



LA FEST 2009

Nabeel Nazeer, XII A



“ Tell me about La Fest. The spirit with which you guys organize it is amazing...”

“Well, it’s our way of repaying our school that has made us what we are today. It’s a Loyolite’s way of saying *Au Revoir.*” This answer, given in a



personality contest in another school, echoes the sentiment of all Loyalites who were sweating it out, with just two weeks to go for the big day – 18 July 2009.

La Fest 2009 was a lot of things, but first and foremost it remained true to its tag line: it witnessed the ‘Birth of New Heroes.’

The first of its kind to be conducted in the brand new Indoor Stadium, La Fest 2009 was inaugurated at 9 a.m. by His Grace Dr Soosai Packiam, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Trivandrum. This was followed by the customary lamp-lighting by the leaders of the twelve participating schools.

The programme started off with ‘Harmony’, the group song event. This was followed by the New Event which once again bore testimony to the innovative capability of the organisers. Then, after the lunch break, what awaited the crowd was one hour of non-stop grey-cell racking as they witnessed the battle of brains in ‘Inquizzitive’, hosted by our finest set of quiz whizzes. What followed was

Loyola’s own ‘blockie’ – the reputed ‘Block n Tangles’ where contestants were exposed to the unexplored avenues, twists, traps and turns in the English Language, and once again the show lived beyond all expectations. The next event ‘La Persona’ took onstage competition to a whole new dimension in just 100 minutes. Gopika Murthy of STRS and Vishnu Peethamabaran of Sainik School emerged Ms. and Mr. La Persona 2009, respectively. The competitions of the day came to an end with the legendary ‘Dance-o-Mania’ and the curtains fell with a stellar performance by Team Loyola, which proved that when it comes to onstage grooving, we Loyalites always have the last laugh. The closing ceremony, presided over by singer Najeem Arshad, saw Christ Nagar ISC taking home the prestigious La Fest Trophy with STRS close behind as the runner - up.

To be sure, the day carved another glorious chapter in the history of La Fest and set the bar several notches high for the future batches of organizers.





NCC Annual Report 2009-'10

Troop No.17 (under Unit 1 Kerala Air Sqdn NCC of K & L Directorate) in Loyola School had numerous activities and a few commendable achievements during the academic year 2009-'10.

15 Cadets attended the training camp at Pallipuram, Trivandrum, from 27th of October to 05th of November. They were Arjun Raj, Harikrishnan, Sanjeev Jyothi, Aravind Vasudev, Siddharth Rajeev, Vishnu S., Aravind M., Vishnu Praful, Sachin Lumen, Aleef Muhammad, George E. George, Karthik S., Rohit Narayanan, Abhi G. John and Sourabh A. Nair.

12 Cadets participated in the Annual Training Camp held at Mylam, Trivandrum, with Cdt/ Sgt Benoy Stephen as the Troop Senior. The other participating cadets were Kurian Kuriakose, Anirudha Subramaniam, John P. George, Sujin Babu, Niranjana U.V, Nandakishore Varma, Rohan Pillai, Amen David, Athul Abdul Khader and Siddharth G.S.

Cadets Aaromal B. Manas and Neeraj P.S. participated in the All India Trekking Camp at Malayattoor, Ernakulam, from 21 November 2009 to 1 January 2010.

Most of the NCC cadets were present at the NCC Day programme at Tagore theatre, Vazhuthacaud, and at the *Rakthasakshi Mandapam* on Martyr's Day.

17 cadets attended the NCC celebration of Children's Day on 14 November 2009 at S.M.V School.

Cdt/Sgt Kurian Kuriakose, IX A

Some of the best-performing cadets were selected to participate in the Presentation of Guard for His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Sri. T.K. A. Nair (Secretary to the Prime Minister) and Sri. P. Radhakrishnan (Retired Deputy Director, LPSC) on their visit to our school.

Some of the cadets took part in the 'Olympic Run' from Kowdiar to Chandrashekhara Nair Stadium to commemorate the inauguration of the National Games.

In addition to the routine parade on every Tuesday and Friday, the cadets clean the entire school campus on special occasions.

Col. M. Indrabalan, our Group Commander, along with Wing Commander A.K. Singh, visited our school to evaluate the various activities our troop undertook.

Among the cadets with commendable achievements are:

- (1) Cdt. W/O Karthik N. who took part in the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2009 and was adjudged the Best Pilot (Kerala & Lakshadweep) and who was the All India 4th in Flying,
- (2) Cdt/ Sgt. Kurian Kuriakose who was adjudged the Best Cadet (Junior Division) at the ATC, Mylam, Trivandrum, and
- (3) Cdt. Benoy Stephen Devanesan who has won the LOBA Trophy for the Best Outgoing Cadet.





NCC SENIOR CONTINGENT



Cdt. W/O Karthik N.



Cdt/ Sgt. Kurian Kuriakose



Cdt/ Sgt. Benoy Stephen Devanesan



Mrs Lily Muthunayagam

Mrs Lily Muthunayagam, wife of Leo Muthunayagam and a teacher of Loyola School from 1962 to 1981 passed away at Bangalore on 7 January 2010 at the age of 84. She has two sons and a daughter with whom she spent her last years.

Right from the founding of Loyola School she was on the staff. Everyone recognised her as a hardworking, devoted, dedicated teacher. She was a good disciplinarian. She loved her students very much and she was always ready to listen to them and to give them a helping hand. After retirement she was still in constant touch with the school and its Management, ever ready to be of service to them.

When in Bangalore she spent her early retirement years teaching Spoken English to the novices of the Brigatine Convent.

Loyola School and her former colleagues here owe her a great debt of gratitude for her devoted service to the institution and the excellent example she has set for them. The school remembers her with gratitude.

Let us remember her in our prayers and let us pray for the repose of her soul.

- Mrs. Elaine Jobe



Mrs Shuba Gomez

A fine summer's day in May 1995 saw the beginning of yet another academic year for the enthusiastic and excited young Loyolites and their teachers. Into this world stepped in a very genuine and friendly Shuba Gomez to enlighten the young minds. In no time, she won the hearts of her students and colleagues. She was not just a co-worker or friend but a member in each of her colleague's family. No time of the day or night was inconvenient for her to whisper a prayer for the sick and the needy. Shuba had a very good sense of humour and would laugh heartily even if the joke was at her expense. No occasion was complete without the powerful rendering of melodious hymns in her sweet voice. As years rolled on, her bonds with the institution grew stronger, but no one knew when the smooth flow of her life was disrupted by the grip of an unfamiliar and dreaded disease. In spite of the limitations imposed on her by ill-health, she would carry on with life in as pleasant a manner as possible. Every time we met she expressed her joy on seeing us and was only happy to meet the new teachers. Today she is not in our midst yet we remember her with love and miss her a lot. We believe she is with the angels in heaven singing praises of the Lord in her soul-stirring melodious voice.

- Mrs. Grace Kuriakose

The Dear Departed

MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT LOYOLA

Noel Johns XI A



The New Year in Loyola took off on a high note with the first ever Model United Nations (Kerala chapter) being held at the school.

Although the concept of Model United Nations (MUN) has existed for the past many decades, it has found little acceptance in the state of Kerala. Model United Nations is a real-life simulation of the international peacekeeping organization and its organs. The participants (called delegates) are allocated countries which they represent in the exercise. The simulation revolves around a topic (the agenda) on which the delegates debate with the goal of passing a resolution to resolve the issue. Unlike the traditional one, this new form of debating ensures all-round participation and an increase in the degree of involvement.

The Loyola MUN 2010 was conducted on the 2nd and 3rd of January this year. The delegates included the students of both Loyola and St. Thomas Residential School. They constituted the two organs of the UN— the General Assembly and the Security Council. The forty delegates of the General Assembly debated on the ‘Situation in North Korea’ while the Security Council comprising eleven delegates debated on ‘The Impending Crisis in Sudan’. The sessions witnessed intense debating and lobbying by the delegates to reach an amicable solution. The pointed questions and

the swift answers clearly showed the amount of research the participants had put in. At the end of the General Assembly session, Noel Johns won the Pioneering Delegate award while George Kurian, Cidarth Sajith, and Anjana Anchayil had Honorary mentions. Abin Francis bagged the Pioneering Delegate award in the Security Council and the Honorary mentions went to Sarath Janardanan and Abhijeeth S.

The valedictory function was honoured by the presence of Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan, I.F.S. (former Indian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN) who recounted his experiences at the UN and responded to the students’ queries. The awards handed out by Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan IFS kept the students highly inspired and motivated.

The Loyola MUN 2010 was introduced in Loyola by two ex-Loyalites, Govind Manoharan (2007) and Tushar Nair (2007). With the help of the Principal Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy S.J., Mrs. Albenia Angelose and Mrs. Soni B. George, the former Loyolites started the orientation classes for the students in early November. The students got acquainted with this new form of debating in the classes held during the evenings twice a week. The General Assembly was chaired by Govind Manoharan while the Security Council was chaired by Nikhil P. Joseph (2007) and Justin Thomas (2005). Tushar Nair held the post of the Secretary General in the MUN sessions.

The organizers hope to make it an annual event and ensure greater participation of other schools in the city. In the words of Govind Manoharan, “in the end what mattered was not who won or who lost but the fact that fifty new ‘MUNners’ were born in Trivandrum.”





Athul Krishna A., VII A

THE EXHIBITION OF 2009





After a break of three years, the annual Science Exhibition in Loyola was reintroduced on 10 November 2009. It provided the students with an opportunity to exhibit their creativity and keen interest in all branches of Science.

Social Science and Chemistry exhibits were accommodated in the Berchman's Hall and class VI A, respectively. The rest of the exhibits were displayed in the Indoor Stadium. There were rare coins, stamp collections, beautiful charts, exquisite portraits of kings, emperors and sultans, models of ancient ruins like the Colosseum of Rome. Quiz machines, fossils, samples of rocks, and miniature volcanoes were also part of the exhibition. The Indoor Stadium was packed with Science exhibits. Among them were telescopes, periscopes, kaleidoscopes, toy telephones, fire extinguishers, burglar alarms, hydraulic arms, and even models of nuclear reactors.

The exhibition was a wonderful showpiece of creativity, talent and mettle.





Sports Day 2009

Joel James Joseph, XI A

November 7, 2009 witnessed the 48th Annual Athletic Meet of Loyola School. This time we were honoured by the presence of Group Captain Mathew P. Thomas as our Chief Guest.

Though the school ground was set up magnificently by Jose uncle, the morning rain played spoilsport. But it could not dampen the enthusiasm of the athletes and the officials.

The day started with the colourful March Past led by the respective House Captains. The competitions for the day started with the track events for the senior 'Usain Bolts'. The juniors were no less spirited in their fight for the supremacy of their respective houses.

This year's PT display deserves special mention. The students presented intricate and graceful formations with their hands and also positioned themselves so accurately that the formation looked like a gigantic print of the name LOYOLA on the ground. The architect of this visual treat was Mrs Pushpa M.P., our new physical trainer and the General Convener of the Sports Day programmes.

The Medley Race of classes XI and XII added colour to the day which came to an end with the





Closing March Past. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and presented the trophies and certificates to the winners of the day—Jupiter Jetsetters for being the best house, Apollo Pioneers for being the second best house, Sankarankutty R. of XII A for being the best athlete, Amal James (X C), Ambadi Venugopal (VII C) and Rino Joseph Jayan (VI A) for being the Individual Champions in their respective categories.

