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EDITORIAL

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A Dalian is generally known to have comic abilities. An external observer, visiting the school for the first time during the 11:15 break is likely to find children chuckle and chortle like wild gorillas.

This ability also makes Dalians laugh everything off. Be it serious or not, they tend to turn a blind eye to everything. Not that this is a great thing to do, but maybe this is the reason behind the jolly and carefree feeling in environment, that we get to live in.

Outside our little world people join laughter clubs or take drugs that make them laugh. But in DC you simply get to laugh between classes or during recess, free of cost! Somebody once told me, "If you laugh for an hour everyday, your life span will increase by 15 minutes." This itself made me laugh for an hour. If this ever turned out to be true or proven scientifically, I guess we would all live till eternity.

Laughing has its own significance since our life is short and is not meant to be wasted by being sad or unhappy. But it is also important that people in such a community understand that *to 'laugh'* and *'to be laughed at'* are two different things. We should learn the art of laughing at things that don't hurt others. Hence, your wahahahahhaghagahga shouldn't be the reason for someone else's sobs. In order to become a responsible student community, it is important that we should know where and what to laugh at. It is the mark of a mature being to be sensitive in expressing our humour in the right places and in the right manner.

Since exams are forthcoming, The Daly Prophet this month aims to eliminate stress from your mind. Hope we succeed in making you have a good laugh.



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ARE YOU TOUGH OR TENDER ?

1. Do you set your aspirations low in order to avoid disappointment?
2. If someone does you a bad turn, do you feel obliged to do something about it?
3. Do you get angry when you read what certain politicians have said in the papers?
4. Do you often question your own morality and rules of conduct?
5. Do you like scenes of violence and torture in the movies?
6. Do you sometimes do slightly dangerous things just for the thrill of it?
7. Are you turned off by crude or vulgar jokes?
8. Does your blood boil when people stubbornly refuse to admit that they are wrong?
9. Would you put yourself out a great deal to help someone who was suffering emotionally?
10. Do you find it difficult to resist cuddling small furry animals?

✓ X

SCORE- _____

INTERPRETATION- _____

HOW TO SCORE

Give yourself one point for each yes to questions 2,3,5,6 and 8 and one point for each no to questions 1,4,7,9, and 10.

A score of 8-10: puts you at the tough end of this dimension : assertive, aggressive, ambitious and sensation- seeking.

A score of 3-7: puts you in the average range: you have a mixture of tough and tender characteristics.

A score of 0-2: means that you are very tender: kind, considerate, nurturing and understanding of others.

Tough people are more likely to get ahead in life and get things done. Tender people provide support, companionship and consolation.

Tough people usually have above-average levels of the following traits: aggression, assertiveness, achievement orientation, manipulation, sensation-seeking behaviour and dogmatism (stubbornness). At its most extreme, somebody who is tough may have little or no regard for others' feelings. In contrast, tender people are much more focused on other people's needs.

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AAO AAO, NATAK DEKHO!

Tamanna Handa

On the pleasant Sunday morning of 12th August, around 70 Dalians left for the Chappan Dukaan! Beaming with life, everyone began cycling... except for a handful of students who didn't know how to bike. (Yes, there are a lot of jokes about how I too, cannot bike.)

Just as we reached our little nukkad, we established ourselves super quick. All the instruments were set up for our star players and singers. Our musicians got everyone tapping their feet until the drama troop emerged. Banging their thaalis, they grabbed some attention as they chanted, "AAO AAO NATAK DEKHO!"

The comic play, “Indore- Mera Shahar!” was greatly enjoyed not just by us, but all the locals who had come to enjoy their Sunday morning with “Poha and Sev”, just like ourselves! The outing would have been incomplete without poha. The entire set up was wrapped up after a hearty jam session amongst the students, teachers, and the viewers. We obviously had some great food after that, and returned with contentment and happy faces.

I’d like to appreciate everyone who was a part of this, be it the teachers or the student volunteers who made this such a great success. I look forward to being a part of such events that involve all students in such a positive manner.

BONE-CHILLING STORIES OF DC

Aditi Mehta

Besides all the juicy gossip that finds its way into everyone’s ears, irrespective of how legitimate they actually are, what a Dalian can always come up with are the bogus horror stories of DC!

It has been three years, and I still haven’t figured as to why there are countless such stories of Sir Henry Daly- from walking behind you to staring at you, from living on the Great Banyan Tree in front of the Old Indira to his immortal sporting “spirit” as till date, he continues to play polo at the Fanshawe ground at midnight and so on.

But hang on, our fellow Dalians don’t stop there! Their incredibly sharp ears can listen to someone constantly scoring goals at the Bolia grounds. I’m sure that this spirit’s flair for games should have gotten his name in the Guinness Book of World Records for scoring more than a million goals. Also someone needs to tell me why all these tales always find a way into hockey!

No one will ever confess this, but each and every boarder knows how scary it can be, going to the water cooler at night all alone, while you can actually feel someone staring at you and hear strange voices. This place is like The Conjuring in real life, or at least people have made it seem like that.

But we’re obviously not like the stupid protagonist from the movies who HAS to go wherever the weird noises come from, and get killed! So we just sit and make stories with our young, creative minds!

By now, Dalians are not even afraid of Demorgorgans coming out of the wall!

Popular Profile Atal Bihari Vajpayee

India's former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was born on December 25, 1924 in Gwalior. He was the first head of government from outside the Congress party to serve a full five-year term, as a leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). A Padma Vibhushan awardee, he was also a recipient of India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, which was conferred on him in 2015.

Perceived to be an astute statesman and political leader, his birthday was declared 'Good Governance Day'. Vajpayee is also admired for his poetry. He passed away at the age of 93 on August 16, 2018, at AIIMS, New Delhi.

Lame Jokes

What do you call a cow in an earthquake?
– A Milkshake.

What do you call the security outside a Samsung store?

– Guardians of the Galaxy.



*Dalians reacting to
lame jokes.*

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE (Episode.1)

-Mr. Ahmad S. Ansari

At various times, during my school days, I had dreamt of becoming a teacher. The dream materialised as a pleasure when I joined DC as an English teacher in the year 1984.

The first few days for me as a new teacher passed almost in a trance. Alongside, I had a distinguished group of seniors who possessed outstanding abilities and character. Some of these were, the Principal Mr. Bhatnagar - extremely hardworking and very English by habits, style and nature; Mr. Salim Khan- handsome, impactful and over bearing; Mr. B. Gupta - jolly and efficient; Mr. Ratnaparkhey- punctual and steadfast; Mr. S. K. Sharma - the friend , philosopher and guide; Mr. K. R. Dhabhai- the great sports lover; Mr. P. S. Dikshit – the immaculate; Mr M. E. Arlikatti – the language wizard; Mr. M. M . Mishra – the very affectionate; Mr. A. M. Lahiri – the master showman; Mr. J. S. Bajwa – the specialist Geographer; Mr. IS. Dungarpuria – a genius Mathematician; Mr S. K. Chansoria – the very spiritual and Mr. Jacob John – the Biology sensation. One felt like a colt amongst these seasoned warhorses.

But the Dalians welcomed me with open arms. There developed an immediate bonding not only with the first tutees in the classroom but also with the cricketers of the first eleven, the Prefects, the Debaters, the Actors, the Writers and with those who took me as an escort for picnics and treks. On the other hand, my bachelor colleagues like Mr. Joy, Mr. Potty and Mr. J. K. Jain became friends forever.

It would be unfair to limit one's self to the walls and functions of one's own class (the class or form for which I was the Form Master and which was not the senior most that year) and so memories naturally go to the graduating batch. It was the year of the Olympics and since the 1984 Olympics were hugely boycotted by the Russian Lobby, it gave the Debating Society a ready made topic. That's where the well-known debaters of those years, Rachna Baheti, Gaurav Bhandari, Rahul Chadda and others showed their calibre. Most of these students were intellectually very sound. I also have vivid memories of the plays that were put up in those days and how and why they were an integral part of education at DC. Since many of these were done for the houses, house spirit was supreme and the first lessons in management were learnt by many students at the stage of DC. APG used to be a good mix of plays, music and dances.

Our Principal, Mr Bhatnagar, had a great knack of getting distinguished personalities as guests to the school so we had the Governor to inaugurate the library, the former cricket captain, Ajit Wadekar for the Athletics Meet, Army chief, General Vaidya for the Annual Prize Giving, Michael Ferreira and legendary Raj Kapoor as visitors by chance. It was also in this year that the famous Kasliwal Trophy Football Tournament started it was coupled by a Cricket tournament called the Alirajpur Trophy. Personally for me it was so gratifying to be on the same ground assisting Mr Jagtap, where I used to represent my college playing against DC.

DC, unfortunately, lost the first tournament inspite of a heroic effort by our Vice Captain, Niraj Desai. Apart from these, a hundred other memories come crowding in, merit cards for academics given in classroom, school getting closed for ten days due to national mourning, Teachers' Day and many more.

The rest and more in the next issue....!

DC COMICS



AN UPSURGE OF EMOTIONS

Which Road To Be Taken?

Shubhra Jain

In our life, we all have options, choices and decisions to make. We will always come to a halt where we will find divergence. There will be two paths and from those two, we will have to pursue one. A very renowned poet Robert Frost in his world famous poem "The Road Not Taken" wrote about his choices in life. He elaborated on how he took the road less traversed and wanted someone to explore that further. In simpler words, he chose the path that was more adverse. This beautifully written piece teaches us to always choose the difficult way, no matter how turbulent it is. No matter how burdened and tired you feel, keep going on.

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going"

Au contraire!

People often say "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations" But the easy ones might lead to happier destinations. "Slow and steady wins the race" is passé. The fast and instant are way ahead of our tortoise mates.

So stop, and introspect. Ponder upon your choices. Pick the road that you want to take, regardless of everything else.

The Great Indian Political Circus

Paranjai Singh

BJP is similar to an ATR plane which creates turbulence but reaches its final destination. Contradicting this is the Congress, which is no less than some 20th century ship- still on a voyage and can capsize at any point in time. I honestly cannot judge that which among the two makes more sense. The doctrine of Hindutva will transform our nation into "Hindu Pakistan" with fanatics propagating their ideologies. Jayant Sinha, our minister of the state for civil aviation is an alumni of Harvard Business School. He feted and garlanded eight men involved in a mob lynch.

"Akbar Khan beaten to death in Rajasthan's Alwar." Does this remind you of any mob lynch incidence where a group of Hindus killed an innocent merely because of an animal? Is this what we espouse?

The government is going after the likes of Vijay Mallya and the exercise of demonetisation fed into a large narrative of an administration, keen to reform a plutocratic system, but couldn't curb it. We as a nation are in a dilemma as we stand at the 'T' end. If we turn left with the non NDA alliance then we don't really endorse development in terms of economy, instead for personal liberty. We may have to sacrifice our secularism but for an assurance of the final objective as a nation. The vision of our political leaders has deteriorated as we see a trend of appeasement politics prevailing in our nation. *NDA=Hindus, Congress=Muslims and OBC.*

Talking about the catastrophe in Kerala, the bizarre bit is that *clause 9 of the 2016 National Disaster Management Plan* envisages the acceptance of international assistance. It says: "If the national government of any other nation voluntarily offers assistance as a goodwill gesture in solidarity with the disaster victims, the central government may accept the offer." Prime Minister Narendra Modi needs to explain why he didn't.

We as the youth should become active political reformers as we can change the perpetual image of this nation on the global perspective.

TÊTE A TÊTE - SECRETARY, SCHOOL COUNCIL- KHUSH BHACHAWAT

Q1. What are the various changes being implemented in the school?

Renovation of houses and washrooms, furniture replacement, Girls Inter-house football, Newspapers in boarding houses, quality of food and cycles.

Q2. What are your views on these changes and how should the students react to these?

I firmly believe that changes are always for the common good. There is one thing that the students need to understand, changes are not done overnight. They are a gradual process. If any authority or the school council has committed to do something then the students need to give them some time. It is imperative that they perceive the changes in a positive light.

Q3. What all areas do you think the school is lacking and what needs to be done?

This year's theme being communication and conduct, I seriously think that we lack on this part. I believe that English as a language is very important for all of us (not undermining the mother tongue) in the coming times. We seriously need to start conversing in English and all of us need to take the initiative. Besides this the school also lacks in gender and labour sensitivity. For this, knowledge should be imparted from the grass root level i.e. pre-primary students need to realise the value of labour and should develop within themselves, respect for opposite genders.

Month gone by

What's brewing this month?

The 15th August celebrations kicked off with the flag hoisting ceremony and ended with the scrumptious samosas and laddoos, 1 each for everybody except for the boarders because, well, obviously.

The 10 day long Kasliwal trophy turned out to be something much more than football with chocolates, cakes and *bhuttas* being the magnets and students, iron filings. The cheering squad did a commendable job of resisting the movement of the iron filings and also of making up new innovative cheers. All the matches witnessed great school spirit. Also we appreciate everybody who made posters for the final day.

The Inter-house English dramatics took place this month where boys acted as ladies and girls as men. But why I am I telling you this? You probably saw the 'ladies' in skirts and the 'men' trying to keep moustaches in place!

The dance Inter-house for Level II was an entertaining affair for everybody. A special mention to the star of the day, 'the bhoot', whose cascade of hair was barely manageable.

Something else which was all over everybody's minds were their projects. They kept everybody on their toes for sure!

Arushi Agrawal

The Art Of Laziness

Himanshu Somani

Only a true artist can master the art of laziness, and it takes a professional to accomplish this task. It is the first step to efficiency. Sometimes people are not lazy, they are just on their power saving modes. For example, a person sleeping before a race while others are exercising doesn't mean he is lazy, but rather busy conserving energy. People are not really lazy. They may have important goals, which fail to inspire them. There are people who are HIGHLY motivated to do NOTHING! So, take a little time off, and it may be worth it. Scientifically, when the body is at rest, the neutrons that transport information from the brain towards the spine work faster. Now, there may be no excuse for laziness, but my quest for one continues.

'INDIANISM' TODAY

Indianism refers to a word or phrase which is a characteristic of Indian English. Indianism may also refer to the way a sentence has been structured as if it was literally translated from an Indian language to English. The heterogeneity of people with different languages, cultures and traditions is the characteristic of the country. This leads to the development of a number of Indian English dialects which remain completely different from the British English. This dialectal English spoken in India varies depending on the social-linguistic background of the person.

Some examples of common Indianism mistakes include:

Are you having a pen? : Do you have a pen?

I myself will do it : I will do it

Let us discuss about politics : Let us discuss politics

What is your good name? : What is your name?

Cope up with : cope with

We often use such phrases and are not aware of the fact that they are wrong.

Incorrect words and phrases used everyday

Prepone - Advance is the correct word used in situations where Indians commonly "prepone".

Use the backside entrance - Instead, you can ask someone to use the rear entrance.

Out of station - You might want to replace that with "out of town".

Please revert - To revert is to go back. But the term is often used to ask for a reply/response.

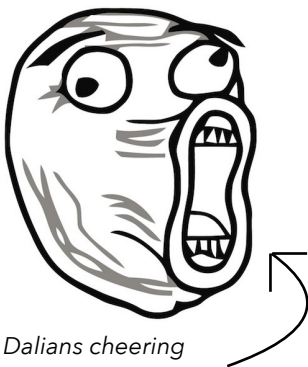
Pass out - You graduate, you don't pass out of an institution.

Give an exam - You take an exam, as a student.

Real brother/sister - There is no real or fake sibling!

34th Inter-School Kasliwal Tournament

The 34th Inter School Kasliwal Tournament was held from Aug 8 to Aug 18, 2018 on our college grounds. The college players were divided into Team-A and Team-B, whose rigorous practices and specially crafted training and diet tremendously paid off in the course of the tournament. **Sam. bandh Triloki, Khush Bhachawat, Priyam Raj Shekhar, Vardhan Anil, Atharv Mann Singh, Ankit Sastiya and Vishnu Reji** were awarded the Man of the Match Prize in various matches which took place over a span of 10 days. The Dalians constantly acknowledged the efforts of the teams by cheering out loud at all time. In the nail-biting final, DC-A played against Emerald Heights International school and both teams displayed great sportsman spirit. Player of the Tournament was awarded to **Priyam Raj Shekhar**. Best Goal Keeper was awarded to **Vardhan Anil** and the Best Defender was awarded to **Ranveer Singh Rathore**. At the end with splendid goals and saves, DC-A bagged the runners-up position. The credit to all of this goes to our football coaches who give their heart and soul into the children's training every day.



Dalian's cheering during Kasliwal.

LET'S TALK ABOUT: OUR FUNNY/AWKWARD/STUPID MOMENTS

I was once in the CSB washroom. First, I washed my face because I was really sleepy from the class. I was applying some *lip gloss* while Mrs Chitale came in the washroom and yelled, 'CAUGHT YOU!'.

- Saachi Agrawal

Back in seventh grade, we were going for dinner from Junior Bharati House. On the road, there was a lady wearing a *white saree* with a cascade of *open hair*. She looked absolutely pale - and all my friends at once, shrieked, 'Chudail!', 'Bhoot!'. We ran into the dining hall as if we were being chased by wild animals.

- Mehak Ramchandani

Once we were talking about something a little too loudly in class and ma'am Sable heard us. She asked us,

"Are you from some *indigenous village*?" I said, "Not only me, Madam, these three guys are also from *Harda, Durgapur and Dewas*."

-Nikunj Singhal

Me and my brother Bharghuraj Singh play a game called '*Statue Stop*'. One day, my brother was speaking to Mr Ansari, I '*statued*' him. The whole conversation ended, Mr. Ansari went and he was *still standing there*. He does not like to lose!

-Ragahvraj Singh Baghel

As an Old Dalian, it was a great feeling to return to my own school as a teacher. I was habitual of going to the student's washroom of Old Indira House. We never used the teachers' loo in my days. But on joining DC as a teacher, I once stood *waiting* for all the students' loos to get vacant. It suddenly hit me that *I was a teacher now!*

-Mrs Shweta Verma

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