

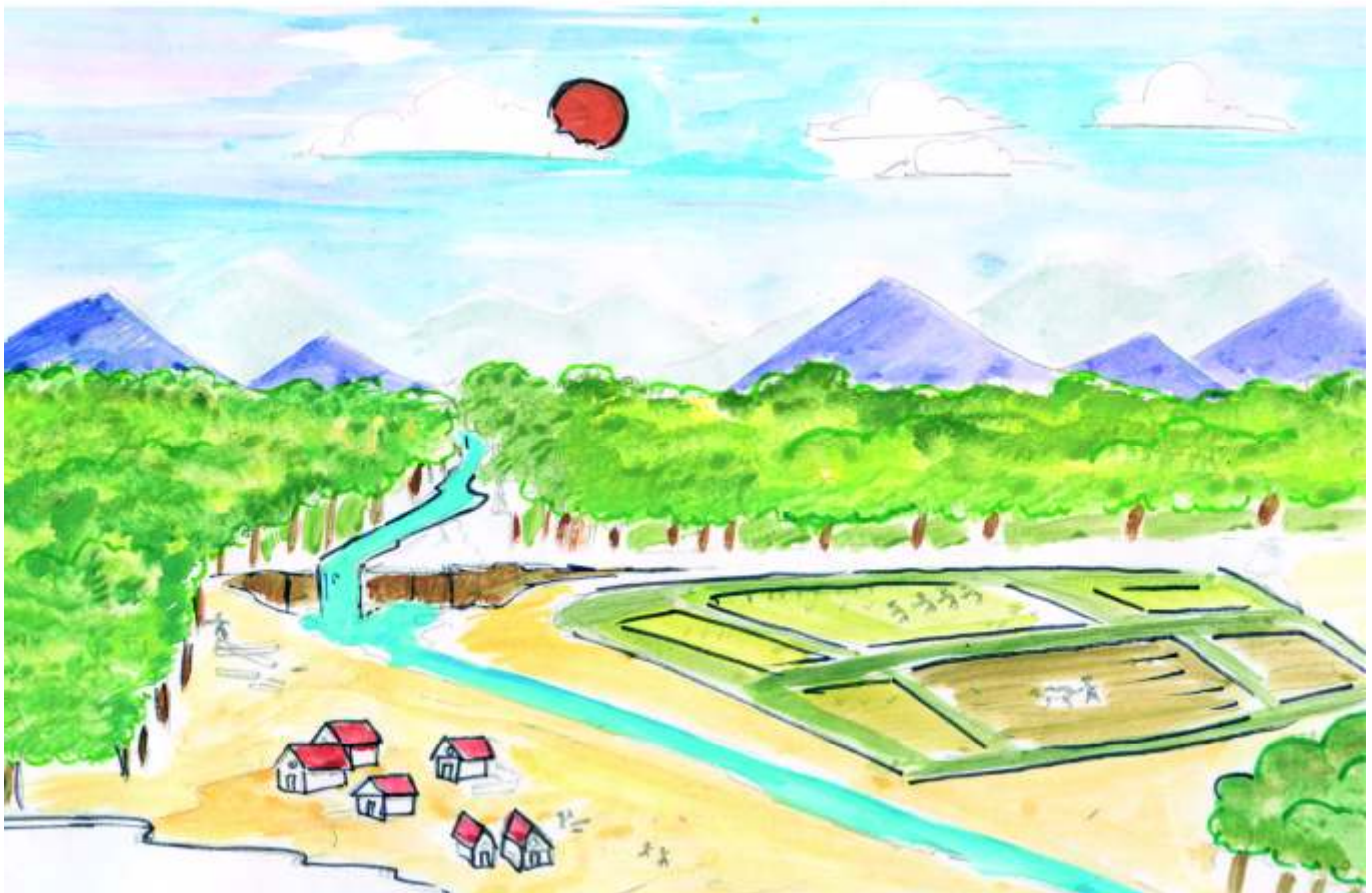
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Editorial

“Self- assessment”, said Plato, more than two thousand years ago, “is the basic requisite for imperative reformation”. The world as it stands today, is a frustrated, tormented and bewildered world, gasping, staggering and agonizing in a pathetically helpless state. Hardly do we get time for any sort of self assessment or to realize our true potential and talents. The Editorial Board of The Loyolite 2008, right from its inception had this idea in their mind of giving an opportunity to realise or assess the creative talents of our students. The mighty world of imagination of the students is well expounded in ‘The Loyolite 2008’ thereby proving that there is an eternally inspiring and perpetually invigorating world in their mind.

“Man is only half himself, the other half is his expression,” says Carlyle. And that expression attains a greater measure of finality when we are young, when we are students brimming with energy. Let this magazine bring to you memories of one fruitful year in our school with its various activities, colours, joys and team work.

The Editorial Board cannot express in words their indebtedness to the teachers and students who helped us in this endeavour. Mrs. Ann Pius, our Junior school teacher helped us in compiling the junior school articles whereas Mr. Rameshan P L and Mrs. Anitha Kumari did a really commendable work in perfecting the Malayalam and the Hindi articles for our magazine. Mr. Shijo Sunny provided us with all the technical support and without the help of Jospeh KJ of XI A, many of the photographs needed for the magazine would not have been possible. We cannot but remember the help and assistance given to us by all the teachers, especially Ms. Brinda Nair, and the non teaching staff in completing this humble work. Akshara Offset Printers and the staff, especially Mr. Hari Raj and Ms. Maya need special mention for a job neatly executed. For the successful completion of any work we need the guidance and inspiration of an experienced person and we were indeed privileged to get it from our Principal, Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy. Without his help all our efforts would have been a cry in the wilderness.

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Chief Editor

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ANNUAL REPORT



Distinguished chief guest Dr. G. C. Gopala Pillai, Fr. Rector, PTA President, eminent guests, erudite parents, well-wishers, dear friends, members of the LOBA, my dear colleagues and students. I am very happy to welcome each and every one of you to this annual celebration of Loyola School especially in this new auditorium. The Chief Guest is a member of the Loyola family. There is a symbiotic relationship established between Loyola and Dr. Gopala Pillai. His presence on the dais today is laudable. Now I would like to present before you a collage of the eventful year that we are in now. In the board exams our results were praiseworthy. The school felicitated the trio Prasanth N. 4th rank, Vyasana R. 6th rank, Anish Rajan 7th rank in I.A.S. 2006. They are senior Loyolites. The La Fest fame Mrs. Deepa Pillai bid good bye to Loyola before her retirement. She is quite active and alive in the minds of many even today. Mr. Abdul Aziz the dedicated gardner though retired has the vital link with the school and is still vibrant. Our C.B.S.E stream secured upgradation to the Senior Secondary level. The fifth National Jesuit Alumni Congress was held on our campus. It was a gathering of alumni from far and wide speaking different languages, of young and old but hale and hearty who demonstrated variety but were united under the banner 'Jesuit Alumni'. Now let us glance through the laurels and laureates of this year.

Quiz

1. Hindu Young World Quiz - Trivandrum region:
1st Noel Johns and Ambareesh S. J. of IX B
2nd Arjun Shajan and Rahul Krishnan of IX B
2. Dept. of Archeology, Kerala History and Heritage Quiz
1st Pranoy S. Varma of VIII B
3. All Kerala ISC Quiz
1st Nikhil P. Joseph and Renjeeth F. J. of XII A
4. Christ Nagar School Sports Quiz
1st Joshua Babu George and Ranjeeth F. J. of XII A
5. National Ozone Day Quiz
2nd Archit Mohan and Kiren George Koshy of XI A
6. Science Quiz 'Aqua Regia'
2nd Aswin Suresh and Yadu Aravind Menon of X B
7. All Kerala ICSE Quiz
2nd Sethu C. A. and Appu Ajith of IX B
8. Quiz organized by Holy Angels' Alumni Association
2nd Arjun Shajan and Rahul Krishnan of IX B
9. San Revo Master Mind Quiz
2nd Avineesh Vasudevan and Nikhil P. Joseph of XII A
10. Nirmala Bhavan School Quiz
1st Achut Vasudevan and Aju Basil James of XI A
11. Sahodaya Literary Fest
2nd Arjun Shyam and Piyush Kumar of VII C
12. OISCA International, Top teen
Vishnu Mohan of X B (State level 1st and South Zone 2nd)
13. Mishel Johns of XII A is selected for Indian National Maths Olympiad.

This year six students secured NTSE Scholarship. They are, Arjun Shajan and Vijay Madhav R. S. of VIII, Archith Mohan, Ben Thomas, Achuth Vasudevan and Kiren George Koshy of X. Jose Mathew of VI A won the 3rd prize in the National level Maths exam, conducted by AMTI. Aravind sreekumar of VI A was second to none in elocution in the National Ozone Day celebration. Ajay Zachariah of VI B proved his worth in elocution competition in the Kerala Environment Celebration. Bharat Ajith Sreenivasan of VIII C stood first in guitar in the Sahodaya Literary Fest. Adonis Thokalath Sunny of X A is declared first in Folk Dance and second in Bharathanatyam in Kaniyapuram Sub district Competition.

Sports and Games: Pratheesh Michael and Arjun Raj of X A are in the under 17 state Foot Ball team. Arjun Raj is also in the District Athletics team. Tomy Alexander of X A is the captain of the under 16 Kerala State Cricket team. Sankarankutty R and Akhil R, are in the under 15 State Cricket team. Jithin R and Ali Asgar of XI B are in the under 17 state cricket team. Rahul Raghavan of VII C is in the under 13 Kerala cricket team. Our team lifted the St. Thomas trophy in football this year. Also we are the district winners in football at the high school level. To crown all the above mentioned achievements Arjun C. Mohan of XII B participated in the National Vayu Sena camp and secured 4th rank among the pilot trainees.

In the present day scenario in the field of education two important guiding principles are seen. They are competition and comparison. First they are used by the parents to achieve their plan for the children and to add another feather to their own cap and to bask in that glory. As the children grow up in this atmosphere they imbibe the same practice and use the same yardstick to have material comforts. A large group of parents have to suffer and struggle to satisfy their own children. They do it for their prestige in the society and for peace at home. Some parents do certain things which their own children are supposed to do at home and even at school. This, so called help, make them lazy and handicapped. Children's work is partly done and life is partly lived by the parents. Consequently certain areas in their life remain dormant and become vestigial practices and customs in certain age groups. This will lead to value erosion and decadence in moral and ethical standards. Affluence and influence can bring joy in life for a short period but not life satisfaction. When children share work, care for others, experience difficulties and struggle along with parents in the family life the bond of love strengths. They become loving and lovable individuals, men and women for others. Shall we strive for that goal? The success of our institution depends on the cooperation of the parents, hard work of the staff and thirst for knowledge among the students. I thank God for his blessing and all of you for your cooperation. We go ahead to achieve greater goals.

Jai Hind.



A Great Modern Jesuit

Fr. Joseph Edassery S. J. (Vice Principal)

No Loyola student can miss the name of **Father Pedro Arrupe** who was the Superior general of the Society of Jesus from 1965 to 1983. He visited Loyola in 1967 and blessed and laid the foundation stone of the most magnificent and imposing main building of the school. The stone inscription in front of the school office carries ample proof of this great Jesuit's visit to Loyola school.

This 27th successor of St Ignatius had all the characteristic traits of Ignatius and not a few consider him as the 'second founder' of the Jesuit Society.

He was born in Bilbao, the Basque country of Spain on 14th November, 1907. Last year, the Jesuits celebrated his birth centenary commemorating the manifold apostolic initiatives he had undertaken.



Arrupe's leadership of the Society of Jesus was decisively marked by the thrust he gave to the Society's 'option for the poor' and the 'promotion of justice'. He wanted the Jesuit alumni to be 'men for others'.

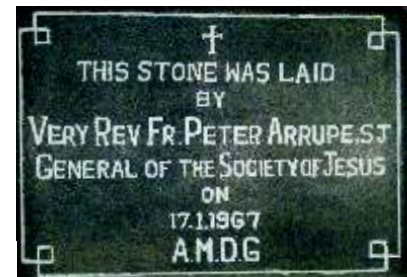
After his schooling, he enrolled in the faculty of medicine of Madrid University. He interrupted his study of medicine and joined the Society of Jesus in 1927. As a Jesuit, he had to experience various life situations in diverse contexts and continents and was exposed to various cultures and religions. He was an eye witness to the devastating atom bomb explosion that totally annihilated Hiroshima on 6th August, 1945. At that time he was the novice master and superior of the Jesuit house. He immediately converted his novitiate into a make shift hospital. The training he had before joining the society as a medical student came in handy for him and thus he was able to save hundreds of wounded people. This first hand experience of human misery left an indelible mark on him and



later he was able to speak convincingly about this self - destruction of human race.

As Superior General of the Society of Jesus, he introduced drastic changes in the administration and apostolic dimension of the modern Jesuits. He challenged the Jesuits to have a deep concern for the social problems of the world and gave a new drive for inculturation and wanted the Jesuits to meet the challenges of the modern world with an open mind. The Jesuit Refugee Service was started during his tenure as General of the Society.

He refocused the apostolic endeavours of the society and motivated the Jesuits all over the world to dream of a new future that would be quite different from the present day world. He constantly reminded the Jesuits never to be content with the status quo, but



be driven to rediscover, to redefine and reach out for the magis. Frontiers and boundaries are not obstacles for Jesuits but new challenges to be faced and new opportunities to be welcomed.

Father Arrupe remains a shining example of creative thinking. The ups and downs and the upheavals of life only bring forth more colour, more strength and a richer experience of the divine powers within us. He has handed over this priceless legacy to the Jesuits and to all their students.

NCC Report

Cdt. Jayasankar V & Cdt. Nevin Francis, 9 C

'Ekata aur Anushan' is the motto of the NCC(National Cadet Corps) where unity and discipline join hands. The year 2007-2008 saw many young and determined cadets from Loyola, in NCC uniform ready to contribute their heart and soul for every activity concerning the NCC, inside and outside the school.

Parades were held every Tuesday and Friday during the second trip. Other than these regular parades, the cadets also got a chance to attend an Annual Training Camp (ATC) which was held from 12th to 20th October. The camp was held at St. Mary's School, Vettukad. Fourteen cadets attended the camp. The camp was informative and inspirational to the young NCC cadets from our school. The cadets also got a golden opportunity to fly with their commanding officer, Wing Commander A.K. Singh. The Independence Day too saw the cadets from Troop no.17, Loyola School marching proudly at the Central Stadium, under the leadership of Cadet. Sgt. Karthik Nandakumar. On 26th January, the Republic Day, Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy hoisted the national flag, on the school premises. The cadets attended this auspicious occasion with their ANO, second officer Mr. Anil Kumar.



Hindi Club Report

Brehme & Rohit Thomas, 10 A

Hindi is our national language. But unfortunately it is losing its importance. In such a case, it becomes necessary to adopt steps to promote the language. This is exactly what the Hindi Club of Loyola School is trying to do.

Under the effective leadership of Mrs. Anita Kumari, Mrs. Maithri Rath, Mrs. Telma Jerome and Mrs. Sathi Antherjanam, the club attained full throttle and was able to attain the high standards that it had set.

The club officially began functioning in the month of September. A special assembly was organized and the audience witnessed various programmes presented by the members of the Hindi Club. Recitation of dohas, poems, speeches in Hindi by the students caught the attention of the audience.

The Club celebrated the Hindi Day on September 14. During the 'Hindi Week' celebrations, a number of competitions were conducted by the Hindi Club. These competitions helped to spark an interest in the Hindi language. The youth festival also saw many Hindi based competitions such as essay writing, versification and short story writing. Two students Arjun A R and Jaikrishnan of 11 B participated in the competitions held by the Provident Fund Office as part of the Hindi week celebrations. The club encourages students to communicate in Hindi and to write articles in Hindi. Though, being the only language club, within 5 years the Hindi club has become one of the most efficient clubs in the school.

Torch Bearers

SCHOOL LEADER



Syamnath J G (12 A)



Prem Jacob (11 B) was the General Captain.

Tony A Joy (10 A) was the Assistant School Leader.

Kesavdev (9 C) was the Assistant School Leader.



Naveen P.S.
Junior School Leader



Aravind R.
Junior School Asst. Leader



Arvind Venugopal
Junior School Asst. Leader

House Captains



AP HOUSE

Eby F Jason (11 B) led his house with great charisma. The house bagged overall trophy at the Annual Athletic Meet.



GG HOUSE

Job Thomas (11 A) was instrumental in his house becoming first in both the Youth Festival and the Inter - House Football tournaments



JJ HOUSE

Arun V Roy (11 A) rejuvenated the spirits of his house members and put up a brave effort in both Youth Festival and Sports Day



SS HOUSE

Aswin P R (11 A) was unlucky that his house didn't get any overall trophy to boast off. But he can proud of the way in which he led his house to victory in the English Drama competition.

Amazing Personalities

Aravind Sreekumar, 7 A

Youth Festival 2007:
Best Debator (Junior Section)
Kalapratibha (Junior Section)
Individual Champion (Junior Section)

Kerala State Council For Child Welfare:
Versification 1st, Essay Writing 1st
and Story Writing 1st.

*International Day For Prevention of
Ozone Layer:* English Elocution 1st.

*Associate Board of Royal Schools
of Music, London:* Passed 5th grade
with a distinction.



Vishnu Mohan, 10 B

Youth Festival 2007:
Kalapratibha (Seniors)
Individual Champion (Seniors)

*O.I.S.C.A Top Teens,
South Zone – 2nd*
All Kerala Medical Quiz – 3rd
National Green Corps Quiz – 3rd



CDT/ WO Arjun C. Mohan

Vayu Sainik Camp 2007
Best Pilot All India
A 4th



Karan P Kataria, 9 C

Youth Festival 2007:
Individual Champion (Pre Seniors)

District Chess Tournament – 3rd



Bharath Ajith Sreenivasan, 8 C

Youth Festival 2007:
Best Debator (Pre Senior Section)

Sahodaya Arts Festival:
Guitar – 1st



Arjun Shyam, 6 C

Sahodaya Literary Festival:
Quiz – 2nd

Sahodaya Arts Festival:
Folk Dance – C Grade

All India Cyber Olympiad – Rank 592



Aditya Mohan & George John Kannitta, 6 C

Sports Day 2007: Individual
Champions (5th & 6th Standards)



Adonis Thokalathu Sunny, 10 A

Kaniapuram Sub district Competition:
Folk Dance - 1st
Bharatanatyam - 2nd



Arjun Shajan, 9 B

NTSE Scholar
Balarama Digest Scholarship
Examination State Level 1st
Young World Quiz – 3rd
Holy Angel's Convent Quiz – 2nd



Prateesh Michael, 10 A

Reserve Player, National
Football Team (U-17)
Member, State Football Team (U-17)





Noel Johns & Ambareesh S.J, 9 B
(Young World Quiz - regional 1st)
Rahul Krishnan & Arjun Shajan, 9 B
(Young World Quiz - regional 2nd)



Nikhil P Joseph & Avinesh Vasudevan, 12 A
San Revo Masterminds Quiz 2007, Runners up.



Varghese Samuel, 8 B
Ulloor Smaraka Malayalam Recitation - 1st
YMCA - English & Malayalam Solo Song - 1st
Malayalam Elocution - 2nd



Tommy Alexander, 10 A
Under 16 School's National Cricket team Captain
Under 17 District Cricket Team member
Under 17 Revenue District Football Team member



Arjun Raj, 10 A
Sports Day 2007: Individual Champion
(9th & 10th Standards)



Niaz Mohammed, 10 C
Sahodaya Literary Fest
English Essay 2nd



Ranjeet F J & Joshua Babu George, 12 A
Christ Nagar All Kerala Sports Quiz, Champions



Anand Sreekumar, 8 B
Kerala state council for child welfare:
Story writing 2nd (high school)
Essay writing 2nd (high school)

ABRSM Piano Grade Passed 5th grade with merit.



Achuth Vasudevan & Aju Basil James, 11 A
TCS Quiz 3rd
Sarvodaya Quiz 1st
Nirmala Bhavan Quiz 1st



Bijo J Thomas, 9 A
District Inter School Football Tournament (3 goals)
District Revenue Football Tournament (1 goal)



Sajad S Santosh, 11 A
Youth Festival 2007:
Master Loyola 2007
Best Actor (English)

Sarvodaya Quiz – 3rd



Cdt/ Sharath Thomas Panackal, 12 B
RDC 2008 Delhi



Abhijith A, 8 C
Sports Day 2007: Individual Champion
(7th & 8th Standards)



Ajay Zacharia, 6 B
All Kerala Environment Day Celebrations
Malayalam Elocution – 2nd
All Kerala Children's day
English elocution 2nd & English recitation 1st.



Ranjeet F J & Nikhil P Joseph, 12 A
All Kerala ISC Quiz Champions



Michel Johns (12 A) was adjudged the Best Loyolite (2007-08)



NTSE Scholars: Ben Thomas, Achuth Vasudevan, Archith Mohan, Kiren George Koshy (11 A), Arjun Shajan and Vijay Madhav (9 B). Archith Mohan (11 A) crowned these achievements by being eligible to receive the prestigious KVPY scholarship.



Nevin Bennet, 12 B
Sports Day 2007:
Individual Champion
(11th & 12th Standards)



Madhav S Nath, 10 C
District U-16 badminton singles runner-up,
inter-district runner-up,
captain of inter-district badminton team.



Arun Varghese, 9 C
District Skating Champion



Sankarankutty, 10 B
Member, Kerala U-15 state cricket team.

Accolades



Proficiency Award Winners



All-rounder Award Winners



Truly the Best !

Aravind Ajaiyabhas & Arjun Raj, 10 A

The word 'impossible' is in the dictionary of fools. Class 10 A of Loyola School has just proved the same once again. For the first time in twenty years, a private school has emerged victorious in the District Level Inter School Football Tournament. That school was none other than Loyola School.

It was a great achievement indeed, considering the fact that the team got the toughest of fixtures. The first match was against one of the most feared teams in Trivandrum – The Vettukkad Team. It was a tough match, but with a few lucky breaks, we emerged victorious with the final score as 2 – 0. Our next match was against St. Joseph School, another highly rated team. It was truly a memorable match with the Loyola team edging past the opponents. The final score sheet read 1 – 0. That victory took us into the semi finals. Though we had these victories to boot, our troubles were far from over, as we had to face the Valliyathura Team on the very same day. But the relentless Loyola team not only stood up to their opponents but also got the better of them, despite being worn out after the exhausting match with the St. Joseph Team. They emerged victorious with a 1 – 0 lead over the Valliyathura Team.

But the worst news was yet to come. The team while planning a celebration on their entry into the finals, got a rude shock when the organizers announced that the finals were to take place the very same day. The players were really exhausted and nobody had expected a shocking news. Moreover the finals was going to be no push over as the team was up against the defending champions – The Fisheries.

The first half showcased the immaculate defense of the two teams with neither team conceding a goal. It was only in the second half that the momentum began to sway. Fifteen minutes into the second half, victory seemed to beckon the Loyola team in the form of a winning goal scored by Arjun Raj. The team then further tightened their defences which proved to be too much for the Fisheries to crack. Thus we were declared the winners with the score reading 1 – 0.

The Loyola team had overcome every obstacle in its path to emerge victorious. No private school had claimed this title for over 20 years. The excellent performance put forth by the team and its players led to the selection of the Capt. Prateesh Micheal, Vice Capt Arjun Raj, and other main players such as Bijo Thomas, Aravind Ajaiyabhas, Aqmal Zamrood and Taj Peter to get selected to the Revenue District Team. Further, Prateesh Micheal, Arjun Raj and Bijo Thomas were enrolled in the State Football Team. Prateesh also added to the icing of the cake by getting himself selected into the Nationals.



AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT. NOW WITH A VENUE TO MATCH

Archith Mohan & Vishnu Prasad A (11 A)

Every year there comes a day when every Loyolite truly yearns to present himself at his best, there comes a day when the school is festooned with finery and radiates its magnificence, a day when to be a Loyolite is an honour unlike any other, that day in 2008 fell on the 12th of January. The way of the creative works through change and transformation, so that each object receives its true nature and destiny. True, the school quadrangle has been of great service as a venue for School Days of the past, but édition 2008 fulfilled the destiny of the annual day by moving into a venue that matched the magnitude of the event.

This time the chief guest for the day was Dr. G. C. Gopalapillai, a man who is no stranger to Loyolites being a former PTA President. He is a man with great achievements in life, so vast that listing them is tiresome. A quaint collection of anecdotes, a tad of name dropping, an essence of nostalgia and several other small ingredients together made a really rousing speech. Elements of the speech that truly captured the attention of the audience were on globalization and on retaining humility under the spotlight of fame. The biggest award of the day - The Best Loyolite was bagged by Mishel Johns of XII A.

To follow there were the dances, the songs, the feats on the musical instruments, the skits and the traditional School Day Drama was as usual sparkled with innovations. These were all integrated into the evening to form a seamless fabric that gave all eyes an unparalleled sight. It was a pity that the work on the auditorium was not yet completed. The mechanism to prevent sound distortion was not installed which led to give the impression of strange languages being spoken on the stage for the School Day Drama.

The tiny tots first showed their skill through a number of dances to hip-hop tunes and as the day got older the size of the occupants of the hall got larger. When the stage came to them, the ex-Loyolites embraced it and gave a performance that turned back the clocks. As we penetrated deeper into the night, some in the audience might have felt as though they were having hallucinations- Jedi knights in Loyola?, a Bollywood award ceremony even before the drama? The customary dance which exceeded the established standards set the tone for the traditional drama. There was extensive publicity in the form of trailers, posters and handouts and the real thing lived up to all the excitement. For the next hour the stage was home for thugs, angels, doctors, businessmen and farmers.

And as the curtain fell after the drama with the National Anthem playing in the background we all had one thought, that this was a day to remember.



Sports Day

Job Thomas, 11 A & Eby F Jason, 11 B.

For many years rain has been a spoil sport on Sports Day. But this year, it was a lively day where the students had a great opportunity to showcase their talents without the interference of rain. The Chief Guest for the day was Mr. Anandakrishnan I.P.S. The Opening Ceremony started off with the March Past. The bright coloured apparels (representing the 4 different houses) worn by the marching students energized their lively spirits to participate in the events.

The memories of the past flashed through our minds.

The 100m dash for seniors kept the spectators standing on their toes. This was followed by the same for the pre senior and junior sections. The relays displayed the spectacular team work of the contestants. Most of them were close calls that made it really worthwhile to see.

The Medley Relay was a new event of the year. It required the superb speed of the sprinters along with the outstanding stamina of the long distance runners. In between all these exciting athletic events, the junior school students also involved themselves in 'fun' events such as the 'Lemon and Spoon Race', 'The Three Legged race' etc which helped in soothing the tense atmosphere. The P.T. display, of course added more colour and glamour to the Sports Day. We feasted our eyes on the item. We were thrilled to join the most awaited event of the day, the Tug of War between the ex-loyolites and the Loyolites. It was to be a best-of-three, but the Loyolites easily outdid their seniors in the first two rounds itself and won the event- the last event of the day.

The Sports Day ended with the Awards Ceremony.
Master Nivin Bennet was adjudged the Best Athlete.



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DP in the workshop of La Fest 2007



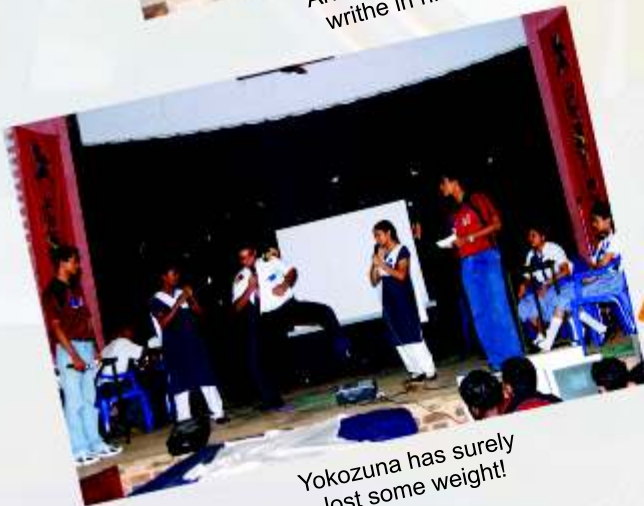
Chief Guest Mr. K.B. Ganesh Kumar lighting the lamp



'Alvida...' it made Elvis writhe in his grave.



Colour + Fun + Music = HAC dance



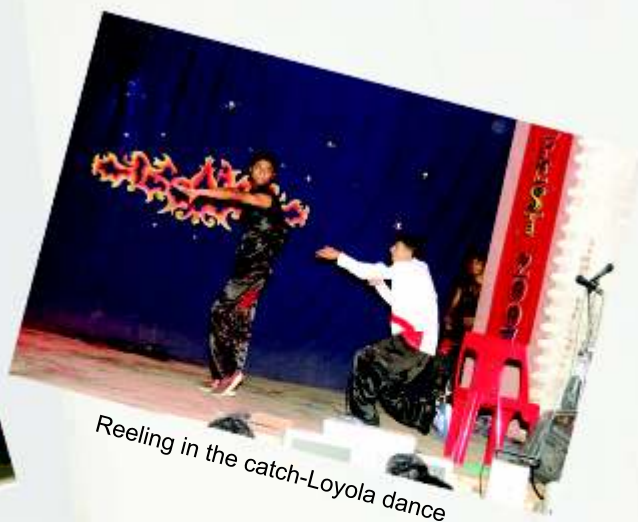
Yokozuna has surely lost some weight!



"Balle Balle..."



They had the Panache,
we had the questions...



Reeling in the catch-Loyola dance



Giving Shakespeare a
run for his money...



Job Kurien entertaining the
crowd with his vocal prowess



All eyes on the stage



Angelites with the
overall Trophy