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“From the President’s Desk…”

Ms. Kala Vijayakumar

We have been advocating our faculty members and students to involve themselves in research, for, that is the activity by which people are to be evaluated in future. It is gratifying to note that as many as 54 papers have been published in journals and presented in renowned conferences. A dozen workshops/FDPs/ National conferences have been conducted in our college. I congratulate all our Faculty members and research scholars, numbering ten, who have received their Ph.D. Degree in the 31st convocation of Anna University.

The person who has a petrified vision, irrespective of the grade of loss, is the most unfortunate one and any effort to alleviate his sufferings, however small it may be, needs to be appreciated. I am very happy to find that some innovative work in this direction has been done by Dr. Mahesh of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. And these research activities have given such impetus to our students, that they are also indulging themselves in research activities.

That our faculty have been actively involving themselves in heading the Boards of Studies, being part of a panel for selection of Ph.D. candidates besides the assessing of the newer colleges on behalf of the University, for their fitness for offering engineering programmes, amply prove the quality and the work ethics of our faculty.

I am happy to observe that Nitin, S., Divya Rajaraman, Mohanakrishnan, R.S. Adhiithy Visagan, Gokul Ramesh and Gunasundri, all First year B.E. students, making a mark in various sports events. Congratulations to Mr. Sankar of second year IT for securing Gold in the throw events in Anna University Inter zone Athletic meet. This is a good trend and I wish our faculty and students to better themselves in future as well.

“From the Principal’s Desk…”

Dr. S. Salivahanan

Here is an outline of the activities of SSN institutions during OND 2010. Our faculty and students have tried their best to extend their minds to assimilate new ideas for their personal growth and the growth of the institution. I wish to tell the student and teaching community that if one powerful, mind-expanding concept takes root and grows in our consciousness, our lives can change and help us to move on to greater heights. One such determined effort is the 12th Scholarship Award Function, conducted on 20 Oct 2010 with 450 students receiving scholarships from the Chief Guest, Mr. Ravi Kant, Vice Chairman, Tata Motors. Honourable Justice Mr. R. Sudhakar, Madras High Court, Chennai, and Dr. Preetha Reddy, Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group were the Guests of Honour.

A proud moment for all SSNites is the success of R. Ashwin I MBA, who represented the Tamilnadu Ranji Cricket team and took 6 wickets against the Gujarat team, and 11 wickets against the Delhi team, in the Ranji Super League Tournament organized by BCCI in Chennai. He has been selected to the Indian cricket team in the T-20 and one day series against South Africa to be conducted during January 2011.

The Principal has been appointed as the Chairman of the Faculty of Information and Communication Engineering of Anna University of Technology Chennai for three years from 1 Oct 2010. Dr. S. Radha, Dr. Chitra Babu, Dr. V. E. Annamalai, & Dr. Divya John have been appointed as members of the Board of Studies in the Faculty of Information and Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Science and Humanities of Anna University of Technology Chennai, for three years from 1 Oct 2010.

The Principal has been nominated as the Chairman of IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (MTT-S) of IEEE Madras Section, Chennai.

I extend my hearty congratulations to the following 10 faculty and full-time research scholars who received the doctoral degree during the 31st convocation of Anna University Chennai:

1. Dr. Ashwin Kumar Sahoo, Associate Professor/ECE
2. Dr. R. Seyerzhai, AP/ECE
3. Dr. R. Rengaraj, Associate Professor/ECE
4. Dr. S. Vijayan, Associate Professor / Mechanical
5. Dr. M. Ramakrishnan, Professor / ECE
6. Dr. J. Sathish Kumar, Associate Professor / Chemical
7. Dr. Anandha Babu, AP / Physics
8. Dr. A. Senthil, Crystal Growth Centre
9. Dr. S. Balamurugan, Crystal Growth Centre
10. Dr. Hilda Christy Gnanam, Mathematics

The Department of CSE conducted a seminar on “Cyber Security in SOA Governance” on 1 Oct 2010. The Department of Mechanical Engineering organized a workshop on “ROBOTICS” on 11 Oct 2010. The Department of ECE organized a four-day FDP on “EDP tools for VLSI design and Signa Processing” in association with Trident techlabs and Vt Microsystem from 15 to 18 Nov 2010.

The department of IT organized a two-day national seminar on “Research Issues in Information Processing and Network Security” on 1 & 2 Nov 2010. The Department of IT organized a two-day national seminar on “Digital Image Processing and its applications” on 25 & 26 Nov 2010. The Department of IT also organized a two-day national workshop on “Opportunities and Innovations in Mobile Broadband” on 9 &10 Dec 2010. The Department of Biomedical Engineering conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “Biosignal” from 20 to 24 Dec 2010. The “Workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition” was organized by the Speech Research Group from the departments of IT and ECE from 26 to 29 Dec 2010, co-sponsored by Infosys Technologies Ltd. and Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology.

The IEEE Student Branch of SSNCE and Microwave Theory & Techniques Society IEEE Madras Section jointly organized a seminar on “Electromagnetic and Antenna Theory” on 28 Dec 2010.
The NSS unit of SSNCE observed National Education Day on 11 Nov 2010 in the adopted village at Govt Middle School, Rayamangalam by organizing programmes to create awareness on the importance of education. NSS Call of Anna University and our NSS Unit jointly organized the “World AIDS Day Awareness Programme” on 1 Dec 2010 and a one day Workshop on “Soft Skills and Placement Training” for Rural Engineering College Students on 27 Dec 2010.

Almost all the eligible students have been placed in various leading companies during the campus recruitments held so far.

I conclude this report emphasizing that the ability to activate the creative powers of the subconscious mind is available to anyone who chooses to use it. It takes a great deal of desire to get ahead with trust and confidence.

THE SCHOLARSHIP DAY FUNCTION - 2010

SSN Institutions celebrated the Twelfth Annual Scholarship Day Function on the 20th of October 2010 with Mr. Ravi Kant, Vice-Chairman, Tata Motors, as the Chief Guest, and Hon’ble Mr. Justice R. Sudhakar, Madras High Court, and Dr. Preetha Reddy, Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, as the Guests of Honour.

Scholarships were awarded to 450 students for their dedicated work put in during the previous academic year. This beneficial act by the Management of SSN Institutions every year has won a wide acclaim from the public for and near, and also encouraged the deserving students. Needless to say, this has been a motivating factor in the lives of many students. Hence, it comes as no surprise that SSN Scholarship Day Function is one of the most-awaited events in the annals of SSN. This prestigious function began at 2.30 p.m. with a short prayer, followed by the distribution of scholarships to 450 students. The scholarships were awarded in five different categories - Merit Scholarships, Merit-cum-Means Scholarships, Walk-in-Walk-Out Scholarships, Sports Scholarships, Rural Government School Toppers’ Scholarship. This year, in addition to the scholarships offered by SSN Institutions, the alumni of SSN have contributed Rs. 3.1 lakhs to assist 20 students. This programme was followed by a short tea break at 4 p.m.

Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, SSN Trustee, explained the genesis of the scholarship scheme at SSN and the contribution it has made to the cause of education.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. R Srinivasan, Chairman of SSN Institutions, and Managing Director of Redington Limited, commented on the Award function thus, “This is one of the largest such scholarship programmes among all Indian colleges. This is an attempt to fill the real need gaps for the deserving students, thus taking the positive impact of education to where it can truly transform and uplift lives. For many students, scholarships are life-altering; and for us at the SSN Institutions, the Scholarship Day is a very emotional experience and the most important day in our calendar.”

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest, Mr. Ravi Kant, Vice-Chairman, Tata Motors, said that India is passing through an exciting growth phase. However, this growth can be sustainable only if it is ‘inclusive.’ In connection, he deeply appreciated SSN’s unique scholarship programme and even more, its varied categories to include the different varieties of need and brilliance found among the students. The Guest Speaker, Dr. Preetha Reddy, Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, focused on the importance of working for the betterment of the world. She exhorted the students to think globally and not in restrictive terms. For example, while working they need to think for the world at large, and not for one’s own region, or one’s own state in particular. To put it in a nutshell, she exhorted them to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

The vote of thanks brought this session to its close. But the celebration was far from over. The activities reached an enthusiastic pitch as the cultural show started. A tremendous effort was put in by the students of SSN. A violin solo by the talented Rajeer, IV ECE B, a dance performance by Vaishnavi and party, were part of the show. Thus, the event-filled evening came to a musical conclusion. It would be fair to say that the Scholarship Day function was a very memorable one, not only for the scholarship awardees and their families but also to all the SSNites.

MOTHER NATURE

The branches sway to and fro,
As the birds of the winter come and go,
Through time immemorial of what was spent,
None can forget through what mother nature went,

As humans evolved and grew with greed,
Mother Nature knew she’d ne’er be freed,
For humans destroyed of what her’s was left,
Only later to realise they couldn’t survive,
Mother Nature bereft.

Sri Teja K, II B.E. (Mech.)
RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS


20. 3-D medical image compression using 3-D wavelet coders”, N. Siraam, R. Shyamunder, Digital signal processing, 21 (2011) 100-109, Elsevier, USA


27. “Metric Dimension of uniform and Quasi uniform theta Graphs”, P. Venugopal, Bharathi Rajan, Indra


BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

1. The research paper titled “Influence of material properties on quenching heat transfer” was given the Best Paper Award in the International conference on “Advanced materials, manufacturing, management and thermal sciences” held during 18-19 November 2010 at Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur. The paper was presented by Dr. K. Babu, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engg. Department.

2. The research paper titled “Low loss optical channel drop filters based on high contrast Si/Air photonic crystals by wet anisotropic etching” by M. Renilkumar and Prita Nair, Asst. Prof./Physics was selected for “Photonics Endowment Award for Best Device oriented work” at International Conference on Fiberoptics and Photonics, Photonics, 2010, IIT Guwahati held during December 12-15, 2010. The paper was presented by Mr. Renilkumar.

NEW PROJECT SANCTIONED

AICTE has sanctioned Rs. 9. 00 lakh to carry out the project titled “An assessment and intelligibility modifications system for Dysarthric Speakers”. Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Prof./ECE, is the Principal Investigator and Dr. T. Nagarajan, Prof. & Head/IT, is the Co-Investigator. The duration of the project is 2 years.

CONSULTANCY PROJECT

HCL has sanctioned Rs. 1. 90 lakh to carry out a consultancy project on “Corrosion Analysis”. Dr. V. S. Gayathri and Dr. K. Yamuna from Chemistry department are the investigators. The duration of the project is 9 months and the nature of work is the theoretical prediction of type and rate of corrosion.

NATIONAL “MEMS” DESIGN CENTRE

SSN has been granted the status of a “National MEMS Design Centre” from January 2010. This Centre is one among the 64 centres set up by the National Program on Micro and Smart Structures (NPMASS) to enthuse, train and develop MEMS design and product development engineers for the Indian Industry.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. N.Sriroam, Prof. & Head/BME presented the following papers at 2010 IEEE EMBS Conference on Biomedical Engineering & Sciences (IECBES 2010) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 30 Nov - 02 Dec 2010.

1. An ubiquitous healthcare system using a wearable shirt for a smart home-a pilot study.
2. Detection of uterine fibroids using wavelet packet features with bpnn classifier. He also chaired the session on Medical Image Processing.

PROMISE OF THE DAWN

Across the distant horizon
Rise the sun, as bright as man can cherish;
Bringing with it a whole new day
For us to live and emblesh.

This present day most of us don’t see
We live in the past or future.
What is the use for neither is real
Forget not-present is real, live it with amused overtures.

Give the most you can
To forget the horrendy of the past,
To forget the unreality of the future,
And to make this day memorable.

To waste such a gift is a grievous sin-
Your life can become questionable.

All the great minds and souls
That trod upon this splendid earth
Had the same twenty-four
What proved their worth?
It was to look into the present-not past, not future.

What a splendid promise
The dawn does bring with it;
Opportunities and time to grow
And live in this world and cherish it.
SSN Alumni Association

The Alumni Association, although still in its early stages is making steady strides in establishing itself as an active body and carrying out activities that benefit the college and current students.

1. SSN alumni association has been awarding alumni scholarships for the past 3 years with the amount and number of beneficiaries increasing every year. Last year (2010), the association gave away scholarships worth 3.42 Lakhs benefitting 12 students.

2. Year 2010 saw the initiation of the Flagship event of the association, “Tribute”. It was decided that Tribute will be an annual event, conducted on the first Saturday of every year.

3. The association conducted interaction sessions with current students, giving them useful information on how to go about their career.

4. The alumni association also conducted workshops for students.

5. The Association has been implementing a structure in the organization and interviews were conducted to select student alumni representatives (SAR) from the final and pre-final year batch. This procedure will continue on a regular basis.

6. The SSN alumni association US Chapter was launched last year and Dr. Shiv Nadar presided over the inauguration of the same.

Future Plans:

1. An exclusive website for SSN-ites to network is being developed. This will help students from all batches to network. This can possibly pave the way for an individual to find better opportunities or collaborate by working with their seniors and juniors. Students still in college can avail internships etc.

2. More Alumni- teacher co-ordinated workshops have been planned for the coming year.

Tribute-11

A feeling of nostalgia and homecoming prevailed in the auditorium of SSN Institutions on 8 January 2011. It was the second edition of Tribute, the yearly alumni meet of the college which turned out to be a grand success this time again! Alumni from some of the pioneer batches of the college, like the batch of 2001 were also present and shared their experiences which they had when the college was in its budding stages and also said that they were extremely proud to see their college as a world class institution that it has become today. Mr. R. Srinivasan, Chairman, SSN Institutions and Roshni Nadar Malhotra, SSN Trustee graced the function. More than 500 alumni turned up for the meet along with their family members. The meet was a three-hour event during which there were multimedia presentations about accomplishments by alumni, cultural performances and presentations by alumni and some games for the audience. A dance by 2010 batch alumni, Andrew and group, was liked and cheered by all. “Kaadhali Sodhappuvadh Cppadi”, a short film directed by our alumni M. Balaji was screened during the event and was a huge hit with the audience. To answer questions of alumni regarding the activities of the Alumni Association and also get suggestions for improvement, an interactive session was organized between the current office bearers of the Alumni association and the audience. Tribute 2012 is scheduled for 7 January 2012 and will undoubtedly be a grand success! It is always a fulfilling experience to get back to college, sit back and recollect all the fun moments that you spent here, and then to realize, that wherever you are today, it is all because of this place.

Alumni Accomplishments:

1. Several Alumni are working in top firms such as Intel, Qualcomm, Oracle, Microsoft, Yahoo, Deloitte, IBM, Nokia, Siemens.

2. Several Alumni have studied in world class universities such as Carnegie Mellon, IIM etc.

3. R. Ashwin (2008 batch) has represented Team India in cricket.

4. Sharmi Kumaresan represented India in the Commonwealth Games Delhi - 2010 in table tennis and secured the silver medal.

Research Seminar on Cyber Security in Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) Governance

Department of Computer Science and Engineering conducted a one-day research seminar on Cyber Security in Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) Governance on 1st October 2010. This seminar was mainly conducted for enabling discussions on submitting multi-institutional project proposals to funding agencies in the area of Cyber Security. Several domain experts in this area shared their knowledge with the potential collaborators from various engineering colleges. Shri. C. Umashankar, IAS., Director, TANSI, Chennai, talked about the design and deployment of IT services in Tamilnadu. He highlighted the design and deployment of e-governance functions in the Revenue department in Tiruvurur district. Shri. P. K. Sastry, Assistant Director, Government Examiner of Questioned Documents (GEQD), Central Forensic Sciences Laboratory (CFLS), Hyderabad, presented a very valuable session on “Digital Forensics”. He highlighted the need for indigenous security tools and wanted the researchers to focus on developing such tools. Shri. V. Girivasan, AGM, IT, State Bank of India and Shri. B. Balachandran from Punjab National Bank presented seminars on the security threats in the banking domain. Ms. Geetha Rani, Mr. Sankaran and Mr. Srinivasa Raghavan from National Informatics Centre shared their experiences with SOA and e-Governance in specific domains.
At the 12th Scholarship

(left to right) Mr. Ravi Kant, Vice Chairman, Tata Motors, Hon’ble Mr. Justice R. Sudhakar, Madras High

Dignitaries Witnessing the Scholarship Award Function

Abhay T IV B.E. (CSE) receives the Sport Scholarship.

Sivapathi K III B.E. (EEE) receives the scholarship under Rural Government School Toppers’
Award Function 2010
Court, Dr. Preetha Reddy, MD, Apollo Hospital Groups and Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, SSN Trustee.

Sabareesh S I B.E. (ECE) receives the Merit Scholarship from TSR Subramanian, Member, Board of Management, SSN I.

Shamini Kumaresan is honoured for securing a Silver Medal for Table Tennis at Commonwealth Games, New Delhi-2010

SSN Cricket team with runners’ trophy during SSN Rolling Cricket Trophy-2011

NSS Volunteers at Sri Shankara Old Age Home at Pandithamedu, OMR.

PHOTO GALLERY
THE VIOLINIST

Everything was fuzzy and distorted. Straining my eyes to focus on the small wire by my bed, I was wondering where it was coming from or what it was doing there. I tried to trace down its origin. I turned my head sideways and felt excruciating pain all over my body. I was hungry and weak, but more importantly I wanted to go to Lincoln Street. Wait a second, if I am not in Lincoln Street then where am I? Suddenly the coolness of metal presses against my skin, a jab of pain and everything turned black again.

I woke up to find the small wire by my side missing. My whole body was still screaming in pain when I tried to move it. I could do nothing more than retrace my thoughts to what had brought me here. Closing my eyes, taking a deep breath I tried to relax myself ignoring the pain and began recollecting the past.

The summer of 1998, the month of July, Friday, not so sure about that, the date, am never good with numbers. I remember waking up before the sun had risen, a habit I was used to and proud of. Hard to find early risers these days. Most of my friends had the habit of staying up late-partying through the night. All of them had a good rapport with women and were enjoying life to the fullest. Beer and women, what more could a twenty-six year old long for? Scarred during college and school with education, people would term this part of life as the ‘time to loosen up’. That was them and well, this is me. I was the type of person who was neither interested in education nor in sports. Quite surprisingly I found myself with a nonchalant attitude towards women.

I had found my heart in music, inane and abstract, many would say and the rest would probably say ‘Do you earn anything by toying with a couple of strings?’ or ‘I used to be interested in music too, but let’s get practical and have a look at the real world’. With a smug of their faces, sarcasm in their eyes, they would look at me playing my violin and say, ‘I study almost 90 books excluding the reference materials and you study about four strings. You must be having a tough time there. Hang in there buddy.’ But I had never paid any attention to these remarks. I loved playing the violin and I knew I was quite good with it. There was a meagre section of people, who would appreciate my style and would always say, “My boy, you have a future in music, just keep going”. I kept going, and it turned out that those few people were right.

James Hathway, lead violinist, Greamway Orchestra, London, 10,000 Euros a month, brown wavy hair, tall and well built, twenty-six years old with a horde of female fans - this is me. Now my friends were dying to be in my shoes, people waiting in queues to see me. They wanted to get my autograph or if they were lucky enough then even have a cup of tea with me. Life had never been better.

I opened the doors to my apartment. The lights automatically dim and the butler asks me, ‘Sir, would you like to have steak tonight?’.

I said, ‘No John, it’s okay. I think I will have dinner with Ms. Kate tonight.’

John looks at me enquiringly and I reply, ‘Yes John, the daughter of the Defense minister—Kate Michaels.’

He smiles at me and says, ‘I am glad you find this woman charming sir; she seemed polite and quite elegant on the news.’

‘Oh, is that so. I have no plans for the evening so I guess I could go on a date with her. There has been this Chinese restaurant I have been dying to go to. It would be a shame to dine alone.’

John seemed very offended, ‘Sir, this woman is the daughter of the Minister of Defense, and I don’t think it would be quite wise for you to fool around with her. You should at least give this woman a chance. She deserves it. She is a woman of high social status and deserves to be respected.’

I looked at him for a couple of seconds. Words echoed inside my head, ‘Who the hell does this butler, think he is?’ I should fire him and teach him a lesson. He would come back to me, starving, begging for food like a mongrel. I would then smirk at him and toss him a bone. He would understand that it is NEVER right to talk back to James Hathway.’ But I just ignored him and nodded my head.

I began to gear up for dinner. I looked at myself in the mirror, that Dolce and Gabbana suit, those Ray Ban glasses, that Rolex watch and the Porsche waiting to pick me up. The irony about all of this was that I had never paid for half of the things I had owned. Many women found me attractive but I never had interest in any of them.

Using them for power and status had been my style. I wished for a Lamborghini in my garage and Kate had pressed the button for my wish. I had no intention of having a relationship with her. There were loads from where she came from and my duty was to humour them, accessorizing myself in the process. I drove my Porsche to the Chinese hotel enjoying the cool night breeze.

Parking my car, I raced up to the entrance of the hotel to find Kate already waiting there for me. She was elegant, no doubt about that, and blue was definitely her color. She tucked a wisp of her hair behind her ear and began questioning me about my interests and hobbies, the moment I bumped into her. She was tall, fair with black silky long hair. She started rambling about herself. We had neither found a table nor had started to decide on what to eat, but I had learnt about half of the things she did in school including the subjects she had majored in. That Lamborghini better be smooth and fast, I thought to myself stifling a grin. She was no different from the other women. ‘I heard you play your violin at some random place, and I was quite lost on seeing you play’ they would all say and I would never get bored by that remark.

I always had my philosophy – ‘Life just keeps going on, you keep going until your satisfied, and I never get satisfied’.

Sipping coffee from a mug, I was staring at Kate sleeping peacefully in my bed. I suddenly remembered, it was getting late for my appointment with the governor. He said he wanted to talk to me about something. He had hinted over the phone that he had always admired me as a musician and was considering recruiting me for his campaign. ‘Well, the usual strategy then, humour him for a while and then squeeze him for some assets,’ I thought. Kate was stirring in bed.

The Porsche was parked outside. Getting in, I was trying to make a list of things I would require for a summer in Hawaii. When my job with the governor is done I will have loads of money and lots of places to go to. I was planning on going on a holiday somewhere, the beaches, sun and scantily clad women were luring me. I took a left turn and was driving to Lincoln Street to meet the governor. The next thing I knew I heard a loud thud and people were gathered around me, staring at me with horrified expressions on their faces.
I flexed my eyes open to find a middle aged man examining that small wire, taking notes. He smiled at me and said, ‘Good Morning Mr. Hathway, How are you feeling?’ I looked at him with a blank expression but managed to nod. His smile turned into a grin and he looked at me in the eye and said, ‘You are quite lucky to be alive sir. God was with you’. He did not seem to be very happy about it though. I wanted to shake his hand as a thank you gesture for having saved my life and then I understood why he wasn’t so happy. My fingers just lay still!

I did not understand what had happened. I continued to look at the doctor shock-stricken, unable to comprehend what had happened. I was skeptical. I was getting very uncomfortable, scared and insecure. No, it can’t be that. This has to be some kind of a sick joke. The doctor looked at me pathetically. ‘You must have realized by now, your right arm was paralyzed during the accident. I am very sorry for your loss.’ He left without turning back leaving me in solitude.

Random thoughts filled my head--Kate, John, the governor, my Lamborghini and then my future. I shuddered. I moved my left arm and held my hair, crushing it, tears rolling down my eyes. I was broke. My dreams were shattered and I no longer felt in me the surge I had. I was devoid of my right arm, my one-day girlfriend and my future. I just lay on the bed, staring at the wall feeling deprived of something most important to me.

Three days had passed with not much of a dialogue; John had come to take care of me. He took very good care of me trying to avoid any conversation about music or the philharmonic. He stayed over at the hospital and was always there when I needed him. I regretted that I had thought of firing him. Kate had come to visit; she looked at my deplorable state and left without saying a word. It was understood, who would be interested in a guy like me now. All my life I had wanted to get the best of everything. Using people in exchange for fame, and now when I sought love and care, I find myself staring at a white room with weird bottles and not a soul to talk to. The governor had cancelled my appointment and cancelled upon me. I was left all alone, bereft of any hope.

The worst three days of my life.
There was no one. It was just me. I was all alone in darkness and there would be no way out of this nightmare.

There was a rope placed at one of the corners of my room. My gaze shifted towards the rope and I looked at it deeply. Taking a deep breath I felt there could be only one possible solution to all of this. ‘A sweet long slumber to heaven’. I got off my bed and inched closer towards the rope. I wrapped my hands around it and noticed that it was about ten meters long. I took a deep breath and made a firm decision, it is better to terminate our lives than to rot. I move closer to my bed deciding to hang myself on the fan. My hands trembled and I found it very difficult to tie the rope. I began to climb the bed. The door suddenly opened revealing a young girl in tattered clothes, hardly half my height brandishing a stick in her hand with dark goggles on her eyes trying to find her way through the door.

She said, “James Hathway?”
I replied, “Yes.”

“My name is Amy Green and I am a huge fan of yours. I heard you playing your violin two weeks ago and I found myself lost in your music. I hope I haven’t disturbed you.”

I looked at her and replied, “You most certainly haven’t, why don’t you come in.”

She smiled and managed to pull up a chair. She spoke again, “You play very well, sir. I am a huge fan of yours. I have never heard such music my whole life.”

Looking at the rope in my hand, putting it aside I reply, “I have always had this philosophy – ‘Life just keeps going on, you keep going until you’re satisfied, and I never get satisfied. So just keep going on.’”

S. Akshay, III B.E.(CSE)

A single window, overlooking the sea was the only form of solace that fourteen year old Vani could get in her dark, musty room. But, she failed to even notice the comfort this might provide her with. All this wasn’t because her foster parents were cruel or cold-hearted, it was because she had still not recovered from the massive disaster that had struck her family years ago.

She had lived in Kapuchi village since her birth along with her parents and her brother, Varun, who was two years older than her. And they were the most caring and lovely family she could have ever asked for. Her village was on the banks of the most beautiful blush-green ocean, that God had ever created, and the whole village was filled with tall, green trees of every variety. And the main attraction in her village was the Kapuchian Fort, which was considered to have been the dwellings of the royal Kapuchian family and so this attracted lots of tourists from both near and far.

As her family thrived only on the fish that her Dad would catch and sell, at the daily market, they could send her only to school, and so, Varun became a tourist guide at the Fort, and he was actually pretty good at it. Some days after Vani returned from school, he would take her also along with him, and apart from the fun that they would have, she also picked up on the arts of his work and eventually, could imitate him exactly. Well, this could have been one of the factors that saved her from the disaster.

Who knew the dawn of 26th May 2008, would lead to Vani losing her entire family? It was as fine a day as any other, and when Vani returned home after school she found her brother down with fever, her mother tending to him, and so she decided to take her brother’s place at the Fort, today. She was very excited about it and ran as fast as her legs would take her to the Fort and attended to the first tourist she came across. They were a young couple from Bali and they were very surprised by how Vani could tell them so much about the Fort, and she was an instant hit. While they were going through the mazes of the Fort, cars came with sirens blazing, issuing a warning about a “Tsunami”, that might hit the village anytime, and so they helped clear out villagers from their homes and move into the safety of the Fort. Vani went pale-white with fear and tried to run away to bring her family, but the Police restricted her and told her that just a few seconds back, they had got the information that the huts on the banks of the ocean, had just been struck by a huge wave, causing everybody to die. Vani couldn’t believe what she had heard and fainted in the arms of the tourist couple. By the time she woke up, the worst had passed and though people inside the Fort had been saved, many had ended up losing their loved ones to the ferocious ocean. And from then on Vani started to behave like a zombie, and as nothing was left for her in Kapuchi, she agreed to go to Bali along with the tourist couple, Marshall and Teresa,
when they asked her if she’d like to come along and live
with them.

Marshall and Teresa were well-educated, caring and
lovely parents. They’d been married for five years and
have a son named Mark who was three years old, and
the entry of the fourteen year old into their lives was just
magical to them. They had fallen in love with her, when
they’d first seen her at the Fort and were appalled when
disaster struck her family, and so this gave them all the
more a reason to take her into their family. But though
they had tried everything within their power to help Vani
recover from her loss, they could not bring her back to the
present, and this left them both helpless. The only time
they saw her happy was when Mark played along with her
and the effect he had on her was truly magnificent and
the smiles on both their faces brought tears of joy into
their eyes. It had been a year since Vani had moved to
Bali, but her heart and soul was still in Kapuchi village and
her thoughts still circled around the wonderful times she
had had with her family. Whatever she tried to do to come
out of it, she couldn’t and at one point she gave up trying
to do so. Though she was disheartened when she saw
Marshall and Teresa, trying everything within their power
to make her come around, she couldn’t bring herself to
step into the reality of the present. They had seen her
flair for academics and had enrolled her in a prestigious
school, but there too she couldn’t master the courage to
make new friends and take life in its stride. The teachers
too, who knew about her condition, tried everything within
their power to help her, but their efforts too went in vain,
and a year passed with no signs of improvement in her.

On the first day of school, in her tenth standard a
new entrant, Fazil, walked into her class. He was a very
friendly boy and made friends with all the others in the
class before making his way to talk to her. He tried his
best, but didn’t succeed and that’s when he learnt from
the others about her story, and how they had given up
on her and that he too mustn’t waste his time on her. But
her story encouraged him even more to help her and he
requested all the others to help him in whatever he tried
to do, and they were more than happy to help him.

He learnt that Vani stayed only a couple of houses away
from his and so the next morning, he decided to walk along
with her to school. There he met her parents and they
were overjoyed when they learnt how Vani’s classmates
were trying to help her. Though she walked with him, she
hardly opened her mouth and uttered a word, while he
kept on rambling, and actually Fazil was satisfied with this
for the next couple of days. Slowly he brought the whole
class to join him on this routine as that’s when she would
feel out of place as she would not voice out her opinion
because she would not step outside the circle she’d drawn
around herself. When Fazil sensed that this had created
some sort of an effect on her, he decided to take it up a
notch. He chalked out a plan and took it over to the school
Principal about how they would all like to go on a picnic to
the nearby Zoo, and the Principal also agreed to it.

The picnic was on 26th of May 2010 and Vani had
retreated further into her circle. But Fazil and his friends
tried harder all the more, never once taking “No” for an
answer. They called out to her to come and play along
with them incessantly and at last at the end of the
day she agreed to play catch along with them, and thus,
insisting a confidence in Fazil, that he was on the right
track. Vani too was feeling refreshed after playing after
years, but that was all she did, before going back to her
own world. Fazil, his classmates and the teachers took this
to be a stepping stone and decided to leave Fazil work
his magic on her. But though he tried really hard, it took
him a couple of months to win her confidence and that’s
when she started to break out of her shell, and told him
everything. Fazil listened patiently and pointed out to her
that her feelings were justified, but that she must not
dwell on the past, and that she must move on and live for
the Present, in which she had been blessed with a family
so fine, so soon after her loss, unlike him. And this was
what caught her attention and she listened to Fazil’s story
of how he was an orphan and that he’d been moving from
one foster home to another, before finally being adopted
by nice parents, until now. This affected Vani very deeply,
and made her understand that everybody faced hardships
in their lives, and that she wasn’t the only one with a tragic
past. And that was the last day Vani was stuck in her dark,
musty, single-windowed room and from then on she went
to make it a bright, sun-lit place for her blossoming future.
And this transformation in her was all her parents had
asked for and they were speechless, and were grateful to
all of them who had played a part in it.

Though it has been fifteen years now, not one day goes
by without Vani and her parents thanking Fazil, who sadly
passed away a year back when he had been diagnosed
with a tragic heart disease and his last words to them when
he died were, “I hate anybody who cries and so if any one
of you cry for my death, I will be deeply saddened, and so
I want nobody to look back, and want all of you to keep
moving forward”. And to this day, all his family members
and well wishers continue to march forward, into a bright
future, which is bound to be filled with memories of him.

B. Aparna, IV B.Tech. (Chem.)

HOPE

He looked at the sky,
Then heaved a sigh.
Oh! What a relief!
The dark clouds will reduce my grief.
He looked at the land,
It was barren and bare.
Yet there was a smile
The reason, rain will wash off his cares.
Suddenly his thoughts flattered,
The dry leaves around began to flutter.
He felt the breeze slowly but unsteadily becoming strong,
He felt, “This is not right something is terribly wrong”.
The shadow above seemed to fade,
Horrors of sorrow again started to wade.
The sky was clear and bright,
The Sun was up and high.
There was a little drop,
Moisture that he missed for so long.
Tears which he could not stop,
All he desired to know was, “what went wrong”.
After the sun set,
When he lost the hope of his land getting wet,
He started his journey back home, carrying his sorrow,
But he walked on with a
HOPE of a RAINY TOMORROW!

Pratyusha. J, I B.E. (ECE)
## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

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<td>29.9.10 to 2.10.10</td>
<td>The following teams from our college won the trophies in the SPORTIVAS-10 organized by PITS, Tanjore. Badminton – men &amp; women (winners trophy) Table tennis – women (winners trophy) Tennis – men (winners trophy) Basketball – women (runners-up trophy)</td>
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<td>N.Shankar, II B.E. (ECE) secured the gold medal in Hammer throw, shotput and discuss throw events and Madanagopalakrishnan, IV B.Tech. (IT) secured gold medal in the High jump event in the AU inter zone Athletic meet.</td>
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<td>College men Squash team won the winners trophy in the AU inter zone tournament organized by SSN College of Engineering.</td>
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<td>8.10.10 to 24.10.10</td>
<td>R.Ashwin, I (MBA) played the challenger trophy and one day international cricket tournament against Australia in the Hero Honda cup.</td>
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<td>S.Nitin, I B.E. (CSE) participated in the World Youth Chess Championship held at Greece.</td>
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<td>B.Sriram, III (MCA), Ashwin, III B.E. (Mech) and Rohit, II B.E. (EEE) participating in the south zone Inter University Cricket Tournament organized by Kathkhiyana University, Warangal. PBalaji, Director of Physical education is the coach for the Anna University cricket team in the above tournament.</td>
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<td>R.S.Mahanakrishnan, I B.E. (EEE), C.Vinay, I B.Tech. (IT) and K.Suneri, II B.E. (ECE) participated in the All India Inter state national badminton championship held at Yarnam, AP.</td>
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