

"People are capable, at any time in their lives, of doing what they dreamed of."

Paulo Coelho
(*The Alchemist*)

Hello,

Greetings and a very warm welcome to the very first issue of '8 Bit – A Byte of IIIT B', our college-magazine.

I write this editorial with some hesitation. Firstly, there is this infamous clash of opinions, where many of the "to-be-IT engineers" find literary work, unworthy of their time. Secondly, there looms this pressure of doing justice to the very first issue of the magazine.

They say, ideas come out in a whim. Exactly, a month ago I sent out a mail to SAC 2014, seeking permission for a student-run magazine. What took me by surprise was the appreciation of the idea and the overwhelming response of the students. And that is how the journey started, our goals seemed so achievable yet they were miles away.

In today's fast-paced world, of constant change and pressure for responsiveness, to ensure that you fit in, it is imperative that you express your opinions. For some of us, it comes naturally and hence is predominantly verbal, but for a lot of us, the pen becomes our medium to voice our opinions. With this magazine, we give you that space.

This edition has something to offer to everyone. We include excerpts from our chat with Director Sir, whose thought provoking words will leave everyone inspired. We also include snippets from our telephonic interaction with Nitin Tailor (MT2007), alumni of our college who after experiencing the Industry and the Academia for a couple of years, ended up venturing into social entrepreneurship.

This 26th January, India celebrates its 66th Republic Day. A lot has changed in the 66 years... Perhaps even the meaning of 'Patriotism'. So, to keep up with time, we tried to reach out to people in campus to understand how we, "the future leaders of this largest democracy" define patriotism. Come March, Spandan is just round the corner. 'Three' days of complete fun every IIITian look forward to. To ensure that the word 'Spandan' evokes the same enthusiasm to every reader who still remains oblivious to it, we have an article dedicated to Spandan.

Collecting articles for the creative corner was a big task, but not difficult. Though the articles came on time, they did not make my life easier. Well grievances aside, commendable effort was put in by the writers, juggling between finishing their articles and hard academic deadlines.

Disclaimer (Spoilers ahead) The creative corner includes a piece on the competitive world that lies ahead for us. The long way to success seems daunting and the shortcuts on the way, very tempting. Is the shortcut worth the cost of your integrity? Every IITian without fail falls prey to the haunting deadlines of assignments and projects, and the habit of procrastinating work seems to run through our blood. It only justifies that you read the article on Procrastination. (This article was submitted way before the deadline. What an irony!). New Year resolutions come hand-in-hand with the New Year. What begins with determination on the first day, starts to fizzle out in a week. Ever thought of using Game Theory to fulfill your resolutions? Do not miss our recommendations in the section 'Wats trending' and definitely check out the Curing Turing in the fun-section. Well without spilling more beans, I now leave it to the reader to peep in.

Do enjoy flipping through the magazine during a meal in the mess, while you are browsing through books in the library or an evening break in the hostel. And, if you are among those who do not read offline, find us on www.iiitbmagazine.wordpress.com. Watch out for the upcoming contests on the facebook page.

So long...

Happy Reading!

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FACULTY INTERVIEW



*The founder director of IIITB and the guiding force to us all, **Prof. S. Sadagopan** is revered immensely in the academic and professional worlds alike. His words leave an indelible impression on those who are fortunate enough to hear them. Despite his busy schedule, we were grateful that he agreed to share some of his thoughts, the excerpts of which follow.*

1. On the tenth anniversary of this institute (2009), some of your goals for the next ten years were to increase the student strength to 1000, increase the faculty strength and also the number of international students. We can see today that you have been successful in expanding the institute in all these respects. Having achieved these goals, what are the future goals or vision that you have for IIIT-B? How do you see this institute in the next ten years?

The next ten years are crucial, we need to focus on quality –

- our students /faculty publications and participation (our alumni joining premier Institutes /our faculty in major projects /events of high impact) in academic circles,
- our alumni contributions and growth in the corporate sector and
- IIIT-B community in the way it conducts /governs itself in the civil society

We will be keenly watched!

We should be in the Top 3 of the “Most preferred Institutes in India” for a student, at least for one program (iMTech, MTech, ESD MTech, Sponsored M Tech, MS, PhD); we should be the one of the “Top 3 Institutes in India” in at least 3 areas of Research; we should be the “Preferred Institute” for any Start-up; our Professional Education Programs should be one of the most sought after.

2. What are some of the challenges you face as a director and how do you go about overcoming them?

Attracting and retaining top-notch faculty, students and staff continue to remain our main challenge, though the high quality of our faculty & students in the past fifteen years, is helping us over the years. Attracting Research funding to keep our Laboratories at the cutting-edge is another challenge. Regulatory issues and infrastructure upkeep (and funding for that) is the third challenge.

There is no silver bullet!

Learning every day is the one thing you should do all the days. IIIT-B is lucky in having amazing people across Government, Industry, Academia, Media and Civil Society who are ready to help IIIT-B! It is the only sustainable way to meet these challenges. That is all I do! (seek IIITB friends' help!!)

3. It must be very hectic to be the director of IIITB... What is your daily routine? How do you juggle between multiple things?

Very good question; I wish I knew the answer!

I like simple things; I keep thinking all day about **student**-related issues on **Mondays** and **faculty**-related issues on **Tuesdays**; **management**-related issues (Board, IIIT-B Society, Senate, Government) are the ones I focus on **Wednesdays**; **Thursdays** are devoted to **infrastructure** and **Fridays** are used to **rejuvenate** /catch-up. Saturday /Sundays I use for professional growth and networking with the outside world. I do not always succeed in keeping things that well organized, but I try!

4. The idea of holding a technical/cultural fest has been around for a while. Any opinion or suggestions on taking this idea forward?

SASTRA of IIT Madras is my benchmark event for Tech Fest; we are too tiny to think of large-scale events today, but with the new hostel block getting ready by April 2015, we should start in the year 2016. Hopefully, it will grow into a much larger event. Such events are necessary to

catch the imagination of prospective high quality students.

5. There is an African saying that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Would you look at PhD (research in general) as an experience where you would gain more by going fast, but alone or going far, but together?

It depends on your research problem. In areas like pure Mathematics /Optimization /Complexity one can (in fact should) work alone, work fast and with 100% focus; in many other areas, one can go far, together. Once again it is not a simple answer; PhD Research is not an isolated endeavor; it prepares you for a Research career that unfolds over your entire life. Working with others prepares you better; gets you multiple perspectives; but whatever area you work in, there is a certain amount that you have to do intensely, all alone, PhD Research is quite a personal effort.

6. The focus of majority of today's generation is to earn money and get placed in a good company, immediately after graduating. What is your opinion on the race to get the highest package?

Nothing wrong in running after higher salary; running ONLY after salary is not good. That is all. There are larger issues like learning opportunities, working environment, collegial atmosphere, growth prospects and long term vision of the individual and the organization, that are far more important. What upsets us is

the fact that there is so much misinformation that misguides people; in their frenzy to be the first, media carry inaccurate information; since it suits them corporate sector keeps quiet! In the process it is all "*asatyam eva jayate*" (lies and super lies rule the world!)

9. There are some people who are confident of what they want to do, some are still trying to find their passion. Can you ever be 100% certain that this is the right field for you and there is nothing else that you should be doing? How did you go about choosing MS at Purdue University after your graduation?

No one is certain, yet many of us were fairly clear in our mind, as to what we value most in life. Money never interested me in my life; I often wonder what is there in money that interests many!

We in India get stereotyped very early, that is unfortunate; we do not get enough exposure to multiple areas so that we can discover our area of interest.

Professor Ravindran, my PhD Adviser who was a Purdue faculty member, visited India, visited our Institute and gave many lectures on Linear Programming; in the process, I got excited about and interested in OR and Algorithms. I worked for three years in the industry, at Engineers India Limited (EIL), Delhi in their Systems Engineering & Computer Services Department where I discovered my interest in computers. My interest that got developed in the College days got rekindled; I applied, made it to Purdue, and the rest is history.

10. What is the one thing that needs to be incorporated into the Indian educational system from other well-established educational systems?

We need more flexibility in curriculum and universal access to disciplines (move away from silos of learning); we need to re-invent Universities (Madras, Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta were great Universities), where one can learn a wide range of areas that cut across Science (physical, biological, mathematical, social sciences), Arts, Law, Business, Architecture and Medicine; that is what makes Harvard University, Stanford University and University of Cambridge what they are.

11. You have seen around fourteen batches of IITB students pass out and many more before them. How have the students evolved over the years? (For better or worse)

The quality of incoming students to IITB has steadily gone up over the years, undoubtedly. What perhaps has not happened is the very high level of commitment, care and effort that the early batches had; they had to prove that they were second to none! With the early success of IIT-B and access to more resources (faculty, computing, library and infrastructure) including placement opportunities, the current generation of students makes less effort, though they are more endowed.

GETTING TO KNOW HIM BETTER

12. Most favorite book?

Gandhi, MK, "The story of my experiments with truth"

13. Any favorite fiction book?

None

14. Do you watch movies? If so, which is your favorite one?

I did not watch movies at all (all of 60's, 70's and 80's), except when my students have tricked me into movie halls post 1990! I sleep through most of the time! Obviously, I do not enjoy movies.

15. What are the most fond memories of your student life in India and at Purdue University?

Part of the fund collection volunteers for Vivekananda Rock Memorial (1964-70) during my College days. Working in the same building that graduated the first and the second human beings that set foot on Moon! Getting inspired by generation of Purdue Engineers.

16. You are a very influential personality. But, we are curious to know what events/ personalities have influenced you?

Swami Vivekananda has a deep impact on my life.

Emergency impacted me in a negative way; I just hated it; I was in PTI Building (EIL Office was in the 4th Floor) on June 25, 1975!

17. IT is changing at a rapid pace...How do you keep yourself updated with the latest technology and happenings in this highly dynamic field?

Very simple; I have generations of students who keep teaching me all these 35 years! More important, the high quality education I had, taught me the "art of learning"!

18. What are your expectations from the today's student community?

You are a lucky generation with abundant opportunities (our generation had limited options); I want today's students to fully utilize the opportunity. Learn everyday (electricity will not trip, computer will not fail, Net will not be dead slow, books and journals are in plenty, even lectures and courses are freely available), learn well, learn deep – not to impress others, not to get good grades and high paying jobs – but to enjoy the joy of learning!

ALUMNI INTERVIEW



Nitin Tailor, currently the CEO of 'Serve Happiness', graduated five years ago from our college. He was presented with the Entrepreneur of the Year at the convocation last year. A multifaceted personality, he has travelled through many paths, some of which are as a Professor, software engineer, until he found his passion in serving people as a social entrepreneur. Apart from this, he has been a facilitator of Jagriti Yatra and Yuva Prerna Yatra, which are described as life changing experience by many. Here are some excerpts from our telephonic interview with the man himself.

1. From all that we have heard, IIITB had a great impact on you. You have grown personally, professionally and emotionally here. So can you tell us some specific things that you still cherish from being at IIITB?

I was born and brought up in a very small place called Bharuch, Gujarat. I studied at a municipal school. We didn't have much knowledge or guidance as to what to do in life. It was only after I took up computer engineering did I have my first encounter with computers. Even after four years of college at Gujarat, life hadn't changed much. I went through a huge transition, when I joined IIITB, where the environment was always buzzing with activity, which was quite a contrast to my life at Bharuch. There were people from all over India and such diversity broadened my perspective. I got myself involved in as many activities as

possible, be it cultural or academics. My thinking process had changed and I gained more confidence. Before coming to IIITB I was very poor in computer programming. Even a linked list program, I used to mug it up and write it, back in under-graduation. But after coming here I caught hold of the concepts. It's not so much about the programming, but the confidence you gain in that process. If I remained at Bharuch as a professor, life would have been very smooth, but I wouldn't have got a chance to experience the real world and find my place in it.

2. What are the opportunities for graduates like us, who might be interested in social entrepreneurship? Do we join an existing start up/NGO or set up your own company? Some of us will be taking up internships coming summer. If you want to see how social entrepreneurship is like, are there any particular place to take up an internship in?

Before coming directly into social entrepreneurship, I recommend that you should try taking up a corporate job. Get to know how the corporate organizations work. Even I had gained some experience at an MNC and Academia, before actually setting up an enterprise.

Of course there are plenty of opportunities when it comes to serving the society. There is this misconception among people that there is no money in the social side to make any lasting impact. But amendments to the New Company Bill, which make 2% spend on social causes a must, led to a lot of corporate support. Initially, one might face some difficulties, as making an impact in the real world takes time and patience. But the central thing is that you need to have passion and great belief in yourself to cross the hurdles that you will come across. If you want to get a feel of social entrepreneurship, you can work at any of the social organizations or NGOs, maybe during the summer.

3. Any other field that you are interested in?

I love to act. I am a very good actor. So maybe I will act in short films or documentaries sometime. I also like writing. I have started writing a book about my experiences in life called 'Life on Wheels'. I chose that title as I spend most of my time travelling. I want to write about the ups and downs I have faced. Apart from these, I am passionate about teaching. So whenever I get time I teach students.

4. You go around India and inspire students. So, any advice you would like give us?

There is only one thing I would like to tell you. It is important to think about your social career. By social career I mean, being a responsible citizen, you should start taking initiatives instead of waiting for change to happen. Despite earning a lot of money in the corporate sector, I never felt the same satisfaction or happiness, which I felt from serving people. You have only one life, so do something you and the people who care about you are proud of. There are lots of opportunities out there. *Life mein pagal banna zaruri hai...* (You have to be crazy sometimes).

5. Can you share with us how a day in the life of a social entrepreneur is like... How is it different from that of a CEO of other profit based companies.

My working day starts with discussing work related plans and strategies with my colleagues friends. Occasionally, I work with the media and interact with newspapers, tv channels, magazines. After that, we have team meetings to discuss the strategies as to what projects to do next, 5 days a week. Apart from the hectic work schedule, I make time for physical activities like cycling and exercising. I get a chance to talk to a lot of young people about their social initiatives.

Basically we are not running a company. We are just running an initiative which can bring some positivity into the world. Then I thought let's connect more people

and I started Serve Happiness as an initiative. Slowly it grew as an organization. Yet I operate from my home in a makeshift office in a small corner. Everyday is very different. Some days I used to meet with the ministers at Gujarat regarding various projects.

6. Who are the people you work with?

On a daily basis, I work with 5 to 10 people who vary a lot from presidents of the company or the ministers to NGO volunteers.

7. Do you have any mentor... If so how did you go about choosing the mentor.

I don't have a *mentor* as such. I meet people from different fields and backgrounds which include people leading other NGOs and Jagritiyatri. They give me different ideas. Like I met a lady from Aurbindo ashram from Pondicherry, who gave me some ideas to start up an international centre for entrepreneurship. I take inspiration from all sources. Even small things like children playing cricket with a carefree attitude I have a lot friends and we collaborate together for different projects.

8. Do you think there need to be more startups like the Serve Happiness? Is there a shortage of such initiatives in India?

We did a very interesting survey as a part of Openfuel.

A nationwide entrepreneurship survey was conducted in 56 colleges, which included IITs and NITs. What we found out

was that so many students wanted to start up, but they were not getting exposed to the right environment. Not from the college, family, society nor friends. We have to create right culture for entrepreneurship in our society. Entrepreneurship is about creating a community, rather than economy. When we talk about big organizations like Reliance or Birla, these organisations are building the economy of the country. But entrepreneurship is about creating a community. In India we need a culture where people come together and create something at the ground level. When I was working at a startup in Europe, I was exposed a very different culture where even the smallest of the ideas were recognised and appreciated. This environment inspires me to do something creative. There was a support system both in the company as well as the university where they encourage you to pursue your ideas. But in India, people have fears associated with startups/entrepreneurship. We should create an environment where a normal person's ideas should not be bogged down by the environment around you. About three or four years ago, nobody believed in my idea. They used to look down on me and asked if I didn't have any better work to do or why didn't I work for some company. But only after I became successful did people appreciate and encourage me. If this encouragement and support could be provided at the school level, it would lead to greater things. This is what we lack in India. The mentality of the people needs to change. Even at the family level, if the kid wants to do

something for the nation them, let him do it.

9. It has been nearly four years since you have entered the field of social entrepreneurship. Do you think the environment is more conducive to startups today than four years ago? You see many more startups today.

When you talk about entrepreneurship or startups, the first that comes to mind is funding, business models, etc. For me entrepreneurship is '*antar prerna*' (self-motivation), to be inspired from within. When I started Serve Happiness I started with an intention to make a difference to the society and not worrying about business models or funding. At that I never knew anything about entrepreneurship. So when we talk about entrepreneurship and all, it should not revolve around business models, but it should be more about your passion to do something. That sort of environment hasn't yet set in...

10. Will you be conducting the Narmada PrernaYatra this year as well? Your future plans for the Yatra...

Yes, but this year we will be expanding the yatra to other parts of India. Apart from Narmada prerna yatra, there will be Tapi prerna yatra in the south along with an

entrepreneurship program which will be a fully residential one. We are targeting this program at the corporate as well as college level. It is for people who can do something for the society, after the yatra. We will provide all kinds of funding and support. If this yatra becomes very successful, I have plans of expanding it further into a whole Gujarat yatra. We have a lot of funding to carry this out, but the main thing I am concerned about is the quality of the yatra. Apart from this, we also conduct a lot of entrepreneurship programs as a part of Openfuel at IIM Ahmedabad or DU campuses. In the future I want to hold these events at an eco-friendly place.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Most Recent Book: Plunngge by Rakesh Godhwani.

True inspiration: Whenever I feel down, I go spend my time with the river (and meditate near river Narmada). I live close by. The whole Narmada prernayatra is tribute to the Narmada river.

Life changing experience: When I got an opportunity to go to Sweden, Malmo University. It changed my thought process. I came across a lot of changes when I went from a developing country to a developed one.

Republic Day

BEING INDIAN: THE WAY WE SEE IT

Mounika Neerukonda

To begin is the hardest thing ever. And believe me, I had spent an entire afternoon racking my brain as to how to begin this article but came up with no better way. So I am just going to get to the point.

I was told that the whole point of the article was to bring out the way people of our generation view "Republic Day". My job was basically to go around interviewing a few people, jot down what they think and summarize it in the form of an article. Now this was what I visualized. What actually happened was a far cry from this.

Every time I asked someone what they think of republic day or how they celebrated it I would first be looked at in the weirdest way possible, then be thrown a couple of swear words and then they would finally explain as to how it is nothing more than a holiday. This was expected and I had braced myself for this and just when I thought I had faced the worst, and things could only get better from here on, I realized I was highly mistaken. There were people who came as shocking examples to this.

Example 1: I asked this certain Mr.XYZ, a classmate of mine, what the whole essence of celebrating this national festival was, to which he replied, "I don't know. It's probably to celebrate our independence or something." WOW!!

Example 2: I don't know if any of you remember this but SonamKapoor once made it to the headlines, not for any of her performances or modeling but because she had said that cricket was our national sport. DOUBLE WOW!!

These are only a couple of the thousand and one examples I could cite and they could be worse. I am, by no means at all, putting myself above any of you because the minute I realized 26th January fell on a Monday this year, I booked my tickets to go home for the long weekend.

And all this just makes me wonder: did we really stoop this low? Are we choosing to be blissfully unaware of the most basic details of our country and its history? Does it not make a pinch of difference to us? If this is the response to the most general and superficial questions on my mind then I dare not touch upon more sensitive issues like patriotism and other matters of national pride. The reason could be the fast paced world that we are living in today. And to some extent also the fact that having witnessed an

independent India all throughout, we take this independence for granted. But that only takes half the blame. The rest is definitely on us. What I mean to say is the definition and the way we think has changed. The thought process is more on a global level; we see ourselves not as citizens of the Republic of India but as citizens of the world.



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देखना है ज़ोर कितना बाजू-ए-कातिल में है
है लिए हथियार दुश्मन ताक में बैठा उधर,
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सरफ़रोशी की तमन्ना अब हमारे दिल में है

How we view this whole thing is completely in our mind. Whether we see the glass half-full or half-empty is a matter of choice and I choose to view it half-full. If you are thinking I am optimistic then you are highly mistaken. I am one of the least optimistic people you could meet. This choice was made after a lot of contemplation. As I was preparing for this article, I was reasoning about things which made a difference to our country. And that is when it dawned upon me that we are the ones making a difference and helping India create a mark for herself on the global arena. We are the ones bridging the gap between India and the rest of the world. For me, this is patriotism. Actions speak louder than words. If you really care, don't just say it, do it. And that is what we are doing. We might not know the reason for commemorating 26th January every year but we certainly keep up with the latest technological advancements our country has made and we pride ourselves in that. We may fight among ourselves and take part in all kind of communal riots but when the time comes, we all unite to fight away our enemy. *Unity in diversity*. That is patriotism. We may not participate in flag hoisting events but we are the first ones to take part in other events, those which make a difference. I can think of no better example than my very own classmate, Abhiraj Lad, who had left this course to join the NDA. We don't just express our support anymore, we jump into the wagon and move along. And all this, to me, is patriotism. The difference between our parent's generation and ours is that they were patriotic and they showed it. We are probably much more patriotic but we don't really know that ourselves.

So the next time I come around for Independence Day, please be generous in your opinions and give more than just the two words I heard: "national" and "holiday".

Spandan

Kumaresh Krishnan

Tech frenzy college goes showcasing sports skills for three days straight! – Never heard of it? Welcome to Spandan @IITB. A calm campus bursts into a sudden rush of adrenaline much like a cocoon giving way to a butterfly. Laptops shut but for the gaming zone, the constant cheer, the occasional jeer and zeal to emerge on top are the vibes flowing throughout the college. Close to fifteen sports packed in three days of the early spring in March – how better to welcome the warmer days (and release post exam stress perhaps)?

This arena doubles up as a chance to reach back to the alumni and engage in some fun yet engrossing sporting tussles. One could call Spandan a ‘three day circle’ where you neither know the beginning nor the end while you are in it. There is a fair share of brave participants who sweat it out on court past midnight only to realize they are back in action early morning the next day. Seems familiar to the schedule of many during exams? Probably, but this is a pretty naive thought that misses out the key factors of ‘fun, frolic and pure sporting enjoyment’ that abstract Spandan to the layman. It’s not rare to see some professors try their hand at table tennis, swing a shot or two in badminton or group together to stamp their mark on the cricket pitch! Many students would thank their stars that professors has thus far not ventured into basketball, Who knows what upstaging performances they could churn out there – the coming year may throw some big surprises! It’s a wonderful avenue for them to bring out the sporting spirit and break away from the regular chimes of teaching, meetings and research. It is only fair to mention here that for the students too it is the required deviation from the confines of their daily academic life.

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The extent of planning and preparation that goes into Spandan is really encouraging. One can just about smell it around the corner when all the sports equipment starts coming out from mid-January. There are the serious ones who aim for nothing but the win and at the other end of the spectrum are those plotting the best entertainment they can provide to the crowd. Suddenly there seems to be a dearth of sports fields in the campus, suddenly there rises new sporting talent and suddenly all the sports facilities and equipment of the college seems to be in use. Here starts a phase where the most sought after person in the college is the head of the physical education department followed by chants of “Could you arrange to

level the surface”, “The floodlights need to be repaired”, “Marking needs to be redone”. Amidst all this, the dedicated organising team diligently puts together the event piece by piece, attracting volunteers at least with the incentive of free T-shirts! And before one can say ‘Spandan’, it has already begun and the batches of different years along with the alumni try their best to extend their winning regime over as many sports as possible but all in good spirit.

The three day extravaganza has almost everyone gasping for breath by the end but nevertheless every moment was enjoyed to the fullest. Easy to say here that Spandan ironically unites everyone through competition, but then again – isn’t that the true sporting spirit? At the end of three days, one tries very hard to get back to the routine prior to Spandan preparation, but in vain. The spirit of the event lingers on for months to come and keeps many people on the sports field despite a hectic schedule otherwise. When one finally manages to get back into a different routine – “Hold on! There’s only a month left for the next Spandan! Better get back and practice!” The success and scale of this intra college event has also brought with it the thought of hosting our own inter-college fest and in due course of time, the IITB community hopes to realize this too.

Spandan descriptions are best left to one page. This attempt too is pretty shallow, as for the rest of the story- “What are you waiting for? Come and engage in [Spandan 2015!](#) Seeing is believing!”



Win it at *all* costs?

Nigel Steven Fernandez

The stakes were high, the odds were overbearing. €450,000 to be won, 3200 km of battle, 23 days of relentless exhaustion, 200 cycling aces, it was the Tour De France, cycling's grandest stage. (Cycling legend?) Lance Armstrong chose, he decided, he conquered all for seven times in a row. He was the new hero. But the fairy tale was too good to be true. Armstrong had chosen for the worse.



After 13 years of staunch denial, Armstrong has publicly admitted to doping in all of his seven Tour de France victories. The bubble has finally burst. Millions of hearts have been broken. Betrayal, anger, denial and anguish are strongly portrayed among his army of fans. His brainchild Livestrong, a cancer awareness foundation has taken a toll for the worse. Life will never be the same again.

As an Indian student and a young citizen of this bright country, I feel there are some important lessons to be learnt. The competition in India and around the world for a matter of fact has always been high, the pressure at times overbearing. The will to be the best, to rise to the top, beats in many hearts. It's not an easy task to be a student in these conditions. The fear of losing, the nature of being perfect spoils life. Pressure and temptations seem to seep in from all sides. The easy way out, cheating, wielding influence, bribing seem so good but the repercussions will be too hot to bear.

It was the same with Armstrong, having defeated death in the form of cancer, the will to win at *all* costs was natural. Defeat was never an option. The competition at the Tour de France was treacherous; it was either do or die. Doping seemed the easy way out, victory was guaranteed. The road was travelled by many at that time. Armstrong could choose to go along or fight against it. Armstrong chose to cheat. A decision he will regret for the rest of his life.

The competition and pressure faced by us is akin to what Armstrong had faced. The decision to handle it should be taken in a judicious manner. Fighting for the truth, being an example of righteousness will set us apart. Friends to last will be made. Peer pressure has an uncanny edge in convincing us to choose for the worse. It's high time we took our own decisions and

chose how to live. The fear of being 'uncool' will not last for long but there some wounds that time can never heal. Think before you act and ask yourself whether your action will be morally right and solely decided by you. The battle will be arduous but the victory will be sweeter.

Armstrong fought off doping allegations like a man possessed, destroying many cycling careers and lives in the process. Cyclists who refused to dope in his United States Postal Service (USPS) team were kicked out. But truth will always have the final laugh. Years of interrogation and insurmountable evidence gathered by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) forced him to confess. The repercussions were high, as always. He lost everything. It was a \$75 million day for Armstrong when he finally confessed, sponsors rushed to close the door on him. He was banned for life from professional sport. His family is in jeopardy. Livestrong asked him to withdraw all associations and to step down as chairman. The future looks grim. But there never is nor will there ever be any sympathy for cheaters.

There are some hard lessons to be learnt. Cheating may seem the easy option, but it isn't the only option. It's important for us to realize that the satisfaction of giving one's best is far greater than winning. Victory is sweet only when won fairly. Peer pressure to take the easy way out, the 'cool thing' seems dominating but it is in these deciding moments that leaders are born. Self-belief and strong will set us apart, perseverance and hard work will lead us to the top. Honesty and truth hold the key to our destiny. The truth will set us free. It's time to choose, to decide. It's time to win at the *right* costs. Battle on!

To Read, Or to not Read?

Or to read later. Welcome to the Big, Bad world of procrastination!

Gayathri Garimella



Firstly congratulations are in order, for taking that proverbial leap of faith and choosing to read anyway. The hero of my story wouldn't or wouldn't just yet. In our everyday lives the people we meet fall into two broad categories. Type A or the Doer – they are triggered by the faintest smell of a task that needs completion and need no invitation to take charge. They fight all odds to finish it, no matter how daunting the job. A pure blood doer is hardly ever overwhelmed by deadlines and thrives on the satisfaction of nipping the pressure that comes with them in the bud. This magnificent kind is followed by the sloppy Type B better known as the procrastinator. Their philosophy is

encapsulated in this short and easy mantra - 'If tomorrow comes and when tomorrow comes...'.

It is not a difficult choice to make between the two, however with a little introspection most of us know which bracket we unfortunately fall into. Yes, like all disease dilly-dallying is rampant. It slyly entices both the suspecting and unsuspecting with equal fervor coaxing them out of their noble intentions and forcing them to rely on those long and arduous nights before submissions. This saga has a closer than warranted association with most us and needs no introduction, however there is another side to putting off, a lesser known side and today I am going to indulge in the storyteller's joy of telling a story never told before. If we were to forsake the idea of absolute, there is nothing that is right or wrong let alone completely right, so there ought to be a brighter side to their morbid lives: there ought to be perks of being a procrastinator.

1. You may try as hard as you please to remain on top of things but there will always be those pesky surprises waiting to catch you in a weak spot. Having the skill to work under pressure or in crunch situations, where performing is a necessity not a choice is nice addition to your toolkit. And since all skill is acquired through practice, practice hard. Delay a little for that movie, a little more to pick up new interests and then just to dance on the wild side make an old friend or one for that matter. most artists swear many writers can't content unless they lot of creativity is pressure and lack of finish it. They ***"The time when you pulled an all-nighter to meet a near impossible deadline, the time you went for a movie before an exam are the times you will mull over questioning if you could ever do that again or being thrilled at the fact that you ever did."*** sometime for even a new Interestingly, by deadlines, create have to. So a fuelled by choice to probably revel in the challenge more than the art itself! Procrastination is a reflection of your subconscious faith in yourself. It shows you that you are not timid. You like a challenge to point of insanity; even when the going is not tough, you make it tough and then get going.

2. Work expands with time. This sentence probably defies logic but ascertains all experience. So postponing the must-dos in our lives is probably a good idea. The wisest take I have heard on this notion is by Professor Umberto Eco who is a big name in semiotics who later turned to writing fiction. When asked how he found time to achieve all that he did, he simply replied, "Do you know what will happen if you eliminate the empty spaces from the universe, eliminate the empty spaces in all the atoms? The universe will become the as big as my fist. Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in an elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces." Delaying

makes empty spaces and using them well could serve as a wonderful advantage for a procrastinator to do other things despite having some unpleasant task looming over your head.

3. The decisions we take are a function of our discretionary power, experience and the information at hand. Putting off a decision, until it becomes necessary is tricky business but not a bad idea when used in tandem with the aforementioned discretionary power. Only variable is the information which is largely dependent on time. Waiting helps us gather more because we can learn from others experiences or from the constantly changing situation. It is a benefit that must be deployed with caution.

Therefore, I wonder if procrastinating is an art. It could be a new tool to make your life a lot more exciting and enriching. These ideas may be far too romantic bordering on irrationality and purists may reject these ideas at first glance, but do consider my stance for a moment. Sometimes we are caught up in the things that we ought to be doing instead of things we would rather be doing. However, the moments that one looks back to and cherishes are those of madness, those of rebellion, those of challenges and those of triumphs in our own eyes. The time when you pulled an all-nighter to meet a near impossible deadline, the time when put your own task aside to help a friend, the time you went for a movie before an exam are the times you will mull over questioning if you could ever do that again or being thrilled at the fact that you ever did. I don't ever see a time in our life when we won't have to conform and be ruled solely by our whims and fancies. We have to make that time amidst all the unavoidable. The must-dos will get done, they always do. So if putting off some must-dos is a way to make some time to do something that makes you happy or not conform even for few moments then so be it. I don't advocate absolute procrastination, then nothing would ever get done. In general it builds stress, causes panic and is avoidable trouble which we bring upon ourselves. Yet, procrastination comes naturally to us and it wouldn't if it didn't sit right with something that we really wanted: a fleeting taste of freedom every now and then.

Lastly, this column was written in jest and as a defense mechanism to all the wonderfully organized and proactive people whom I see around myself who inspire me to get things moving in my own life. Hopefully this was entertaining for all, a much required vent for some or new perspective for others but in the event that it didn't do much for you it at least answer one question: To Read or Not to Read?



"I have to hang up. I only have an hour to get these reports done."

It was raining...

Chandana Kotta

It was raining in mid-summer. Right in the morning. My mom was worried that the maids would not turn up. My dad was worried that there might be a traffic jam. I was worried I would get drenched by the time I went to work. And my sister was peacefully sound asleep oblivion to all of this.

Still it was beautiful. The city known for its hot weather especially during the summers was giving its people respite from scorching heat. The land parched from a scarcity of water had a blast of fresh rain water. And as usual the drains were full. Water flowed as rivulets on the main roads creating havoc to the office goers. With an overturned truck on one of the busiest roads, the traffic jams of Hyderabad hit a new high of frustration with its citizens. With such might did the clouds decide to shower that despite carrying an umbrella, I was dripping wet from top to toe. I was genuinely irritated. I was furious. But then it dawned upon me that things were beyond my control and I did not have the power to control them. But one thing was under my control – my perspective.



Well I was drenched. But then I decided to be happy to have got wet. It reminded me of all those wonderful days in school where rains were a boon to us as kids and a bane to all the moms due to the mud stains. Those ecstatic days when a holiday was declared due to heavy rains. Hot pakodas and mirchi bajjis made way into every house. And of course the yummy corn kernels!

Pretty umbrellas in all colors dotted the busy landscape. Kids in raincoats of all patterns skittering along their parents brought about a picture of innocence and joy. All the trees around looked vibrantly green after the decent downpour. Slowly it ceased to rain. The water cleared on the roads. Traffic started to move smoothly. The sky cleared and just like me everyone around was slowly enjoying the pleasant weather. With trees in full bloom with flowers in red, yellow and white and with cuckoos cooing it turned into a beautiful day. Rather the whole city transformed into a beautifully drenched city :D

New Year Resolutions, the Game Theory Way

Sushravya G M

Happy New Year guys! Have a great year ahead. New Year surely brings lots of exciting stuff with it, but the one thing that creates largest buzz is always New Year's resolutions. Be it Narendra Modi, Amitabh Bachchan, Angelina Jolie or Mark Zuckerberg, everyone seems to have a list ready. According to Twitter, "Workout" tops the list of most popular New Year 2015 personal resolutions, along with others like, being happy, losing weight, loving yourself and unplugging.



Well, all this is great, but what some of us can't understand is why people wait till the New Year to bring changes in their lives? Why don't we kick start from December 31st morning or some other day? Although this makes no sense, it is perfectly rational because people like the idea of START OVER. People often want to bury the past and start over right from the scratch with a clean slate. A clean slate with less confusion and more confidence makes it all seem easy.

And for all of us here at IIIT-B, it's not just a fresh year, it's also a fresh semester (and if you like, a fresh GPA!). This time too we were full of energy and absolutely ready to make the most of the new enthusiasm. On day one, it was still 6am when all the alarms at the hostel started buzzing at their top of volumes. They went on and on for God knows how long. When the alarms had called off the 'Mission-Wake up the dead', many people actually took off. Some of them even left for walks and jogs in the jittery cold. The common baths were 'Houseful' even though only ice cold water dripped out of every single tap. The lifts were flooded and so was the canteen. And by the time, some of us reached the first class, no wonder, the front two rows absolutely unavailable. Among all places, library was the busiest, almost like a tourist attraction. And all I could say was "WOW".

And then as days passed, it seemed like tourists had finished their vacation and also, I heard some saying it was too cold to walk or jog in the mornings. Now forget hearing so many alarms ringing, I was not sure if I heard mine. Common bath tourism had died shortly after library tourism. Life had started to finally return to "THE NORMAL", except that the first two rows in the class were still not available. So much for hoping. But except that one, I guess majority of the resolutions didn't make it too far. Like every other year, some realised that they had jumped into water that was way over their head, and promptly gave up and many others were still struggling to hold on to the edge of the cliff. Well, I and a few of my friends Megha, Sahithi, Tanmayee, Neha and Amit happen to belong to the latter category.

This time, our resolutions were the same as the previous year, which were the same as its previous ones. Yet, we have been super consistent in blowing them up each time. Our common goals were the usual ones – to cut the junk stuff, to consume healthy food, to get up early, and to work out regularly. Although it started out well, we knew it was only a matter of time before we fell off the ladder again, but this time we were determined to not give up. After our earlier attempts failed, instead of solely relying on ourselves again, we decided to use a little bit of Game Theory. That was the best plan ever. It looks like we could finally pull off our resolutions.

One of the greatest experts on Conflict Theory, Thomas C. Schelling, who shared Nobel in economic science says, “Pretty much everybody suffers from a split personality. One self desperately wants to lose weight or run two miles a day or get up early to work. The other wants dessert, hates exercise or loves sleep. Both selves are equally valid, and equally rational about pursuing their desires. But they do not exist at the same time.”

So, in Resolutions-101, all that matters is how much time the good self takes to drive the bad self out. All you have to do is to give it as much time as possible. To execute the strategy of mild pre commitment, the next day we SHIFT + DELETE all junk food from our rooms. Now, appetite for junk stuff grew bigger than before. But, every time we craved, we were forced to get our lazy selves on feet and drag ourselves to the canteen. That didn't happen because we all know Lazy legs always win over Crazy tongue. And even if we went out, most of the times, our resolve met us half the way and chased us back to our rooms. Bingo! All we had done is given it some more time and it worked. We thanked Mr. Schelling for his great insight. After having tasted sweet success, we couldn't wait for step two.



Step two was to use strategy of bright-line rules in the resolutions, which makes it harder to cheat by cleverly re-interpreting the resolutions. “I didn't re-interpret my New Year resolution, said no one ever”. Likewise, we were all masters at re-interpretation. On the days of morning workout, all of us used to wake up and patiently wait for someone else to call. And when nobody called anybody even after five minutes, the masters of re-interpretation that we were, we decided it was supposed to be a group workout and it cannot happen as none of the others were awake. So, without further delay, all of us jumped back to bed with the covers over our heads. Unfortunately, that cannot happen anymore. The new rule says, ‘Everyone goes to workout at six’. If you have got up, gotten yourself inside a track suit, and even reached the place to workout, you wouldn't hesitate to wake up your friend even if he/she is dead, now would you?

Hurray! Now two resolutions were down and two more to go! We had avoided junk lately, but we weren't exactly eating healthy food like fruits or vegetables. Whenever we went to the store, a bottle of coke seems to magnetically reach our hands, just like the Thor and his hammer. Our pick up baskets would be overflowing with chips and fried stuff. With each day our resolve seemed to falling apart, and that's when the strategy of strong pre-commitment came to our rescue. According to this, someone else buys fruits and vegetables for you; of course you pay him/her beforehand. This was our pre-commitment. So, now there was no backing out from fruits when you found a lays packet. Also, when you have paid so much from your own pocket, you better swallow it down your own throat.

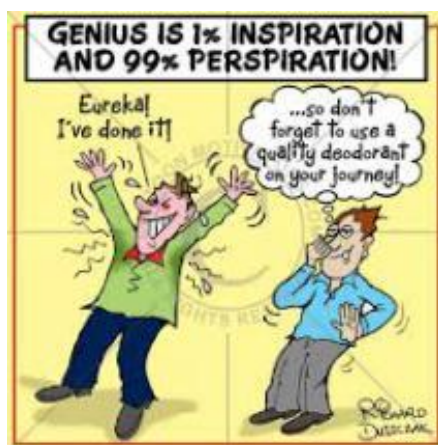
The last resolution and the Hercules one, was to wake up early. We chose the Strategy of delay. Here we won by delaying our decision. When the alarm rings, we tried to not decide whether to sleep or wake up at once, and we delay the decision by five minutes. After five minutes, we delayed the decision by five more minutes. In case you are as hopeless as me, it's safer to have your alarm buzz every five minutes. We just kept doing that and in no time we were wide awake. Can you believe it, procrastination just saved our lives. I guess this is the first time and surely it would be the only time.

So, this is the story of how we are making our New Year resolutions happen at campus and we are totally in love with game theory. I am sure you folks must have tried so many variations of the same things. We hope that you choose to not give up. There seems to be a way for everything. I almost forgot, you can check out some the popular NYR apps and websites like Stickk, 21 habit, 43 things and livifi. They are kind of fun.

Inspiration

Ankita Victor

Inspiration. What is it really? A thing of beauty. A feeling. An enigma. A loved one. An



experience. Music. Nature. Creation. Inspiration is that one thing that cannot be defined in a way that all identify with. Inspiration is an intimate, often evasive companion without whom one is quite often left in a slump. It is a force of nature, of joy, of everything wonderful and perfect. Inspiration is an onslaught of emotion, brought on by the most darnedest of things. You find inspiration in the most unexpected of places. Inspiration could be watching an army of ants build, blind artist paint, a movie or marveling at the harmony

of nature, listening to goose bumps raising music or merely by observing common man go about his life. It's a constant game of hide-and-seek. But then, it is that search that leads to the epiphany that inspires. Even the most motivated of us can find themselves quite unmotivated for lack of inspiration in their lives. This piece was inspired by my utter lack of inspiration to write something that would inspire its readers! There's no dearth of founts of inspiration. Yet it often just feels so impossible to find something that calls out to you and spurs you to action!

We live in a world obsessed with talent and capabilities, a world that lets inspiration slide out of focus. It's important to realise that it is inspiration that enables us to look beyond the normal realm of things and thought. Inspiration is born of an ephemeral moment of lucidity that gives you the ability to see something that never was, but yet was there all along. It motivates you to do and yet will never inspire till you begin to act on it. As well as inspiring ourselves to create, we also need to motivate ourselves to put what we have created into action.

One needs to be open to inspiration. People more open to the divine concept of being inspired are more often likely to be inspired. When you feel that giant wall sitting in your head, push it out! Go somewhere or do something that will help you focus on the extraordinary and let your creativity flow. Get excited about what you do, commit publicly (there's no drive like that, that will make you hunt hard for the inspiration you need), start small, don't be discouraged by the rise and fall of your ideas and build on every experience and success. Inspiration gave birth to Christopher Nolan's *Inception*, **Salvador Dalí's** *Persistence of Memory*, *The Beatles' Yesterday*, *Einstein's Theory of Relativity*, and it can give your brain child the start it needs!

To let one's self be inspired is, in a way, hard work. I struggle with it. I'm sure we all do. That rush of discovery and that giddy joy at having come up with something that that speaks to you like none other will give you the energy you need to change the world in whatever little ways. Let yourself be inspired and let your life be an inspiration to others. Are you looking for inspiration? Look up. It's all around you.



Sunday Breakfast @ Monkey Bar

#BreakfastAtTheBar

Veda Reddy

DISCLAIMER – This is solely my experience with the restaurant and the food. I can't guarantee the exact same experience to everyone who goes there.

Monkey Bar is quite a popular haunt in Bangalore but I reckon that their special Sunday breakfasts are the highlight. The first time I went, it was quite an impromptu trip and my friend kept saying that they serve the BEST waffles. Now, I love my waffles but I thought I knew better than to take her seriously (everyone has that one friend who is a compulsive fibber, no?!) We went to the Monkey Bar off Richmond Road and it was a tiny, charming little place. So tiny that I accidentally asked the doorman of Monkey Bar, "Monkey Bar kidharhainbhaaaayaa?" It's easy to miss, but if you ask around once you get to Ashoknagar, people do know the location.

We didn't make a reservation either times that we went, but we were seated as soon as we reached. The breakfast is a la carte only so it makes sense to go in a group (4 ideal) because then you can order a bunch of different things and taste a bit of everything. Trust me, there are multiple things on the menu worth tasting and it will end up too expensive if you are not into sharing.



Now onto the exciting stuff, the actual food. My personal favourite, also apparently the crowd favourite, were the RED VELVET waffles. They were incredible, taste was absolutely on point and probably the best waffles I've had in a long time. The pancakes were great as well. Between the cinnamon pancakes and the ultimate pancake, my advice would be to try the cinnamon pancakes because they're different and not many places make it as well as these guys do. The cereal sundae is very good, one of my favourite things on the menu. It's light yet filling, very understated taste and perfect for someone who likes fruity flavours (you can also ask them to make it with chocolate chips if you're into chocolate) The Bagels are a good option too especially if you're a vegetarian because the choices get pretty dim for you after this. Sorry!

If you're a non-vegetarian, this place will be a real delight. The kheemabao honestly didn't look like how baos traditionally look but they were so good. The pork buns were yum as well. You can avoid the sides if you're trying to be prudent with money because the mains are way better. We tried the Pizza Omellete but it wasn't that great. If you like egg DEFINITELY try the Eggs Benedict. The hollandaise sauce was made to perfection and the poached eggs were divine.

All in all, it's currently my favourite breakfast place in Bangalore. The portions are small and the timings are from 9 to 11:30 am so it's a little tight but I think the early morning commute is really worth it. The food is superb, the music is first-rate and the place has a great ambience.



Night Trek @ Skandagiri Hills [#AboveTheClouds](#)

Meghana Madhyasta

They say last minute plans always turn out terrific and this was one of those plans. With merely a few hours notice and planning nearly half the class went to Skandagiri Hills for a night trek. For many, it was the first night trek and quite a few were apprehensive. Would it



be safe? What if there are wild animals and snakes? Will I be able to walk the distance? These were among the many questions that ran in our minds. Yet, we all managed to convince each other and off we were headed. The initial apprehension turned into adrenalin pumped excitement as we headed to climb the Skandagiri Hills. It was pitch black outside with zero visibility in some places and we had to rely

solely on our small flashlights to navigate. The terrain was quite challenging and that is partly what made the trek fun. The journey was very strenuous and we took frequent breaks as the uphill climb left most of us breathless. At around 5:00 AM we reached the peak. That was such an exciting moment we thought as we looked below us and saw how far up we climbed. We briefly relished this moment of victory. Our next worry was waiting till sunrise in the blazing cold without freezing to death. But somehow we managed and it was worth it. The sunrise was so beautiful that there could not possibly be enough words in the dictionary to describe it. For some time, we stood at the peak just trying to fathom mother nature's beauty. The gentle breeze blowing ever so slightly, the chirping of the birds as if to signal that the day has begun, the red and orange that colored the sky, the clouds gliding in the sky as if to give way to the sun, it was like a scene from a movie, perfect. The best part was that we could see the clouds below us and in a way that made us feel special and happy. We

managed to fulfill our childhood fantasies of reaching the clouds. We didn't just reach the clouds, we were above the clouds.

Fiction @ Throne of Glass #ThroneOfGlass

Komaragiri Vasundhara

Throne of glass series by Sarah J. Maas is a must read for all who love young adult fantasy, mystery and magic. The series has a strong female lead with a fast-paced and intriguing storyline backed with light-hearted humour. Its set in the fictional land of Erilea. Erilea is a continent which has been conquered forcefully by a power hungry tyrant, who is



the king of Adarlan which is one of the countries of Erilea, through killing innocents. The series is mainly told from the point of view of Celaena Sardothien, named "Adarlan's Assassin" due to her professional prowess. The King of

Assassins Arobynn Hamel found her at age 8 and he trained her to be his prodigy teaching her through moral and not-so-moral methods. Later, it is revealed that she suspects he betrayed her which led to her capture and then shipment to the "death camp" salt mines of Endovier where Dorian Havilliard, the Crown Prince of Adarlan along with Chaol Westfall, Captain of Royal Guard and Dorian's best friend find her. He offers her the choice to serve as the King's Champion as the King's personal assassin for four years following a competition between 23 contestants to select the King's Champion in return of her freedom after the four years.

Celaena is smart, pretty, light humored and of course incredibly deft at murdering people – in short charming. But she has a past. A past which if discovered will mean death for her. She is also perhaps the only person who can save Erilea and the rest of the world from the Evil King. Meanwhile, in the competition, the contestants are dropping dead one by one mysteriously. The series has a properly woven and logically connected plot. It also has a romantic component to it and features a love. Three books and a set of 6 novellas are out already and 3 more books are yet to come! So, all the reading enthusiasts out there, go ahead and give this series a try.

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Curing Turing

*All you troubled Turings out there, Talk to me, I promise to be discrete,
Pour out your heart and I will guide you, I'll tell you where to start,
Follow my "heart felt" words and advice, And I promise you'll lead a better life.*



Q1. Dear Turing,

I have set my eyes on the most beautiful girl in the world who happens to be in our college. She is kind and funny and intelligent. I'm not the most popular guy in class but she didn't seem to care as she always made an effort to talk to me. However, I don't think she feels about me the way I feel about her. What do I do?

— Unfortunately Friend-zoned

Dear Unfortunately Friend-zoned,

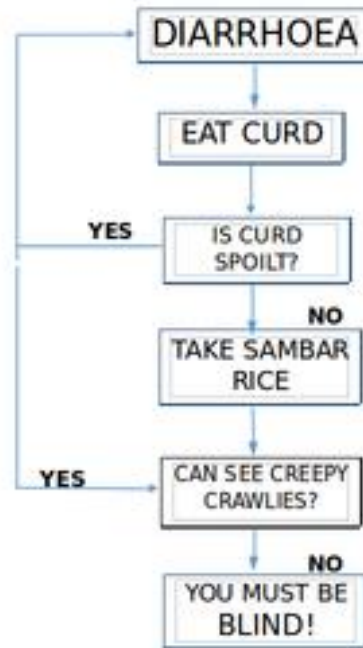
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#include<popularity.h>
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// if there are 100 girls in your college

using namespace engineering;

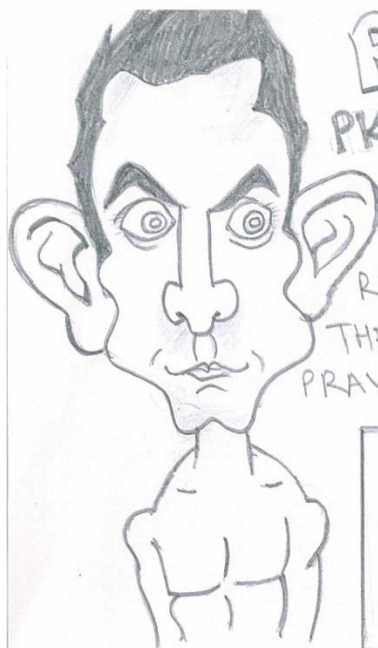
void main()
{
    bool rejection = true;
    int i = 0;
    while(rejection == true)
    {
        rejection = askOut(prospect_girls[i]);
        i++;
    }
    if (rejection == true)
    {
        cout<< "Segmentation fault (core dumped
        you)" <<endl;
    }
}
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Q2. Dear Turing,
 I'm finding it hard to digest the mess food. All the curries look and taste the same. I was told that this was a vegetarian mess but the increasing number of insects I have seen in the food have proved otherwise. DIARRHOEA, HELP!

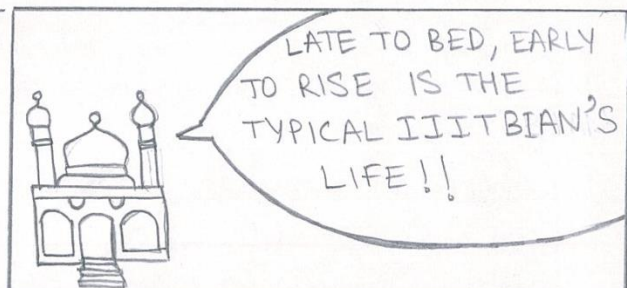
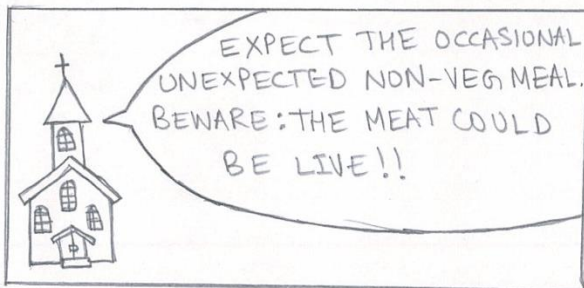
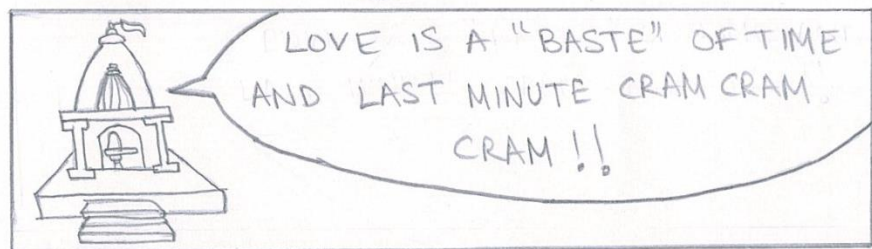
— Troubled Tummy



Let's Laugh Out Loud



PK FINALLY FOUND GOD AND GOD TOLD HIM TO GET AN EDUCATION SO PK ENTERED IIIT-B GATES. HOWEVER, JUST AS PK WAS SHOCKED WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO EARTH, HE WAS STUNNED ONCE AGAIN. HE REALISED THAT HE HAD TO LEARN THE ROPES OF THE COLLEGE BEFORE HE COULD FIT IN. SO HE PRAYED TO THE GOD S.



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