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A GOOD CAT DESERVES A GOOD RAT

After a three-month long catnap, the cat returns with its claws sharpened and ready to maintain its reputation as the no-holds barred mag that is frank, fearless and frustrated. This issue is dedicated to all those bumbling freshers who, through their pompous pronouncements, add a touch of humour to our otherwise drab existence on this campus.

FRESHERS' NIGHT

(Scene - L7 dais,

*Enter Ram Murthy. Softly sways
His arse
To a deep background bass)*

Song: *Across the seas from Washington,
From Pittsburgh where I was born,
From Malaysia, Belgium and Salwan,
Freshers on the run.*

Rammurthy *(mumbles, then rumbles)*
*Gentlemen, gentlemen, my confessions.
I have five ruling passions.
A drum and a sitar,
The tabla and a guitar,
And an intro. to les belles of my class.*

(Enter a tiny little fresher)

*I'll have the bottom of my trousers rolled.
I love IIM and Harvard,*

Beer and Charminar Gold.

*(Lights go off. A blinding flash.
A fair yank fresher lands with a crash)*

*F.Y.F. - I am Sundar, gentlemen~
The famed Pittsburgh man*

*(Rolls, then consoles)
A tipsy hangover
I booze with Christopher
I ain't quite sober.
You like Eliot?*

*(Enter a chariot
With a roll of drums)
While Balsara strums
A dirge as a smart young fresher
Hauls in Takru, a dead senior.
Dumps him on the ground.
The walls resound .
Hitler stands grinning in boots and a towel.)*

Hitler: *My papa is a dada in Kanpur City.
The senior? Pop has done him in. Pity?
I cannot, I cannot feel.*

*(A disheveled fresher reels),
'Ah Takru, (Juliet Bhalla squeals)
"Why didst thou not doff thy seniority?
But you'll live for ever in my posteriority*

*(Infected by grief,
Sharma, the freshers ' chief,
Rushes to the edge of the dais,
He jumps and he shatters his spine and his face)*

OBITUARY: *Alas he died a non-virgin
And as down goes the screen,
Chant with drums and Balsara's guitar
"Freshers of the world unite"
Slowly off all lights.*

Dear Freshers,

The student counseling service has just supplied you with an 'Information Brochure' about IIT Kanpur. Here is some more information which is invariably left out of this publication.

LIBRARY: The first floor is very important. Not because the reference section is situated here, but because this is where the air conditioning is felt in the whole of the library. The newspaper section is a good place to escape ragging. The National Geographic, one of the few things you'll ever be reading in the library are all in the second floor together with all sorts of interesting books like 'The confessions of Sade' etc. There are books on the second floor where you can sleep peacefully. The maths, physics and other books are supposed to be in the third floor. Since none of us ever managed to go there, we would not know. The SAC is situated across the road and the physics department is in the third floor of F.B. The water coolers are situated here. Once you mug in the library you'll need to drink water every thirty minutes.

LECTURE HALL: The Lecture hall is one of the few places you'll be visiting very often in your long stay here. In fact you'll be visiting L7 as often as once every week to see the movies the Students' Film Society dishes out.

COMPUTER CENTRE: This is one of the few centers which are like the nerve center of the institute. They have built a wall around the academic area so that thieves may not hoodwink the sentries and steal the computers. The computer cards are needed for darts, lab reports and for punching computer programmes. Sometimes you may feel embarrassed while punching greetings on comp. cards, what with all the PG.s punching away with serious faces. Actually, if you bother to look in their direction half of them would be doing the same thing. There is some sort of a radar (or is it a microwave dish?) beside the CC. It's supposed to be a defence secret. Only the fourth yearites and the fifth yearites know about it.

HEALTH CENTRE: This is a very important place. Whenever you need makeups for your exams or whenever you feel like escaping ragging, you can come here. (Of course if you are actually ill, make sure you go to a better place.) You can also get admitted inside. The health centre is not a bad place then because it's during your stay here that you will be fed with 'Sick grub', which is much better than ordinary mess grub.

FACULTY BUILDING: The stairs provide exercise for energetic young chaps wishing to work off steam every morning. Fat gentlemen, thin gentlemen, short gentlemen and tall gentlemen with no unifying factor other than the fact that they are generally gentlemen and faculty members proud the place. 'The sixth floor provides an outlet for student frustrations even though the authorities have planted a flower bed beneath it.

SAC: The SAC library has lots of magazines like Soviet Union, with interesting articles like 'Salute to glorious revolutionary worker Kormansk, hero of the dairy workers commune.' You can stare at tons of books inside locked cupboards. You will soon realize that the various activities in the Students' Activities Centre include eating in the cafeteria, climbing up the stairs to locked rooms and admiring the lettering on them.

ONE LAST WORD: IIT/K has been described as No.1 tourist attraction of Kanpur town. We agree. What with the exotic flora and fauna - the gray haired phuddhas of Hall IV - and the beachy sands of the canal. No doubt it takes will power to pass out from this charming place. For the freshers, a subsidised copy of 'The Cheshire Cat guide to IIT/KJ' is available with the Universal. In this, we will let you in on the inside secrets of IIT/K from the heights of the fac. building to the depths of the pool. Some of the salient features of the book: Where to stay; Restaurants; Sightseeing; What to wear; What to do in daytime; IIT/K after dark. Rush for your copy today.

HOW TO GIVE SNAPPY ANSWERS TO SENIORS DURING RAGGING --

Senior: Fresher, don't be scared!

Fresher: Scared of what? I have been shooting pythons since the age of 14.

S: Don't worry. If you have any problems, come to me.

F: If you have any problems in Kanpur City, come to me.

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