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X-Post Homecoming Special Edition

"Come Back to Your Alma Mater" was the theme that dominated our thoughts and minds all throughout the last month, as preparations for Homecoming 2008 kicked into high gear. Plans were laid and executed and then the wait was on for the week of Xpressions and Homecoming. With so many high profile and high energy activities going on in campus, it is evident that there were a lot of happenings to report in this edition.

Come the second week of November, Xpressions 2008 kicked off with great vigour and style. Conclave started things on a high, followed by the launches of the flagship games, Kurukshetra, Skill City, Gladiator and Helios. The new entrant in the block was Spardha from the Rural Management scene. Participants from the top B schools of India were roped in for the first three, lured by the huge cash prizes in store, while Helios managed to attract prospective managerial talent from the creme de la creme of the undergraduate colleges. Celeblitz offered the same great music and enjoyment as everyone has come to expect while the "Hasya Kavi Samelan" was an event with a difference. More on that later on.

Also, carrying the Xpressions theme forward, we have an interview with Prof. S P Das, Xpressions coordinator and long time faculty at XIMB.

Hope everyone enjoys reading these brief snapshots of all the happenings back in XIMB. Happy reading.

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CAMPUS BUZZ

Come November and its all Xpressions in the campus. In order to heighten the enthusiasm of XIMBians many small events were organised under Pre-Xpressions. People took break from their game preparation schedules to participate in these events. On one side was the "josh" of kabbadi, while on the other side there was fun filled musical chair and X-Antakshari. Also the age old X-Cricket preceded the event.



XIMBians enthusiasm was on rise. The eve of Xpressions was marked by the traditional tug-of-war between first and second students followed by the X-Burns. It indeed was a great start to a fabulous event which laid the foundation for a bigger and better Xpressions 2008.

HOMECOMING 2008

November is a time when the campus gets into a tizzy with Xpressions. Adding to the importance of this fest is the fact that the college also plays host to scores of alumni who make it a point to return to their alma mater by attending The Homecoming. This year was no exception, with close to seventy of our alumnus making the journey down to campus, along with their families.



8th November saw all of them walk into the auditorium with the same pride and anticipation as when they walked out of it, all those years ago. But the preparation for Homecoming had started off a long time back and the response that we received was more than worth the effort that had been put in. Of course, this event was not about us, it was about bringing the alumni back on campus and making sure that they have an opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater, while giving them the chance to enjoy themselves in the process.

We considered it only fitting that the events of Homecoming 2008 should be presented from the point of view of one of the alumni who attended the event. So here goes the account of Mr. Axim, an alumnus of the XIMB family, in his very own words.

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9/10/2008 (Three Weeks Earlier)

It had been a very bad day till that phone call. My boss had screamed at me, I had missed at least a dozen deadlines, my wife was unhappy with me (for something I don't quite remember) and in general I was having a very bad day. Till the phone rang and a pleasant voice on the other end identified herself as from the XIMB Alumni Committee. "Sir," she said, "this is regarding an invitation I had emailed you for Homecoming 2008." My work was immediately forgotten, as I set about finding the mentioned email. She promised to call me back once I had read the attached pdf detailing the activities lined up for the two day event.

It was then that I managed to connect the background of the invitation, with its beautiful green banyan tree and roots extending from the XIMB with the teaser that had run in the previous X Post edition. I realised that it was a subtle yet brilliantly executed call to all of us alumni back to our roots. Nostalgia overtook me as I thought back to my last days on campus, and I felt at all the times I had backed out of returning to campus. This time would be different, I vowed. So, when the sweet lady from the committee called, I answered a definitive Yes.

10/10/2008

Registered in the Alumni website. Hmm, why haven't I visited here before? Let me try to find out if contact details of my batch mates are present.

12/10/2008

Make arrangements to be out of the country from next week. Expected duration of deputation abroad: three weeks Boss. Groan!! There goes Homecoming!!

15/10/2008

Visa and tickets received.

17/10/2008

Client has called and asked for postponement of my travel plans. Seems that I will be going only sometime in mid November. Homecoming is back on the agenda!! Yipeee!!!

04/11/2008

It was the lady from the Alumni Committee again, asking to confirm. Boy, was she ecstatic when she heard that I was confirming my travel plans and would be flying in to Bhubaneswar on 8th morning. She confirmed that my rooms had been booked in the plush MDC (free of cost!!) and that there was scheduled to be a JLT (oh yes!!!) on 8th night. Time to introduce my wife to XIMB party culture!!

08/11/2008

Here I am, at long last, in front of the gate which proclaims "Xavier Institute of Management" alongside a huge board which shouts Xpressions 08. Inside the campus is for a moment by how similar the X Walk looks, slightly fluttering in the wind. I am struck wide roads, X Cafe still visible in a straight line from the gate, and the Men's Hostel, not too far off in the distance. The guards at the gate greet me and surprisingly they still remember me, telling me that they still remember the cigarettes I used to share with them. Immediately, I regret quitting the habit.

The auditorium looks as impressive as ever and the academic block as forbidding as usual. I walk up the stairs, towards the throng of people gathered at the entrance, near a registration table manned by a couple of students in suits. I patiently wait my turn, scanning the lobby for any recognisable faces. I spot a couple and plan to approach them once registration is done. The students are efficient; quickly ticking names off the list in front of them and handing everyone an XIMB goodie bag each. I open mine and am delighted to find an XIMB Homecoming T Shirt in my size, XL. It has been a long time since I had worn an XIMB T-shirt and I immediately find a rest room to change. As I touch the embroidered letters on the T shirt, I realise that yes, I am back on campus.

Rejuvenated, I walk in to the auditorium and am delighted to see a couple of my batch mates and also a few seniors of mine, including a block mate. I can barely recognise my batch mate since he has gained quite a lot of weight. We join together to kid him about it and he jokes about my receding hairline. Half an hour quickly passes as we try to catch up with three years' worth of gossip and information in such a short time.

And then the compere stepped up to the podium to commence the proceedings. We had speeches by Fr. P T Joseph, Latha Maam and Prof. Peppin.

The morning session came to an end with a brilliant and, as usual, funny speech by Fr. McGrath, who seems to have lost none of his vigorous spirit. In the end, Fr. Joseph felicitated Fr. McGrath, with a citation to honour his dedicated service to the cause of management education in India and particularly, his work for XIMB. One interesting moment came when Latha Maam unveiled the new and improved logo for the XIMB Alumni Committee, a square badge with the insignia of XIMB prominently emblazoned across it. It was meant to signify the growing importance and the prominence of the XIMB alumni in the corporate world and also the rising prominence of XIMB among all Indian B schools.



We had a ten minute tea break where we ran into yet another batch mate, who had just come in. Once again, the name calling and teasing started as everyone compared his recent pot belly with his fitness conscious behaviour of old. The afternoon session was just as fun as the earlier one, with Preeti from the Alumni Committee reciting a wonderful poem to commemorate the occasion of Homecoming and Thendral, a first year student, performing a Bharatnatyam recital set to a modern beat.



Then, it was onto lunch in the new Gents Residence 2, the brand new hostel block that had come up next to the Cenderet. On the way we passed the old Gents Residence 1, bedecked with posters and flexes proudly displaying the insignia of all the major games, Skill City, Kurukshetra, Gladiator, Helios and Spardha. Memories came rushing back about the memorable times spent within the hostel, lounging around the mess, chatting on the steps and dancing during the JLTs at the entrance. I planned to make a quick stop to check out my old room in A block but lunch came first. Of course, I don't remember what all we had for lunch, or even if we had any, since most of the time was spent catching up with my friends.



It was then time for an informal session with almost all of us returning to the academic block and taking our place on the benches where we had learned many a lesson over our two years here. After a short video, which detailed the recent history and achievements of XIMB, the floor was thrown open for us to share our experiences and memories from our time here. I must say, there was hardly a dry eye or sober face left in the auditorium by the time that session was over. We talked about professors, as a lot of seniors, juniors and peers poured out their souls. I understood then that these experiences are the common ties that bind all XIMBians together.

The AGM came next, followed by another walk down to the tennis court, where snacks were served. The tennis court sparked images of the good old times when we used to come down late at night for a game of tennis or more often a raucous game of X-Cricket. How long it had been since those days when all we needed to entertain ourselves was a plastic chair and a bat and tennis ball. What fierce competition we had, with vast egos and great talents at constant loggerheads with each other. How I wished we had time for another game of X-Cricket.

After a spot of snacks and a few ice breaking games played with the involvement of all our families, it was time for the corporate dinner at MDC. I had never been inside the MDC before this visit and I must say, it certainly raises XIMB's hospitality to an entirely new level. Here too, I had very little to eat concentrating instead on talking to friends, seniors and of course professors, almost all of whom seemed to remember me, even after all these years.

Following dinner, there was an exodus to the exit as everyone tried to rush to catch the music at the Celeblitz event. After a few hours of listening to some foot tapping music, it was time for the famed JLT in front of the Gents Residence. Time seemed to stand still as I lost myself in the legendary celebratory environment that is a JLT. The music rocked, the booze flowed and the participants swayed trancelike to the rhythm set by the DJ. It was late, late in the night (or rather, early in the morning) when I found the strength to drag myself away from the dance floor and into my room.

09/ 11/2008

It was time to bid adieu to XIMB once more. But this time, still basking in the warm afterglow of a very fulfilling visit, I promise to myself that I will visit again, come Homecoming2009.



MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF THE XIMB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY, 8TH
NOVEMBER, 2008 AT 5.00 P.M IN THE MDC.

Members Present:

Fr. PT Joseph, SJ, Director
Dr. Latha Ravindran
Fr. George Joseph, SJ, Dean (Finance)
Alumni

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

Matters discussed:

1. Welcome:

Fr. PT Joseph, SJ, Chairman of the XIMB Alumni Association (AA) welcomed and addressed all the members.

2. XIMB Alumni Association:

Secretary of the Alumni Association, Dr. Latha Ravindran informed the members that the process of registering the XIMB Alumni Association was started in 2005 and finally the same got registered on 22nd July 2008.

She highlighted some of the achievements and activities:

1. Setting up of a full-fledged alumni Office.
2. On-going process of updating the data base.
3. Organizing the Alumni Meets in different regions.
4. 7 Regional Chapters can now start working independently.
5. New alumni website, with additional user-friendly features

3. Presentation of Accounts:

Fr. George Joseph, Treasurer of the AA presented the accounts. He highlighted the income and expenditure. The investments of Alumni fund were also projected. The Board expressed its satisfaction on the management of finances. The members approved the accounts and passed the following resolution.

It was also shared with the members that since the regional chapters will be working independently, separate bank accounts at regional level may be opened and operated by the Regional Coordinators. The members approved the same and passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2008:

"Resolved that the accounts for FY 2007-2008 as presented in the Annual General Body meeting is approved."

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2008:

"It is resolved that opening of separate bank accounts in the regional chapters is hereby approved"

4. Alumni Award:

The members were informed by Dr. Latha Ravindran about introducing Alumni Award under two categories: (1) Distinguished Alumni Award and (2) Best Entrepreneur Award highlighting the suggested process of selection for such awards.

The members discussed the matter at length and came up with the following suggestions with regard to the selection process:

1. Develop a format
2. Pinpoint criteria
3. Invite nomination
4. Short listed nomination can be put on web
5. Polling

6. Invite first hand report from Alumni
7. At least 5 years after passing out from XIM
8. Select more than one recipient of the Awards

It was decided that the matter will also be taken up for inviting more suggestions from faculty, before arriving at a final decision.

5. Alumni Website:

Dr. Latha Ravindran requested all the alumni to register in the Alumni website.

Some members pointed out that our XIMB website is not up to the mark. Fr. PT Joseph requested the Alumni to give in their suggestion and to help in the branding of XIMB.

6. Any other matter:

Fr. PT Joseph mentioned that XIMB will be celebrating 25 years next year and any suggestions from Alumni with regard to ideas etc. will be appreciated.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Xpressions 2008

With a history of more than 11 years, Xpressions is a brand name to be reckoned with among all B school fests. Having enjoyed stupendous success in Xpressions 2008, the challenge that faced XIMBians was how to make Xpressions bigger and better than ever before. We considered ourselves up for the challenge and no effort was spared to ensure that Xpressions 2008 was the biggest and best ever. Midnight oil was burnt and sleep sacrificed, all in the pursuit of perfection and to ensure that competing participants have the most demanding and exerting couple of days of competition.

The four flagship games of old were still there, competing like veterans amongst a slew of wannabes from other B schools. Joining Kurukshetra, Skill City, Gladiator and Helios was the new kid in the block, Spardha, a brainchild of the RM department. Participation for all events came from the top B schools and undergraduate colleges of India, including the IIMs, XLRI, MDI, FMS, IITs, NITs etc.



Conclave

As has become the norm, Xpressions kicked off with Conclave 2008, a panel discussion which takes a critical management issue of contemporary significance and invites some of the brightest and most distinguished minds from across the realms of the Indian business community. This year, the topic was "Social Entrepreneurship and Venture Capitalism- Independent or Inter-dependent". And the dais was graced by such eminent speakers as S. Ramesh, India Head (Grameen Foundation), P. Vasudevan, Founder (EquitaS), and Sudeep Mahapatra, Founder-

Secretary (Bakul Foundation), while Rajiv Roy, faculty member (XIMB), moderated the discussion. The discussion centred around how venture capitalists could contribute to the development of the social sector in particular to the advancement of Micro Finance Institutions. It was largely accepted that venture capitalists with the proper orientation could make a difference in the social sector. It was as expected, a stimulating start to what was a glorious Xpressions festival, a start that emphasised the social bend of mind characterising XIMB's growth through the years.



Kurukshetra

"If business is war, come battle it out in Kurukshetra". With this idea in mind Kurukshetra, the real time business simulation strategy game, was launched in Xpressions'08. Grandiose as it could be, Kurukites made sure that they justified aggression. This time around 60 teams from top-notch B-schools of India applied for the game which was taken to the next level with three corporate teams also participating in the event.



Finally 6 teams made it through Gurukul, the paper presentation elimination round of the game. They fought their way out along with the three corporate teams with finally IIM-C and XIMB emerging out as winners and runners-up respectively.



Skill City

Skill City has always envisioned itself as a B school game with a difference. With its focus on soft skills and core belief that technical or domain knowledge alone is not sufficient to triumph in today's corporate world, Skill City prides itself on being "the toughest test for your softest skills".



And this year, we made sure that participants from across the best B schools of India understood just what that stood for, with games testing strategy, team work, communication, negotiation and lateral thinking. To top it all, we had the famed Skill City outdoor module, where we put teams through the grind, literally. In the end, XLRI and IIM-C walked away with the honours and prize money of Rs. 75,000.

Gladiator

GLADIATOR, the newest addition to Xpressions had its second edition this year. It has been conceived as "an idea, a concept, a game which agglomerates the sharpest minds across the country into one arena. The endurance abilities, stress management and mental acumen of the participants is tested which exposes them to the diverse areas of management in the real world situation."



The game has been conceptualized and implemented so as to simulate real life situations. The various modules are designed so as to evaluate a contender's potential to be a cross-functional manager in an objective manner. The game had 10 participants from the top b-schools going through two days of rigor and toil with one player in the end emerging victorious. This year the honours went to Rahul Aggarwal from XLRI.

HELIOS

Xpressions is probably the only management fest in India having a management game exclusively dedicated for undergraduate student Helios. Helios tests undergraduate students on a variety of parameters like general knowledge, mental aptitude, soft skills and in different spheres of management. Apart from that it also gives them a peek into the B-School life, inclusive of the rigor and vitality with a strong dose of fun.



The final was a two day affair, conducted on campus, for sixteen teams who were selected via an online quiz. The first day consisted of the Finance, Operations, HR and Marketing Module. All the teams and organisers gathered in the field for the ceremonial bonfire late in the evening. The bonfire was a celebration of the spirit of Helios i.e. hard work and unlimited fun. The participants joined the team Helios members in enjoying the fireworks and dancing to the tunes of the latest hits being belted out by the house DJ. This was followed by a soft skills module and finally a quiz, which was particularly enjoyed by all the participants. NIT Rourkela edged out the teams from KIIT and IIT Madras to triumph in this year's edition.

Spardha

Spardha, the brainchild of the Rural Management department, was a competition that presented participants with an opportunity to experience life in the hinterlands of Orissa and to compete and collaborate with some of the best minds of the student community in creating business plans for villages. In short, Spardha aimed to test the social entrepreneurship quotient of participants.



Spardha does not stop at just being a competition, it propagates the fire which was kindled and aims at generating ideas and concept by participants which can be put to use in real-time by practitioners. Teams from the top B schools, including a couple of teams from XIMB, made it through to the second stage, where they were taken to a particular village And had to come out with a comprehensive business plan for the development of the village. In the end, Team Parikalp and Srishti from XIMB emerged the winners, closely followed by teams from IMI, Delhi and IMT, Ghaziabad.

Cultural Events

Xpressions would not be complete without its patented dose of culture, thumping rock music, innovative and off beat entertainment events and of course, XIMB's very own JLT. This year saw Xpressions continue with its patronage of wonderfully talented rock bands from across the country, with bands like Evergreen from Kerala and Krosswindz from Kolkata, making the trip down to entertain the audience, who consisted of not only XIMBians but also participants from various B schools and



Undergraduate colleges, not to mention interested localites, eager to attend what is considered the social event of Bhubaneswar. Both bands thrilled audiences with their engaging performances, belting out hit after hit, both in English and Hindi. Fans were driven to a frenzy by their energetic performances.

The second day saw a performance with a difference, when four poets came together to entertain the assembled audience with a "Hasya Kavi Samelan". The jokes came flying thick and fast, leaving the audience in splits and on some occasions, even gasping for air.

Subjects for jokes ranged from wives and their predilections to India's tiffs with its neighboring countries. With such a broad variety of topics covered, the audience was left clutching their bellies. Overall, many considered it a refreshing change from the usual dose of rock music and an excellent way to unwind after the rigors of a painstakingly conducted Xpressions.



The final day of Xpressions saw K J Suz come down on campus with his hi tech Karaoke gadgetry, calling out all the bathroom singers of XIMB to come into the open and show a glimpse of their talents. XIMBians, not being shy in any way, took up the gauntlet and proceeded to entertain the audience with great gusto, running through Hindi hits old and new with élan. The cherry on the cake was the JLT, which continued on till the wee hours of the night, bringing Xpressions to its official conclusion.

Faculty Speak

Sureswari Prasad Das, Associate Professor, MA, LLB
(Sambalpur); DSW(Bangalore)

Being the coordinator for "Xpressions", how have you seen it changed over the last few years?

Ans: I really like the preparatory phase this year. There was good planning and various groups took utmost care to meet and sort out differences way before. Students played a crucial role in conducting and implementing the entire event. It was also supported by the fact that we did not have to face any extreme weather situation this time. Over the last few years the commitment and involvement showed by students has been increasing which is reflected in the way the entire event turns out to be.

Sir, As it is known to you that here in XIMB, Student body plays a very vital role in organising the Xpressions and this makes the entire mass of students work day in and day out for the Xpressions. Besides this they also have to take care of the academics and appear for various quizzes, tests etc. Don't you think their should be a couple of days off before the "Xpressions"?

Ans: I am of the opinion that there should be both a pre and post "Xpressions" off for a couple of days. This can be worked out with the Academic Dean who can permit adequate time for preparation. I would suggest students to place a request in an organised manner to make this happen.



Both IIMI and XIMB had their annual fest around the same time this year which made less participants turnout for the event. What do you think could have been done to increase participation under such a scenario?

Ans: The success of any event depends upon the brand name and feedback of previous year. Moreover November is the only suitable time to hold the event and the notice was sent much in advance. Probably what can be done is that we increase the cultural events within the entire function which will serve as a crowd puller. Furthermore the objective should focus on "celebrating" which would lead to brand building as well.

Do you think it is a good idea to have "Homecoming" during "Xpression"s Also what is your take on the decreasing turnout of PGDM alumni over the years?

Ans: I do not agree that "Homecoming" should take place during "Xpressions" as taking into account the packed schedule of all the students for various activities in "Xpressions", it does not provide an adequate interaction between students and Alumni. The event should be planned in such a manner that the alumni gets to spend around two-third of their time with students and one-third time with the faculty. Secondly to improve participation of alumni you should involve them in preparing and finally organising the entire function rather than jus calling them to attend it. This will make them feel more attached to their alma mater.

Sir, Any other suggesstions which you would like to give to make the Xpressions better and bigger?

Ans: First of all try and involve more external agents which will increase its visibility. Secondly try to build a corpus fund which would be managed entirely by the students. Have an approx. sum of money dedicated to the function and save the remaining which can be used during crunch situations. Further more it would be really of great help if all the RM and BM student driven bodies integrate their efforts to a larger extent.

Alumni on Campus

Nikunj Tyagi (PGDM, 2008)

Known for his friendly disposition, the exciting French experience as an exchange student and the best international offer that came his way, the 2008 batch alumnus's visit stirred a lot many memories for the current batch.

The discussion with Nikunj began with his experience with Olam International in Tanzania. He described in depth the organizational structure and the career path in the company. Looking at the enthusiasm of the students, he

Also described the life style in Tanzania - cautioned us about the pros and cons of living in a foreign country- especially- an African country. Students asked about the qualifications, experience and soft skills required to be a part of Olam and live in a foreign country. We also discussed about the quality of life and what it meant to have a work life balance in such a high pressure job. The discussion then turned fun when we discovered that it was courtesy Mr Nikunj Tyagi that the foreign exchange program at this institute became a great hit in the next batch with over a dozen students going to Europe for this year's program! He also emphasised on the great cultural ambience and infrastructural facilities that XIMB has managed to create a mark in. Finally, the session came to an end but the evening had definitely turned into a very interesting and informative one for us.



Amit Singh (PGDM, 1998 batch)

Presently, Executive Director of Avendus Capital Pvt. Ltd, Amit heads its IT Services Practice in Bangalore. He has a strong domain understanding of this sector, which comes from his association with IT Services companies, both as part of internal corporate development teams as well as an external consultant.



We the current students of XIMB are really grateful to him for making a vent in his busy schedule and taking the opportunity of coming down to the campus and help the budding managers to shape their Career dreams. He also mentioned the importance of Alumni network in building the brand of the institution and gave us a lot of information which helped us building this network stronger. Furthermore he also had an interactive session with students wherein he listened to the students and also gave lot of information pertaining to the current market scenario. Thus his presence on the campus was indeed a great help for all the students out here. And we hope to see him again on Campus.

Blast From the Past

Aastha Duggal from the PGP 2004 batch, wrote in to tell us about some of her memories from her time at XIMB, where she was part of a couple of initiatives whose impact is still being felt. Over to her:

"I was a part of the PGP 2004 batch and had the privilege of being a part of two new beginnings:

1) X-STAGE — This theatrical society was dreamed up by one Abhishek Majumdar (PGPRM) and co founded by some five of us. The specific being - Nidhi Arora, Vikash Khandelwal, myself (PGP) and Anirban and Abhishek (PGPRM). We founded the society in our very first week at XIMB, and presented our first play two weeks later at the "Sambandh".

While at our first meeting we generated the interest of only some 10 students, just the next year, the junior batch swelled our numbers by 70 members. Over the two years we staged 9 productions, our grandest being the Production plays during Xpressions.

1) Skill City — This game was invented primarily by 3 people--- Siddharth Poduval (PGP 2004) , Anirban (PGPRM 2004) and myself, Aastha Duggal (PGP 2004) in our second year at XIMB. We formed a team from the PGP-Is, some 20 member strong. Constantly brainstorming together, the team created Skill City. Skill City was held during Xpressions 2003 to great success."



Skill city then



And now

Aastha was kind enough to attach the writeup from the very first Skill City of 2003 , where teams from IIFT, NITIE and XLRI took part, with XIMB emerging as the winners. She must be very pleased to know that both Skill City and X Stage are proceeding brilliantly, going from strength to strength and gaining in popularity as the years go by.

X-DAYS

Memories Revisited

As the Wind blew over the dew covered morning blades of grass,
All of a sudden a thought flashed into my mind....
With the blink of eyelids, I felt as,
There is some message sent to me by the passing wind.....



The feeling was soothing, the feeling was nostalgic...
I felt like being at the door step of something which is my own....
"My college"
It took me to my olden days rather - "The Golden Day"s...
Which taught us ruling the life and living it our way....

Today remembering my class mates, after so many years.
My eyes are filled with tears,
Everyone now is busy a lot,
No one escaped destiny's plot

But indeed those were the days of fun and frolic,
spiced up with gifts and gossip,
Those were the days of sleeping through the classes,
and spending hours at X- Café with tea glasses.



Quizzes, assignments to campus interviews,
Nicknames to funny games,
Cultural rehearsals to love proposals,
excuses we fibbed to papers we cribbed....

Friends, girlfriends and all those punks
flirting, smoking and sometimes drunk
acting strange and driving crazy
living life was really so damn easy

living on the edge, challenges and dares
consequences, who the hell cares
feeling proud for all those stupidity
out of the world imagination and creativity...

The X-walk, the X-Cricket.
Sleepless nights for Xpressions...
Doing every thing the unique X-way...
Wish I could ever get another "Parichay".

It taught us to live, to laugh and to enjoy...
Gave us wings to soar high on the sky...
Today let us all stop by and turn around,
To see our own place, our own ground.



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