



AETHER – EDITORIAL

YOU DIDN'T COME THIS FAR
TO ONLY COME THIS FAR.

Every student signs up for university because that's what you do after high school, right? But there's those of us that picked this institution as a conscious decision. Of all the options laid out before us we saw Parvatibai Chowgule College as best suited for us. Was it just the fancy mascot and the freedom we'd get? Although there's no denying that those do come in as amazing perks as compared to other institutes now that you are a Tiger you might as well make the best of your time here! I don't say this only because you *can* dream big but also because here at Chowgule's you have the opportunity to!

Owing to Autonomy,unlike the rest of the state's undergrads, you don't have to deal with the hassle of picking three papers in your first year, then dropping one in your second and finally having to pick one paper as your major subject in the third year. Here, you have the advantage of picking the subject combination of your choice and pursuing just that over the next three years. This means, that if you're a single major at Chowgule's by the end of three years you would have completed 21 papers while the rest would have done just eleven. Now that, is definitely something to put in your resume!

Besides that though. Chowgule's hosts and participate in a number of events and college festivals. This lets you either reach new potentials or bag new experiences, both of which go a long way. The exchange programmes as well as the internships students are encouraged to do gives them a lot of practical knowledge that would render them a cut above. And even

A PROBLEMATIC TRIP

BY MS. OAIZY GOMES

Nowadays, both teachers and students spend hours travelling back and forth between their residence and school/colleges. During peak hours, over crowded vehicles create anxiety among students.

There are always more students in the buses than its capacity, which is dangerous and has often caused major road accidents. It is commonly seen that students hang dangerously on to buses because of little or no space inside. The drivers are ignorant to the situation inside the buses.

Whatever the situation, ultimately students bear the impact in the end. Though, this can be managed if the bus services are provided wherein students get passes from the Tiger Coop in order to take the bus. In the present situation, I stay in Lotolim therefore I need to take two buses in order to reach to college. But if students travelling from various are collected from the Holy Spirit Church in Margao, which is a common bus stand for all, it makes it

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easier for us to reach college in time. However, the bus services haven't been provided also the bus passes haven't been printed. The college very well knows that a large amount of students travel by public transport and therefore will need the bus services every year and therefore the passes need to be printed out sooner.

COLLEGE LIFE- IS IT EASY?

BY MS. BRULYNN CASTELLO

Well, for most of us it's not. What are our expectations of college life? Dressing up well to college, having a bunch of friends, bunking lectures, going out often, and having a great time. Right??? Well, when you finally get to college, everyone has a major reality check. Pop! goes our cute little bubble of expectation.

When I joined college last year, as a fresher I was so so so excited about my new college. Making new friends, hanging out, handling events and all. But pause. It was nothing like I thought it would be. Damnnn! The start was sad. I didn't know whom to talk to and what to talk about. Everyone was in their own world. The canteen was almost occupied by other students and I didn't know where to go and where to sit. I had few friends whom I knew from my higher secondary. But that was not enough right? I just didn't know what to do. I was lost.

But now it's not the same. As time passed, I made friends with a lot new people from my batch as well as the seniors. I'm doing better at academics and am also having fun. It wasn't really difficult. You can do it too. How?

Firstly, campus involvement builds lasting friendships. Trust me on this guys. I have participated in many competitions, have been a part of college events and involved myself in campus clubs. Through this I've made many new friends and got a lot of experience. As we all know social life is a huge part of the college experience. Enjoy yourself and the time

if we might not see it just yet, the freedom of choice and expression that our college gives us does teach us a little about responsibility and independence. '

But here's the catch. It's all up to how much you make of your three years here!

There never really was a box, to think in or even out of. The sky never had limits to tell you where to stop. Just don't let loud words, loose tongues, small minds and shallow thought ever get in your way. Dream big. Dream high. Dream bold. Dream wild. Dreams don't have taxes and hard work pays well! YOurs is the dream and yours is the drive. Work hard. Grab every opportunity thrown your way. Because if you don't dream big it not worth dreaming. If you don't have faith, it's no use believing. You're a Tiger. Make it happen.

EDITOR CHARMAINE PEREIRA



BEHIND THE SCENES OF AETHER

Hey there! Issue 6, Volume 3. Yes, you got it right, it's your weekly Ather magazine. The final copy looks great, doesn't it? But are you aware of all the hard work that we as core members of the Aether team put in to bring out interesting reads for you?

This process begins every Monday when we need to come prepared with a topic in mind for 'Writing for the Media' class. Since the target audience is the staff and the students of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, the topic needs to be chosen wisely. In addition to this, we need to adorn the roles as reporter, sub-editor or an editor every week and try new writing styles in our report.

Then begins the hunt for news and information with a deadline for final submission on every Thursday. The reporter submits the written piece first to the sub-editor who scrutinises the same and then forwards it to the editor for further scrutinising. The editor approves

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the report or article and sends it to the compositor. A compositor is the one who designs the newspaper a.k.a. our very own Assistant Professor Andrew Barreto.

First, we need to deal with all the sources and interviews to collect information. Then comes the back breaking job of the sub-editors as they go through all the articles submitted by the reporters to check for any mistakes in them. It's the job of the editor to make sure that the articles are submitted on time and are worthy to be published. Later, the compositor transforms our work with his artistic and creative mind on Legal sized pages.

After all the hard work we do, how many of you all actually read our magazine? Dear readers, Aether is your college tabloid. So take a look at it! You just need to log on to the Chowgule website, the way you have just now !!

Let me leave you with a little info

about our course - As the course name suggests, *Writing for Media* allows us to explore, learn and understand the basics of how the media sector works and what are the different jobs and roles available. Apart from this, we learn the basics of photography, videography, their compositions and more. Though this job involves a lot of hard work and is time-consuming, Professor Andrew Barreto makes sure that we enjoy our course by preparing us to take up innovative challenges. In the process, we get to learn from our mistakes and improve on the them.

Finally, a request to all the loyal readers of Aether. Choosing a new topic every week to write about is a challenge. So let us know if you want something to be featured in the upcoming issues. You may contact the Aether team.

Also, give us feedback and help us improve! ***

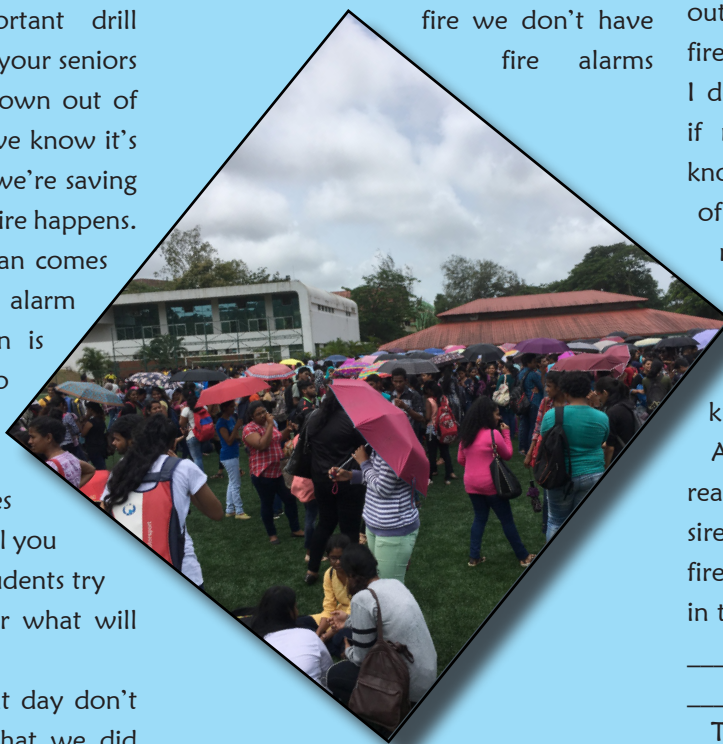
DING, DONG, GOES THE BELL!

There was fire drill conducted in college on 28 July 2017. It is conducted every semester. For the excited First Year students, it was a very important drill and was super fancy. Look at your seniors though. They had to be thrown out of classrooms. Why? Because we know it's just another mock drill. And we're saving our energy for when the real fire happens.

Here's how it's done. A man comes along when the college fire alarm siren sounds. The loud siren is sounded and everyone has to abandon whatever they are doing (even food) and run to the ground. Both the entries to the ground are narrow. Well you can imagine if hundreds of students try to enter the ground together what will happen!

For all those absent on that day don't worry I'll fill you in on what we did that day. The First Year students were lost while the seniors started complaining about the heat. I'm sure one could fry eggs on our heads. Next the fun part - selfie session! Though, I feel Google earth must have got a better picture of us with colourful umbrellas dotting the ground.

If our college really catches fire we will have casualties because nobody will get out as all will think it's fake. If there's a fire we don't have fire alarms



Pic: Thrill Drill!

BY MS. ALYSSA MARTINS

moment to warn us. The drill is carried out to ensure that if there is a fire, a real fire all should be prepared to escape. But I don't see how that's going to happen if none of us are even briefed about the know hows of the drill! It seems like all of us are expected to know about this magically! I don't mean tell us a few minutes prior to the alarm, "When you hear it, RUN!" No. But at least at the beginning of the semester let us know that it's going to happen!

Also, why does the fake drill have the real siren? Why don't we have a practice siren for a practice run? When the real fires breaks who would be so brave to run in there and convince everyone it's real??

The above article is a satire (if it's not obvious straight away). The Aether team realizes that each and every drill is important and supposed to be taken as seriously as the real deal (God Forbid). But of course, till then... Let me take a selfie! - The Ed!

An Evening with Ms. Evelyn

She is beautiful, young and enthusiastic, She has recently become a member of Chowgule college. A new lecturer of the Sociology department Miss Evelyn Savia Fernandes. We are very happy to have her amongst us And to know more about her, here are a few questions asked by me.

Q)When did you join Chowgule College?

A) 27th June 2017

Q)How did you get to Chowgule college?

A) I was on a hunt for a job as my previous contract with Apna Ghar, Mercedes - Goa as an intern under Directorate of Women and Child Development had come to an end. Hence, I applied for lecture basis job in various colleges and one of the colleges which shortlisted me for an interview was Chowgule college.

Q)Tell us about your educational background.

A) I did my BA in sociology and psychology at St. Xavier's college and MA in Sociology at Goa University .

Q)How would you describe yourself?

A) I'm Evelyn, a young budding sociologist in the making. I have a strong interest in reaching out to marginalised sections of society in ways that I can help with. Travelling, reading, cooking , singing , acting and dancing are a few hobbies to pen down. Basically I love being true to myself and just being who I really am.

Q)What made you choose Sociology and take up a career in this field?

A)The interest to study various ongoing social problems and processes deepened the quest to know more about sociology as a discipline of social science. Although, during my graduation I had keen interest in pursuing a career in psychology too. But I chose sociology as it was mainly related to studying ongoing social

realities.

Q)Tell us about your experiences.

A) Soon after completing masters I started working as a research assistant for a Swedish based research institution called Mistra Urban Futures on a project called 'Urban Futures' with specific reference to Goa for eight months. After which I worked as an intern counsellor for a period of one year under the Directorate of Women and Child Development at Apna Ghar Mercedes-Goa. I am currently employed



at Chowgules.

Q)What personal strengths do you find especially in your profession?

A) When I step in every class I take ,I believe to compete with myself, basically what I mean to say is I try to make each and every class engaged and interactive for the students using visual aids - movies, documentaries, engaging debates discussions which makes the students active learners and participants in class.

Q)Would you like to give some message to our Young Tigers?

A) Life is all about chances and opportunities. Make the best of what you have in hand. Good luck Chowgule Tigers in all your future endeavours.

BY MS. SHAHEEN PARVEEN

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you spend with your friends, even if you're not doing anything at all.

Making new friends is not all that is required to have an easy and a good college life. We need to know how to balance our work and extracurricular activities to reduce stress. Balancing an academic schedule, extracurricular activities, sports and on top of all that a social life can be extremely demanding. All the time work and no play can be a sure-shot recipe for unhappiness and a journey of sorrows in your life. So learn to balance your college work, and other activities accordingly in the given time. Don't keep it for later. And after all this, keep in mind that you still need to save time in your schedule for rest, relaxation and socializing.

Pursue your passion not grades. There's no way you are going to get it right every time. So as a student, it's okay to fail. You might have heard of the famous saying – 'Failure is the stepping stone to success.'

Another very common problem college students suffer from is the money problem. A simple monthly budget will prevent you from overspending. Allow yourself a weekly allowance for entertainment purposes and stick to it. Sticking to your budget and remembering that little things add up fast will help you tackle this problem.

And finally, life doesn't end when college life does. So take up internships when your college is giving you the opportunity to do so. You're the one who's going to benefit from it. Internships increase your hiring power. Plan on getting one if you don't already have one. Job recruiters love practical experiences, so plan on getting some before you graduate and you should be in great shape for your first job. Internships will not only provide you with practical, real-world experience, but you may even be one step ahead of the game and get a job offer directly from the company you've done your internship in, before you even graduate.

I totally agree that college life isn't that easy, but we can make it less difficult and interesting in our own ways. College is about the people you meet, the experiences you go through and the memories you make. So enjoy these years as much as you can because you won't get these years ever again.***



WHAT IF...?

'The College was under attack by a huge monster'

The moment I stepped into college, I knew something was wrong. The wind carried an eerie silence to my ears and made me wonder whether today was a college holiday and I was the only one who wasn't informed. I rushed towards the canteen hoping to find my friends sitting amidst an echo of chatter and laughter.

But the canteen, and later

slow motion, the way villains do in movies I asked myself how I could escape this situation.

All of sudden, a bulb lit in my brain. I ran towards the Library and just as the huge cat jumped over buildings and found its way to me, I opened the Chetan Bhagat book I had found and began reading. The huge white cat shut its ears and started



the quad, welcomed me with its emptiness. I decided to return home, but no sooner had I reached the Foss Lab than I saw a giant white foot in front of our graffiti covered walls. Then came a paw and then another foot. Finally what stood before me, wasn't a yeti as I imagined, but a huge white cat with whiskers as long as our corridor. "Hide quickly!" I heard someone say and before I could get a glance of who it was, he ran behind the pantry walls. *Of course! Everyone was hiding from this monster. I must too.* I thought. But I was clearly all out of lucky today, because the huge cat spotted me before I could even move a limb. As it walked towards me in

walking backwards, mewling in pain at the sound of my narration. It finally tripped over its tail and rolled down the slope till the gate. And just like that, I saved the college from being attacked by a huge white monster!

BY SONIA SABNIS

ABOUT THE 'WHAT IF?!' SERIES

This series is a creative section of our newsletter 'Aether' where in every week we will come up with crazy, goofy and humorous situations that could happen in college. Our writers will then be imaginative and find a solution to these situations in a manner that'll keep you hooked!

Bad Habits Can be Kicked

Research says that 40% of our actions are habits and not conscious decisions. Boredom, stress, and anger are said to be the main causes of bad habits. If you give it some thought, then yes... Here in Chowgules, we see students bunking. They will be either out on 'adventures' or simply hanging out with friends around campus. Also, this generation is the boss of procrastination hence we fail to submit assignments and other classwork on time. Due to this divided attention which occurs every time we're working on something, we end up getting backlogs. Most importantly, alcohol and drug addiction and also smoking, are serious issues that need to be tackled.

Where are we going with all of this when we know that it is not healthy or beneficial to our lives in the long run. Overcoming bad habits is not easy but if we try then surely bad habits can be kicked. A solution would be replacing bad behaviours with good ones for which the recognition of the cause of your bad habit is crucial. Make it easier on yourself to break bad habits by avoiding the things that cause them. Chowgules tigers, you guys are young. Don't waste your precious life by indulging yourselves in such activities. We all get off track but what separates top performers from everyone else is that they get back on track very quickly.

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