

MARITIMES

A Campus News Server ...

From the Editor's desk...

It gives us immense pleasure to bring out the second issue of the MARITIMES. A lot has happened since we brought out the first issue. The hostel is sparkling new with its fresh coat of paint. Cadets have won laurels for the institute in various inter college activities. Let us hope the trend continues.

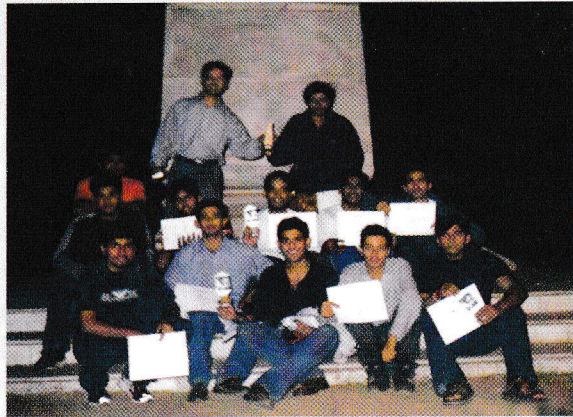
OPENING NEW DOORS TO PROGRESS

On 22nd Sept, 2003, TMI took a giant step towards its dream of being a complete Maritime University, when it introduced a 4 year Nautical Technology degree programme in collaboration with BITS Pilani. The programme comprises of a 3 year training period and 1 year of internship.

HARDWORK SHELLING OUT DIVIDENDS

Tolani Maritime Institute works hard to bring the standard of its education and training upto international marine standards. These efforts were aptly rewarded when on 28 Jan 2004, Mr. Alan Chivers and Mr. J. Pope of Shell Management, Isle of Man visited the campus and showed interest in TMI. TMI was encouraged by the visit and hopes for a good intake by the Shell Management

OASIS 2003 TOLANI STEAMROLLS OPPOSITION



The talented team from TOLANI knocked the wind out of it's opponents in it's very first appearance at OASIS, the BITS Pilani annual fest.

This years festival titled 'Elysium' meaning: where dreams, destiny and hope meet, proved to be true to it's meaning as the team won laurels in events like Choreography, Dumb Charades (in Hindi),

Junk art, Hard sell and Mr. Oasis (the personality show), and participated in many more.

The team stood second in the dumb charades, while forth year Cadet. Rahul Singh stood third in the Mr. Oasis contest out of 50 other entries. The team bagged top honors in hard sell, where the team was required to sell products like rubber nails, dead batteries and a chair with two legs, clearly showing that there's more to a marine engineer than meets the eye.



SPECIAL WELDING COURSE FOR THIRD YEAR CADETS



Tolani Maritime Institute has tied up with L&T, Powai to teach specialized welding skills to our cadets in a 4 day course. These courses are held during the semester breaks. All the shipboard hot work practices are demonstrated and taught to the cadets.

1999 BS MARINE ENGINEERING BATCH REACHING FOR THE STARS

The passing out of the second batch of marine engineering cadets was held on the 21st of Aug '03.

Mr. Ajoy Chatterjee, Chief Surveyor to the Govt. Of India was the guest of honour. The other dignitaries who graced the function by their presence were Mr. P. P. Chhabria, Chairman & MD of Finolex Group of Companies, the representatives from various shipping companies Families of graduating cadets, faculty and staff of TMI were also present.



Mr. P.P. Chhabria presented the degree certificates to the 103 passing out cadets and expressed hope that they would bring glory to the Indian sea farers. Mr. Ajoy Chatterjee gave away the awards and medals and reiterated that the quality education and facilities offered by TMI are amongst the best in the country.

Some of the meritorious cadets were:

*Cadet Rahul Priyadarshi (Batch Topper with 7 medals for first position in Marine Engineering, Applied Science, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Thermal Engineering, Drawing & Design, Naval Architecture. & Mechanical Engineering. He also got the Vasant J. Seth Memorial Gold Medal for best in Academics.

Cadet Anuj Gautam won the Gold Medal for the best All-Rounder & Cadet Rohit Kumar Narula the Silver Medal for the best All-Rounder Cadet Priyank Gupta Cadet Akhil Dhavan & Cadet Rajnish Kumar received the Anglo Eastern Cash Awards for the Best All-Round performance.

The ceremony was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Dr. S.R.Gowarikar, member of the Governing Council of TMI.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

TMI introduced the 'Earn while you Learn' scheme to inculcate importance of money in its cadets. Various III year and II year cadets were engaged by TMI to teach various sports and skills to their juniors and to help them with their studies.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACHING:

Cadet Zaahir Papar, Cadet Vineet Sharma and Cadet Sandeepan Raha helped first year cadets in tackling their problems with the English language.

BADMINTON COACHING:

Cadet Anupam Mittal and Cadet Pallab Sarkar introduced cadets to the game of badminton.

GUITAR COACHING:

Cadet Rahul Roy, Cadet Rahul Kumar and Cadet Anish Shinkar introduced young minds to the world of tunes and strings.

KARATE CLASSES:

Cadet Govind and Cadet Manas Vaid are teaching the cadets the art of self-defence.

PROFILE PROF. B. K. NATARAJAN

DEAN : DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM BITS, PILANI Born in Trichi, Tamil Nadu, Prof. B.K.Natarajan did his schooling at St. Joseph's, Trichi. In years that passed by, he received his B.E. in Chemical Engineering and M.Sc. in Chemistry from BITS Pilani between 1974 and 1980.

His professional career began in 1981 when he took up a teaching post at his alma mater. In 1982, he orchestrated the first BITS Industry collaboration Course in Kolkata where he started with Development Consultants Pvt. Ltd. and also started teaching the collaborative courses.

From June 1982-May 1997 he handled the BITS Kolkata Off-Campus Program for full Degree Courses. His dynamism in identifying and solving the basic flaws in the process led to the greater success of the Off-campus Courses he handled.

He came back to BITS Pilani in 1997 as the Assistant Dean (Distance Learning Programs) and in 2000, was appointed the Dean (Distance Learning Programs)

His other interests comprise of continuing the education process and strengthening the university-industry linkages.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



14th
August
2003 –
the eve
of our
nations
independence
a flag
hoisting

ceremony was held at the ship mockup in true patriotic

fervor. The investiture ceremony, for the pre-sea deck cadets also coincided with this.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY WEDS :

1. Mr.Sachin and Mrs.Sarika Kelkar
25th Nov, 2003
2. Mr.Manoj and Mrs.Vandana Dhadwal
9th Feb, 2004
3. Mrs.Pramila and Mr.Santosh Sawant
17th Dec, 2003

2003-2004 FOOTBALL LEAGUE



8th September saw the kicking off of the 2003-04 football league with its traditional brand of enthusiasm. To encourage maximum participation a dual league system was introduced, in which each house fielded two teams.

Tolani and Morarjee houses were the main title contenders this season, which ultimately resulted in Morarjee lifting the League A



Champions Trophy. The competition was stiff in League B with Tolani house being the victor.

CRICKET IN THE AIR



Come November and the cricket pitch comes rolling out in TMI for the Interhouse cricket tournament from the 17th Nov to the 25th of Nov '03. The Tolani house team with many new faces was raring to go and there seemed to be no end to their winning streak, till they reached the penultimate match of the tournament where they met the mighty Morarjee House.

In the final, the two giants recollided and history repeated itself as Morarjee shattered Tolani's defences. Batting first, Tolani scored 203 which Morarjee achieved with 3.5 overs to spare. Cadet Nikhil Garg played a pivotal role and bagged the Man of the Match trophy.

TRAILBLAZING

The first of the two interhouse open cross-country races was flagged off on the 5th of October with a newly chalked out 5km track, twisting through the entire campus.

After an adrenaline pumping session the following emerged victorious:

*Cadet Arjun Trivedi (III year)

*Cadet Vikram S.Thakuri (IV year)

*Cadet Nishikant Ghorpade (III year)

Mudaliar house emerged the overall winner followed by Master, Morarjee and Tolani houses.

A parallel childrens marathon also took place in which the ten year old Pushkal Kapoor stood 1st.

SAILING UPDATE

With sailing becoming a very popular sport among the cadets of TMI, the college has been making special efforts to encourage their interest. Sailing has now become an everyday event with an instructor coming to the campus everyday to train those with a knack for the waters! The response has been very good and many of the cadets have picked up the sport quitewell.



The Institute made another addition to its 'on-campus' lake during this semester – A pontoon, also known as a floating jetty, to assist in rigging and maintenance of the sail boats. It must be noted here that this pontoon was designed by students (most of the credit going to Cadet Zaahir Papar of the Second Year) and fabricated on campus. Its good to see that the students are getting involved in such activities early in their life as sea farers.

ADVENTURE SPORTS

The purpose of training at TMI is not only to provide education for a brilliant career in the merchant navy but also to develop an attitude best suited for the field. Keeping this in mind, TMI organizes various outdoor adventure activities for its cadets.

ROCK CLIMBING AND RAPELLINGCAMP

A three-day rock climbing and rapelling camp was organized for the cadets by Commander. Viswanath (retired) at Bhandara hills from the 27th to the 29th of October. Cadets were introduced to and trained in the basic fundamentals of rock climbing and rapelling. Cadets returned to TMI with some bruises but enjoyed the three days to the fullest.

TREKKING

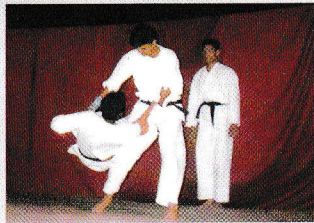
A group of 29 cadets led by Cdt. Sandeep Guglani went on a trek to Korigarh Mountain, Lonavala on the 26th of October, exploring more than 10 caves that were built specially by Buddhist monks to protect themselves from the weather and animals. The climb took around 25 minutes and gave the trekkers breathtaking views of the Amby Valley and the Loahgad fort.

GREENS AND BLUES



The senior cadets at TMI extended a warm welcome to the first year Cadets with of a cultural

program "Greens & Blues". The event started with a musical fiesta comprising of a rock show and solo song performances. A s k i t , a d a n c e performance and a karate demo followed this. The event ended with a bhangra dance.



THANK YOU SENIORS!

As a gesture of thanks for Greens and Blues, the first years put up an entertainment program for their seniors. There was ample song and dance on stage with a couple of skits and mimicry acts to add to that. It was a good show enjoyed by all students and faculty.

NEW INCLUSIONS

The TMI Family warmly welcomes the new members in its family:

- (A) Mr. Manoj Hirkane (Nautical Faculty)
- (B) Mrs. Meenal Borker (Computer Faculty)

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AWAKENING INDIANS TO INDIA



TMI, even though located on the outskirts of Pune city, has no reason to be left out of several ongoing competitions held by various organizations. One such event; the national level quiz "Awakening Indians to India" organized by Chinmaya Yuvakendra was held in the institute in various stages during Oct '03. Sixty eight cadets from all years took part in the first round (institute round) out of which 3 moved on to the second stage. Cadet Prathikrit Sen of the second year performed extremely well in the six level quiz and reached the third level. Way to go

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JAPANESE AND SPANISH CLASSES

A merchant navy crew comprises of people from various cultural and lingual backgrounds. So knowledge of more than one language is always helpful to a mariner. Keeping this in mind TMI has started foreign language classes for the second and third year cadets. A one year course in Japanese has been started for the second year cadets at the end of which they will appear for the proficiency test conducted by the ministry of education of Japan. on sucessful completion of the course they will be awarded with Level-One Certificates for basic reading, writing and speaking skills. A similar course for Spanish has been started for the third year cadets which is for a duration of four months.

CEO FAREWELL

Mr.Pawan Kapoor, CEO since July 2002, left TMI in pursuit of higher goals. The students hosted a farewell dinner in his honor. The respected gentleman gave the TMI cadets a few words of advice before leaving. The TMI family wishes him the best of luck.