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FEAST OF ST.IGNATIUS



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La...La...LaFest



Awaiting the extravaganza....

Courtesy: Archith Mohan XII A

Massive interests was generated by the inter school festival organized by the 12th standard students of Loyola School. 'Legends Never Die' was the punch line of this extravaganza called Life and Arts fest or simply LAFest. This year saw the 13th edition of LAFest and students from 11 different schools waged six battles in the Loyola Sutter Hall, the

traditional venue for the famous event, which had at stake a glittering Bronze Nataraja Trophy.

The opening ceremony was presided by Mr.Radhakrishnan IAS. The events kicked off with the event titled Harmony which saw Christ Nagar HSC school carrying away the winners' trophy with a mellifluous rendering of "Deus" by a Pakistani band. Realitie De Fantasie was the new event for this year and the girls from Holy Angels ISC school won thanks to their fantastic performance. Following that the quizzers from Holy Angels ISC school routed their competition in 'Vinni Quizzi Vicci', the LAFest quiz. 'Block 'n Tangles', an event unique to LAFest saw the verbal dexterity of three boys from St. Thomas Residential School prevail. The personality contest 'LA Persona' saw three boys and three girls wooing the crowd and winning over

the judges, but in the end Raj Baiju of Trivandrum International school and Radhika Rajan of Holy Angels ISC school walked away with the titles of Master and Miss LAFest. The group dance event Dance O'Mania really got the crowd jiving and grooving. The preparation the Loyolites had put in was definitely evident in the conducting of events and in the organization of the whole programme. Nidhin Raj, a participant in the reality show Idea Star Singer 2007 handed over the Bronze Nataraja trophy to the triumphant students from Holy Angels ISC school.

As the day light faded , the winners rich with the prizes waved their hands to the Loyola campus. The smiles on their faces and the excitement in their voice seemed to ensure that the Legends would indeed live on.

FROM THE EDITOR



Its all out fiesta in Loyola and Lens is having a busy time .From LAFest to Youth Festival, Loyolites have been busy showing off their talents. This edition of lens gives you a sneak pick into the most awaited time of the year.

The response to the first edition of Lens2008 was overwhelming. We had feedback and comments from both teachers and students.

We profusely thank all our readers for their feed back. We will try to improve in the light of these comments.

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AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM



There comes a day in Loyola once in every year when every Loyolite gets a chance to cherish the Patron of their school, St. Ignatius of Loyola. This year on the 30th of July, Loyola paid homage to St. Ignatius of Loyola on his 452nd death anniversary.

The celebrations started off with the morning assembly. The assembly witnessed an inspiring speech by Fr. Toby who instilled in us the meaning of 'Magis', the Jesuit catchword. The speeches were followed by a string of events from short skits to melodious songs.

The students presented the life of St. Ignatius through a short skit. All of these events gave the crowd a clear view of St. Ignatius, his life, transformation and above all his message of 'Magis'. And to end it all toffees were given away to those answering the Life of St. Ignatius Quiz.

VANDE MATARAM

August 15 1947:India breaks free from the shackles of slavery. A new India, a free India is born. 'Freedom at midnight'.

August 15,2008:India celebrates her 62nd Independence day.

The wave of freedom embraces Loyola. On the 14th of August, Loyola celebrated Independence Day with a traditional morning assembly. The curtains were raised by the welcome speech by Master Sajad of XII A.

Our new PTA president Mr. Sonny Jose graced the occasion and his inspiring speech bore a positive effect on the patriotic mindset of our students. This speech was followed by a speech by Fr Principal.

Then came the entertaining events. A group song from the students of Standard 8 gave life and colour to the event. A short drama from the boys of Class X was a satire aimed at the younger generations. There was also a drama by the students of Class XI. These reminded us of the freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh who gave their lives to make the life of Indians better.

Anil Kumar sir gave his opinion on the present situation of the Indians in our mother tongue. He ended with a salute to the nation. The assembly ended with the students tuning into the auspicious song "Jana Gana Mana" again. At the end of the day every Loyolite could say that he was proud to be an Indian.

LOYOLA GOES HI - TECH

From July onwards there has been no more persistent calls to the school during *hartal* days. The reason is simple. The SMS fever has reached Loyola too. The parents of students now get SMS to get informed about the various school notifications.

This service was started on July this year, with the parents signing up to different groups for different classes. According to the circular which was given out to all students, parents had to sign into GupShup a free internet SMS service, by which they would get frequent updates. Unfortunately this service haven't been completely foolproof. Parents have been said to get the SMS's hours after it was actually send and some to have not got it at all. Moreover a quarter of the school is still left to actually signup for this service

Whose brainchild is this anyway? On enquiry LENS found out that this idea came from the brain of Fr. Toby after months of trying to get a effective solution to the problem of reaching out to the parent community.

According to sources, there even has been a proposition that updates may be given to parents about the wrongdoing of their wards. So what will it be next? Instant e-mails or even video conferencing instead of a PTA meeting? Let's wait and watch.

BANG — N TARGET

Inflation hits Loyola's Backyard

It has finally reached Loyola too. After months of price rise all over the world, inflation has reached Loyola's food court. Loyolites now have to empty their pockets for almost everything from their daily tit bits to the occasional drink. The price tag has gone large; for almost all the goodies. According to Fr. Vice Principal, the high electricity and transportation costs are to blame for the increase in prices. Nevertheless students still flock to the canteen in large numbers. Joseph uncle holds the view that drinks like lime juice should be sold at a much lower price. The meat roll (sans meat) has gone up to Rs.6 from Rs.5. The main crowd pullers like the butter buns and puffs have witnessed a considerable rise in price. While a great number of Loyolites still depend on the canteen for their afternoon meal, a considerable number have turned to the seemingly better option, the college mess.