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"From the President’s Desk…”

The even semester of a college is always eventful. I am glad to find that the novel project IRIS put up by the Research Advisory Council has started bearing fruit: for example, two student groups have given lectures on their own findings. The capabilities of our faculty have been recognized by Anna University of Technology in creating curriculum and syllabi for the forthcoming years. The National Accreditation and Assessment Council have accredited our college for five years with a score of 3.13 on a 4-point scale. The conduct of an International Conference on Energy Systems is timely. The Eleventh Graduation Day, the Alumni meet ‘Tribute 2011’, Instincts 2011, 12th Sports Day and College Day, though routine matters, are invigorating events.

The fact that a large number of our faculty have been invited to give lectures in Scientific Fora, published about 65 papers in national and international journals during this period, a successful attempt to bridge the gap between the Industry and the Institution by way of cooperation between CTZ and STPI, earning of the coveted Tata Rao Prize from the Institution of Engineers by our Principal Dr Salivahanan and Dr Rengaraj, to indicate a few, all go to prove the mettle of our faculty. The award for a Project ‘Charging a mobile phone using RF waves’ at the ‘Green Technologies that change event’ held at NIT Trichy, by our students Ms Ranjini and Subasri of ECE, goes to indicate that we do care for the preservation of the eco system.

On the Sports front also our flag continues to fly high. We have won the TIES 2011 at Kings College at Tanjavour, Mr N. Shankar II yr ECE, who took part in the TIES won the individual championship and three Golds in Throw events. We won BITS Goa campus SPREE 2011. Mr Irfan Hussain of I yr Mech. participated in the National Games at Ranchi and won a Bronze medal. These are only a few samples. Mr Parthiban of Final yr EEE was adjudged the best NSS Volunteer, together with Ms Kayatri who has been awarded the best NSS Officer Award. All these indicate that we are sailing in the right direction in our duty to the society as well.

As the saying goes, more than winning the first position, sustenance of the same is more difficult. I am certain we will not only sustain but also better our performance in the future as well and I wish all the faculty and students the very best.

"From the Principal’s Desk…”

The year 2011 kept SSN College of Engineering engaged, anticipating UGC-NAAC Peer Committee, in connection with assessment and accreditation. I am proud to state that the executive committee of the NAAC accredited our institution for a period of 5 years at ‘A’ Grade with effect from 8 Jan 2011. Subsequently, this quarter witnessed an energized period of activities.

To mention a few, our college organized the Tamilnadu State level SSN Rolling Cricket Trophy-2011 for Inter-Engineering institutions from 5 to 12 Jan 2011. E-Week was conducted in collaboration with National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) from 5 to 11 Feb 2011 and SSN has won the “Entrepreneurship Week India 2011” Championship Award, through its extraordinary efforts and achievements. Heartly Congratulations to all its members! 11th Graduation Day was conducted on 19 Feb 2011 in which Ms. Neelam Dhanw, Managing Director, Hewlett Packard, India, was the Chief Guest. The Department of English organized these SSN Best Speaker Contest and the SSN Creative Writing Contest in Feb 2011. The sixth edition of INSTINCTS, the SSN Cultural Fest, was conducted in the campus from 3 to 5 March 2011. On 26 March 2011, the 15th College Day was celebrated in which Justice Mr. B. Rajendiran, Madras High Court was the Chief Guest. HCL conducted a workshop on “Employees First Customers Second (EFCS)” for I year M.E. students on 28 March 2011.

It was with thrill and excitement that we watched R.Ashwin, MBA play for India in the ICC World cup 2011. He took four wickets in two matches. We are immensely proud of his excellent achievement. XII Annual Sports Day of our college was celebrated and Padmashri P.T. Usha, Olympian, presided over the function and distributed the prizes.

On 3 & 4 Jan 2011, the Department of EEE conducted an International Conference on “Electrical Energy Systems, ICEES-2011", sponsored by IEEE Madras Section, IAS, South India Section of ISA, Danfoss Industries Limited, DRDO, CSIR, Twinveg Electric Consultancy, Tessolve and Siechem Technologies Private limited.

SSNCE opened a stall at IIT Madras in the international conference on VLSI from 3 to 5 Jan 2011 in which the VLSI design related research, MEMS design and SSN Research Centre activities of the college were showcased. SSNCE represented Anna University of Technology Chennai and also opened a stall in the 98th Indian Science Congress at SRM University from 3 to 7 Jan 2011.

The Principal and Dr. R. Rengaraj, Associate Professor/EEE, received Tata Rao Prize from The Institution of Engineers (India) for their paper entitled “Self-adaptive Real-coded Genetic Algorithm for Dispatch of Cogeneration Systems” published in the Journal of Institution during 2009-10.

Dr. Priyamvada Natarajan, Professor, Department of Astronomy and Physics, Yale University visited our campus and addressed the students and faculty members on the “Growth of Research”. The Department of Chemistry inaugurated the celebrations to mark the International Year of Chemistry 2011. The Chief Guest Dr. Sc. Guinara Kuramshina, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia delivered a lecture on “Inverse problems of Vibrational Spectroscopy.” Dr. S. Narayanan, Dean, College of Engineering & Computer Science, Wright State University and Executive Director, Wright State Research Institute, Dayton, Ohio, USA, delivered a lecture on “Human Decision Aiding Models: From Cricket to Image Retrieval.”

Dr. R. Natarajan, Former Director of IITM and Former Chairman of AICTE, and Dr. Karmalkar, Professor, Electrical
Engineering, IITM, conducted a one-day workshop for SSN faculty on “Research Orientation and Skills” on 5 Feb 2011. The Department of ECE conducted a national level seminar on “Recent Trends in Wireless Communication” sponsored by CSIR, New Delhi, on 24 & 25 Feb 2011. Under the auspices of ISTE chapter a monthly seminar on “Funding Pattern of Naval Research Board and Suggested Projects for NRB” was delivered by Dr. D. Srinivasan, Founder and Former Director of NPOL, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory.

The Department of Information Technology has been recognized as a research centre by Anna University Chennai, for doing Ph.D. and M.S. by research.

The NSS Unit organized an annual camp for the academic year 2010-2011 at Rayamangalam village of Mullipakkam Panchayat from 31 Jan 2011 to 6 Feb 2011. Sixty NSS volunteers participated in the camp. The valedictory function was headed by Dr. S. Selladurai, NSS Programme Coordinator, Anna University Chennai. Also YRC volunteers have done social service at Siruthavur village, near Thiruporur, from 1 to 3 Feb 2011.

M. Parthibhan, IV B.E. (EEE) received the “Best NSS Volunteer Award” for Tamil Nadu State for the academic year 2009-10 from Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell. Ms. P. Kaythry, AP/EEC received the “Best NSS Programme Officer Award” and M. Parthibhan and P. Vignesh, IV B.E. (EEE) & M. Shanthi, IV B.E. (CSE) received the “Best NSS Volunteer Award” from Anna University, Chennai for the academic year 2009-10.

Roshan Rajendran, final B.E. (Mech.), has been selected as a delegate on an all-expenses-paid trip to attend and present a paper in the summit “Education without Borders (EWB) 2011” held in UAE during 28-30 March 2011.

SSN conducted a Rally on the theme “A Walk to Make All Vote”. Ms. Latha, IAS, flagged off the rally near Tidel Park on 28 Feb 2011.

Thankfully, creativity is not lost at SSN. If ever it goes into hiding or lies dormant from lack of use, it can be tapped and made to come alive again on demand from time to time by the replenishing activities. Thus the omnipresent can be made more simple and the seemingly unconnected connected by the students and staff of SSN.

THE SSN CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Department of English, SSN College of Engineering, launched the first SSN Creative Writing Contest in July 2010. Accordingly, two literary prizes are instituted to attract and honour effective writing among the students of SSN:

The SSN Poetry Prize, a competition celebrating excellence in verse in English, was open to all the students of SSN. All entrants were asked to submit a portfolio of two or three poems (the total maximum length of 72 lines). The poems could be on any subject, written in any style, provided it is an original work, not published elsewhere.

The competition was open for two months and closed on 31 August 2010.

It was an honour to have Dr K Srilata, to judge the SSN Creative Writing contest. As many of us know, she is a poet, fiction writer and translator. Dr. K. Srilata teaches Creative Writing and Literature and is the Associate Professor at IIT Madras. Her debut novel “Table for Four” was longlisted recently for the Man Asian literary prize and is to be published by Penguin India.

The winners were announced and awarded during the prize-giving ceremony at 10 am in the mini auditorium on 25 Feb 2011. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr Mukund Padmanathan, the Senior Associate Editor of The Hindu who writes editorials and analytical articles on a wide range of subjects. This was indeed a promising day for the young poets and ambitious fictions writers out there.

Here are the prize winners:

The SSN Fiction Prize
1st - “The Last Sermon” by M Manu Prasad, II year EEE.
2nd - “The Final Blessing” by Mohamad Raseem, III year MECH.

The SSN Poetry Prize:
1st - “A Chat about Chess” and “Magic Masters over Muggle me” by Sowmya S Sundaram, II year CSE.
2nd - “Ode to a City” “Thoughts”, “The Greatest Gift Ever” by Divya Kumar, IV year Chemical.

A CHAT ABOUT CHESS

“Chess, milady”, said the king, “is very serious business. I, for one, am very slow, moving one square at a time, but in all directions. Guard yours truly to win. Beside me, is my faithful queen, a strong soldier who darts across the board along all points of the compass for the team. And on either side of us, the bishops stand who move diagonally and defeat the enemy by forcing a retreat with their wit and shrewdness. Alongside them, are positioned the brave knights. Stratagem is easy as he is undaunted by a foe in his path as his steed doth fly over him in clever L – formation.

Up next are the strong castles. Foundations so strong hinders diagonal movement. Hence, they heave their heavy selves and then vent their power in a straight manner. In front of us, is a phalanx of pawns. They hunt their prey one step at a time and forward alone. They are oft thought cowards but on the other end become powers.

May the battle begin, my dear flower.”

Sowmya S. Sundaram, II B.E. (CSE)


NEW PROJECT SANCTIONED
1. DST has sanctioned Rs. 29.50 lakh to carry out the project, “Improved growth of lead-free piezoelectric single crystal (NaxBi1-x) TI03-BaTI03 and characterization towards piezoelectric device applications”. Dr. P. Ramasamy, Dean (Research) is the Principal Investigator and Dr. G. Anandha Babu, Assistant Professor, Physics Department is the Co-Investigator. The duration of the project is 3 years.

2. DAE - BRNS has sanctioned Rs. 23.00 lakh to carry out the project, “Crystal Growth of Ce based alkali holides scintillator crystals and their characterization” Dr. G. Anandha Babu, Assistant Professor, Physics Department, is the Investigator. The duration of the project is 3 years.

SPECIAL AWARDS
1. The Institution of Engineers (India) has awarded the TATA RAO PRIZE to Dr. R. Rengaraj, Associate Professor, EEE department and Dr. S. Salivahanan, Principal, for their paper entitled “Self-adaptive Real-coded Genetic Algorithm for Dispatch of Cogeneration Systems” published in the Journal of the Institution during 2009-2010.

2. The research paper “Synthesis, Crystal Growth and Characterisation of Tetra Aqua Diglycine Magnesium (II) Hexa Aqua Magnesium (II) Bis Sulfate Single Crystals” by G.Senthil Murugan and P. Ramasamy was given the BEST PAPER award in the UGC – Sponsored National Conference on “Recent Trends on Crystal Growth and Nanotechnology” organized during 28-29 January 2011 at Arignar Anna College, Aravondhizhi. The paper was presented by Mr. G. Senthil Murugan, Research Scholar, Crystal Growth Centre.

3. The research paper “Growth of nonlinear optical sodium selenitate dihydrate single crystal by Sankaranarayanan-Ramasamy method and its characterization” by M. Senthil Pandian and P. Ramasamy was given the Best Paper Award in the XV National Seminar on Crystal Growth organized during 23-25, February 2011 at P S N College of Engineering and Technology. The paper was presented by Mr.M.Senthil Pandian, Research Scholar, Crystal Growth Centre.

4. Mr. K. Boopathi, Research Scholar, Crystal Growth Centre was given the BEST PRODUCT DISPLAY AWARD for the crystals displayed by him in the above conference.

5. Mr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Mr.S.Aswin (III year BME students) and Dr.V.Mahesh, Associate Professor, BME Department were given the SECOND PRIZE for their project “E O G based assistive technology development” in the International Project Competition and Exhibition held at Vel Tech University during 24-26 February 2011.

Congratulations!!!
Surya Ramachandran and Vignesh Raja Final year students of EEE department brought many laurels to the college. Their movie “Praama”, based on schizophrenia, was placed second in Frame of Mind International Film Festival on Mental Health and first in PVR Junior Film Maker, 2010, a National Level Short Film Festival.

The duo, were also named as junior film makers of 2010 by PVR. They also got the Best Director award in VT vision film festival. Their film “Uruthuni” was placed second in Billroth’s ‘Answert’ festival held this February. Also, Surya Ramachandran was adjudged the best photographer of IIT Madras’ Saarang’s online photo contest.

Dr. Silvai Michael, Assistant Professor, Chemistry Department, is the author of a chapter (NASICON Open Framework Structured Transition Metal Oxides for Lithium Batteries) in a book edited by Dr. Chong Rae Park. The title of the book is “Next generation lithium ion batteries for electrical vehicles”.

VIBRATIONS available online at www.ssn.edu.in/vibrations.html
SSN INSTITUTIONS HOLDS ITS 11TH GRADUATION DAY

With the traditional academic regalia and all possible ceremonies admitted by Anna University, the 11th Graduation Day of SSN Institutions commenced at 10 a.m. on 19 March 2011 in the SSN main auditorium. The hall was packed with 741 graduands and their parents. The Chief Guest, Ms. Neelam Dhawan, Managing Director, Hewlett Packard (HP) conferred degrees on the 342 graduates and 399 postgraduates from the engineering and management programs.

Ms. Roshini Nadar Malhotra, Executive Director and CEO of HCL Corporations, Mr. P. Sivaprasad, Member of the Board of Management, Ms. Kala Vijayakumar, President, SSN Institutions presided over the function. The report of the institution was presented by the Principal, Dr. S. Salivahanan, which was followed by the introduction of the Chief Guest.

It was a pleasure to observe each one of the 741 graduates going up the dais, receiving the degree with immense gratification, and posing for the photograph of their life and ambition. The University rank holders were awarded the ‘Chairman’s Gold Medal,’ the ‘Chairman’s Silver Medal,’ the ‘College Gold Medal’ and the ‘College Silver Medal.’ After this ceremonious event, the Chief Guest addressed the gathering with special focus on the newly-conferred graduates. She exhorted them to live up to the ideals they had envisaged for themselves, to the standards of their institution, and to the patriotic schema of their state and country. This motivating speech was followed by the administration of the oath by the new graduates and postgraduates. It was electrifying to keep pace with the determined voices of the young. The auditorium too echoed with the youthful throbs. The faculty, parents, and the Management were indubitably impressed by the heart-warming performance. The Graduation Day came to an end as the national anthem was sung with ardent fervour.

The following University Rank Holders received the Chairman’s awards:

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Congratulations!!!

Ms. Lakshmi Madhavan of final year Mechanical bagged the title of the famous TV show “Hariyudan Naan” aired on Jaya TV.

Govind Paliath, ECE final year, has won prizes for quiz at various fests held at Anna University, IIT, VIT and SRM Universities and he along with Saran B have secured the second place in the recently held Hindu Business Line on 24.04.2011 and received the cash award of Rs 30,000 against stiff competition.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” — Andrew Carnegie
Chitradevi J. (CSE) receives the Chairman’s Gold Medal for securing 8th Rank in Anna University Examination

Christina Sweetlin S. (CSE) receives the Chairman’s Gold Medal for securing 13th Rank in Anna University Examination

Actor Vishal Interacting with students in the college auditorium during the inaugural session of Instincts 2k11

Film Director Gautham Menon with students during Instincts 2k11

Mr. Shiv Prasad presenting the memento to the Chief Guest Honourable Mr. Justice B. Rajendran during college day celebrations

The active EDC unit of SSN receives the Championship Trophy for the year 2010-2011 as a part of the National level E-Week program

PHOTO GALLERY
The Golden Girl Padmasree P. T. Usha with the sports achievers during the 12th Annual Sports Day of SSNCE

The Overall Championship won by SSNCE - SPREE 2011 organized by BITS Goa

SSN Music Band performing on the College Day

A host performance by SSNites on the College Day

House Captains with dignitaries on the Sports Day

The first years bag the Overall Championship at the SSN Sports Meet

PHOTO GALLERY
LAKSHYA – the EDC at SSN

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell, “Lakshya,” the most active student body of SSN constantly works towards inspiring students to think outside the classroom. The 300-member strong team had an electric start to the year, the activities being kickstarted with an inspirational talk by Mr Raj Shankar, of Ichiban academy. Surfing on that tide of enthusiasm, there was active participation in a business simulation activity, Udaan. A robotics workshop was also conducted by geeky technologies, a Chennai-based technology startup, helping students across all departments get their hands dirty and have a deeper understanding with the commercial applications in mind. Interfacing with the entrepreneurial ecosystem, students began interacting and working with not only like-minded students from other colleges but also entrepreneurs, mentors and also angels from the ecosystem.

Many of our students took up interactive courses on business modelling. Anish and Sharath B. of the final year completed their courses from Ichiban academy and Arun Suresh and Karthik S underwent their one-year certification at IIT B. Vidharth, a second year student, participated in “Empower,” a national level Bplan competition, and emerged the winner, excelling the competition participated by working professionals too. Many of us have been inspired by TED talks. Arun Suresh, Karthik S; Madhumitha V, and Jayakumaur R were actively involved as the core team in organising TEDx Chennai. They later used this experience to host one of the best TEDx conferences the world has seen in a long time. Reaching over 8-lakh people through live streaming, some of the videos have also been selected to feature on the official TED website.

NEN First dot, a pan India conference showcasing startups run by students, was an idea conceptualised by an SSN student, Niketh Sampath Kumar, with inputs from the core team. 50 colleges came together, unanimous 147 student startups in the process. SSN hosted delegates from all over the country for the two-day program which was appreciated by everyone. This has been an inspiration for many students who have gone on to start up post the first dot.

We are happy to inform that we were able to connect with our alumni network and one of our best programs, the 32-hour startup, inspired by startup weekend, was an idea given by our alumni, Mr Subbramaniam R. This was one program which set us apart as entrepreneurial individuals taking away the tag of students that was always associated with us.

tee week celebrations is a national level program conducted amongst 560 colleges all over India. For the academic year, 2009-10 SSN ended up as runners up, a highly commendable feat in itself. This year, SSN went one rung higher, to lift the championship trophy among the participating 560 colleges, thus bringing pride and repute to our college. This inspiring line-up of programs has helped some students start and work towards a financially viable model. Sarang, a III year student, has founded, “Music Perk” an online music review site for 4 different languages. Jeron and Anirudh founded “Chilli Reviews”, an online science and technology site. Both these initiatives have yielded revenues already. We are proud to be working towards our goal of creating entrepreneurial students and would be committed towards working for the same.

REPORT ON INSTINCTS 2k11

The sixth edition of instincts, the Cultural Fest of SSN, was conducted in the campus from 3rd to 5th March 2011. With ‘Music’ being the theme for this year, the participants had three days of unlimited merriment. Inspite of the humungous crowd and busy schedule of events, the SSNites proved their prowess as efficient organizers! Innovative competitions, creative workshops and celebrated personalities added grandiose to the events and made this episode of instincts distinctive.

The Cultural Fest was inaugurated by none other than the actor Vishal, of ‘Thiratha Vilayattu Pillai’ fame. He shared a good rapport with the audience and impressed the crowd with his usual yet cheerful interaction. A fusion show by “Drums Sivamani” and pianist “Stephen Devassy” kept the souls reverberating on day one. Needless to say, the duo were maestros in their fields and made exquisite rhythm the order of the day. Sivamani kept the viewers in awe by striking a chord and creating music from almost everything around him on the stage! Devassy displayed his adeptness at the keys by rendering a variety of fast-paced, foot-tapping numbers with ease. For music lovers, there was yet another surprise in store! Carnatic vocalist, Mr. Unnikrishnan, presided over the light music session and shared his expertise with the students. “SSN Idol!”, a ‘one of its kind’ talent hunt, for the best voice amongst youngsters was entertaining too.

Year after year, Instincts has been encouraging budding directors and this time the event was taken to a higher pedestal. Mr. Gautham Vasudev Menon, the most popular director as on date, was right there at the SSN premises to judge the short films. ‘Reels of Fire’ was definitely a never-before platform for those who wished to make it big in the field of cinematography. Virtual Movie Bazaar was another feather on the cap! It was an event that spoke for its uniqueness! Apart from these, SSN did provide the participants with a conflation of competitions. A Tamizh Pattinamandram organized by ‘Sarai’, the Tamil Club, set the floor to discuss topics of vitality along with the veteran speaker, Mr. Gnanasambandham. Previously, Mr. Salman Pappiya, a famous television personality, who has the gift of the gab, inaugurated the club. Adi Thamizhar Kala Kuzhu, a team from Chennai Sangamam, added colour to the collegiate fest by performing eight forms of folk dance. English literary events, dance shows, gaming and many more were organized to enable the students to display their versatility!

The three-day extravaganza came to an end with the ever popular ‘CHOREO NITE’. The event saw ten different teams setting the stage on fire with their electrifying performances. The Host performance had the whole crowd shouting for more. The highlight was ‘Choreo Nite’ judged by the team from the “Naango” movie, which literally kept the audience at awe, watching the impeccable steps displayed by the highly energetic teams on stage. ‘Suryan FM’ hosted many informal events on the second day and SUN TV covered the performances on the third day.

With an array of interesting events and a long celebrity line up, ‘INSTINCTS 2k11’ has entered the SSN records for being one of the most entertaining and reverberating cultural fests to have ever taken place. The organizers shower a bunch of love, respect and gratitude to the Management for making this EVENT possible. Thanks are also due to all the sponsors who have generously contributed their share towards the success of the same.
REPORT ON COLLEGE DAY

The 15th College Day of SSN College of Engineering was indeed a day to remember for everyone who had gathered on this august occasion. As is the tradition with SSN, the College Day was filled with meritorious students from academics, sports and extra-curricular activities, as well as some entertainment in the form of music and dance performances.

The prestigious occasion also had a galaxy of dignitaries. The Chief Guest was the renowned Madras High Court Judge Honourable Mr. Justice B. Rajendran. Other eminent dignitaries who graced the occasion were Mr. Shiv Prasad, the Member of the Management Board, Dr. K. Kasturi, the Dean of SSN Institutions, the Principal Dr. S. Salivahanan, and Mr. B. Srinivasan, the Director of the School of Masters in Computer Applications (SOMCA).

The event began with a soulful rendering of the “Tamil Thai Vazhthu,” the invocation song, by the college choir. The welcome address was given by Dr. K. Kasturi, followed by the annual report of the college by the Principal. In his report Dr. Salivahanan had highlighted significant achievements of the students that brought laurels to the college. He reminded the gathering about the status of SSN as a leading engineering college in India, placed very highly in multiple rankings conducted by various reputed organizations in the country. After the College Report, it was the turn of the Presidents of various departments to highlight some of the major accomplishments of the students in those departments. Likewise, the Presidents of the sports club, cultural club, and the Departments of MBA and MCA also delivered their reports.

Following the annual report, Mr. B. Srinivasan introduced the Chief Guest of the day, Honourable Justice Mr. Rajendran. In his address, Mr. Rajendran offered some sound advice to the student community in general. He also admitted that he was amazed at the talent possessed by the younger generation, and was astonished at some of the feats of the students which were mentioned in the reports. He believed that the innate spirit of the founder, Dr Shiv Nadar, is reflected in each one of them and hoped that the inherent energy of the students will be kindled in this college and they would take this opportunity to inculcate it and make the best use of the arena. He also insisted that the youth of the country need to take on more responsibility and should not fall into the lure of money. He also emphasized that the students gathered there should take care of their parents in their old age, and thus reduce old-age homes. At the end of his power-packed speech Mr. Rajendran was greeted with a thunderous applause from the enthralled audience.

The main event of the day soon followed, with over 250 students from all the departments, being awarded with Gold and Silver medals for coming first and second in the University Semester exams. The medals were presented by the dignitaries, following which some special awards were presented to the students for some extraordinary achievements. The prizes distributed were divided into three different lists: (1) Performance in the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities (2) Academic achievers and (3) The Best Outgoing student in each department.

Once the award ceremony came to a close, Mr. R Balasubramaniam, the Head of the Department of MBA, presented the vote of thanks wherein he took special care to thank the Chief Guest for giving away the medals. The vote of thanks was immediately followed by the cultural performances, which as usual was the thrilling spectacle of the afternoon.

Various dance performances glittered on the stage, including a classical dance and a western performance by the undergraduate students along with a smooth medley performance by the students of MCA. The college music band “120 Decibels” made the audience go into frenzy by rendering some popular foot-tapping numbers. There were also performances by other singers in the college music club. Overall, the one-hour long cultural show was truly enjoyed by one and all.

At the end of the day, one could sense a feeling of pride among the honoured students, and their parents and relatives who had accompanied them. At the same time, the students seemed to be inspired by their peers and left the auditorium with a twinkle in their eyes and high hopes in their hearts.

THE SPORTS DAY

The 12th Annual Sports Day of SSN College of Engineering commenced with a march past led by the sports secretory, Vishweshwaran, IV CSE and Dharni, I ME IT, Basketball players at the national level. They were followed by the Rose, Blue, Red, Yellow and Green houses led by the promising young athletes of SSN. The Chief Guest, ‘the Golden Girl’ of the Indian athletic scene, P. T. Usha declared the 12th Annual Sports Meet open. The Olympic Torch was lit by players who have represented and won international events: Irfan Hussain I MECH, Guru Prasanth IV ECE, M. R. Gunasundari I CSE, M. Stalin II ECE, Balaji II MCA, Susha K. I ECE, S. Nithin I CSE, M. Praveen Savitans IV IT.

The much awaited address by Padmasree P. T. Usha began with the thought that locomotion is a natural activity, innate and instinctive in the child while still in the mother’s womb. Ms Usha also disclosed how she started her career from childhood: “My journey in athletics was not a cake walk. I have gone through it the hard way, seeing adulation and cheers, success and setbacks. I have seen many athletes less talented than us, win medals in the Olympics where we failed. This made me think about the future generations who could bring us innumerable laurels, if trained.” She emphasized that this was the reason why she dedicated the rest of her life towards the advancement of sports in general and athletics in particular. She exhorted the young SSNites to change their mind set from “Can we do it?” to “We will do it.” She insisted on the point that, “When all people come together, when all people think together, and work together, everything will be possible.” For successful work she advocated the three D’s: Discipline, Devotion and Dedication as the motto of every sportsman irrespective of colour, class, language, creed or nationality. The Individual champions, Madana Gopala Krishnan, IV IT, and N. Nivedita I CSE, received their championships from Ms P. T. Usha.

This was followed by different athletic events for staff and students – 4 X 100 m Relay for men and women; 100 m for non-teaching staff, and teaching staff. There were two special events for the lady staff and guests: Passing the ball and Lucky corner.

The Physical Director Mr Balaji read the annual report of SSN College of Engineering for the academic year 2010-2011. One of the highlights of his speech was the
mention of S. Nithin who was the first rank holder in the Anna University sports quota. The fact that Nithin selected SSN in the single window counseling system is a testimony of our sports promotion and excellence. Another player who deserves acclaim is R. Ashwin, MBA, who represented the country for ICC World Cup – 2011. He played many one-day international and T-20 tournaments for the country.

The most anticipated program was the prize distribution for the winners of the various events held during the last two weeks in the college for staff and students: Basketball, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Table tennis, Tennis, Cricket, Squash, Carroms, Chess, Throw ball, Football and Volleyball. The overall championship was secured by the first years – the Green House. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Vishweshwaran IV CSE.

THE LAST SERMON

(The entry won The SSN Fiction Prize)

There were no fish. The river seemed to have dried up of all its wealth.

But Jason wasn’t worried. All the treasure in the world is right here with me, he thought as he fondly looked across at his sweetheart, Rebecca. She sat there on a rock by the riverside, watching him fish with futility and flashing a smile at him every now and then. Of course she wasn’t worried about Jason’s lack of skill at fishing; they weren’t dependent on it. They had set out to the Carmel Ranges all prepared, they weren’t ready to let anything spoil their own secret little rendezvous.

Jason was nervous and he had good reason to be so. Before setting out he had decided that it was time, he was going to propose to Rebecca, right here in the beautiful forest where nature’s forces held testimony and chirping birds and the gurgling river presented an orchestra as good as any other in the world. He had spent nearly a week ring-hunting, going on a search for the perfect ring for the perfect girl. But now that everything was ready and the setting was perfect, he felt jittery. It was the second day of their honeymoon, as he liked to call it. But he couldn’t think of a way to go about it. Now is not the time, he reassured himself. She wouldn’t refuse, he knew, what with the kind of passionate and energetic love they had made last night or the whole of the previous day for that matter. But that wasn’t what made him nervous. It was the only chance he was going to get in his entire lifetime and he didn’t want to look back at this occasion as something in which he had let himself down. He had to make it extra special- just what this four day trip down the hills was supposed to be.

He pulled the cord. Still no luck. Well so be it, he thought, and bundled up his fishing kit. He might as well savour every moment with his soon-to-be bride. He went and sat near Becky. She was as glorious as ever, just as she had been when he had first met her a year ago. So much’s changed since, he thought. He would have never thought he would even get to talk to this lovely girl. But now there he was, with nothing to separate him from his dear Becky. Suddenly he felt a strong urge to have her right there, on the shiny pebble bed, with the water lapping at them. And as if she had read his mind, she slowly leaned into him and kissed his lips. He loved the freedom in the forest, being able to do whatever he wished to whenever he pleased. As if to wake him up from his reverie tiny drops of rain pelleted him. Perfect! he thought. They ran inside to the tent they had erected. It was a dry and cool hideaway from the rain. She cuddled up against him. Things were getting from good to awesome. They stayed inside latched onto each other for some time as he breathed in her goodness. The rain that threatened never came and the drizzle died away.

All of a sudden they heard a rustling in the distance.

Jason lifted the tent’s flap and looked out. He couldn’t find anything. He was expecting some small deer or rabbit that had stumbled across for some water. A picture or two would make an excellent souvenir to take home.

But Rebecca wasn’t that excited. She seemed wary and reached out for Jason, as if for reassurance. She was frightened for it might as well be a wild animal and might mean danger. After all the Carmel Ranges and the forest was notorious for the wild beasts. But Jason could not just sit inside there waiting for whatever it was to pass away. He found it shameful to hide from something when he should be acting heroic. So he grabbed a knife from his camping gear and went out to investigate with Rebecca tugging along.

As he looked around he realised the noise was coming from behind a thicket of young trees and high bushes. But the noise suggested it was a pretty big animal, maybe as big as a man. Suddenly, he felt his muscles tensing. He held out the knife in front of him in a threatening stance. Relax; he told himself, it’s probably just a big deer trying to get to the river. Maybe the animal would just turn and run off, shying away from company. But as the sound neared a faint outline made itself visible and what he saw surprised Jason.

As the form cleared of the thicket, Jason could see a faint and weak man with the slightest hint of a stump. His head was shaved and he was wearing a simple robe that looked like it had never been washed in months. The man had a resigned and dejected look on his face. He seemed pretty frail that Jason was surprised when he took long firm strides across to them. He seemed as harmless as a kitten but there was something that told Jason that the man was scared and frightened. Suddenly Jason was aware of his fiendish stance. He felt absurd and dismissed the very thought that this man could attack him as risible. He lowered his weapon. There seemed to be relief on the man’s face like a deer that’s escaped from a hunter’s trap. He further relaxed when he noticed Rebecca- surely a couple wouldn’t attack him without reason.

“Who are you?” asked Jason.

“Well I thought my monk’s habit would explain that. I’m a simple monk.”

Now that he had mentioned it, it seemed pretty obvious. And that was why his habit looked unwashed, monks were supposed to lead a life of simplicity. But still Jason didn’t like the tiny hint of arrogance in the man’s voice, arrogance which seemed to suggest that he was purer at heart and thus better than Jason. But still Jason couldn’t find anything threatening about him so he carried on.

“And what exactly are you doing here monk?”

“My abbey is a small monastery deep in the forest. We men of God like to lead a life of seclusion and penance. I was returning after a trip to the village nearby. It is our duty to preach sermons and spread the goodness of God
to people who haven’t realised God and His miracles.”
Why don’t you do that and keep out of our way, Jason thought bitterly. He had wanted time alone with his girl, not preaching.
Rebecca spoke up for the first time.
“Isn’t it a bit dangerous for you to travel alone in the forest Father?”
“We monks can’t afford escorts. And there is nothing to fear from what God’s given us. After all, there’s no place for cowards in God’s army.”
“Why don’t you spend the night with us Father? It’s getting dark already and is too dangerous to travel”
It was so like Becky to offer him shelter, thought Jason. She was always compassionate, something which Jason was never able to come to terms with. He opened his mouth to protest but caught the look on Becky’s face. If he chose to argue with her now, she would probably win at the end with the result that she would be irritable at Jason for the rest of their stay. He shut up quickly.
“I would be glad to but I don’t see myself troubling you young couple”, said the monk.
Bless the man! thought Jason.
But Rebecca continued unperturbed. “Oh no Father we insist. It would be our pleasure to spend the night with a pious and humble man like you”.
“Well if that’s God’s wish, so be it”.
Damn! Jason had wanted four days of pure pleasure with no blemishes but now he was faced with the prospect of having to spend the night with a monk. But still he knew better than to argue. He decided to put up with the man for the night but was eager to see him off as soon as the sun rose.
The monk went and sat by the riverside. He stared at his own reflection in the water. He did appear fragile and he was aware of that. He had been frightened that the man would attack but the sight of the woman reassured him; definitely he wouldn’t attack recklessly. They seemed to be happy lovers. The girl was beautiful and the guy was handsome. Just the perfect couple making the best use of nature’s romantic asylum. He had been frightened when the man had taken a threatening stance, the forest was well known for its share of outlaws and it was common knowledge that the outlaws never feared for anything- they were out of the law as their name suggested. But once he had seen the girl, he knew they meant no harm.
There was something about the girl. He had noticed compassion and care in her voice. And she had a voluptuous body. He quickly shook off the thought from his mind looking guilty and embarrassed- chastity was among the primary vows he had taken according to the rule of St.Benedict.
But the man- there was something about him too. Though his hand had trembled when he held the knife, the monk knew he could kill if the need arose. And the man hadn’t seemed pleased when the girl had asked him to stay. But for some reason, he had decided not to argue with her.
The monk remained there by the riverside for sometime until the girl called out to him.
“Come Father, we’re having our dinner”.
He looked up from the still water. He hadn’t realised that it was dark already; he had been lost in his own train of thought. He looked around to find that they had built a campfire a little away from the tent. And now he could see the man grilling some fish on a barbecue grill. They sure had come prepared, thought the monk. It seemed a bit extravagant to him, the vacation in the woods complete with the comforts of the modern world to add on to those of nature. But he couldn’t blame them, they were young and they presumably wanted to make the most of their picnic. The man still shot him a hostile look. He politely refused the girl’s offer for food and took out the dinner he had carried with him- wheat bread, fresh butter and salted fish. He told his prayers before joining the girl by the fire.
Jason, as the girl called him, came and settled near them with the fish. The girl sat huddled in his arms and Jason kissed her forehead softly. The monk quickly looked away before the couple could see his cheek turning red. Jason seemed ready to have the monk out of his way as soon as possible.
Becky tried to strike up a conversation with the monk. She asked about the monk’s ways, their life and their services and listened sincerely and attentively as he explained. As they became embroiled in conversation, Jason cautiously kept out though he was bemused when the monk explained that chastity was one of the easiest rules to follow once one had put his mind to it. The girl was wide-eyed when the monk told her about the outlaw menace, obviously they hadn’t been informed about it. He explained how the outlaws never hesitated at anything, not even to kill other people. The outlaws stole from innocent travellers, hikers and merry-makers. There were numerous cases of murder by the outlaws though this part of the woods was relatively safe, the monk assured, as patrol had been higher in these areas for the past few years. But still the officials hadn’t been able to track their hideout.
After some more talking they decided to go to sleep. It was a clear night and the monk chose a lonely, dried up spot to sleep while the lovers went to their tent.
Jason and Rebecca made love that night. Jason decided to propose her the next day, after the monk had left.
The next morning the monk woke up to find the couple already awake. They sat by the river with Jason fishing and Becky in his arms. The monk slowly walked up to them. They didn’t hear him. He reached to his cord belt, took out his knife and from behind, he slashed their throats- first the man and next the girl.
He walked to the tent, rummaged through the belongings and took the money. He found an alluring diamond ring, the most beautiful he had ever seen. He pocketed it. He could present a good bargain to the outlaws.
He walked out and continued on the journey with his loot. He cast a final look at the man’s corpse, the man who had despised him but had still been foolish enough. He still tightly clutched the fishing rod.
A fish wriggled from the hook.

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The Best Outgoing Students for the year 2010-2011

Mechanical Engineering Dept: Mr. Ashwath S. Also the Best Outgoing Student of SSNCE.

MCA Dept: Mr. Prasanna S. Also the Best Outgoing Student of SoMCA.

EEE Dept: Mr. Surya Ramachandran.

ECE Dept: Ms. Kavya R.

CSE: Dept: Ms. Bavya Sivashree J.

IT Dept: Mr. Madan Gopala Krishnan R.

BME Dept: Ms. Keerthana R. S.

Chemical Engineering Dept: Ms. Vaishnavi Jayaraman.