



THE CLARION¹

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Editorial Column

I pause for a moment to think, as I think to write something serious for the bulletin....I gasp endlessly....breathless, sweating, panting for fresh air...ahhh! Too much! Are you guys getting my point? Clearing your doubts about my physical state, nothing serious people! All thanks to Jhal (spicy) Chaana...it caused me this much of trouble (laughs).

Back to my place where I was getting started.....seriously sometimes I am overwhelmed by my hectic schedule, the hot crazy weather here, miscellaneous appointments, Classes at 8:30! There are many inspirations to ponder upon and many other responsibilities, demands and priorities to fulfill as a student and as a social being. There are so many things in this world that clutter our mind. It fills our mind to such an extent that our mind finds it difficult to focus. Our mind is clouded and crowded!

Life isn't as messy as it appears...besides all these mix-masalas of everything...Let us all stay focussed, knowing our priorities and set steps in achieving our goals accordingly. It can work wonders for you! As a student let us do what we must be doing i.e STUDY!! Not just to study all the time but take chances to enhance other aspects of your life too. Once you do this, your paths will appear clear besides the crowded "to-do" list of your life.

It is sad to hear many of the Patkains getting sick, the numbers ever increasing (My co-editor is sick too). As you all prepare to tackle this sick-prone season, stay immune as far as possible by eating healthy...avoid foods from hotels and yes, work out your body. Stay healthy!

As the bulletin gets older with another issue, we are really happy to see great articles being contributed by all the students. It's time I cease the title of "contributors" and replace it with the name "Writers" and "poets". We are happy to see many fertile minds over here. Way-to-go Patkians...stretch your brains!

As I still pause for a moment longer.....behind everything there is a message...not just a message from nature to man, man to man, inanimate objects to man, but God always hides a message behind every inci-

dent in our life. We just fail to even care about what God wants to talk to each one of us. We ignore the silent messages from God which has loud meanings! As you take time to browse, read, learn and ponder upon the pages of this bulletin....may you find all those messages which God wants to convey to each one of you out there.

GOD BLESS YOU!
Allan Aley

DAILY PATH

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS...

Matt 20:26- No one wants to be weak, so we find ways to appear strong. Some of us use the force of our emotions to manipulate people. Others use the force of personality to control people and some use their intellect to create an illusion of strength, they are signs of weakness.

When we are truly strong we have the courage to admit our limitations and to acknowledge our dependence on God. As a result, true strength often looks a lot like weakness. When the apostle Paul prayed that on affliction would be taken from him God answered, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness". (2 Cor 12:9). Paul responded with these troubling words: "when I am weak, then I am strong" (verse 10).

Toward the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, some of His disciples were striving for positions of prominence. Jesus used their arguments as an opportunity to teach them that in His kingdom things are different. Greatness comes when we willingly assume positions of weakness (Matt 20:26).

This is a hard truth. I prefer the illusions of strength to the reality of weakness. But God wants us to realize that true strength comes to us when we stop trying to control people and start serving them instead—JULIE ACKERMAN LINK.

The life that we live for God's glory, let's live it in biblical light: God's strength is made perfect in weakness: He alone controls power and might—BRANON.

GOD'S GREATEST POWER CAN BE DISPLAYED IN OUR BIGGEST WEAKNESS!

Miss Viravono,
Girl's Senior warden

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The Lament

Like a cloud walk i in loneliness
 Thinking those happy days
 When you're with me.
 You'll be away, never thought i
 Come back, come back, cried out in loud.
 Those days are gone
 Never to come back said, my silent tears
 Are they an angel with no mercy?
 Question myself in lament
 Wish i were a rainbow.
 So that i can write their names in the sky.
 That the whole world know.
 How much i care and love them.
 But, but, i'm just a human being.
 Said myself in lament.
 And walked away with silent tears. Hoping
 to meet them
 Some day, some where
 If not in heaven.

Vepocho khamo
 BA 2

MONEY

Man's life despise thee; with money
 Abundance doesn't consist in his possession
 Think as a boon.

God gives wisdom; to get wealth
 Blessing, curse depends on self
 Its root an evil

For money; Men worry with it
 and without it
 Makes slaves of thee

Gather money; little by little
 Get happiness not failure
 Be it wonderful gifts.

Sentsuthung Odyuo
 BA1

To my amazing friends
 I rarely take time to say it,
 But i'm glad you're my friend.
 We share a special moments together,
 Memories we'll never forget;
 We laugh, cry, dance, eat, chat
 Have funs and some crazy like.
 You're there to lean on
 When i need a shoulder;
 You extended your heart and
 accepted me as i am;
 You listen to my dreams
 schemes and my problems.
 This is why, you always deserve....
 To be called my friends.

Mhabeni.M.Kikron
 BA 3

Painted Lines....

People say touch me not but i say toch my heart'
 Happy man are helpful and approachable to the
 poor and the weaker ones.
 Seasons changes in due time, life should also
 not be the same
 There is a time for everything
 A time to replace and a time to repair!
 Hi..guys it does not matter where you come
 from or where you may be
 Just reach out'
 If you can walk a thousand miles away
 Try to accomplish your life; but still there is one
 way behind you
 To start a new life again with God.
 He is the first, the last, the same
 So afraid not!!!

God bless you!!
 Vans Kyorg
 BA 2 SEC 'C'

Poetry is an expression of human expressions.

Message from God!!

As you get up this morning i watched you and hope you would talk to me,even if it was a few words,asking my opinion and thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday.But i noticed you were busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear it to class.I waited again,you run around the hall getting ready.I know there would be a minute for you to step and say 'HELLO' to me but you were too busy.At one point,you have to wait for 15 minutes then nothing to do except sit in the lounge.Then i saw you spring to your feet.I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip.I watched, as you went to class and i waited patiently all day long with all your activities of class and sports.I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.I noticed that before dinner you looked around,maybe you felt embarassed to talk to me,that is why you did not bow your head,you gleamed three or four tables over and notice some of your friends talking to me briefly before eating but you did not.....that's okay!!There is still more time left and i have hope that you will talk to me.Yet you went to your room and it seems as if you had lots of things to do.After a few of them were done you went to your friends room and spent a lot of time gossiping.I waited patiently again as you went to your room.You did not talk to me.

BEDTIME-I guess you felt too tired and you said goodnight to your roomates you plopped into and felt asleep in time.....That's okay!!

That's okay because you may not realise that i am always there, you ever know i even want to teach you to be patient with others as well.I love you so much that i wait everyday for a nod,a prayer,thought or thankful part of your heart.

It is hard to have one-sided conversation.well!!You are getting up again and once again i will wait for you hoping that today you will give me some T-I-M-E!!!!

Have a nice day.....

Reminder:Who are we???

- *Are we still someone who deny God?
- *Are we still someone who ignores our greatest duties...i.e STUDIES?
- *Are we still someone who are in bad companies?
- *Are we still someone who doesnt trust ourselves?
- *Are we still someone who lack behind?

Friends,if we are really Patkains,let us check ourselves once again of what position we are today and take positive steps in days to come "WHAT YOU ARE TODAY IS BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU WERE YESTERDAY.AND WHAT YOU WILL BE TOMORROW IS BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU ARE TODAY."

Imzaile Hega,
B.A 2



Hi.....

Cutie EMI ODYUO (B.A 1st year sec D)

I am.....you might be knowing me or not or you might not be. But well, when I first came to this college I was so lonesome. But in the midst of my loneliness it is you who is making my days brighter. From the day I saw you, I didn't want to miss my class and my stay out here in the college started to change drastically. Your face hunts me a lot. I just wish you, had a chance to know my feelings.....

I wrote this short letter from the deepest depth of my heart.

Hoping for a smile.....

Ur Secret Admirer (B.A 1ST YEAR)

Hey buddies!!

Ren (Zohan), Keyho (Bruce Lee), Chichan (Mr. Bean), Heinelo (Govinda), Apok (Lipok), Renja (Boney - M), Likao (Ms Chakesang), Yilobemo (Jim Carey), Jack (The great Kali)

Dont just fool around guys.....I know old habits die hard. But know the limits and study hard
OKAY BROS!!!!.....

Find meh?!????

Hello campers,.....

Good to see all of you back again with a bang! Our theme song 'Today' really reminds me of our beautiful times together and the commitments taken by all of you. It was a blessed experience administering all of you just for the Lord. I feel so much like your 'Daddy' and you all, like my sons and daughters. Mummy Aton is in Kolkata..remember her in your prayers. (smiles)
Life will go on dearies.... but stay committed and walk firmly with Him! Keep the candle burning!

With Love,
Bro Allan (your Daddy)

Christians and horoscope!!

Many people make it a daily ritual to consult their horoscopes. It is distressing that most major newspapers have a horoscope column, and even more distressing that many Christians read their horoscopes. The world has diluted astrology so much that many Christians forget that it actually has its roots in an occult practise of fortune-telling. Horoscopes plays with our psychology, our mind. It gives one the wrong kind of expectations. In and around us, we encounter many people consulting palmists, fortune-telling, medium practitioners and many more which the Bible says is "Evil in the eyes of the Lord" (2Kings 21:6). Most people are found doing this so as to be aware of the future, to prepare for it. But why go ahead of God's plans when He has planned everything for us (Jeremiah 29:11)

I believe that Christians need to think clearly about this issues and apply biblical worldview. The Bible expressively forbids divination, sorcery and hidden arts. (Deut 18:10-14). God's people are to heed God only (Deut 18:15). Our trust is in God alone, and we know that He will direct our paths (Prov 3:5-6). Faith in anything besides God is misplaced. We can't determine God's will for our lives through horoscopes. If Christians look to astrology first then they are taking their eyes and trust away from God. If you trust horoscopes, you think stars are enough and keep God in second place. Let's be aware, our lifestyle matters!!

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B.A 3

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The ability to rejoice in any situation is a sign of spiritual maturity.

Billy Graham