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An Interview with Commodore Alfred.C. 'Boxer' Dassanayake

(Mr.Dassanayake was a student in school from the year 1928 to 1937. He is still a popular figure in school and is still seen taking a walk around the ground or taking a dip in the pool in the evening. The editorial team caught up with him and he shared with us a few brief words of his experiences at college.)

He was a student at the Prince Of Wales College and joined STC in the Lower 3rd. He vividly remembers certain teachers and mentioned them with some gusto. Mr. C .V. Pereira who wrote a book on Latin and was also the manager of the Book Cupboard, Mr. Hillary Jansen who thought Latin, Mr. Budd Jansen who was more of a musician in spite of his teaching and Mr. Mannikkasingham who thought Science with the strict rule that he would not spoon feed under any circumstances were some of the masters in his list.

The main mode of transport between school and ones home was the train. A favourite pastime of the senior boys was to hold the junior boys as captives in the train and then as 200 boys would not come to school it would be declared a holiday. There used to be about 250 boarders at that time as well. Mr.Dassanayake fondly remembers the standard fights that used to happen behind the tuck shop for certain items of monetary value. He too remembers a fight he had with a boarder over a pen. He also remembers the Warden grabbing both him and the Boarder by the neck and taking them to the boxing ring. Thus began the boxing history of Commodore Dassanayake.

There was only one boxing meet at the time and that was the Stubbs Shield.

He also mentioned that there were two fives courts in the premises and most children played fives with there bare hands as they could not afford gloves. He was awarded colours for the sport. Harold Jansz also started miniature rifle shooting. The College pool at that time was 8 feet in depth and this horrified the Australian Olympic Swimming team who arrived here en route to the Olympic games. The pool was later increased to the size of 4 meters in depth. Cricket was also a popular sport at the time and there were only 4 main matches played throughout the year. Wesley, Trinity, St Joseph's College and Royal College. He was also a Senior Cadet and he remembers the many hikes he went on which include Colombo – Diyatalawa (through Kandy) and he also had the opportunity to climb the highest peaks of Sri Lanka, which are Pidurutalagala, Kirigalpotha and Adams Peak.

He was also the Head Prefect in college and also considers Warden DeSaram to be his 'Guru'.

[After he finished school he became a Teacher at Christian College Kotte and then joined the Navy where he earned the most sea time and finally he became the Captain of a ship. He then joined the mercantile sector and then worked at the Outward Bound School for 12 years and also did hiking training. He is currently residing in Mount Lavinia with his daughter]

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Rowing news for the month of July

On the 14th of July, the College Rowing Crew did extremely well by beating the Colombo Rowing Club at Ranfer Sprints, which is a unique regatta, because it is the only regatta in which all three categories race down. The College Crew enjoyed a triumphant victory over the Club to regain the Ranfer Sprints trophy after three years.

To further explain this event, the scullers first race down followed by the pairs and the fours, this is then done twice. Each scull race is given 2 points, each pair race is given 4 points, and each four race is given 6 points. The College Crew did extremely well by winning all six races.

The Crews comprised of the following-

Scull

Isuru Perera

Pair

Devanka Aluwihare (Bow)
Prasanjith Wijayatilake (Stroke)

Four

Preshith Ganegoda (Bow)
Nilanka Attapattu (02)
Hishan Fernando (03)
Tharindu Gunasekera (Stroke)
Sharen Kannangara (Cox)

After the dominating performance by S.Thomas' College, the oarsmen were selected for the National Squad, which is currently training for the SAAF Games. Apart from the above-mentioned crew, the following were also selected for the SAAF Squad.

Niroshan David (Bow)
Prasanjith Wijayatilake (Two)
Devanka Aluwihare (Three)
Charithra Hettiarachchi (Stroke)

Cub Scouting

The Following Cub Scouts were awarded the Gold Star at the Opening Ceremony:

PACK 1

H.Y.Henricus
B.T.N.Mendis
K.M.S.de Silva
M.A.Caasim
D.W.S.Ferdinando
K.A.Varia
M.S.de Silva
N.N.Mohotti
P.S.N.Fernando
M.Y.N.Issadeen
D.Nelson
S.Yogeswaran
P.D.Gunadasa

PACK 2

D.J.M.Paul
K.W.S.Fonseka
S.I.J.Cabraal
R.R.J.Perera

Carrom Tournament

The carrom tournament organised by the Carrom Society of S.Thomas' College was held on the 12th and 13th September in the College Hall. Over 70 participants took part in the above tournament in 8 categories with the results being as follows.

U-17 Doubles:
Champion: G.B.Prasanna
Runner-up: S.N.Godwin

U-17 Singles:
Champion: P.C.V.Dias & S.N.Godwin
Runner-up: L.Nadish & D.S.Karunaratne

U-19 Singles:
Champion: A.S.R. Cooray
Runner-up: D.C.N. Ferdinando

U-19 Doubles:
Champion: G.K.U.S.D. Fernando & N. Navaratne
Runner-up: K.Y.D. Fernando & T.G.N.Fernando

SOCIETY NEWS

The Wild Life Society Projects for the year

The Wild Life Society has done a few projects for this year.

- Board Projects in Kaludiya Pokuna.
- Starting a Bird Club within the Wild Life Society and having the sanctuary within the College premises.
- Showing three films on wild life to the students.

We are also looking forward to holding an exhibition jointly with the Photographic Club.

The Interact Club “Sound Eruption”

The Interact Club of S.Thomas' College organized “Sound Eruption” on the 23rd of June at the College Hall. This in which bands such as Independence Square, Stigmata, Kreb's Cycle and Dejavu performed proved to be a great success not only by the level of music presented, but also by the crowd which was present on that day.

U.N Club Book Donation Camp

The United Nations Club has organised a book donation campaign to help the needy children of schools in Colombo to celebrate Children's' Day on the 1st of October. The club urges students to help these needy students by donating educational books.

For further details contact: 723321 or 077890444

The S.T.C.-S.C.M. Residential Camp August 2001

The 7th annual S.T.C.-S.C.M. residential camp commenced at 4p.m. on the 8th of August, with the participation of approximately 90 students. Students from the Lower 4 classes up to the College Forms were eligible to be a part of Camp 2001. To be frank, if you needed a dose a fun, excitement and a life changing experience, then the S.C.M. camp was just what the doctor ordered.

The organised games proved to be great success, where students of all ages learnt to work as a team to achieve a common good.

The message on the first night on ‘repentance’, shared by Pastor Kendall Atkinson, was just the ‘tip of the iceberg.’ Many lives on that occasion were touched and they received a new meaning to what life is all about. The messages shared by the other guest speakers too were focused mainly on themes that mattered the most to teenagers and adults alike. In a world in which temptation is abundant, we learned how to guard our minds and honour our Saviour, because we’re all ‘bricks’ of His temple. Though the praise and workshop and the Revival meeting- which were open to everyone, God revealed his awesome presence and unfailing love to us in a tangible way. The finishing touches were added through the campfire held on the last night. After ‘fire from heaven’ lit up

The darkness of the night, we reflected on all what happened at camp, round the warmth of the fire. Many testimonies came into account, where it was evident that the Lord undoubtedly touched and brought new hope into our lives.

Even though the youth teams from The Church of the Ascension-Singapore, could not be present with us on this camp as in the past years, no one could deny that we had the time of our lives, thanks to our chief guest-Jesus Christ. We also thank God for our brothers and sisters from S.Thomas' Preparatory School and Bishop's College who were a part of this camp.

Unfortunately all things do to come to an end, and so did S.C.M. camp 2001, of which we all will carry treasured memories.

Notice Board

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE CUB SCOUTS (16TH COLOMBO)

Well Done Cub Scouts

The 16th Colombo, S.Thomas' College Mount Lavinia Cub scouts have done extremely well during the Job Week which was held from the 16th to the 24th of June. They have collected sufficient funds which have been credited to the "Scout Fund".

We wish to thank the parents who took a keen interest in this event and also for reserving jobs for our Cub scouts.

☺ The following 'Sixers' have done very well in organizing and collecting funds during this period:

Pack 1

Yellow Six	☺ A.S.Thahir – Rs.8770
Orange Six	☺ D.P.S.Ferdinando – Rs.8000
Blue Six	☺ A.K.Varia – Rs.7745
Green Six	☺ K.M.S.de Silva – Rs.7370
Maroon Six	☺ M.A.Caasim – Rs.6850
Brown Six	☺ H.Y.Henricus – Rs.5050

Pack 2

- ☺ D.J.M.Paul
- ☺ M.D.R.Peiris

Pack 3

- ☺ G.V.S.de Silva

Cub Day – 39th Camporee

Ninety Cub Scouts and nine Cub Scout Leaders participated in the Cub Day of the 39th Camporee held at the Vihara Maha Devi Park on 1st September 2001.

The cub scouts were very active and well disciplined and won the hearts of all who were present. About twelve cub scouts actively participated providing music to all the cub scouts in the district in the "Music Workshop". The cub scout item in the "Open Air Show" was well appreciated.

Eight cub scouts were chosen for the Colombo district band and welcomed the Chief Guest.

Cub scout A.S.Thahir was chosen as a compere at the opening ceremony and the open air show.

We take this opportunity to thank all the Cub Scout teachers who were on duty, Mrs.Amila Dharmasena; Teacher in Charge of music and Mrs.K.Peiris, the dancing teacher, for their unstinted co-operation to make this day a success.

Web Designing Competition

The Computer Club organised a web Designing Competition for the students of College, which will be held at the Computer Lab.

The results will be announced in the next issue

The Drama Society

Of

S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia

Presents

OLIVER!

Date: 28th, 29th, 30th September and 1st October 2001

Venue: The Lionel Wendt @7pm

Tickets @ the College Office and the Lionel Wendt.

ATTENTION PLEASE

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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