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*We wish all our readers a
Happy New Year
and
the staff and students of College a
Happy Holiday.*

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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our fellow Thomian, Dr. Amrith Rohan Perera on being sworn in as a President's Counsel on the 6th of April 2001.

ROOTS OF STC ROWING,

Dr Ray Wijewardene

Vidiyajothi Dr Ray Wijewardene, a famous Thomian, who is an aeronautics Engineer become an agriculturist, recounts the years of his schooldays with special emphasis on rowing at a time when College shifted to Kandy. Due to lack of space we regret we are unable to publish the whole article -Editor

The years go back to World War II when S.Thomas' College premises in Mount Lavinia (as also the Mount Lavinia Hotel) were – quite suddenly – taken over by the British Armed forces. The college was rapidly also 'evacuated' initially, to Kandy where we shared premises with – and the afternoon – session at – Kingswood College. (The move again to Guruthalawa, came much later !)

I soon discovered the Kandy Rowing Club (KRC) on the Kandy lake, using the little boathouse which still stands on the bund of the lake, and which – in the early 1940's – comprised a fleet of two sculls, two fours and two training tubs. Its President was Mr. J.D.Aitken (a retired ex – Asst. superintendent of Police) who lived in Peradeniya having started the Produce Transport Company. We were coached – initially – by 'J.D.' himself, likewise by several ex – oarsmen of the British servicemen then serving with the armed forces of SEAC (South – East – Asia – Command), which had set up headquarters at the Peradeniya Gardens.

In 1942, the KRC hosted a 'national' regatta on the lake, with a full mile course from the far (eastern) end of the lake. The prize giving and reception took place from the Seema – malaka ... the island near the Maligawa. The sound of cheers from all around the lake at the end of each race served to indicate that much interest prevailed....

It was my first year of rowing, and I (then eighteen) was beaten in the sculls by Kurt Witt, a Dane who worked for the Ceylon Trading Company in Colombo. I believe the CRC won all the events (as was expected) but the regatta left the KRC determined to 'lick' the CRC in Colombo at the next regatta.... That was to be the first major wartime regatta since 1939. In 1943, the CRC held its 'annual' regatta once again at the Beira Lake after several years of interruption due to the war. The Government Services Rowing Club was then based a little further to the east of the CRC on the Beira Lake, and was – at that time – very ably represented by the famous (I repeat, nationally famous) Sirimanne Brothers, Colvin and Herman. Both were very prominent and well appreciated scientists in the country, apart from their prowess as oarsmen ... Another rowing stalwart at the time was Tom Nagendra.

Back to the '43 national regatta, and even though World War II was still 'on' in the far – east ... That war would continue until the atom bomb was dropped in 1945. The 'services' repeated in Colombo, their excellent public – address exercise as in Kandy. No one was in any doubt as regards the progress of each event. We had earlier worked through the semi – finals and I was tremendously excited to have come through the finals in the sculling championship against – of all people – my coach Jack Baker representing the Royal Navy. I can recall virtually every yard of that course. I had the 'club – side berth' and we still were neck to neck at the dog – leg and about three lengths apart as we both lined up for the final straight to the clubhouse. Passing the Government Services Club I put my back in to an extra spurt with an increased rate of stroke ... and managed to hold it, to finish with a lead by about a canvas... absolutely and completely exhausted and cramped! The excitement at the clubhouse was great as this was the first time a Ceylonese had won the sculling championship and I was told I had to wear a blazer for the prize – giving. Lacking any other, I wore my S. Thomas' College Swimming blazer to collect the cup. The next Ceylonese to win the national sculling championship was that fine oarsman, Alawi Mohammed in 1958. It may interest my Thomian colleagues to know that whenever I rowed in England, subsequently, my name was described in the program as 'WIJewardene ,RAY, S.THOMAS' & PETER HOUSE'.

THE STATISTICS OF THE 2000 O/LEVEL RESULTS

No.	SUBJECT	Distinctions	Credits	Pass	Failure	Total	Percentage of passes
1.	Buddhism	39	27	6	3	75	96
2.	Divinity	33	30	10	6	79	92.4
3.	Islam	5	6	Nil	1	12	91.7
4.	Saivism	11	2	Nil	Nil	13	100
5.	Sinhala (Lang.)	65	80	11	Nil	156	100
6.	Tamil (Lang.)	12	8	3	0	23	100
7.	English	118	52	7	1	179	99.4
8.	Science 1	58	82	34	5	179	97.2
9.	Science2	48	77	40	13	178	92.7
10.	Mathematics 1	120	37	15	7	179	96.1
11.	Mathematics 2	74	59	17	28	178	84.2
12.	Social Studies	80	83	11	5	179	97.2
13.	Art	5	22	30	19	76	75
14.	Western Music	14	8	2	Nil	24	100
15.	English Lit.	39	35	7	Nil	81	100
16.	Metal Work	2	4	Nil	2	8	75
17.	Agriculture	1	5	8	2	16	87.5
18.	Commerce	47	88	17	3	155	98.1

ANALYSIS OF THE O/L RESULTS 2000

	SINHALA	TAMIL	TOTAL
Number of candidates presented	156	23	179
Number of candidates qualified to do A/L	148	20	168
Percentage qualified	94.87	86.90	93.85
Number of failures	8	3	11

Congratulations

47 Candidates obtained eight distinctions or more

TEN DISTINCTIONS

1.	Cooray	T.C.M.G.A.S.R
2.	De Silva	W.R.H
3.	De Alwis	M.A.A.S.P
4.	Dambadeniya	Y.R
5.	Fernando	K.R.J
6.	Fernando	K.Y.D
7.	Gunaratne	A.L.N
8.	Jayawardene	R.A
9.	Kurukulasuriya	B.R
10.	Kamaragoda	C.D
11.	Mohideen	M.Q
12.	Rupasinghe	J.M.C.S
13.	Samarasinghe	N.M
14.	Samarasinghe	P.B
15.	Samararatne	N.S
16.	Senanayake	A.I.M.J
17.	Silva	H.K
18.	Tennekoon	B.L

NINE DISTINCTIONS & ONE CREDIT

1.	Amarakoon	R.R
2.	Attygalla	S.D
3.	Binduhewa	D
4.	De Silva	G.K.M
5.	Fernando	K.D.R
6.	Issadeen	M.Z
7.	Jayawardene	K.C.M
8.	Karthik	B
9.	Kosgodage	L.G
10.	Magallage	S.C
11.	Rajawasan	A.G
12.	Rajatilake	N.S
13.	Satheesan	S
14.	Sugirtharatnam	C.N
15.	Wickramaratne	D.L.N
16.	Wijesinghe	I.L
17.	Wijewardene	S.R

SPORTS NEWS

SPORT	EVENT & DATE	VENUE																								
Athletics	ZONALS 7 th March	Kandawala Vidyalaya Ratmalana																								
	Under 11 Category: S.E.Makalanda >	75 meters -- 2 nd 100 meters -- 3 rd																								
	Under 15 Category: S.R.Makalanda >	100 meters – 1 st 200 meters – 3 rd																								
	R.D.A.Gunasekara >	100 meters – 2 nd 200 meters – 1 st																								
	Y.A.G.H.Perera >	400 meters – 2 nd																								
	4 x 400 Relay – 1 st																									
	Under 17 Category: U.T.R.Fernando >	800 meters – 2 nd 1500 meters – 2 nd																								
	M.H.S.Fernando >	400 meters – 3 rd 800 meters – 1 st																								
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	Under 19 Category: R.N.Bogahawatte >	100 meters – 1 st 200 meters – 1 st																								
	W.G.A.Botejue >	100 meters – 3 rd 200 meters – 2 nd																								
	Under 21 Category: D.R.E.Peiris >	400 meters – 3 rd 800 meters – 3 rd																								
	P.A.P.M.Dias >	100 meters – 3 rd 400 meters – 2 nd																								
Badminton	150th Anniversary Commemoration Invitation Tournament	Sports Complex																								
	Finals: St.Anthony's vs Royal >	Royal Won																								
Hockey	Colombo Schools Tournament	Reid Avenue																								
	Under 17 Category: Finals: S.T.C vs President's College >	S.T.C Won 1 - 0																								
	This was the first time the College team won the tournament in 5 years. In the 8 matches played, the College team conceded only 1 goal																									
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SOCIETY NEWS

The Buddhist Students' Association

The Buddhist Students' Association will commemorate its' 30th anniversary this October. Many activities have been planned to commemorate the event.

In January, the Association hosted a sermon. In February, the Association held its annual elections as well as a blood donation campaign to commemorate the 150th anniversary of College.

United Nations Club

Community Service Project

The United Nations Club of college visited the Cancer Hospital Maharagama on the 24th of March at 4.15p.m. and distributed some essential items to the children's ward.

Clothes, biscuits, beverages, serviettes and plastic cups were among the items distributed to the three sections of the children's ward.

Radio Club

The annual Radio day titled "THOMIAN ECHOES" was held on the 19th of January 2001. Fifteen schools were present on this occasion.

A radio station, namely; "THOMIAN ECHOES" went on air from the 6th to the 10th of February on the frequency 96.1 FM to commemorate the 150th anniversary of College.

Current Affairs Forum

Activities of the Forum during Term 1 2001:

January 24th > Anti drug abuse workshop organized by TNL radio.

January 31st > After 1 year at S.T.C: presented by students from other schools joining College.

March 7th > Inter religious activities: Hindu, Islamic, Buddhist Societies and Student Christian Movement

March 14th > Introducing the Outward Bound training programme for students

Make Yourself Known

All information from Thomians and articles which you wish to publish, should be handed over to the editors or sent to the **EPITRC** (IT CENTRE)

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

There are thirty-seven clubs and societies catering to varied interests of students. Students are invited to make the maximum use of this extra curricular facility. The clubs and societies welcome any advice, support and sponsorship from old boys, parents and well-wishers.

Mr. M.D.Maurice is the Prefect of Clubs and Societies and any general information could be had from him and on specific club or society from the respective teachers in-charge

CLUB OR SOCIETY	TEACHER IN-CHARGE
1 Art Club	Mrs. Padma Paulis
2 Astronomical Society	Mr. W.A.P.S.Perera
3 Automobile Club	Mr. Mahesh Fernando
4 Buddhist Student Association	Mr. H.A.Wimalasiri
5 Carom Club	Mr. R.M.Jayasena
6 Chess Club	Mr. S.Sathiyanesan
7 Classical Music Association	Mrs. Ranjani Abeynaikie
8 Commerce Society	Mr. B.Wijesinghe
9 Computer Club	Mr. S.Samuel
10 Culinary Arts Society	Mrs. R.P.S.L.Senanayake
11 Current Affairs Forum	Mr. Sarath Wickramaratne
12 English Debating and Literary Society	Mrs. M.Emanuel
13 English Drama Society	Mrs. S.Z.Akbar
14 Environment Conservation Society	Mr. M.D.Maurice
15 Hindu Society	Mrs. M.Manickvasagar
16 Interact Club	Mrs Janitha Gunawardena
17 Islamic Society	Mrs. S.Z.Akbar
18 Junior Science Society	Mrs. L.T.I.Sirimanne
19 Karate Club	Mr. V.A.B.Samarakoon
20 Library Club	Mrs. R.P.S.L.Senanayake
21 Philatelic Society	Mrs. M.Jayasuriya
22 Photographic Society	Mr. S.Samuel
23 Quiz Club	Mr. Sarath Wickramaratne
24 Radio Club	Mr. S.Samuel
25 Red Cross Society	Mrs. Neela de Silva
26 Road Safety Society	Mr. S.A.Weerasuriya
27 Scrabble Club	Mrs. Shirani Perera
28 Senior Science Society	Mr. W.A.P.S.Perera
29 Sinhala Drama Society	Mr. Denzil de Silva
30 Sinhala Literary & Debating Team	Mr. Denzil de Silva
31 Society for Social Work and Welfare	Mr. Ajith Panagoda
32 Society for Preservation of Thomian Traditions	Mr. Vinod Senadeera
33 Student Christian Movement	Mrs. S.Visvendrarajah
34 Sub Aqua Club	Mr. D.A.Pakianathan
35 Tamil Literary Association	Mr. V.Kugatharan
36 United Nations Club	Mrs. M.Emanuel
37 Wild Life Society	Mr. A.E.N.Fernando

SPORTING THOMIANS IN DUBAI

Second Royal Thomian Encounters

Cricket: S.T.C cricket team led by Lashan Egalahewa won the match. Scores : S.T.C > 79 all out R.C > 63 all out

Rugby Football: S.T.C led by Ajith Ranasinha won by 10 points to 5.

“Give the world the best and the world will give you the best”

THOMIANS DOWN UNDER

The New South Wales OBA had their annual Dinner dance on 10th March 2001 at Ryde Civic Hall. We thank the President Ananda Amaranath and his committee for keeping us informed and sending us a copy of the souvenir.

NOTICE BOARD

THOMIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The members of the orchestra will be grateful for any musical instruments, even used ones that could be donated to the orchestra. Any student who wishes to join should contact the teacher-in-charge Mrs. Indra. Tennekoon.

KARATE CLUB

The Karate Club will be recruiting new members from the beginning of the second term. Practices will be held every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 5.00 pm. Those interested should give their names to the Master-In-Charge Mr. V.A.B. Samarakoon.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

S.Thomas' College will be embarking on a project to direct and place Thomians in various careers. This facility is open to both present and past Thomians. There have been many inquiries from various firms requesting for Thomians in the Pharmaceutical sector immediately.

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Our thanks to Mr.T.D.S.A.Dissanayake (Royalist – class 1949) for authoring and donating the book entitled “**WELL S.THOMAS’ ESTO PERPETUA**” as his contribution for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary. This is available for sale at the book cupboard for Rs.100/-

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