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Jingle bells all the way...

-Rashmi Singh

he Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear, It's Christmas they said, the Saviour is here!

The Christmas day brings joy and cheers into people's lives. The holy faith settled deep in us is brought out in the from of worship for lord Jesus Christ. The December month has both happy beginning and ending with Christmas and New year which makes it worth waiting for. It's an transition from 'ME' time to 'WE' time to share the happiest things in life.

The mistletoe is a commonly used Christmas decoration. By tradition, people who meet under a hanging mistletoe are bonded with love. Other common decorations associated with Christmas are holly and ivy – both are associated with Pagan festivals as it was customary to decorate with greenery for these festivals. Christmas is all about lights, sparkle, gifts and decorated streets. As said by Burton Hills "The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other" truly defines how cherish Christmas is.

The day celebrates the Nativity of Jesus, the date which according to tradition took place on 25th December 1 BC. Whilst the holiday has a strong grounding in the story of the birth of Jesus, many of the traditions we associate with Christmas have evolved from pre-christian beliefs and certainly the traditions have evolved beyond purely a Christian holiday to have a wider secular significance. Christmas truly unites people and will continue to for time to come. It's the force that pushes us out of our busy world to acknowledge people who mean the world to us.

The 'KNOWLEDGE REVIEW' Magazine's take on VESIT

-Arnab Saha

The human civilisation has been built upon the mindset of thriving for better and more contented existence. In today's day and age, competition amongst ourselves fuels development and growth. People desire to have the best of what the society offers, be it basic necessities or extravagant things. Among the many stepping stones of humankind, education has established itself essential for a sound foundation for one to seek success. Thus, the wish to have the finest schooling brought us comparisons between several educational institutes of numerous fields to figure out which ones do it better than the rest, or which ones have a certain welcoming attribute over others. Students want to know the best university they can opt for a specific course, while educators want to know the best practices for teaching and the latest and tricky ways to share their knowledge, while on the other hand, universities want to be on top of the student's favourite chart.



Knowledge Reviews Top 10 Institues in INDIA

December being the end of a year, it is an opportunity to look back at the year and reflect the results yielded over the year. A look-back to the best moments or the best aspects of the year is brought to us, giving us a head start leading into the new year. On that note let's shed some light on the 'Knowledge Review'. It is an international education magazine for universities, students, teachers and parents offering news, blogs, articles and courses from the best universities. Working as a platform, The Knowledge Review gives a broad view of the vast education sector from the point of view of a student, educator and a university. Being one of the top international education and knowledge provider magazine, The Knowledge Review is a platform, especially made to serve as a bridge between students, educators and universities. In November's issue of the 'Knowledge Review', they introduced "The 10 Best Private Institutes in India, 2018", which highlights some of the best private institutes in India which are providing quality education with dedication and innovation. VESIT has been honoured by being named one of these BEST TEN. It's an achievement for our institute and is a proud moment for its staff and administration that made it happen.



Knowledge Reviews detialed Article on VESIT

The magazine had the following institutes as the 10 **Best Private Institutes in India** –

- All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society's (AISSMS) Institute of Information Technology, Pune.
- Aniframes Malla Reddy Engineering College (autonomous)- MREC(A),
- Hyderabad Nehru Arts and Science College(autonomous) (NASC),
- Coimbatore Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune
- Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology, Mumbai

In the two-page article on VESIT, they covered the structural capacities, the values carried by the institute and had a brief couple of paragraphs on the founder of Vivekanand Education Society, Late Shri Hashu Advani. The article also covered our educa-



An Article on VESIT

tion programs, the achievements by our Alumnus over the years of running of the institute along with the various extra-curricular activities the institute facilitates. Therefore, through the article, everything one should know about the Institute was laid out in the article, in their special "The 10 Best Private Institutes in India, 2018" issue. The fact that people shall look up to VESIT for being in the top leagues is a milestone by itself. 2018, being a successful year for the institute has given it the momentum for 2019 to

be a even more efficacious academic year and to continue being amongst the best. Kudos to the people and the students being key factors to this and many more milestones in the future.

Alumni Meet

he annual Alumni day was conducted on 15th December, 2018. It was organized by VESIT Alumni Association (VESITAA). It was held in the amphitheatre from 6.30 pm onwards. About 220 alumni had registered and graced the occasion.

The event kicked off with our **Principal Dr. Mrs. J M Nair** lighting the lamp and welcoming the alumni by the Alumni **President Mr. Vijay Talreja**. This was followed by **Dr. Mrs. J M Nair** highlighting the activities of VESIT specifically the activities conducted by the alumni, the top notch positions achieved by VESIT alumni and the various ways in which the alumni are engaged at VESIT.



Principal Madam inaugurating the Alumni Meet by lighting the lamp.

Further, the distinguished Alumni selected by the Alumni Association member were felicitated. The awardees shortlisted and felicitated were **Mr. Amit Rambia** (Passed out from EXTC Dept in 1996) and **Mr. Vivek Arora** (Passed out from ETRX Dept in 1993).

A music band by Mr. Praveen Chauhan performed as an entertainment program. There was a selfie booth open for all where photos using different props could be taken. Two desks namely an Alumni desk and a SORT desk were arranged where the alumni were appealed to contributed towards providing scholarship to the needy and worthy students of VESIT.



Mr.Amit Rambhia receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Principal

-Akshara Sarfare and Omkar Rao

Some forecoming announcements were made by the secretary Mr. Tarun Nagpal. A volleyball match was planned for students of 1993 and 1994.

The event concluded by a gala dinner where the alumni relished.



Mr. Vivek Arora receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Principal Madam



Unveiling the WAVES magazine by the trustees

VESIT Voice

-Gayatri Belapurkar

ecember rings in a wide-toothed grin on the faces of all. And why not; after all, December marks the end of the semester exams, the end of yet another year and of course, the beginning of a little less than a month-long holiday. However, this was not enough to reduce the chaos and clutter here, at VESIT.

The lab awareness session and IoT workshop held by ISA kept the knowledge-eager students engaged even during the break. The alumni of the college had a glorious opportunity of visiting the college once again on the day of the Alumni Meet. It was a moment of great pride and glory when Knowledge Review ranked VESIT as one of the 10 Best Private Institutes in India in 2018. In this issue, we have brought to you the experience of Lairai, the student who managed to score a whopping score of 120/120 in the TOEFL exam, that being a major feat in itself.

It is no doubt that the students of the college are extremely hard working and dedicated. This month, we have brought to you the tales of those students who have dared to take up challenging part-time jobs or internships along with their demanding college life. Enthusia was another event worth remembering this month, with the best of the sportspersons of VESIT showcasing their talents in VJTI.

In the Diaries section, we bring to you alumnus from the 2015 Batch of Electronics, Mr. Rishi Hemdev. In the Musings and Expressions section, we have works from the creative minds and outspoken hearts who have poured out a piece of themselves for you.

Here's to ending 2018 on a positive note and going into 2019 with an even more vibrant and cheerful mind. Happy Reading!

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Don't worry about being successful but work toward being significant and the success will naturally follow.

-Oprah Winfrey

Quick thinking by VESIT staff saves colossal damage by fire

-Rashmi Singh and Ninad Wadode

Lathinking and action by our staff members who were present at the spot saved the fire from spreading across the other sections of the college.

The fire broke out in one of the laboratories in the Department of Information Technology late in the morning. But the quick thinking by the Lab Assistant Nikita Bhoir, saved the day. As soon as she saw the sparks emitting from the air-conditioner, she immediately alerted the Peon, Sanjay Dhoble, who promptly switched off the main circuit in the Lab. Said Nikita, "I was working in the Lab and all the three ACs were functioning normally. Around 11:45 a.m. I noticed that sparks were emitting from the AC above Jayshree Ma'am's cabin. I immediately rushed out and called Sanjay and instructed him to switch off all the ACs and the other loads of the Lab." But the spread of the fire was so fast that soon all the air conditioners on the left wall of the Lab quickly engulfed the lab and consumed some of the under control, but not before it had left its mark. A

fire broke out in one of the labs of the INFT computers which were placed in that section. In no Department on 1 December 2018. But quick time, Rajan Kharat and Datta Mayekar, two peons who were working in a classroom near-by got into action. Rajan, went and got the nearest fire extinguisher and sprayed it on the fire. Datta went and opened the fire hydrant and directed the jet to stop the fire from spreading. The room was soon filled with dense smoke and there was no place for it to escape. Seeing this, another peon, Santosh Bhagat, jumped on to the parapet and smashed the window from outside. This immediately released the smoke and the fire was quickly brought under control.

It is said that the fire was caused due to a short circuit in one of the air conditioners. Says Rajan, "It was a good thing that it was Saturday, and so none of our students were present. It would hurt us if anything happened to our students. I was working on the floor with the other peons, arranging the answer papers for the next exam on Monday, when we heard about the fire. Immediately we put down everything and started emitting sparks and smoke. Heat and smoke set out to save our Lab." The fire was soon brought

huge dense smoke which engulfed the whole lab prevented any rescue operations immediately. The glass in one of the cabins cracked and shattered due to the heat. The fire brigade was summoned and much later the cleaning process began.

Though the fire did cause some damage, it would have been huge, had it not been for the quick thinking and actions of our brave-hearts. The incident also made us realize the importance of the fire-drill which was carried out just a few weeks ago. At that time, none present had imagined that we would be tested on all that was being taught to us that day!





Ms. Nikita Bhoir and the peons :L-R: Rajan Kharat, Datte Mayekar Santosh Bhagat and Sanjay Dhoble

The Perfect Score.

-Arya Kasulla.

ne of the most challenging entrance exam for any engineering student wishing to pursue Master's degree abroad is TOEFL. Getting a perfect score in this exam does test one's mettle. Lairai Karnik, who is currently in her fourth year in the Department of Electronics, has achieved a perfect score of 120/120, is this highly competitive exam. TOEFL consists of four sections: reading, writing, listening and speaking and Lairai was able to answer all the questions in each of the sections correctly. Expounding her methodology on cracking this tough exam, she explained how began reading extensively to plan for every event. To prepare for the D-day, she started practicing almost a week before the exam. She began by familiarizing herself with the paper pattern and all aspects of the paper. Initially she intended to pursue MBA, but later changed her mind.

"Yes, I was initially inclined towards MBA, but after much pondering, I zeroed in on MS as I thought that would be a great opportunity to delve even deeper into subjects I am already familiar with, thanks to my engineering background" she explained. Lairai has weighed different options and researched a great deal pertaining to her field of interest and seeks to get the best university for specialization in embedded systems and is currently drafting SOPs and different application forms for the same. She has also done scored really well in her GRE Lairai also spoke about how she was always interested in writing and reading even as a little child. In college, she was incharge of VESLit debates in her second year. This enabled her to read up on current affairs and also be able to think on her feet. It also honed her organization skills. This incredible achievement of Lairai's is truly an example of hard work, perseverance and pursuing one's interest. Lairai definitely awaits a promising and fulfilling future ahead. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.



Lairai Karnik(B.E ETRX)

Society

Lab awareness session

rojects have become an indispensable part where all the measuring and supplying instruments of engineering students' lives. Students utibuild their projects. Sometimes, it so happens that students are not aware of functioning and protocols of using the laboratories. Hence frequently, lab awareness sessions are organized to familiarize the students with the lab equipment as well as the rules and regulations. One such session was conducted by ISA-VESIT in lab 102, on 15th and 16th October, 2018.

The first day of the session was a general overview of the lab, basic introduction to various process loops and how they function. The lab mainly consists of two divisions. One division consists of a workstation

are kept. The second division consists of DCS and lize their respective college laboratories to PLC which is mainly the control room from where you can automatically control the instruments at the workstation. "It was a very enlightening workshop as it walked us through every corner of the lab. Mr. Mihir and Mr. Shivam gave us an overview about all the instruments and the sections of the lab" exclaimed B.Shubhangi from D8.

> On the second day, students actually worked on the 'Pressure Control Loop' and 'Level Measurement Loop'. Loops are something that start at a point where a Sensor is connected. Let us take an example of a sensor to measure the flow. The sensor gets the data and sends it to the transmitter, the transmitter

- Padmaja Borwankar and Pratik Chainani

sends the data to the control station or controller, and controller takes the corrective action on the flow. It regulates the flow using different techniques. This complete setup is called as a loop. The students were also given a demonstration about re-ranging transmitters according to required working range using HART communicator.

It was a very informative session and all students gave a positive feedback about it. Prithvi Shetty from D8 said "We were given hands-on experience on how the water level is maintained and supplied which was done manually. It was a very engaging experience overall and we feel privileged to have such a lab in our college."

Kites rise highest against the wind - not with it.

-Winston Churchill

Workshop on IoT

~Pranav Phale

SA-VESIT conducted a winter vacation workshop on Internet of Things (IoT) and its applications with the objective to build the understanding of electronics and its conceptual stronghold among students. Workshop was conducted between 9 am to 3pm from 19th to 22st December 2018. Around 32 students from all departments attended this workshop. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Mihir Lele (President at ISA-VESIT), Mr. Prajwal More (Executive Officer at ISA-VESIT), Mr. Mayuresh Shelar (Executive Officer at ISA-VESIT) and Ms. Sakshi Bajaj (Executive at ISA-VESIT) under the guidance of Mr.Gopalakrishnan Narayanan (Faculty advisor at ISA-VESIT).

DAY 1:



Session by Prof. N Gopalkrishnan in progress

The workshop began with an insightful session about the involvement of various fields of engineering in our day to day life, by Mr. N Gopalakrishnan. Following this, a detailed explanation was given about Arduino and its various forms available. Various activities were performed like blinking of LEDs using push buttons, variation in intensity of light using LDR etc. This was followed by the teaching of NRF24L01 and how data transmission takes place. Later, a proper system of uni-directional and bi-directional communication between 2 Arduinos using



NRF2401 and its interface

NRF was shown. Students were also explained the theoretical terms and usage of nodes and gateway.

DAY 2:

Session began with the introduction to Mysensors which is an open source hardware and software community focusing on IoT. Along with that, students got a hands on experience with Raspberry pi and its different models. They learnt how to interface it with the laptops and mobiles using VNC Viewer.

DAY 3:

The day began with a theoretical lecture on sensors, its types and applications in day to day life. Students practically measured temperature and humidity using DHT sensors, motion detector using PIR sensor and distance using Ultrasonic sensors. After which the use of Blynk app was taught and how it can be programmed with sensors.



Sessionby Mr. Mihir Lele(VESIT ISA president)

DAY 4:

Different types of controllers like Open Hab and Domoticz were discussed in session. Further a practical demonstration was given to show automation using Domoticz.

'Knowledge without application is like a book that is never read'. Eventually concepts learned in these four days will be applied in the Community Project of automating a lab at college.

Musings

Following in their Footsteps

n this special feature, we take a look at some VESITians who decided to break from the usual norms and pursue their interests/hobbies/ career paths by taking up part time jobs. We ask them to give us some insight of their life from the beginning and present, perchance some are inspired to do something different of their own, in addition to college work, and thus gain more experience, and perhaps make them more employable.

1) Abhishek Kamble (Phone photographer, Final Year, INST) Abhishek had a passion for photography since he was in 2nd year, and shared his photographs clicked on this phone on Instagram handle



Abhishek Kamble

@12mp_me, one picture a day. He generally travels all over Mumbai with his photographer friends, clicking whatever catches his imagination, before and after college. "Sometime I used to wake up at 5 a.m. and capture till college started. Sometimes I used to photograph as late as 12a.m." Kamble had a strict rule of focusing on either studies or his hobby at a time, and that is how he balanced between the

two. College hours were spent focusing wholly on very inspired by his Physics and Chemistry teachthe work at hand, and the rest he dedicated to his art. With this unique perception and the desire to photograph using only phone, he's always clicking. He has regular clients and mentions that he has a project where he will be working for a huge company soon. With his profile having over 23,000 followers, he is already very popular. Speaking of his experience on working with brands he says, "Such pictures have a lot of guidelines that I have to follow." The highlight is his association with Google. He is already an inspiration for a lot of amateur photographers from inside and outside VESIT.

2) Saurabh Maurya (Maths coaching to IIT aspirants, First Year, EXTC) In a time where coaching institutes have come under a lot of scrutiny from



Saurabh Maurya

people all over the nation, there's a VESITian who is thriving in this field. It is Saurabh's unique style of teaching that connects him to his students. He was -Atique Kudchi and Avinash Tripathy

ers in Std 12, who trained him for his International Olympiads. Saurabh coaches students of standard 11th and 12th on weekends, in a Coaching Centre in Ghatkopar. Having an incredible knowledge of Physics and Calculus, he decided to start coaching students a few months back. There had been many moments when he was overwhelmed by work both in college and in classes. But he always emerged out of each situation strongly. He learnt to balance both his studies and his work. He spoke of how he brought an expensive phone to reward himself for his hard work.

3) Gaurav Sahu (Python and Shell Programming Intern, Third Year, INFT) Gaurav Sahu began interning when he was in his second year of engineering.



Gaurav Sahu

He had received a call from the HR of Simple Logic IT Pvt. Ltd. at the end of his third semester. He started working with them during his 4th semester. He states how he loves to gain new experiences especially in the field that he wishes to pursue. "The desire to learn and keep going at it is not difficult, if you know where your passion lies", he declares. His working hours were usually 5pm to 8pm or 6pm to 9pm on weekdays, meeting his minimum requirement for 3 hours a day. He was given weekends off, which helped him catch up with college work. He would attend college from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m., and after giving time to his technical society ISTE, would make his way to office where he would be done by 8:30 or 9:00 p.m., and reach home by 10:00 p.m. He would also

try to do as much college work as possible before calling it a day. During the exams, he would make maximum advantage of paid leave (PL) and the week long gaps that exists between each paper. Getting paid 5K/month for 6 months is very satisfying. When asked for tips for his juniors, he said: "First things first; you should find and follow your passion. If it's something that challenges you, excites you and you can see yourself doing that without feeling anything amiss, you've probably found it. Second-

ly, there is no better way to showcase your passion than working on personal as well as team projects. Personal projects help one hone their personal skills and team projects instill a team spirit and collaborative skills. Having an internshala profile definitely helps. Take up every challenge as an opportunity to learn and grow. Lastly, I'll end this by saying "Allow your passion to define you, let it become your purpose and you'll never cease.

Second Hand Memories

-Ananya Chetlur

Somewhere in a far away room, a doting mother sits and narrates to her child the glories of the times that were. Her special child, born without the gift of vision, carefully absorbs and attempts to reconstruct the marvels that are beyond her grasping reach. She sits in complete rapture as her mother relives her life through her memories, stories of soldiers with handlebar moustaches and big guns, stories of playing around in the sunset, stories of steam locomotives, with their huffing and their puffing, stories of Maharajas and their palaces. Then the mother's

narrative paradigm shifts to the present. She makes her daughter touch, feel and listen, while she vividly describes her sight, that her daughter may have a semblance of vision. The little girl doesn't realise it, but tears are seeping from her mother's eyes. They say a mother's love is the most protective of forces. But there are some things even a mother's love cannot cure. The mother takes heart that there is hope in the future, though. Treatments, surgeries, operations that can create what doesn't exist in her daughter's life. She is recalled to the present when her daughter

clutches her knee as she stumbles. Till such time as the dreams of the future can enter the realm of reality, the only condolence she can provide her child is her memories. Second-hand memories. But who said second-hand is bad? To the little girl for whom the world is just a figment of her imagination, these memories are a fortune; they flood her eyes with the visions that escape her sight, and fill her heart with wonder, and the thrill of discovery.



Sahil Rajpal(D7A)



Naren Khatwani(D7B)



Pranav Purushan(D8)

Diaries

-Akshara Sarfare

r. Rishi Hemdev is an VESIT alumnus from the Batch of 2015 (Department of Electronics and Telecommunication). He was placed in SAP Labs India via campus placements and today, works as a Developer in the Department of Globalization Services. SAP Labs India focuses on business innovation through radical simplification

to ensure customer success. Now settled in Bangalore, it has been than three years since Rishi started working at SAP.

Q. Share a glimpse of your personal life.

A. I'm settled in Bangalore after I got placed In SAP Labs. I'm a huge fitness enthusiast and I love to go

for a walk on weekends and explore new places in & around the city. Some of the hobbies that I have inculcated here in Bangalore are playing badminton and foosball.

Q. Tell us something about your college life in VESIT.

A. My student life was quite exciting. Every year, I was a representative of a council. I was the Music In-charge in my second year, Class Representative in my third year and Placement Coordinator in my final year. These positions gave me a good opportunity to interact with the students from my as well as other departments which also includes seniors & juniors as well. The support & encouragement by faculty for all these opportunities that I got is commendable. It helped me interact better with the faculty and is a reason that I am still in touch with them. Whenever I visit back, I miss those good old days, the assignment deadlines, the adrenaline rush before a viva and the nervousness before an exam.

Q. Let's talk about your professional life.

A. I've been working in SAP Labs for three and half years now. I currently hold the position of Developer in the department of Globalization Services. In this unit, we build solutions & applications which are specific to a country law compliance, considering all legislative changes that come up. Apart from this, the work life is quite balanced due to the extra-curricular facilities that are available within the campus like football, cricket, basketball, table-tennis, etc. The journey so far has been quite good, and I would like to continue the same.

Q. Today the world is advancing at a rapid pace. Can you throw some light upon activities that students can do from the beginning which will help them get an edge.



Rishi Hemdev

A. As we have seen in the past few years, the world is moving towards digitization and intelligent technologies. This is called as the age of data. I would like to tell the students to stay in touch with the latest technology trends, grasp the knowledge and try to apply it by making small projects even if it isn't in the curriculum. Don't just learn a subject, try to build something out of it.

Q. What do you think is the importance of extra-

curricular activities in a student's life and how to manage them?

A. Extracurricular activities help build team spirit and develop leadership skills. This also helps one understand the importance of working in a team and this skill is much more demanded and respected than any other skill in the corporate world.

Q. As a professional, what can you say the companies are looking for, in a Fresher?

A. Companies certainly look for skills based on the job profile being offered. But more than that, what an interviewer looks for in a Fresher candidate is their ability to learn and adapt to new things. A company values such a candidate more than a candidate who is good at just one or two skills and isn't ready to adapt. The attitude of continuous learning is what matters more.

Q. Any message for the new generation at VESIT?

A. Build values out of habit. Try to learn as many skills as you can, especially the soft skills, so that you'll just have to brush them up when you enter the corporate world. Tenacious learning aligned with your passion matters in the long run.

Sports

Life is a Game. Let's Play

"Sports do not build character. It reveals it."

- Heywood Broun

Sports play an integral part in the development of a person, where many life lessons are learnt on the field. Keeping up with that spirit, many teams from VESIT participated in Enthusia 2k18, a sports extravaganza by Veermata Jijabai Technological University (VJTI).

The 13th edition of Enthusia- ENTHUSIA 2k18 was held from 9th December to 22nd December 2018 where a record 127 sportspersons registered. There were about 14 sports activities like basketball, athletics, aquatics, cricket, tennis, indoor sports like carrom, chess, etc. VESITian Vishal Laungani participated in Lawn Tennis- Singles and Doubles. A team of players led by **Shivani Yadav (D11B)** participated in the Girls Rink Football. The other members of the team were **Priyanka and Priya Singh from D11A**

and Simran Mayekar from D6A. The VESIT team gave a tough fight to their opponents.

Another Team of Girls led by Juhi Ajwani(D9A) participated in Throwball. The team comprised of Juhi Ajwani(C), Jyeshtha Prabhu(D9A), Anushka Chouhan(D14B), Tamanna Saini(D7B) and Reshma Sawant(D8). They got a bye in the quarterfinals and they played the semi-finals. They played a match against VJTI in the semi-finals but lost marginally. They received appreciation from the coaches of many colleges as a team of five with just three experienced players gave a tough competition to a 7+2 team.

Enthusia 2k18 was described as "Fun, Food, Fitness and Family" by Yash Bhor, a member of the Organizing Team from VJTI. Says Juhi Ajwani, Deputy Sports Secretary of VESIT, about her experience at ENTHUSIA: "It was one of the most amazing events

I have been to. They had a massive court and ground with a lot of preparations for various other inter-college fests going on. We practically have had just one practice and we gave them a tough competition. We

- Shruti Bondre



Enthusia 2k18

are likely to win in the upcoming competitions if we practice. There were many colleges who participated. Watching them play was a learning experience.