

IN LIEU OF AN EDITORIAL

The Executive Committee wishes all ORCA members and well-wishers a happy, healthy and prosperous 1984.

LET US PLEDGE
TO MAKE 1984
AN EVEN MORE PROSPEROUS
AND EVENTFUL YEAR
FOR OUR FRATERNITY

ORCA is yours : You can make it as dynamic or as dysfunctional as you want to make it.

Our worth in society will depend on how much we are of use to society. Let us pledge to devote ourselves, through our fraternity, to do our bit for society.

ORCA is a bridge between our nostalgic past and our fleeting present. It is the forum which binds us to our common roots. We have a common heritage which binds us in brotherhood. Let us make our bonds and our brotherhood even stronger than it is today, -- so that it can transcend time. When we pool our collective resources and our efforts -- ORCA is to be reckoned with by the whole country.

In this only life we have come to live, let us rise above ourselves - above petty self-indulgence -- so that we can leave our mark on the sands of time.

COLLEGE NEWS

Inter-House Sports Meet '83.

Ex-Tariqites : Be ready to jump in joy. The Championship has gone to Tariq House. Runners-up : Qasimites. The third place naturally goes to....
..... Khalid House. But Ex-Khalidites, don't get disheartened. Look at the over-all standing :

- 1st : Khalid House
- 2nd : Tariq "
- 3rd : Qasim "

New Record

Great Arif (Cadet No. 840) - has set a new record in 200 metres run. The time : 23 secs. (Fix your eyes towards National Competitions, Arif. We believe you can establish your supremacy.)

Prize Distribution

Maj. Gen. Sofi Ahmed Chowdhury, the new Chairman, Governing Bodies Cadet Colleges, and Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army, was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony

held on December 28, 1983. (No other news about our dear Alma Mater has been communicated to SPAN. We request College Prefect Arif to keep an eye in this regard).

MESSAGES THAT WERE MISSED

At the Charity-show : 20 May, 1983

We inadvertently failed to report in SPAN - 7 the messages from the following personalities that we got after the charity-show at Sonargaon Hotel performed by MILES:

Maj. Gen. Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury, TQA :

"ORCA has great potentials. It should do all it can to serve our impoverished society. I wish ORCA every success". He was the Chief Guest at the charity-show and he sat through the entire show - enjoying every bit of it.

General Secretary Abdul Hamid met General Sadiq at Jessore Airport on September 23, 1983. The General conveyed his best wishes to all ORCA members.

Brigadier Masihuddowla (Commander, Independent Engineers Brigade, Dhaka Cantt):

"ORCA has great talents, I urge upon all members to make best use of their talents".

Brigadier Ashraf Hussain, (Director, Military Intelligence - and an ex-Faujian):
"Thank you for inviting me. My best wishes to all ORCA members".

Begum Sadiq, Begum Dowla and Begum Ashraf were also present at the show. The great singer Begum Feroza Begum also graced the occasion.

Gen Sadiq highly praised the performances of the musical - band : MILES.

Messages at Blood Donation Programmes

7th Programme (at Home Economics College):
Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Jabbar :

"We are grateful to ORCA for what it is doing for promoting voluntary blood donation." (12 April, '83).

8th Programme (at Eden College: Foot Shamsur Rahman): "The example shown by ORCA should inspire our youths". (26 April, '83).

10th Programme (in which ORCA members donated) : Air-Vice Marshal (Retd.) A.G. Mahmud:
"I am touched by the quiet sacrificing spirit shown by ORCA members in this serene environment. I am available for any assistance I may be able to provide in your welfare activities". (3 June '83)

12th Programme (14th batch members donated):
Editor Janab Obaidul Hug : "ORCA is well known to us. By loving ORCA we honour ourselves." (2 July, '83).

13th Programme (at JNU on rag-day-with-a-difference) : Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Jabbar : "We thank ORCA for consistently helping us in our efforts to provide blood free of cost to the poor and the needy". (2 Aug, '83).

14th Programme (at IER, DU) : Pro-VC of DU Prof. A.K.M. Siddique: "ORCA deserves our appreciation for organizing this programme and motivating the students of IER for voluntary donation of blood". (Oct. 10'83).

15th Programme (at TPC, Dhaka) :
Dr. Murtaza - Treasurer, BDRCS : "Thanks once again to ORCA".

(1) LETTERS : FROM PRINCIPAL, RCC.

Dear Mr. Abdul Hamid,

I am highly delighted to receive your letter of felicitations on my appointment as Principal of your Alma Mater, and would like to thank you very much for the high opinion that you held of me and of my abilities. May (the Almighty) allow me to live upto your expectations and add a little more to the good name and trading of this college. I firmly believe that the cooperation of ORCA in allround development

of this college would be always forthcoming.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely

(Lt. Col. Muhammad)
Nuruzzaman)
Principal
Rajshahi Cadet College

(Received on 05 September, 1983).

(We are always with you, Sir, in your constant endeavours to further add to the glorious exploits of RCC. We hope your time will be a shining example for the future helmsmen of RCC.)

(2) FROM VICE PRINCIPAL, RCC

My dear Hamid :

There are no adequate words in which I can express my profound feelings of joy and pleasure in receiving a copy of the Souvenir---an account of the ORCA and RCC from 1966 to 1982. I wish to congratulate you for this meaningful document for the glory of our Cadet College family. I shall treasure this copy a lifetime.

May (the Almighty) bless you and other members of the ORCA with His gifts of peace, grace and prosperity in life for all future times.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

(Abul Ashraf Noor)
Vice Principal
Tarna Cadet College
TABNA.

(3) FROM NORTHERN ZONE

Dear Hamid Bhai :

ORCA Northern Zone requests you to convey our heartiest greetings to all ORCA members, both at home and abroad.....
..... Sincerely,

On behalf of ORCA
members at Rajshahi

Alumini
15.9.83
General Secretary
ORCA - Northern Zone

(4) A LETTER FROM CANADA

(Letter received in March '83 • It was lost and then found.)

"I had the opportunity to read the last two issues of STAN. Don't ask me how I have managed to get them. As they say - "French connection, simply French connection!"

Anyway, they were absolutely hilarious, fascinating and sensational (sorry, I could not find any better words for appreciation. English was never my forte)! They were like riding on a time-machine and travelling back to the golden cadet college days. I felt like crying. I wish I could start it all over again! I would then appreciate every moment of it!)

Please convey my best wishes to all the ORCA members, to all the cadet brothers and to my respected teachers.

- Afzal Ibn No'ir
(3/93)
Deptt. of Manag.Sci.
Univ. of Waterloo
Canada NZL 3G1

(Afzal has recently got married, to whom that is yet to be known).

BE PROUD OF YOU

Maj. Harunur Rashid (3/131) - was once again in national limelight - or to be more correct - in international limelight - and this time it was a greater achievement. He dazzled the delegates of 14th Islamic Countries Foreign Minister's Conference at Dhaka with a gigantic "sketch of an idea for World Islamic Centre that will provide an umbrella for the continuing efforts of the leaders of the Muslim Ummah to extend the Islamic revival into various fields", says Major Harun in a brochure in which he has presented his vision. To quote Foreign Minister Shams-ud Doha, "The Centre is conceived on a grand scale, both architecturally and organizationally. I am convinced that if the project is fully realized it could make a significant contribution towards furthering the unity and solidarity of the Islamic Ummah".

The concept paper suggests that the creation of a World Islamic Centre "will provide a permanent Religious, Cultural and Educational platform for the entire Muslim World and function as the fifth main body of the OIC" -- the other four being: Heads of State Conference, Conference of Foreign Ministers, General Secretariat and International Islamic Court of Justice.

The Centre will comprise of two main bodies:

1. An Executive Body, comprising a Caliph and a Council of Ministers;
2. A Legislative Body to be known as the House of Islam (or Islamic Parliament), comprising representatives from member states and associations.

Maj Harun says: "The conception (outlined in a 36 page extremely well-presented, colourful brochure) is based on an appreciation of the fact that the Islamic revival needs a physical centre with which the Muslim masses can identify themselves. It also recognizes the inter-relatedness of various aspects of life - religion, culture, art, education, etc. - and the importance of having an organization that will directly affect the life of all Muslims through the development of these aspects".

The proposal of the centre has been put forward for inclusion in the agenda of Heads of State Conference at Casablanca, Morocco. Let us hope that the sagacity of the Muslim leaders make them realize the ingenuity of the proposal. A vision has been put forward to be put into reality. The collective efforts of the wealthy Islamic countries is needed to translate the massive idea into a practicality.

HAT'S OFF TO MAJOR HARUN
FOR MAKING US PROUD ONCE AGAIN.

(A copy of the brochure outlining the World Islamic Centre is with the General Secretary, ORCA. Members who wish to go through it please contact him).

* Nazrul Islam Rumi (3/388) - the ace jumper, represented Bangladesh in the recently concluded Asian Athletic Meet held in UAE.

* Maj. Haman(3/112)

We are still reminded of the resonant musical voice of Maj. Haman (3/112), with which he rendered songs during 'Presentation Nights' at the College. In this year's Army Cultural Competitions, he was the best singer in Rabindra Sangeet. His performance helped Savar Area Team to become the runners-up.

GREETINGS : THE SLICE OF LIFE

ORCA has sent greeting-cards on the New Year, to high civil and military officials, editors and pressmen and personalities related to the activities of the organization.

The following associates/members have greeted ORCA Members:

Mr. Fazlul Quader: "To My dear ORCA Boys: Greetings and best wishes for the New Year. (Jan. 1'84.)

Al. mul Kabir 2/36 (undergoing Ph.D. course at Glasgow): "Let 1984 be a successful, prosperous and happy year for ORCA members". (Dec. 28, '83).

Md. Touhid Hossain 4/144 (undergoing course in diplomacy and French language at France): "Warm wishes from this cold realm. Heartiest greetings from this heartless environs". (May

Taufah writes of his experiences with Francophones, his life in France and about his homesickness. (Strengthen up, boy. Another year will be over in no time).

Miftahul Amin 4/145 - from University of Connecticut, USA has conveyed best wishes to all ORCA members. He had also conveyed greetings on Eid-ul-Azha. (July 9, '83).

Mr. Alamgir 8/419 : "I am proud, along with others, at the success of ORCA.... My NEW YEAR wishes to ORCA and all those associated with ORCA. May '84 be a year of success for ORCA : "He has sent such a beautiful card that somebody has taken it away without informing the Gen. Secy.

In his letter (Nov. 30, '83) Alam writes of his safe life at AUB in the lettered city of Beirut. He is doing very good in his courses. (Keep it up, boy !)

Jubayer 13/719 (from Astrakhan, USSR) : "I wish all ORCA members success in their respective fields".

It is nice to hear Jubayer has overcome his initial helplessness and loneliness.

From Marine Academy we get cards from:

Firoz 14/806 : "New Year's Greetings & good wishes for ORCA - as perpetual source of inspiration".

Swapan 14/767 : "Greetings to ORCA.... - a permanent source of inspiration".

Chengish 14/790 : "Greetings to ORCA... .. - a permanent source of our inspiration".

(Chengish : We appreciate the devoted service you have rendered for ORCA after your passing - out and till your joining Marine Academy. All the best to you, and to your other friends).

Mahfuz 1/29 : "To Mr. & Mrs. Shamsuzzaman On behalf of my wife and myself, I convey to you, our heartiest felicitations on the happy occasion of your marriage ceremony. Sorry, we could not attend the party due to preoccupations. May the Almighty bless you all".

NEWS OF MEMBERS

IN WEDLOCK

*Agha Akhtar Yousuf(2/38), based at London, is presently on a honeymoon trip in Bangladesh. He married Pamela (a German lady) in November '83. Agha looks after a part of his father's overseas business.

Haque (3/85) was held on December 21, '83, at Maghbazar Community Centre. Masud married Shyla about three years back.

*Muhammad Enamul Haque (3/37) was married recently in Dhaka, to a lady about whom SIAN has no information.

*Akhter Masud (3/115) the wealthy (self expressed) maritime officer finds that SIAN has put him wedlock (on 4 Jan. '84). Once again SIAN has no particulars about the bride.

*Aqj. Muhammad Hussain (4/499) exchanged nuptial vows on September 22, '83, with Fauzia Hussain - a student of Final Year in the Home Economics College. (We wonder if she donated blood in the programme we organized at her College on 12 April, '83.

*A.K.M. Rafiqul Alam (4/189) has recently married, presumably in Bogra. He prefers to remain reticent about it. Some more quiet marriages have taken place.

*Mahbubuddin Taran (9/443) - who was so nice to let us know about the blitz-kreig marriage of Shamsuzzaman (4th batch), had discreetly kept silent about his own marriage even to his class-mates. Reporter : Jashim.

*Lt. Abul Hasnat (9/477) - got married some time back - and again the reporter is Jashim.

*Another report from Jashim : "Mehsin Sweet (9/643) serving in Bangladesh Navy, has also tied himself in wedlock - but he prefers not to inform us".

*SIAN regrets to inform that it failed to report the marriage of the ardent lover of ORCA -- Salon Md. vub(9/459) - who married Holy in August '83 at Dhaka. The distinguishing feature of Jinnah, on the marriage day, was the maroon - coloured ORCA lapel-pin on his white suit. (Sorry, Jinnah, for the lapse on our part).

THE BLESSEDS

* T. Abdul Hamid (1/1) and Mrs. Sabira -- a daughter born on 15 October, 1983. The baby has not yet been named. The parents request members and well-wishers to help them in finding a suitable name.

* To Mr. & Mrs. Mushtaq Ahmed Qaiser - a son born on August 14, '83 (Reporter: Qaiser).

* To Mr. & Mrs. Saifullah Hashem (5/221) - a son born in December, '83. (Reporter : Md. Yunus).

ANY OTHER WAILING CRIES'

- PLEASE INFORM US.

* Jashim informs us that Shaheen Talukder (9/474) - a big landlord at Sirajganj - has been blessed with another child - his second. Do you know when he got married? When he was in Class IX.

IN BANGLADESH

- * Sadiqul Islam (1/4), who finished his Ph.D. at University of Manitoba, Canada, was in city for about two weeks in December, '83.
- * Taslim Shakur (1/7) came to see us (and leave behind his family) in the midst of his Ph.D. studies at Liverpool, England.
- * Emran Hussain (1/260) - an Engineer serving at Bechtel Construction Co., USA, and posted at San Francisco came to Dhaka recently to get married but match-makers could not find a suitable bride. (WISH YOU MORE LUCK NEXT TIME).
- * Syed Nuruzzaman (2/43) who went away to Abu Dhabi came recently and left as quietly as he went in the first place.
- * Sadirul Islam (2/47) - a lion hearted donor (to Scholarship Fund) went back to Jaidu, Libya, after about two months of stay.
- * Engr. Siddiquir Rahman (2/53) - a great lover of ORCA, is in City for a three-months' holiday from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- * Dr. Mainul Haque (2/54) is back from USSR a few months back --with a Ph.D. He is married to a doctor. He has joined Planning Commission.
- * Dr. S.M. Salehuddin (2/67) - after securing a Ph.D. in Transportation from a prestigious institute of Moscow, USSR, the great sportsman has parted with most of his hair to pocket the Ph.D.
- * Akhter Harun Marjaur (3/123) - from Libya, with frustrations. He was an English teacher there.
- * Sushim Dewan (4/164) - is back from Cuba with a Master's in Mechanical Engineering. His Cuban wife awaits him at Cuba. Sushim has joined Goldhill Chemical Co., on 1st January, '84. (We wish that Bangladesh may accommodate you).
- * Dr. Rafiqul Alam (4/498) - has joined an Upazilla Health Complex at Barisal.
- * Anwarul Haq (4/147) - a Russian Graduate - has recently joined Atomic Energy Comm.
- * S.I.A. Jinnah (5/217) was in city in July '83, from Bulgaria, where he is doing Master's in Geography of Tourism.
- * Zahidus Salam (6/280) - an Engineer in USA is paying a visit with his wife. On his last visit (in late 1980) he agreed to a proposal put forward by the General

* Asaduzzaman (6/270) did his M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from USSR and returned back in August, '83. He was highly successful in maintaining a low profile. It is a pleasant surprise to find that he got married - a Bangladeshi lady however - about one and a half years back.

* Sahwar Dite (7/359) - the sailor - is understood to be in City. (Please get the news confirmed). He played a big role to make Reunion '82 a memorable one.

* Towhidul Islam (7/340) is in the country for the last 3 months. Not satisfied with an MS in Telecommunications, he is going back to secure a Ph.D. (Best of luck!).

BON VOYAGE

* Taneem Hassan (1/18) was one of the spectators at Eden Gardens (Calcutta) during the 5th Test Match between India and West Bengal. He is a most ardent cricket-fan and went all the way to England to watch the last One-Day World Cup Series. No doubt he was the Callow wicket-keeper.

* Syed Mosharrif Ali (2/50) and Dr. Syed Zaglul Ali (3/81) is at the moment (1st week of January, '84) in Calcutta. From reliable source we have it that they have gone to collect the accumulated royalties accrued on account of the literary works of their father - Late Syed Mustafa Ali.

* Halim Chowdhury (2/326) - the rising businessman recently visited Europe and Mid-East. He has a travel agency (Farah International, 167/29 Motijheel C/A - Eden Hotel) and he is at the service of ORCA members and well-wishers.

* To different places of India :

Mr. & Mrs. Tazeem Hassan in December '83

* Monjurul Haque (3/136) was another visitor to India from 26-31 December '83 but for official purpose.

JOINED/COSTED OUT /SEPARATED

* Sufi Hussain Zulfiqar (3/103), to Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Comilla.

* Mr. Aminul Islam (3/109) to Sudan in November, '83 on a United Nations Volunteers employment.

* Maj. A.H. M. Monwar Hossain (3/125) - to Army School of Physical Training and Sports, Rajshahi, from Girls' Cadet College, Mymensingh. ORCA members at Rajshahi are greatly benefitted by his drive and initiative to revive ORCA

*A.H.M. Abdul Hamid (3/127) has left British Airways in December, '83. SIAN wishes that it was informed of his present employment.

*Mustafa B. Alam(3/136) has recently left BJMC. He is on way to setting up a textile mill in Bogra and a shipping business in Dhaka.(ALL THE BEST, BOKUL).

*Dr. Mahbob Ali(4/159) has joined Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

*Dr. Zafrul(5/249) has been posted to Kalikint Upazilla Health Complex, Faridpur.

*Dr. Samrul Huda (4/163) has been posted out to Bera Upazilla Health Complex.

*Maj. Ferdous (4/200) has joined 7 E Bengal, Dhaka Cantt. - from his posting as Instructor of School of Infantry and Tactics, Sylhet.(On the eve of New Year, he has moved to CHT with his unit)

*Mamunur Rashid (5/211) - once prospective lawyer - has recently joined Citibank.

*Capt. Mamun(5/207) of AMC is posted to 36 E Bengal stationed at Khagrachhari, CHT. (Reporter : Capt. Fazlur Rahman)

*Capt.(Maj.?) Humayun Kabir(6/302) is now Adjutant of Barisal Cadet College. He was in a Army School of Physical Training and Sports, Rajshahi.

*Rh. Abdus Sami (6/311) has joined the Superior Service. He is on training at Civil Officer's Training Academy. (Reporter: Shibly)

*Yawer Sayeed (7/334) has left ALICO and joined Citibank Ltd., Khatunganj Branch, Chittagong. (Reporter:Liton)

*Nishatul Haque(7/352) is a field officer of BTC posted at Bogra.

*Mahfuzul Haque(7/354) has joined Janata Bank, Shukrabad Branch,

*Mujibur Rahman(7/377) has joined Bangladesh Leaf Tobacco Co. at Kushtia.

*Capt. Saydul Alam Sarker(8/394) is posted to a Martial Law Court housed in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar (Reporter: Capt. Hannan).

*Anwarul Islam(8/396) is believed to have joined BKB. Please confirm the news.

*Mujibuddin(8/430) has joined as Lecturer of the Deptt. of Accounting, BU, (Reporter Jashim).

*Touhidul Islam Hiru (8/432) is now a Doctor.

*Zakir Hossain Milon(9/449),

*Zahidul Islam(9/472) and

*Zulficar Rahman(9/482) are supposed to have passed - out of BUET. Can anybody inform us about their whereabouts?

*Mahfuzullah (6/272) has joined Alpha Tobacco on Nov. 1, '83 as Marketing Officer in Dhaka. From Jan. 10, he will be posted to Jessore as Zonal Marketing Officer.

PROMOTION

Captain to Major :

Mahtabur Rahman (3/129)

Sharifuddin (6/279)

Shafiqul Islam(6/298)

Farvez Kabir (6/292)

The following members are supposed to be Majors by now, but SIAN is not informed:

Zahurul Alam 6/276

Enayet Karim 6/276

Humayun Kabir 6/202

Abdul Hafiz 6/304

Pilot Officer to Flying Officer:

Chowdhury Zafrullah 2/768

PASSED OUT

*2/4 Ashrafuzzaman 12/644 was the sole ORCA member to pass out with the 9th DMA Long Course. He was among the top two till the 4th. Term - but then sheer bad luck pulled him down. He is posted to 36 E Bengal at CHT.

Pilot Officer Saiful Islam(12/651)

-another hard-core ORCA member and worker like Zaman, Saiful received commission in the last passing-out parade of BAF Academy.

LOST AND FOUND

*A.K.M. Alauddin (1/19) was traced out at Chittagong in October, '83, by the