTIFUL(?) GAME

It was July 2008 and Sir Alex Ferguson vowed to win all five championships that season with Manchester United but FC Barcelona and Everton had other plans. Man-U were outclassed 2-0 in the UEFA Champions League final by Barcelona and were ousted by Everton in the FA Cup semi-finals which Chelsea went on to win eventually (yay!). But let's give them some credit as they did win the FIFA Club World Cup, a second grade competition; the Carling Cup, a reserves competition; and, the only notable trophy was the Barclays Premier League which they managed to retain after Liverpool and Chelsea finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

According to critics all over the world, the main reasons why Man-U lost all the major trophies this year were OVER confidence and OLD AGE. Now we really think it's time for old FERGIE to hang up his boots and spit out that chewing gum he has been chewing for the last ... umm ... 20 years?

Now, let's talk about the other major teams, viz. Liverpool and Chelsea and Arsenal.

Ah ... this year's surprise package ... Liverpool, who could not even reach the semis in the Champions' League, exceeded expectations in the league by ACTUALLY finishing 2nd in the standings. And thanks to this, Rafa Benitez (allegedly their 'coach' for the last 5 years) got an extension to his contract. So this means he won't be unemployed for the next 5 years. Cheers! The only thing good about this team is Fernando Torres, though we think he's wasting his time playing for a second rate club (literally).

Chelsea, yet again, have failed to perform to their standards finishing 3rd in the EPL and LOSING in the semis to Barcelona. This time, for a change, it was Chelsea who were at the receiving end of the referee's dubious decisions (In reference to the Champions' League semi final). Maybe, at least NOW, after all these years they'll realise that there are always richer people around *wink*. Let's hope this time Chelsea invests more on good FOOTBALLERS rather than on actors and muggers.

Arsenal (hehe!) ... the club about whom the lesser said the better, had yet another disappointing season, not even mounting a challenge for any of the major titles (or even the minor ones, as a matter of fact). "We had a bad start to the season because I think that we are a young side. But I think we can emerge as a top team next season when the players have a bit more experience" says their coach Arsene Wenger (yeah right! Your team has been young for the last 5 years). Arsenal. (stress on the first syllable. Need we say more? *wink*)

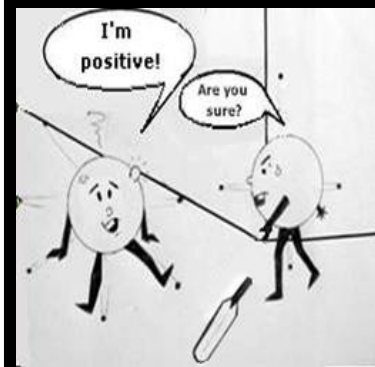
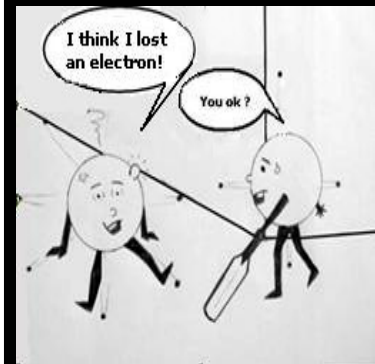
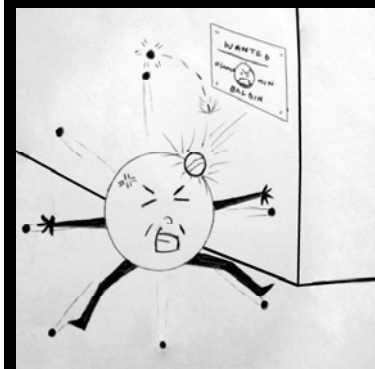
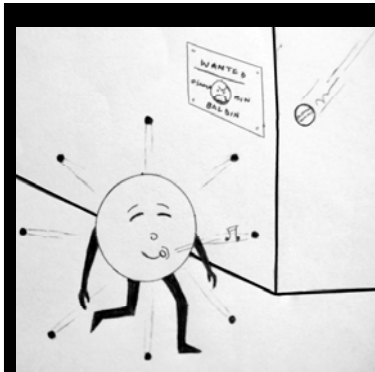
Let's talk about the relegated teams (notice how they're at the bottom of the page?). This season ended with quite a shock with Newcastle and Middlesbrough being among the teams to be relegated along with West Bromwich Albion (surprised anyone?). Hope the next time their fans get to celebrate real victories and not just against Playstation opponents.

Arindam, Ra, Tonoy, Syamanta

Message of the month



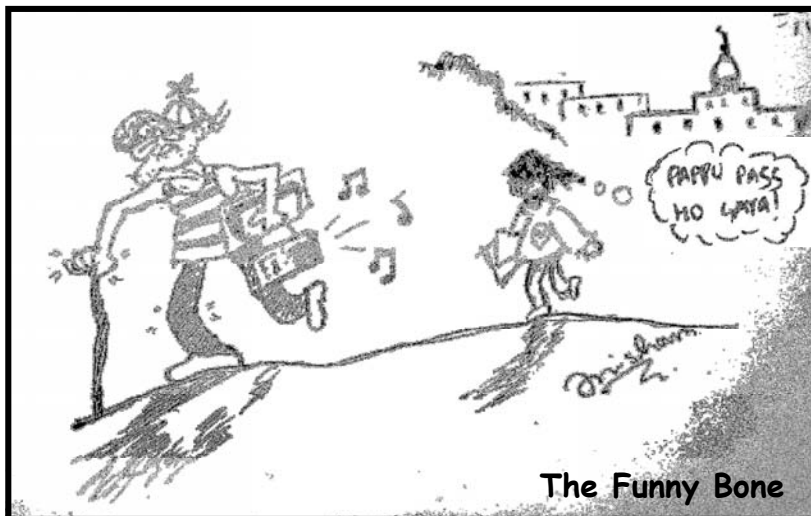
CORNBALL CRACKERS
by Trisham Saikia



IRON MAIDEN : Flight 666

This 112 minute documentary, directed by the Scot McFacyden and Sam Dunn (Metal: A Headbangers Journey, Global Metal) shows the first leg of the bands "Somewhere Back in Time" tour between February and March 2008.

It's an honest effort showing one of the most enduring bands, their devoted fans and the chaos of touring 25 cities all around the world in an astonishing 45 days. The band makes this Herculean feat with "Ed Force One", the customized Boeing 757 piloted by the band's vocalist Bruce Dickinson, totaling around 70,000 miles and performing for over 500,000 fans. Editing is top-notch, the sound impeccable and the real stars - the fans throw in one heck of a rollercoaster journey. This is for the maiden loyalists and anyone who wants to be part of rock history. - Krishanu Kalita



The Funny Bone



Greenpeace Mission

On the 23rd of April, a representative of Greenpeace, an International non-profit organization working to solve international issues, visited our school in a successful attempt to garner young volunteers.

A selected group of students from our school, was accepted into this mission and embarked on two awareness campaigns about the Renewable Energy Law, 2010, one to Dona Planet and the other to Bhangagarh.

They have even addressed a petition to the Prime Minister to act towards the realization of the above mentioned law.

For all the right reasons ...

The last two months we've had a whole lot of competitions including an extempore speech, debate, story telling and wall magazine competition.

The results of the group events are as follows:

Inter House Wall Magazine Competition:
1st - Yellow 2nd - Green 3rd - Orange

Inter House Quiz Competition
(World Environment Day):
1st - Blue 2nd -Red &Yellow 3rd - Green



The Yellow House Wall Magazine

The primary block, too played host to a placard and poster making competition.



From this academic session the school has laid emphasis on activity oriented learning programme. The Academic Cell is introducing the system of Credit Course which includes projects, group discussion, power point presentation, skit, reliving history etc. Though the Credit Course has been implemented strictly for Class IV—VIII, the activities are being taken up by Class IX too. Here are some scenes from the skits that the students of Class IX performed as a part of their English project work. The themes included Protection of Wildlife, Environmental Pollution, Cleanliness etc.



Music Review- Scavenger Project



Scavenger Project- merely two words that have come to mean a lot in the alternative scene of today. Currently regarded as one of the tightest acts in the country and known for making some of the most sophisticated music, combining a lethal mix of old school heavy metal riffs, hardcore breakdowns and alt-rock technicality.

They built a formidable reputation in Guwahati with their stunning performance in Rock-o-Phonix '09. While their performance here was nothing less than explosive, they did not have with them the member doing the samples. They

did use devices but ended up sounding more or less like Alter Bridge. After the release of their now immensely popular single- 'Desire', Scavenger Project has solidified their alt-metal sound to a level where they can be compared to any international act of the same genre, with an immense fan base and people turning up to only hear their music and not rehased covers. They are a very popular face in the Mizoram television network and wish to be the same nationally.

This constantly evolving combo of energetic (alternative) metal-heads, inspired by love, social issues and politics are set to keep the flame of alt-metal burning in India.

Kaushik Barua XII Com

Fried Ice

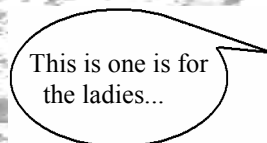
This is, in two simple words, girl talk. Seeing that this is the school newsletter, we actually had to censor a lot of things that we [my friends and I, guys included] usually talk about. Honestly, a boy would be able to write this way better than any girl since they have more sessions of "girl talk" than any normal girl would but since no one was willing to...

Ever noticed that people normally think that girl talk is all about make up, boys, clothes and everything else? Well, it is =). Okay, so here's how it goes: it's summer and it's really, really hot [stating the obvious, I know] but even after knowing that people STILL wear dark colours out in the sun and then have the gall to complain. Guys, skinny jeans with a black shirt and grey waist coat and to top it all, a red tie is not, and I mean not, "in" and chances are never will be. Trust me. It does not look nice and not even remotely cool. I'm sorry, but it doesn't. Girls, again, dark coloured skin fit tops with skinny jeans/shorts and BOOTS in the middle of summer is not only uncool but very uncomfortable. I suggest all of you wear something light coloured and not torture yourselves or anyone else who happens to lay their eyes on you.

This for the guys as well as the girls – ditch your high top Converse and grab a pair of sandals. You really don't want stinky, smelly feet.

So, that's all for this issue. Thank you for reading this, or pretending to at least. I'll be back next issue telling you a whole load of things that you probably don't care about. Toodles ;).

Xenna



'World Environment Day' In FACULTY



Glimpses of the Procession taken out by the Primary Students on World Environment Day



The Middle Section of the school also observed World Environment Day with a number of activities. The students took out an awareness rally holding posters and placards (which they made themselves; indeed a commendable deed) with the message of conservation of environment.

Later on there was held a Poster-making Competition among the students of Class 4, 5 & 6. Karan Phukan, Nikhil Marothi and Maharishi Raj Bharali of classes 4B, 5B and 6A respectively top the said competition.



On the occasion of World Environment Day on the 5th of June, 2009, an Inter—House Quiz Competition was held among the students of Class 7-10 themed on the day and was conducted by Faculty alumni, Jasodhara. The result of the quiz is given on pg 5.

ANSWERS TO WIZCROZZ

Across: 1. Idi Amin, 2. Anthrax, 5. Cram, 7. Ellipsis, 9. Scion, 10. Bastille, 11. Nark, 13. ID, 14. On, 17. Fa
Down: 3. Icarus, 4. Denver, 5. Cameo, 6. Harmonics, 8. Profanity, 12. Phi, 15. Hill, 16. Be, 18. Lo

A River Called Life

Life for me is like a river
For it waits for no one
People often forget what life gives
But they never forget what it takes

I've said a thousand times that I'm confused
But I don't know the reason for this confusion
Is the reason the sadness I feel everyday
Or is it my life which I feel is fading away

Happiness is something I've always wanted to find
But, never succeeded
Oh please tell me what is the meaning of my life
Sometimes I feel like a mosquito
Squeezed by the hands of time
And sometimes I want to become a river
And cause heinous crimes

Tick, tick, tick
The clock ticks away
Reminding me that of all that I've done
I've always failed

Some dim witted person tells me that I should change
But I arrogantly think, when this world has not changed
Why should I change?

But no people, whoever is reading this
I'm not putting up any political agenda
Nor am I speaking any philosophical quotes
But I'm just telling the excruciating story of my life

It may seem to some persons, that I'm exaggerating too much
But, actually I'm just speaking the fact, whatsoever
And the fact is I want to end my life forever.

Ramanuj Bhattacharya

WAY TO GO!

This year FHSS saw yet another incredible batch pass out with remarkable results. They kept the Faculty flag flying high. Cheers! Their colours are splashed (not literally) below —

CLASS XII:

Science:

Rupam Frank — 94.6%

Commerce:

Ankita Mittal — 95.4%

Arts:

Shabnam Yesmin — 91.2%

CLASS X:

Nayani Sharma — 94.6%

Monideep Bora — 94.2%

Nabarun Dhar — 93.8%

Rahul Bharadwaj — 93.8%



Agony Uncle

• *I am an 18 year old girl. My younger cousin has recently joined the school and is apprehensive of the inevitable ragging. How should he react if he is confronted?*

AU: *Ragging in the true sense is prohibited by law and is a punishable offense. Faculty students are known not to resort to such means to elicit entertainment, although asking students to introduce themselves and probably sing a song is normal and not big a deal. Ask him to comply. However, if limits are crossed, the authorities should be promptly informed.*

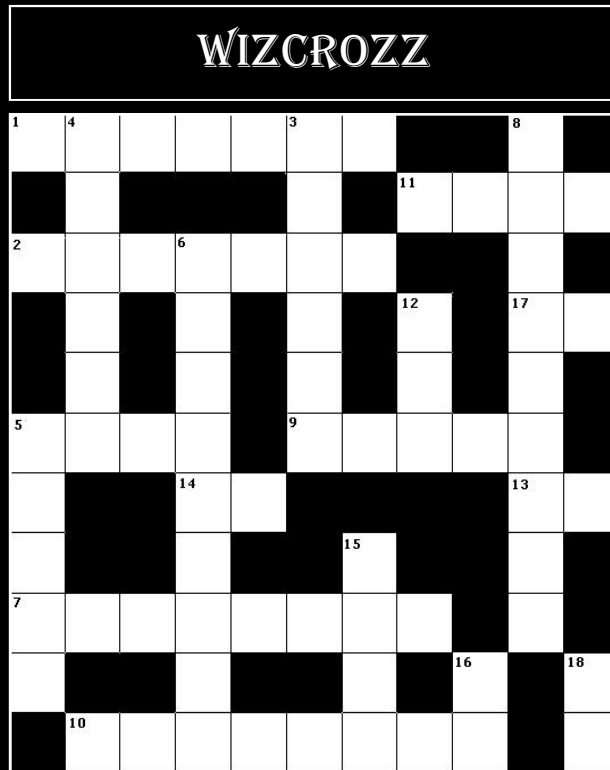
Across

1. Former heavyweight boxer who ruled Uganda from 1971 until his overthrow in 1979 (3, 4)
2. Heavy metal band, led by John Bush, shares name with a disease that affects cattle and sheep (7)
5. Fill up (informal) (4)
7. Figure of syntax by which a word or words are left out and implied (8)
9. Offshoot arising as a result of a bud graft (5)
10. French state prison demolished in 1789 (8)
11. Informant (4)
13. Identification (2)
14. Scheduled (2)
17. Fourth note in the sol-fa notation (2)

Down

3. Character in Greek mythology who in trying to escape from the island of Crete, flew too close to the Sun, causing the wax of his wings to melt and him to fall to his death (6)
4. John _; singer, shares name with an American city (6)
5. Small character part esp. in a movie (5)
6. Musical acoustics (9)
8. Blasphemy (9)
12. Twenty first letter of the Greek alphabet
15. Knoll (4)
16. Exist (2)
18. Behold (2)

[Answers on page 5]



What do you think this picture says?
Send in your opinion in not more than 10 words to the Editorial Board



LAST ISSUE'S WINNING ENTRY
Music of nature vibrant in the air.
- Ananya Borthakur
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