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ROUSER *(Editorial)*

P.P.S., Nabha is the proud bond unifying a flourishing and an ever growing family of around 4000 members. "The Eagle", a newsletter of the Old Nabhaites, for the Nabhaites and by the Nabhaites, owes its genesis to the pioneering efforts of **Dr. Jashanjot Singh (S-52)**, who felt an acute need for a nucleus media which would gather and transmit information, cement the bond and co-ordinate the activities of various local chapters of ONA. Since all Old Nabhaites (ONs) cannot attend all the meetings of ONA at Nabha, or their local chapters, this Newsletter would be their collective voice by which they can record their presence and communicate with fellow Nabhaites.

This Newsletter would flourish on two important contributions by ONs. **FIRSTLY**, good **FEEDBACK** regarding YOU and all ONs you know. The ultimate goal is, to reach each and every Nabhaite (please return the Biodata card

enclosed, herewith, TODAY and NOW, don't postpone it). Inform fellow Old Nabhaites to send similar information (even on plain paper) to us. Write to us YOUR suggestions, ideas, anecdotes or interesting incidents from school life that you would like to share with others. (like marriages, births of children and even tragedies like death, change of address, new assignments, distinctions or awards received and about fellow Nabhaites' sacrifices). Please do not forget that this Newsletter belongs to each one of YOU. You are not only our "Roving correspondent" but also the Subject and Target of it.

SECONDLY, your "pocket money." Depending on your devotion and resources, you are requested to donate as much as you can for this cause. You will agree that to run a NEWSLETTER of this type some cost will be incurred for small infrastructure of creating an efficient database and there will be costs of publishing, posting, writing letters,

phone calls, may be even traveling etc. If every Old Nabhaite can contribute a minimum of Rs. 100 towards this cause, I think we can keep the Newsletter running for few years, at least. We also solicit SPONSONSHIPS for first few editions. The accounts of the Newsletter will be published annually in the Newsletter and regular mention will be made of donors. Send your contribution by cheque or draft payable at Jalandhar to "ONA, Jalandhar Chapter (A/C THE

EAGLE)". We on our part will endeavor not to fail in our duty to keep the ball rolling and keep churning out copies of NEWSLETTER as frequently as you want it and can consume it.

"THE EAGLE" is being revived after more than a decade. With YOUR support it shall rise again like a Phoenix !!

Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)

—EDITOR

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

The Count-down is on to the crowning glory, when a Nabhaite would hold the post of a Chief of any one wing of our Armed Forces. That would be the ultimate in "Onwards And Upwards" and the best tribute to PPS and the vision of its founders.

The first Nabhaite to rise to the rank of a general or equivalent is Rear Admiral **Jagjit Singh Bedi** (Ex-Jamna), who is posted as Asstt. Chief of Naval Staff at Naval H.Q., New Delhi. Congrats ! Admiral Bedi. You have done your Alma Mater proud.

Of the other front-runners, we have information of the following Nabhaites proudly supporting the rank of Brigadier.

1. Brig. O.P. Nandrajyog (B-7) HQ 12 Corp.

2. Brig. Tej Kumar Sapru (S-43) 38 Inf Bgd.

3. Brig Sureshwar Tiwari (Ex Jamna) 86 Inf. Bgd.

4. Brig Budh Prakash Singh Mander (Ex Jamna) S.T Directorate AHQ N. Delhi

5. Brig. Jodhbir Sandhu (R.7). 25 Inf. Bgd.

6. Brig. J.S. Lidder (B-23) HQ 12 Inf Bgd.

7. Brig. Bhupinder Mander (Ex. Beas) 58 Armd. Bgd.

8. Brig. J.S. Chamba (Ex Jamna)

In this grand cross country race to glory, the "Cock House" Trophy seems to be with Jamna House.

If there was any ranking in the field of Journalism, then **Kanwar Sandhu's** (Ex Ravi) name would have figured prominently in the above list. He is Resident Editor, Chandigarh edition of the Indian Express.

Mrs. Harinder Sraw (B-188) (nee Nijjar) 74 Batch has shown that old girls are not behind old boys. At a very young age she has been appointed Headmistress of the prestigious M.G.N. Public School, Kapurthala.

WHILE WE WERE BOYS IN SCHOOL

Reminiscences

In Hot Waters

In the chilly cold months, the hot water boilers of Senior Jumma House became extremely whimsical and hot water shower a luxury. One late evening VSH marched to the bathrooms for a bath. The bathroom walls are mere enclosures and rise midheight and this gave VK room to squat on the wall at a height close to that of the shower. As VSH turned on the shower, praying for hot water, his pleas were instead, answered by VK, who directed his pee, with the precision of a fireman directing his hose, on the head of VSH. Without looking up, VSH shouted in excitement "Boys Come Fast ; Juldi Aayo There is hot water to-day."

Mr. Kate Selects Pushback Chairs

When the Auditorium building was nearing completion, the supplier of push-back chairs approached the school authorities with samples of three types. Mr. Kate working the costs etc. in his usual manner, selected a particular type. A doubt was expressed that this particular type may not accommodate every one. Mr. Kate asked his colleagues as to who is the bulkiest of Nabhaites. He was summoned forthwith. And this "FATSO" was asked to sit, relax, push-back and get up from the chair. Only

after the Fasto accorded his approval, were the chairs finally selected. Such was the practical and down to earth approach of our founding Headmaster.

Macho Boys

Once, in the Junior School, a collective craze developed among boys to play "STEPOO", a simple game which involved drawing of few rectangular lines and a small piece of flat stone. This game came to be played at every conceivable place, in the corridors, on the passages and clear grounds. This nuisance had to be checked. Strict admonishments were handed out by harried house-mistresses and the tally of black marks imposed rose abnormally but the ubiquitous rectangular lines refused to disappear. Then Miss Malkani, very tactfully, made an announcement that "STEPOO" was a game played by girls only. Would any boy like to behave like a girl ? Well that was it. No one dared to bring his masculinity to question and, with immediate effect, "STEPOO" became extinct from the precincts of the Junior Section.

Hit List

For those who may not be aware, Mr. Kate, Ms. Malkani, Mr. SC Cowel were the stalwarts and strong pillars who laid

the foundations of P.P.S. They were the ones who moulded sons of farmers and small town businessmen, soldiers and generals into English speaking gentlemen who could make their way in any section of society. The education was an ideal mix of English public School and that of Indian humility advocated by Gandhi.

Mr. Cowell was a chubby old Englishman who opted to stay back after Independence. A strict bachelor who drank upto 30 cups of tea a day. (a thermos was always on his table), he devoted his life to schools in India. He wore thick glasses through which you could not see his eyes but he had the sharpest vision. While standing in the School porch he could scan the whole campus and recognise a boy crossing the sacred lawns

in the distance. The boy oblivious of the fact he was being watched would be shocked to be pulled up next day or whenever he was in the vicinity of Mr. Cowell, the Senior Master.

Mr. Cowell kept a diary on his person. It was given by the famous company we all know as VOLTAS. In this he maintained a HIT LIST of the the boys in school who needed his special attention, so that, as he often said 'they do not fool the public by saying that they were from a public school.'

Do you know what VOLTAS stood for ? It denoted "Volume of Liars, Thieves and Scoundrels". So much for the hit list (Many who made it to this list are today successful Old Nabhaites)

ONA NEWS

Hargobinder Dhaliwal (J-728) Add. S-127, Sant Nagar Street No. 3, Patiala, with his selection to I.P.S. is following the achievements of **Ranbir Singh Khatra** (S-270), who is currently SSP, Ropar. PPS is set to make its mark in civil services.

The Island Down Under, Australia has attracted many ONs with **Balwinder Singh Mand** (J-907) (address : 14/3, Terry Rd. West Ryde, 2114, NSW, Sydney) & **Amriteshwar Jeet Gondara** (Ex-Sutlej) (9/41, Osborne Avenue, Gleniris-3146 VIC) doing MBA. **Jaideep S. Deo** (J-810) and **Ramanpreet S. Brar** (J-814)'s address 1/71, Caroll Crescent, Gleniris-3146 VIC. doing further studies. Jumna house seems to have flooded Australia (God save the country). Anyway, we are looking forward to the establishment of

an ONA 'KANGROO' Chapter there.

Other overseas Nabhaite **Gurpreet** (S-0008)' 92 Batch "Swede" is studying film making in the world famous North Carolina School of Arts. **Parminder Vir** (Palli-B-910) is studying Physical Therapy in La Guardia Community College, New York; their address 47-36-11nd floor, 41st street, Sunnyside New York, NY-11104 (USA). Well, those Nabhaites who are visiting the famous 42nd street can use their hospitality. Both have, magnanimously, offered guidance/co-operation to any Nabhaite especially those seeking higher education in the US of A.

Dr. Surinder Gupta (J-1) is at 201, Mill Valley Run, Lafayette, Louisiana-USA-70508, Phone 708-674-3800

The Automobile Capital Detroit, has Nabhaite **Dr. Parminder Pal Singh**, (S-569) doing Residency in Internal Medicine at Detroit Medical CTR (Address 2378, John R. Rd, 203TROY M 1-48083 (USA)

Lt. Cdr. Retd. Jagmeet Singh Dheendsa (B-183) is presently at Apt. 101, 6436, Esdale Rd., Alexandria VA 22312 USA

Aradhna Johri, topper 91 Batch, is presently doing project work with RMSI, California, USA

Of the 3 Arora Brothers, who studied in PPS, Commander. **Inderjit Arora** (J-40) has joined Merchant Navy (Address C-3/14, Housing Board Flats, Last Morh, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu-180004 Tel. : 531651. Brother **P.D.** (J-108) is a doctor in Delhi. Youngest brother **Tilak Raj** (J-152) is in Canada.

Gurmeet Singh R-223, Batch 75, is Manager Production with Gujarat Steel Tubes (Address : 601-A, Kanchanjanga Flats, CG Rd., Ellis Bridge, P.O. Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-138006 (Tel : Resi. : 442823)

Amritpal Singh (B-0216) is doing B.Com. in Calcutta.

Amit Bhalla (R-790) '91 Batch, after completing B.E. Mechanical from TIET Patiala, has been appointed as Marketing Trainee Officer in Grindwell Norton, Mumbai.

Mohit Bhalla (R-789) '91 Batch after completing B.E. (Mechanical) PEC, Chandigarh has joined SAIL, Bhilai.

Amardeep Singh, 90 Batch, graduated in B.Com. from Govt. Ripudaman College, Nabha in 1995. He won a Gold Medal in

Inter-Zonal Youth Festival 1992, Kohlapur.

Deepak Gupta (B-727), Gold Medallist from D.M.C. Ludhiana, is currently doing internship at Civil Hospital, Nabha (Address : Amardeep Hospital, Basant Pura, Nabha)

Navdeep S. Gill (R-722) 90 Batch's address is C/o. Ishan Inst. of MGT & Technology, Plot No. 2, Amrit Puram, Surajpur Kasna Rd. Greater Noida (U.P.)

Baltej Inder Singh (J-0156) '94 Batch is doing M.B.A. at Punjabi University Patiala.

Shiveta Garg (S-894) 94 Batch doing MBBS at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, Karnataka.

Rajiv Kashyap (B-318) '76 Batch is currently Manager Marketing at Punjab Scooters Ltd. Nabha.

Rajesh Paul (J. 189) '74 Batch is running the prestigious Deekshi Departmental Store, Subhash Bazaar, Khanna.

Shifting Places

Sunil Gupta (S-175) has changed his residence to K-4/19, Model Town, Delhi-9. (Tel 7214942)

Selected

Gurdeep Singh (R-870) '93 Batch and **Deepak Kumar** (S-809) '93 Batch, have secured Second & Sixth positions respectively, in the entrance test for MCA in TIET Patiala.

Olive Greens

The Eastern sector has an ONA group headed by **Lt. Col PPS (Mann)** (J-18) and includes **Major Manjit Sahota** (Ex-Sutlej), **Lt. Col. Tejinder Singh** (B-167), 73 Batch, **Dr. Mrs. Gurpreet** (nee Kalayan Ex-Beas) and **Col RC Patial**. Contact address is of **Col. T.S. Dhindsa**, 25, Punjab C/o 99 APO.

Col. Surinder Kumar Sood (S-116) posted as C.O. 7 Para C/o. 56 APO (Permanent Address : 10/15-A, Chandigarh.

Lt. Col. Karan Singh (S-86), after premature retirement has settled at Thandi Farm, Village Kundi, Sector-20, Panchkula Te. : 550801.

PREP WORK

Preparations planned for the MEGA ONA meet at Nabha in the year 2000 to usher PPS to the 21st Century. The year coincides with completion of 40 years of PPS. In its subsequent issues, "The Eagle" would be sending you questionnaires to invite your ideas and views to make, this grand ONA meet of the century, a truly gala and memorable event.

GRATITUDE

Vinod Kashyap (J-65) President ONA has kindly offered to sponsor the inaugural issue. The ONA is grateful to Vinod Kashyap

PERSONAL FILE

Lt. Col. M.S. Sandhu (S-54) PPS years 61-66. Married Parminder who is teaching in DAV Public School Amritsar. Has an elder son Harsimran (18) doing B.Com. and daughter Smarina (16) in Plus One. His address in Amritsar : 23, Kashmir Avenue, Amritsar

Brigadier Tej Kumar Sapru (S-43), PPS years 60-64, married to Neena on 11-10-73 (Happy Wedding Anniversary !). Has two daughters Meghna (20 yrs) and Jharna (17 yrs), who is studying Economics in St. Xaviers Bombay. Address, HQ 38, Inf Brigade C/o 56 APO.

Harinder Sraw (nee Nijjar) (B-188) PPS years 1968-74, did M.A.(English) and B.Ed. Presently is Headmistress MGN Public School, Kapurthala. Married Gurdip Sraw (Ex-Sanawar) on 4th Feb She has a daughter Bhavaneet (17 yrs)

doing Plus One and a son Jasmeet in tenth standard. Address Headmistress, MGN Public School, Kapurthala, Punjab.

K.J. Singh (B-125), PPS years 64-66, Joined Training Ship Dufferin, served in Merchant Navy for 18 years. Now running successful tyre retreading business 'Albeto Rubber'. Married to Jasminder. Anniversary date : 19 Dec, has two sons Navtej (19) and Akal (17). Address 92/18A. Chandigarh. Phone 774310

Dr. Kulwinder Singh Sangha (B-371) PPS years 73-76, M.B.B.S from Amritsar and M.S. (Oph.) from DMC, Ludhiana. Married to Dr. Harpreet Kaur on 26.4.88, has two sons Jai Inder (8) and Ranbir (4). Presently practising Eye Specialist at 33, Gujral Nagar Jalandhar (Tel : 254685)



BIO DATA

Name D.O.B.

Years in School (from) to H.No.

Qualifications and achievements

Address (present)

Permanent

Spouse' name D.O.Marriage

	Children (Name)	Age	Sex
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2.
3.

LEST WE FORGET (OBITUARIES)

Sanjeev Singh Sandhu (26.2.59—13.11.96) Ex Beas '74 Batch. After lecturership at Phagwara, he joined PCS and quickly rose to the post of Jt. Registrar Co-op. Societies, Jalandhar. He was a hardworking & upright officer and was extremely popular amongst his staff and public. He is survived by wife, Rupinder and daughters Anmol and

Amreen.

Capt. M.S. Bhinder (R-505) Keen horse rider (3 times National Champion), Capt. Bhinder met a hero's death, valiantly rescuing trapped viewers in the tragic fire at Uphaar Cinema, Delhi on 13.6.97. Tragically, his wife and 4 year old son, also, perished in the inferno.

M.O.D. (Masters ON/OFF DUTY)

Mr. V.N. Bhave (Ex Chemistry), after retiring as Headmaster from Ranchi has settled at Shree Vallabh Ashram, (P.B.-13), Killa, Pardi, (Distt. Valsad) Gujarat-396125.

Mr. K.S. Nijjar (Ex Maths), after heading Guru Harkishan Public School, Delhi, is, now, settled at 182, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar City.

Mr. R.S. Mehta (Ex Physics) is heading MGN Public School, Jalandhar City. His school makes, among all Jalandhar Schools, the maximum contribution to

professional colleges.

Mr. S.C. Sharma (Ex Chemistry) headed Apeejay School, K.V. No. 1, K.V. Suranassi, schools of Jalandhar. He is now Principal of a prestigious Indian school in Bahrain.

Miss Ranjit Walia is settled at Akal Villa, 456, Bindal Rd., Dehradun.

Mr. Bupinder Singh Thind (Ex Maths) is, now, at 364, Rundlee Field, R.D.N.E., Calgary, Alberta T1Y23WA. Canada.

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