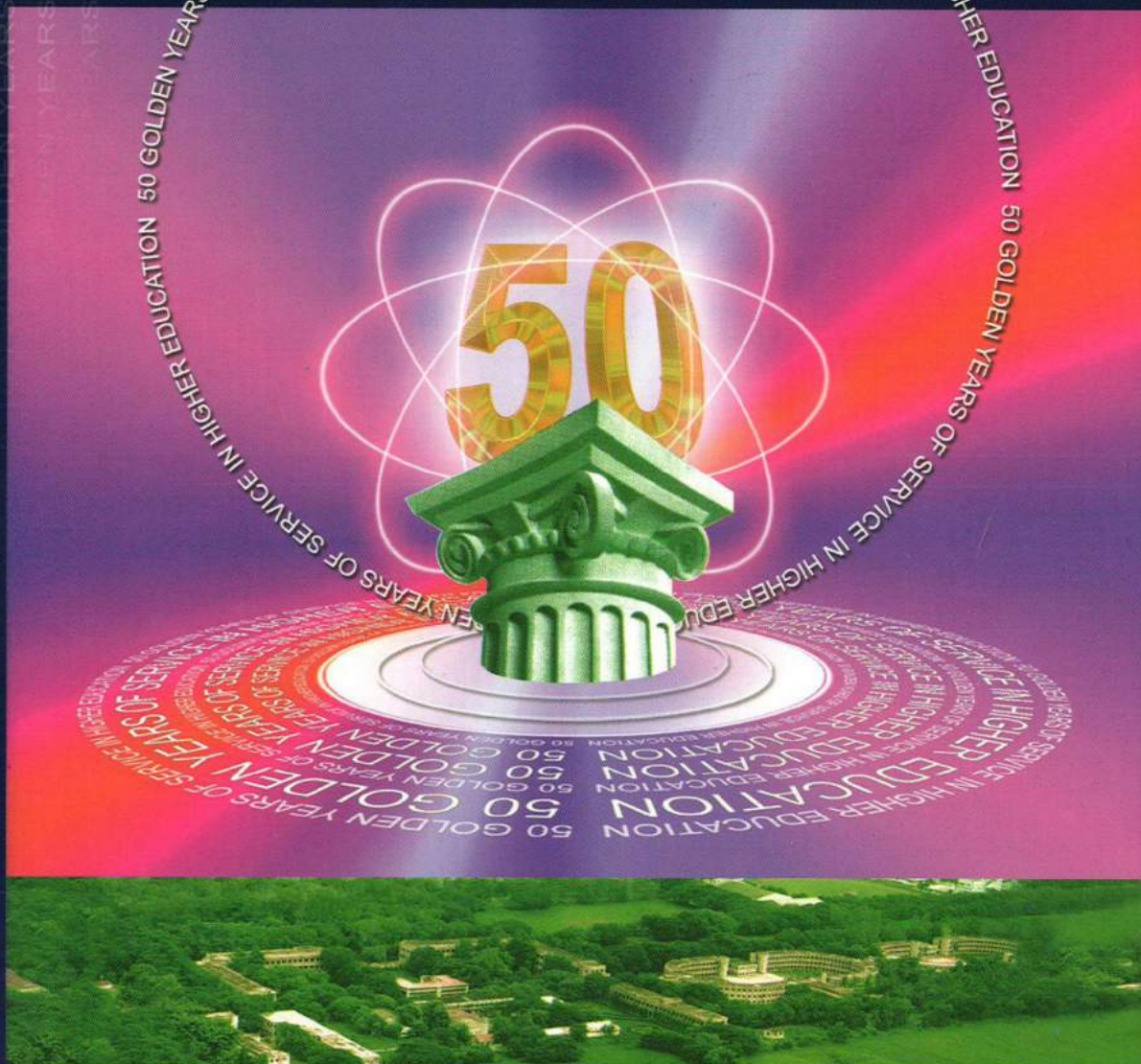


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GOLDEN JUBILEE
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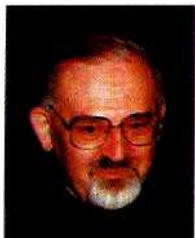
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GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR

1953 - 2003


Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.

29th Superior-General of the Society of Jesus

Born	: November 30, 1928 at Druten, (Netherlands).
Entered SJ	: September 7, 1948 - Mariendaal (Netherlands)
Ordained priest	: June 29, 1961 - Beirut (Lebanon)
Positions held	:
1954-'57	: Assistant Prefect of Discipline and Teacher of German - the Hague - for 2 years
1968-'81	: Professor of General Linguistics, University of St. Joseph, Beirut
1974-'81	: Provincial of the Vice-Province of Near East, Beirut (Lebanon)
1981-'83	: Rector, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome: Professor of General Linguistics and American Languages
1983	: Superior-General of the Society of Jesus (September 13, 1983)
Speaks	: Dutch, English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish

Rev. Fr. Kolvenbach has specialised in General Linguistics and the American Language. After his doctoral thesis, he was offered the Chair of Linguistics at Sorbonne University, Paris. But he declined the offer and became a Professor of Linguistics and Hermeneutics in Theology at St. Joseph's University, Beirut.

Fr General visited Andhra Loyola College for the first time on the 11th December 1987. His visit, though of less than 10 hours' duration, made the day memorable. Everyone was tremendously impressed by the gracious charm he exuded, the keen brilliance of his mind, the depth of his scholarship, his amazing range of linguistic skills, his unfailing humour, as evidenced by many of his spontaneous and off-the-cuff-remarks, his unaffected simplicity and unruffled serenity. He left on our memory an indelible mark as a leader of unbounded energy, charm and dynamism.

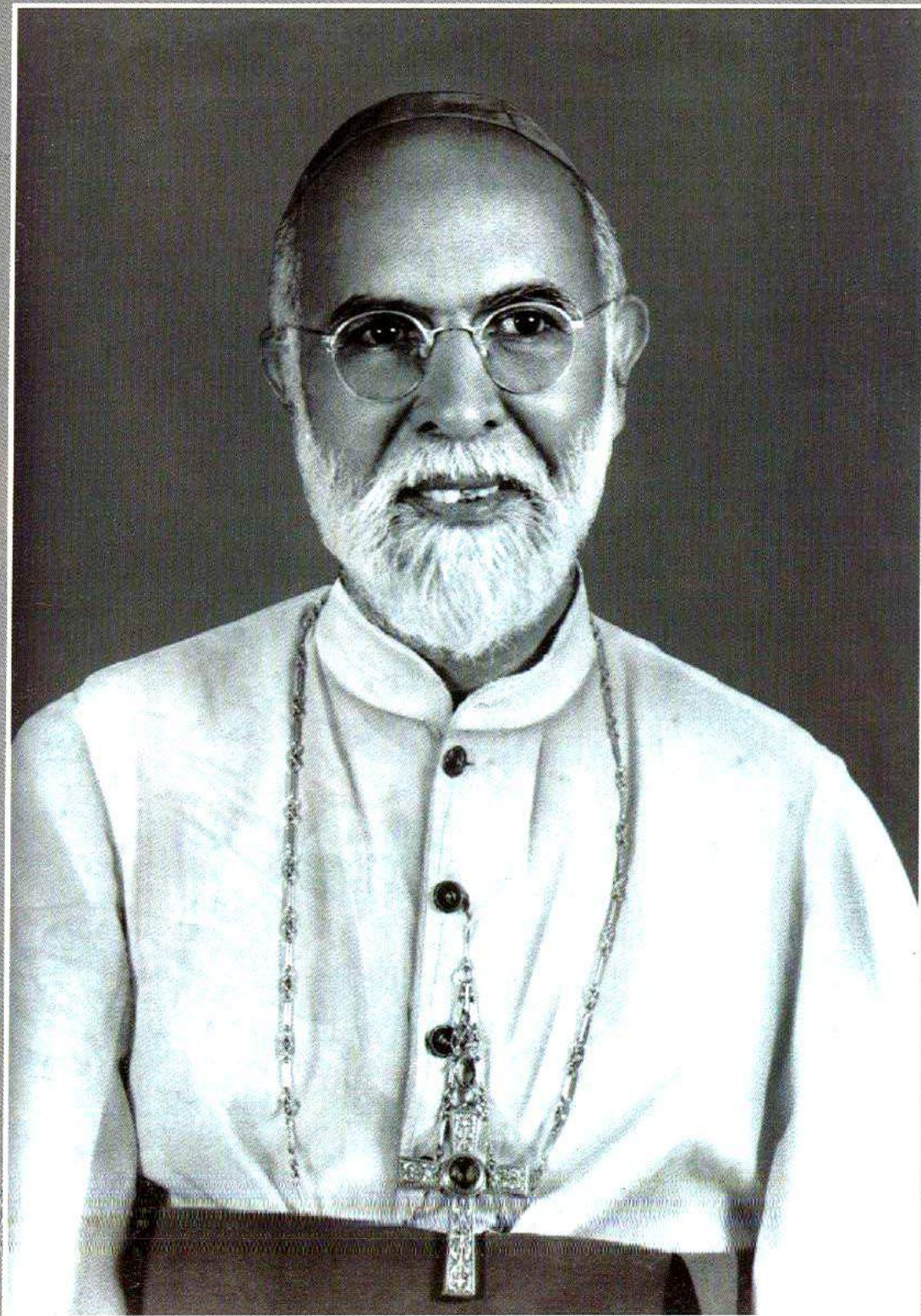
Again, on March 9, 2004, Fr. General visited our college to take part in our Golden Jubilee celebrations and the Tricentenary celebrations of the Andhra Jesuit Province. The text of the speech given by Fr. General at the celebrations is given elsewhere in the Souvenir.



Rev. Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach

SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE



Bishop Ignatius Mummadi
1899-1983



ALC

50 GOLDEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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50 GOLDEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

EDITORIAL

Andhra Loyola College (ALC) completes fifty years of its existence. During these epoch-making years, ALC has not only consolidated itself but also made a rapid progress and turned out to be a temple of learning with human values. Besides excellent infrastructure, illustrious staff, meritorious co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, ALC can boast of imparting quality education to thousands of students from its very inception. Moreover, if the strength of an institution can be ascertained by the achievements of its alumni, ALC has every right to be proud of the outstanding alumni/alumnae from all walks of life. The worth of a college lies not in its sprawling grounds, buildings, equipments, etc., but in the quality of its staff and students, well-wishers and benefactors.



All of us dream dreams. And great personalities have great dreams. Martin Luther King Jr once said, "I have a dream that my four little children one day will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by their character." Mahatma Gandhi too had a dream for this great Nation. He called it "India of my dream". That is:

- a nation where the poorest shall feel that it is their country and that they have an effective voice in its government;
- a nation in which all are equal before the Law of the Land;
- a nation in which all communities live in perfect harmony; and
- a nation where women are treated at par with men.

The dreams of these people have not yet been translated into reality, even though both these Nations have celebrated their Golden Jubilees of their freedom! In realising the dream of the Father of the Nation, Colleges like ALC have a great role to play. Fortunately, the Vision of ALC is a re-statement of Mahatma's own dream, namely, **Forming men and women for others - Desa seva, Deva seva**. Therefore in future, the strength of ALC will have to be assessed not just in terms of the excellence it has achieved during these five decades but in terms of the extent to which it will have realised its own vision.

In the coming years, will ALC be able to mould men and women who can make this Nation and abode of peace and prosperity? Can ALC take the road less travelled and thus make a difference in the arena of education and culture? Will it be able to produce a Zabeera Sheikh, the Gujarati girl, who had the courage to expose the gruesome activities of the communal goons? Will it be able to produce a Satyendra Dubey who came out with some vital facts about corruption in high places and paid with his life? Will it be able to

produce a Nisha Sharma who had the guts to say 'no' at the altar of marriage and became a poster girl in her fight against dowry?

To put it in other words, will ALC be able to form leaders - men and women of competence, conscience, and compassionate commitment - men and women who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious-minded, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to others without any prejudice based on caste, colour and creed? Will it be able to form people to realize the Vision of India 2020? Can ALC inject the spirit of adventure into the minds of our young pupils who will pass through the portals of this institution so that poverty, illiteracy, and unemployment can be totally eradicated from the masses? Can we usher in an egalitarian society and thus transform India into an oasis of communal harmony? Will we triumph in our endeavours? **WE MUST.** For, that alone can truly determine the strength of ALC in the Post-Jubilee Era.

Editing this Jubilee Issue has been a labour of love of all the members of the Editorial Board. Nevertheless, it is my sacred duty to thank all for the rare and wonderful spirit with which they have worked together on this Souvenir. I must also express my indebtedness to all the leaders and officials for their valuable greetings and messages. My sincere gratitude to all contributors and the College Management for their wonderful support. I hope that you enjoy the souvenir as much as we have revelled in putting it together.

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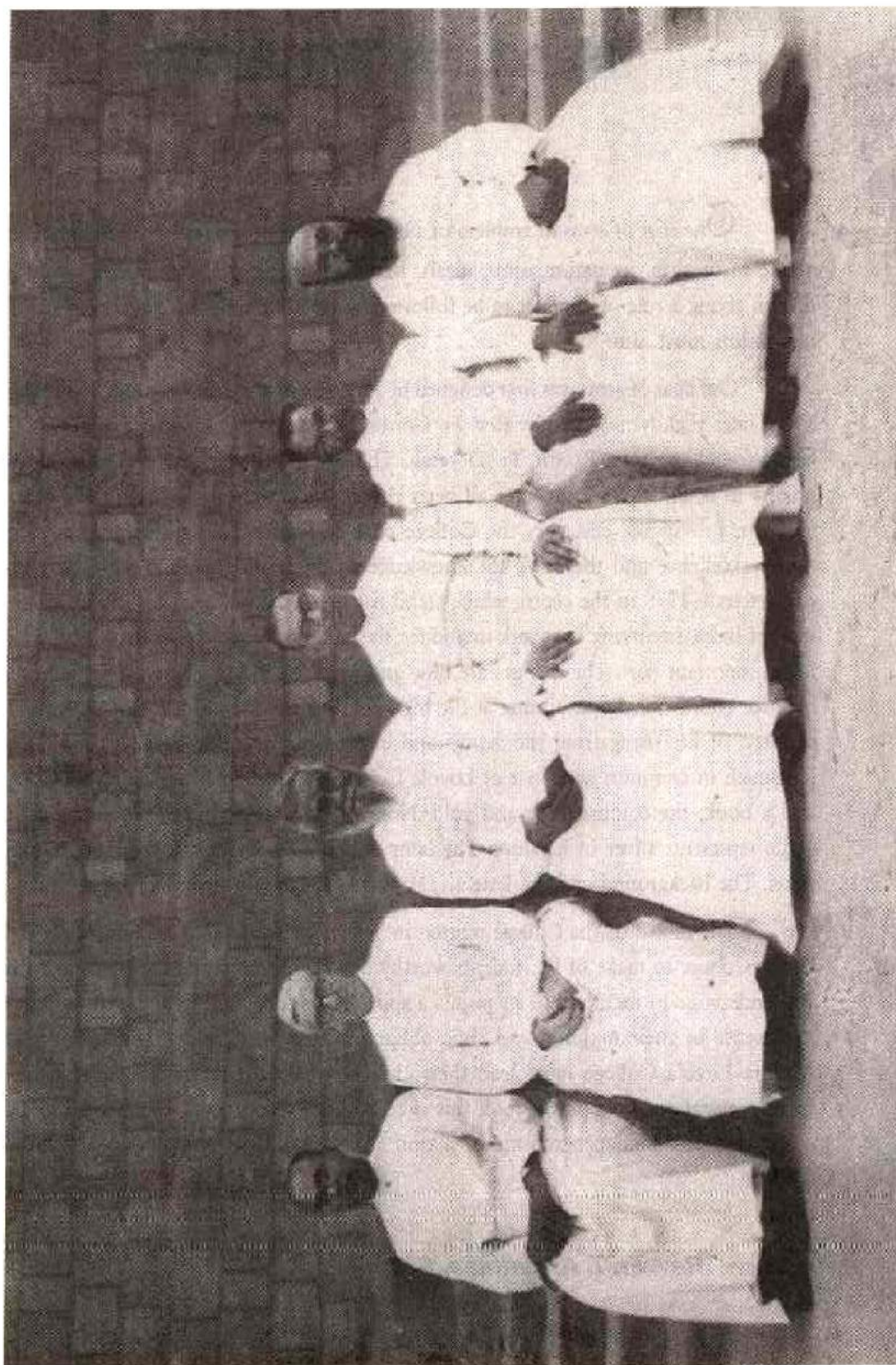
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ALC

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The Founding Fathers of ALC



(L-R) Fr. G. Stanislaus Subbaiah, Fr. B. J. Coyle, Fr. Kamam F. Deviah, Fr. T. A. Mathias, Fr. T. Baliah, and Br. I. Joseph



THE COLLEGE COAT OF ARMS

The coat of arms or emblem of a college is intended to be a symbolic representation of the institution, its nature, aims, ideals, location, and so on. It embodies a motto, i.e. a maxim giving a rule of conduct to be followed by the staff and students, a goal at which the institution must aim.

Our coat of arms was first designed by Fr. V. T. George – then a young Jesuit Scholastic. It was later slightly modified by Rev. Fr. Gordon, Provincial, Fr. Amescua of Loyola College, Madras, and our own Rector, Fr. Devaiah. The colours of the coat of arms, the different objects in it, and the motto have all been chosen with a purpose. This is how Rev. Fr. D. Gordon, Provincial, describes the College coat of arms. “The lamp stands for virtue or moral excellence and the book for knowledge or intellectual good. The Jesuit monogram (the letters I. H. S in the centre which stand for the name of Jesus) is superimposed on the map of India, signifying our work in and for the country, of which the college in Andhradesa is an important part. The colours are blue and gold – gold for value, worth and excellence; blue for endeavour, hope, aiming at the highest. The “crest” is a lotus flower, symbol of the country, of life rising from the depths and blossoming into good deeds. The coat of arms has much in common with that of Loyola College, Madras, viz. the two symbols of a lamp and a book, the colours, blue and gold. Note that a dotted surface represents gold, while white represents silver in heraldry. The lamp and book are of gold, the map of India is in silver. The background and the letters I. H. S. are in blue (azure in heraldry).”

The motto of the College written in Telugu is “for God and Country” It is the aim of the College to make of its students worthy children of God and true citizens of India. It will endeavour to inculcate in its pupils a spiritual outlook on life and, at the same time, a high sense of their national and civic obligations. By word and example the teachers of Andhra Loyola College must lead their charges to the appreciation and practice of the highest moral and civic virtues. All this is contained in the motto “For God and Country” – a splendid, a high programme of action for the students and staff of Andhra Loyola College.

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President's Secretariat
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17th February, 2004



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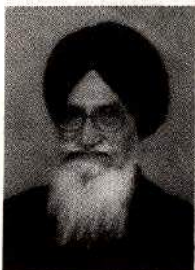
The President of India, Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, is happy to know that the Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee and bringing out a Souvenir on the occasion.

The President extends his warm greetings and felicitations to the teachers, students and staff and hopes that the College will provide a congenial and conducive atmosphere for fostering intellectual pursuits coupled with the spirit of communal harmony and national integration.

The President also sends his best wishes for the success of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations and the Souvenir.

S. Srinivas
17/2/04

PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT



Surjit Singh Barnala
Governor of Andhra Pradesh



Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad
7th February, 2004

MESSAGE

I am extremely happy to learn that Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, is celebrating its GOLDEN JUBILEE on February 12, 2004, at Vijayawada.

The greatest wealth a Nation can possess is its youth, well disciplined and well educated. An important aspect of Human Resource Development is education. Education is a much wider concept than training. Equipping the youth with skills is important. However, the purpose of education goes beyond that. Education must instill in the young the thirst for knowledge and the spirit of inquiry. There should be no unquestioned acceptance of anything. It is this spirit of continuous inquiry that can lead to advancement. The spirit of adventure in ideas has to be an integral part of education.

The progress that we as a country make will depend on the quality of education that is being imparted. We need more and more institutions which place emphasis on EXCELLENCE.

I wish the Golden Jubilee Celebrations all success.

SURJIT SINGH BARNALA



DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY
Chief Minister - Andhra Pradesh



Hyderabad
 10th June, 2004

MESSAGE

I am extremely happy to learn that Andhra Loyola College of Vijayawada has completed fifty fruitful years as one of the premier institutions of higher learning and is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

Ever since Andhra Loyola appeared in the educational firmament, it has been imparting quality education imbued with ethical and moral values, which are so essential in today's complex and turbulent world. In this connection, *I fondly recall my own experiences as a student in Andhra Loyola which left a deep impact on me.*

Countless Alumni of this College have served the Country in prestigious and responsible positions with great distinction. I am sure the present generation of students who are privileged to be at Andhra Loyola will scale even greater heights of excellence and bring credit to their Alma Mater.

I earnestly hope that the College would continue to strive in its noble objectives in the true spirit of its Golden Jubilee and mould thousands of youth as a pride of the Nation.

I wish the Golden Jubilee celebrations a grand success.

Y. S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE IN INDIA

New Delhi

16th January, 2004

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Andhra Loyola College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee during the academic year of 2003-2004, and that a Golden Jubilee Souvenir is being released to mark the occasion.

Close on the heels of the Double Jubilee of Jesuits in Andhra – 300 years of the arrival of the French Jesuits to Andhra and the founding of the Carnatic Mission, and 50 years of the arrival of the Madurai Jesuits to Andhra, the Golden Jubilee of the Andhra Loyola College is an important landmark in the history of the Church in Andhra Pradesh.

Quality education has always been a trademark of Jesuits throughout their history, and Andhra Loyola College is no exception. During these fifty years, the College has strived to achieve the Jesuit educational goal of "forming men and women for others". Rev. Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, Superior General of the Order, has further spelled out this goal as "aiming to form leaders in service, in imitation of Christ Jesus, men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment." Included therein is concern for the poor and marginalized, respect for life, and commitment to help build a more just and humane community.

While I extend my congratulations and warmest best wishes to the Principal, staff and students of Andhra Loyola College, I pray that the Jubilee Celebration be an occasion for pledging a fuller commitment to the ideal of education envisioned by the Church and the Society of Jesus.

With my prayerful wishes and blessings, I remain,

Yours sincerely In Christ,

ARCHBISHOP PEDRO LOPEZ QUINTANA



PETER-HANS KOLVENBACH, S.J.
SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS



Rome

The First Day of January, 2004

MESSAGE

It is with pleasure that I join the Staff and Students, past and present, of Andhra Loyola College as you count the innumerable blessings you have received throughout the past fifty years, and the significant contribution the College has made to enhance the quality of life of the entire subcontinent of India. St Ignatius of Loyola, our Patron, inspired his followers, the Jesuits, to dedicate themselves for the mission of education because he was keenly aware of the liberating and humanizing effects of learning, and the depth and brilliance that life is endowed with, through genuine formation. What the people of Andhra were asking for when they invited the Society to found Andhra Loyola College fifty years ago was excellence, and excellence has indeed been the hall-mark of this premier institution of higher education.

With pride we encounter Loyola's alumni in every part of India, and even beyond, contributing significantly as citizens and professionals to enrich the lives of our brothers and sisters. The spirit that is imparted to Loyola's students incorporates a vision that enables them to discover nobility and significance in every human person, big or small, rich or poor, but with a heart that prompts them to lean more towards uplifting the weak, the marginalized and the poor.

I pray the Lord to continue to bless Andhra Loyola College, all the members of the Staff, and all the students, past and present, and to deepen its spirit of dedication and its pursuit of excellence, so that the College may remain creatively faithful to its original vision and to that of the Society of Jesus.

Peter-Hans Kolvenbach

PETER-HANS KOLVENBACH, S.J.
 Superior General of the Society of Jesus



SOCIETY OF JESUS

Lisbert D'Souza, S.J.
Provincial of India, and President,
Jesuit Conference of South Asia

Jesuit Residence
New Delhi -India

MESSAGE

"One must wait till evening to see how splendid the day has been," wrote the philosopher Schopenhauer. Fifty years is time enough for all to see how splendid the service rendered to education by Andhra Loyola College has been. As one who has recently visited this institution, I carry warm memories of its spacious grounds, well-constructed buildings, excellent infrastructural facilities, and fine programmes.

But it is relationships, more than programmes, facilities and structures that form persons. And it is formation, more than information that Andhra Loyola College ambitions to offer. Such formative relationships between staff and students have been a special contribution of Andhra Loyola College, as several alumni will gratefully testify. It is the personal care and guidance, the example of committed service and personal integrity that most marks students. And it is these formative relationships which "form men and women for others" that we look forward to from Andhra Loyola College in the years ahead, as has been true of it in times past.

Yet formation has a context. As Andhra Loyola College embarks on a fresh fifty years of service, it seeks to emphasize two struts for this context: one academic and the other social. On the Academic level, it is research that will receive special attention in the years ahead. Creative responses to the challenging issues of our time are what the country needs. Fostering such a mentality of research, promoting a culture of excellence is how Andhra Loyola College means to meet this need. On the Social level, ALERT, a programme to involve students in the service of the margined in the neighbourhood and foster social consciousness and responsibility will be launched. Students in Higher Education need to realize that the privilege of such studies carries a responsibility for those unable to afford such studies. May those who have the privilege of studying at Andhra Loyola College also see it a privilege to serve the poor and those least esteemed in society.

Our warm wishes and prayers accompany the efforts of Andhra Loyola College as it strives to produce men and women who will be the leaders of tomorrow, men and women who will make a difference. May the College look back with equal pride and satisfaction on its achievements fifty years hence as it does today.

LISBERT D'SOUZA, S.J.

Provincial Andhra Pradesh
President, Jesuit Conference of South Asia



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ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

Fr. S. Joe Sebastian, S.J.
Andhra Jesuit Province

Provincial's Office
Hyderabad



MESSAGE

On the memorable occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebration of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, I am indeed, delighted to greet and congratulate the entire family of the College, in the name of the Jesuit Province of Andhra Pradesh. I cherish fond memories of my stay and service in the College for 12 long years.

Three hundred years ago, the French Jesuits founded the Carnatic Mission as a Mission for our Telugu people. They toiled in the Telugu country for over hundred years and founded the Christian communities and the Catholic Church in Andhra Pradesh. This year, we recall and celebrate the Tri-centennial Jubilee of their arrival in our sacred soil. For various reasons, their first entry came to a halt till the Jesuits of Madurai Province re-entered our Telugu land in 1953. Hence, the Andhra Jesuit Province itself remembers and celebrates these two events in its Tri-Centennial and Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Jubilee is an occasion to reminisce and re-live the moments of the origin of an institution as well as its successive growth stages, with gratitude for the past and with hope for a still better future. Our founding Fathers – both the Jesuits and the local collaborators – shed their sweat and blood and nurtured the fledgling institution with tender, loving care and hoped that their dream for an institution that fashions men and women for others would one day become a reality. Indeed, that reality it has become, in the last fifty years. Generations of Jesuits, our dear benefactors, dedicated staff members, the students who are the glory of the college and the well-wishers, have collectively contributed their mite to the realization of this dream. All of us can be proud of this achievement, because all of us are part of it.

Achievements of the past impel and urge us to hope for the future. As ALC family, you are just fifty years old! But you belong to a tradition that is more than 450 years old: the Jesuit tradition. It is a tradition in which a student who enters the portals of a Jesuit educational institution, is not only shaped intellectually, but is moulded into a responsible citizen of the country and a response-able person who reaches out to fellow human beings in need; whose growth and emotional maturity and artistic capabilities are developed and brought forth; and who is sent into the world as a more human and humane person. This is not the end of the story. It is a tradition in which the formation is on-going; the relationship is ever-growing and the bond of friendship everlasting. It is a tradition in which those whose seeds were helped to sprout, become planters; those who were acted upon become active agents of social change, collaborators in the transformation of the larger society, and creators of a new earth, where there is less sorrow but more joy; less injustice but more justice; less inequality but more equality; less hatred but more love; less hoarding and corruption, but more giving and sharing.

As a Loyolite, wherever you are and whatever you do, you are called to leave behind the fragrance of this tradition; to be men and women for others, particularly the poor and the needy. This is the ultimate purpose of life, the ultimate meaning of Jesuit education and the ultimate goal of the 'Golden' Andhra Loyola College.

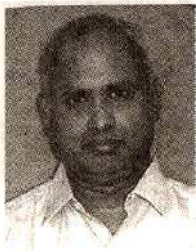
Once again, greetings, good wishes and congratulations to all in the ALC family.

With the kindest regards,

FR. S. JOE SEBASTIAN, S.J.

Provincial

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR



JESUIT MADURAI PROVINCE

Francis P. Xavier, S.J.
Provincial

South India
3rd January, 2004

MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that Andhra Loyola College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Occasions like this fill us with joy and legitimate pride because this college has served the people these last fifty years admirably. Though it was started primarily to educate the catholic students, it always kept the doors open for non Catholics. In fact, the majority of the students have been the non-Catholics. Thus this college has served the people of Andhra transcending caste and creed; hundreds and thousands of students have passed through the portals of this college and are well placed in life. We meet the alumni in all walks of life.

We Jesuits do not run colleges for name and fame; much less for monetary benefit. What we aim at through our schools and colleges is to impart integral formation to our students. Our students are to be formed as full-fledged human beings who are content and happy and go beyond themselves to live for others. It is not just the excellent learning atmosphere that makes our colleges great but the enviable rapport the teachers have with the students, the self confidence they gain to tackle their problems and the sensitivity they imbibe to care for the neighbours add to its glory. Andhra Loyola Constantly strives to achieve this goal. I wish and pray that this great institution should see many more Jubilees and form millions of students in love and service of people.

With kind regards,

Yours in Christ

FRANCIS P. XAVIER, S.J.
Provincial



NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY



Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy, M.Com., Ph.D.,
Vice-Chancellor

27th January, 2004

MESSAGE

I am happy to note that the Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, is bringing out a Souvenir on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations. Andhra Loyola College is known as one of the best colleges in the State to impart quality education and about 50,000 students have passed through the portals of the college and has produced several civil servants/Academicians/Professionals/Entrepreneurs and politicians.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations it is the duty of every one to recall the services of all those associated with the growth & development of the Institution.

I wish the college to grow further and further and strive for the cause of higher education. On this occasion, I wish them all success.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

L. VENUGOPAL REDDY



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

K. Prabhakara Reddy, I.A.S.,
Collector & District Magistrate

24th February, 2004
Krishna District

MESSAGE

I am happy to note that Andhra Loyola College, founded in 1953, has completed 50 years of service in the field of higher education. Andhra Loyola College which is an asset to this area had been serving in maintaining as well as promoting not only educational standards but also producing very highly disciplined and worthy persons to the Nation.

It is gratifying to note that the College was granted Autonomy as early as 1988, and has also been accredited by NAAC with a high ranking for imparting Quality education at Intermediate, undergraduate and post-graduate courses. I also wish that the College would develop into a Research centre and a centre for excellence in the field of higher education.

I also feel proud to have been associated with the College for its Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

I wish that the College would continue to stand as a Model to all the Colleges of Andhra Pradesh in general and the neighboring Colleges of Vijayawada in particular.

I congratulate all the Jesuit Fathers, the Lecturers and the staff who served the College in the past and who are presently serving for taking the College to these great heights, with their continuous, selfless services.

I wish the College every success to reach greater heights in future.

K. PRABHAKAR REDDY

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION - VIJAYAWADA**

Panchumarthy Anuradha
Mayor


26th February, 2004

**MESSAGE**

I am extremely happy to learn that the Andhra Loyola College is bringing out a Souvenir coinciding with College's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

The Andhra Loyola College is a premier educational institution catering to the needs of not only Vijayawada city but also to the entire student community of Andhra Pradesh. This college produced a galaxy of personalities such as Sri Jaya Prakash Narayan I.A.S., founder Convener, Lok Satta, and many more I.A.S. and I.P.S. officers working in various capacities. Also we find several Doctors, Computer engineers and Chartered accountants working in several Foreign countries especially in U.S.A. They are all proud products of Andhra Loyola College.

I wish the Golden Jubilee celebrations a grand success.


Panchumarthy Anuradha
Mayor

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION - VIJAYAWADA**

V. Usha Ranil, I.A.S.
Commissioner

26th February, 2004

MESSAGE

On this happy occasion of Andhra Loyola College celebrating its Golden Jubilee during this Academic year 2003-2004, I offer my felicitations and best wishes to all the Jesuit fathers, the teaching, community and the supportive staff of the college.

It is a well known fact to all the people of Andhra Pradesh that the college has moulded hundreds of eminent Administrators and thousands of committed and principled teachers, lecturers teaching in schools, colleges and Universities in every corner of India. Many an Alumnus of this college has also earned international repute. It is also interesting to note that the college not only has produced great IAS Officers like Padmasri S.R.Rao garu but also great Political leaders who have been serving the people of Andhra Pradesh. In every one of these great men the humanitarian values that the institution specially cares to imprint among its products can clearly be felt.

On this occasion of the college turning gold I salute the vision of the benefactors of this college, whose hard work put in on 1953, has resulted in turning out fifty thousand jewels in fifty Golden Years.

I wish the college a greater success in future and wish them to remain as leaders in the field of higher education in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

V.USHA RANI



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

Most. Rev. Marampudi Joji
Archbishop of Hyderabad

5th January, 2004



MESSAGE

Greetings from the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

I am aware of the Golden Jubilee of your College which has completed fifty years of glorious service in the field of higher education. I am happy to send this message of greetings, congratulations and good wishes.

As a school boy and later as a student in the Seminary, I used to watch with amazement and expectation the magnificent buildings coming up in the one time paddy fields at the foot of the Gunadala hill. Later as a priest, I spent much of my life in and around Gunadala, close to the College and I was treated by the College Fathers as one of them sharing in their joys and sorrows.

In God's providence I became the bishop of Vijayawada and I used to count ALC as one of the precious treasures of the Diocese and the visiting Bishops, especially from the North used to feel jealous of my diocese having such a magnificent College, with such beautifully laid out campus fit enough to be a University.

Your avowed aim is to form leaders who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to others without any prejudice based on race, religion, caste or language. The recently concluded Alumni Golden jubilee celebration is proof that you have done your best and continue to do your best to achieve this aim. You have eminent men in different walks of life, spread all over India and abroad, of whose caliber and character, any alma mater can be proud of.

On this august occasion I express my whole hearted and sincere appreciation for your services and pray that God continue to bless the college to serve the youth of India by quality education and character formation, so that your alumni and alumnae will be in the forefront of our nation building.

With all good wishes

Yours Sincerely,

+ M. Joji

M. Joji

Archbishop of Hyderabad.



DIOCESE OF VIJAYAWADA

Most. Rev. Mallavarapu Prakash
Bishop of Vijayawada

Bishop's House
7th January, 2004

MESSAGE

Congratulations and best wishes for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Andhra Loyola College, a jewel in the crown of Vijayawada city! I am proud of its achievements, as I am a past student of the Intermediate batch of 1969-70 and one who was so affectionately honored by the college with the title of Loyola Ratna at the beginning of this Golden Jubilee year.

Enabling youth through education and skill enhancement is more critical today than at any other because there is the need to endorse the potential of information and communication technologies to take the education agenda forward. With such tools as multimedia and computer laboratories that can deliver educational video and data, the future of the nation powering its way to superpower status in the foreseeable future is possible. This is a time of unprecedented expansion of knowledge. The gift of self in service to God and one's brethren in a life of total commitment is the goal set by the men of the order of St. Ignatius. In these 50 years you have shown that you are open to the challenge of modern education empowered by your spiritual wisdom and discipline.

Any society needs amongst other things, an imaginative, institutional, educational set up, as this is an important aspect for the future of the society. It is not merely a question of teaching but an integral education for the complete development of the whole person. In this perspective every society must be attentive to the spiritual, moral and transcendental elements of formation, which gives the youth a base, to root their lives on values that make for their future happy living. We must reassert that spiritual life is fundamental to every human being because the issue involves the future of the human being and of society together with the values and ethical approaches. Like the young man in the Gospel (Mt 19:16) the man of the third millennium also turns to Jesus the GOOD TEACHER to obtain from the light of truth, concerning what is good and evil. The Jesuit educational tradition of Andhra Loyola College has upheld this challenge in these 50 years.

My best wishes and thanks for your loyal collaboration with the Magisterium of the church. May your wise intuitions, research and probing, serve to enlighten your students to become a spiritual force for the renewal of our nation. May all the students who enter the portals of this esteemed institution be formed as leaders in service, in imitation of Christ Jesus, to be men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment.

My blessings and good wishes are always with you,

Yours sincerely in Lord Jesus,

+Prakash P.

+Prakash Mallavarapu
(Bishop of Vijayawada)



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DIocese OF KURNOOL



Most. Rev. Gorantla Johannes, D.D.,
Bishop of Kurnool

3rd February, 2004

MESSAGE

Cordial greetings to you in the blessed name of Jesus the 'once for all Saviour'.

What an achievement to be proud of ! "Forming men and women for others" is just an extension of Christ's Mission. Looking back 50 years there is every reason to be proud of for the Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. But looking 50 years ahead, there lies an awesome task forcing us on to our knees. The Christian faith permeated quality and value of education offered in Loyola has very much to do with the values and standards manifested in various walks of the life of the society today, be it by Catholics, Christians or non - Christians.

While Christ's incarnation is first and final, there remains to fulfill what is lacking in the suffering of Christ as St. Paul put it. It is not Sambavami Yuge, yuge but sambavami in each individual here and now that is the goal. You the formators, they the formed are all extension of the one Incarnation of Christ. It is a lofty mission, and a sweat yoke. While I heartfully congratulate you all for defusing the beam of light and knowledge in the spirit of Christ, I sincerely pray for sufficient strength to carry the baton to the generation to come.

With Blessings,

+ G. Johannes

GORANTLA JOHANNES, D.D.
Bishop of Kurnool



DIOCESE OF NALGONDA

Most. Rev. Govindu Joji
Bishop's House

2nd January, 2004

MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that Andhra Loyola College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and that a Souvenir will be brought out on this occasion.

I gladly join you and all your associates to rejoice and thank God for all that he has accomplished in and through your institution. On this occasion my warmest congratulations to you, the members of your staff and all those individuals who brought the college to its present status.

It is heartening to learn that you are providing higher education in a Christian atmosphere of all-round excellence. While academic excellence is important in a society, which is becoming increasingly competitive, far more important, is character formation and human formation. This is a prized contribution a Catholic educational institution can give.

As a token of my appreciation, I am sending you my blessings with a prayer that Almighty God may reward you and all your associates with an abundance of His joy and peace.

With every best wish,

+ T. Joji

+ GOVINDU JOJI
Bishop of Nalgonda



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DIOCESE OF KHAMMAM



Most. Rev. Maipan Paul
Bishop of Khammam

12th February, 2004

MESSAGE

I am very much pleased to hear that you are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. I join with you and all the members of the Society of Jesus to praise God as you celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. Fifty years of service in the formation and education of youth was spectacular and has contributed excellent men of character and calibre for the nation. The abundant blessings of God is seen in its growth and expansion for the last fifty years. I congratulate every member of the Society for their selfless service and dedication.

While appreciating your initiative to celebrate Golden Jubilee and bring out a Souvenir to thank God, I implore God's abundant blessings upon the college and its activities. I wish and pray that the college will continue to witness to God's love and manifest His Glory as it grows in His Grace.

+ *Maipan Paul*

+ MAIPAN PAUL
Bishop of Khammam

**ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE SECUNDERABAD**

Most Rev. Samineni Arulappa
Archbishop Emeritus of Hyderabad

30th December, 2003

MESSAGE

The Golden Jubilee of Andhra Loyola College marks an important milestone in the history of Andhra Jesuit Province. The entry of Jesuits in the present Andhra Pradesh began with this college at the instance of Andhra Bishops. Fr. Karanam Deviah S.J. and Fr. T. Baliah S.J. who have already gone to their eternal reward were the pioneers who had a great vision.

My link with this college was through its first principal, Fr. Theo Mathias S.J., who was earlier my principal at Madras Loyola College. His administrative skill and academic excellence greatly helped the new college, in spite of initial hurdles. The principals who succeeded him have also contributed towards its remarkable growth and development.

During my visits to the college after I became the Archbishop of Hyderabad, I have observed the zeal and enthusiasm of the Jesuit Fathers and the staff, who certainly played a key role in maintaining high standards.

Today we notice its past alumni shining practically in every field. They have brought real credit to the institution. They seem to have acquired discipline and real values for life.

The college has acquired autonomy in course of time. Thus it has certain independence in framing its courses. The P.G. courses are still governed by the university system. The Catholic boys are shown special consideration. Option for the poor is really put into action. We have every reason to rejoice on the occasion of this Golden Jubilee and thank God who is ultimately responsible for everything.

I do thank everyone who has played any role in the growth and development of this college. I implore God's blessings on all on this auspicious occasion.

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+ S. ARULAPPA

Former Archbishop of Hyderabad



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Bishop Mathew cheriankunnel, PIME
Bishop Emeritus of Kurnool
Karunapuram - Badrachalam
Khammam District.

2nd January, 2004



MESSAGE

I join the past and present staff, students, friends and well-wishers of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, to praise and thank God for the innumerable blessings He has lavished on this great institution during the past fifty years. One is amazed at the marvellous progress the college has made.

Several are the persons who worked hard to make Andhra Loyola College what it is today. I recall with a sense of gratitude all the Bishops of Andhra Pradesh in general and in particular Bishop Ambrose Battista, PIME, and Bishop Ignatius Mummadi in particular who invited the Jesuits to open a college parallel to the Loyola College of Chennai (Madras). I can see in the memory lane late Brother Giani David, PIME, going round the Loyola complex, sometimes measuring the place and some times scolding or encouraging the masons. But all for one aim: to make Andhra College a unique institution.

I invoke God's blessings and the protection of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the pioneer of modern education, on all who have contributed their generous help for the foundation and rapid growth of Andhra Loyola College.

On this glorious occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the college I would earnestly request the staff to keep aloft the noble ideals for which the college was started 50 years ago. I also request the students of today to imbibe the true spirit of education, namely, thirst for knowledge, spirit of hard work and uprightness. I would like to motivate them to walk in the foot-steps of our President, APJ Abdul Kalam, who has been proud of Jesuits who instilled in him love for knowledge and spirit of initiative.

In conclusion, I join all those who associate themselves with Loyola College to praise and thank God on the occasion of these Golden Jubilee celebrations. I pray that Loyola College will reach still higher levels of perfection.

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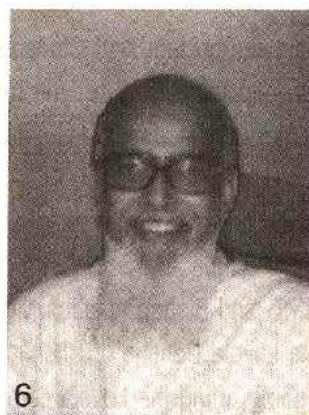
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ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE A MUCH - LOVED INSTITUTION

Fr. Theo Mathias, S.J.

Founder Principal of Andhra Loyola College

Currently, Emeritus Professor, XLRI.



Writing about an institution and the people connected with it is not an easy task after 50 years have passed and, above all, when the ties of affection remain as strong as ever. Nevertheless, that's what I'm going to attempt in these lines. However, for those who read this, please remember that memory for dates and figures may sometimes play tricks.

My Appointment

I was Principal of Loyola, Madras, in December 1953 when the foundation stone for the new Loyola in Vijayawada was laid on Dec. 9 by C.M.Trivedi, Governor of the newly established Andhra State. With Fr. Douglas Gordon, the Provincial, I was present at the ceremonial foundation stone laying. Going back to Madras, I wondered how anybody would have the guts to build the new college from the turmeric fields up, recruit the staff, admit students, plan, lay out and equip playing fields and laboratories, and, above all, set the right traditions for students and staff and I breathed a prayer for that person but hoped that, like many other foundation stones, this one would not be just left there and after a while quietly removed!

Imagine my astonishment then, when, in April 1954, like a bolt from the blue, Fr. D. Gordon, came over to Madras and, in a talk with me, said, 'Running Loyola, Madras can be done by anybody, since the college really runs itself, like a well-oiled machine. I'm, therefore, going to give you a much more challenging and interesting job; I have chosen you to be the Founder-Principal of the new Andhra Loyola College which we are going to set up in Vijayawada'. I was stunned and pointed out that I was barely 35, had been a Principal for less than 18 months and so had little experience to draw on and finally Andhra was like a foreign country to me and I knew not a word of Telugu. These arguments fell on deaf ears and Fr. Gordon insisted I should go to Vijayawada immediately. Andhra had just been separated from Madras state, and formed into a separate state called Andhra Pradesh, thanks to the fast unto death (literally) undertaken by Potti Sriramulu. So there was great rejoicing among the people and a determination to surpass Madras State in every way, including education. That's why they wanted a Loyola College which, in the mind of the Andhras, was the best brand name for college education anywhere.

The Founding Fathers

Like a good Jesuit, I, therefore, left for Vijayawada without any delay. The sight that greeted me on arrival took my breath away! The college building and the Gogineni Hostel were still under construction, with the unforgettable, cigar chomping, Br. Gianni Davide as architect, engineer and supervisor. There was no 'Fathers' House'. Instead, the five founding Jesuits, Frs Karnam Deviah, (the Rector and the one responsible for the building work), Gutta Stanislaus Subbiah, (History & Economics), Bernard Coyle (an Irishman to teach English), Br. I Joseph (in charge of food, clothing and so forth) and myself each had a camp cot in a thatched Golla hut. The floor was 'mother earth'; the 'bathing room' was in the field a few metres away, four walls made of hollow cement blocks with some stones inside to stand on while pouring water; the 'toilet' was a similar construction surrounding a hole in the earth, both open to the sky. In other words, our home was a nature lover's paradise!

That was how we managed for the next three months, till half the ground floor of the fathers' house was built. Of those four, I am the only survivor. Before the college actually opened at the end of July, Fr. Anselm Miranda joined us and a little later, Frs Papiiah and Baliah, J. Kuriakose (later Principal on two occasions). Then Br. Mariasusai, Fr. M.D. Varkey came along and also Fr. Bazou to study the original Carnatic Mission that the Jesuits had run among the people of Andhra in the 17th and 18th centuries and Br. Susai Arul to cultivate some paddy fields and set up a dairy farm. Next came Fr. George Thottungal, Fr. G. Francis (later Principal) and Fr. Gordon himself. None of these good men is, alas, still alive, except Fr. Thottungal who teaches young African Jesuits in Tanzania, Africa.

Setting up the College

Soon after my arrival, the Principal's work had to immediately start: teaching and non-teaching staff had to be recruited, laboratories set up and equipped, playing grounds laid out in what had been turmeric fields, sports equipment, either manufactured or purchased. All this responsibility fell on the Principal. The most important task, of course, was the recruitment of lecturers. Here I was fortunate that the Andhra University to which we were affiliated, did not bother us with selection committees and such bureaucratic procedures. This was due to the Vice-Chancellor, the scholarly Dr. V.S. Krishna who knew about Jesuits and trusted us. I later became a good friend of his and, when he passed away, after becoming UGC Chairman, he left his substantial personal library to the college.

Fully using the freedom given us, it did not take me long to make some crucial decisions about the staff to be recruited. I determined that our staff would consist of newly graduated master's degree holders. In this way, none of them would have any teaching experience in other colleges and all would be younger than the Principal and so could be trained from the very beginning in Loyola's methods of punctuality, regularity, discipline, hard work, personal care and affection for the students. The only exception to this rule was V.V. Krishna Rao who had one year's teaching experience in another college. He was to head the department of physics, my subject.



The Importance of Discipline

This precaution was taken because Pattabhi Rama Rao, Andhra Pradesh Minister of Education and a good friend of ours, had warned me that we could not impose the sort of discipline Loyola was known for on either the staff or the students of Andhra. They would revolt! I told him we would face this challenge and prove him false. As it turned out, for years the discipline in both college and hostel was the best I have ever seen anywhere. Nor was this imposed only by fear of fines and other punishments, but rather, by persuasion and affection to which Andhras respond almost naturally.

What Fr. Anselm Miranda achieved as the first Warden of the Gogineni Hostel was something almost miraculous. As soon as the bell rang for the commencement of morning or evening study time, dead silence would prevail in the entire hostel with 600 boys in it and the door of every room was kept open. Anselm was truly loved by the boys who would do anything to please him. This was because of his total and evident dedication to their welfare. The affection continued long after students had left the college and enabled Anselm to be the almost natural founder of the Alumni Association. How I wish he were present, when the Golden Jubilee was celebrated on 7 Dec., 2003. Surely, he will bless us from heaven.

I should also mention Fr M.D.Varkey who felt that our, mainly village, boys should be given some knowledge of the great country to which they belonged. Therefore, during the summer holidays each year, he would organize educational tours of Northern, Eastern and Western India. These tours were planned with meticulous care, ensuring every railway reservation beforehand and accommodation, on the cheap, in the vacant classrooms of Catholic schools. Fr. Varkey was an excellent photographer, and something of an artist. He was responsible for taking the striking picture of the entire campus and all its buildings, from the top of Gunadala hill. He used these talents of his to take pictures of the monuments visited during the tours, with our students in front of them. He would then make a beautiful album which he then presented to the Principal. I hope these five or six albums still exist somewhere in the Principal's office.

Recruitment of Faculty

To return to the recruitment of the faculty, as soon as a room could be made presentable in the college building, I set up a table and chair and started interviewing the young men who presented themselves in response to advertisements and personal contacts. Everything was done in English, of course. Within half an hour, the candidate was told whether he was selected or not. In this way, we got some of our most loyal, competent and dedicated staff members: men like V.V. Krishna Rao, Y. Rajagopala Rao, Bulliah, TV Sastri, Suryaprolunna Rao, V. Suryanarayana, V. Subba Rao, R. Virwanadha Rao, Raviva Purnaiah, Ramaswamy, Basaveswara Rao, Kesava Rao, Satyanarayanmurthi, Ambrose, Gopala Rao, E.B.Satyam and several others, I still vividly remember these men. Practically all of them remained with the College till their retirement and thus became the real founders and

pillars of the college. It was a joy to meet, at least, some of them at the Golden Jubilee. During the five years that I was Principal, all our staff members were recruited in the same, informal way.

I must say a word about the recruitment of the non-teaching staff, a matter of great importance for the smooth running of a college. In the office, there were the devoted Innaiah and Mark as clerical staff. Among the attenders were Alexis, the Principal's attender, Jabbar and Joshua in the Chemistry lab and others whose names have, sadly, slipped from my mind. At the Jubilee, I was happy to meet Jabbar again. These men too remained in the college till their retirement.

The Sahaya Sangham

When Fr. Gordon finally agreed to the earnest and repeated requests of several delegations of people from the coastal districts of Andhra (including Bishop Ignatius Mummadi of Guntur) to set up a Loyola College, in Andhra, certain conditions were made clear. Fr. Deviah would proceed to Vijayawada, select the site and the 'Sahaya Sangam', they had promised to set up, would collect the money to buy 100 acres, our minimum requirement! These good people, Parvataneni Bushaiah, Katragadda Raghuramiah, and his brothers Madhusudhana Rao and Krishna Rao, S. Ramachandra Rao, retired S.P., and several others agreed to these terms. The land was selected outside the town of Vijayawada in the village of Gunadala, at the foot of the hill. Since it was outside the town, there were no municipal services, like sewage or water, no electricity or telephone. There was also no interference from the municipality! We got electricity without difficulty, thanks to an Irishman who was setting up a substation not far away. We had a well that never ran dry, even in the dreadful heat of mid-summer, because it was connected underground with the nearby Krishna river whose former bed had passed that way. Thus, the major problems of power and water had been solved.

Day after day, members of the Sahaya Sangham would be out touring the villages, with their 'begging bowls' (to quote one of them), often accompanied by one or other of the Fathers, especially Fr. Deviah. The minimum donation they would accept was Rs 1250, the cost of a single hostel room which would be named after the donor. Bigger sums entitled the donor to have a college room named for him and the whole hostel was named after 'Sri Gogineni Venkata Subbaiah Naidu' because he gave nearly Rs 1 lakh. It is noteworthy that every donor was given a written and signed note to the effect that, while the college was most grateful for their assistance, they would have no share, whatever, in the management of the institution, nor even a claim to seats at admission time. The people understood that the effective running of a top college required such conditions.

When we began buying the land, the price was Rs 5000 per acre; but the last few acres cost us Rs 25,000 each. However, the Sangham did fulfil their promise of providing us with 100 acres of land and then they started collecting money for the building.

I must also mention Velagapudi Ramakrishna, an ICS officer who had resigned and



set up a variety of industries: small machine manufacture just outside Madras, a cement factory near the Vijayawada railway station, a sugar and confectionary plant in Vuyyuru, about 20 kms from Vijawada and other industries as well. Banking on the generosity of the Andhra people, we shamelessly asked Ramakrishna to supply us cement free which he agreed to do at Rs 5 per tonne, representing the begging charges. What's more, the factory's own lorries delivered hundreds of bags direct to our premises and, at the beginning, we were hard put to find storage space where the cement could be kept, till class-rooms began to be completed which were then used to store cement!

This fact of having free cement explains why the entire college was built of hollow cement blocks which Br. Gianni manufactured, on the spot, using a couple of block making machines, manufactured by St. Joseph's Industrial School, run near Gunadala by Brothers Bertoli and Crippa.

Andhras are surely among the most generous people in India. When you have an Andhra friend, he is for life. Owing to their large-heartedness and their wonderful response to our educational efforts, it is not difficult to see why I will always have a special place in my heart for Andhra Pradesh and its people and for ALC in particular. Our gratitude to the members of the Sahaya Sangham, of course, knows no bounds. None of them ever took advantage of their work for the college to profit personally, in any way, from the institution.

What's more, Andhras are notably free from religious communalism, at least towards Christians. Never in my life, have I seen such generosity on the part of Hindus towards a Christian institution.

The Opening Day

Most optimistically, the opening of the college had been fixed for 19 June 1954 and both parents and students had been informed accordingly. However, college and hostel buildings were far from ready; nor were lab tables and equipment installed. So both Fr. Deviah, the Rector and I wondered what we would do. It was God himself who had to come to the rescue. A week or so, before the scheduled opening, the heavens themselves, opened up at night and a veritable deluge hit us in our golla hut. Pots and pans were floating and clattering past our beds and we had, perforce, to huddle together in a dry spot in the thatched hut, till morning. When the sun rose, no dove was necessary to tell us about the water level. One look outside the hut was enough. We were entirely surrounded by a vast lake from which only the tops of a few bushes could be seen. Raghuramaiah realized our situation and soon arrived in a cycle rickshaw and wading through the water to bring us food, something he continued to do for the two days it took before the water could drain away. How can one forget such kindness!

There was no way to inform students and parents of the situation, since means of communication were lacking; so it was decided to hold the opening ceremony on 19 June, as scheduled, and then verbally inform everybody that the real opening would be postponed to 1 July. Of the 400 lads we had admitted, I was amazed to find about 350 were present with

their parents on 19 June, 10 am. The meeting was held in the Chemistry lab that had, somehow, been completed, though no tables had yet been installed. As Principal, it was my task to speak to the expectant gathering and, knowing no Telugu, it had to be done in English, though they were mainly Telugu medium students. So speaking slowly and choosing simple words, I welcomed them as pioneers of this great, new venture. I explained what Loyola stood for and categorically stated that if they were not prepared to cooperate in the orderly running of the college, we would not hesitate to close shop and leave. Then one of the Sahaya Sangham members welcomed them in Telugu. All were then informed that they could go home and return punctually at 10 am on July 1 and for those admitted to the hostel, June 30. After this refreshments were served: some 'mixture' in their outstretched hands and coffee in a leaf cup!

This was the simple, unpretentious opening of a great college, something that is indelibly imprinted on my memory.

On 1 July, everything was ready, lecturers, all suited and booted, stood outside their classrooms and sharp at 10 a.m. the bell rang, the lecturers entered and classes began, while the Principal made his rounds of the verandahs to ensure that everything was in order and stragglers were chased in. ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE HAD INDEED OPENED!

Five Years as Principal

For the next five years I continued as Principal, basking in the affection of both students and staff, though I was a strict and no-nonsense Principal. When we acquired the land, there was not a tree in the whole campus. We, therefore, planted hundreds of different kinds of trees along the newly laid-out roads and elsewhere. Soon the college campus became like a garden of Eden and scores of people began coming here for their morning constitutional.

My Last Vows

Here, on 15 August 1957, I took my last vows, making me a permanent member of the Society of Jesus. My 67-year-old, mother came down all the way from Mangalore for this important occasion in my life and saw, to her immense satisfaction, the way I was treated by staff and students and the growth of this infant college. A reception and entertainment had been organized for me by the students and staff. The students vied with each other to shower gifts on me, though Fr. Anselm had warned them that, since I was taking a vow of poverty, only collective gifts were permitted. Individual gifts were, nevertheless, thrown through the open window of my room, sometimes without any indication of the donor's name! Where does one see such generosity, particularly to a strict Principal! Some of these gifts, like a solid silver set of prayer beads (called a 'rosary'), I kept for years after and used every day. My mother was so impressed by everything that she decided to pay for the setting up of a decent chapel or prayer room for the Fathers' house, which remains a permanent memorial to this wonderful woman to whom I owe what values I possess.



End of my Principalship

In May 1959, after 5 years, I was replaced by Fr. D.Gordon who, as Provincial, had first appointed me to be Principal. I then took charge of the Fathers' Residence and became a Lecturer in Physics in the college and Asst. Warden in the hostel. Staff members and alumni have subsequently told me that they were amazed at the way in which I moved, without any fuss, from a position of power as Principal and became a virtual nonentity in the college and hostel. This, they said, showed them, better than any words, the meaning of a Jesuit vocation!

Leaving Andhra and thereafter

In May 1962, eight years after I had come to Vijayawada, I was transferred to Trichy, as Principal of the great and venerable St. Joseph's College. Here I stayed for 4 years and in 1966 moved to Delhi to be President of the Jesuit Educational Association of India, uniting the 108 Jesuit Schools and Colleges of India. Here too I had the privilege of establishing the All-India Association for Christian Higher Education.(AIACHE), bringing together all 216 Christian colleges of the country for the improvement of their work and for rendering better service to the nation. I remained its general secretary and Chief Executive for the next 13 years. During this time in Delhi, my international work began as Delegate of India to the U.N. General Assembly for 1975 and 1976, Visiting Professor for several short periods in American, Canadian and Philippino Universities, Educational Consultant to the Churches of Papua New Guinea in 1973 to help prepare a new system of education suited to an independent country which they were going to become in two years.

My last move was to Jamshedpur in 1978, as Director of Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI) and here I remain as Emeritus Professor. God has certainly given me great and unforeseen opportunities in life, most of which have come as a consequence of accepting unpleasant orders of my Jesuit Superiors. This is one important lesson I have learnt: one does not know what God has planned for us, provided we are ready to accept God's will.

All said and done, the establishment of Andhra Loyola College has been the greatest of all the opportunities the Lord has given to me.

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

Fr. V.T. George, S.J.

Formerly Lecturer in Economics, ALC



I joined the staff of Andhra Loyola College (ALC) in the Economics Dept in June 1972 and remained there till my retirement in May 1990. During this period I was also the Bursar of the College and Procurator of the Jesuit Community. There are others who had longer innings than myself, like Fr Theckemury and Br Maria Michael.

I am putting down some less known or not known facts about the origin and growth of the College. I have heard them from Fathers who are no longer with us. There is an old Latin saying which in translation says: "it helps to recall them sometimes". I am writing all about people who are no longer with us with the exception of **Fr Theo Mathais**, the founder Principal, who is still happily with us for the unique position he held and for the exceptional role he played in the growth of the college.

Though Fr Theo and ALC cannot be dissociated, the fact is that he was not the first choice as Principal. The first choice was Fr T.N. Siquiera, a much senior man and an already well known educationalist and once principal of a big college. About him our President Sri Abdul Kalam speaks of in his autobiography "Wings on Fire". It was the good fortune of ALC that a younger and a dynamic man like Theo came as the founder Principal.

Bishop Ignatius Mummadi, Bishop of Guntur : (1943 - 74).

Bishop Mummadi himself was an old student of St Joseph's College, Tiruchi. He was regretfully aware of the lack of quality higher education like the one given in St Joseph's or Loyola College, Chennai, for Andhra youth. After the separation of Andhra from the composite Madras Presidency, this problem became more apparent. So Bishop Mummadi approached the Jesuit Superior General at Rome Fr. J.B. Janssens and explained to him the problem. Bishop Mummadi even "threatened" Fr Janssens that he would resort to Gandhian Satyagraha till he gave him word that the Jesuits of Madurai Province would make a serious effort to explore the possibility of such a venture.

Fr. Jean B. Janssens S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, passed on this request of Bishop Mummadi to **Fr. H. Pinto** who was **Vice Provincial of the Madurai Jesuits (1946 - 53)**. He himself was coming to the end of his term of office, though he was personally interested in the project and thought of volunteering to be on the staff of the new college. He passed on this mandate of the Superior General to **Fr. D. Gordon S.J.** who took office on 4 February 1953 as Provincial of the newly made independent Province of Madurai. Madurai Province was already burdened with three

university colleges and one college of education and several high schools of repute. Fr. Gordon could have easily put off the issue saying that Madurai was already overburdened and he could plead for time to study the project.

If ALC exists today, under the Providence of God, from the part of the Jesuits, one person to whom we owe much is Fr. Gordon. But for this man's far-sighted vision and magnanimity and benevolence in the original Latin meaning of the term, we may still have to wait to celebrate the Golden Jubilee! He appointed Fr. Karnam Deviah, who was Head Master of St Mary's, Dindigul, and posted him at Loyola, Chennai with the specific mission to explore the possibility of opening a university college in Andhra.

The first Jesuit community was selected and sent to Vijayawada by Fr. Gordon. They were Fr. K. Deviah, Superior, Fr. Theo Principal, Fr. Subbiah warden and lecturer, Fr. Coyle for English and Br. I. Joseph ad omnia, for everything. When these Jesuits came in, they had no proper place to call their rooms; they provided themselves in improvised sheds or some class rooms. There was one man who came earlier than all these and that was **Fr. Y. Papaiah**. He lived in a shed in the midst of sand dunes, bags of cement and tons iron rods and granite stones which were quarried and cut into shape and size and which now adorn the front part of the college buildings. He started collecting materials for the buildings and when the other Jesuits, especially when Frs. Deviah and Baliah came in, who could as well look after the construction work, he went back to Madurai Province for other assignment. We will see him again in Andhra when Loyola Public school was being built; he was there at his best self as the man for collecting funds for the building and for sometime was also Principal.

Fr. B.J. Coyle, the irrepressible Irishman, was indeed a jack of all trade: he was a good teacher of English and made his name as a good teacher, he could put his hand on any thing, to drive the car if there was one, or a lorry, to play a band piece. Some of the stuffed reptiles we still see in the Zoology lab are his contributions. He did not remain long in Andhra, went back to Madurai Province where he resumed his English teaching.

Fr. Subbiah, the very kind and fatherly figure, looked after the incipient hostel and taught History. He also did not remain long in ALC, though he would come back again to spend his old age and rest his bones in the ALC Campus.

Fr. Deviah is rightly called the founder of ALC, though he was there only for a short time of four years; during this period, besides being Superior of the community, he looked after the collection of funds for the building and supervised the constructions. He endeared himself to one and all during this short stay, so much so, the old boys have commemorated his memory in the great work he has done for Andhra people. He went back to Madurai Province where he was appointed general Treasurer of the Province. He died rather young at the age of 56 of a heart attack.

Fr. Baliah came soon after the opening of the college and looked after the building work, the hostel and soon also replaced Fr. Devaih as Rector of the college. He needed wider pastures and became the founder of the Andhra Region of the Society of Jesus and was instrumental in starting several institutions in Andhra.

Among the Fathers who built up ALC, one name that would stand out is that of **Fr. Anselm Miranda**. He joined the College only in 1958 May. He really established the hostel traditions of ALC and was also the founder of the OBA. In a few brief lines one cannot sketch his contributions to the growth and development of ALC.

Another religious Staff member to be remembered is **Brother S. Arul**. He had an artistic temper, and gifted with fine handwriting. He was Hostel Mess manager, Farm manager and Bursar of the college and of the Jesuit Community for several years. He took special interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the workers and of the people around our campus. He was so much loved by the people that the people named the hill slope facing the Xavier Hostel **Arul Nagar** after him. In fact he never went to Tamilnadu ever since he came to Andhra, and bore all the severe Andhra summers. He lies buried in the campus of ALC.

Fr. G. Francis was another religious member of the staff who rendered distinguished and long service to the College. He was rightly called the 'gentleman Principal'; in fact the longest serving principal. He served for 13 years as Principal. Except for the short periods he served in Loyola Chennai as Principal and Loyola Public school as Principal, the rest of his working life, he spent in the service of ALC. He was a great lover of trees and he has added to the already existing large number of trees in the campus. During his time, the front of the college was a veritable wooded part, so much so in summer one could easily notice the difference in temperature as one entered the ALC campus. He named all the avenue trees with their common Telugu and English names together with their botanical names for the edification of the visitors to the campus. In his retirement, in spite of failing health, he took keen interest in the OBA.

It will take too long to mention all the religious staff members who worked and left ALC or died elsewhere; we remember them all with gratitude.

When at last the very generous friends of the college had got possession of the required and stipulated, nearly hundred acres, of land, the authorities began to think seriously of money with which to start the buildings. The Jesuit authorities approached the then Bishop of Vijayawada, **Mgr Ambrose Baptista**, an Italian PIME Bishop. He was glad of the project and pleaded his inability to help financially, but he offered one great help.

He offered the services of **Brother Giani Davide**, an Italian architect of great skill and talent. His services were put at the disposal of the college as a gift from the Diocese. All the major buildings were planned, drawn and executed by him. He even marked out the whole campus with the different playgrounds, avenues and even trees. His was

actually the master plan. He has many buildings and churches to his credit in and around Vijayawada City and in the coastal Andhra Region. He lies buried in a vault he himself planned and built in the compound of the Cathedral Church.

Bishop Baptista was succeeded by **Bishop Thumma**, in 1971, the first Indian Bishop of Vijayawada. He was all along a true friend and well wisher of ALC. He had shifted his residence from the One Town to the present House along the Ring Road near the College and was frequent visitor to the campus. In those days salaries of the aided staff were not directly paid by the State through the Bank as it is done now. The Management had to give and then claim and get whenever and whatever they can get. It was a difficult time indeed and the present writer was Bursar during this period. The saying among the staff then was : "No Doubt, the management can be magnanimous". I had to rush to Bishop Thumma for a temporary loan to pay the salaries. Without a moment of hesitation, he has come to the our help in giving us the loans which perhaps very few people knew and I gratefully acknowledge it here.

Before I bring this remembrances to a close, I would like to mention two institutional support we had. **St Ann's Hospital** and the very devoted sisters who looked after our sick; there was even a special room set aside for our boys. **Dr Frank Burghall** was a great friend of our College and it was his delight to come to the college every Sunday to see our boys and to be present for all our functions in the college. He had been all along a friend and advisor to our boys and to all of us in the college.

Mr. Mark was Cashier and office Superintendent. But much of his time was spent in collection of fees, and paying salaries of the staff. Each staff member got his packet, often some did not collect on the first day, the packets were bundled in a piece of cloth and was brought to the Procurator and the next day the same process began. Whatever time was left, he was busy with fee collection. There was always a large queue of boys outside his window and another queue in the office made up of staff members. I found it rather annoying and Fr. Francis, the Principal, was disgusted with this system.

So I approached the C&MD of the **Indian Overseas Bank**, Mr. R.N. Chettur, whom I had known in Madras, and requested him if his Bank could open a counter in our campus. He told me: "Give me any one room in your campus and on the first of the next month, my Bank will pay the salaries of staff and collect the college as well as hostel fees". This was done in August 1973.

A small room at the entrance of the Xavier Hostel was the first IOB Counter. Now I understand it is a full fledged Bank called Andhra Loyola College Branch with its own spacious building.

With this I bring my remembrances to a close; but I would like to add: Andhra Loyola College is built on a very strong foundation. The munificent generosity of the

Andhras, especially the coastal Andhra people, the trust of the Madurai Province in God's Providence, the undaunted courage and persevering efforts of the founding Fathers, the loyalty and willing cooperation and the affection of the early staff and students – on these rock foundations the college is built and, God willing, the rock will not shift nor will it melt and even if it were to happen, Divine Providence will never abandon us. Let it never be said that we are ungrateful to our munificent benefactors and loyal friends and our devoted staff and students, past and present.

THE LOYOLA MAN



The complete man is an able man, clear in thought, rich in vision, vigorous in act; he is a man learned in the Arts and Sciences, a student of history with a sharp, sound view of his times, a right interpretation of the past, a true concept of the future; he is a man who lives fully and vividly, gladly accepting the challenge of life, exulting in its adventure; finally – and most important – he is a good man; warm of heart, gently, seeking the right, charitable in thought as well as deed – in a word, a Christian gentleman.

Loyola develops the complete man by training his faculties – his mind, his imagination his will; by instructing him in right knowledge; by making him at home in arts and sciences; by preparing him for service to his country and his fellow man, teaching him his right and duties as a member of society; and, by inspiring him to right living, making him aware of the obligations of his immortality and setting before him the teaching, the example, and the divine beneficence of Christ.

Loyola approaches this difficult task of developing the complete man with four centuries of the experience of Jesuit education behind it. Loyola is modern but not experimental; Scientific but not Mechanistic; Cultural but not Visionary; Youthful but not erratic; realistic but not pagan.

Loyola aims to train a man for success and for possible greatness; but whatever a man's worldly achievement, Loyola's training insists that his design of living include the fulfillment of his obligations toward God and his own soul, prepares him this to be, in the best sense, a complete man, a citizen of two worlds.

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Lecturer in Mathematics

DARE TO DREAM

Fr. T. Inniah, S. J.

Former Principal, ALC



Way back in 1977, it was in the middle of September, after successfully completing my Theology exams in Pune, I landed at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, to take up my first assignment in the college. The then Rector, Fr. D. Gordon, and the Principal of the college, Fr. G. Francis, and the warmth and joy that I experienced during that first meeting with them are very vivid in my memories. The enormous and imposing college building, winding staircases and approach roads, the beautiful garden and the vast playgrounds were all impressive and breathtaking. I fell in love with the place at the very first sight! The next day I had a session with the Rector and he informed me about my new tasks and assignment - to be a Lecturer in the Department of History, Vice-Principal for Intermediate sections and Assistant Warden in Gogineni Hostel. Thus began my long and memorable association, for well over fourteen years, with Andhra Loyola College, which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

After serving one year as Asst. Warden in Gogineni Hostel, the very next year I was appointed as Warden of that Hostel, in which capacity I was lucky enough to serve a few generations of students till 1984. I managed to maintain the well-established traditions started by my predecessor Swami Danananda, known then as Fr. Joseph Kadavil. Since it is a journey down the memory lane, it would perhaps be not irrelevant to recollect my first association with him. It was, to say the least, one of the awe-inspiring! But he received me with much grace and great warmth of love! The few valuable lessons that I picked up from his are still fresh in my memory. It was one of the happiest times in my life as a Jesuit, those long six years as Warden of Gogineni Hostel!

In 1984, I succeeded Fr. G. Francis of happy memory as the Principal of the College and I was fortunate enough to continue in that capacity till 1991. My earlier association with the college as its Vice-Principal for Intermediate classes prepared me well for this onerous and responsible task and, at the same time, to dare to dream big. Everyone would certainly agree with me that, for many years, for some reason or other, the college remained static without any change or development. My first dream was to open up the college for Post-graduate courses. There were, obviously, many hurdles to cross including the admission of girls in PG classes, one of the necessary conditions laid down by the University. Suffice to say that we managed to cross successfully all these hurdles to start soon two PG courses, M.A in English Literature and MSW. However, these two courses, for various reasons, were dropped after a few years and two more new PG courses, M.C.A. and M.B.A., have been started. The college now plans to start a few more PG courses in near future. My predecessor,

Fr. G. Francis, a great visionary as he was, breathed the concept of Autonomy day in and day out for a few years and prepared the Staff, both Teaching and Non-Teaching, through a number of Seminars and work-shops to accept this concept enthusiastically and wholeheartedly. It fell, however, to my lot to implement it and thus in 1988 the college was conferred the Autonomous status, both by the UGC and the University. I am happy and proud to see Andhra Loyola now in its 15th year of Autonomy as it goes to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. It has brought a sea change in the entire academic atmosphere of the college and its environment, much to the satisfaction of staff, students and the parents. Computer knowledge was the thing in those days, much sought after by students. To fulfill this aspiration of students and parents, we started a B. Sc., course in Computer Science. Loyola Computer Center was inaugurated on a small scale and I am happy to see that this small seed which was sown then, has grown to its full potential with MCA programme along with well-equipped Computer Labs. We have also started a new B. Sc., course in Physical Education the following year much against many odds. It is a Vocational and job-oriented course offered by the UGC with some assistance from it. This too, unfortunately, was discontinued after a few years for various reasons!

We are searching for new perspectives and thrust in Jesuit education these days, in the contexts of today. It is a characteristic of the Society of Jesus to be contextual, as it was at its beginning and it must continue today. So the question is: how to provide a characteristically Jesuit education in the contexts of the 21st century, which will make a difference to education in schools and colleges of India? This is where the dreams come. One must be dare enough to dream and translate them to reality. There is so much competition in today's world. Our education must prepare students to face this stiff competition to succeed. Innovative ventures are needed to accomplish this. It is sad to see that heartless competition is so universally praised as normative that the very mention of collaboration and inter-dependence is seen as funny! Yet we have to dream big thing to instill a spirit of collaboration among our students. Since education is not only a preparation for life, but is part of life, it must provide not only a techno-informative education but also help and guidance to learn the art of living the good life. This is certainly my dream- to make our students selfless and self-reliant.

Not long ago, someone asked me, what makes me, me? I know, each one of us has questioned ourselves over and over again. This is a *mantra* that hums in our mind all the time. Is it our looks? My be our abilities ? Our ambitions ? Our fears? □□ Everybody has his own answers. But, according to me, it is our dreams. Life has its limitation, but dreams go beyond. After all, the dreams of today make up the reality of tomorrow ! As the college celebrates it Golden Jubilee, the people who are at the helm of affairs should not hesitate to dream bigger things to accomplish in the coming years to make this college a great and premier institution as a center for excellence in everything.

OUR ASSOCIATION

Prof. C. Musili

ALC Alumnus

Dean, School of Sciences, Vignani Vidyalyayas



I joined the Andhra Loyola College for my PUC in June 1959 very soon after Father Gordon took over as the new and second Principal of the College. I was in the first section (MPL with D. No. 32). When he addressed us (the new comers), all our attention was on his perfect pronunciation and imposing personality (slim and tall (over 6ft), sporting a beard, etc.). For most of us who came from Telugu Medium Schools, his English was more of melodious sounds, with just a handful of the words falling within our reach, yet making us feel as if we understood all he said. However, for someone like me coming from schools such as St. Anthony's, Visakhapatnam, it was easy to figure out all that he meant by punctuality to classes, regularity in submitting assignments, taking the periodical and terminal examinations seriously, maintaining discipline in and out of class rooms, etc.

I secured the College Third rank in PUC, got admission to the Govt. Engg. College (Kakinada) but could not avail of it for financial reasons. So I rejoined the College for B. Sc in 1960 (MMP – first batch). Father Gordon, welcoming me back in the College, patted me on the back saying that Engineering was not the end of the world and there were many other equally good or even better avenues to try and succeed in. From that point onwards there was no looking back. His constant interest in my progress, timely advice, encouragement and crucial help at critical moments, all went a long way in shaping my career and making me what I am.

Some Critical Turning Points

For financial reasons, I could not think of pursuing studies higher than B. Ed., despite the guarantee that I was going to get the National Merit Scholarship of the Government of India. The problem was two fold: (1) the quantum of the scholarship could meet only about 50% of the expenditure and (2) there was the question of investment to start with till the scholarship was received at the end of the year. Father Gordon did not like the prospect of my doing B. Ed. Perhaps for the first time in the history of the College, he made the College lend me an interest free loan enabling me to go for my Master's in Mathematics at the Andhra University, Waltair. This was already a dream come true for me.

On my enquiry, I was told early in June 1965 that there was no vacancy of a teaching

position in Mathematics in the College, but very soon an unexpected vacancy rose and I was fortunate enough to be appointed Lecturer in July 1965. The UGC Centre for Advanced Study in Mathematics of the Punjab University, Chandigarh, announced (in May 1966) the starting of a year-long research programme for College teachers. I applied through the proper channel and was selected (being one of the 6 chosen from all over the country). Even though I was junior most in the Mathematics Department and not yet confirmed in service, Father Gordon made an extraordinary provision to grant me study leave for the year 1966 - 67 enabling me to go to Chandigarh. This was indeed the next critical turning point in my career.

Greatly encouraged and strongly advised by the active mathematicians at Chandigarh, especially Professor T. P. Srinivasan, I took permission from Father Gordon and applied to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bombay, and also a couple of places in the USA. I attended the TIFR interview proceeding from Chandigarh. I was selected at TIFR and also admitted to the Graduate School at the University of California, Berkeley (with a Teaching Assistantship).

I came back from Chandigarh to rejoin the College in July 1967 at the end of the leave. I had a month's time to proceed to Bombay or Berkeley provided I was relieved from my job at the College. While I had no claim for this relief, especially it being so soon after a study leave, Father Gordon's ideas were divine and agreed to let me go. In fact, he advised me to resign at once without rejoining for duty saying that the person who was temporarily appointed in my leave vacancy in the previous year was to be regularized and my joining even for a day was going to cause a break in his service. Thus he greatly helped two with one stroke. Thereafter, I joined TIFR and in retrospect it was indeed a good step taken. (I had the opportunity of visiting most of the UC campuses (viz., Berkeley, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, San Barbara) as a Visiting Professor with the Los Angeles campus as the headquarters for 2 years.)

For all the guidance, help and encouragement received from Father Gordon through the institution of the Andhra Loyola College in more ways than I ever expected, I remain indebted for life and beyond.

LOYAL TO LOYOLA

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Some feeling of bond with a person or an institution is what makes life a lot more interesting and purposeful. That feeling evolves many a time through association perceived very pleasant and thrilling. Family and school are the institutions that provide ground for the development of the feeling of bond among individuals. I consider this feeling as loyalty, an important trait required for living in the society. I observed that growth of this feeling of loyalty that integrates individuals with the society is not being uniform across institutions. Social harmony is facilitated only through a fellow feeling based upon mutual loyalty.

The story of the new entrants about how they get socialized in Loyola campus is interesting. In retrospect, I understand the top priority in the campus is how to put new entrants at ease. The mechanisms devised and institutionalized for the same are wonderful. Both in the college and in the hostel, the new entrants are entrusted to the care of the Block Leaders, Class Leaders, and Class Teachers. As such, no student, on joining the college, feels that he is alone in a strange and a foreign place despite the fact that he experiences variations in language and communications. Above all, every student is bound to be known to at least one or others Fathers of the campus whose costumes and presentation are distinguishing to new entrants personally. Knowing or feeling that one is known personally to one or the other of the Fathers fills the void of being away from the organic mother to some extent.

The second important aspect is that the new entrant learns and understands many things that can be called manners. The methods of personal conduct that the entrant is hitherto used to are found out of place and he learns imitation, being somehow convinced that the new methods are more convenient, orderly and provide for a feeling of security. In other words, new entrants keep watching their seniors in the college and hostels and start imitating without being told for better adjustment. One gets a feeling of moving towards order from anarchy by imitating the seniors.

The third important dimension is that there is a provision for everyone to believe that there is a mechanism to identify and recognize originality and native talent in every person. Every student, irrespective of his academic accomplishments, finds that his own merit and talent is recognized in terms of co-curricular or extra-curricular activities. Perhaps, it is this aspect which provides for a true sense of belongingness. Students do not get even as a flickering thought there is any discriminatory treatment towards them. Perhaps, the net

result is that students grow beyond the narrow and parochial outlook. There are many instances when Loyola students feel the communal and caste feelings strange and funny.

The fourth dimension of Loyola is that it appears outwardly very rigid and authoritarian while being definitely democratic in offering services. The way the rules are enforced and discipline is emphasized scares the students. However, given the compassionate attitude one notices during the informal counselling from Fathers one is at ease and understands democracy as a state of mind and not a physical condition. As such one experiences true democracy in the sense that it is nothing but guided freedom of thought and action.

I consider that very few campuses provide for such type of development of all-round personality of the students. It is not merely inculcating the knowledge but training them into true human beings. I realized much later that the need of our country is to have many more institutions like Loyola, which "manufacture" good citizens rather than specialists without emotional balance. This realization enhanced my otherwise loyalty to or love for Loyola further. My observations are based upon my own experiences for three years in the campus during 1970 - 73 and also on the reflections of many of my friends. All the dimensions noted above together produce wholesome persons who are distinct. We are taught how to be sensitive to the human condition. There has been a time that we take pity or sympathy on Fathers considering their sacrifice of marriage, family and so on. Aftermath, I realize that we should be sympathetic to ourselves, for we could be parents only to our own children while the Fathers possess parenthood for many. There are many souls that pray silently for their health and well-being. The raw materials called rural, rustic and innocent adolescents are manufactured into mature, responsible and knowledge-packed adults in this factory called Loyola. There is no wonder that several people feel indebted to this great human-making institution.

The First Trio

Andhra Loyola College is the result of the efforts of many people, lay and religious, Hindus and Catholics. But if we were to single out three men to whom it is indebted most, they are Bishop Ignatius Mummadi of Guntur, Fr. Devaiah the First Rector, and Fr. T. A. Mathias, the First Principal. Without the persevering appeals and stubborn determination of the Bishop, the college would never have come into existence. Fr. Devaiah exhausted himself and gave his life to find the means and build the college. Fr. Theo Mathias with his talents and industry, within a short time, raised from scratch a full blown college, perhaps the finest educational institution of its kind in Andhra Pradesh.

- Fr. H. Pinto, S.J.

"BORN" AND "BROUGHT UP" IN A.L.C.

E. S. R. K. Prasad

Old Student (1957-1961) ; Lecturer (1963-1989)



1957 was a very crucial and memorable year in my life. My father insisted that I should study in A. L. C., even though there was a college close to my house in Tenali. Thanks to my father, it proved to be the most fateful and fruitful decision in my life. That was the first batch of P.U.C. (Pre-University Course) and the last batch of the old Intermediate course. The pristine environment so conducive to education, made A.L.C., nestled in the lap of the Virgin Mary's shrine of Gunadala, and "educational microcosm" isolated from the rest of the world - a distinctive tranquil "ecological niche", which no other college enjoyed those days. The picture - postcard locale of the college with the mountain as the backdrop was an idyllic setting. We used to experience the "sound of silence" in the hostels, during the study hours and breathe the natural aroma of the unpolluted paddy fields.

The students of A. L. C., especially in the hostels, represented a cross section of India - a real "melting pot" of Indian subcultures. The students used to expand the horizons of network of friendship beyond the borders of A. P. and that was another distinctive feature in which A. L. C. had neither comparison nor competition those days. As the construction of the bathrooms and the dining hall was incomplete, life in the hostels used to be a little tough, but nobody ever complained. Everybody endured the hardships willingly, in great "Loyola spirit". One good rain overnight would inundate the entire campus knee-deep and the unavoidable declaration of a holiday by Rev. Fr. Mathias, who would normally fret and frown to declare a holiday, used to be an overtly enjoyed "wading excursion", with leeches lurking around, to the adjacent hill, for an 'eagle view' of the flooded campus. The love, affection, frequent addresses from the balcony of the first floor to the hostellers, in his unique accent and a funny mixture of Telugu and English and the small "home style punishments" to the mischievous fellows by Rev Fr. Balaiah are life time's "nostalgic treasures" of the most wonderful phase of life, to many old students, including me. I used to be one of the tiniest guys in the campus and that fact perhaps endeared me to many seniors, Lecturers and the Jesuits. When the Hon'ble Governor of A. P. visited A. L. C., the tallest and the heaviest guy, Mr. Pothakamuri Thomas and the smallest guy, that's me, were asked to garland him, much to the amusement of the students, the staff and the benefactors of the college who graced the occasion. The benefactors and friends of the College such as Sri Katragadda Raghuramalahi, Sri Katragadda Madhusudhana Rao, Sri Parvathaneni Bhushaiah, Sri Y. Punnaiah and Sri S. Ramachandra Rao used to be so much impressed with my liaison and public relations work, between the college and the community, that one of them once wondered loudly, if I was a 'Jesuit in the making'. Well with my

materialistic outlook towards life, I know, I can never be one, especially when the distinction between a "saint" and a "sinner" in this temporal and mundane existence is so well marked.

It used to be a cat and mouse game between me and the Reverends Balaiah and Varkey. Any small prank or mischief in the hostel – they used to trace its origin to the ubiquitous "Little Rascal", E.S.R.K. The movies exhibited on week-end evenings used to be a great welcome relief to all. The 'gist' of the story of the movie given by Rev. Fr. Mathias in his inimitable style and mellifluous voice, his intentional meddling with the projector, standing right in front of the projector's lens, blocking the screen, when some thing really 'hot' was to crop-up in the movie, used to be more funny episodes than disappointing or disgusting. Rev. Brother John's small packets of peanuts to the little fellows, more so to me, intended to be clandestine goody gifts, were never so, because the seniors used to prow around all the time and smell "the operation". The first of April, 1958 can never be erased from our "hard discs" for, that was the day when Fr. Balaiah made us scrub the entire hostel building clean, after we had some "wild fun" with our "ink" pens.

There are two great moments in my life, which I remember always, vis-à-vis A.L.C: First – receiving 'Gold Medal' for the top performance in my class in 1961 and second – Rev. Fr. Gordon, having known me so well as a student, offering me a job, even without formal application and interview. What else can I ask for? My great gurus in Biology inspired me and turned me into a good teacher. Yes, I feel I am a good teacher, if not a great one, and there is no mincing words about it. The thousand odd doctors, belonging to almost three generations, whom I coached in Biology during their pre-degree education, over the past four decades, now spread all the world, are ample evidence to substantiate my statement. The "Loyola culture" in my blood is my "religion", deeply etched in the cerebral cortex, and I am a zealot of my adopted religion. I have never failed to impart it to scores of generations of students. A.L.C. gave a direction and meaning to my life. Receiving "Loyola Signature Education" was a sheer joy. I have always enjoyed leading my life as a role model spreading the "Loyola fragrance", which I imbibed, to the "citizens of tomorrow", at the cognitive level.

If I am asked to single out a person who made an indelible impression on my mind during my formative years, who else can it be than the unforgettable, charismatic, versatile 'think tank', Rev. Fr. Miranda. It was Fr. Miranda who mooted the proposal of starting the O.B.A. of A.L.C. and, at a later stage, the Loyola Club, which represented the Vijayawada chapter of O.B.A., and instilled confidence in me to take up the challenging task of making it the most active Alumni Association in the world of Jesuit managed educational institutions. Rev. Fr. Miranda and I worked hard, day and night, arranging meetings of Loyola Club, compiling data of alumni, publishing News letters and conducting the Annual Reunions of Old Boys. My contacts with former students were so strong and intimate that Rev. Fr. Miranda, Rev. Fr. Theckemury and Rev. Fr. Francis thought it fit to send me on a "Fund Raising Mission" to the U.K. and the U.S.A. for the construction of Rev. Fr. Deviah Memorial Auditorium. The entire mission, in spite of a few hardships met with here and there and an



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occasional humiliation inflicted by a few thankless former students, made me feel good and content. Raising three lakhs and twenty thousand rupees in 1984, when the conversion rate of a U.S. dollar into Indian currency was hardly eleven rupees, was by no means a small achievement.

I always considered that being an old student of Andhra Loyola was a *privilege*. But for A.L.C., I wouldn't have turned into what I am today. Yes, I was indeed "born" and 'brought up' here in A.L.C., though not literally. I grew old watching Andhra Loyola College grow up. A zillion thanks to you, A.L.C.

DREAM

A dream I had one night:

I stood in front of huge buildings,
Knowing not what they were.

Then I took courage and went inside.
To my delight, it was ALC.

Standing under the canopy of leaves,
I felt as though under a green sun.

It was a sweet sensation which cannot be
expressed.

I woke up from my dream suddenly
Wandering whether it was a dream or real
A vow I took that day to join ALC.
A long time passed before it came true.



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ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE: DOWN MEMORY LANE



Prof. Kurias Kadavan

Alumnus

In 1957, I arrived at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, to study for my intermediate examination. I was not a bright student in terms of examination grades. But I was fortunate enough to be admitted to Bellarmine Hostel, under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Anslem Miranda S.J., who was my friend, philosopher and guide. He was an adviser and father to me. This education at Trichy was the turning point in my life.

My warden, Fr. Anslem Miranda, was transferred to Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, as the warden of the Gogineni (Old) Hostel there. He helped me to get admission there for B.Sc (Chemistry) with Maths and Physics as subsidiaries. I proceeded to Andhra Loyola College, which was to me a totally unknown entity and my only link there was Fr. Miranda. I went to Madras by train, from Madras I got into Madras - Hyderabad Express, which brought me to Vijayawada, at that time, known as Bezwada (Blazewada - literally and metaphorically?). It was for me a new experience in life to travel all alone in a train for such a long distance in trepidation, but with eager expectation. I remember still that I reached Bezwada at about 1 a.m. I was very timid and nervous not knowing how to reach Andhra Loyola College situated at Gunadala, which is about 8 km from Vijayawada junction. I remained at the station till morning. I got into a three wheel cycle rickshaw. Since the college started functioning only in 1954, when I reached there in 1958 the locality and the college was only in the initial stages of development. By the able guidance and kind help of the beloved Fr. Anslem Miranda, I was admitted to the college and I got a seat in the hostel where there were hardly any facilities. Literally a thatched shed in the campus. But I willy-nilly accepted the situation prevailing there and I started my study and stay. A real country bumpkin like me did not have any experience of this type of life in an atmosphere of unknown and unfamiliar climate, language, food, etc. But I was able to get a lot of facilities and inspiration, guidance and encouragement for my study from the college authorities.

I have to mention a very eminent priest and a unique person and a man of God, popularly known as *Devudu* who impressed me deeply - Rev. Fr. Deviah, the founder of Andhra Loyola College. Rev. Fr. Baliah was the main warden and Rev. Fr. Oswald Mathias was the assistant warden. They were fastidious in discipline and study, but very kind and considerate in any other matter concerning the students. Some eminent priests had a special influence over me there: Rev. Fr. Theo Mathias, Rev. Fr. Subbaiah, Rev. Fr. Arulswamy and Rev. Fr. Papaiah, to mention a few.

During the second year of my degree course, things changed for the better. Students were shifted to the newly constructed Gogineni Hostel with all facilities and a very spacious dining hall, donated by a lady in memory of her late son who died during his study there – named Vadlapatla Lalithamba Garu hall – where we students enjoyed the facilities of a hostel and a well furnished dining hall.

I cannot erase from my memory some members of the Chemistry Department like Mr. T.V.Sastry, H.O.D. and Mr. Subbarao. With my hard work and the guidance of the teachers, I was able to finish my B.Sc (Chemistry) with flying colours with a double first class in 1960. The management of the college was kind enough to accommodate me in the Chemistry Department as a demonstrator. During this time, I came across very eminent personalities like Fr. Deviah, Fr. Baliah, Fr. Bazou, Fr. D. Gordon, the Principal, Fr. Antony Vachaparambil, the Vice Principal, Fr. Theo Mathias, Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam, Fr. Francis Kannikal, Fr. Arulswamy, Fr. Subbaiah and Fr. Papaiah who gave me the curiosity and enthusiasm to pursue my higher studies.

During my teaching period, I stayed near Gunadala along with Mr.P.T.Thomas of the Economics Department and Mr. T.M.Mathai of the office staff. That one year was a turning point as regards my ability to understand and handle different types of children coming from different backgrounds, cultures manners, etc. Thank God, I was a successful teacher and I am proud that by mingling with a highly refined and erudite clergy as well as laity I could improve my English and the mode of handling the youth. When I was teaching there, the most attractive and impressive personality who left an indelible imprint on me was Rev. Fr. D. Gordon, a consummate gentleman in the mould of Cardinal Newman. I left the college in 1961 to do MSc (Chemistry) at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, where my four elder brothers had studied earlier. All of us are Jesuit products. One of us, Fr. M.J. Kadavil, now Swami Danananda, has returned to ALC after a gap of 24 years. (He was there from 1967 to 1978.)

I write down these reminiscences, these sweet memories, to take you for a sentimental journey down memory lane on the auspicious occasion of the golden jubilee of ALC during 2003-04. I express my sincere gratitude, warm sentiments of love, prayerful good wishes and heartfelt felicitations for the grand success of the golden jubilee of ALC, Vijayawada, ALC is striving to be at the zenith of higher education and it has been granted a four-star status, though it is endowed with five star facilities.

All my beloved priests, teachers, have passed away except Fr. Theo Mathias, Fr. Francis Kannikal and Mr. T. M. Mathai. On this occasion I praise and thank God for enabling the college and the Jesuit community to continue their high quality of service unstintingly and single-mindedly to the State of Andhra in particular and to India and even to the whole world. I wish and pray for all the people belonging to the clergy and the laity. They are filled with dedication and commitment to make this college ascend higher and

higher for the greater glory of God and make it a prestigious and sought-after institution. I pray to the Almighty God to give strength to those who are trying and working there for the improvement of the state and the people. May the people who are behind the celebrations of the golden jubilee be abundantly blessed by the Almighty God. I am grateful to the management for giving me this opportunity to record my reminiscences, my sweet memories.

SERVICE TO HUMANITY

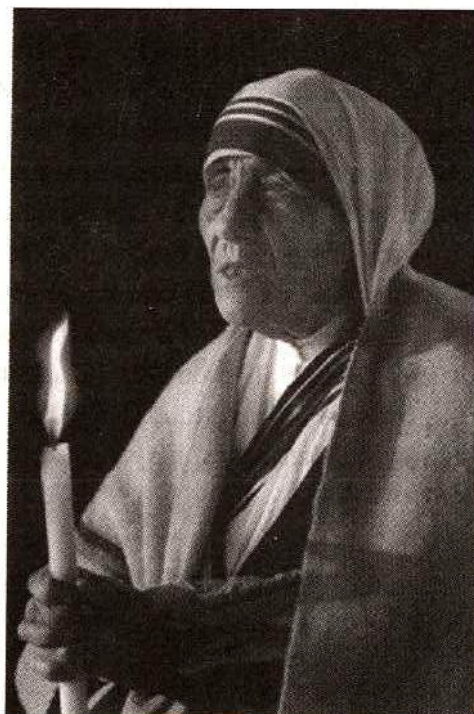
G. Bhaskara Rao

Chairman, GSL Medical College & GCL General Hospital



Service to Humanity is the best work of life. The one most memorable event of my life is the blessings I received from the great Mother Theresa. Thanks to Loyola, thanks to Society of Jesus. The destiny of my life took a firm shape on that day when Mother Theresa gave her message in our college, the message of service, the message of peace. It was hard to find sleep that night with mind preoccupied in searching the hidden secrets of life and peace. The following dawn is the dawn of a new era in my life. I woke up the next day with a firm realization that "in serving the mankind lies the eternal bliss". And what other channel is there, than the medical profession to fulfill this dream? Thus I became a Doctor and with a service motto became a poor man's Doctor too. Besides the numerous sophisticated facilities that were brought to the convenience of dense Godavari Districts, the advent of GSL General Hospital and GSL Medical College is a landmark in my career where the message of Service is well spread. The image of Mother imprinted on my heart became a Logo for my medical trust too. Every tile in every block of the hospital, every classroom of the college bears this logo, reminding the students, the professors, the staff and the patients that "Service to Humanity Is The Best Work Of Life".

Thanks to Loyola for shaping my destiny and me.



"FAIR SEED TIME" AT ALC

G. Raj Kumar DGH 01

Whenever I enter the campus of ALC, I have a sense of comfort and security like a child at its mother's breasts. Mother Nature reigns supreme in all her inexhaustible freshness here. My 3-year stay at ALC has brought me in close relationship with Campus Nature. My association with the movements of the trees with the little flowers and plants, with the birds, with the sounds of creatures and their movements and with the attitudes of the people and their work on the campus, has helped me a lot to think deep and taught me many good things for my better tomorrow. I can say after Wordsworth that I have had a "fair seed time" with Nature in the hallowed precincts of Andhra Loyola College.



'A lover knows how sweet is love'. And I, as a lover of nature, know how beautiful and pleasant nature is and all that she holds. The happiness I derive from Campus Nature is very high. She has blessed me with many good and wonderful things. She has helped me realise who I am and what my inner strengths are as I go always for a short walk after my every meal in the campus. In the prayerful atmosphere Nature has provided, I have talked to her and to myself.

I cherished the moments I have spent talking to a variety of birds, little creatures in the trees and the squirrels. Do you wonder at this? I do talk to birds and squirrels! Yes, I do! The students and friends who saw me talking to birds and squirrels know me. I feel proud of myself for what I am, for I am blessed by nature. The campus nature has inculcated a new habit in me. Like stamp or coin collection, which we often hear about, I am habituated to Feather Collection. I feel great when I see nature's beauty in colourful feathers. I adore them. Now I am the king of so many colourful feathers.

There is no exaggeration when I say there are people and students even to this day who call ALC campus a thick forest. The campus greenery consists of trees, beautiful plants and grass in the gardens and paddy fields in two seasons. One cannot think of ALC without trees, for they protect and give life to it. To prove my words good and for a better understanding, one should climb up the Gunadala hill and view the ALC campus from the top of the hill. Campus nature blesses with many good things not only the students but also outsiders. It is a place for most of the outsiders like old men and women, youngsters and children for their morning and evening walk, sports and games. It is beautiful to see the campus crowded throughout the day since 4:30 in the morning. We can see some people sitting quietly in meditation and some others taking rest. For some lay-people, campus nature provides the basic human needs like fine-wood, to domestic animals she provides

grass and fodder. Her trees shelter so many varieties of birds. Besides she emanating fragrance, the flowers on the campus supply honey to the bees and butterflies. For all the above reasons, she could be called Mother, Home, Temple, Friend and Love.

Besides all this, Campus Nature protects the college against pollution and heat. It is incredible to find that even at the height of summer, the temperature on the campus is 4 to 5 degree C less than that in the rest of Vijayawada. The trees help in preserving the rain water and keep us far away from water problem. The strength of Loyola lies in Campus Nature. In her womb lie all of us, campusers, and that constitutes our strength.

JUBILEE MUSINGS

Swami Danananda, S.J.



A Jubilee is a time, an occasion for rejoicing, for celebration. The very fact that the individual or the institution has existed to celebrate the Jubilee is itself a matter of great joy. In addition, if he/she or it existed well – i.e. not merely existed (passive existence) but was alive, vibrant and lively, dynamic and active, productive and fruitful, it calls for greater joy and celebration. And any celebration should necessarily include praise and thanksgiving to God and indebtedness and gratitude to all who made / make the celebration possible and desirable.

A Jubilee celebration will be incomplete, and meaningless too, without introspection – introspection not for brooding self-pity but for relevant forging ahead. We are historical beings and a sense of history is a must for growth, progress and development. He who is contemptuous of history is condemned to repeat it.

Andhra Loyola College was founded and established in December 1953. It is observing this academic year (2003 – 2004) as its Golden Jubilee years.

Perhaps the college peaked too fast and too high in less than two decades of its existence. It was the best in the State in academics and discipline / character formation / personality development (Cardinal Newman's scholar, gentleman and saint) and the most sought after.

I AM PROUD YES, OF BEING A LOYOLITE !

Ch. Praneeth DGH 21

I am proud of being a member of this Loyola family. The blood of Loyola runs in me. I ate its fruits of education and these fruits enable every Loyolite to grow in democratic functioning, critical thinking, active response to social realities, humanism, secular mentality and deep Christ- spirituality. Loyola is my dream college and the hallmark of Vijayawada.

Loyola makes the students experiment and innovate. It not only promotes academic excellence but also fine arts and sports with complete encouragement. The accreditation of NAAC from Bangalore added a golden page to the history of the college. As a result, Andhra Loyola College has unfailingly occupied a premier position in higher education, producing men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment.

I discovered myself,

I came to know the better side of myself.

This was the feeling which remained in the hearts of the students by the end of their stay in Loyola. Gone are the days when teaching was a vocation and not a profession. Globalisation and commercialisation have eroded human minds and corrupted the perspectives and priorities of individuals. But still Loyola maintains high academic standards along with moulding the young into well integrated and socially conscious members of the society. For Loyola, the welfare and over-all development of the students is valuable, as a result, with magnanimity in the hearts, the management always works towards strengthening the inspiration and hopes for better society and living through its activities.

All my days in Loyola made me free from athiest ideals and towards the positive belief of love and feelings for others. I learnt to help the needy. Truly, it changed my life of baselessness to a strong base. Religion is the idea which is raising the brute unto man, man unto God. Putting my hands on my heart, I would say that I developed a tremendous faith in God and that gave me a humble yet soundly realistic faith in myself.

From the portals of Andhra Loyola College, I see the fruits of success and confidence among all the students after the completion of their academics. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction for me due to my presence in Andhra Loyola which coincides with the Golden Jubilee. We Loyolites are a family. Now I say - I am proud, I am a Loyolite and a member in this ALC family.

"ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE CROSSES A MILESTONE"

Andavalli Satyanarayana

Freelance journalist and columnist



One of the important events in Vijayawada in the early fifties of the last Century was the starting of Andhra Loyola College. There was clearly the hand of Divinity in it. A very important City from the point of view of its location, connecting the North with the South, it was lagging behind even some small towns in educational facilities till then. While the affluent classes could send their children anywhere they liked for higher education, the middle and lower classes have been left to fend for themselves. Guntur, Machilipatnam, Eluru, Rajahmundry, Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, Vijayanagaram and Nellore had forged ahead in that direction.

Within a short period, Loyola College drew the attention of the discerning for its extraordinary discipline enforced among the students, much to the happiness of the parents who have been longing for such an institution vexed with those already on the scene but lacking in it woefully. While the donors who helped in bringing it into being deserve a word of praise, the credit for laying firm foundations for it in the initial stages should go to its founder Principal, Rev. Fr. T.A. Mathias. He came here with rich experience but still, he had to struggle hard and in the process never spared himself or anybody in his relentless pursuit of his goal of making it a first rate institution in these parts. It was no easy task for him to tame the pampered children from wealthy sections but he achieved it by his sheer grit and forceful personality. He selected the members of the staff on merit, mostly freshers and shaped them to his requirement with absolutely no compromise on their commitment to duty. He extracted the best out of even the mediocre who would have failed anywhere else. He established excellent traditions in every branch of its activities in the formative years which helped it in later years to get it going smoothly whosoever succeeded him. As a result, it attracted students from all over the state and outside also who, by their academic achievement and exemplary behaviour, became its unofficial ambassadors in spreading its reputation in the country and abroad as an institution with a difference. While he was moving about in the campus in his flowing robes majestically, none stirred out from the classes and no outsiders strayed into it. His towering personality and endearing tone reminded one of a legendary principal of Madras Christian College, Rev. A.J.Boyd, who could call his students by name years later. His successor, Rev. Fr. Gordon was of a different mould but no less powerful. He kept the torch aloft with quiet efficiency in a dignified way. On the firm foundation laid by his predecessor, he built the walls and the ceiling. He was endowed with unique combination of tact, firmness and awe-inspiring deportment.

Rev. Fr. Francis was their worthy successor. An outstanding teacher and a fine speaker, he was highly respected in the academic circles for his rare insight into the changing trends and reformist zeal. For the first time in the history of the college, students went on strike in 1981 and the college was closed for two months. When I met him on the eve of the Teacher's Day for an interview for my column, "One Town□□□, Two Town" in the *Indian Express*, I found him a very disillusioned person with the state of affairs. "How can I ask the members of my staff to come and engage classes when they have not received salaries for more than four months? That is why we have delayed re-opening of the college fully", he said. It was during his tenure as Principal, serious efforts were made to get autonomous status for the college. He was very articulate on several issues of public interest and it was a treat to talk to him as he was always clear, precise and to the point. When he was ailing and in frail health, I had occasion to talk to him a couple of times and I found him always the same astute, uncompromising person, deeply concerned with the falling standards and values in public life.

Another stalwart whose name is closely associated in the minds of the students with the college is Rev. Fr. Miranda. As Director of the Old Boy's Association and the Editor of its monthly, "Alumni Bulletin", he was in touch with as many Alumni as it was humanly possible and knew most of them by name. As warden of the hostel for a long time, he devoted all his time for the welfare of the students entrusted to him. When I talked to him in 1982, he was stricken with a mild stroke of paralysis which cut short his mobility but still, he was his usual self trying to do his best for the college. Then he turned his attention towards the alumni spread over many places. He was very happy and proud that there were 700 of his boys working in U.S.A., as engineers and doctors. Now the number must be far higher. Like Fr. Francis, he too lived here itself till the end came.

It is not possible to refer to all those who have done their utmost for the institution during all these years but it will be incomplete if the services rendered by Rev. Fr. Theckemury to the institution in different capacities over the longest period of its history are not given due credit. Suffice it to say that Fr. Theckemury belongs to a rare band of blessed people who have tasted the "joy of living for others".

Golden jubilee of Andhra Loyola College is a milestone in its march towards its goal of serving God through service to the people and it is my fervent prayer to the Almighty that it shall revive its past glory in the years to come and carry out the noble task entrusted to them.

A JEWEL YET TO BE POLISHED

Fr. C. J. John, S.J.

Former Principal of ALC



In the early fifties, Vijayawada had only the S. R. R. and C. V. R College and when Andhra Loyola College came into existence, SRR and CVR faded gradually. Other colleges began to sprout slowly in the town. Now looking back at Loyola College, I feel it overtook the other colleges in curricular and co-curricular activities. By the late fifties and early sixties, there were no other colleges in Andhra Pradesh to excel Andhra Loyola College in the results obtained and in the honour and glory brought by students in sports and games, in NCC and other co-curricular activities.

To move to the general achievements of the college, the management has done very well in acquiring a large piece of land which will go a long way towards developing the campus not only into an outstanding college, but also with an academic centre, leading to a good university. The occasion of the golden Jubilee of the college should make the management think broadly and brilliantly and look at the idea of starting a university in the present Andhra Loyola College Campus itself. This venture would go a long way, surely by the time the institution celebrates its centenary in 2153!!

Andhra Loyola College stood, stands and will stand as a well planned institution, because of the master plan drawn by Br. Giandavide, PIME, and the pains taken by the management to execute it in all its details. Yet I feel pained by the minor strokes - buildings added outside this plan - which mar the general beauty and scar the master plan.

However, Andhra Loyola campus will continue to be a place of beauty. I would like to add something about its hostels and playgrounds, though its trees, gardens and the magnificent Church are equally noteworthy.

Hostels

Among the three hostels accommodating over 850 students, the Gogineni Hostel and Raghavendra Hostel are outstanding in their architectural beauty and their lay-out. Each of these hostels has 300 single rooms accommodating 300 students. The rooms are large and spacious (12' x 8') with a door and a window. The management has provided each student with a table, a chair, a bed and an in-built cupboard. With these facilities, any academically minded student can study well and rise well in life.

Comfortable and convenient rooms, a good indoor games hall, a nice dining hall and a well-laid oval shaped garden with flowers will not make a hostel a home away from home - unless a warden is there to look after the hostellers. The hostel warden, so far a Jesuit



Priest, looked after this task very well and former students will not forget easily the names of Frs. Miranda, Arackal, Koyipuram, James etc. Along with the fatherly role played by these Fr. wardens, we should not forget, the role played by the mess managers, the humble and active Jesuit Brothers like Soosai Arul, Michael Samy and others, who have fed 800 and odd hostlers everyday for the last 50 years. Let not this Golden Jubilee year pass by without remembering every employee of the hostels and college who shed their sweat and tears to make the life of the students, staff and Jesuits a happy one. The store keepers, cooks, assistant cooks, suppliers and helpers all should be remembered for their toil and struggle which has made Loyola a great institution today.

Playgrounds

Loyola College has large well laid and magnificent playgrounds which will go a long way in training and motivating very fine sports and games persons for Andhra Pradesh and India. Only a few athletes at the state level have emerged, so we have to go a long way in getting and training sports and games personnel. We hope that healthy and athletic personnel for the good of our country will be seen one day.

Staff

I would like to move out of the magnificent and glorious past to an adventurous and farsighted future. First of all, I feel the college should go for staff who are academically bright, who not only teach and prepare the students for an academic degree, but also involve themselves in reading and research. Around 25 Ph. Ds and an equal number of M. Phils will not be sufficient for an institution like Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. Here I feel, every lecturer should be either a Ph. D or an M. Phil-holder and should have published work in his/her name. At present what is missing is not talented people, but people who are committed to achieving many things in life. Let the jubilee year be an occasion for Loyola College, Vijayawada, not only to open up and lead people to greater heights of knowledge, but also form and shape them to build a better India.

The leadership role Andhra Loyola College should play should be innovative, creative and a far-sighted one. An education which helps students to acquire a degree should not be the ultimate goal, but only one of the goals. New courses which are useful and relevant in the 21st century can be offered. Can we think of Science courses perhaps, which will elicit in our students a desire to obtain a "Nobel" prize, to say the least? The holistic formation which Jesuits want to give to students is yet to be implemented fully in our college.

Let the year of this Jubilee also be a year of great happiness to our unaided employees and students from scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and economically poor families. Let Loyola be a college for them to shape their lives and in turn their families, village, state and country. The jubilee year began with awards given to 20 people, acknowledging them as

"Loyola Ratnas", but I wish that these Ratnas grow bigger and become 'Bharata Ratnas'.

Finally, being 50 is not to be seen as "old age" for an institution but the beginning of youthful and energetic service to its students. May Andhra College grow bigger and bigger year by year and shed its light of wisdom and shade of relaxation and psychological maturity on every student who comes to this college. Long live Loyola, longer live its students and staff and longest live its knowledge, wisdom and love for others.

THE GREAT SCULPTOR



Clad in evergreen experience and exuberance
Like a master sculptor chiselling in endurance
In patience you toil hard as does a mother
Striking carefully, you mould one after another
A selfless service it's been worthy to note
Amidst prestige, name and fame you seek not
Chipping away each unwanted bit from us
In falling of time someone you, make us
You let us stand high giving us name
And instil in us values to be humane
Who can chisel out of me a better me
Other than this 50-year-old sculptor, ALC ?

- Deepu Paul, AGH - 3

ALCAME

K. Chandra Mohan

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Education is transformation from ignorance to knowledge and wisdom. This seemingly simple phenomenon is the end-product of a process involving a life-time persistent, patient and persevering pursuit. The experience is indisputably and inevitably a rewarding one - a fulfilling one - a realized vision, particularly for a teacher.

"Are you unhappy when you can no longer teach? Do you seek opportunities of teaching even when you need not?". That is the supreme test for a teacher, according to Dr.V.S.Srinivasa Sastry, an eminent educationist and astute politician of yester - years. And, that was the state of my mind on the eve of my retirement from service as Head, Dept. of English of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, notwithstanding my three-and-a-half-decade very gratifying, satisfying and fulfilling experience of being on the rolls of honour of the faculty of the premier institution in Andhra Pradesh. I had to bow out, in all deference to superannuation.

I am not a born teacher, nor was I 'NETted', (Qualifying NET was not a prerequisite in those days). I was moulded into one - thanks to Loyola Culture, and, in particular, to my seniors in the Department for what I imbibed and learnt of the craft of the art of teaching.

At the sub-conscious level I have always wanted to be a teacher. But at the conscious level my dream was to become a Doctor or a Collector without the commensurate assiduity required for the becoming of either. I cannot explain this hiatus. Perhaps, it is all the result of a bout of a day-dreaming.

The prerequisites of a (good) teacher are sound knowledge with understanding, self-confidence with benign rapport with students and empathy with a subtle sense of humour. These, I submit, I had in only small proportions at the time of my having opted this profession or vocation. To some extent, I was a crowd-puller endowed with "the gift of the gab". Crowd-pulling is certainly not the only criterion for pursuing this high calling.

As a fresh Post-graduate from the Andhra University, my knowledge was bookish at the time of my joining service, and, with unbridled enthusiasm, I would dump it indiscreetly on the heads of my students; my supreme self-confidence misguided me into mistaking my students' passive listening to my lectures for their rapt attention. Little did I realize, then, that I wrapped them up in ignorance; and, as regards humour - I had little or less or even none. This, providentially, I realized very soon - what with the props and aids the ALC system provides in the form of experiential and participative and proactive seminars and

symposia for its faculty development, I could comfortably meet the challenges and demands of the times in the teaching-cum-learning process.

ALC always cultures its teachers religiously and scrupulously enabling them to evolve themselves into purposeful pedagogues. Kudos to the pioneers, the founding fathers - the Jesuits - for facilitating a paradigm of an atmosphere for its teachers. Jesuits are zealots. Motivated spiritually by St. Ignatius Loyola, their patron saint, they commit themselves to the noble task of educating and edifying the youth entrusted to them. Educare is their goal.

In the achieving of this goal, they are of the firm conviction, that no other partner is more suitable and welcome than the teacher in this noble endeavour.

Surviving as a teacher is not the same as serving as a teacher. Loyola tradition is a highly coveted tradition. I still cherish fond memories of my having basked under it for a pretty long period.

I was enormously inspired by a band of devout and dedicated Ignatian Soldiers under the captaincy of a stalwart like Fr. Gordon who incidentally hand-picked me and guided and encouraged me.

A towering giant of an intellectual, he did pride to the then decade-old ALC which was affiliated to the Andhra University. He had been instrumental in bringing about pragmatic reforms in the spheres of syllabus-making and testing patterns, exploding the myth that ALC is 'highbrowish' and 'conservative'. His successors did not in any way lag behind in 'trend-setting'. Nagarjuna University was just then founded and because of its geographic proximity, ALC became affiliated to it. Not long after, the UGC granted the much-awaited and longed-for AUTONOMY. Transition followed transition. Academic excellence was 'horizontal' to be reached tacitly and tactfully. Fr. Francis and Fr. Inniah strained every nerve of theirs, sometimes, much to the chagrin of the staff, to sail towards the destination. And the staff in its turn, circumspect of the apparent over-enthusiastic paddling, and the turbulent waters, was apprehensive of the wreck that might happen. Nevertheless, the sailing went on. Trust was building up. With Fr. Kuriakose assuming helmsmanship and the weather being clear, the horizon was no longer elusive. Destiny is to determine. Destiny is industry, coordination and team work.

Fifty years is too short a period in the history of an institution. Yet, a job well begun is half done. The prospect is very bright. Institutions may come and go; but Loyola goes on forever. Each jubilee shall be a reminder for review and rededication. So be it.

Indeed, I am blessed. I am part of this history and tradition. If any thing, transformation occurred; and I am the beneficiary. ALCHEMY did work. That is Andhra Loyola College and me - "ALCAME".

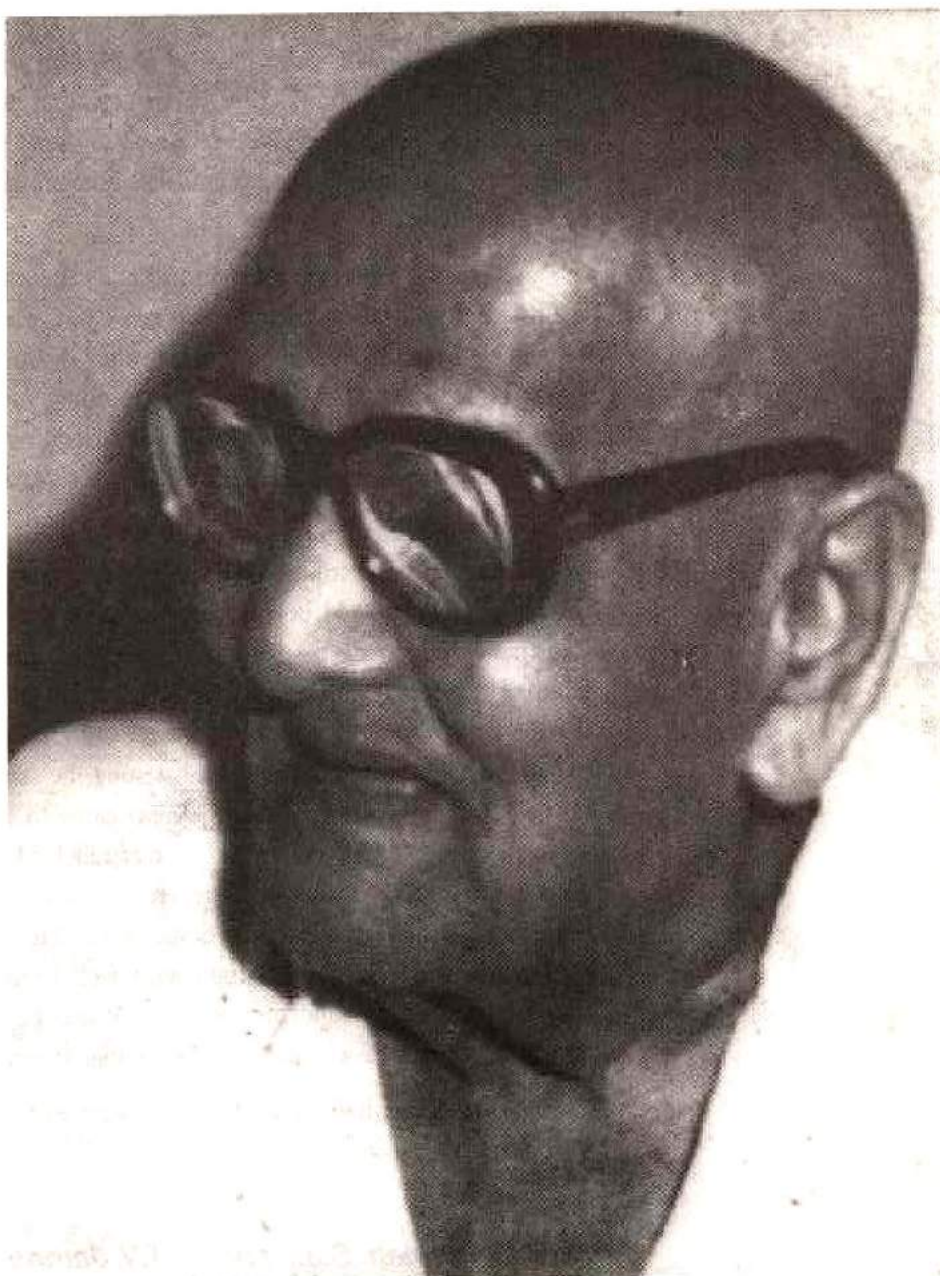


SRI PARVATHANENI BHUSHAIAH

Andhra Loyola College is unique in various ways. No Jesuit College in India has received so much popular support as ALC. All the credit goes to the generous benefactors of ALC. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the innumerable benefactors for their valuable help in various ways. One such benefactor was Sri Parvathaneni Bhushaiah.

Parvathaneni Bhushaiahgaru was born on 6 August 1894, the eldest of 4 brothers and 2 sisters, and had very little formal schooling. He went to the C. M. S. (later Municipal) High School in Eluru for the I Form and shifted to the C. M. S. High School, Masulipatnam, for the II Form and his formal education did not go any further; but the Brahmaiahgaru of Auditor fame was his classmate from whom he heard a great deal about Madras Loyola College. Also, Bhushaiah garu acquired such a remarkable facility in witty conversation in Telugu that he always attracted around him a crowd that roared with laughter at his witticisms. He had also a stint of public life. Between 1930 and 31 he served as one of the 3 MLCs from this area of the Madras Presidency. There were two parties in those days, the Challapalli Party and the Mirzapur Party; Adusumalli Gopalakrishnaiah garu was the leader of the former and Lingam Nagabhushanum garu and Parvathaneni Bhushaiah garu the leaders of the latter.

In 1953, Fr. Deviah went to meet him and, after explaining his case, invited Bhushaiah garu to join in his fund raising campaign. When Bhushaiah garu said he did not know what



he would be able to do, Fr. Deviah characteristically simplified his work: "Your presence in the car is enough; please come with me". Bhushaiah garu followed him and ever after that, it was all a remarkable success story.

On one occasion, a certain gentleman of Tiruvuru not only refused to give any donation but even abused Bhushaiah garu and pushed him out of his house. Bhushaiah garu was not the man to give up. He discovered that his friend Dr. Chandramouli was this gentleman's personal physician and through him got a tractor and a cash gift of Rs. 2, 500/- for the college.

Once Bhushaiah garu found that the entire village of Geddamanugu had risen against the fund-raisers because, it was alleged, there were some Communists among them. They said they had a High School and they did not want anything higher. Bhushaiah garu quietly asked the leaders what they were going to do for their children after they finished high school and that was it: the villagers turned friendly and generous. And so on, it was an endless success story when Sri Bhushaiah accompanied Fr. Deviah on Fr. Baliah.

Parvathaneni Bhushaiah garu was a prominent member of the group of gentlemen who worked for the college. He was not in the group at the start, but soon it was felt that his co-operation would be of immense value for the college. Bhushaiah garu was a sort of Zamindar with a big mansion in One Town. He was once a Member of the Legislative Council in Madras and enjoyed a special status in his community. Would he agree to work for the college was the point and then a cautious approach was made to him on the subject by carefully selected friends. After listening, he said that it was an honour for him to work on behalf of the college. When the news came to the college about Mr. Bhushaiah's consent to work as a volunteer, there was a great relief felt in the Jesuit community and everywhere among our friends there was a general jubilation. Whenever Bhushaiah garu went out on behalf of the college, he returned successful. He was a natural leader with an independent mind. His conversational Telugu with rich humour was of the top class. There were a number of people around him as a rule. When he and Dr. Chandramouli met, there used to be an exhibition of wit, making the people around roar with laughter.

Sri. Parvathaneni Bhushaiah's services to the college have been considerable and unforgettable.

Fr. S. Subbaiah, S.J., and Fr. T.V. James, S.J.

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SRI SURYADEVARA RAMACHANDRA RAO GARU

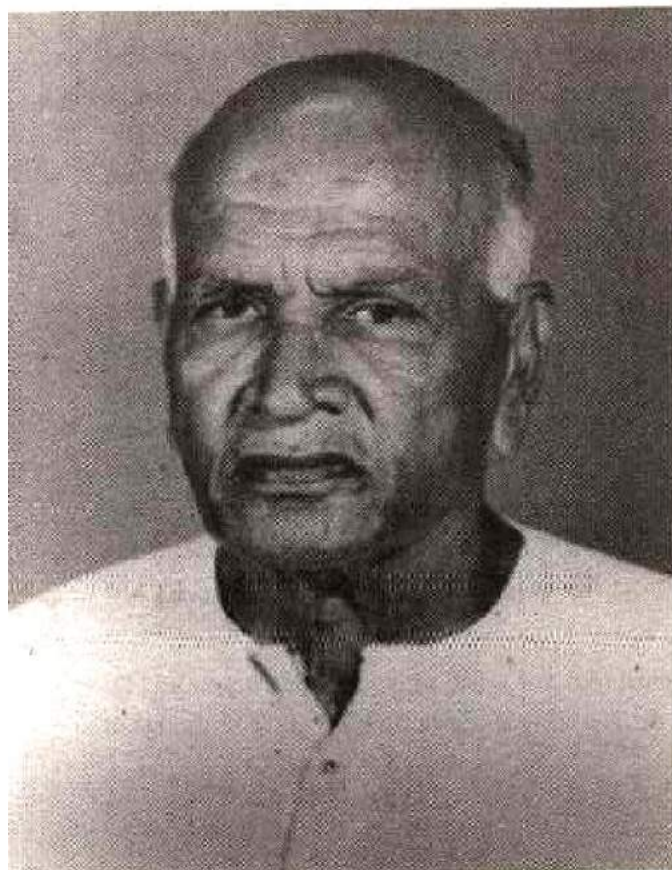
A. Kumari

Granddaughter of Sri. S. Ramachandra Rao



Simple living and high thinking was a maxim the late Sri Ramachandra Rao followed to the word 'T'. Many citizens of the 60's, 70's and the early 80's are quite familiar with this gentleman who wore khadi as a matter of principle, taken in by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, pedalling his way in the Maris Stella area which is named after him.

Sri Ramachandra Rao was born in 1901 in a humble family of traditional farmers of the village of Boddapadu in Vijayawada Taluq. He studied in the S.K.P.V.V. High School up to S.S.C., and for his inter went to Andhra Christian College, Guntur. There he met two remarkable missionaries, Rev. Strock, the Principal, and Rev. Uhl, the Honorary Principal, who took the Bible classes. That young Ramachandra Rao was good at sports and games and this endeared him to the Principal. That he snatched the II rank in Bible study in his very first examination endeared him to the Honorary Principal. That was how a bond was developed between young Ramachandra Rao, who later became an IPS Officer, and the Jesuit Fathers.



As related earlier, Ramachandra Rao garu was very moved by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, of which the most important article was village upliftment. The foundation for village upliftment is the opening of schools, colleges and the spread of education. Vijayawada town then had no college of repute. The nearest good colleges were either in Guntur or Visakhapatnam. It was during this period that the Late Father Karnam Deviah S.J., then residing in Madras Loyola, was deputed to explore and investigate into the location, financial commitments, etc., for a worthy college in Vijayawada town. Soon, a committee of prominent citizens of Vijayawada was formed with Shri Katragadda Raghuramaiah garu as secretary to collect funds and acquire 100 acres of land near Gunadala for the college. The offer was readily accepted and

the location of the college at the present site was decided once and for all. Katragadda Raghuramaiah garu, Suryadevara Ramachandra Rao garu, Parvataneni Bhushaiah garu and other prominent people set out to collect donations in right earnest. Before going out, they all sat together before the sunrise and made a list of prospective donors and the amounts expected from each one of them.

Collecting funds turned out to be very difficult. Some were very critical, others ridiculed them, still others even abused them. But they were firm in their resolve and this helped. Their efforts were rewarded. The foundation of Andhra Loyola College was laid on Dec. 9th 1953 by the then Governor Sri Trivedi. It was a grand ceremony with as many as six thousand invitees. The place was swarmed with people from Guntur, Krishna, East and west Godavari Districts who had visions of their children studying in a worthy college in Vijayawada, rather than go all the way to Madras Loyola for better education. If today we are enjoying the services of this great institution, it is due to these great visionaries who never gave much thought to the sweat and toil that went into making this mighty undertaking come true. It was a moment of joy for the committee for having accomplished such a great task.

"God has been kind to me. Whatever I did was not my work. It was all God's work" - This is how Ramachandra Rao garu explained his part in the building up of Andhra Loyola College.

It was not only to Loyola College that Ramachandra Rao garu rendered his services but also to Maris Stella College and Nirmala High School. He instituted several scholarships in all the three institutions. He had a special affinity for missionaries that he also donated freely to St. Ann's Hospital, Vijayawada. He also helped financially people from the lower rungs of the society who were in the pursuit of education. He moved into a thatched house to accommodate the sisters of Maris Stella, and the 1st batch of hostellers in his building before the college building was built. When the then Principal of Maris Stella requested him to show a place of stay for the lady lecturers who came all the way from Kerala, he built rooms for them in his vacant land and collected minimal charges.

The loss of his only son, Sri Nagendra Babu, in 1968 was a major blow to Ramachandra Rao garu. With the help of Fr. Bazou, he sought and found solace in the sacred scriptures so at the age of fifty-eight the onus of bringing up his grandchildren fell upon him. He brought them by instilling in them a sense of discipline and hard work. He made them believe that only hard work can fetch them rewards in life. Today all his grand-children are prominent citizens. The youngest grandson, named after him, is an IAS Officer attaining Padmashri at the young age of forty, Padmasri S. R. Rao IAS, for his exemplary work as Municipal Commissioner, in making the plague ridden Surat city the second most beautiful city in India. He is presently working as Chief Secretary, Municipal Administration, AP.

It is said that God sends each individual into this world with a specific purpose and Sri Suryadevara Ramachandra Rao garu left for the Heavenly abode on July 22nd 1986 at the age of eighty five with his mission fulfilled.

KUDOS TO A PROGRESSIVE FAMILY

Katragadda Narasayya

It is the turn of the century which delivered wonderful things to this world. It is only after the great explorations and voyages undertaken by the Europeans that the human species grew out of the cocoon and started looking beyond the horizons. The renaissance and its scientific discoveries changed the world beyond anybody's expectations. The English occupation transformed our great civilization into a Raj. During the British rule, a significant number of Indian Youth developed a hunger for education, which was a part of our mind and soul for over 6000 years.



The family of Katragadda migrated to the Krishna Delta after their participation in the military regiments of the then Raj. They took up farming and excelled in it. There was no significant push towards educational excellence. A tenth grade was all that they could afford. It was not acceptable for a fiery young man named Dasaradha Ramaiah blessed with wit and married to his obsession of mathematics. At a tender age of seventeen he decided to do it alone and took up the daunting task of travelling to England to fulfill his passion for education. He could not persuade his father to agree with his idea of pursuing a higher education in England. He could not imagine his life without a higher education, and being the eldest son of the family, he wanted to pave the wonderful way of education for his family. His desire got the best of him and he travelled to England in search of his soul. There are no records of his hardship in his adventure, save for a single letter in which he elaborated his life in England and thanked his father who pardoned him and lent him some financial support. Unfortunately, luck was against him and he contracted tuberculosis. He came back to India to die in his motherland, but his pride would not let him step into his father's ancestral house. He died a loner and took his dream with him - which he almost achieved.

His story has become folklore in his family. His unfulfilled dream fortunately took his brothers as surrogate carriers. Fiery by nature, entrepreneurs by vision, devoted to this land, followers of Gandhism and ardent Freedom fighters - nowhere inferior to their elder brother - this band of brothers came to be known as the famous Katragadda brothers.

Their brewing compassion for education and to make their beloved Bezawada a sacred place for education met its match when Rev. Fr. Deviah approached them. This meeting changed the lives of thousands of youngsters and created one of the largest alumni the world over. Without any hesitation they took upon the task of creating history, and history they made in the world of Education. The primary goal of Raghu Ramaiah and Madhusudhana Rao in particular of the Katragadda brothers in extending their full support for funding the college was only to bring affordable and standard education to the children of families from agricultural background. Their efforts sowed the seeds for the

The foundation laying ceremony was celebrated on a grand scale. As many as six thousand invitees were present. Thousands of people gathered in a place where one hardly saw a single soul. People came from all parts of Andhra, particularly from Guntur, Krishna and West Godavari districts. Every one was in a joyous mood and every one felt that this was a mighty undertaking for the benefit of his children.

Fifteen hundred guests were present at a tea party in the evening and five hundred were treated to a sumptuous banquet at night. The fare was so lavish that one was reminded of the epic feast sage Bharadwaja gave to prince Bharata on his way to bring back Rama to Ayodhya. Youngsters from the agricultural families in Vijayawada, Patamata, Gunadala and Mogalrajapuram took a dedicated part in the celebration. The Fathers of the Society of Jesus were greatly impressed. Sri Velagapudi Ramakrishna of Krishna Confectioneries Private Ltd., who was not very enthusiastic in the beginning, expressed his happiness over the function and promised to supply all the cement required for the construction of the buildings at production cost, a promise which he diligently fulfilled. Though we had not secured as much land as we had hoped to, at the time of the foundation ceremony, encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the agriculturist families in the locality, the Society of Jesus promptly began the construction of buildings. After the construction had started, many persons came forward, as we had expected, to give more donations, and more donations literally poured in as the construction work proceeded. Owing to ill health, I had to cut down my sorties and the Fathers themselves took up the collection of funds and, with the help of friends and sympathisers, they acquired more land to reach the target originally fixed. The college and hostel buildings rose up with such astonishing speed that Sri Ramineni Kausalandra Rao, a judge of the Nagpur High Court, was over-joyed when he visited the site. The college was formally opened on 12 July 1954."

Let me take this opportunity to thank a young man named Katragadda Dasaradha Ramaiah who inspired his brothers to take up an undaunting task and made a miracle happen in Vijayawada. The Katragadda brothers were duly remembered and respected during the Golden Jubilee function of Andhra Loyola College, which they rightfully deserved.

MY DAYS AT ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE

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It is almost five decades since I first entered the portals of the now-famous Andhra Loyola College at Vijayawada. I passed my matriculation from the Kesari High School, Mylapore, Madras, at the tender age of 13 years and was declared ineligible for admission to colleges of Madras due to being under aged. My father had to send me to the Andhra region of the then Madras state. The Andhra Loyola College was just established and it was an appropriate choice as I had my schooling for about three years at the TVS Chalapathi Rao Municipal High School, Satyanarayana Puram, Vijayawada. I understand that this school has since been renamed! It was the first time that I left home to explore the outside world and what an experience it has been.

When I arrived at the Loyola College, it was still being built. The hostel was a huge cement coloured building and still to be finished. The flooring used to be rough. As a matter of fact the first road to the hostel was laid by us as social service activity. Most of my classmates were much older than me and I was treated as a kid brother. I did not mind, though. After school, the college, the hostel, the class rooms and the laboratories, all looked very big. The most difficult part of initiation to life at the college was to get out of being homesick. Another aspect of our life in the hostel was the discipline that our beloved warden Fr. Kuriakose wanted us to adhere to. Some aspects of it were the silence that we needed to maintain during set hours, getting up early in the morning, having meals at the scheduled times, etc. These were the most difficult chores for me. I paid many a fine before I learnt to be a disciplined student of Loyola.

In the college, we had the ever-smiling Fr. Mathias as our Principal and the ever-reassuring presence of Fr. Deviah as Rector. Our English classes were the liveliest with Fr. Coyle being the teacher. His words that it is better not to begin any sentence with 'but' still ring in my years. He was very friendly with us and taught us many more things. I recall once visiting his room and being told how to catch a snake. He, if I remember correctly, had a gun too. We had very sincere teachers for all the subjects and most of us did well at the examinations. I passed out with a first class and remember to have got distinction in one or two subjects. The devotion of the teachers towards their wards is something to be emulated.

The social life at the college was pretty good. We had games and sports. One of my classmates Mr. Paul used to play football and was very good at that. It was on the sports grounds that I learnt one simple lesson. I participated in some long distance race. I do not

Independence was celebrated on a grand scale on the campus. We had special food prepared in New Hostel for the occasion. The 1971 War saw Loyola College raise funds for the Andhra University Vice-Chancellor's Defence Fund. If memory serves me right, Andhra Loyola contributed the most from amongst the constituent colleges towards the Defence Fund. I remember students in my block, in New Hostel, washing and ironing clothes for the Fund. I lost my favourite shirt in the process. Sarat Kumar, my block leader, agreed to massage people's heads (for five rupees) for the Defence Fund!

1973 was a tumultuous year; the Andhra agitation swept the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. Vijayawada was under curfew and the police had to resort to firing to quell the mobs. I had to leave the college (as the hostels were closed) and watched the disturbances by reading the newspapers in Madras. On one occasion, after the college was reopened, the CRP came on to the campus chasing some students.

I came back to college last year after the absence of 29 years. I was told by Fr. Theckemury of Mr. P. T. Thomas's death. He was one of the finest Economics lecturers that I ever had. The campus looked very beautiful and all the construction work seemed to have been completed. The college had enrolled female students and there were female members of the staff. This was unheard of in my time at the College. The legacy for the old boys like me is to constantly be reminded of the great teachers that we had at Andhra Loyola and that at some stage remember them, by instituting Awards in the name of the staff (in the disciplines that they taught) to the present and future generation of students who do well in their disciplines. Another is to create and maintain a web site so that old students may visit the college over the internet. I wish I could come back again as a student!



The Andhras

If you know how to deal with the Andhras, by mastering their language, assimilating their culture and treating them with the respect and dignity their position demands, they will bestow on you their warm affection which in its depth and intensity has few parallels in other parts of our vast country.

- Fr. Anselm Miranda, S.J.



50 GOLDEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MY FIVE YEARS AT LOYOLA

D. Ashok Kumar

Alumnus (1972-'77) ; Joint Secretary, ALCAA



Our family moved to Vijayawada in 1968, as my mother was posted as Principal, Adult Education Training College for Teachers. We lived in Old Postal Colony close to Nirmala High School. I was admitted into class VIII in Z. P. School, Patamata, but was shifted to SVNA High School in Mynenivariipalem in Guntur District because of mischievous activities.

Having completed my class IX & X in a remote village with no electricity or roads, I was brought back to Vijayawada for my intermediate education in 1972. Those days getting an admission into Andhra Loyola College was a distant dream even for a meritorious student. With meagre marks it would be nearly impossible for a student like me. Being in the education department, my mother met the Principal, Rev. Fr. Francis, and expressed her fears of admitting me in any other college. Rev. Fr. Francis kindly gave me admission into the CEC group (Telugu Medium) in which my roll number was 3. Thus started my most eventful and memorable life journey at the age of 14 years. The year was 1972 and all of us were upbeat due to our winning the war of 1971 and the separate Andhra agitation was at its peak

Sri E. B. Satyam and Sri A. Purushotham (popularly known as "Macbeth") taught us English, where as Sri Kesava Rao and Sambasiva Rao, Civics, Sri Sivannarayana and Sri Rama Sharma, Economics, Sri DVS Murthy and Sri Narayana Rao Accounts, Sri Metta Venkateswara Rao Telugu, Rev. Fr. Koyipuram, Moral Science. Our class had a strength of 89 students and used to be very mischievous and trouble-making. But the lecturers were very supportive and encouraged us fully. But all our mischief was always within the limits and never was ugly or insulting to any one.

One incident which all of us still remember happened on a day when Sri Srimannarayana was to take a class and, in his absence, Sri M. C. Das came. As none of us was aware that he was also a lecturer, and as he was rather over-dressed for a teacher, we started booing. He shouted at us and made us stand for a while. Then he told all of us to stand up on the benches. Every one of us was stunned. He called all the tall and big students to stand up on the bench and everyone followed. But he didn't allow us get down even after the period was over, so that students from other classes would come and see us standing on the benches!

Sri Kesava Rao was excellent lecturer, but very short-tempered. However, he used to advise us to leave the class without permission if any of us was not interested in his lecture. He used to say we made less noise than the MLAs in the Assembly. Sri I. V. Sambasiva Rao, who used to teach us Civics was a very quiet but firm teacher. We were told during our Senior Inter that he died in an accident. But after many years, we were told that he had joined the People's War Group and was in Number 2 position after the late Sri Kondapalli Seetaramaiah. Sri E. B. Satyam was an excellent English lecturer and was the Head of the Department of English. For students like me who came from the Telugu Medium background, he used to take extra classes at 6 a.m. and I used to be in the class room by 5:45 a.m. He used to call be 'Nisacharudu' and 'devil'.

During my senior Intermediate, one of my classmates committed suicide. Several of us were so agitated that we broke the glasses of the Library. We were told the college had decided not to give admission into the degree course to the students they were suspicious of inciting the incident. However, I decided to get admission, somehow or the other. So I applied giving my mother's address (she was at Mylavaram at the time), and I got an interview card! For the interview I went with my hair cut short and in borrowed clothes from a friend so that I looked like a village lad. When my turn came for the interview, all the lecturers left as they had classes except Sri Srimannarayana, who taught us in Junior Inter. He had completely forgotten about my mischiefs. So he admitted me into B. Com and immediately I paid the required fees. When the classes started, Sri Poornachandra Rao, our Telugu lecturer, told us in the class, that there was a discussion in the staff room on my being admitted into the college. However, I happily settled down with most of my inter classmates joining other colleges in the town.

But things began to take a turn for the better now. I joined the NCC Air Wing and it changed my attitude to life to a great extent. I was totally involved in the making of aeroplane models and attending camps all over India, which helped me in learning languages as well as giving me a great opportunity to make trips from Kashmir (places you can't even step now like Pakistan border) to down South. There were so many memorable occasions, such as the declaration of Emergency on the day we landed up in Delhi (25-6-1975), representing the State in the Republic Day Parade 1977 and having tea at Rashtrapati Bhavan with then President of India, late Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, and attending the Advance Leadership Course with Indian Navy, to name a few.

It was indeed a great relief to many of my teachers that I abstained regularly from the classes, lest I tease them and trouble them. However, Rev. Fr. Francis was always supportive and encouraging. So also Fr. V. T. George, and Fr. A. Theckemury, who was then the Rector of the college.

The bond with the college didn't end with my taking a degree. When I was to go to

Delhi for my Company Secretary Course, Fr. Francis gave me an introduction letter to YMCA and other organizations. When I opened my book shop (Ashok Book Centre) in 1981, Fr. Theckemury, and Fr. Paul Satyanarayana drove straight from the railway station to my place to bless me and my venture. Several Fathers and Lecturers continued to visit my shop and help me in establishing my shop. It was again Fr. Francis, who was instrumental in getting a place for establishing my Visakhapatnam Branch.

Sri Rama Sarma used to tell the students how mischievous I used to be and how I got tamed and became a book-seller in life. Several students come to my shop and enquire about my college days. Almost all the lecturers I keep meeting, whenever possible.

Though it is over 25 years since I left the College, I always feel I owe so much to the institution and the teachers who were instrumental in what I am today. Whenever possible, I am ready to do whatever best I can, so that the institution continues to shape many more responsible and able students the country can be proud of.

Sri. K. Basaveswara Rao

A born teacher, deeply devoted and dedicated to his profession; a gifted orator with and immense capacity to keep and enlighten audience spellbound for hours by his eloquence, analytical thinking, clarity of ideas, breadth of thought and depth of vision; a scholar of repute in history, literature and other social sciences; a writer of eminence, known for his flight of imagination, creative faculty, independent thinking and critical out-look; a rationalist, transcending the barriers imposed by tradition; a good friend, a profound philosopher, and, above all, a humanist with a sincere concern for others, with a soft heart ready to respond favourably to all those who sought his advice and guidance - that was late Kalluri Basveswara Rao.

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JUBILEE THOUGHTS

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Fifty years, especially the first fifty years, in the existence of an institution may not be as significant as in the life of an individual. For the latter, it is almost two third or three fourth of his life. But, as the saying goes, the shooting shows the strength of the plant, and for an institution, its future may be envisaged from the initial years. Anyway, the first fifty glorious years have shown that Andhra Loyola College “shines like a lonely star” among the colleges of Andhra Pradesh. And with the motto of the Jesuits the ‘majis’ – still better – and the goal of Jesuit education, - excellence, competence and compassionate commitment – the role of ALC in the educational field of AP cannot be ignored.

No teacher can have a Golden Jubilee while in service under the prevailing laws, though one may celebrate it as one’s entry into the field of education. I cannot have any, as I came into the field very late. The Jubilee celebration of the College gives me an opportunity to ponder over my role as a Teacher in the present circumstances.

It is said that the teachers are the pillars of the society. The pillars are always standing, and so, may be, a teacher is expected to stand in the class! It is an old saying. Therefore, it is not applicable to modern Teachers. A pillar holds the structure and so a Teacher is expected to take care of the society.

The Teachers came into their role when parents and society found it difficult to teach their children. Under our “Gurukul” system, the students stayed with the teacher and learnt not only some specific art of task, but also how to live in society. In the modern organized institutional teaching system, we get teachers for teaching alphabet to astronomy – in fact, A to Z of what we can think of.

A teacher is expected to present to the students a parent figure, a good friend, guide, philosopher, co-walker and, above all, one who helps the student to discover himself or herself. He should be knowledgeable and keep his knowledge updated. He should be a good communicator possessing all values which the society values much. He should be simple, kind-hearted but firm, whenever required. The teachers of yester years almost had all these qualities. So society held him in high esteem. He was approached for advice and considered a model worthy to be emulated.

But now? The Teachers are a detested lot. There is a general feeling that they do not teach in the “regular class”. They can correct or value answer scripts like magicians without going through them. They are supposed to be well off with their ‘fat pay’ and “other

businesses". There is no sympathy for the Teachers from the public or Govt., even if they go on strike for their just causes.

Many of the Lecturers feel that they are the ultimate authority on the subject. Majority resent change or do not want even to listen to others (Oh! they are expected to lecture and not to listen). An often-heard excuse for no change is: Wait for ideal conditions. Ideal conditions are only utopian and so the changes required are not brought about easily.

Everybody, right from the minister of education to the student, complains about the falling standards in education. But precious little is done to solve the problem. We talk more and work less. Part of the blame is naturally on teachers- not doing their duty, not spending time for "their students", corruption, commercialization, favouritism, etc.

In a democracy, the rules are there for the smooth running of the society. The rule says: no private tuition allowed for lecturers. But circumstances, 'social' and 'personal' obligations, etc., are some of the reasons put forward for taking up tuition work or working or associating with private institutions by lecturers, thereby breaking the law, setting standards for the coming generations.

All these ills and evils are comparatively very less in ALC because of the traditions set by the founding Fathers and the Lecturers of the beginning years of the College who started these traditions. The 'Loyola Family' concept is unique and is not found elsewhere. Will I be there for the Diamond Jubilee of this college? Most unlikely. But one thing is sure. Andhra Loyola College will be going to greater heights and will stand like a 'Colossus among other institutions of Andhra Pradesh' after twenty-five years also.

The Staff of A L C



The attitude of the staff was another source of pleasant surprise for me. Till I went to Andhra Loyola College, I had not come across such a friendly, respectful set of staff members in any other Jesuit institution in the south. I am still prepared to say that the Andhra Loyola staff are among the best you can find in any college. If sometimes things went wrong, I would say that it was because they did not get, in later years, the inspiration, guidance and understanding they deserved.

- Fr. T. A. M

LOYOLA: A MODERN GURUKULA

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In ancient times, students used to stay with their gurus and learn from them alphabets to martial arts. In modern times, Loyola too follows the same pattern. Its great lecturers do the same duty as their counterparts of ancient time. Its great library with many invaluable books to internet work as sword, lance, shield in martial arts. The great old trees on the Loyola campus do the same duty as the old trees around a gurukul as in the forest.

Gurus in the ancient times used to teach their pupils according to their capabilities. They aimed at the overall development of their students. In Loyola too we see the same thing. It develops its students according to their capacities. For the overall development of its students it conducts various activities concerning cultural, sports, NCC, NSS, etc.

The ancient gurukulas were known for their excellent academic performance. They gave more importance to the practical knowledge of its pupils. The academic performance of Loyola conforms to that of gurukulas. Here students learn to live their life in a worthwhile manner. The Loyola Library instils knowledge and wisdom in its students.

All gurukulas were secular institutions. Students from all religion and students from far off places used to come and study together. In the same way, we can find students irrespective of their religion, cast and creed and even from foreign countries in our Loyola family. They pursue their studies in perfect harmony.

Selfless charity and social service were the ideals of students in gurukulas. The same are the guiding principles of every Loyolite too. Social service is a part and parcel of the students of Loyola. They help those who come from financially weaker backgrounds and victims of Gujarat earthquake and cyclone victims of Orissa are the best examples.

Like gurukulas, Loyola too aims at moulding men and women into full-fledged personalities. It plays a significant role in forming future citizens of our country who in turn will lead the nation on the path of development and prosperity.

A PLEA TO THE 'LOYO-LIGHTS' THE WORLD OVER

Fr. P. J. Sandanasamy, S.J.

Rector, ALC



It's thanks to God's profuse plenitude, fifty precious years of performance has touched, in some way, the very core of being of over 50,000 priceless Pearls who have gone through its portals, and Andhra Loyola College is proud of such precious and numerous Loyolites for the simple reason that they are doing well in life and in society.

Speak of development of the state, nation and the world! There is no denial: far advanced are the towns and villages, thanks to Science, Technology and modes of communications. Man has come a long way from the primitive lidless dwelling to the comforts unlimited around himself. He has delved deep into the ocean and has flown into the outer space to handle other terrestrial worlds. He is alive to the happenings around the globe and can make himself present for others at their call but it is not all.

Man has gained control over the environment but failed to respond to his neighbours. While there is the inner movement in every one towards someone above viz., the Absolute making him good and virtuous, yet he fails to listen to that inner voice inviting to be the messenger of peace and joy.

In the midst of growing trend of materialism, exclusive insistence on economic empowerment and commercialization of education itself, it is a special call from above for the alumni of ALC to prove humane in the neighbourhood with social values intact in one's attitude and action.

Virtue is doing God's will, always and everywhere. God's will could be seen and felt, exercised and experienced only in and through one's fellow being. St. John the evangelist speaks aptly in the Bible: "If someone says 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar; For he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

Service to neighbour becomes a means to know God and is, in fact, a necessity to approach him. God who continually creates every human being, looks after and loves all. The name above all names given to God is 'abba' (father) by Lord Jesus Christ. In him we all become children and so sisters and brothers of the human family. It is then imperative that we are interested in the welfare of all human beings. It also implies that I could never be a cause of downfall of even a single person. In the words of Cardinal Newman: 'A gentleman is one who never inflicts pain on anyone'. Every Loyolite then is a gentleperson.

No doubt, most of us, joined the college in order, primarily, to obtain a degree. The loaded curriculum, the crowded syllabi, the frequented, yet abhorred tests and much

feared examinations would not give sufficient and necessary time for any internalization. But seeds had been then sown in us, tilled through the process of regularity of attendance and discipline. The sprouting took place and growth started once faced with concrete situations of life after the phase of formal education. Flowering of one's life is seen in the way one socializes within one's neighbourhood. In fact, these are phases of discoveries and in the process one gets 'illumined' in being consonant with the fellowbeings. It is not to be true only with neighbours; from being kind to all, it extends to the very nature around. One needs to preserve, transmit and advance the very environment: care-taker of the surrounding. The mission is to create a pollution-free atmosphere. It is being just 'bio-friendly'.

Being with the neighbour and close to cosmos, a person extends himself towards the Absolute: it is to be a wholesome person mentally and morally, physically and psychologically with maturation socially (horizontal extension) and spiritually (vertical extension). It is realization of *vasudeva kutumbam*.

It surely demands sacrifice of one's time, energy and earnings. Only then it is meritorious before God. It is only the courageous who prove themselves in charity of an extraordinary kind. It is also the speciality of God's demands we should obey. Give, give abundantly, give yourself, God will give to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Here is the plea and resolution: I, being a Loyolite, by predestination by God our father, will ever stand by and for the poor. It is in extending myself in charity that I will find myself closer to the Divine. It is in seeking the good of all people that I shall find true joy. It is in promoting harmony among my neighbours that I will build a well-coordinated and integrated India, and it is in nurturing a just society around that I shall create a liveable and lovable universe.

Jesuits



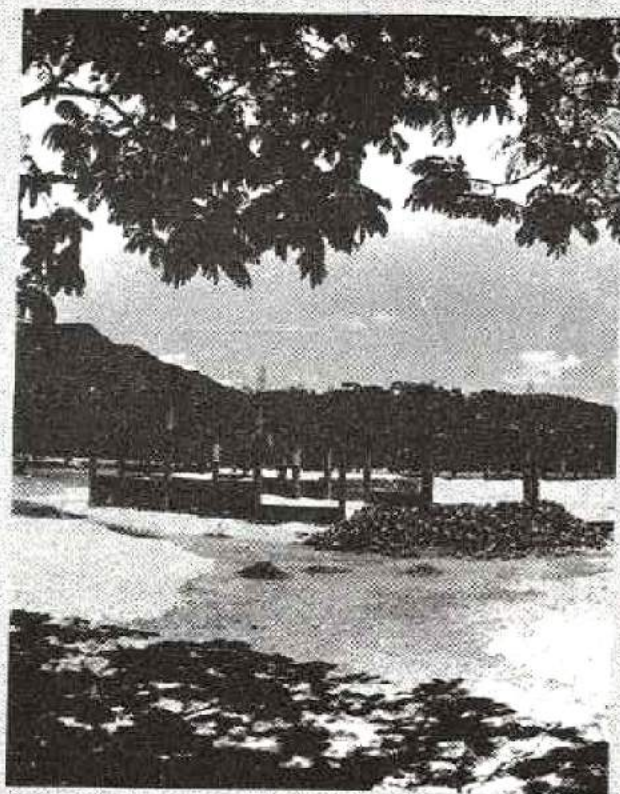
It was in Paris and in the heart of the University that Ignatius gathered his disciples and made up his mind to found an association of men devoted to the service of God, to the promotion of "the Greater Glory of God". That is the meaning of the Jesuit motto A.M.D.G. - *ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*. He named the Order, the Society of Jesus, and the members, Companions of Jesus, so much did the idea of serving God by following his entire thinking. Those members came therefore to be popularly called "Jesuits", followers of Jesus.

Rev. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Former Superior-General



Governor C. M. Trivedi
laying the foundation stone : December 9, 1953



The construction has begun !



Dr. Giani David supervising the construction as
Frs Mathias, Coyle and Papaiah look on



The Fathers' Residence





Frs. Mathias, Deviah, Coyle and Subbaiah with the first members of the staff



Fr. Lawrence Fernandez, the Provincial of Madurai Jesuit Province, with the first Jesuit community

One more glimpse at the first few years



Chief Minister N Sanjeeva Reddy at ALC (1957)



Fr. Mathias offering
a tour of the campus



Sri Y Ramanadha Babu



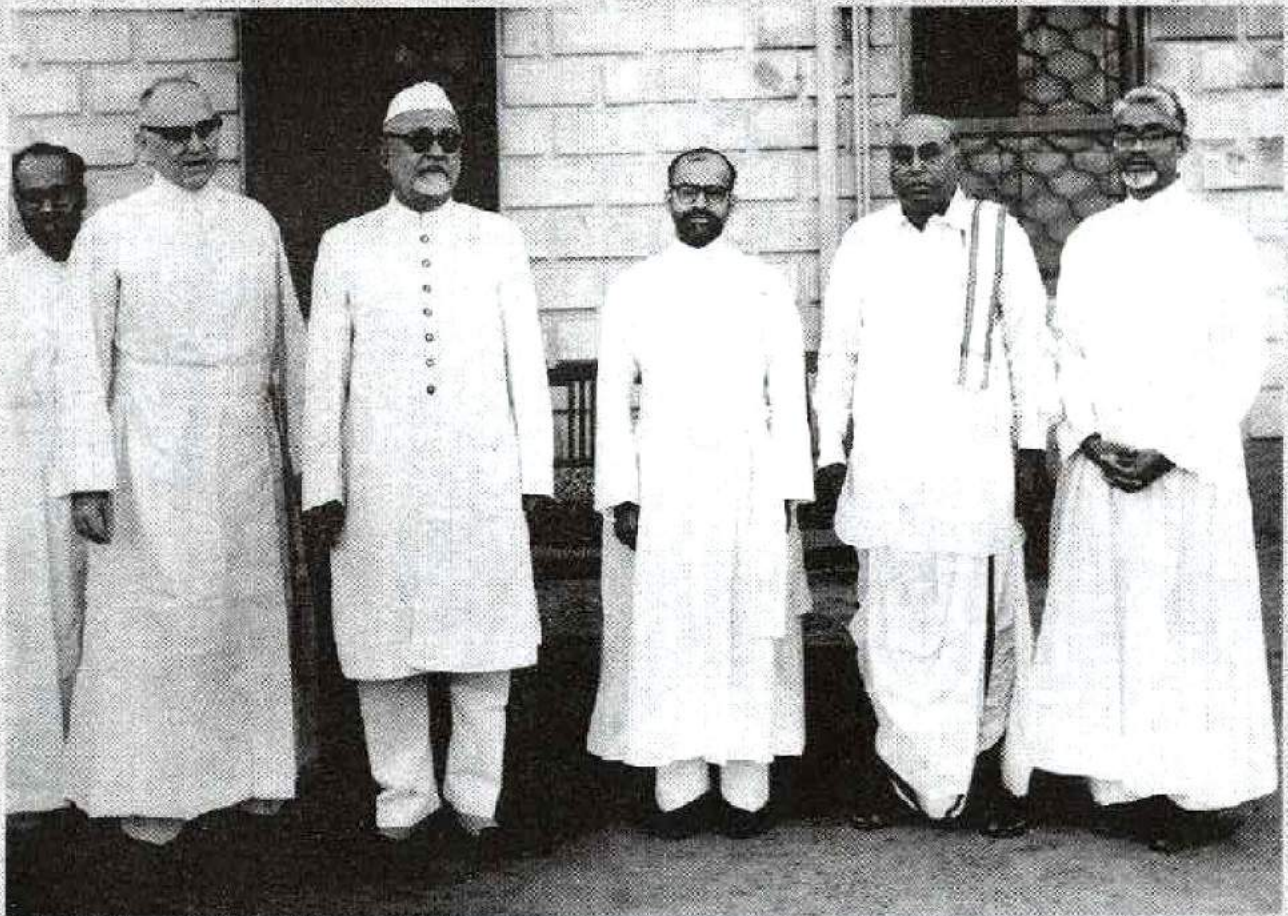
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Sri M Harichandra Prasad, MLA



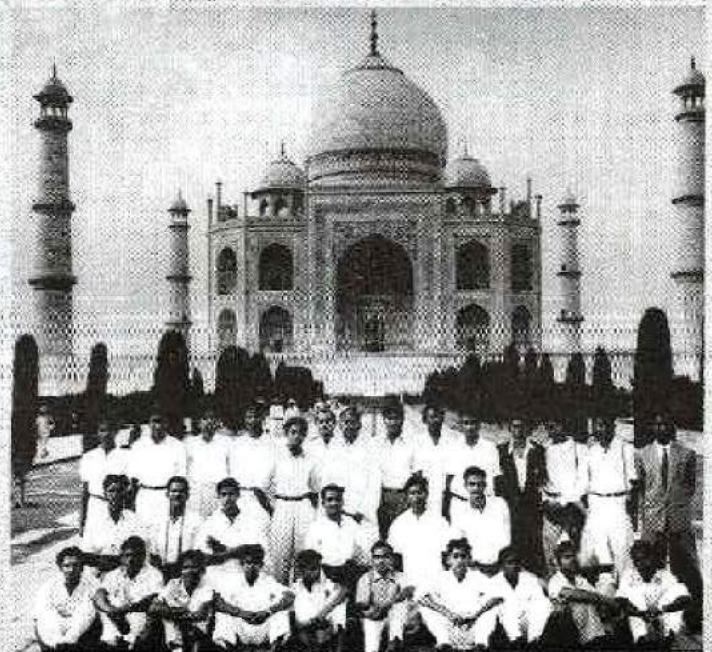
Fr. Mathias and Fr. Gordon with some guests of honour



Dr. Zakir Hussain, President of India, at ALC



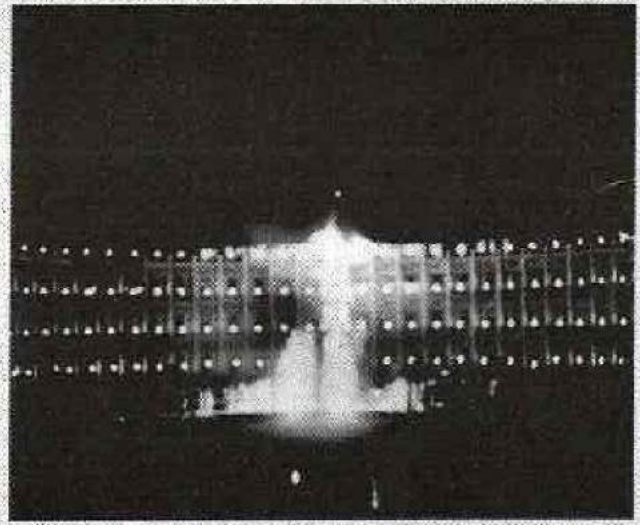
Sri. Rajaji visits ALC



The Loyolites at the Taj Mahal



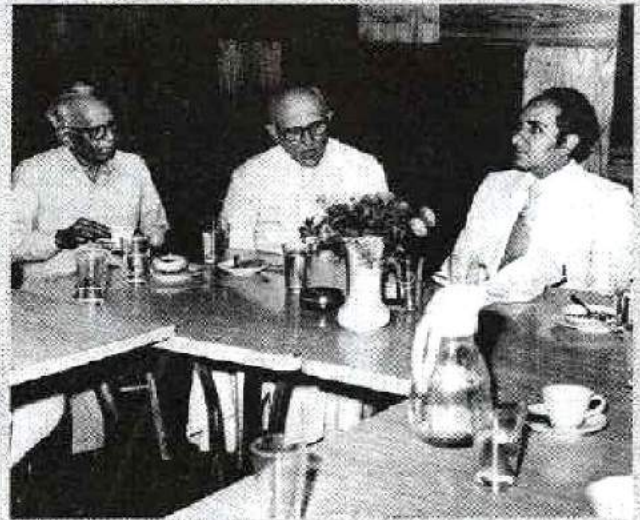
Long before ALERT



New Hostel celebrates Deepavali



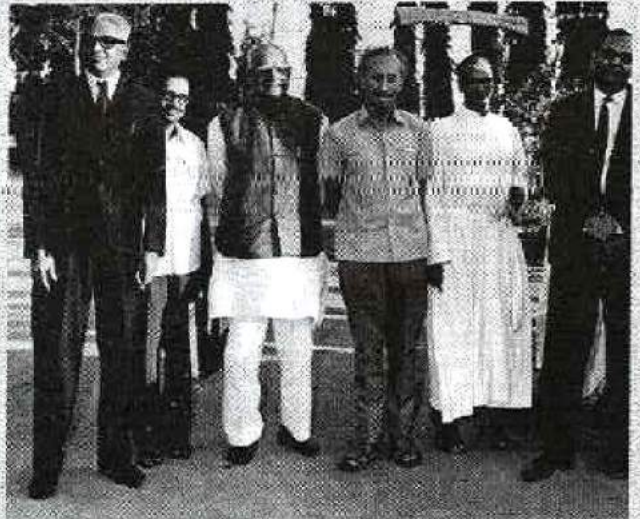
Dr. Burgahil, College doctor



Sri P Subba Rao with some visiting alumni

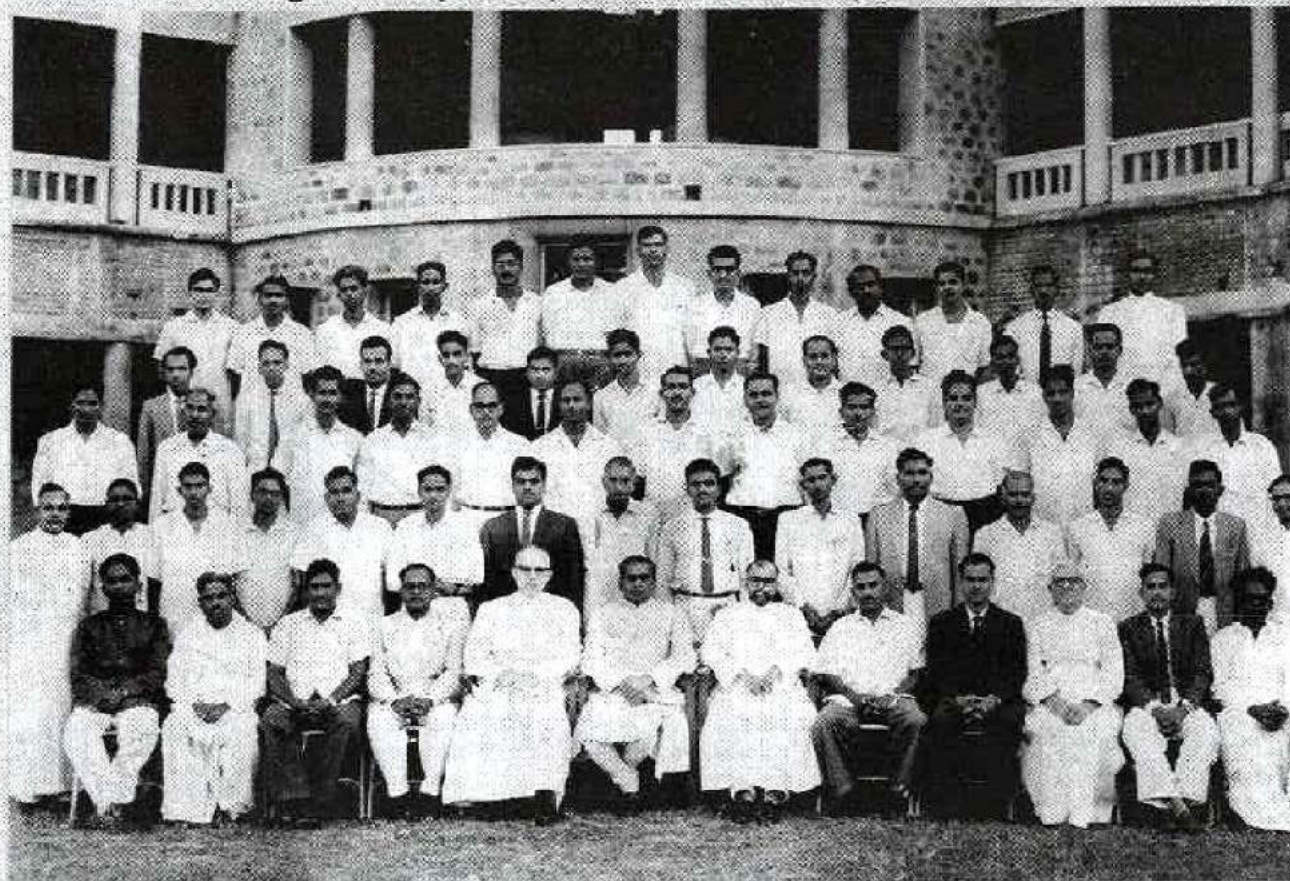


Dr. N. V. Rao inaugurating
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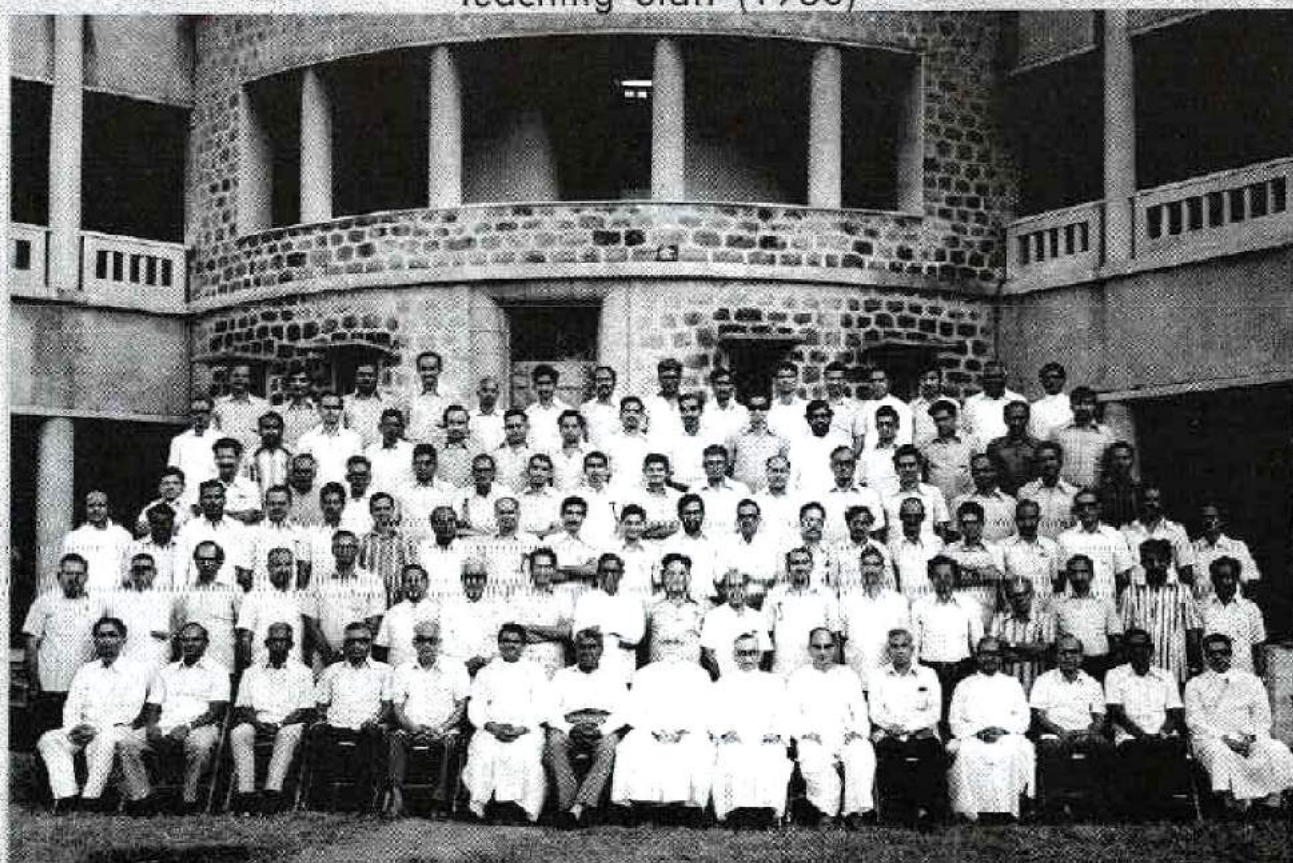


Fr. Windy among the dignitaries

Teaching Staff (1965) with Dr B Gopala Reddy, M.P.



Teaching Staff (1980)



Fr. General's Address at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations on March 9, 2004

I congratulate you on this day when you celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Andhra Loyola College with thanksgiving for what has been accomplished through this Institution and the Jesuits who pioneered this effort fifty years ago. The historical records of the Society of Jesus show that the college was started in an almost insignificant way in the midst of this land which boasts of so many great and venerable institutions of higher learning, giants in the field of education. Over these fifty years it has grown itself to become a venerable institution of higher learning, organized and managed by the Jesuits and served by a staff of well-qualified and dedicated teachers.



The history of the College certainly bears witness to the quality education it imparts, through the list of alumni who have reached the highest levels in Indian society as well as abroad. What is even more significant from the point of view of India, as well as from the angle of the spirituality of Jesuits, is the admission policy that has definitely favoured the poor, the socially disadvantaged and the marginalized. Entire groups within Indian society which found the door to education closed through poverty or prejudices, suddenly found that door ajar and inviting, initiating a social transformation which is gaining momentum. This spirit of liberation which is based on the belief that every human being is born with the same dignity and placed in the world with a unique mission, does not permit the college to remain an island, however brilliant and accomplished, but urges it to reach out to the rural poor, to the millions who are still unable to come, to bring them the skills and tools that will enable them to enrich their own lives and environments. Through this restless concern for the disadvantaged, Andhra Loyola has brought into the treasure-house of the nations, full many a gem which otherwise would have remained unseen and hidden, leaving our society that much poorer.

Andhra Loyola College, like every institution, is like a human being. The heart, the spirit, the mind and every part of the body works in coordination and co-operation in order to keep the human being not just alive, but celebrating life. This institution can experience this sense of rejoicing as long as all the different persons who go to form the community that is the College, experience within them the deep sense of loyalty to the institution as well as to every other member. This loyalty is expressed through responsibility, generosity and mutual trust, and that sense of pride in the goodness and the success of Andhra Loyola College. I wish you every success for the future, as I thank you for this gracious invitation to share your joy.

LIST OF JESUITS WHO HAVE SERVED ALC FROM THE YEAR 1953

S No	Name	Years in ALC	Positions Held	Present Position
1	FR.KARNAM DEVIAH*	1953 - 58	Dept. of Logic Rector	RIP 29th April 1962
2	FR.T.BALIAH*	1953-1964	Dept. of Logic Warden - GH Rector - 1958 - 62	RIP 11th November 1985
3	FR.B.J.COYLE*	1953 - - - 65,	Dept. of English Warden - GH	RIP 1972
4	FR.T.A.MATHIAS	1953 - 61	Dept. of Physics Principal - 1953 - 59 AW - GH	XLRI Jhamshedpur
5	FR.Y.PAPAI AH*	1953 - - - 1959	Dept. of Ethics / Religion Warden - GH	RIP 10th December 2001
6	FR.S.SUBBAIAH*	1953 - - - 2001	Dept. of History Warden - GH	RIP 13th November 2002
7	FR.G.FOREAEU*	1954-1955	Department of Botany	RIP
8	BR.I.JOSEPH*	1954 - - - 70	Mess manager	RIP
9	FR.L.BAZOU*	1955-1977	Dept. of French Historian	RIP 12th August 1977
10	BR. P. JOHN*	1955 - - - 59	Mess manager	RIP
11	BR. MARIASOOSAI*	1955 - 64	College Office	RIP 17 July, 1978
12	FR.J.KURIAKOSE *	1955 - - - 1993	Dept. of Commerce Warden - NH Rector - 1965 - 70 Cont. of Exam - 1988-90 Principal - 1991 - 93	RIP 11th July 1994
13	BR. F. THIRUSELVAM*	1956 - 59	Mess Manager	RIP
14	FR. M. D. VARKEY*	1958 - - - 72	Dept. of Economics VP, AW - GH Principal - 1969 - 72	RIP 5th July 2001
15	FR.ANSLEM MIRANDA*	1958 - - - 1987	Dept. of Logic/ Religion Warden - GH Director OBA	RIP 15th December 1988
16	FR.D.GORDEN*	1958 - - - 1993	Dept. of Economics Rector - 1962-65, 71-81 Principal - 1959 - 69 OBA - Director	RIP 3rd April 1994
17	FR. T. M. GEORGE	1958-59	Dept. of English	Jesuit Novitate Arusha, Tanzania
18	FR.OSWALD MATHIAS *	1958 - 59	Dept. of Economics	RIP 23rd December 2003
19	FR.S.ARULSAMY*	1959 -60	Dept. of English	RIP
20	BR. GNANAPRAKASAM*	1959 - 69	Construction in-charge	RIP
21	BR.M.CIIANDY	1959 - 60	Mess Manager	Christ Hall Kozhikode - 673 009

* * * - Passed away
LS - Left the Society
GH - Gogineni Hostel
NH - New Hostel
XH - Xavier Hostel

AW - Assistant Warden
DSH - Director Sanjeevan Hostel
"- - -" interrupted stay



22	BR.P.PATRICK	1960 - 61	Farm Manager	LS
23	FR. J. PUTHENKULAM*	1960-1961	Dept. of Economics	RIP
24	FR. A. VACHAPARAMBIL*	1960-1961	VP	RIP
25	FR.G.FRANCIS*	1961 - - - 2000	Dept. of English Principal - 1972 - 84 Dir - ALCAA	RIP 15th November 2000
26	BR.SOOSAI ARUL*	1961 - - - 1974	College Office Mess Manager Farm Manager	RIP 16th January 1994
27	BR. D. ANTHONIMUTHU*	1961 - 1962	Buyer	RIP
28	FR.P.JOJAYYA	1961 - - -	Dept. of Telugu, Writer	Writer - ALC
29	FR.A.THECKEMURY	1962 - - -	Dept. of Pol. Science Warden - GH, NH - VP Rector - 1970-76, 81-84 Cont. of Exams, Corresp. Director - ALCAA	Director ALCAA - ALC
30	FR.T.KOYIPURAM	1963 - - - 1999	Warden - XH	St. John's High School Amalapuram - 532 201
31	BR.M.MICHAEL	1964 - - -	DSH Construction in-charge Treasurer	Treasurer - ALC
32	FR.F.KANNIKAL	1965 - 88	Dept. of Sociology	Assisi Vidyaniketan Kochi - 682 021
33	FR.A.THAYIL*	1965 - 68	AW - GH	RIP
34	FR.T.CHRISTURAJ	1966 - 67	AW - GH	Loyola Tribal Centre KD peta, Vizag - 531 116
35	FR.J.ALPHONSE MIRANDA	1966 - 67	Dept. of English AW- NH	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034
36	FR.J.KALATHIL*	1967 - 68	Spiritual Father	RIP 8th June 1994
37	FR.M.J.KADAVIL	1967 - 78	Dept. of Chemistry Warden - GH, NH, VP Counsellor	Counsellor - ALC
38	FR.J.INCHAKAL	2002 - 1967 - 69	Dept. of Physics, Warden - NH	Loyola College, Chennai - 600 034
39	FR.P.AROCKIARAJ	1968 - 70	Warden - XH	Holy Family Church Mullaikudi - 620 010
40	FR. G. ARCHAMBEAUD	1969 - 70	Dept. of French	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034
41	FR.J.MIALIL	1969 - 70	Dept. of Botany AW - NH	Christ Hall Kozhikode - 673 009
42	FR.V. LOURDUSWAMY*	1969 - 1971	Dept. of Ethics / Religion AW - GH	RIP 27th December 1995
43	BR. A. MICHAELSWAMY	1970 - - -	Mess Manager	Mess Manager - ALC
44	FR. R. RAJIAH	1971 - 1973	Dept. of Sociology VP	LS
45	FR. J. ARACKAI	1972 - - - 1988	Dept. of Chemistry, Warden - GH DSH	Loyola High School Hindupur - 515 211
46	BR. S. ARULSAMY*	1972 - 74	Mess manager	RIP
47	FR. V.T.GEORGE	1972 - 1990	Dept. of Economics, Treasurer, VP	Satyodayam Secunderabad - 500 017
48	FR.A.MUTHUMALAI*	1972 - 1975	Spiritual father	RIP 3rd April 1975
49	FR.U.S.PAUL*	1973 - 1984	Dept. of Economics, Warden - GH, XH, VP Rector - 1977-78, 84 - 85 DBA Director	RIP 29th June 2001

50	BR.A. AROCKIASWAMY*	1973 - 1975	Farm Manager	RIP
51	FR.T.V.JAMES*	1973 - 1982	Dept. of History Warden - NH	RIP - 1983
52	FR.A.PAUL DOMINIC	1974 - - - 1992	Dept of Maths School AW - GH DSH	St.Xaviers High Suryapet - 508 213
53	BR.PARANJOTHI*	1974 - 75	Mess Manager	RIP
54	FR.JOE V.D SOUZA	1975 - 1978	Dept. of Chemistry AW - NH	Goa
55	BR. GASPAR	1975 - 76	Farm Manager	LS
56	BR.A.NEVIS AROCKIASAMY *	1975 - 1977	RIP	Farm Manager
57	BR.T.J.THIRUTHVARAJ	1975 - 1979	Mess Manager	Satya Nilayam Chennai - 600 041
58	BR.P.BALASWAMY	1975 - - -	Mess Manager	ALC
59	FR.T.INNAIAH	1975 - - - 1990	Dept. of History, Warden - GH, VP Principal - 1984 - 91	Loyola Degree College Pulivendla - 516 390
60	FR.X.BOSCO	1976 - 1977	Spiritual Father AW - GH	Samadarshini Secunderabad -500 011
61	FR.SUSAI RAYER	1976 - 1986	Dept. of Maths Warden - NH, XH, VP	LS
62	BR. JEBAMALAI *	1976 - 1979	Maintenance in-charge	LS
63	FR.G.PACKIARAJ	1976 - 1977	Dept. of English	Carmel High School Nagercoil - 629 004
64	FR.PETER RAJ	1978 - - -	Dept of English VP, Warden - NH DSH Principal - 1999-'01, '02 -	Principal - ALC
65	FR.F.JAYAPALAN	1978 - - -	Dept. of Telugu, Warden - GH, XH, VP DSH	Director - XH - ALC
66	FR.S.VEDARETHINAM	1978 - 1979	Dept. of Ethics Warden - XH	Loyola High School Karimnagar - 505 451
67	BR.S.IRUDAYASAMY	1978 - 1981	Mess Manager	Rayapuram - 625 234
68	BR.J.SINGARAYER	1978 - - -	College Office	Cashier - ALC
69	FR.C.J.JOHN	1979 - - - 1996	Dept. of History, Warden - NH, XH Principal - 1993 - 97 DSH	Suryodaya E. School Damak - 4 E Nepal
70	FR.GEORGE STEPHEN	1979 - 1980	Dept. of Maths	Samadarshini Secunderabad -500 011
71	BR. ALPHONSE	1980 - 1982	Farm Manager	LS
72	FR.S.DHANAPPAUL	1980 - - - 1995	Dept of Physics, DSH, NH, VP	Loyola Academy Secunderabad -500 010
73	FR. ARUL RAJA	1982 - 1983	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion	LS
74	FR.D.SHOURIAH	1982 - - - 1997	Dept. of Politics, Warden - XH Rector - 1994 - 97 Principal - 1997 - 99	Loyola Degree College Pulivendla - 516 390
75	FR JOHN PACKIARAJ	1982-1991	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion DSH	Satyodayam Secundrabad - 500 017
76	FR.PETER XAVIER	1983 - 84	Dept. of Commerce AW- NH DSH	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034
77	BR.A.THOMAS	1983 - 1987	Mess Manager	Satyodayam



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78	FR. PHILOMIN RAJ	1983 - - -	Dept. of Economics DSH Principal - 2001 - '02 Warden - NH	Director - NH - ALC
79	FR. AMRUTHARAO	1984 - 1985	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion AW - GH	LS
80	FR. SELVARAJAN CASHIR	1984 - 1985	Dept. of English AW - GH	Loyola Academy Secunderabad - 500 010
81	BR. K. FRANCIS	1984 - 1988	Mess Manager	Beschi illam Dindigul - 624 001 VP (Degree) - ALC
82	FR. S. EMMANUEL	1984 - - -	Dept. of Botany Warden - NH, XH, VP	
83	FR. P. S. AMAL RAJ	1985 - 1989	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion Rector - 1985 - 89 Warden - XH	Co-ordinator JRS Bangalore - 560 046
84	FR. THIERRY LIVENS	1985 - 1987	Dept. of Economics AW - XH	L'IET Brussels
85	FR. PETER SENGOLE	1985 - 1986	Dept. of Commerce DSH	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034
86	FR. S. AROCKIASWAMY	1985 - - - 1998	Dept. of Social Work Warden - NH, VP	LPS, Guntur - 522 005
87	FR. KUNDURU JOJI	1986 - - - 2001	Dept. of Telugu, Warden - XH	Nagarjuna Nagar - 522 510
88	FR. V. S. GEORGE	1986 - 1989	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion	Satyanilayam Chennai - 600 041
89	BR. S. MARTIN	1987 - 1992	Mess Manager	Loyola Academy Secunderabad - 500 010
90	FR. J. M. DAS	1987 - 1990	Dept. of Social Work AW - NH	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034
91	FR. G. M. VICTOR EMMANUEL	1987 - - -	Dept. of Maths VP, Warden - XH DSH	Director - Sanjeevan, ALC
92	FR. AMALANATHAN	1989 - 1994	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion Rector - 1989 - 94 Warden - XH	Loyola Academy Secunderabad - 500 010
93	FR. K. L. PRAKASA RAO	1989 - 1990	Dept. of Physics Warden - GH, XH	LS
94	FR. JOE SEBASTIAN	1989 - 2004	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion Treasurer, Director - Kaladarshini Rector - 1998 - 2001	Provincial Satyodayam Secunderabad - 500 017
95	FR. G. CHIRACKAL*	1991 - 1997	Dept. of Social Work	RIP
96	FR. P. CHARLES	1991 - - - 2000	Dept. of English, Warden - NH, VP	LS
97	FR. PANTONY	1991 - - -	Dept. of Zoology Warden - GH, VP	VP (Inter) - ALC
98	BR. B. PRAKASH	1992 - 1997	Mess Manager	ISI, Bangalore - 560 046
99	FR. C. VARGESE	1992 - 1993	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion AW - XH	LPS Guntur - 522 005
100	FR. LOUIS PHILIP	1992 - 1993	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion	Prince of peace Taylors - USA
101	FR. JOHN JOSEPH	1993 - 1994	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion DSH	Dir - Novitiate Nagarjuna Nagar - 522 510
102	FR. XAVIER RAJAN	1993 - 1994	Dept. of Diploma Course Mass Media	Loyola College Chennai - 600 034

103	FR.TONY VIAGULA	1993 - 1994	Dept. of English	Goa
104	FR.GAP KISHORE	1993 - 1999	Dept. of Telugu, Warden - GH, VP DSH	Loyola Jnr Collge Karimnagar - 505 451
105	BR.J.AUGUSTINE	1993 - 96	Farm Manager	St.Joseph's Industrial School Ooty - 634 006
106	FR.D.MARIA NAYAGAM	1994 - 1995	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion AW - XH	Katukapalli 507 129
107	FR.S.DANIEL	1994 - 96	AW - NH	Sri Lanka
108	FR.JOHN SUSAI MANICKIAM	1994 - 95	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion	St. Patrick's Social Action Secunderabad - 500 003
109	FR.P.R.JOHN	1995 - 96	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion AW - GH	Jesuiten Kolleg Austria
110	FR.M.A.ALEX	1995 - 1996	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion AW - XH	LPS Guntur - 522 005
111	FR.RAVI SEKHAR	1995 - ---	Dept. of Ethics/ Religion	Exe. Dir. - Kaladarshini (ALC)
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December 07, 2003 □.. the day that all of us at Loyola had been eagerly looking forward to □ the day that was an important milestone in the journey of Loyola □ the day that brought a golden radiance to the campus. It was the day of a unique get-together of a family □.. Loyola celebrating her 50th birthday and many from among her 50, 000 children visiting her to greet her. The campus was decked with the hues of nostalgia. A great feeling of festivity hovered over the campus gilded by the golden sun - birds humming the melodies of joy, trees tossing their heads in pride, the hill-tops looking up to the glory of Loyola, the cool breeze whispering through the buildings the songs of reunion, the festoons spreading the sweet fragrance of love, and the exuberant foliage witnessing the golden harvest.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Andhra Loyola College, the Alumni Association organized the Golden Jubilee Loyola Alumni Conference, the high-water mark of its 50 celebrated springs, on the 7 December, 2003, on a grand scale in Father Deviah Auditorium. The highlight of the programme was the ceremony of presentation of the Loyola Ratna Award to 21 of the old students. Sri Mohan Kanda, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of AP, was the chief Guest and Rev. Fr. T. A. Mathias, S. J., the founder-Principal of ALC, and Dr. Mullapudi Harischandra Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director, Andhra Sugars Ltd. Tanuku, were the Guests of Honour.

By 8:30 in the morning, guests started trickling into the auditorium as the batch-wise registration of the old students, redolent of their student days, was going on at the gym. The alumni pulsed with the joy of meeting some of the teachers, Fathers, classmates and contemporaries, sipping coffee. In the meanwhile, Sri M. C. Das pepping up the day as Master of Ceremonies, invited them all into the auditorium, petering out the buzz of warm pleasantries and phasing in a solemn atmosphere of the formal meeting. The dignitaries and the 21 awardees were called upon onto the dais. It was a spectacular scene to see a whole galaxy of luminaries. The prayer song was rendered by the Loyola Choir. Sri Y. Ramachandra Rao, President, ALCAA, welcomed the guests. The Chief Guest lighted the lamp. Then, Fr. A. Theckemury, S. J., in fine fettle, presented The Saga of ALC Alumni Association with a glint of joy. Fr. C. Peter Raj, S. J., Principal, ALC, electrified the audience with his message. Fr. T. A. Mathias, S. J., in his key-note address, said that ALC was established because of the generous contributions and co-operation of people belonging to various religions and communities. It was followed by the message of Dr. Mullapudi Harischandra Prasad. In his

message, Sri Mohan Kanda, IAS, said that there is need for many institutions in the state to emulate ALC.

Then it was the turn of the Alumni Association of Andhra Loyola College to present Loyola Ratna Award to 21 of its old students.

To Sri T. R. Prasad, Former Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India, The Member 12th Finance Commission - for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Administrative Service as the Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India.

To Prof. P. Ramachandra Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi - for his outstanding contribution to University Education as an eminent academic of international repute.

To Dr. Narne Surendra, Prof. ENT, Paduva University Hospital, Italy - for his outstanding contribution in the field of Oto-rhino-laryngology and social service.

To Sri Vadde Sobhanadreeswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of A. P. - for his outstanding contribution to the field of politics and for his unswerving support to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh.

To Sri E. S. R. K. Prasad, Managing Director, Geethanjali Educational Institutions - for his outstanding contribution to the growth of ALCAA and for his excellence in teaching Biology.

To Sri K. Sadasiva Rao, I. P. S., Director General of Police (Retd.), Govt. of AP - for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Police Service as Director General and for his literary talents.

To Sri S. S. R. Koteswara Rao, President, Federation of AP, Chamber of Commerce & Industry - for his outstanding contribution to the Institute of Chartered Accountants and for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

To Sri Vepa Kamesam, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India - for his outstanding contribution to the banking system as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

To Sri T. Stanley Babu, IRTS, General Manager, South Central Railway - for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Railways as an efficient and resourceful administrator.

To Dr. S. R. Parimi, Chief Structural Engineer, Parimi Consultants - for his outstanding achievement as a structural engineer and for his excellence in engineering education.

To Justice C. Y. Somayajulu, Judge, High Court, AP - for his outstanding contribution to the field of Judiciary.

To Prof. C. Musili, Prof. Mathematics, Dean, School of Sciences, Vignan Vidyalayas - for his contribution to Mathematics through his original research in the field of Algebraic Geometry.

To Prof. B. Soma Raju, Chairman, Chief of Cardiology, CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad - for his outstanding contribution to the field of Cardiology and Biomedical Engineering innovations.

To Sri B. Kripanandam, V. C. & M.D., A. P. State Civil Supplies Corporation - for his outstanding contribution to the field of collegiate education.

To Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Former Leader of Opposition, APSLA - for his outstanding contribution to the field of Politics as an astute and dynamic leader.

To Sri N. Venkata Rao, Chairman, Zonal Cricket Academies, BCCI - for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Cricket by nurturing young talent.

To Dr. Gorrepati Navaneetha Krishna, President, TANA, U. S. A. - for his outstanding contribution as President of the Telugu Association of North America.

To Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, National Coordinator, Lok Satta - for his outstanding contribution towards the empowerment of the powerless through Lok Satta.

To Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Mallavarapu, Bishop, Vijayawada Diocese - for his outstanding contribution to the field of Religion by being a compassionate and efficient Good Shepherd.

To Sri B. Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computer Services Ltd. - for his outstanding contribution to the Global Software Industry and for putting India on the hi-tech map.

To Sri K. Ajay Kumar, I. R. S., Commissioner for Income Tax, Rajahmundry - for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Revenue Service through his honesty and integrity.

The hall was bursting at the seams. Every one was fraught with excitement to watch the iridescent gems receiving the award. Having hewed out a career each for themselves, they have made an indelible mark of Loyola on the progress of the nation. Rev. Fr. T. A. Mathias, S. J., and Sri V. V. Krishna Rao, the senior-most retired lecturer of ALC, were the special awardees. On behalf of the awardees, Sri T. R. Prasad, the senior-most old boy, responded to the felicitations. By popular demand, Sri Jayaprakash Narayan, Convenor, Lok Satta and Dr. Y. S. Raja Sekhar Reddy, the Leader of the Opposition, AP State Legislative Assembly, also spoke on the occasion and had brought the crowd to fever pitch. Mr. D. Ashok Kumar presented the vision of ALCAA. After the presentation of mementos to the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour, Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy, Secretary, ALCAA proposed vote of thanks and the programme concluded with the National Anthem. It was followed by a delicious dinner.

Over a period of 50 years, ALC has produced nearly 50, 000 diamonds. And ALCAA is a bridge between the mother and her children. The mission of ALCAA is to establish solidarity between the alumni and the present students, the alumni and the alma mater, the alumni and the society at large and among the alumni themselves.

Usually, students remember their college. But, Loyola remembers her students,

appreciates them and honours them. But, why only 21 to be honoured? Well, all the 21 come from different walks of life. Fr. A. Theckemury says, "There may be a small farmer, an old boy of Loyola, leading an exemplary life though in the fetters of poverty, living the values that were imparted to him by Loyola. He is equally eligible for the award. But unfortunately, many such gems of Loyola are yet to see the light of day". He added, "The list of awardees can never be complete □."

The 'Mother's Day' goes a long way in inspiring and challenging the present and future generations of students to keep the flag of Loyola flying high. On this red letter day, the present generation of students drew new strength and fresh impetus from the alumni and the alumni, in turn, rededicated themselves to translate the Ignatian dream of 'education through transformation' into a reality.

Sri. S.N. Rama Swamy

Sri Sankaragiri Narayana Swamy Rama Swamy, one of the founder members of Andhra Loyola College staff, was born on 2nd February 1928 at Salem (the native place of both Fr. Mathias and Fr. Gordon and of the great Rajaji) in Tamilnadu. Brought up in a traditional religious background, he imbibed a broad liberal outlook which helped to shape him into an honest, upright, modest and polished gentleman.

His devotion to duty, loyalty to the college, dedication to the cause of education, efficiency in administration, diplomacy in interpersonal relationships and concern for social justice enabled him to be honoured as the best teacher by the Rotary Club of Vijayawada for the year 1975.

Taking science out of the laboratory into the villages for promoting the welfare of the rural people was his great concern. Under the College Science Improvement Programme, he took up a survey and carried out a nutritive drive in the neighbouring villages. His strong national outlook led him across the barriers of region and language to master Hindi and Telugu and to be happily married to a Telugu girl.

Mr. Rama Swamy's name will go down in the history of Andhra Loyola College as an ideal teacher loyal to the institution and committed to serve his students to the best of his ability.

- D. Lakshmana Rao

Head of the Dept., of Botany (Retd)

ANDHRA LOYOLA ATTAINS FIFTY



Fr. C. Peter Raj, S.J.

Principal, ALC

The Germination and Blossoming of a Dream

It is a felicitous coincidence that the Golden Jubilee of the Andhra Loyola College is being celebrated alongside the Golden Jubilee of the Province. The genesis of Andhra Loyola signalled the return of the Jesuits to the Telugu Land and eventually laid a firm and solid foundation for the flowering of the full-fledged Andhra Jesuit Province. The circumstances leading to the decision of the then General of the Society of Jesus, Rev. Fr. Jansens, in the wake of earnest and insistent pleas of Bishop Ignatius Mummadi made to him, to permit a new college to be started in Andhra by the Madurai Province have been chronicled by Fr. D.Gordon, himself one of the key figures involved in the whole process, with a wealth of fascinating details. Suffice it to say that the long-felt need and longing of the people of Andhra for a Jesuit institution of higher learning found fruition in December 1953 when the foundation stone was laid by the Governor Trivedi. The significance of the event together with the excitement and enthusiasm that it ignited could be gauged from the fact that as many as six thousand people attended the function at a time when access to the site as well as transport facilities available then were not as developed as they are today. The exploratory and preparatory phase in the starting of the College was inextricably bound up with the names of Fr. Karnam Deviah and his two able collaborators, Mr. K. Raghuramaiah and Mr. Parvathaneni Bhushaiah and later, by Sri.S.Ramachandra Rao who are rightly named as the founding fathers of the College. The single-minded devotion with which they went about mobilising resources, both financial and material, the care and far-sightedness with which they selected the site for the present location of the College, the persistence with which they succeeded in making innumerable friends and enlisted their abundant support and cooperation deserve to be inscribed in letters of gold. The formation of Vijayawada Loyola Sahaya Sangam comprising some of the important and influential personalities, including Sri Gogineni V.S. Naidu, who were to offer invaluable assistance to Fr. Deviah, marked a crucial stage in the process of taking a step forward in realising the dream of setting up a new Jesuit College. It was fortunate that Br. Giandavide, the Diocesan Architect, was entrusted with the task of drawing up a master plan as well as the design for the main college premises which eventually on its completion would be a perennial source of admiration to all the visitors and students for their imposing dignity, artistic elegance and pleasing novelty.

A Panorama of a Campus from the Paddy Fields

The future generations of students will find it difficult to visualise the original looks of the site before it transformed into a magnificent and extensive campus dotted with innumerable trees, impressive buildings and enviably large playgrounds. Fr. Deviah and Fr. Papaiah had to live in a hut when the building was in progress. All of us today are grateful to those pioneering Jesuit Community which consisted of Fr. Deviah, Fr. B.J Coyle, Fr.T.A Mathias, Fr. Y. Papiah, Fr. G. S.Subbaiah, Fr. G. Foreau and Br. I. Joseph. Each one of these stalwarts made a vital and memorable contribution to the initial growth of the institution. Fr. Subbaiah would later recall the daily encounter they used to have with scores of scorpions every night before they retired to bed.

Inauguration of the Classes

Once the formal visit of the Andhra University Inspection over, everything was set for the inauguration of the classes. The choice of Fr.T.A Mathias as the first Principal of the College was a matter of momentous significance. He had the youthful energy, imagination and drive to give the fledgeling college the much-needed direction and dynamism to introduce all the critical components for establishing a solid reputation for the College, namely, academic excellence, discipline, orderliness and punctuality right from day one, when the college made an unobtrusive start on a rainy day on 22 July 2004. The College began to register a steady growth in terms of student strength, increase in the number of courses in the B.A and B.Sc stream, in the academic results achieved by the students, in the laurels brought by the Sports teams and in the expansion and augmentation of the various infra-structural facilities among which the phased construction of the Hostels on campus was a prominent feature. Hostels since then have been an integral part of the uniqueness of the Andhra Loyola brand of education. In 1957, there were as many as 1477 students, 600 of whom were Hostellers. For these inmates and for thousands and thousands of alumni of successive generations who passed through the portals of the College, life in the hostel with its rich and varied learning experiences had been an inseparable part of their treasured recollections of the years spent in the College.

A Decade of Growth and Expansion : 1957-1968

The year 1957 brought a number of significant changes in the academic and administrative landscape of Andhra Loyola. The outgoing senior batch of Intermediate students was replaced by the first batch of the Pre-University Course, leading to the inauguration of three-year degree course. In the sphere of administration, Fr.K.Deviah, who had been rightly acclaimed as the founder of the College, was transferred to Dindigul and Fr. Balaiah succeeded him. Additional number of Jesuits came in the persons of Fr.Y.Papaiah and Fr. Anselm Miranda. The completion of the Gogineni Hostel with the full complement of 300 rooms and the availability of adequate class rooms and laboratories, the provision of a Dayscholars' Centre, a Canteen and a Common room projected the image of a well-established College, attracting an ever increasing number of students year by year. New

Jesuit Staff such as Fr.M.D Varky and Fr. A. Theckemury kept coming to join the Jesuit Community . It is but natural that in a far-flung institution under the tutelage of the Madurai Jesuit Province, changes in the Jesuit personnel every year in one department or another would be an inevitable feature. In 1959, the most important of such changes took place when Fr. Mathias, the first Principal, handed over the reins to Fr. Gordon, who had been closely associated with every stage of the evolution of the College as the Provincial Superior of the Madurai Province. During his ten-year-long tenure as Principal, the College continued to make impressive strides in the academic performance as well as in the cocurricular activities of various departmental associations and in the arena of sports and games. As a member of the syndicate and other innumerable academic committees of the Andhra University, Andhra Loyola College was very much in the limelight in the academic circles. During these years, all the essentials of the infrastructural facilities were in place. A second hostel was added, making it possible for more number of boys from rural areas to become residential students. The College Church built with an innovative design was blessed in January 1968. With the completion of a new Library, the College was able to boast of the largest collection of volumes in any affiliated College. This year, however, was marred by political turbulence in the shape of Telengana agitation, resulting in the closure of the Colleges for five weeks.

Bustling Decade of Varied Activities: 1969-78

The academic year 1969 saw the appointment of the new Principal in the person of Fr. Varkey who had come to ALC for the third time. The student strength by this time touched the record number of 2000. The return of Fr. Anselm Miranda galvanised the campus life with Debaters' Club, Writers' Club, Quiz Club, Dramatic Club, Camera Club, and a Cineforum. Sports and Games received remarkable fillip by the starting of the Devaiah Memorial Tournament. The year 1971 saw a noteworthy innovation as far as the academic side was concerned. The concept of certificate courses, which now has come to be an indispensable part of the academic offering by a standard college, was floated for the first time at ALC by the irrepressible Fr. James. He devised certificate courses in Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations and Typewriting. The Academic year was very much disrupted by a strike by the students against the compulsory Telugu Medium. By the end of 1972, the pattern of the College education was firmly established in the State: two year Intermediate Course followed by the three Year Degree Course. By now the familiar contours of Andhra Loyola as an Institution of Higher Learning began to manifest themselves with ever-greater clarity. With 1800 students on the rolls and with 104 teaching staff, including 7 Jesuits, the College was offering all the regular combination of courses. The availability of more than adequate facilities, enviable laboratories, a well-stocked Library containing 40,000 volumes, three Hostels and ample playgrounds made the college irresistibly attractive to all academically inclined students and their aspiring and ambitious parents.

In 1972 June, another transition came about with Fr.G. Francis taking over as Principal from Fr. Varkey. Towards the end of the first term, the unleashing of Andhra



Agitation brought all academic activity to a grinding halt. It was not until 9th April 1973 that the Colleges began to stir again with tentative classes. But within a month, the agitation was given a new lease of life with the ACTA entering the fray. This forced the closure of the colleges. With such sporadic academic activity, it was no wonder that the final examinations were held for that academic year only in July and August. The new academic year was thus ushered in only in October 1973. The normalcy of the academic year was restored only in 1974 June.

The College Gears up for Autonomy

Fr. Francis's administrative and academic impact on the life of the College was being unmistakably felt during his entire term in office. It was he who brought a lot of academic zest into the teaching of arts and sciences by taking advantage of the U.G.C sponsored schemes of COSIP AND COHIP. He was keenly and painfully conscious of the impediments to meaningful innovations as long as the shackles of the University affiliated system continued to afflict the College. Hence, he began to prepare the staff by numerous seminars and workshops to work towards the attainment of the autonomous status for the College. Though in his own administrative term he could not realise his dream of obtaining autonomy, he attuned the minds of the staff so adroitly and persistently towards this objective that when autonomy was finally granted in 1988, the staff was able to absorb the dynamics of the new system as ducks take to water. Thanks to the long-term vision Fr. Francis had and the indefatigable energy with which he pursued it vigorously in preparing the staff, the innovations of the autonomous system were easily executed. His systematic as well as imaginative mind revealed itself in other ways too. The numbering system he devised both for class rooms of different blocks and students remain to this day something unique to Loyola. The identification code for each student instantaneously gives the year, class, course and number of each student. This is an excellent device to detect any intruder camouflaging himself as a student in the campus. He had a flair also for creating various student-friendly measures. Copex, Copco, Bridge Course were some of the helping mechanisms put in place by him for enabling students to cope with some transitional moments in students academic life. One of the events during this period which left a devastating impact not only in the Nagayalanka Region but also caused extensive damage in the Campus was the killer cyclone. The students, staff and the Jesuits of the College mobilised massive relief and rehabilitation work in collaboration with the Divi Seema Social Service Society created by the Vijayawada Diocese. When the Silver Jubilee Year of 1978-79 started, student strength touched 1880 and the staff 107. The College retained its predominant image of being a Science College with nearly 1000 students pursuing several streams of Sciences.

Marching through Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee celebrations spanning over three days in 1979 March, served to give to all the stakeholders of the College, namely, the founding fathers, benefactors, staff, students and the general public, a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction

that the College amply justified its existence all through 25 years as one of the foremost institutions of higher learning in Andhra Pradesh.

The College Goes Postgraduate

The academic year 1984 marked an important transition in the history of the College. The administration from the older, more experienced and wiser hands passed on to the young and energetic generation. Fr. T. Innaiah and Fr. S. Amalraj became Principal and Rector respectively.

The College that hitherto remained basically as an undergraduate College began to take a momentous decision of introducing P.G. courses in English and Social Work. For nearly ten years these two courses which had been put on a sound academic footing accommodated quite a sizable number of Catholics and poor students as the fees were quite affordable. An impressive number of University ranks and gold medals were bagged by our students. Though these two courses were unhappily wound up nearly eleven years later, owing to some extraneous reasons, they not only attracted a large number of students and opened to them attractive avenues of immediate and gainful employment but also served to underline the necessity of opening more and more P.G courses if the College had to keep growing and retain at the same time its competitive edge. Fr. Amalraj, after completing four years as Rector, moved to different pastures and Fr. Amalanathan succeeded him. He will be particularly remembered for the zest and determination with which he mobilised the much-needed resources to complete the Silver Jubilee project of the auditorium initiated by ALC alumni under the inspiration of Fr. Anselm Miranda but left pending for a considerable time. The Jesuit Community continued to have members of varied talents such as Fr. P. Jojayya, an incessant and prolific writer on a wide variety of themes of value education and Scripture and Fr. P.F Jayabalan whose proficiency in Telugu would lead him to secure a Ph.D degree. Mention must be also made of the singular and single-handed achievement of Fr. Jojayya in bringing out a much-acclaimed translation of the Old Testament.

Introduction of Emerging Sciences

Since the combination of courses at the undergraduate level for the most part remained in the same traditional mould, the time also came to make room for some new courses in the then emerging areas. Thus B.Sc Computer science and B.Sc Electronics Science were introduced in 1986 and 1987 respectively. Fr. Innaiah, who had been with the College from 1977 onwards except for a short break for his tertianship and had completed his seven years of his principalship, was transferred to Hyderabad and Fr. Kuriakose, the Controller of Examination since the introduction of autonomy, was appointed Principal with a special permission from the Higher Education Department, despite the age of superannuation. He handed over his charge to Fr. C. J. John in 1993.

Andhra Loyola adopts phased Co-education at the U.G Level

At this juncture it may not be out of place to mention a couple of decision of the management in 1992 and 1994 which were to change significantly the complexion of



the College. The undergraduate courses, which from their inception were available to boys only, were partly thrown open to girls. It is not only owing to the declining number of boys in the biological sections but also to the college's commitment to the cause of women's empowerment. As a natural corollary to gradual emergence of coeducation, for the first time in 1994, women were inducted into the undergraduate faculty. Now almost every undergraduate Department with the exception of Commerce have women representatives in them.

Andhra Loyola goes high-tech

At a time when the rising tide of Information Technology was engulfing every area in life and holding an M.C.A degree seemed a sure passport to a lucrative job abroad, the College was grappling with the question of starting high tech courses in order to keep pace with the developments on the educational front. While, on the one hand, it should not be left lamentably lagging behind in the matter of adopting modern courses, on the other, it has to remain faithful without deviation, to the Province's commitment to the marginalised and economically weaker sections. Making adequate provision for helping the deserving students, a number of new courses like M.C.A, B.Sc Microbiology, M.Sc (Elec) and M.B.A , new combinations like B.Sc, Maths-Statistics-Computer Applications, B.Sc, Electronics-Computer Applications-Mathematics were introduced between 1995 and 2003.

A separate Post of Correspondent is created

On the administrative front, in 1997, a significant alteration was made in the existing pattern of the Principal discharging the duties of the Correspondent all these years. Fr. Mathew Vattakunnel, who had a dedicated record of service in the field of higher education, was appointed the first Correspondent of the College. In 1997, Fr. John left for Pulivendula, handing over charge of Principal to Fr. D. Showriah who had been Rector since the departure of Fr. Amalanathan. The mantle of Rectorship fell on Fr. Joseph Sebastian who had to bear the onerous dual responsibility of steering the destinies of the College and of Kala Darshini. He initiated an overall plan of beautification of the campus keeping in view the forthcoming accreditation process. During his two-year tenure as Principal, Fr. D. Showriah took a keen interest in the completion of the Fr.Kuriakose Indoor Stadium. The then Governor of Andhra Pradesh, an alumnus of Loyola, Chennai, made a memorable visit to inaugurate the Stadium and to preside over the College Day. As Fr. D. Showriah's services were required in Pulivendula, Fr. C. Peter Raj was asked to step into his shoes in 1999 June. The M.B.A course for which clearance had come from A.L.C.T.E only during November 1999 could be started only in 2000 June.

Passing Away of the First Correspondent

The meritorious and memorable service of Fr. V. Mathew at ALC was brought to a tragic close in a mysterious railway accident during his return from a trip to Chennai.

Within a short space of four years as Correspondent, he made it his mission to bring in a number of unaided teaching and non-teaching staff under Grant-in-aid. Towards this end, he left no stone unturned and undertook untiring trips to Hyderabad to plead with the Departmental personnel. He also understood the need for augmenting and strengthening the infrastructural facilities of Labs without which any addition to the existing number of courses would be inconceivable. The Dayscholars' Centre was converted into a state-of-the-art Computer Lab with more than 130 systems.

Autonomous ALC Becomes Accredited

In consequence of Fr. Mathew's sudden demise, Fr. A. Theckemury stepped in to assume the role of the Correspondent in addition to his responsibility as Controller of Examinations. Fr. Philomin Raj was appointed Principal-in-charge during Fr. Peter Raj's assignment at Trivandrum in 2001-02. At this juncture another important development occurred. Fr. Joe Sebastian, who had made a significant contribution to the growth of the institution as Procurator, Director of Kaladarshini and Rector, was called upon to assume the responsibility of leadership for the Province as Provincial. Fr. P. J. Sandanasamy, after his wide experience as Principal of High Schools and College of Education, succeeded Fr. Joe as Rector. The services of Fr. Louis Xavier, who had made LIBA of Chennai a formidable force to be reckoned with in the circles of business schools, were made available to ALC. He set himself to work from day one and galvanised the departments for gearing up for the NAAC visit. The award of Four Stars was understandably disappointing but the whole process of preparation for NAAC brought into focus the institution's strengths and desiderata. Fr. C. Peter Raj, after his one-year stint of teaching in the Juniorate, returned to ALC and Fr. Philomin Raj plunged into his research work for his Ph.D. Fr. Theckemury, who had been ably carrying on as Controller of Examinations for a decade, handed over charge to the younger hands of Fr. Rex Angelo. The College is now fortunate to have a crop of young and energetic band of young priests in the Community such as Fr. S. Emmanuel, Fr. P. Antony, Fr. G. M. Victor, Fr. Rex Angelo, Fr. G. Jayaraj, who will be playing increasingly important roles in shaping the future of the College. It may not be out of place to mention that in the midst of the preponderantly younger Jesuit community, a valuable link with the pre-Silver Jubilee Andhra Loyola is now provided by the trio of veterans, Fr. A. Theckemury, Fr. P. Jojaya, and Fr. M. J. Kadavil. Of these, Fr. Kadavil, who had been earlier for nearly 11 years at ALC, as Lecturer in Chemistry, Warden of the New Hostel and Gogineni Hostel and Vice-Principal, now prefers to be known as Swami Danananda.

Year of the Golden Jubilee

The academic year 2003-04 has been officially designated as the Golden Jubilee Year of the College. An impressive function on July 31st, 2003, on the feast of St. Ignatius kickstarted the year long celebrations with the release of a special Postal Cover cum Cancellation. The presence of the Collector, Post Master General and the entire staff and student Community added to the solemnity of the event. The next major event was the Golden Jubilee Alumni Conference meticulously planned and impressively conducted on



December 7, 2003 by the Alumni Director and his team of Vijayawada Chapter. The highlight of the function was the conferring of the prestigious Loyola Ratna awards on a glittering galaxy of 21 alumni drawn from the different batches of ALC. The event which drew the elite of the town and received major coverage in all the print and electronic media had the Chief Secretary, Mr. Mohan Kanda I A S, as the Chief Guest and Fr. T.A Mathias, the founder Principal, as a special guest of honour.

A special commemorative function in the presence of the teaching and student community was held on 9 December 2003, the very day of the Foundation of the College. Fr. T.A Mathias and Mr. Katragadda Narasaiah who had witnessed the foundation-stone laying ceremony fifty years ago, spoke on the occasion. The L.C.D presentation of the history of the College, capturing some of the captivating moments in its evolution, gripped the attention of the students evoking in them sentiments of admiration for the way the College had progressed from the vast expanse of paddy fields to the present state of a prestigious institution of higher learning. Among other Jubilee related events during the year were an Intercollegiate Staff Volleyball Tournament, Inter-Collegiate Students' Basketball Tournament, the hosting of the A.P History Congress which included a Symposium on the Contribution of Christianity to the Development of Andhra Pradesh, the three-day Golden Jubilee Arts and Science Exhibition in January 2004 which attracted as many as forty thousand visitors. The Golden Jubilee College Day, graced by Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy as Chief Guest and Mrs. L.Vasundhara, was made memorable by a delectable, creative and high-quality cultural programme of dance, music, song, mime, tableaux and pageantry. The Thanksgiving Day to acknowledge the institution's indebtedness to its Founders, Benefactors, friends, teachers of the past and present was held in February at which the Municipal Commissioner, Ms. V. Usha Rani I.A.S., was the Chief Guest. A National Seminar and the concluding day of the Jubilee celebrations at which the Superior General of the Society is expected to participate are scheduled for the month of March 2004.

A Debt of Gratitude

In this Golden Jubilee year, it is but natural to think of all the founders, benefactors, friends, teachers who had played a very valuable role in shaping the course of the College. In particular, the College is deeply indebted to the large number of adventurous Jesuits from other Provinces, notably Madurai and Kerala, who had gallantly come forward to spend sometime at Loyola at different periods of time. Each one of them had served the institution with exemplary devotion, contributed in some measure to the growth of Loyola, and left an indelible imprint on the history of the institution.

Salient Features of the Present Scenario and Future Orientations

a) Introduction of new courses:

Within the constraints of the restricted flexibility and freedom that the Autonomy gives us and subject to the norms and regulations imposed by the University, attempts are being made to diversify the courses and restructure the existing courses. New combinations with

Electronics and Computer applications have already been introduced. Another combination with Biotechnology at the U.G level is likely to be put in place in the coming year. Physics and Chemistry would be added to the existing P.G courses in 2004 June. Later, subjects from the emerging and frontier sciences have to be introduced.

b) Fillip to Research activities:

An increasing number of lecturers have been encouraged to register themselves for M Phil and Ph.D. Moreover, quite a few have applied to U.G.C for taking up mini-research projects. The Chemistry Department is actively considering the setting up of a Research Lab for Adulterants of Food Stuffs and Non-alcoholic Beverages. Seed money is also being provided to spur the teachers on to take up individual research. Under the new norms chalked out by the University, some of our Departments are in the process of submitting proposals to be designated as research centres. The computer and printer facilities provided to most of the departments and free access to the internet resources are added incentives for the staff to engage themselves in research-related academic activities.

c) Preparation for Choice-Based Credit System:

As recommended by the UGC, Choice-Based Credit System is to be introduced shortly. A seminar has already been conducted. All academic and cocurricular activities including, N.C.C , N.S.S, Sports and Games, Extension Programme will receive adequate importance in the total academic scheme.

d) New impetus for Sports and Games:

Even under the practice in vogue at present, our Athletic Band and Football Team have done us extremely proud by emerging Champions at the University level for several years in succession. The two concreted Basketball courts and the newly instituted Jubilee Inter-Collegiate Basketball tournaments have infused a fresh impetus into Basketball.

e) Six pronged academic enrichment:

In an attempt to give something of a cutting edge to our students in terms of an integrated education as well as the employability of our students, a six-point paradigm has been integrated into the existing academic pattern.

1. Streaming in English has been designed to impart communicative competence.
2. A course in fundamentals in Information Technology is made compulsory for all the first years so as to equip them with the requisite skills to face this computer-driven world.
3. Value Education and Religious Instruction have been woven into the academic fabric.
4. At least one certificate course on any skills-based area is made mandatory in the Second Year.

5. Extension Programme (ALERT: Andhra Loyola Extension for Rural Transformation) has been also integrated into the curriculum.
6. Project Work for the Third Years.

f) Intermediate Section Still a Big Draw:

Ever since a functional bifurcation was brought about, it carved out its own academic identity. With right mix of remedial classes, supervised study hours, regular weekly tests, and, above all, and with more individual attention being paid to the students, the excellent Inter results being achieved year after year have been the envy of many an institution. To enhance the distinct identity of the Inter Wing, a separate building in a new location will come up soon. This will make the existing Inter Block available for starting more P.G courses.

g) A.L.C. with Potential for Excellence

ALC is one of the three colleges officially recommended to the U.G.C by the Nagarjuna University for such a status. If this comes through, a comprehensive expansion as well as wide-ranging innovative schemes will come into operation with the generous funding to be made available under this scheme. Setting up a Centre of Excellence to promote interdisciplinary research will be an important offshoot of this scheme. The time is not far off when Andhra Loyola will, hopefully, attain the status of a Deemed University.

Fr. Karnam Deviah, S.J.

In September 1958, our College lost Rev. Fr. K. Deviah, its first Rector and Founder. He was transferred to Dindigul to be Economist of the entire Madhura Province of the Society of Jesus. It is difficult here to detail the work done by Fr. Deviah for the College. He was truly its Founder, it was he who nursed the College safely through the first five most difficult years of its existence and placed it on a firm footing. His absolute imperturbability in the face of numerous obstacles and difficulties gave others the impression that all was smooth sailing; whereas actually he was constantly harassed by pressing problems of finance and supply; which were solved only by ceaselessly touring the villages of Krishna, Guntur, and East and West Godavari in the company of a few stalwart friends of the College, in quest of donations. It is easy to total up the sums, running into lakhs, thus collected. What will ever remain a secret are the hardships and discouragements faced by Fr. Deviah and his friends during their long tours in the blazing Andhra summer.

- Fr. D. G.



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Eminent and illustrious Chief Guest of this historic Golden Jubilee College Day, our hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof.L.Venugopal Reddy, Mrs. L. Vasundara, Rev.Fr. Joe Sebastian, the Provincial of Andhra Jesuit Province, Rev, Fr. P. J. Sandanasamy, Rector, Rev.Fr.Dr. Louis Xavier, Correspondent, the Vice-Principals, Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, Mr. S.P.Ramaraju, Fr. Thainese, and Fr. P. Antony, Chairman of Staff Association, Dr. P.Balasundar Reddy, Student Representative, Br. Balakumar, respected members of the Faculty, members of the non-teaching staff, Rev. Fathers, Rev.Brothers, Sisters, distinguished invitees and well-wishers, members of the print and electronic media, and our dear students, a good afternoon and a warm welcome to every one of you.

Welcome to the Dignitaries:

The College Day in the academic year 2003-04 stands out as a significant and memorable milestone in the history of the College as it has entered into the eventful year of fifty since its foundation in December 1953 when the long-felt need and longing of the people of Andhra for a Jesuit institution of higher learning found fruition. From that initial dream have evolved this magnificent campus and these marvellous structures. We salute today those farsighted founders, benefactors and donors who made the existence of Andhra Loyola a reality. It is entirely fitting and appropriate that as the Chief Guest of this historic Golden Jubilee College Day, we have the Vice-Chancellor of our parent University, Prof. L.Venugopal Reddy. Though circumstances beyond his control had prevented him from coming to grace the 49th College Day, it is a felicitous coincidence that he is present with us today, adding lustre to the fiftieth College day celebrations. We fondly recall his visit to our College to inaugurate the Staff Seminar of last academic year.

It is a matter of pride for all of us that within months of his assuming office as Vice-Chancellor, momentous changes, meaningful innovations and all-round resurgence of academic activity began to manifest themselves under the magic wand of his managerial expertise and erudite leadership which culminated in the NAAC accreditation of the Nagarjuna University with B ++ with a score of 80-85. We feel immensely pleased to have you, Sir, as our Chief Guest on this annual day even as we extend a warm and cordial welcome to you. A warm welcome to you Mrs. L. Vasundara. We also take note of the presence of our Provincial, Fr. Joe Sebastian, who had rendered remarkable service to this institution for more than a decade as the Treasurer, Rector of Andhra Loyola and



Director of our Centre of Fine Arts and Culture, Kaladarshini.

Changes in the Staff

The commencement of every academic year confronts us with a few changes in the campus, particularly relating to the transfers and redeployment of the Religious staff. Rev. Fr. G. Jayaraj, who had been officiating as the Vice-Principal of the Inter Section, handed over his responsibility to Fr. P. Antony who also assumed the additional charge as the Director of Gogineni Hostel, relieving Fr. Rex Angelo to carry on his duties as the current Controller of Examinations. Fr.S.Philomin Raj took over as the Director of New Hostel from Fr.Dr.S.Emmanuel, the present Vice Principal of Degree Sections. Fr. K.Joji, Director of Xavier Hostel for two years, proceeded to the United States and his place was taken by the late Fr. P. Carlos Dhula. Fr. Carlos had come over to the institution for the second time to be appointed Director of Xavier Hostel. It is with profound grief that I record, at this juncture, that in the month of August, 2003, Fr. Carlos, who had greatly endeared himself to the inmates of the Hostel with his deep dedication and disarming simplicity, passed away after a brief illness at a young age. Though a native of the far away State of Gujarat, he responded generously to the call of God to serve the people of Andhra as a Jesuit priest and discharged his responsibilities with exemplary commitment in various Jesuit institutions in Andhra Pradesh. May his soul rest in peace! Fr. Jayabalan, who had returned from a sabbatical in the United States, readily stepped in to fill the void created by Fr.Carlos's untimely demise. Fr. M.G. Selvin Raj, an alumnus of the College became the Counsellor in the Sanjeevan Hostel and Director of the youth activities in the Campus. Br.Thomas Bellarmin, the young Jesuit engineer who had been the Minister of the Jesuit house, proceeded to Bangalore to pursue his religious studies, handing over the charge of Minister to Br. Singarayer.

Retired Staff and the New Entrants

Year after year, it has become an invariable exercise to bid a fond farewell to some of the stalwarts of staff on the eve of their retirement after several decades of dedicated service. The first to leave us during this academic year is **Mr. K.V. Subba Rao**, Head of the Hindi Department. Known for commanding proficiency in Hindi and for his divergent, creative and lateral thinking, Mr. Subba Rao could always be depended upon for perceiving something different and for saying something unusual. He was captivated by the personality of St. Ignatius Loyola to such an extent that he wrote a booklet on him. We miss him particularly during the Students' Orientation sessions in which he used to give a gripping talk, introducing the life of St. Ignatius to the new comers. **Sri.Y.Rama Krishnaiah** of the Chemistry department, a gentle and unobtrusive soul, brought to a quiet close his 34 years of teaching record in the college. An alumnus of the College, he was known for his unswerving loyalty to and unfaltering affection for the college. Another of the Chemistry faculty, **Sri K.Subrahmanyeswara Rao**, retired after an incredible 39 long years of dedicated service. As a lecturer and for the last one year as Head of the Department, he took a keen interest in the consistent and constant follow-up of students through counselling and remedial

classes. I should also add a brief note on the legendary **Mr. P. Veerabrahmam**. Though he had officially retired seven years ago, he continued to serve the College till the last academic year, chiefly as a teacher of Value Instruction. A born teacher and an accomplished orator and storyteller, he had the rare gift for enlivening any topic with his inimitable humour and inexhaustible fund of anecdotes. Even as these seasoned veterans left us, a crop of young lecturers have joined us in various departments. As we welcome them into the teaching faculty, we wish them a fulfilling career through long years of committed service to the student community.

College Profile

In the academic year 2003-04, which coincides with the Jubilee year, the number of teaching staff has risen to an all time high of 160 and the non-teaching staff stands at 60. The student strength hovers around 2800 out of which 925 are in the Intermediate sections, 1582 in the Degree courses and 360 in the P.G. Courses. There are students practically from every State in India, and from Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Bhutan, Tibet and Nepal. It is an amazing revelation even for us that there are students in our College with as many as 24 different languages as their mother tongues. A rich mixture of students from such varied backgrounds and cultures helps to promote a sense not only of communal harmony but a broader perspective and a more positive outlook. The college offers 18 course-combinations at the U.G. level, five in the P.G. courses and five in the Intermediate Section. The College still remains a composite College with three different components of P.G., U.G. and Intermediate Sections coming under three different systems of regulations. We look forward to the day when the P.G. sections also will be covered under the autonomous stream, as is the case in Tamilnadu and other States.

Results of 2002-03

At least a cursory reference to the results regarding the immediate batches of 2002-03 that passed out of the College is customary in the annual report, though too detailed a break-up will weary the listeners. Keeping this in mind I'll quickly dispose of this section, sketching only a broad outline. In the M.C.A. batch that passed out in 2003, 97% were recorded while in M.Sc Electronics, 88% of students passed. The percentage of passes in M.B.A. was 95. At the Degree level, the overall percentage in B.A. was 95, in B.Sc. 87. The last batch of B.C.A. scored 86% and B.Com., as always topped with 97% of passes. As for Intermediate results, in M.P.C it was 92 %, in MEC and Bi.P.C it was 85 %, in CEC 95 %, in H.E.C 84%. The vocational Course in Computers had the distinction of securing 100% of passes. Such excellent results put Andhra Loyola into the top slot as regards the aided Junior Colleges in the coastal districts, though results in the examination should not be considered to be the only indicator of a quality education and even if they do constitute an important component of it. The Inter, Degree and P.G. Staff deserve our appreciation for turning out such impressive results. I take this opportunity to thank the Controller Fr. Rex Angelo and the Asst. Controller, Mr. Murali Krishna and their office staff for the efficient manner in which



they manage to get secure hundreds of question papers set for the autonomous courses, maintain utmost security and confidentiality, keep meticulous track of all the massive records relating to the continuous assessment and bring out the results of all the Semesters in time. I am also grateful to the Vice-Principals and other invigilators for the orderly conduct of the examinations.

Academic year 2003-04

The academic year of 2003-04 got off to a smooth start on 14th June, with the Staff Seminar and Orientation for the Freshers in the first week. On July 31st, the Feast of the Founder of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jubilee year was formally inaugurated by the District Collector, Sri. Prabhakara Reddy and a release of a special postal cover marked the occasion.

Academic Activities

For most of the Departments, academic activity comprised classroom interactions, practicals, field visits, occasional remedial classes library assignments, project work for the final years, and continuous internal assessment. Bio-Diversity Tour by the Botany Dept to Mysore and Ooty, the industrial tour by the Departments of Chemistry and Electronics, and Physics Department's visit to Sriharikota are examples of field trips being part of the academic work. At the P.G. level, the M.B.A. Department initiated its placement drive by organising HRD Conference in which representatives from leading industries participated and the Placement Brochure was released. The Department also organised a Study Conference on Corporate Governance-Challenges and Strategies. M.B.A students also bagged the prestigious Young Manager Award at ANR College. M.C.A. and Electronics Departments had occasion to interact with the representatives from leading IT companies like Wipro and Satyam. M.Sc Electronics students like last year have brought out a magazine *SPECTRUM*.

Streaming For General English

Almost all advertisements for jobs invariably mention Communication Skills as one of the essential requisites in aspiring candidates. To enhance the employability of our students, our Department of English has revamped and restructured the syllabus and introduced streaming to address more adequately the learner differences and to equip them with communicative competence so necessary in this fiercely competitive world. The former Head, Dr. P. Ramanujam, the present head Mr. N. Rangababu, and the entire team of the English Department deserve our appreciation for this daring experiment. Streaming is one component of the six pronged enrichment added to the regular three year academic work offered at Loyola, the other five being, Fundamental in Information Technology (FIT), for all students, Extension Service, Value Education, Certificate Courses and Project Work

Library Facilities

Library plays a pivotal role in extensively aiding and promoting learning and research. Our library is making concerted and continuous efforts to expand its services like increasing the

number of book issue hours, adding to the already existing impressive stock of books on a wide variety of subjects, and making online facilities accessible through membership of Delnet. Free Access to Internet is available to all our teachers. Students too can avail themselves of this facility at a nominal cost. I should also mention that our state-of-the-art computer Lab has more than 130 latest computer systems.

Co-curricular Activities

I am pleased to report that after the Inauguration of Departmental Associations by Sri.M.Ramanathan, Railway Divisional Manager, Vijayawada, most of these Departmental associations have been vying with each other to keep themselves vibrant with a number of activities. To recount all of them in rich detail will make the reading of the annual report interminable. I can give you only a representative sample of them. Arts Association in collaboration with the Department of Oriental languages celebrated Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam and as a result everyone was convinced of the unparalleled sweetness of the Telugu language as expressed in the saying, *Deshabhalandhu Telugu Bhasha Lessa*.

Mathematics Association organised a very popular Ganitha Asthavadhanam by T.V.S .V. Suryanarayanamurthy, an intercollegiate Quiz Competition and a guest lecture by a distinguished alumnus and a renowned Mathematician, Prof. Musli on the topic: Some Milestones in Geometry. The Physics Association (ALPHA) arranged seminars on Bio Physical Principles of Vision, Ham Radio In Disaster Management, Energy alternatives for Future India. The Intercollegiate competition conducted by ALPHA in association with U.GC Academic Staff College drew participants from 62 colleges. The Chemistry Association (ALCHEMI) organised a quiz Competition in Chemistry, the first of its kind in this area, and a State Seminar on the theme 'Adulteration of Food Stuffs and Non-alcoholic Beverages'. Needless to say, this seminar along with the experiments and analysis of Milk Samples that they conducted later, helped to expose the alarming ways in which every item we consume can be cleverly mixed with highly harmful and even toxic adulterants by unscrupulous traders. The Zoology Association held an interactive seminar on Campaign Against Corruption in which Joint Director of ACB Mr. B.L Sujatha Rao and D.S.P Mr.V.V. Siddha Reddy participated. The computer Association and Electronics Association brought out an in house journal PIXELS. The Commerce Association conducted a Seminar on Risk Management in Banks

Cultural Festivals

Other notable events were the hugely successful and popular Cultural Festivals, **Sphoorthi** of the Degree Section, **Spandana** of Intermediate students, **Bhavana** of P.G students, all of which served to showcase a scintillating variety of artistic, cultural and aesthetic talents of our students. The P.G students also organised a Christmas Celebration at which Swami Danananda gave a stirring message. In addition to the active participation of our students in our festivals and associations, our College Teams, notably the Quiz, Elocution and cultural teams, bagged a number of prizes in the competitions held in other Colleges. Due recognition



will be given to them on the Valedictory Day of the Departmental Associations.

Extension Service

Every educational institution is expected to inculcate a sense of social awareness and responsibility in the students and encourage them to develop a compassionate concern for the underprivileged sections of the society. With this in view, Andhra Loyola Extension for Rural Transformation (**ALERT**) was formally launched this year with Mr. K. Adam and it has been integrated into the curriculum as has been done in the case of Value Education. In addition to the activities of N.S.S, it has been made mandatory for every student to put in about 40 hours of community service in various centres. Besides sensitising students to the stark social realities, the **ALERT** programme is also eventually expected to bring in greater relevance to the courses of study and offer opportunities to utilise the knowledge gained in the classroom for the benefit of the community.

HEPSN Programme:

As part of its commitment to help the needy, Andhra Loyola has always gone an extra mile in admitting the physically challenged or the differently enabled students as they are called now. The support service to them has been streamlined and made more systematic with the UGC funded programme entitled 'Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs' (**HEPSN**). The overall thrust of this programme is to create a barrier-free environment for them and to assist them in their academic pursuit, instil in them self-confidence and equip them with the requisite skills to secure gainful employment. Besides diverse services being provided to them, the **HEPSN** unit, with the initiative taken by Mr. K. Hanumantha Rao, the Co-ordinator, arranged various competitions, celebrated meaningfully the World Disabled Day and organised a two-day programme for the physically challenged students of the city Colleges. Plans are afoot to create a special sound library to meet the needs of the visually challenged students.

Women's Cell

Though the girl students may be numerically outnumbered accounting for only 251, they are by no means eclipsed or outsmarted. They bring a touch of elegance and grace to the campus and enrich the cultural, academic life both at the P.G. and U.G level. The Women's Cell for this year was inaugurated by Dr.V. Koteswaramma and it conducted some competitions for its members.

AICUF Activities :

The Andhra Loyola unit of All India Catholic University Federation has been given a new lease of life with the appointment of a full time Director of youth activities in the person of Fr. M.G. Selvin Raj. The members of AICUF took a keen interest in organising and participating in a number of seminars aimed at increasing their awareness of social, educational, national and international issues. Training in leadership, self-empowerment and being alive to social problems have been some of the tangible benefits experienced from the AICUF.

Kaladarshini Keeps the Cultural Scene Alive:

The cultural wing of the College, Kaladarshini, has earned a secure place in the cultural scenario of not only Vijayawada but also of Andhra Pradesh. With a bunch of Nandi Awards in its bag, Kaladarshini has been providing a convenient and conducive platform for nurturing the artistic, aesthetic and cultural talents of our students and of other people of all age groups. The cultural festival that was elaborately planned by its ever active Director Fr. D. Ravi Sekhar was held in January. It attracted a vast crowd of young and enthusiastic competitors from hundreds of schools and colleges in and around Vijayawada.

N.C.C and N.S.S:

The three wings three wings of N.C.C keep their robust presence felt in the campus and lend a touch of dignity to all-important functions. The Army wing took out two rallies to create awareness of the issues relating to promotion of ecological sensitivity and eradication of Aids. They also organised anti-dowry pledge, anti-corruption pledge and eye donation pledge. T.John (DP 24) was selected as a Senior Cadet Captain for the entire 8 AP Naval Unit. Vamsi Nag, (NML 16) and Y Narsi Reddy (NC 9) represented A.P in the prestigious Republic Day camp 2004 at New Delhi. T. Sateesh Kumar Nz 8 represented Guntur NCC Group in the State Republic Day Camp at Hyderabad and secured silver medal in the group competitions. Cadet Warrant officer S.Suresh, Cadet /corporal Sharif, Cadet Sgt.S.K. Habibulla attended Vayu Sainik Camp inter-group competitions held at Warangal. I should thank the officers of the three wings for the services they are rendering, Dr.Ravinder Bhas of Army, Mr. Vijayababu of Airwing, and Mr. Arockiasamy and Dr.Balasundar Reddy, who incidentally has completed 20 years of service to the N.C.C The three units of N.S.S took active part in Aids Awareness Campaign, Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme and Blood donation camp. They give readily and generously their assistance for any event conducted in the campus. The N.S.S volunteers of Units I and II had a memorable experience in the Special Camps conducted at Pathapadu and Seetharamapuram respectively. Their activities included strenuous activities of Sarmadanam, enlightening sessions of Yoga, assisting at Medical Camp and taking out Rallies to create awareness on social, environmental and health-related issues.

Sports:

In spite of persistent apprehensions prevalent in some quarters that the autonomous system with its rigour of academic demands has tended to marginalise games and stifle sports activities, our students have done creditably in this field also. To do full justice to the individual achievements of our sportspersons will call for a separate full-length report. However, taking into consideration the severe constraints of time, I will confine myself to only major highlights. Our College athletes brought home the fiercely-fought and much-coveted University Championship for Athletics. Our athletes, V.PhaniKanth (DO 40) and P.Rajesh (AET11) got the lion's share of points at the Meet and galvanised the entire team consisting of, K.Venkat Rao, A.Francis Britto, K.Venu Babu, A.Chinna Nageswara Rao, U.Nagaeswara

Rao and B.Ravi Babu. The Nagarjuna University intercollegiate Football Championship was conducted at ALC in an orderly and exemplary manner. Our Football team did us proud by lifting the championship trophy for the 8th year in succession. The stars of this winning team included Anil Kumar the Captain (AMBA 12), Dhiren Chauhan (AO 45), Syam Sunder Singh (DGH 10), Sunil (DML 23), Kishore (DEH 23), Khumb (NGH 22) and Dawa, (ACP 12) Our Physical Education Department which minutely maintains all the relevant sports records, asserts, that in a period of 25 year, this football Championship trophy was won 18 times and that the Athletic Team of Andhra Loyola's winning spree spanned 12 out of 13 years. In Nagarjuna University inter-collegiate Swimming, Nagarjuna of II year Degree was decorated with three gold, and one silver, and Jayanth (AP 19) won two gold and one silver. J.Siva Veera Anjaneyulu (N.B.M 24) won four bronze medals in the intercollegiate Archery Championship. Our Inter students are not lagging behind their Degree counterparts in games. Udaykumar (RMY 02) won one gold, two silver and one bronze in the School games and participated in the Nationals at Surat. He also secured a bronze in 50 mts butterfly in the State Championship held at Secunderabad. Satish Kumar (T.M 48) D.Raja Pradeep (RB 80) and Mallikarujana Reddy (RB 54) represented the College in the State-wide meet in Gymnastics, Athletics and Games respectively.

Jubilee Tournaments

Thanks to the initiative and enthusiasm of our Sports Director, Fr. P.J Sandanasamy, our Physical Directors, Mr. Nagendra Prasad and Mrs. Evangeline, the Loyola Basket Ball Tournaments were successfully revived and resumed this year. Thus our two concreted Basket Ball courts were put to good use. The Jubilee inter-collegiate Staff Volley Ball tournament which drew teams from three Universities filled our students with wonder and admiration for the keen competitive spirit and the agility of movement displayed by the staff.

Alumni Association

The Jubilee Alumni Conference held in December 2003, under the initiative of Fr. A. Theckemury, the Director, and the Vijayawada Chapter of ALCAA, saw a large gathering of the Alumni from the very first to the last batch, and served to infuse new elan and vitality into the Association. The highlight of the Conference was the conferment of the Loyola Ratna Awards on 20-odd illustrious alumni from different professions, which included a former Union Cabinet Secretary, the present Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India, a renowned professor of Cardiology, a couple of I.A.S holders, an I.P.S officer, an Income-tax Commissioner and a Judge in the High Court. Though the number of awardees was limited, every student of the College who in some way endeavours to live by the ideals and values imbibed in the College will shine as a Loyola Ratna.

Life in the Hostels

One of the perennially attractive features of Andhra Loyola College has been the existence of excellent hostel facilities in the Campus. Of the total strength of 2800, close to 950

students live in the three hostels. Generations of students who were privileged to be inmates of these Hostels fondly travel down their memory lane to recall the incomparably enriching impact that the hostel life had on them. Our hostels go beyond the narrow definition of the term hostel and provide an atmosphere of a home away from home combining at the same time features of a formative training centre. In addition to the regular and orderly schedule of study, our hostellers get ample scope for developing their talents and skills, for forging life-long fellowship and friendship and for growing up as mature, responsible, self-reliant and caring individuals. The New Hostel students had interaction with the nuns of Prajapita Easwariya Brahma Kumari Vidyapeet, and received valuable insights into mind control, and time and stress management. Sanjeevan Hostel conducted a widely appreciated Balamela which drew a vast crowd of children to have a day of fun and frolic and to exhibit their budding talents in dancing, music, mono- acting etc.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that I make reference to the passing away of one of our non-teaching staff, Mr. P. Anthaiah, the Store Keeper in the Department of Physics. Ever since he joined the College in 1979, he served the institution in different sections with a sense of singular commitment. That he attended to his work even on the very last day of his life will remain an unforgettable testimony to his tenacious devotion to duty. May his soul rest in peace.

Staff Development, Research and Publications

For an educational institution to remain vibrant and effective in imparting quality education, it is essential that the teaching faculty keep growing in competence and commitment, employ innovative and imaginative pedagogy to ignite the young minds, show genuine interest in the total growth of students under their care, and evince a life-long thirst for expanding their knowledge and pursue their chosen line of research to contribute to the generation of new knowledge. Our Staff are encouraged to enhance their professional competence and upgrade their qualifications. Among those who completed their Ph.D. during the academic year 2003-04 are Dr.G.Venkateswara Rao, Dr. N.Srinivasa Rao, Fr.Dr. S.Emmanuel and Dr. A Samuel Dayakar. I am happy to report that from this academic year onwards, those who complete their Ph.D will be honoured with a token of recognition on the College Day.

Dr. R.Ravindra Bhas, Dr. V.Ashok Babu, Dr.G.S Sastry, Dr.G.V.Ramana, Dr. V. Vallabha Rao, Dr. Ch. Srinivasu, Dr. G.Srinivasa Rao, and Dr. G. Venkateswara Rao, have been designated Readers in their respective departments during this academic year. Fr.P. Antony, Vice-Principal and Lecturer in Zoology, and Mr. Sahayabhaskaran of Physics Department completed their M.Phil. in their subjects during this academic year. The total number of Ph.D holders stands at 27 while that of M.Phil holders is 23. Many more have registered themselves for enhancing their academic qualifications. In line with this new thrust of promoting research among our staff of both UG and PG courses, seed money is being provided by the Management to teachers for taking up various research projects.



Dr.P.Ramanujam of the English Department has already completed one such UGC-finded research project for Promotion of English Language Learning for slow learners. Mr. S.Ananth Lecturer in History has taken up a minor research project, Globalisation, Equity Markets Capital accumulation and its Socio-economic Impact. Dr.K.Sri Rama Murthy, Lecturer in Botany has been selected for the coveted DST-SERC young scientist award to work on a project on Domesticisation of Cultivated Wild Legumes for Food and Agriculture. He has also published as many as five research papers in leading journals. M.C. Rao of Physics Department, besides attending four international conferences and workshops, has published 2 research articles in the reputed Journal of Thin Solid Films and another one in another journal Solid State Ionics. Mr. V.Charles of the P.G Department, published two papers in the Journal of Stochastic Models, U.S.A, and Proceedings of Second National Conference on Mathematical and Computational Methods. Dr. P. Ramanujam published an article, "Materials Design: Paradigm Shift or Patient Pursuit of the Possible?" Dr. Ch. Srinivasu of Physics Department, presented a paper on New Mesogenic Materials at a National Seminar in Warangal. Dr.M. Srinivasa Reddy's doctoral thesis, which was released in a book form on the occasion of the A. P History Congress has been hailed as a pioneering major contribution to the study of the sugar industry in Andhra Pradesh. Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel and Dr. Chandrasekar have successfully guided 3 M.Phil scholars each of Bharathi Dasan University in Biotechnology. In this connection, I am happy to mention that the recently liberalised regulations of the Nagarjuna University, initiated under the personal intervention of our esteemed Vice-Chancellor for recognising the affiliated Colleges as centres for research, will go a long way towards invigorating the important dimension of research in higher education. As our Beloved President recently observed in his address at Tirupati University, 'experience in research leads to quality teaching, and quality teaching imparted to the young in turn enriches research and higher learning. Research brings transformation and development also enhances the quality of education. This sets in a regenerative cycle of excellence'.

Refresher Courses Attended by the Staff

Those who attended Refresher Courses are Sri.D.Praveen, Dr.Ch. Sriramachandra Murthy, Dr.V.Gopal Reddy, Dr. M.Sivaram, Sri. G. Murali Krishna, Dr. J. Chandrasekara Rao, Sri.G.A.Prasad Rao, Sri. D.N.M Raju, and Dr. N.Srinivasa Rao. Sri. Rayappa Reddy attended the month-long orientation course.

Resourcefulness of our Staff

Among our Faculty is to be found a veritable treasure house of varied talents and capabilities. There are accomplished musicians like Sri. Praveen, melodious singers like Mr. Yoschu, Mr. Shyam Sundar and Mr. Sanjeev Bali, eloquent orators like Dr.G. Sambasivarao and Dr. Ravindra Bhas, incisive and creative scriptwriters like Mr. Vijayababu and Dr. Vallabharao, organisers like Dr. Ch. Srirama Chanramurthy, captivating M.C s like Miss Mangala Varma and Mr.D.Praveen, newspaper columnists and text-book editors like Dr. P. Ramanujam and Dr.M. Srinivasa Reddy, content generators for educational T.V like Mr. K.V.A Ramasastry and project writers like Mr. Srirangam. It is no wonder that the academic as well as cultural

and artistic expertise of our staff is much in demand. Mr. Vijayababu, who scripted a much acclaimed 30 minute documentary film on Child Labour, entitled Toli Velugulu, has been given the prestigious assignment of making a one hour documentary for the AP Project on Child Labour as part of a plan of the International Labour Organisation. Dr. G.Sambasivaro has been selected as lesson writer by Andhra and Nagarjuna University School of Distance Education Centres for B.A and M.A students. He also delivered endowment lectures at BV.K P.G College at Andhra University. Mr. G.M Srirangam, shared his expertise on NAAC accreditation preparation to two colleges and gave lectures on autonomy in Bangalore. He was also selected for the prestigious Rotary Club International Group Study Exchange Programme in Sweden. Mr. K.V.A Ramasastry produced a set of C.Ds, the first of its kind on Chemistry Practicals. Dr. Srirama Chandramurthy was a resource person at a training programme for Blind students conducted at Press Club. Dr. Vallabha Rao, translated a National Play of Drama from Hindi to Telugu which was broadcast by AIR on 22nd January 2004. The Correspondent of the College, Fr. Dr. Louis Xavier presented a paper on 'Business as a Calling-the Calling of Business' at an International Conference in Bilbao in Spain and another paper on Teacher Expectation at State Level Seminar in Tamilnadu and animated a number of workshops and training programmes in Bangalore, Mangalore and Chennai. Fr. Dr. Jayablan conducted seminars to Teachers in Hyderabad and Eluru. Fr.Thainese, the Vice-Principal of P.G. is a constant invitee for delivering guest lectures on I.T related topics. Mr. Sahayabhaskaran has been regularly delivering one-day lectures on Computer Applications at Refresher Courses conducted by Academic Staff College, S.V.University Tirupati. Mr. Srikumar was the Resource Person at the National Symposium on Human Rights conducted by U.G.C, and at Physics Teachers' Workshops of Krishna District.

A.P History Congress

Among the notable events held during the Golden Jubilee year of the College is the hosting of the 28th Session of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress, a State Level academic conference that drew renowned scholars from all over Andhra Pradesh. A special Symposium on the Christian Contribution to the Development of Andhra Pradesh was a special feature of this year's Conference. With the unstinting cooperation offered by the entire staff of the College and the tireless efforts of the Department of History and Politics and of the Local Secretary, Mr. S. Ananth, the two-day event was a resounding success. All the participants were spontaneously appreciative of the excellent hospitality extended at the Campus, and the help rendered by the staff and the student volunteers.

Golden Jubilee Science and Arts Exhibition

Varied are the learning experiences to which our students are exposed. Passively listening to endless rounds of classroom lectures is not what characterises the education imparted at Andhra Loyola. Keen and active participation in the learning process and an eagerness to avail themselves of the entire gamut of opportunities provided to our students are the



distinguishing marks of our students. Thus when the Arts and Science Exhibition was announced, our students rose to the occasion and put up exhibits that eloquently demonstrated their creativity and their ability to relate the theoretical knowledge to the realities outside. Our students' innate ingenuity and creative flair were given full scope. Organised around the theme, 'Leading Towards Knowledge Society', the exhibition encompassed an astonishingly wide spectrum of knowledge and explored into areas ranging from Mars Landing, Rocket launching, to Genome Project. Every exhibit in the domains of Science and Arts unravelled interesting and insightful novelties and brought out the richness and variety in human life and in the Universe. It is no wonder that that unending stream of visitors both from hundreds of schools and from the general public listened with rapt attention to the enthusiastic explanations on each of the items on display.

Challenges Ahead

In this era of LPG, liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation, and with the impending implications of GATT and WTO looming large, education is increasingly and inevitably being construed as a commercial product and business enterprise, governed by market forces and the principles of market place. Time is not far off when the foreign Universities will set up their campuses on Indian soil and admit Indian students to their institutions. Every Institution including Andhra Loyola should gear itself up to face stiff competition in offering top quality education by diversifying and restructuring the courses, meeting the expectations of all stakeholders, introducing choice-based cafeteria model credit system as advocated by the U.G.C. In this connection, we look up to you, Sir, our esteemed Vice-Chancellor, to empower an autonomous institution like ours, to remove some of the constraints and hurdles and to facilitate the process of diversification, restructuring of courses and introducing relevant and meaningful courses, with some flexibility to innovate and experiment. More skills-oriented certificate courses, a Language Lab, and facilities for e-Learning, a Research Lab for Detection and Analysis of Adulteration in Foodstuffs and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, two new P.G courses and one undergraduate course will be added in the next academic year.

A word of Gratitude

On this momentous occasion of the 50th College Day, our hearts overflow with the sentiments of gratitude to God and to those noble souls who laboured day and night to give shape to their dream of a Loyola College on the sacred soil of Andhra Pradesh. Bishop Ignatius Mummadi of Guntur, Fr. Devaiah, the Founder, his close and committed collaborators, Katragadda Raghu Ramaiah, Parvatenini Bhushaia, Suryadevara Ramachandra Rao, thousands of generous donors and benefactors who contributed their mite to the construction of the College, the Rectors and Principals both living and dead, who had administered the College during these five decades, the Jesuits who were in the ALC community discharging various responsibilities, and the staff who were the real academic edifice of the College, without whom this College would not have grown to this stature. As we look forward to another year and another decade, we rely on the present staff, teaching

and non-teaching, the younger and more dynamic Jesuits, and the rising generation of students to propel the College to move forward and scale greater heights of all round excellence and expansion. In an era marked by proliferation of Colleges of commercial variety, and with the paradigm shift in the prevailing values and parental expectations, the College will strive hard to retain the cutting edge by enhancing the quality in teaching and learning, refining further the methods of evaluation, and giving a decisive fillip to research activities, not neglecting at the same time the integral formation of the students. In conclusion, I thank the Staff teaching and non-teaching and the office staff for their loyalty and commitment to the institution. I am grateful to the four Vice-Principals in charge of Intermediate, Degree and P.G sections, who bear the brunt of the burden of keeping the wheels of the administration moving with their personal attention and selfless supervision. I also place on record, the constant guidance given by Fr. Provincial. Fr. Rector and the Correspondent who are straining every nerve to nurture the institution in all respects. I will be failing in my duty if I don't say a well-deserved word of appreciation for all our dear students who are proud of being Loyolites and always rise to the occasion to keep the flags of Andhra Loyola flying high. Finally, I thank our Chief Guest Prof. L.Venugopal Reddy for being the Chief Guest, Mrs. L.Vasundara for consenting to give away the prizes and Fr. Provincial for invoking God's blessing on us, the invitees, guests, parents and alumni for gracing the College Day Celebrations. Thank You.

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QUALITY MATTERS FOR US

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"Quality assurance in higher education has become a global issue. Universities throughout the world focus special attention on implementing quality assurance system in order to be classified as world-class quality education."

The quality of higher education is judged mainly by the strength of ethical and pedagogical principles it embodies. It is driven by a number of conflicts and paradoxes: the contradiction between explosion and fragmentation of demand on one hand and the unemployment which affects an ever growing number of graduates on the other; between the provisions of equal access and opportunity, and the financial constraints upon the mass extension of higher education; and finally between ethical and moral obligations and the various incitements of knowledge and discoveries. Faced with such tensions and paradoxes, higher education must develop a new vision, take advantage of its adaptability, flexibility and imaginative resources in order to develop problem-solving and forward-looking capacities, equip itself with an ever watchful critical spirit and promote teamwork without ever jettisoning its role as ethical watchdog". (The core-statement of International Conference on, Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Standards, Mechanisms and Mutual Recognition, held in Bangkok in November 2000)

The quest for quality assurance and the need for its recognition are the basic ingredients of the present thought of higher education all over the world. With the assessment and accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore, quality assurance has become an integral part of Andhra Loyola's system which is working towards the realisation of the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance.

This article focuses on the quality assurance strategies initiated and strengthened in the wake of the accreditation by NAAC, highlighting the improvements effected in different areas.

Quality

The concept of "Quality" is rather elusive, because it expresses a relative, though, noticeable difference between one thing and another. Relative terms such as 'better', 'superior', 'acceptable' are applied to judge quality. However, quality is a universally acknowledged factor in successful business. The concept of quality is not a new one, but the range of the terminology and methodologies which are now used to define, develop and apply it, are relatively recent. There are a great number of different perceptions of what is meant by quality in higher education. Varying definitions have been suggested, but it has not been possible to reach consensus. The widely accepted criterion of quality in higher education is probably "fitness for the purpose":

Quality – “the fitness for the purpose”

The mission statement of Andhra Loyola College – “forming men and women for others” underlines the purpose of Andhra Loyola College, in other words, the aims and objectives of the college. To refresh our minds on this ‘purpose’, I quote Rev. Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus:

“We aim to form leaders in service in imitation of Christ Jesus, men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment. In other words, the purpose of our college is to produce men and women who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to others without any prejudice based on race, religion, caste or language”. This striving for human excellence can be summed up beautifully in the address of Rev. Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, to all the Jesuit College Principals of India assembled in Mumbai on 12th March 1994: “We will have failed in our mission if a student leaves the portals of our institution with academic degrees but without having grown in a sense of Divine, reverence of the sacred, respect for human life, compassion for the poor, concern for justice, awareness of oppressive social structure and commitment to build a more just and humane community”.

Let me proceed to illustrate the fitness for the purpose by Andhra Loyola College.

1. The fitness of a college in this context depends on the major area of its operation – classroom learning (knowledge), which is acquired through the curriculum that the college offers. In keeping with the objectives of the college, the curriculum is designed in such a way as to promote academic excellence and technical competence of the learners and also prepare them to be ‘men and women for others’ through the infusion of values and social concern into the curriculum. The autonomy bestowed on the college has helped us thus to strengthen this process of alignment of the curriculum with the aims and objectives of the institution. Certain innovations in the curricula are –

Incorporation of certain additional dimensions into the core-curriculum prescribed by the AP State Council for Higher Education (APSCHE). This promotes academic excellence of the learners and helps them to take up advanced courses. To give a few examples, the Department of English has introduced a spoken English component and genre-wise papers. The Department of Telugu has made its curriculum more comprehensive by introducing components such as comparative study of linguistics, journalism, prosody and modern literary criticism. The curriculum of Oriental Languages has incorporated texts from different epics, which not only enrich the ethical content of the curriculum but also expose our students to the rich heritage of Indian culture. ‘Dohas of Kabirdas’ ‘Ashok ka Shok’ in Hindi and ‘Subhashitani’ in Sanskrit focus on our historical traditions. The curriculum of Mathematics has incorporated ‘Discrete Mathematics’ and ‘Numerical Analysis’



which fulfill the needs of the students to pursue higher studies. Similarly, the department of Statistics has introduced new optional with modern trends in partial and multiple correlations and multiple regressions and Chebyshev's inequalities. The department of Physics has incorporated additional components of Super Conductivity, Nuclear Physics and Lasers in their theory papers and an additional practical on Logic Gate design. The Zoology department has updated its curriculum by introducing special papers on Clinical Biology and Biochemistry and Immunology. The curriculum of History is not confined to the study of dynasties and genealogies but concentrates on 'Total History - History of people, study of subalterns, causations, transitions, socio-economic and cultural aspects.

Introduction of application-oriented components in the curriculum to make the learners technically competent and to face the challenges of the technologically savvy world. A few examples on how the curricula are made functionally relevant by incorporating application-oriented components are - the department of Telugu has made its curriculum more application oriented through introduction of journalism. The department of Mathematics introduced a course on Complex Analysis, replacing Special Functions which is more calculation oriented. The department of Physics paved the way for vocationalisation of their subject, by introducing a special paper on Electronics, dealing with both Analog and Digital electronics. The department of Chemistry has introduced an application-oriented paper on Polymer Chemistry geared towards the plastic industry. The department of Botany has in its curriculum an optional paper on Applied Microbiology. The curriculum of Commerce is more oriented towards professional competence through introduction of papers on Marketing and Sales Management, Management Information Systems, Computer Applications and E-Commerce.

2. Integration of Value Education and compulsory Extension Programme (Andhra Loyola Extension for Rural Transformation - ALERT) into the core-curriculum to promote sense of values and social concern.
3. Flexibility to the learners in the choice of combinations within the curriculum. A total of 14 combinations in Undergraduate and 5 combinations in Postgraduation are being offered.
4. Another innovation in enabling the learners to learn at their own pace is 'streaming' in the General English course. (Based on their individual abilities and basic knowledge in English, all the students are grouped 3 streams - A, B and C, after conducting a placement test).
5. Integration of skill oriented and value added, add-on courses into the core-curriculum, which have utility for job, self-employment and empowerment of the students, like Diploma in Medical Lab Technology, Courses on Computer Applications, etc. A few more courses

on Technical Analysis of Financial Markets, Travel and Tourism Management, Spoken English, Biotechnological applications, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning, Pharmaceutical Drug Marketing, etc are to be introduced with the financial assistance of University Grants Commission in the academic year 2004 – 2005.

6. Not only in the curriculum, the faculty has been trying new teaching-learning and evaluation methods for improving the quality of education being offered. One such practice is usage of Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) in the classroom for involving the learners in the teaching-learning process. IPP involves the steps of Context, Experience, Reflection Action and Evaluation.

7. Adoption of several activity-based and learner-centered teaching methodologies like seminars, quizzes, group activities, case study analysis.

8. Adoption of both Internal and External Evaluation. The college adopts the ratio of 50:50 for internal and external evaluations. Internal evaluation gives feedback to the teacher on the learning, taking place in the classroom. It also ensures systematic application of students to academic work on a continual basis. The external evaluation ensures greater objectivity.

9. The transparency of evaluation is ensured by offering a chance to the learners for re-evaluation and re-totaling of marks in the external evaluation.

10. In recent years, a new impetus is given to encourage research on the campus. The college is striving towards establishing a Centre of Excellence where different science departments could collaboratively engage in multi disciplinary and socially relevant research projects.

11. Incorporation of Project Work into the regular curriculum for the all the third year degree students infuses within them the value of research and the quest for acquiring new knowledge.

12. Imparting Quality Education was made possible and strengthened further by the excellent infrastructural facilities the college possess. The finest campus in Vijayawada with an excellent lay out in sprawling 98 acres of land gives the right ambience for quality education to take place.

Quality Enhancement Strategies

Quality Enhancement is the process of positively changing of activities in order to provide for a continuous improvement in the quality of institutional provision. Loyola's quality enhancement strategies include -

⇒ Continuous upgradation of syllabus keeping the regional and local relevance.

- ⇒ Experimenting with innovative teaching methods
- ⇒ Establishing Industry-Institution linkages
- ⇒ Flexible educational programmes
- ⇒ Diversification of course combinations
- ⇒ Increasing the earning capabilities of the students
- ⇒ Improving the total personality of the students
- ⇒ Appropriate skill development
- ⇒ Value addition to knowledge
- ⇒ Awareness creation for total accountability - administrative, financial and academic
- ⇒ Awareness creation among the faculty for moral accountability in terms of obligation to students and contractual accountability in terms of accountability to the employer.

Quality Culture

The ultimate goal of institutional quality assurance is to develop an internal Quality Culture, which ensures that quality is a focus of the institution at all levels and is incorporated in the everyday work of the management, staff and students. Quality Culture is the creation of a high level of internal institutional quality assessment mechanisms and the ongoing implementation of the results. Quality Culture can be seen as the ability of the institution to develop quality assurance implicitly in the day-to-day work of the institution and marks a move away from periodic assessment to ingrained quality assurance. We strongly believe that Quality is a journey and not a destination. In order to maintain the Quality Culture, Andhra Loyola College has established a Quality Advisory Committee (QAC) and a Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to work towards realizing the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance. The prime task of IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the performance of the institution. The IQAC will function under the guidance of the Quality Advisory Committee (QAC). The QAC includes not only the administrators, senior faculty members of the college, but also have outside experts in relevant fields to guide the internal members more objectively.

Conclusion

Thus Andhra Loyola College is committed to realize its mission of imparting quality higher education in consonance with its objective of developing citizens with knowledge, skill and character leading to societal transformation.

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE: FROM ACORN TO ARBOR*



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What was there fifty years ago where the sprawling campus of Andhra Loyola College, with its lush green avenues of trees and palatial buildings, is resplendent with academic excellence?

"In March, 1953, when I, as the new Provincial (of Madhurai Province), with Fr. J. Kalathil, then Rector of St. Joseph's College, Trichy, visited the selected site and saw before us a flat expanse of paddy fields as far as the eye could see", said Rev. Fr. D. Gordon, who granted permission for starting a college by the Society of Jesus in these parts of the country. He, latter, led the college to greater heights as its Principal for a decade from 1959.

Those were the days when Vijayawada was branded as a "Cultural Sahara". Andhra Loyola College with its debut in 1953 contributed amply to the academic growth of Vijayawada.

The dawn of Andhra Loyola College coincided with the formation of Andhra State. The State came into existence on 1st October 1953 and C. M. Trivedi, the First Governor of Andhra State, laid the foundation stone for the college on 9th December, the same year.

Andhra Loyola College is the brainchild of Rev. Ignatius Mummadi, Bishop of Guntur who strongly advocated a college for Andhras. In the words of Bishop Mummadi, "It is difficult for me to recall and relate in sequence all that precede the founding of Andhra Loyola College, because it dates as far back as the year 1945. In fact, even prior to 1945, the idea of at least one good Catholic College for the whole of Andhra was uppermost in my mind, almost right from the beginning of my appointment as the Bishop of Guntur in 1943". He went to Rome in 1948 and prevailed upon the then Jesuit General, Fr. John Baptist Janssens, who at last gave his clearance. Luckily, the Vice-Provincial Superior of the Jesuit Madhurai Province, Fr. Humbert Pinto was also in Rome at that time and he was instructed by the Jesuit General to fulfil the desire of the Bishop.

Fr. Karanam Deviah was posted to Loyola College, Madras from Dindigul in 1952 to explore the possibilities of establishing a college in Andhra area. He soon established contacts and in August the same year inspected various sites offered near Bapatla, Nambur and Sitanagaram in Guntur District. Dr. C. L. Rayudu offered, on behalf of the people of Gannavaram, a hundred-acre site. There were no offers from Repalle, Sangam Jagarlamudi, Vadrevu on the sea coast, Muktyala and Guntur and even from Rayalaseema. It is the ruling of the providence that Andhra Loyola College is to be established at Vijayawada! On his first visit to Vijayawada Father Deviah met Yelamanchili Satyanarayana, I. P. S., a young and



energetic Superintendent of Police in C. B. I Department and Kancharla Krishna Rao who took him to Patamata to the house of Katragadda Raghuramaiah. It is here the seeds of ALC started sprouting!

Inspired by the proposal of setting up a Jesuit College at Vijayawada, Raghuramaiah talked to the other prominent citizens of Vijayawada who were interested in promoting education in these parts of the state. On 27th February 1953, a meeting was held in Ram Mohan Library Hall and the The Vijayawada Loyola College Sahaya Sangham was formed with Gogineni Venkata Subbaiah Naidu as President, Katragadda Raghuramaiah as Secretary and Treasurer, Patibanda Sundara Rao, Konkimalla Nagabhushana Rao and Garapati Venkateswara Rao as Joint Secretaries. Fr. Gordon used to say that there were six Vice-Presidents also whose names he didn't remember. It was resolved in that meeting to collect Rs. 5 lakhs (Too big money in those days!) and hand over the same to Jesuit Fathers for establishing the college. Among those who went round for the collection of donations along with Fr. Deviah were Katragadda Raghuramaiah, Katragadda Madhusudhana Rao, Patchava Papaiah, Venkatapathi Raju, Parvathaneni Bhushaiah, Tella Krishnamma, Suryadevara Ramachandra Rao (popularly known as DSP Ramachandra Rao), Kancherla Krishna Rao and occasionally Guntupalli Ramaiah. Yelamanchili Satyanarayana Choudary used to accompany the team while meeting the bigwigs. The Fund-Raising campaign was not all that smooth and there were many unpleasant situations with which the team was confronted. On one occasion a certain gentleman of Tiruvuru not only refused to any donation but also even abused Parvathaneni Bhushaiah and pushed him out of his house. What fall for the Ex. M. L. C. of Madras Presidency! He not only swallowed the insult for the sake of the mission but also made that gentleman to give cash donation of Rs. 2500 and a gift of his Tractor for the college by influencing through his personal physician, Dr. Chandramouli. That was the zeal and commitment! On another occasion, the whole village of Geddamanugu turned against alleging that there were some communists among the fund-raisers. The team tackled the situation in a tactful manner and finally made the villagers to pay donations generously. What a thrilling experience it should have been! The members of The Vijayawada Loyola College Sahaya Sangham was busy on one side collecting donations and acquiring land for the college at the foothill of Gunadala. The goal was to buy 100 acres of land for the college. Generous contributions came from many benefactors like Gogineni VS Naidu, Yarlagadda Sivarama Prasad, Rajah of Challapalli, Patchava Papayya, Mullapudi Harischandra Prasad, Yarlagadda Ranganaiakulu Vaidu, Smt. Vadlapatla Lalithamba and many others. Though the college is a Jesuit college, the builders of it are the local citizens. Let us recall the words of Rev. Fr. Theo Mathias, the founder Principal of the college at this juncture! "The generosity of Andhra people and their utter lack of religious communalism was a revelation to me. Never in my previous experience had I seen Hindus working so hard or contributing so generously to build up a Christian college, even though they had been clearly told that they would have no special rights in the new institution, not even the right to nominate one or two students for admission. Andhra Loyola College is a monument to the generosity, large-heartedness and vision of the people of the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh".

All set for the proposed college! The Loyola College Society was registered at Guntur

on 30th June 1953 and the application for the affiliation of the college reached the Registrar of Andhra University on 21st October. Br. Giandavide (popular as Brother David in the city), an Italian architect, drew up a master plan for the college which is strictly adhered even today. He was closely supervising the construction work till he breathed his last. He has left behind a few monumental works like Maris Stella College, Nirmala High School, Bishop's House and cinema theaters like Seshmahal, Old Alankar Talkies, etc., in the city.

The date of laying foundation stones for the college and first hostel buildings was fixed for 9th December 1953. The foundation stone laying function was a historic event. Six thousand people from Krishna, Guntur and Godavari districts were present to witness this occasion. Yarlagadda Sivarama Prasad, the Rajah of Challapalli, presided over the meeting. Bishop Ignatius Mummadi blessed the college site and Arch Bishop Pothacamury of Bangalore blessed the foundation stone of the hostel, which was laid by Gogineni Venkata Subbaiah Naidu, the chief donor, after whom the hostel is named. Archbishop Mark Gopu of Hyderabad blessed the foundation stone of the college, which was laid by C. M. Trivedi, the First Governor of Andhra State. A host of thousand guests were served tea under a large pandal and that night, the citizens of Gunadala, Patamata and Mogalajapuram entertained more than 500 guests to a dinner accorded in the honour of the Jesuit Fathers.

The first Jesuit consisted of Fr. Deviah, Fr. B. J. Coyle, Fr. T. A. Mathias, Fr. Y. Papaiah, Fr. S. Subbaiah, Fr. G. Foreau and Br. I. Joseph. Fr. Y. Papaiah left shortly after the opening due to ill health and was replaced by Fr. T. Baliah who later took over the wardenship of the hostel. He played a pivotal role in the development of the college. Later, Fr. Foreau, a botanist who had planted many of the avenues of trees on the campus, was replaced by Fr. L. Bazou.

In early June 1954, when the Jesuit community arrived, there was nowhere to live except a thatched hut, no better than a shepherd's humble abode, located in front of the present Chapel. There was no electricity on the campus and there were cobras and giant-sized scorpions all around. Fr. Subbaiah once said that they used to kill at least a hundred scorpions everyday. Fr. Coyle was always busy shooting at cobras. Some of the cobra specimens collected by him are still found in the Zoology department.

The first batch of academic staff consisted of, in addition to the Jesuit members, Duggirala Viswanadha Babu, B. F. Shouraiyah and I. L. Narayana in English Department, Kotagiri Viswanadha Rao, Mylavarapu Srinivas Sastry, Metta Venkateswara Rao, and Kavuri Purnachandra Rao in the department of Telugu, U. S. Ramakrishnaiah of Hindi Department, M. J. Nambiar and K. V. Ramanaiah of Maths, V. V. Krishna Rao and Y. Rajagopala Rao and S. S. R. Lakshmana Swamy in Physics, T. V. Sastry, A. V. Subba Rao (Sr.) and G. Sriramulu in Chemistry, S. N. Rama Swamy and E. Veda Vyas, who later became an IAS Officer and also popular for astrology and cosmic predictions, in Biology, K. Basaveswara Rao in History, D. Rayanna, Librarian and V. Suryaprakasa Rao, Physical Director.

Y. Rajagopala Rao, one of the founder faculty members of the college, recalls as to how they were carrying their suits and ties (which was compulsory to lecturers then) in bags to the college while trekking their way, clad in lungis, through irrigation canal banks from Bunder Road as there was no Ring Road then.

The academic year, officially, started on 12th July, but, regular classes started from 22nd July 1954 with 210 boys in the temporary hostels, 12 Catholics in Gunadala Boarding and 192 day scholars, a total of 394 students in the First year Intermediate. The bigger students were sent to a temporary hostel, which was a Tobacco Barn in Mogalarajapuram, and the smaller boys were kept in the sheds on the campus. During the monsoon, the whole place was a quagmire; water sometimes rose ankle - deep in the dining hall and students had actually to have their meals standing up and holding their plates in their hands. Indeed, they were the co-founders of the college!

There were a few sportsmen like athlete Seshagiri Rao, Football-player Akthar and Tennis champion Venkateswaran among the first batch students of the college.

The old students association, pioneered by Fr. Miranda and later nurtured by F. Francis, Fr. U. S. Paul and Fr. A. Theckemury, made always its presence felt as a bridge between the old and the new. The magnificent Devaiah Auditorium, the biggest in the city, is a gift of the Andhra Loyola College Alumni Association to the present and future generations of the college.

Many statesmen, educationists, high Government officials and economists visited the college over the years. Prominent among them are Dr. V. S. Krishna, C. M. Trivedi, Bezwada Gopala Reddy, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, Dr. D. S. Reddy, C. Narasimham, S. P. B. Pattabhi Rama Rao, Bhimsen Sachar, C. D. Desmukh, Fr. Jerome D'Souza, Nawab Mehdi Nawaz Jung, Dr. K. L. Shrimali, P. V. G. Raju, M. R. Appa Rao, K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Dr. C. Ranga Rajan, Krishen Kanth, Mother Theresa and many more national and international luminaries.

The college, with its autonomous status, NAAC accreditation, courses ranging from junior intermediate to post-graduation, infrastructure par excellence, committed Jesuits and dedicated staff, is forging ahead with a single goal, "Forming men and women for others".

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Andhra Loyola College

From Silver Jubilee to Golden Jubilee-1979-2004



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1979-1984 : College Prepares for Autonomy.

During the academic year 1979-80, the year of Silver Jubilee celebrations, Rev. Fr. D. Gordon was serving as Rector, and Rev. Fr. Francis was serving as Principal. During the year 1980-81, Rev. Fr. A. Theckemury took the responsibility as Rector of the College. During the year 1982-83, the students guidance and counselling programme was launched. Under this programme, a team of 25 lecturers underwent a specially designed training. During the year 1983, non-residential student centre with indoor games and locker facilities was constructed and was inaugurated.

The preparatory work for shifting over towards autonomous system began in the college as early as 1975. At the close of the academic year 1974-75, a weeklong seminar was organised in the college for the teaching staff. At this seminar the staff underwent thorough study of curriculum development, and other implications of the autonomous system.

1984-89 : College becomes autonomous :

Post - graduate Courses Launched : College becomes co-educational.

During the academic year 1984-85, Rev. Fr. T. Innaiah took over as the Principal, relieving Rev. Fr. Francis who rendered yeoman service to the college as Principal for twelve long years. Rev. Fr. U. Satyanarayana Paul took charge as the Rector relieving Rev. Fr. A. Theckemury in the year 1984-85. A new subject military science as an optional subject was introduced as an innovative element to the existing curriculum.

During the year 1985-86, Rev. Fr. P. S. Amalraj, who had played a vital role in the rehabilitation of the cyclone-ravaged Diviseema, took over the responsibilities as the Rector of the College, relieving Rev. Fr. Uppuluri Satyanarayana; during the year 1985, the college was authorized by the Nagarjuna University to start postgraduate courses. But the approval for starting of these courses could not be obtained even during the academic year 1986-87.

During the academic year 1985-86, a TV set was installed in the college to receive the UGC educational programme telecast through INSAT-IB.

Three significant events took place during the year 1987-88: 1. The long cherished starting of postgraduate courses, 2. visit of Rev. Fr. General of the society of Jesus and 3.



The official sanction of autonomous status to the college. The postgraduate courses placed the college on the map of university education opening its portals to higher learning and research. Autonomy placed the college in the sphere of academic freedom in devising a teaching-cum-learning process wedded to the uplift of society. Thus a new phase in the development of the college was ushered in.

Two PG courses, one in English language and literature and another in Social Work, were inaugurated by Mr.P Indra Reddy, Minister for Health, Andhra Pradesh, a distinguished alumnus of our college. Along with the introduction of PG Courses, the college for the first time admitted girl students making ALC co-educational.

FRIDAY, 11th December 1987 was a red lettered day. Rev. Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, paid a brief visit to the college.

During 1987-88, Sri Metta Venkateswara Rao, of the Telugu department, Sri A.S.Narayana Sarma of the Commerce department, Sri G Bullaiah, of the Physics department and Sri P T Thomas of the Economics department retired after putting in more than 30 years of service in the college.

The college entered into the autonomous system with frequent tests, examinations, continuous internal assessment and semester system. The system was felt to be working well to the satisfaction of all concerned. The postgraduate courses of PG English and Social Work made a good beginning. The Social Work Department conducted surveys with a focus on the student socio-economic conditions of the people living in the region surrounding the college area. It was felt that the autonomy gave the students a change for better involvement in the learning process, developing the organizational ability, better communication skills.

During the year 1988-89, some of the teaching staff members : Sri I.V. Kameswara Rao (Mathematics), Sri Krishna Prasad, Sri A.V. Subba Rao (both from Chemistry), Sri E.S.R.K. Prasad (Zoology), Sri Basavapunnaih, Sri Rambabu, and Sri Gangadhara Rao (all three from Physics) took voluntary retirement.

1989 - 94 : College goes hitech

A seminar on curriculum development was organized for the staff in June 1989; Dr.Rajammal P Deva Doss, Vice-Chancellor, Avinashlingam Institute of Home Science, Rev. Fr..Louis Xavier, Prof.Felix, Prof.Muniswamy and Dr.Raman from Madras Loyola College, Madras, acted as Resource Persons in drawing the modified syllabus.

During the academic year 1988-89, two new courses were introduced; Computer Science (B.Sc.), Physical Education, health Sciences and Sports (B.Sc.) A new course B.Sc., Electronics and at the Intermediate level, a vocational course in Computer Science were introduced.

Kaladarshini, the cultural wing of the college, was inaugurated on 31 July 1990.

The Old Boys Association, at the silver jubilee celebrations of the College held during 1979-80, proposed the idea to establish an auditorium as a fitting memorial to the founder (Rev. Fr. Devaiah) of their alma mater. Dr. Parimi, an alumnus, prepared the plan for the auditorium with a seating capacity of 2000 persons. On 23 July 1983, the foundation stone was laid for the auditorium by Rev. Fr. Casimir, S.J., During this year, the construction work of the auditorium was completed and it was inaugurated on 24-02-1991 by His Excellency S. Krishna Kanth, the then Governor of A.P.

Rev. Fr. T Innaiah, S.J., who had served as Principal of the College for a period of 7 long years, was given a respite from the responsibilities and Rev. Fr. J Kuriakose, S.J., the first Controller of Examinations, took over as the Principal. Rev. Fr. A Theckemury, S.J., returned to the college after a spell of 6 years and was entrusted with the responsibilities of the Controller of Examinations. Rev. Fr. S Amalanathan, S.J. continued to serve as Rector of the college. Rev. Fr. S Philomin Raj, S.J. was transferred on a new assignment. During the academic year, Sri Y.V. Subba Rao and Sri S Haripurushotham (both of the Mathematics department) retired putting in 35 years of service.

During 1992-93, five members of the Teaching Staff: Sri Y Veerabhadra Rao (Maths), Sri LV Satyanarayana, (English), Sri K Gopala Rao (Physics) Sri D Satyanarayana Murthy and Sri P Satyanarayana (both of Commerce) retired after 30,30,34, 26 years of service respectively.

The NSS organised two rural camps one at Yanamalakuduru and another at Pedapulipaka. They helped in laying 3 k.m. road, cleaning up the garbage, supplying and planting coconut saplings, organizing adult literacy programme under the leadership of Sri Mr.N Satyam and Sri V Vallabha Rao.

M.A., Social Work students organized medical camps and coaching camps for poor children and school dropouts with the collaboration of KCP, Vuyyuru. A rural camp was conducted at Inapur. They built drains in the village and constructed a health centre.

An organization called Students Organization for Social Activities (SOSA) was started during 1991-92 at ALC under the direction of Rev. Fr. S.Emmanuel, S.J. It started to undertake social awareness camps making people aware of the social problems, and organizing them to solve these problems by collective activities by way of organizing study circles, publishing leaflets, staging street plays, etc.

A new academic block for the intermediate wing was inaugurated on 3rd September 1992 by Professor Yedla Simhadri, the then Vice - Chancellor of the Nagarjuna University.

Under the autonomous programme, two more diploma courses were started - one in Spoken English and the other in Environmental Studies. The college had completed its first five years of autonomy and a committee constituted by the university visited the college during April 1993 and the committee after studying the working of autonomy in the college, recommended the extension of autonomous status to the college.



The college day was celebrated on 20th February 1993 and Justice Narasimha Rao of the AP High Court was the Chief Guest.

During 1993-94, Rev. Fr. C.J. John took over as the Principal from Rev. Fr. J Kuriakose. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose was transferred to Loyola College, Karimnagar, as its superior. Rev. Fr. C Peter Raj also left the college to take charge as the Principal, Loyola Academy, Secunderabad. Rev. Fr. P Charles left for Marquette University, USA, for his doctoral studies. Rev. Fr. John Joseph, Rev. Fr. G.A.P. Kishore were the new entrants into the college Jesuit community. Two lecturers, Sri IL Narayana and Sri M John Peter of the English department, retired after 36 and 26 years of service respectively. Sri A Narasimha Murthy from the Telugu department retired after 35 years of service. Sri G Panduranga Rao of Chemistry and Sri V Narayana Rao of the Commerce department also retired after 30 years of service to the college.

The college hosted the inter-collegiate athletic meet From 26th to 28th November 2003. Sri M K Baig, Minister for Technical Education, Sri Vadde Sobhanadreswara Rao, M.P., Sri D Prasada Rao, Minister for Sports and Youth Activities, Sri Devineni Raja Sekhar Nehru, MLA, were the Guests of Honour.

The Xavier Hostel, established in 1969, celebrated its silver jubilee in December 1993. SOSA, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. S Emmanuel, initiated a large number of students in conscientisation work. A tailoring centre to train unemployed girls and young women was opened. The type institute was revived for imparting typing skills to the students. The PG department of Social Work organized a rural camp at China Yadara during December 1993.

College Day was celebrated on 19th February. Dr. B K Subba Rao, an alumnus of the college, a well-known scientist in the field of nuclear physics, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

1994-99 : Many a veterans staff retirements : Spectacular Humanitarian Responses of the college to natural calamities :

During the academic year 1994-95, Rev. Fr. D Showraiah, an alumnus, took charge as Rector of the college relieving Fr. Amalanathan. Rev. Fr. Rajan, who was managing the diploma courses in the college, joined the Amruthavani Institute of Communications, Secunderabad.

During 94-95 three of our Lecturers, Sri S Narasimha Swamy, Lecturer (Telugu), Dr. P Madhava Rao (Botany), Mr. P Kayanna, the Physical Director, retired after 36, 34, 35 years of service respectively.

Sri N Satyam, Lecturer in Botany and NSS Coordinator, died prematurely due to cancer after a meritorious service of more than 20 years.

A new course in B.Sc., Industrial Fish and Fisheries was started in the year 1994-95.

The college conducted during this academic year the inter-collegiate athletic meet. The United Nations Peace rally was organized by the college on 10th November 1994. *Loyola Today*, a campus news bulletin was also revived during this year.

As the strength of the lady lecturers and the girl students in the campus was increasing year after year, and the need to educate the students on gender equality and related issues was felt, a women's cell was started under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Jayaraj, Ms. Hari Padma Rani, Ms. Srujana Latha. A one-day workshop was organized on the problems faced by working women. The Old Boys Association was renamed as Alumni Association during this year on account of the college admitting girl students also.

The college was trying its best to incorporate the salient features of the community colleges. The hallmark of the community college is its neighbourhood awareness. Though the syllabus could not be changed to suit the community colleges features, the students organizations like SOSA, and the Social Work department were trying their best to translate these plans into action. SOSA organized awareness camps, street plays, distributed leaflets highlighting the problems faced by the Dalits particularly against social discrimination. NSS, under the leadership of Dr. CH Sreeramachandra Murthy and Dr. V Vallabha Rao, organized national integration cycle rally, medical camps. A rural camp was organized at Gosala. The Social Work department organized a camp at Yesupuram where programmes on literacy, tree plantation, medical awareness were taken up.

During this academic year, the college lost two eminent Jesuit members: Rev. Fr. D Gordon and Rev. Fr. J Kuriskose. During the ten-year long tenure of Rev. Fr. Gordon as Principal, the college has grown leaps and bounds. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose also served the college as Principal between 1991-93. He was known for his kindheartedness and unassuming, simple and hardworking nature. The college felt a great void in losing these two eminent personalities.

For the annual College Day celebrations Dr. U. Srinivasa Raghavan, Post Master General, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

During the year 1995-96 Rev. Fr. Arakal, who served the college as the Lecturer in Chemistry and warden, left for Pulivendula as the principal of YSRR Loyola Degree College. Rev. Fr. S Philomin Raj took charge as the Intermediate Vice-Principal. Rev. Fr. S Arockiasamy took charge of Vice-Principal for PG sections.

During this academic year, five of our lecturers : Sri P Veerabrahmam, (History), Sri C Venkatadri, (English), Mr. ESN Murthy and Sri K Srinivasa Rao (both from Zoology), Sri K Subbaiah (Mathematics) retired after each putting in more than 35 years of service.

During the academic year, eight staff members of the college were permitted to pursue their research under the UGC-financed Faculty Improvement Programme.

During 1995-96, the college conducted a 3-day seminar on Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm. Rev. Fr. Bob Slattery and Rev. Br. Camillus were the resource persons at the

seminar. Dr.Raman of Madras Loyola conducted a workshop on Research methodology for the Botany and Zoology lecturers of the college. Dr.U. Srinivasa Raghavan conducted a workshop on the intricacies of management skills.

During this academic year SPIC-MACAY started a chapter in our college .Rotract was reactivated after a lapse of 8 years.

For the College Day function of the year Sri Bashiruddin Babu Khan, a Jesuit alumnus, Minister for Higher Education of A.P. state graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

During the academic year 1996-97 Fr..V.A.Mathew took charge as the First Correspondent, Rev. Fr..S Emmanuel joined as Lecturer in Botany. Br.Michaelsamy also returned back to the college.

Mr.P Subbaramaiah of the Telugu department retired from service after 40 years of service.

From the Non-teaching members M/s N Anthony, CH Joshuva, KSundar Rao, Record Assistants, N Anjaneyulu, Storekeeper, B Raju, Marker after putting in 32, 41, 31, 35 and 27 years of service respectively.

At the beginning of the academic year, two seminars were organized. IPP programme was the theme for Junior staff, while Testing and Evaluation was the topic dealt by Prof.Tharun Jacob for the senior staff members.

SPIC Macay in ALC organised a cultural event under the leadership of Kalamandalam Raman Kutty Nair. The team performed certain parts of Mahabharat, and also gave demonstration class explaining various mudras used in Kathakali.

The members of our Rotract attended seminar on themes : Preserve The Earth, Problems of the Youth, Neozen Mela 96. During this year a Career Guidance Cell was launched thorough which our college was able to attract big firms and companies to hold campus interview.

The college won the inter-collegiate football, tennis and table tennis tournaments in the Nagarjuna Inter collegiate sports meet.

A new PG Course in M.Sc., Electronics was introduced in this academic year. A B.Sc , Microbiology course was also introduced and good response was received for these two courses. A new paper on Ethics and Moral Science was introduced as a part of curriculum.

Our staff and students actively participated in the Janmabhommi programme conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

On 15 February 1997, the college celebrated its annual College Day and Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, an alumnus of the college and a former I.A.S officer and the founder of the Lok Satta, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

During the academic year 1997-98, Rev. Fr..Dr. D Showraiah took charge as Principal of the college in the place of Rev. Fr..C J John ; Rev. Fr..C J John was transferred as the Principal of YSRR Loyola College, Pulivendula. Rev. Fr..C Peter Raj took charge as the PG Vice-Principal.

Six lecturers of the college retired during this academic year: Sri K Rajeswara Rao, Sri M.Suresan (both from the English), Sri K M Sastry (Maths), Sri N Balashowraiah (Economics), Sri RGKV Prasad (Physics) and Sri T K Tulasi Das (Chemistry), after putting in 35, 37, 31, 37, 33 and 36 years of service respectively.

During the beginning of the academic year, a workshop on Effective Communication and Classroom Management was conducted for all the teaching staff. Prof.Arthur Dhanaraj and Prof.John were the resource persons at the workshop. Rev. Fr. Dr. D. Showraiah, Principal of the college, participated in a two-day international workshop for Jesuit Principals at ILADES, a Jesuit University in Santiago, Chile.

One of the significant events that the college organized during the year 1997-98 was the Golden Jubilee of the Indian Independence. The entire college community, the students, the staff and the management, participated in the week-long programme with a patriotic fervour from 9th to 15th August 1997.

Sri Vavilala Gopala Krishnaiah, Sri Mahidara Ramamohana Rao, (Freedom Fighters), Sri Goparaju Lavanam, Dr.G. Vijayam, Dr.DT. Naik, (Commissioner of Police), Dr.P Solomon Raj, Professor, CS Bhaskaran, (former Vice-Chancellor of University of Health sciences), Sri C Raghavachari, (a well-known journalist), added colour to the celebrations by participating at these celebrations as Guests of Honour.

The college athletic team won the Championship in the Nagarjuna University inter-collegiate athletic meet. The College also won the Championship in Hockey, and football at the NUIC competitions.

Under the auspices of SPIC Macay, a play *Mudra Rakshasa* was staged in the college followed by a talk by Dr.Rajeev Bhargava, Professor of Political science of JNU, NEW DELHI. A documentary film on the political and democratic scenario in India was also screened. Students From different colleges and schools also attended the programme conducted by the college.

The Women's Cell organized a talk on psychology of man and woman and role of woman in the modern family. A seminar on violence and vulgarity in electronic media was organized. Women From different walks of life, like lawyers, doctors, lecturers, officials, journalists attended the seminar.

The Rotract Club of our college with 200 participated in the pulse polio immunization programme during December-January 1997.



Student Readers' Club was revived during the academic year. An extension programme was launched on 17th November 1997 involving about 500 girls and boys of the near-by schools for whom a number of games, sports and cultural items were organized with a view to motivating them and to create a sense of confidence for a more purposeful and meaningful life.

The college celebrated its College Day on 21st February 1998 and Prof.C Subba Rao, Chairman, AP State Council for Higher Education, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The academic year 1998-99 began with Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Sebastian, taking over as Rector from Rev. Fr. V A Mathew, Rev. Fr. G. Jayaraj, an alumnus joined the college as Lecturer in Botany Dept. and Warden, Xavier Hostel. Rev. Fr. Rex Angelo joined the Department of English as Lecturer and took over as Vice-Principal of the Intermediate Section.

During this academic year, Seven of our lecturers : Mr K Chandra Mohan of English, Mr B Koteswara Rao of Zoology, Mr V R B Sankara Rao of Chemistry, Mr E R Rama Sarma of Commerce and Mr P Rama Krishna of Botany, Mr K Nageswara Rao, Mr K Venkata Rao (both from Physics) have retired, after putting in a service of 35, 37, 35, 29, 36,36, 33 years of service respectively. Another lecturer, Sri V Srirama Murthy, retired voluntarily after 22 years of service.

Three members of the non-teaching staff also retired : Mr P Paschali, Record Assistant, Mr M Showry, Assistant Librarian and Mr Ch Showraiah.

At the beginning of the academic year, a workshop on "Effective Classroom Communication" with experts from the NIIT as resource persons was organized.

In order to make the General English Course sensitive to learner differences, the English Department introduced an innovative, task-based, activity-oriented 4-semester course in General English for the B A (Special Telugu) students.

A Competitive Examinations Wing was opened in our college to coach our students as well as others for competitive examinations and admission tests to B.Ed. and M.Sc. Courses of various universities.

The final year students of the Department of Industrial Fish and Fisheries participated in the fortnight long training programme on processing Technology at Central Institute of Fishery Technology, Visakhapatnam. They also conducted a week-long extension programme on water quality analysis for fish and shrimp farms in and around Bhimavaram under the guidance of Sri G.M. Srirangam. Sri T Srikumar, Lecturer in Physics, conducted a special awareness programme and slide show on the leonide meteorite fall. Mr.G Sahaya Baskaran took the students on a study tour to SHAR, Sriharikota.

The NSS wing took active part in the pulse polio immunization programme, clean

and green programme, Sadbhavana Divas Rally, AIDS Rally and Awareness Rally

170 boys and 80 girls participated in the Nineth phase of Janmabhoomi programme under the leadership of 21 of our lecturers. They engaged themselves in cleaning drains, repairs to roads, planting trees, white-washing school buildings, conducting socio-economic surveys, etc., in the surrounding villages viz. Ramavarappadu, Enikepadu, Rayanapadu, Nidamanuru, Gudavalli, Gollapudi, Surayapalem, Harijanawada in Ajit Singh Nagar etc.

A new indoor stadium, constructed at a cost of Rs 40 lakhs, with an assistance of Rs.25 lakhs from the UGC, was declared open by Dr.C Rangarajan, Governor of Andhra Pradesh, and it was named after the late Rev. Fr. J Kuriakose,SJ, a former Principal of our college.

The college, during this academic year, conducted the Twenty First Nagarjuna University Intercollegiate Athletic Meet (11-13 December '98) on our campus and our college won the Championship, for the fourth time in succession. 350 men athletes, 200 women athletes and 100 officials from 70 affiliated colleges of Nagarjuna University took part in the Meet.

A new course, Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), was introduced from this academic year. To cope with the demands being made by our three regular courses in Computer Science as well as the evening ones, we opened a new 4,500 sq.ft. computer laboratory equipped with 10 Pentium 200 MHz systems for the MCA Course, 22 Pentium II 300 MHz systems for the BCA course and some latest software worth 4 lakhs. There are now 73 systems in the laboratory, while all of them work under LAN, 55 of them support WINDOWS environment also. Another course we have introduced this year is the State Government sponsored Diploma Course in Medical Lab Technology under the TRYSEM scheme meant for SC students. The course had an intake of 40 students, sponsored by the SC Co-operative Society, Krishna District, Machilipatnam.

DMLT was also started as an evening course with Dr.J Chandrasekhara Rao, Lecturer in Botany as its Coordinator and with 60 students enrolled in it.

A UGC Review Committee visited our college to review the second phase of our autonomy. The committee after studying various aspects of our functioning under autonomy expressed its appreciation of the academic excellence achieved under autonomy.

The college celebrated its annual day on 4th February 1999. Dr.C Rangarajan graced the occasion as the chief guest, Prof.CV Raghavulu, Vice-Chancellor of Nagarjuna University, Sri T Venkateswara Rao,(Mayor), and the district collector, Sri B R Meena were the guests of honour.

Some transfers of Jesuits took place during the year 1999-2000 Rev. Fr..Showraiah, S.J., was transferred as the Principal of YSRR Loyola Degree College, Pulivendula. Rev. Fr.C.

Peter Raj took charge as the Principal. Br. Singarayer a familiar figure at the cash counter for several years proceeded to Bangalore to turn his attention to spirituality and religious renewal. Rev.Fr.Arockiasamy left for the final phase of Jesuit training, at the completion of which, he was recently appointed Principal of Loyola Public School, Guntur.

Mr. M. Haragopal, Head of the Physics Department, and Mr. V.V. Gopala Rao retired after serving the college for more than 30 years.

Five members of the non-teaching staff. Mr. S. Maria Das, Bullaiah, N. Jacob, K. Aseervadam and P. Thomas had also retired from service during this academic year.

In this new year of the millennium after completion of 45 years of existence the profile of the college is as follows: The strength of teaching staff rose to 123 and that of the non-teaching staff 66. The total number of students enrolled in the college is at 2419. Of these, 815 are in the Intermediate sections, 1471 in the Degree courses and 133 in the P.G. classes. Our three hostels on campus accommodate as many as 850 students the college has students from as far as Nepal, Bhutan Tibet and from almost every state of India and every district of Andhra Pradesh.

Students belonging to different regions, religions and social groups living together both in the hostels and the college in a very friendly atmosphere presented the college in a real secular outlook. with 18 departments at undergraduate level and 3 departments at the postgraduate level.

The College goes for NAAC accreditation : Project works, and ALERT Programmes launched.

During the academic year 1999-2000, 5 lecturers were engaged in doctoral research under FIP programme. Nine lecturers attended the Orientation Programme and Refresher Courses in different universities.

In order to help our students to attune themselves to the exigencies of the ever expanding frontiers of this revolution, our college has introduced for the benefit of all the first year degree courses, a computer course designed by Mr. G. Sahaya Bhaskaran, covering the essentials and comprising practical training in M.S. Office.

The three wings of the N.C.C. with 4 officers, Dr. P. Bala Sundar Reddy, Mr. K.V.Vijaya Babu, Dr. R. Ravindra Bhas and Sri. M. Arockiasamy, have over 292 cadets who have been taking an active part in all the customary parades and camps held at various places.

CWO K. Vijaya Durga Prasad of Air Wing and, Cadet Abdul Shamshul Haq of Nawal Wing were selected to participate in the prestigious Republic day 2000 parade at Delhi.

Junior Under Officer Ramakrishna of the Army Wing got selected to attend Basic

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This academic year, when our nation was in the grip of the Kargil crisis, our staff and students in full strength, took out an impressive and orderly rally through the town to demonstrate our support for and solidarity with the gallant soldiers.

Another important event that the college involved in was the mobilization of a fund to the tune of Rs.3,00,000/- and was handed over to the victims of flood affected areas of Orissa. A team of our students, staff and members and the management, visited the flood affected regions of Orissa and handed over the funds directly to the victims.

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Xavier, an eminent teacher in English and a management specialist who had been the Director of Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai, for more than 12 years, took over as the Correspondent of the college, relieving the additional burden of Rev. Fr. A. Theckemury, the Controller of Examinations. Rev. Fr. A. Rex Angelo, who had served as degree Vice-Principal and warden, took leave for his Tertianship programme. Rev. Fr. Dr. Kunduru Joji joined the Department of Telugu.

Rev. Fr. G.A.P. Kishore, Rev. Fr. G. Jayaraj and Rev. Fr. Joji took charge as the wardens of Gogineni Hostel, Sanjeevan Hostel and Xavier Hostel respectively. Rev. Fr. J. Thainese took charge as the Director of MCA and M.Sc., Electronics departments.

Sri. B.S.M. Suresh Babu, Dept. of Zoology, and Sri. D. Lakshmana Rao, Dept. of Botany as well as Asst. Controller of Examinations, retired after having served the college for more than 30 years. Sri. D. Michael, storekeeper in the department of Chemistry, also completed his tenure of service after serving the college for the past 33 years.

A new post of Public Relations Officer was created in the college and Sri. P.V.S. Subramanyam has joined us as the first Public Relations Officer.

In the academic year 2001-2002, the college had a student strength of 2776. Of this, 952 were in the Intermediate sections, 1586 in Degree courses and 238 in the Post graduate classes. The college had a very committed band of 133 teaching faculty and 67 non-teaching staff.

Two new degree courses were started in this academic year – one a vocational B.Com course, “Principles and Practices of Insurance” and another a B.Sc. course with Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science combinations. Eight new skill-based diploma courses were also started in this academic year. These diploma courses are offered to the students outside the regular class hours.

During this academic year, as many as 21 of our lecturers were engaged in doing M.Phil/Ph.D degrees on part-time basis, while three other lecturers were engaged in their doctoral studies under F.I.P. of UGC.

Many attended national seminars, and Refresher Courses. Some of the lecturers were selected as Resource Persons.

The 1990s



The Southern Jesuit Alumni Meet



Fr Amalanathan, Rector, at an event



Sri Md Azharuddin visits ALC



Mr Surya Prakasa Rao, an alumnus, garlands Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



Fr Gordon and Fr Kuriakose pass away



Memorial Service to Fr Francis

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS





NCC Naval Wing



NCC Air Wing



NCC Army Wing



Women's Cell



Mr. Krupanandam, Commissioner of Collegiate Education, visits ALC



Medha Patkar at ALC

CELEBRATIONS



Fr Gordon Painting Competition

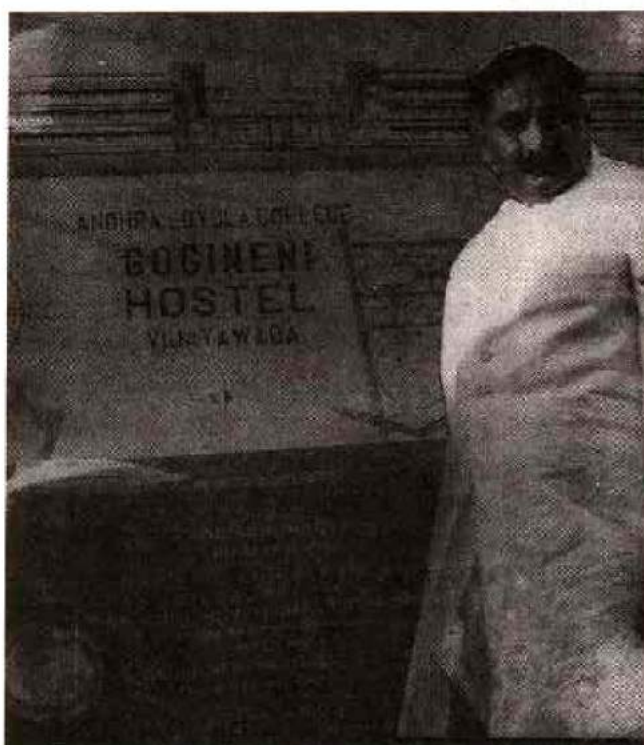


GOLDEN GOGINENI

G. V. S. Naresh, NML – 12

50 years of successful existence! That itself is a great achievement. We, Gogenites, are doubly blessed to not only witness the Golden Jubilee Year of Andhra Loyola College but we stay in a hostel which celebrates its Golden Jubilee (1953 - 2003). Gogineni Hostel has contributed immensely in keeping us faithful to the Jesuit educational goal of 'forming men and women for others'. This invaluable contribution from the hostel has seen many engineers, top bureaucrats, IAS, IPS officers, industrialists, educationists, etc.

Fifty years ago, Gogineni Hostel was not exactly what it is now. The hostel was in the form of thatched sheds on campus and four tobacco barn in Mogalrajpuram. Fr. Papaiah was the first Warden who took care of the boys who stayed in the tobacco barns in Mogalrajpuram. Fr. Subbaiah was given the charge of the boys who stayed in the sheds near the college building. Life at that time in those hostels was very adventurous and challenging as there was no proper accommodation and no decent sanitary conditions. The boys were deprived, at times, even of their thatched roofs by wild winds and marooned by the invading floods.



Yet, they weren't disturbed by all these hardships. They stood firmly committed to their studies. They set the first bench-mark in achieving 61% passes in their Intermediate examination of the University - the highest in the Andhra University, in those days. Their sufferings, hardships, obedience and discipline earned them an imperishable name as worthy 'PIONEERS' of Andhra Loyola College Hostels.

After Fr. Papaiah, Fr. Coyle took charge of the hostel in Moghalrajpuram. In the beginning of February 1955, the hostel was handed over to Fr. Subbaiah. Thus ended a glorious chapter in the hostel life outside of the campus. 200 hostellers lived together under the guidance of one single warden, Fr. Subbaiah. In June 1955, 300 boys were admitted into the hostel. As there was no decent hostel ready, all of them stayed, rather adjusted themselves, in the classrooms and the sheds.

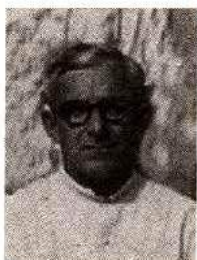
Between the years 1954 and 1956, the present Gogineni Hostel was slowly taking

shape forming a semi-circle with the first 100 rooms being ready at the end of August 1955. This facilitated 200 boys to settle down in the new building. Thus, life sprang in the present Gogineni Hostel with its spacious building. Life in Gogineni Hostel is modern history and needs no telling here. The present building was a fruit of the generous donation made by Sri Gogineni Venkateswara Rao, the Principal donor of the hostel. The dining room is due in large measure to the generosity of Srimati Vadlapatla Lalithamba garu, in memory of her dear son who died while he was an intermediate student. His portrait was unveiled in the dining hall.

Gogineni Hostel is one of the best in the city. Not only because of its rich infrastructure, proud alumni, and ample facilities provided in the hostel, but because of the following:

1. The truly Fatherly care of the warden towards the students makes us feel that we are with our parents and family.
2. All great things are conceived and given birth to, behind the curtains of silence. Hence, silence is one of the key aspects of the discipline in our hostel. For a student, silence is an essential condition for real concentration on studies.
3. Another point of discipline is punctuality. This means respect for the order of the day and doing the right things at the right time. It's also a most painful habit for a young boy to develop. To jump out of bed at the stroke of the bell in the early hours of the day, to reach the dining hall in time, to return to hostel before silence hour, sticking to the study hours – all these are not easy. But, they have to be done and therefore they are done by all. The result is that we find it easy to lead life in a proper way.
4. Finally, hostel life is very jolly. One lives with friends of different ages, different ideas, curiosities and mentalities. Some accidental happenings like a rainy day, or a day without electricity can be fun much more in a hostel than outside it.

Rev. Fr. B. J. Coyle, S.J. : *The first warden of the Hostel.*



Fr. Coyle was one of the most interesting personalities that Ireland has ever exported to other lands. He was a glutton for work, even of the duller kind, never tiring of correcting endless composition books, always ready to help the students in their difficulties, to drive the car or put his hand to any job that needed to be done. Like others of his race, Fr. Coyle was a man of strong affections and strong aversions and marked idiosyncracies. He was capable of great enthusiasm which would sustain him for days and nights, when necessary, in spite of poor health. He could get furiously angry one moment and shower the person who had excited his wrath with affection the next moment. As hostel warden, bandmaster, head of the department of English, Fr. Coyle did great work. He is surely one of the important founders of ALC.



ALC

50 GOLDEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

NEW HOSTEL

Fr. S. Philomin Raj, S.J.

Director

Raghavendra Rao Hostel, popularly known as New Hostel, has not undergone many changes in its day-to-day activities. However, a few major infrastructural facilities were added to the Hostel between the Silver and the Golden Jubilee of the college.

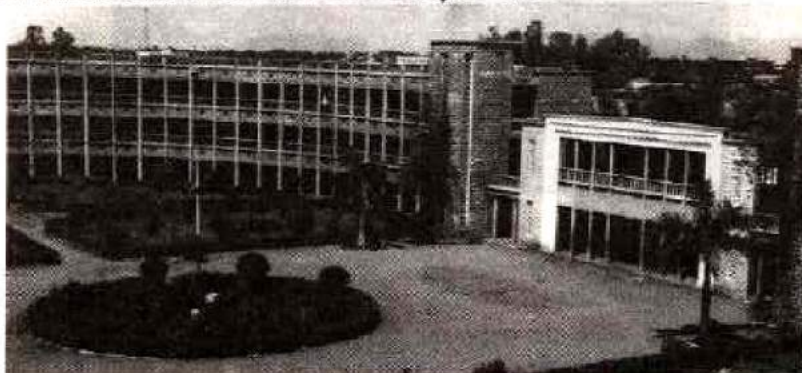
During the Silver Jubilee year, New Hostel did not have a Dining Hall. Hostellers used to go to Gogineni Hostel for meals. A new Dining Hall was built and inaugurated on the 2nd of February 1980.

A multi-purpose Hall was also a long-felt need of the Hostel. A Hall was built over the existing Dining Hall and it was named after the late Fr. T. Baliah, S. J. It was inaugurated by the eminent industrialist, Sri. Mullapudi Harischandra Prasad, on the 5th of October 1989.

The foundation of the Hostel office wing was found sinking. It was demolished and a new Hostel office wing was built and was inaugurated in 1996.

Again, there was no open-air-stage for the Hostel. The garden at the centre of the quadrangle was removed and a beautiful stage was built at the entrance of the Dining Hall. It was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. P. J. Sandanasamy, S. J., Rector of our College in December 2002.

New Hostel came into existence in the year 1963.



The following have served as Wardens (now known as Directors) of New Hostel:

Rev. Fr. J. Kuriakose, S.J.	1963 - 67	Rev. Fr. J. Kuriakose, S. J.	1988 - 89
Rev. Fr. J. Inchackal, S. J.	1967 - 69	Rev. Fr. S. Emmanuel, S. J.	1989 - 92
Rev. Fr. A. Thekkemury, S. J.	1969 - 70	Rev. Fr. A. Dhanapal, S. J.	1992 - 95
Rev. Fr. M. J. Kadavil, S. J.	1970 - 72	Rev. Fr. S. Arokiasamy, S. J.	1995 - 98
Rev. Fr. T. V. James, S. J.	1972 - 80	Rev. Fr. Dr. P. F. Jayapalan, S. J.	1998 - 2001
Rev. Fr. C. J. John, S. J.	1980 - 83	Rev. Fr. Charles Puthota, S. J.	2001 - 2002
Rev. Fr. A. Susai Rayer, S. J.	1983 - 84	Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S. J.	2002 - 2003
Rev. Fr. C. J. John, S. J.	1984 - 85	Rev. Fr. S. Philomin Raj, S. J.	2003 - -
Rev. Fr. C. Peter Raj, S. J.	1985 - 87		
Rev. Fr. C. J. John, S. J.	1987 - 88		

XAVIER HOSTEL

Fr. P. F. Jayabalan, S.J

Director

Xavier Hostel was the third one to come into existence on the campus of Andhra Loyola College. It differs in some aspects from the other two, the Gogineni and the New Hostels. These two have 300 single rooms each, with a grandiose structure reminding us of the historic Roman amphitheatres. Whereas Xavier Hostel, though designed by the same architect, Bro. Joan David, PIME, is a modest building with bigger rooms meant for four to eight students.

The foundation of Xavier Hostel was laid in 1968 and the construction was supervised by Bro. Maria Michael, S.J., who has been a builder on the campus since 1964. The first batch of students occupied the hostel on 3rd August 1969. Fr. Arockiaraj, S.J., was its first warden. The dining hall was added only 1980 and till then the inmates were using present degree computer center.



Xavier Hostel was built with the view to accommodate many Catholic students who by their historical and social conditioning came from a poor and marginalized background. Although the Jesuits founded Andhra Loyola College, the Catholics who were poor had not been receiving importance since the inception of the college in 1953. That was why Xavier Hostel came into existence.

The commencement of Xavier Hostel marked a paradigm shift in the Jesuit educational policy. Henceforth, it was the poor and the marginalized who were to get the focus of the institution and its administration. On account of this, Xavier Hostel was looked down upon as a 'dalit hostel' by the so-called people of superior blood – a deep-rooted malady that has not been eradicated even by university education. Well, many are graduated, but a only a few are educated.

Originally, Xavier Hostel accommodated the poor Catholic students for their Intermediate and degree studies. Eventually it became a hostel only for all the Catholic degree students. However, there are at present Protestant and Hindu students as inmates



and the earlier stigma has vanished. After the annexation of a new block on 31st July, 2001, more students, including PG scholars, have been accommodated in Xavier Hostel.

Being close to the College Church, the Xavier hostelites receive greater attention and impetus to grow in Christian faith and leadership. Their spiritual life is being promoted by various religious programmes, initiated by the wardens and the campus ministers.

Xavier hostelites, by virtue of their poverty, are very rich in cultural talents and creativity. They contribute a lot to the cultural programmes of the college. Every programme in the college relies heavily on the support, collaboration and the creative talents of the Xavierites. They are also very good in games and sports. Some of them form the backbone of the college volley ball and football teams. The inmates are always in the forefront of NCC, NSS and ALERT activities. By nature they are serviceable. Service to others is so ingrained in the inmates that they always volunteer to offer their service and support to the people in need either due to natural calamities or due to illness wanting blood donation etc.

Xavier Hostel has been running peacefully with the able administration of the wardens, and the assistant wardens who are mostly young, active staff members. The hostel is also very fortunate to have a very able and efficient mess manager in Brother Michaelsamy. The hostel has Mr. Sengol as the office clerk and several coworkers who offer silent but dedicated service to the growth and welfare of the inmates. The generous support of several staff members to the all-round development of the Xavierites has been very significant. The sisters of St. Ann's Hospital, Vijayawada, and the sisters of Asha Hospital, Gollapudi, have tenderly been attending to the sick students by offering them all possible medical aid, care and counselling.

Tragedy did strike the hostel in the form of death of two students at different times. But the rudest and most violent shock came with the sudden demise of the hostel warden, Fr. Carlos, who left for his heavenly reward untimely because of an acute heart attack. He succeeded Fr. Kunduru Joji in June 2003 and died in September 2003.

Faith in God and service to others are the two wings which takes forward the inmates with all their potentialities and creative talents, into the ever widening sky of opportunities, self responsibility and freedom towards holistic formation and enrichment. St. Francis Xavier, who was an intellectual giant of the Renaissance Europe and who surrendered his life totally to God and to the service of humanity, is the patron of this hostel. His life is a constant source of inspiration and guidance to all the Xavierites.

Finally, Xavier Hostel which has nurtured and formed so many eminent personalities, continues to transform its inmates with the dedicated service of all its collaborators, and the gracious support of its well wishers and above all, with the ever abiding blessings and providence of loving God.

SANJEEVAN

Fr. G. M. Victor Emmanuel, S.J

Director

Sanjeevan Nivas, also known as Sanjeevan Hostel for academic purposes, is the Jesuit Juniorate for college studies, and was established in 1984. It is one of the Houses of Andhra Province coming under the jurisdiction of the Provincial of Andhra Province, who will also be making the annual visitation of the House during the academic year.

Sanjeevan Nivas is located adjacent to the college campus within walking distance. It is in the neighbourhood of the Christurajapuram Parish, Vijayawada.



In accordance with the goals envisaged in some aspects of formation from the end of the novitiate to the time of regency released by Fr. General in 1998, this Juniorate seeks.

To bring about the four-fold integration of spiritual, apostolic, communitarian and intellectual dimensions.

Sanjeevan Hostel helps to acquire skills

of written and oral communication. To cultivate gentlemanly traits in general conduct. To discover and reinforce any special aptitude or talent that might have, so that it becomes an effective tool in our apostolate. To lay a solid foundation for a sustained and serious intellectual effort. To develop greater sensitivity to the social problems and questions affecting our people in India in a spirit of solidarity and service.

This stage of formation is a delicate and crucial phase, which will play a vital role in the overall growth of the Jesuit Scholastics. The academic studies he pursues, his interaction with other students with different value systems, the exposure to media like TV and the secular journals will enable him to discover and gauge the depth and strength of the religious values and convictions he had acquired during the formation.

Sanjeevan Hostel offers ample opportunities to grow in the mature use of freedom and responsibility. To interact with Jesuit companions from different provinces and develop a global outlook and perspective. To become truly men for others imbued with authentic Ignatian charism.

At present, Sanjeevan is bubbling with energy and enthusiasm, accommodating 32 scholastics of different provinces and two formators, Rev. Fr. Victor Emmanuel, S. J, and Rev. Fr. Selvin Raj, S. J.



KALA DARSHINI A MOVEMENT OF CREATIVITY ...

Fr. D. Ravi Sekhar, S.J.

Executive Director

Jesuits have always been the frontiers of cultural innovations. They are known to adapt themselves to the native cultures and enrich the cultures, wherever they are. Jesuit contributions to literature, drama, music, art and architecture across the country and the

world is remarkable. Going by this tradition of the Society of Jesus and as part of recognizing the grandeur and the glory of the Indian classical and folk traditions, the Jesuits in Andhra have given a shape to the emergence of Kala Darshini. It stands as a symbol of our rich cultural heritage of our country.

The Jesuits of Andhra Province founded Kala Darshini, an institute of Fine Arts and Culture, on 31st July 1990 as the cultural extension of Andhra Loyola College. Though the project of Kala Darshini got off the grounds in



1990, several preparatory moves in the nature of spade work had been undertaken by Fr. Joe Sebastian, S.J., the founder of Kala Darshini. Fr. Joe Sebastian realised the richness of the cultural heritage of Andhra Pradesh, which had a blend of the Arian and Dravidian traditions, its receptivity and openness to absorb and assimilate whatever was best in the artistic traditions of the neighbouring states.

The word 'Kala' signifies any of the sixty four arts of both 'fine' and 'folk' variety and the term 'Darshini' stands for a guide or a pointer, someone who indicates the way. Kala Darshini, therefore, is an apt appellation to an institute which aspires for, and strives to usher people into the artistic and aesthetic world with a set of clearly stated objectives. The primary objective of Kala Darshini is to promote cultural consciousness in the people of Andhra state. It also aims specially at making art available to all without any discrimination. Since any classical art is a common cultural heritage of all, it ensures that every one has an opportunity to learn and master it.

Kala Darshini is affiliated to Gandharva University (Maharashtra). It is a prestigious and reputed Fine Arts University founded in 1924 with affiliated bodies all over the country. A qualification of this University in fine arts is considered unique and special within the country. After its own Extension Centre in Hyderabad, Kala Darshini is the second Affiliated Body of this University in A.P. This University had conceived the learning and mastery of an art-form in 11 different steps (grades), with specific syllabus and qualifying certificate for every step.

At the Service of the Culture

1. **Cultural Formation:** "It is part of our Jesuit tradition to be involved in the transformation of every human culture, as human beings begin to reshape their pattern of social relations, their cultural inheritance etc.," (GC 34). Cultural formation is one of the five-fold objectives of Kala Darshini. Various programmes and courses offered by Kala Darshini are designed first of all to awaken and nurture the artistic and cultural instincts in one's personality and enable him to blossom into a well-integrated and harmonious person and empower him to contribute to the well-being of the society and the church. The full-time courses include Vocal, Harmonium, Tabla, Veena, Bharathanatyam, drawing and painting. They are primarily job-oriented courses. Part-time courses are offered in almost 15 classical and folk disciplines. With its affiliation to the prestigious and renowned Gandharva University of Maharashtra, Kala Darshini enables as many as 250 students to obtain academic certificates in various grades.

2. **Summer Courses:** Kala Darshini organizes an intensive summer course every year in the month of May in 15 disciplines. An experiment which began with hardly 25 participants 20 years ago today attracts as many as 500 participants from all over the state. In the beginning, it was meant only for the some seminarians and religious and the kind. Later it was made open for others. Wide range of participants like school and college students, teachers, social workers, religious, seminarians, and priests joined in big number. In recent times, the school and college going students have increased considerably.

3. **Short-term Folklore Courses:** Kala Darshini offered subsidized folklore courses for almost a decade. It was primarily offered to the village animators, social workers and medical workers. They were held in modules of six months duration. Within this brief period, these groups learnt to communicate value-based stories through folk media. With their training in Burra Katha, Chekka Bhajana, Kolatam, Yakshaganam and Janapada Nrityam, all the 12 groups formed their local units to conscientize people in their own respective regions. An overjoyed animator in Nellore recently broke down saying that they even performed in tribal regions of Bihar.

4. **Recording Studio:** A studio with computerized multi-track system was established in 1998 to provide audio recording facility to the people of Andhra Pradesh in general and to the people of coastal region in particular. Through this studio, Kala Darshini has already produced a number of devotional music cassettes. The Studio also is used to train the vocal students of Kala Darshini to render professionally while recording.

5. **Mobile Troupes for Drama, Dance and Music:** With the objective of promoting human values through dramas and ballets, the mobile unit of Kala Darshini performs programmes on festive occasions all over the state and country. It has so far produced five dance dramas, and three dance ballets. The award-winning drama 'Prema Samrajyam' has been performed more than 50 times all over the state. Kala Darshini's performances extend even the nationwide. It performed ballets in September, 2000 for the National assembly of Christu Jayanthi Jubilee, Bangalore; and again in May 2000 for Carmelaram Silver Jubilee celebrations, Bangalore; in 2001 for the Telugu Academy celebrations in Pune; in 2003 January for an international conference on 'Faith Formation'

in Mumbai; and in 2003 October during the beatification function of Mother Teresa at Pune.

6. **Felicitations to artistes:** Recognizing the renowned artists at the regional and national level and honoring them with an honorific title is yet another annual feature of Kala Darshini. Padmavibhushan Dr. Mangalampalli Balamurali Krishna, Padmasri Vedantam Satyanarayana Sharma, Dr. Kondapalli Seshagiri Rao, Sri. S. P. Balasubramanyam, Dr. Chella Durai, S.J., Dr. Francis Barvosa SVD, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. M. C. Das and Mr. Stanley are some prominent artists who are felicitated by Kala Darshini for their outstanding contribution to music, dance, literature etc..

7. **Cultural Festival:** To provide opportunities for talented children and youth, Kala Darshini conducts a Cultural Festival every year. As many as 2500 students from 125 schools and colleges participate every year in this prestigious festival. The success of the festival is due to the strict objectivity we maintain with regard to the judgement in order to ensure that the really deserving students to win the awards. It is considered a major city-event for educational institutions and the public. The concluding function is generally presided over by a nationally reputed artist. Kala Darshini Cultural Festival has always found a treasured place in the hearts of Vijayawada City public.

8. **Collaborative Ventures and Workshops:** With the collaboration of Kala Darshini 'Abhiruchi', a noted city-based Cultural Unit organized a Theatre Workshop on 'Play Production and Exhibition' for a month in April 2001 at Kala Darshini. National School of Drama Regional Resources Centre, Bangalore, conducted it. In August 2001 another National Painting Workshop was organized on Tribal and Folk Art of India. Renowned national painters from all over the country participated in this weeklong workshop. Kala Darshini joined hands with other local cultural academies to perform ballets like 'Sita Rama Kalyanam', 'Sri Krishan Tulabharam' etc., for the city public. As part of its academic curriculum, the drawing department organizes two painting exhibitions during the year.

A moment of glory

Four Nandi Awards

Kala Darshini won four Nandi Awards during the Nandi Natakostav 2000 held by A. P. State Film, TV and Theatre Development Corporation. Nandi award is the most prestigious award of the A. P. State Govt., for excellence in the field of art and culture. No Christian drama ever won such public honour. It was dramatic way of saying how to love one's neighbour today. Incidentally, no drama until now won four Nandi awards in Krishna district and no other play in the state received four awards in 2001 Natakotsav. The Chief Minister Sri N. Chandra Babu Naidu gave away the awards during a spectacular award ceremony arranged in Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad. On August 14th 2001 Vijayawada City honoured the artistes after the show in the jam-packed Thummalapalli Kala Kshetram. The local press splashed the news of it as a mesmerising performance. 'The Hindu' reported that "the striking feature of the play was the excellent team work. The drama was presented with

fine discipline and excellent technical values". The awards also won great honour and recognition to the local artistes.

At the service of wholistic human development

Model School: Model school is yet another successful innovative venture of Kala Darshini. About this venture 'The Hindu' (July 30, 2002) reported: "A novel experiment under the title Kala Darshini Adarsha Vidyalaya commenced a year ago, is yielding fruitful results. Under this, highly talented children from many parts of Andhra Pradesh who cannot afford such courses are identified, provided hostel facilities and formal education till tenth standard along with music, dance and fine arts is imparted with a lot of subsidy". The primary objective of this project is to prepare a professionally trained special breed of youth to make the parish and community celebrations in the villages rich and meaningful. It also aims at providing job opportunities in the art field with much less years and expensive training. The present batch of 60 students mostly hail from rural poor background. As part of their training the students have to take up public performances. The students of Bharathanatyam department have performed more than a century performances within three years. These performances contribute to make them confident and professional. Every activity of the model school programme is geared towards offering a wholistic formation. The students are nurtured in cultural, artistic, academic, social and spiritual dimensions of their personality so that they become the bulwarks of the future society.

Conclusion: It took 12 years for one giant to ignite the fire. Now it spreads like a wild fire. Kala Darshini is a movement of creativity, a silent Revolution. Emerging out of a felt need to fill the cultural voyage, Kala Darshini has trodden miles crossing significant milestones and setting new trends in Christian art and promoting Indian art and culture. Adapting the Indian forms of classical and folk-art, it has developed innovative styles of spreading human values in the hearts of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

In 1953, when the Department started functioning, it had only four members – Fr BJ Coyle, Mr D Viswanadha Babu, Mr BF Showraiah and Mr IL Narayana – and was headed by Fr Coyle. Soon, however, with the introduction of degree courses in 1956, several more lecturers were appointed and Fr George Thottungal became the Head of the Department. For twelve years since its inception, the Department offered only the General English programme, as Special English was introduced only in the year 1965.

When Fr G Francis (who had taught in the Department from 1961 to 1964) returned to ALC in 1970, he was entrusted with the task of reorganizing the General English curriculum of Andhra University, and he did so with the active support of the Department. Under the leadership of Mr EB Satyam, the Department made creative use of the UGC-sponsored COHSIP (College Humanities and Social Sciences Programme).

In 1988, when autonomy was conferred on the college, the Department launched a curriculum development programme under the leadership of Mr IL Narayana. In 1994, under the leadership of Mr M Suresan, the General and Special English programmes were restructured further and a competitive examination component was introduced in the General English syllabus. Mr Suresan was succeeded as Head of the Department for short periods by Mr K Chandra Mohan, Mr Akthar Pasha, Mr MV Narayana Reddy and Dr P Ramanujam.

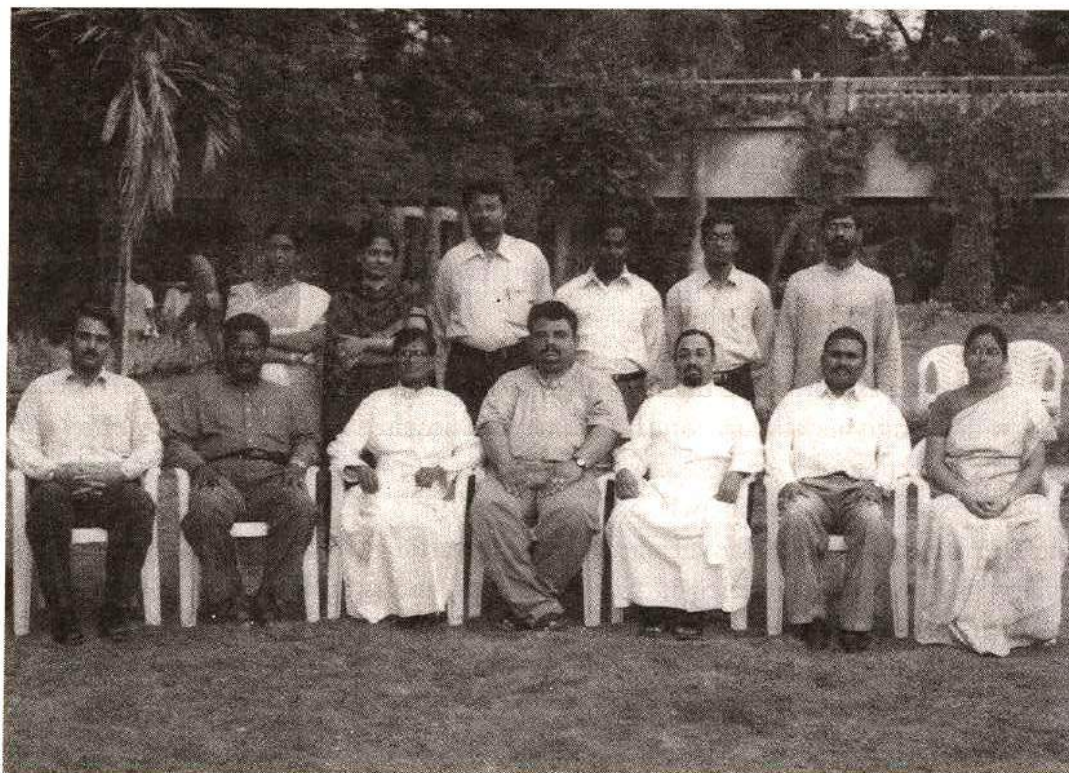
In June 2003, the Department, under the leadership of Dr P Ramanujam, introduced streaming and diversified the General English programme in order to enable students with widely divergent attainments in English to choose courses in English appropriate to their linguistic levels and addressing their needs. There are now three streams of General English programme (Streams A, B and C), corresponding to three different proficiency levels (basic, intermediate and advanced). Each stream has its own syllabus, instructional materials and testing procedures.

In the past, the Department has had as its members scholars like Mr EB Satyam who, without carrying out any formal research, had acquired encyclopedic knowledge. Mr Satyam's collection of 1745 books, which he donated to our college library when he left India, speaks for his surpassing scholarship. There is now considerable research activity in the Department. One of the members of the Department holds a PhD degree in ELT, guides PhD and MPhil research in two universities, and is an Honorary Advisor to the Research Board of American Biographical Institute (ABI), USA. He has presented papers at national and international conferences and published several articles in research journals, besides guest-editing an ELT journal and acting as a resource person on staff training programmes, including refresher courses. He has also carried out a UGC-funded Minor

Research Project and is a Member of the External Faculty of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad. Two other members hold MPhil degrees and one of them guides MPhil research. Eight members of the Department are engaged in research leading to an MPhil or a PhD degree.

The Department has always had one or two materials writers. In the 1970s, Fr G Francis edited a General English textbook for Andhra University, and Mr EB Satyam edited Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Book I, besides producing worksheets for COHSIP. In the 1980s and 1990s, Mr IL Narayana brought out two workbooks for the intermediate students and one for the degree students, and Mr M Suresan published a book of scenes from Shakespeare and a supplementary reader. Among the present members of the Department, Dr P Ramanujam has authored 18 books for use at the school and college levels, four of which for the General English courses of ALC, and edited two literary translations. Besides, he is a freelancer and a regular columnist for an English language newspaper.

The Department has one Reader and 13 Lecturers, including Fr C Peter Raj, Principal, and is currently headed by Mr N Ranga Babu.





DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics was started in 1953 with Sri K.V.Ramanaiah as the Head of the Dept. and with three staff members. By 1956, it increased to five and in 1959 to six. They formed a homogenous team—a team of dedicated teachers and undoubtedly an asset to the college. They earned good reputation in the university already in the days of the strict and disciplined administration of Fr.Mathias, the dynamic founder principal, and they have maintained it up to the present day.

Mr.K.V.Ramanaiah was the Head of the Department till he left the college in 1976. His successor, Mr.Y.V.Subba Rao, retired in 1990, and his successor was Mr.S.Haripurushottam. He retired in 1991. His successor was Mr.Y.Venkateswara Rao, retired in 1992, and his successor was Mr. K.M.Sastry. He did his M.Phil in 1990 and he retired in 1997 and his successor was Mr.Ch.Seshaiah, who is the present Head of the Dept. He joined in 1998, did his M.Phil in the 9th plan as F.I.P. in 1996 and is doing Ph.D part-time. Mr.Arokiasamy, the next senior member in the Dept., joined in 1990 and did his M.Phil in the 9th plan in 1995 and has registered for Ph.D part-time.

Now the Dept. consists of eleven members of whom one is a Ph.D (Dr.N.V.Ramana Murthy) who joined the dept. in 1991. In the same year, Mr.S.Basaveswara Rao and Mr.Show Reddy also joined.

The Dept. of Mathematics has to its credit brilliant results unsurpassed until now by any other science dept. of this college in both intermediate and degree examinations. The members of faculty proved their academic ability, especially when the mathematics course at the B.Sc level was organized by introducing subjects like “Real Analysis” for the first time in 1963, by making two of their students C.Musili and Chadrakaladhara Rao, secure 100% marks in their degree examinations and obtained the first two ranks in the Andhra University level in 1963. Later Mr.C.Musili joined our college as a faculty member in 1966, and he left for Chandigarh to prosecute advanced studies. Finally, he joined in ‘T.I.F.R.’ and distinguished himself in mathematics. Presently he is a Dean of Mathematics Dept. at P.G. level in Vignan College at Hyderabad. He is one of the “Loyola Ratna” awardees as a part of golden jubilee celebrations, held on 7th Dec 2003 in the alumni conference.

Added to this we had organized the “COSIP” for nearly a decade (1974-1984), which has developed our faculty of observation, judgement and spirit.

Our dept. of mathematics is next to none in the involvement in curricular and co-curricular activities in the college.

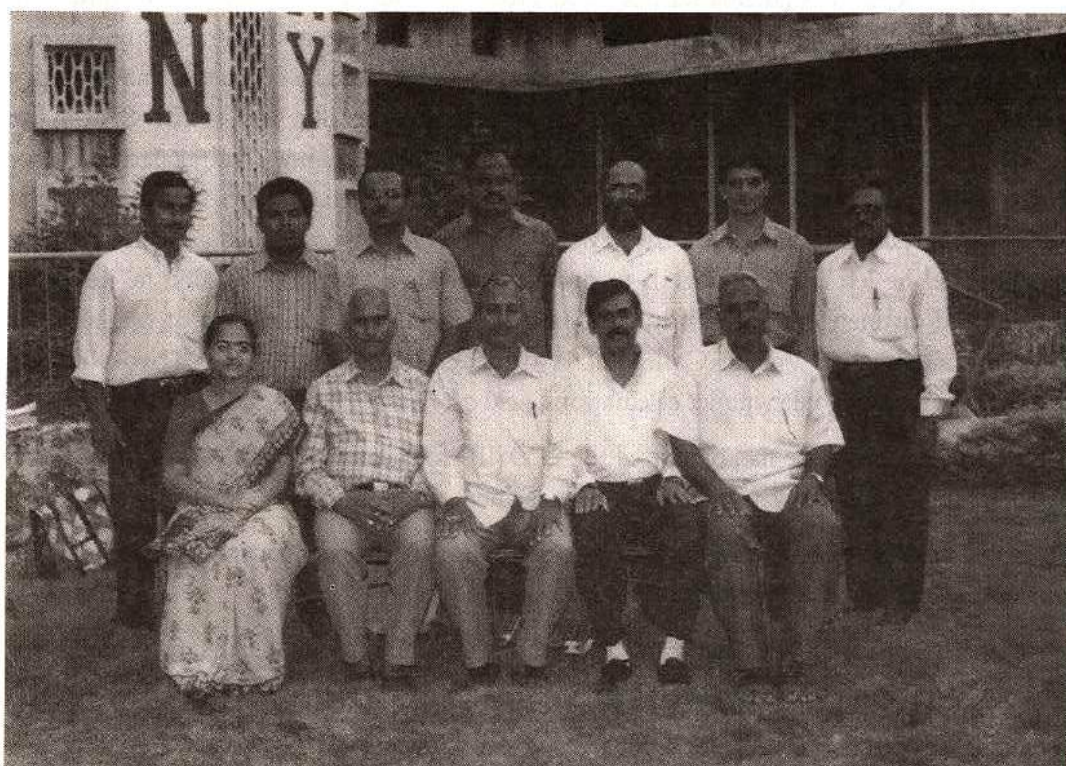
Here is a list of seminars and work-shops attended by our faculty members.

Mr.Ch.Seshaiah, the H.O.D. of mathematics, has attended a work-shop on ‘Discrete Dynamical Systems’ on July 21-23, 2001 at Central University, Hyderabad. And also he

completed three U.G.C. refresher courses conducted by Nagarjuna University.

Mr. Arokiasamy, the next senior member in the dept. completed two U.G.C. refresher Courses conducted by Nagarjuna University, and attended three seminars. Of which one is on 'Professional Development of Teachers in Autonomous Colleges' on Dec 20-21, 1995 at Madras. And one was on "International Conference on Teaching and Research in Mathematics-Challenges and Developments' on Dec 23-24 Jan1997 at Rasine Research Centre, Dept. of Mathematics, Loyola College, and Chennai. And also he attended a seminar on 'Social Teaching of the Church' on Nov 13-14, 1999 at Bangalore.

Dr. N.V.Ramana Murthy attended four U.G.C. refresher courses conducted by Nagarjuna University, and attended, U.G.C. 'Question Bank Work - Shop' Phase-1 at Trichy and Phase-2 at Chennai in 1996. And also he attended a conference on 'Applications On Algebra' in 1992 and presented a paper. Mr.Shou Reddy, the next senior member in the dept., also attended a work-shop on 'Question Bank' conducted by U.G.C. at Chennai.





DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Statistics Department was a part of the Mathematics Department from the beginning of the college. After the introduction of the equal main system, Statistics Department attained its own separate identity and special significance in the year 1991 during the reign of Rev. Fr. J. Kuriakose. Mr. Ashok led this department until the year 1997, when he left the college.

At present, Dr. Nunna Srinivasa Rao leads the Department with Sri A. L. N. Gopal, Sri T. S. Mallikharjuna Rao and Sri S. Srinivasa as other members. The staff members are actively engaged in research.

Dr. Nunna Srinivasa Rao received his Ph D in the year 2002 from Nagarjuna University. He has presented papers at National and International symposia. Sri A.L.N.Gopal got his M.Phil in 2002 from Nagarjuna University and has attended National and International conferences. Sri T.S. Mallikharjuna Rao has taken his Master of Population Studies (MPS) from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai.

The staff not only motivate the students but also pay necessary attention to the students from Telugu medium and background. The Department guides the students in their further education by providing them with the record of different University syllabi and model papers for entrance tests which are being conducted by the various prestigious Institutions and Universities. Students are guided to appear in all competitive examinations such as Indian Statistical Service and Statistical Investigators. The Department regularly organizes seminars and guest lectures and regularly update the syllabus so as to meet the needs of the students. One such instance is the introduction of optional papers in the final year like the Design of Experiments & Sampling Theory, SQC and Computational Techniques and Optimization Techniques.

Students of this Department have secured admission in various prestigious Universities like IIT's, National Institute of Technologies (NIT), Central Universities, and other Universities. The 2001 - 02 DML batch students have got fifty percent of the M. Sc (Statistics) seats at Central University, Hyderabad, securing ranks in the entrance examination conducted at the national level.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Though Science and Arts courses were started right from the inception of Andhra Loyola College, it was two years later (1956) that the course in Commerce (Accountancy, Banking and Commercial Geography) was introduced at the old Intermediate level. The three year B. Com degree course was started in 1958 and the first batch of B. Com students took their Andhra University examination in 1961.

There is complete change in the staff of the Department due to the retirement of all the senior staff members who have contributed a lot to the growth of the Department. The present members of the staff are: Ch. Veeraiah Chowdary, M.Com., Head of the Department, D. N. M.Raju, M. Phil., B. L., N. A. Francis Xavier, M. Com., M. Phil., PGDCA, B. Syam Sunder, M.Com., T. Srinivasa Rao, M.Com., V. Srinivas, M.Com., and B. Prabhakar, M. Com., PDIT.

The Department has been offering instruction in the English Medium only. There are two sections in the 3-year degree course having a strength of 50 students in each year (B.Com. General) and 30 students in each year (B.Com. Insurance). It is the constant endeavour of the department to improve the quality and maintain high standards in Commerce education. The effort is rewarded by the consistently high percentage of passes (average 95%) and the large number of first and second classes obtained by the students year after year.

Students who took their B.Com degree from Andhra Loyola College have made a mark in their respective fields of activity. In business, Govt. employment, politics etc. To name a few, Mr. B. Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computer Services Ltd., Mr. Ch. Kiron, Managing Director, Eenadu and Mr. Kunal Das Gupta, Chief of Sony and AXN TV in India.

A few students from overseas (Nigeria, Tanzania, Iran, Tibet, Nepal) too are attracted to the Commerce course of our college.

Redesigning Courses

The curriculum is rescheduled every year in the meeting of the Board of Studies and Academic council. The required changes are made in the course content and new subjects are introduced in order to make the B.Com. degree course relevant to the changes taking place in the world. The Department has introduced new subjects like E-Commerce, Computerized Financial Accounting (Tally), Marketing and Sales Management, Human Resources, Management and Financial Management. Keeping in view the opportunities likely to arise due to privatization of Insurance, the Department has started B.Com. Insurance (vocational course) w.e.f. June 2001.

**Research, Consultancy and Extension**

Many staff members of the Department are actively involved in doing major and minor research projects and Ph. D and M. Phil.

In order to enable the students to have an experience of research work, it is made compulsory for final year students to do project work as part of their course content.

The Department has undertaken the following Projects over the years: Socio Economic Survey of Kristurajpuram, Banking operations in Vijayawada City, Functioning of Police in Vijayawada City, Administrative and Managerial aspects of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and Survey of Civic amenities in Vijayawada.

Healthy Practices

The Department regularly conducts seminars and guest lectures. In order to enable students to have practical knowledge, Industrial visits and Field trips were organized every year.

To create social consciousness among the students, the Department maintains a Commerce Association Fund. This fund is used to help the needy. Many Organizations and Individuals have benefited because of the contribution made from the fund.

Social Activities

The staff and students of the Department have participated in many social activities. To name a few, Janmabhoomi Programme, Micro Level Planning, Pulse Polio Programme, Blood donation, etc. Many of the Commerce students, as members of the NCC and NSS, participated in various social service activities.



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

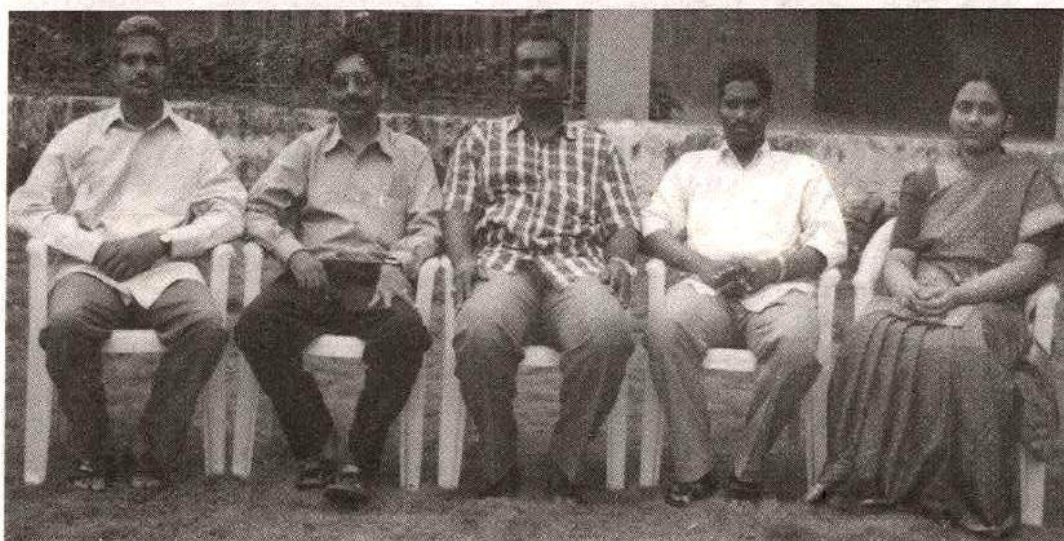
The Computer Science undergraduate programme was started in the academic year 1987 – 88 by then Principal Rev. Fr. Innaiah when the college became autonomous. The first Head of the Department of Computer Science was Mr. G.V.S.S. Srinivas, M.Sc, M.Tech., an alumnus of our college. Under the able guidance of Sri Srinivas, the first batch students won several laurels and this tradition is followed by our students till today. Another alumnus of our college, Mr. Y.V.Raghunandan, was also inducted into the department as a lecturer in the same year.

The present Head of the Department, Mr. A. Bhaskaran, took charge in the year 1994. Under his guidance, the department has introduced several new courses. In the year 2001 – 2002, the new B. Sc. course with the combination of Maths, Statistics and Computer science was introduced in the year. In the same year, girls were also admitted into the computer science courses.

The Computer Science Department is also running a certificate course known as FIT (Fundamentals of Information Technology) for all the first year Arts and Science students.

The Department has 5 lecturers and a state-of-the-art Computer centre equipped with more than a hundred systems with structure cabling, with sophisticated features like switching into three different servers from any system, and with and LCD projector, among others.

The Department has designed a need-based curriculum which is scrupulously reviewed and updated every year to enable our students to meet the changing needs of the industry. Our curriculum is an improvement upon the common core curriculum. In the Teaching-Learning and Evaluation method, a seminar presentation is compulsory for every final year student. A simple application software should be developed by each student and submitted at the end of the final year for evaluation.





DEPARTMENTS OF TELUGU, HINDI AND SANSKRIT

'స్వర్ణోత్సవంలో తెలుగు శాఖ'

ఆంధ్రలోయోగ కళాశాల తెలుగు శాఖకు ఆంధ్రదేశంలోనే ఒక విశిష్టస్థానం ఉన్నది. స్వర్ణోత్సవ సంబరాలు జరుపుకుంటున్న ఈ శాఖలోని అధ్యాపకుల్ని మొదటితరం, రెండోతరం అని విభజించవచ్చు. మొదటి తరంలో శ్రీకోటగిరి విశ్వనాథరావు గారినుంచి శ్రీ పెద్దిభొట్ల సుబ్బరామయ్యగారి వరకు ఉన్న విశిష్ట ప్రతిభావంతులు అధ్యాపకులుగా పనిచేశారు. శ్రీ కోటగిరి విశ్వనాథరావుగారు కవులు, విశిష్ట వక్తలు. అనేక గ్రంథాలు రచించారు. శ్రీ కావూరి పూర్ణచంద్రరావుగారు అష్టావధాని, గ్రంథకర్త. పద్యకావ్యసృష్టి, శ్రీ మెట్టా వెంకటేశ్వరరావు గారు విశిష్ట గాయకులు, నటులు పద్య నిర్మాణ ప్రతిభా సంపన్నులు. శ్రీ మైలవరం శ్రీనివాసశాస్త్రి గారు ఛందో నియమాల మర్కాల నెఱిగి పద్యాల్ని రచించిన ప్రతిభాశాలి. శతకకర్త. డాక్టర్ అయ్యగారి నరసింహమూర్తిగారు కవిత్రయ భారతంలో భాషమీద పరిశోధన చేసి పాతతరంలో తెలుగు శాఖలో ఏకైక డాక్టరేట్ గా పేరుపొందిన భాషా మర్మజ్ఞులు. బహు వ్యాస రచయిత. శ్రీ శహగన నరసింహస్వామి గారు 'పర్వదిన కవి సప్తాక్షు' గా ప్రసిద్ధి పొంది విశిష్ట కావ్య రచనలు చేసిన మధుర కవి. చమత్కారశీలి. నవ్వుల పువ్వులు కురిపించే విశిష్ట వక్త. శ్రీ పెద్దిభొట్ల సుబ్బరామయ్యగారు సుప్రసిద్ధ కథా నవలా రచయిత. అనేక అవార్డులసండుకొన్న సృజనాత్మక రచయిత. మంచివక్త. మొదటి తరం వారందరూ సృజనాత్మక సాహిత్యాన్ని సృష్టించిన వారు కావటం గమనార్హం.

రెండోతరంలో ప్రస్తుతం రెవ. ఫాదర్ డాక్టర్ పి.ఎఫ్. జయబాలన్ గారి నుంచి రెవ. ఫాదర్ జి.ఎ.పి. కిశోర్ గారి వరకు ఉన్నారు. ఫా. జయబాలన్ గారు జన్మతః తమిళులై తెలుగు భాషను నేర్చుకుని తెలుగులో పరమ పట్టభద్రులై పిహెచ్.డి. కూడా సాధించటం విశేషం. "పింగళి ఎల్లనార్యుని తోడ్చి చరిత్రం" మీద పరిశోధన చేయటమే కాకుండా ఆ కావ్యాన్ని పరిష్కరించారు. ప్రచురించారు. సిద్ధాంత వ్యాసాన్ని ముద్రించారు. వీరు పత్రికా రచనలోనూ ఎం.వి. డిగ్రీ పొందారు. అనేక గ్రంథాలు రచించి ప్రచురించారు. డాక్టర్ గుమ్మా సాంబశివరావు గారు 'అన్నమాచార్య సంకీర్తనములలోని 'వర్ణనలు' అనే అంశం మీద పిహెచ్.డి చేసి ఆ గ్రంథాన్ని ముద్రించారు. 'తెలుగు జానపద ప్రదర్శన కళారంగం' అనే ప్రాజెక్టుకు యు.జి.సి.కె.లీర్ అవార్డు పొందారు. కొన్ని గ్రంథాలు, అనేక వ్యాసాలు ప్రచురించారు. ఈ తరంలో ఛందోబద్ధరచన చేస్తున్నవారు. డాక్టర్ రెంటపల్లి రవీంద్ర భాస్ గారు 'జానపదుల ఆరాధనా సద్భతులు' అనే సిద్ధాంత వ్యాసాన్ని సమర్పించి పిహెచ్.డి పొందారు. పలు నాటికలు రచించారు. నటనా ప్రావీణ్యం కలవారు. ఆలిండియా రేడియో నాటక విభాగంలో కళాకారులు, "ఆదరణ" పేరుతో స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాసంస్థను నెలకొల్పి పేదలకు పలు సేవలు అందిస్తున్నారు. ప్రస్తుతం ఎన్.సి.సి. ఆర్మీ విభాగంలో కెప్టెన్ గా బాధ్యతలు నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. వీరు లోయోలా పూర్వ విద్యార్థులు.



డాక్టర్ చల్లా శ్రీరామ చంద్రమూర్తిగారు తెలుగులో అధ్యాత్మరామాయణాలు' అనే సిద్ధాంత వ్యాసానికి పిహెచ్.డి పొందారు. పలు వ్యాసాలు రచించారు. నాగార్జున విశ్వవిద్యాలయం పరిధిలో ప్రస్తుతం సీనియర్ ఎన్.ఎస్.ఎస్. ప్రోగ్రాం ఆఫీసర్ గా ఉండి సామాజిక సేవా కార్యక్రమాల్ని నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. డాక్టర్ వీరం రెడ్డి గోపాల రెడ్డి గారు 'గిద్దలూరు మండలం బ్రాహ్మణుల గోత్ర నామాలు, ఇంటిపేర్ల మీద పరిశోధన చేసి పిహెచ్.డి పొందారు. సిద్ధాంత గ్రంథాన్ని ప్రచురించారు. పరీక్షలు వ్రాసే విధానం మీద పుస్తకాన్ని రచించి ముద్రించారు. పలువ్యాసాలు రచించారు. ఫాదర్ జి.ఎ.పి. కిశోర్ గారు ఇగ్నోషియస్ లాయోల జీవిత చరిత్ర మీద గ్రంథాన్ని వ్రాసి ప్రచురించారు. ప్రస్తుతం పిహెచ్.డి కోసం పరిశోధన సాగిస్తున్నారు. వీరు ప్రస్తుతం సెలవులో ఉన్న కారణంగా వీరి స్థానంలో డాక్టర్ కృపారావు గారు నియమితులయ్యారు. వీరు 'తెనాలి మండలం జానపద గేయాల మీద' పరిశోధన చేసి పిహెచ్.డి పొందారు.

మొదటి తరం సృజనాత్మక దృష్టితో తమ రచనా వ్యాసాంగాన్ని సాగించగా రెండోతరం సృజనాత్మక విమర్శనాత్మక రంగంలో కృషి చేస్తున్నది. ప్రస్తుత తరంలోని అధ్యాపకులందరూ పలు సాహిత్య కార్యక్రమాల్లో పాల్గొనటమే కాకుండా జాతీయ స్థాయి సదస్సులలో పాల్గొని పత్ర సమర్పణలు చెయ్యటం సంతోషించదగిన అంశం. ఆంధ్ర లాయోల కళాశాలలో అత్యధిక 'డాక్టరేట్లు' కలిగిన శాఖగా తెలుగు శాఖ తన ప్రత్యేకతను ప్రదర్శిస్తున్నది. తెలుగు శాఖ ఆధ్వర్యంలో 1994లో శ్రీ శనగన నరసింహ స్వామి గారి రచన 'భువన విజయంలో ఒకనాడు' - అనే భువన విజయం ప్రదర్శనను తెలుగు, ఇతర శాఖల అధ్యాపకులు, విద్యార్థులు కలిసి ప్రదర్శించటం తెలుగు శాఖ కీర్తి కిరీటంలో కలికితురాయిగా చెప్పవచ్చు. ఇంకా తెలుగు శాఖ పక్షాన అనేక సాహితీ సదస్సులు, అష్టవధానాలు, సర్వమత సమావేశాలు నిర్వహింపబడ్డాయి.

पचास वर्ष के सफर में हिन्दी विभाग

स्वतंत्र भारत में राष्ट्र-भाषा का प्रचार-प्रसार राष्ट्र-सेवा के रूप में स्वीकार किया गया है। हिन्दी के अध्ययन-अध्यापन में आन्ध्र प्रदेश स्वतंत्रता पूर्व काल से ही आगे रहा है। आन्ध्र लोयोला कॉलेज आरंभ से ही इस कार्य को अपने कंधों पर उठाकर चला आया है। 'देव-सेवा - देश-सेवा' के लक्ष्य से संस्थापित इस कॉलेज में हिन्दी का अध्यापन प्रतिष्ठित और प्रतिभासंपन्न अध्यापकों के द्वारा हुआ है।

डा. कर्ण राजशेषगिरिराव सर्वप्रथम हिन्दी विभागाध्यक्ष रहे हैं। हिन्दी एवं संस्कृत के विद्वान डा. राव ने हिन्दी में कितने ही लेख तथा किताबें लिखीं। तत्कालीन पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में आपके लेख लगातार प्रकाशित होते थे। 'लोक-साहित्य' आपका विशेष विषय रहा था। आपकी अध्यक्षता में श्री उप्पलूरि रामकृष्णय्या तथा श्री फनिक्कर ने हजारों हिन्दी छात्रों में हिन्दी के प्रति रुचि पैदा करके कई पीढ़ी के विद्यार्थियों को भाषा व साहित्य का अध्यापन किया।

उपर्युक्त प्राध्यापकों ने कॉलेज के छात्रों को हिन्दी पढ़ाने के अतिरिक्त प्रदेश के हिन्दी अध्येताओं की सुविधा के लिए लोयोला कॉलेज में हिन्दी प्रचार सभा की परीक्षा के संचालन-केन्द्र की भी स्थापना की थी। हर वर्ष सैकड़ों विद्यार्थी हमारे कॉलेज में हिन्दी की परीक्षाएँ लिखकर उपाधियाँ पाते थे। इस प्रकार हमारे सक्षम प्राध्यापकों के प्रयास से कॉलेज लंबे समय तक हिन्दी प्रचार-प्रसार के पवित्र कार्य में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता रहा।

डॉ. राजशेषगिरि राव आगे आन्ध्र विश्वविद्यालय के हिन्दी विभाग में प्राध्यापक के रूप में नियुक्त होकर विशाखपट्टणम् चले गये और वहाँ रीडर, आचार्य तथा विभागाध्यक्ष बनकर वहीं अवकाश प्राप्त कर चुके। श्री उप्पलूरि रामकृष्णय्या लोयोला के विभागाध्यक्ष बने। श्री फनिक्कर और श्री रामकृष्णय्या वर्षों भर सहस्रों विद्यार्थियों को हिन्दी का अध्यापन कर यहीं अवकाश प्राप्त कर चुके। इसी बीच में श्री वेंकटेश्वर रेड्डी ने महीनों के लिए यहाँ अध्यापन का कार्य किया और वे श्री वेंकटेश्वर विश्वविद्यालय में हिन्दी प्राध्यापक बन कर चले गये। तब तक श्री पोद्लूरि शिवन्नारायण ने यहाँ शिक्षण का काम शुरू किया। श्री रामकृष्णय्या के अवकाश प्राप्त करने पर श्री शिवन्नारायण ही विभागाध्यक्ष बने। उनके सहयोग के लिए डा. यार्लगड्डा लक्ष्मीप्रसाद नियुक्त हुए।

डॉ. लक्ष्मीप्रसाद प्रसिद्ध लेखक, अनुवादक, पत्रकार तथा शोधकर्ता हैं। असाधारण प्रतिभा के धनी, हिन्दी और तेलुगु में डॉक्टरेट पानेवाले अनोखे विद्वान हैं। वे अपने अनुवाद एवं मौलिक रचनाओं के लिए केन्द्र साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार, ताना पुरस्कार, भारत सरकार के शिक्षा मंत्रालय और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के पुरस्कार, यू.जी.सी. का केरीर अवार्ड आदि से सम्मानित हैं। डॉ. प्रसाद हिन्दी एवं तेलुगु के बड़े सक्षम लेखक हैं। क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं और साहित्य के सौहार्दपूर्ण विकास के द्वारा राष्ट्रीय एकता के लिए कटिबद्ध डॉ. प्रसाद 1980 से 1985 तक लोयोला कॉलेज में हजारों विद्यार्थियों को प्रेरणा प्रदान कर, आन्ध्र विश्व विद्यालय में रीडर बनकर चले गये। आगे वे राज्यसभा के सदस्य बने। संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के उपाध्यक्ष बने। आपके साहित्यिक योगदान के फलस्वरूप भारत सरकार के द्वारा 'पद्मश्री' के पुरस्कार से आप सम्मानित किये गये। ऐसे प्रतिभासंपन्न प्राध्यापक के अध्यापन से हजारों छात्र लाभान्वित हो गर्व का अनुभव करने लगे।

श्री शिवन्नारायण के अवकाश प्राप्त करने पर डॉ. प्रसाद विभागाध्यक्ष बने और श्री कोच्चलकोट वेंकट सुब्बाराव ने उनके सहयोगी के रूप में विभाग में कदम रखा। सुब्बाराव जी हिन्दी के सक्षम अध्यापक ही नहीं, तेलुगु के प्रतिष्ठित कथाकार भी हैं। तेलुगू में लगभग दो सौ कहानियाँ और तीन उपन्यास लिखकर आप तेलुगू कथा साहित्य में चिरस्थायी हो गये। श्री सुब्बाराव के बीस वर्ष की अध्यापन - अवधि में उनसे सहस्रों छात्र लाभान्वित हुए।

जब डॉ. प्रसाद आन्ध्र विश्वविद्यालय में नियुक्ति पाकर चले गये, तब श्री सुब्बाराव विभागाध्यक्ष बने। डा. प्रसाद का अभाव डा. वेन्ना वल्लभराव से किया गया। श्री सुब्बाराव और डा. वल्लभराव की अवधि में लोयोला अटानमस स्तर प्राप्त कर चुका। पाठ्यक्रम के निर्धारण से लेकर विशिष्ट शैक्षिक प्रयोगों, संगोष्ठियों तक में इन दोनों का सहयोग और योगदान महत्वपूर्ण रहा। सन् 2003 ई. में सुब्बाराव जी अवकाश प्राप्त चुके, तो डॉ. वल्लभराव विभागाध्यक्ष बने और श्री सुब्बाराव की जगह की पूर्ति युव शोधकर्ता श्री डी. नागेश्वरराव से की गयी। इन दोनों के परस्पर सहयोग से विभाग स्वर्णोत्सव की अवधि में लगभग छः सौ विद्यार्थियों को हिन्दी भाषा और साहित्य के अध्यापन के पवित्र कार्य में अग्रसर है।



DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

Sanskrit is one of the most ancient languages of the mankind. It is the mother of many vernacular languages in India. It is the source of Indian tradition, culture and heritage. It also acquired universal status by being a member of the Indo-Aryan family of languages. In view of its significance not only as language but also as a source of ancient human learning, the university introduced and has been encouraging the study of Sanskrit.

Ever since the establishment of the college in 1954, the university has been according permission to the students to opt for Sanskrit as a second language. But only during the 80's very few students started studying Sanskrit. In the year 1985, for the first time in the annals of the college, a part-time lecturer in Sanskrit was appointed. By the year 1989, the strength of the students in Sanskrit classes was overwhelming. To meet the demand, the college appointed a permanent lecturer in Sanskrit in the person of Dr. M. Sivaram, M. A, M. A, Ph. D. He is ably supported by Sri Narayanam Suresh Babu, another member of the faculty.

As the demand for Sanskrit in both degree and Inter classes continued, another lecturer was appointed in the year 1995 to teach intermediate exclusively. This also resulted in a healthy bifurcation of department towards effective functioning and fruitful teaching. At present more than six hundred students are studying Sanskrit in both inter and degree.

Departments of Telugu, Hindi, and Sanskrit



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The Department of Physics was established in the year 1954 along with the College, as Physics was one of the subjects in the MPC and BiPC groups offered in the Intermediate course. The faculty consisted of three members, besides Fr. Mathias, S. J., who was also the founder Principal. It has been headed by visionaries like

Sri VV Krishna Rao, Sri YV Rajagopala Rao, Sri K Gopala Rao, Sri M Haragopal, Sri SV Appa Rao and Sri G Anjaiah. The department has always maintained high teaching standards and produced excellent professionals who distinguished themselves in different fields, with the cooperation and involvement of famous lecturers like Sri G Bullaiah, Sri K Basava Punnaiah, Sri K Venkateswara Rao, Sri Y Gangadhara Rao, Sri K Rambabu, Sri V Venkat Rao and Sri K Nageswara Rao. During their tenure, the department was not only known for their teaching abilities but also for active involvement in various activities like ACTA, Sports Meet, Science Conferences, Seminars at College and University level, etc.

Further, the department is also known for upholding the Jesuit educational goal of forming men and women for others and has trained its students in several social services. As on today with 18 faculty members, the department is the largest in the College. The teachers are highly qualified. About 13 teachers are pursuing research in different fields. Out of 18 members, four members are in Reader position. The teachers have published about 30 research papers in various national and international journals. Also the department is proud to have a number of M. Phil. holders (6) as well as M. C. A and M. Sc. Tech. Qualifications.

The department of Physics is known for adopting innovative teachings methods, redesigning courses, curricular aspects, research, extension services, student support programmes and healthy practices. This impressed the National Assessment and Accreditation Council which visited the college in February 2002.

Here are the highlights of the Department:

1. At the beginning of every academic year, a two-week rigorous training programme on the handling of practical apparatus in the lab is organized for degree students.
2. To enable the students to improve their communication skills and self-confidence, they are encouraged to present seminars related to the syllabus and on outside areas also.
3. A special lab manual has been prepared for final year B. Sc. students
4. Visual aids like OHP, LCDs, Charts, CDs, Computers, Laptops, Slide projectors are



extensively used in the teaching process.

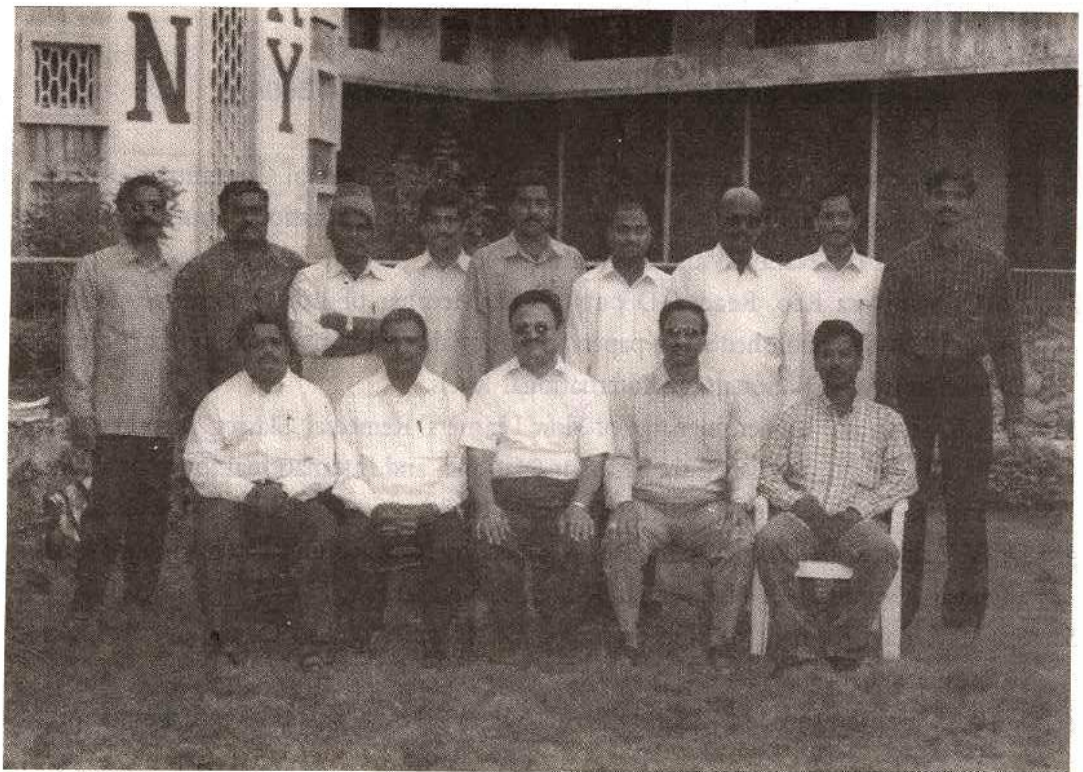
5. Asking a compulsory section on problems introduced in the question papers.
6. Project work is compulsory for all the students of sixth semester
7. Exclusive paper in Electronics is introduced for MPC and Computer Main students in sixth semester
8. Special paper, Nuclear Physics, is introduced for sixth semester Electronics students
9. The department extends help to other colleges in formulating the curriculum.
10. The department hosted and organized number of seminars like VIII National Convention in Physics, Recent Trends in Physics, Student Seminars etc.
11. The department is actively involved in helping students in the process of teaching and learning through different programmes like personal care by staff, slow-learners assistance programme, career guidance and counseling, encourage students with medals, prizes, scholarships etc.
12. The department has organized number of science exhibitions at district level during the years 1993, 1994, 1997 and 2000.
13. As a part of the industry-interaction with the department, the department organized study tours and industrial visits by our students. Some of them are VTPS, SHAR Sriharikota, Milk Factory, Bottling Plant, Ceramic and Bacon Factory, AIR, Gora Science Centre, TV Transmitter, Kondapalli, KCP Sugar Industries Ltd. Vuyyuru etc.
14. Every year, with the involvement of all the members of Physics under the leadership of one among us and students participation, the department promotes its activities in the name ALPHA (Andhra Loyola Physics Association).

Here is a professional profile of the Department (2003 – 2004):

1. Dr. G. Venkateswara Rao, Reader, H. O. D., Member of several Committees, Resource person in glasses, published six papers in National and International Journals, attended 6 seminars at the National and International levels.
2. Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Reader, Deputy Head, Member of Lab Committee, Resource person in glasses, published seven papers in National and International Journals, attended 6 seminars at the National and International levels.
3. Dr. Ch. Srinivasu, Reader, incharge of Slow Learners' Remedial Classes, Resource person in Liquid Crystals, published six papers in National and International Journals, attended 6 seminars at the National and International level.
4. Dr. V. Ashok Babu, Reader, published 8 papers in National and International Journals, attended 5 seminars of National and International level.
5. Sri A. V. Ravi Kumar, M. Phil, doing Ph. D., Member of Lab Committee, Exhibition Coordinator.
6. Sri G. Murali Krishna, M. Phil, doing Ph. D., Assistant Controller of Examinations.



7. Sri G. Sahaya Bhaskaran, M. Phil., M. C. A. designed the Computer Courses like DCA, I-year compulsory course on IT, developed software for Attendance Management, Resource person for Refresher Courses organized by UGC, ASC, SV University, Tirupati.
8. Sri P. Srinivasa Sastry, doing M. Phil., NSS programme officer.
9. Sri T. Srikumar, M. Phil., doing Ph. D., Staff coordinator of ALPHA, Resource person at the National Symposium on Human Rights conducted by UGC and for teachers training, member of Janavignana Vedika and Pollution Control Board.
10. Sri V. Devasahayam, M. Sc., (Tech), felicitator.
11. Sri M. Chimpiri Rao, M. Phil., doing Ph. D., published four papers in international journals, attended international conference on Ionic Devices and presented a paper, attended VRS programme at TIFR, Mumbai.
12. Sri Ch. Srinivasa Rao, doing M. Phil.
13. Sri D. V. Satish, M. Sc., looking after intermediate classes
14. Sri P. V. S. Sairam, M. Sc., doing M. Phil, Treasurer of Staff Association
15. Sri N. Ramakrishna Chand, M. Sc., teaching Intermediate classes
16. Sri B. Sudhakar, M. Sc., teaching Intermediate classes, member of the editorial board of Loyola Today.
17. Sri K. V. Yamini Kanth, M. Sc., looking after the healthy practices in the department.
18. Sri Y. Gandhi, M. Sc., looking after the healthy practices in the department.





DEPARTMENT CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Department is one of the largest departments in the college with 15 faculty members and 6 non-teaching members. The Department came into existence in 1954 with three faculty members: Mr. TV Sastry, Mr.A.V. Subba Rao and Mr. Sreeramulu. In 1958 the department sent up the first batch of students for the B.Sc., degree examination. Mr. George took over as the Head of the Department. He was succeeded by Mr. TV Sastry. Rev. Fr. Kadavil, a disciplinarian and dedicated teacher, and Rev. Fr. Arackal, a popular figure with the students did much during 1960-77 to improve the department. Along with the above, the dedicated service of the following members helped the academic growth of the department: Sri.A.V.Subba Rao, Sri K.V.Narayana, Sri.P.Raghuram, Sri.D.KrishnaPrasad, Sri.Y.S.Ramakrishnaiah, Sri.C.Raganadha Rao, T. K. Tulasidas, G. Panduranga Rao, Sri. S.P. Prabhakara Rao and Dr.P.Siraj.

The following members acted as head of the department in the following order:

Sri.George was a model teacher. **Sri.T.V.Sastry** acted as Head for a long period and moulded the Department in the proper direction. In his time the college got the autonomous status. In his time the Department organised two excellent chemistry exhibitions. The Department drafted a practical syllabus relevant to theory by organising a national seminar. This syllabus incorporated applied, food, bio, microbiology and other branches of the life sciences into the chemistry syllabus. It was a clear indication of the future direction in which the department had to progress. **Sri V.R.B. Sankara Rao** is a very friendly person who induced team spirit among the members of the department. In his tenure, the department organised an exhibition in view of the golden jubilee of independent India. The department started incorporating experiments relating to instruments like Spectro photometer, P^H meter, Conductometer and other useful experiments to the students who opt higher studies in chemistry and for those students who seek job after degree. He acted as head for more than five years. **Sri.P.B.Anada Raju** is a very efficient organiser. In his period the Department organised seminars for students at the inter-collegiate level. The department took part actively in science exhibition organised by the college in dec2000. The special feature of his period is improving the results of weaker sections remarkably. He acted as Head for 3 years. **Sri.K.Subrahmanyeswara Rao** is a person with self-discipline and a dedicated teacher. A good counsellor to students. With his good rapport with the management he could get extra facilities to the department and to the chemistry stores. He acted as Head for nine months. A special mention must be made about Rev.Fr.Joe V.D'souza who started a Bio-Chem research division. Another great contribution made by him is re-organising the labs to the students needs. Department owes a lot to Rev.Fr.Mathew who modified the labs completely in the year 1998 with all modern facilities. Now the Department is under the Headship of Sri.K.V.A.Rama Sastry. The following are some of his contributions to the department.

- (a). He is making the students to do analysis of popular milk samples in Vijayawada for the last five years.
- (b). He contributed video lessons to the KU-Band organised by the Commissioner of collegiate

education.

(c). He produced video CD's on practicals for second and third year degree syllabus. In this venture, Dr.P.Siraj, Dr.B.V.Rao, Dr.G.V.Ramana and Sri Y.Hanumantha Rao are co-presenters. Many teachers of other colleges appreciated these CD's. The special feature of this venture is they are made available to other colleges at cost price.

(d). The seminar, which used to be organised every year at district level, is conducted this year at the state level.

(e). He organised a state level Quiz for degree students using Microsoft Power point.

All the participant colleges very well appreciated the above two programs. The credit for the success goes to each and every member of the Department. Another great feature of these programs is the Department members have established rolling trophies for winners and runners.

A special mention should be made of the services

of the following members:

(a). Dr. B.V.Rao who is helping the students do water analysis of the samples in and around Vijayawada and making the public aware of the quality of water they are consuming. He is organising innovative programs like cartoon drawing in chemistry. He is encouraging the students to demonstrate experiments of public interest to students other than chemistry.

(b). Dr. G.V.Ramana is helping the students analyse samples of ghee commonly used by the public. It enables the public to know which variety is less harmful. He is writing lessons for the P.G.Correspondance course that will be organised by Nagarjuna University.

(c). Sri. P.C.Sabastian is helping the students analyse the adulterants in various foodstuffs.

(d). Sri.K.V.A.Ramasastri, Dr.B.V.Rao and Sri.Y.Hanumantha Rao gave lectures on modern topics in chemistry in many School organisations and acted as resource persons.

The following are some of the activities organised by the Department in the last five years:

(a). Inviting school children and demonstrating them simple preparations like soap manufacture, milk fat determination, preparation of candles and teaching them laboratory technics.

(b). Preparing models of chemicals.

(c). Preparing charts of chemical processes.

(d). Even before the college started incorporating project work as a part of the curriculum, the Department has been undertaking project for five years on various topics of public welfare. Like analysis of soil water, milk and foodstuffs.

(e). It is a regular habit of almost all the members of the department to use audio visual aids like OHP and models.

(f). After the management provided computer to the department, now the teachers are



making their lessons more interesting by making power-point presentations. Most of the members in the department have acquired enough computer knowledge.

(g). This is the first Department in the college to introduce special paper in chemistry on Alkaloids and Terpenoids even before the university thought of that change. From next year onwards the department is seriously thinking of giving choice to the student to choose the special paper by offering more than one courses which are relevant to the needs of public like Environmental Chemistry, Synthetic chemistry in addition to chemistry of natural products which it is offering now.

(h). It is almost a part of the department activity to organise weekly seminars by third year degree students, taking the students periodically to pharmaceutical labs and industries in and around Vijayawada.

(i). The chemistry association is very active in organising seminars by experts in various fields to equip the students with modern developments in chemistry, such as Group theory, Spectroscopy, concept of patenting a process or a drug and advantages and disadvantages of it.

(j). The Department with its infrastructure and research-oriented teachers is now planning to start a recognised Research lab for detection and estimating the adulterants in foodstuffs and beverages. In this connection all the members of the department are very grateful for the encouragement they are receiving from the management.

(h). The Department has 3 doctorates. Sri.M.V.Rao, a senior lecturer in the department, got his M.Phil and he has already submitted his thesis for his doctorate degree. All the recently aided teachers are qualified in the NET examination. With this strong background the department is seriously thinking of starting postgraduate education.

The department is blessed with dedicated non-teaching staff whose contribution makes the students to do the practicals with ease and makes the teachers more comfortable to organise.



DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The Department of Zoology, when first started, was a department with only one man handling both theory and practical classes, there being only one section of the old intermediate course, 80 strong, both in Junior and Senior Inter. Until 1957 our laboratory was a small room, now the Office of the Vice-Principal (IN9). In the academic year 1957 - 58, we introduced B. Sc with Chemistry as main and Zoology as ancillary and one more member was added to the staff. Then we moved into the Southern Block and the present 2S12 was our laboratory. In 1959 Zoology was offered as a Main Subject for B. Sc. In 1964 we moved into our present spacious and permanent lab. The strength of the department has grown year after year and at present we are 6 members on the staff, 4 members with research degrees and one is presently engaged in obtaining his research degree. The student strength also gradually grew. In 1969 we had 4 sections of Pre-University and 2 sections of B. Sc. and a total strength of about 600 students. With the introduction of the two-year intermediate course the number of intermediate students was reduce and we have now only 400 students for both Inter and degree put together.

With the grant of autonomy to the college in 1989, the department could realign itself to the Jesuit Vision and Identity "forming men and women with Competence, Conscience and Compassionate Commitment".

To promote academic excellence among students, greater diversity is brought into the Curriculum. Apart from teaching the basic concepts of different branches of Zoology, Advance studies in modern aspects like Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Cytogenetics, animal Physiology, Community & Social Medicine, Biochemistry and Immunology are also taught. To promote technical competence of students two-application oriented optional papers are offered one in Clinical Biology and Community & Social Medicine and the other is Biochemistry and Immunology. This has necessarily brought in an interdisciplinary dimension to the curriculum.

To sensitize the students with Conscience (Values) the curriculum has also incorporated papers, which promote a sense of Values and Social concern. Papers on Environmental Education, Community and Social Medicine come under this category.

The department also takes up various activities as part of the curriculum to shape the learners to reach out to the Society, which inculcates among them a sense of Social Concern and Commitment to the poor and marginalised. Socio-Economic surveys as part



of the regular assignments and project work, Open House of Labs, School Extension programmes fulfill this aspect.

Though Lecturing is the general mode of teaching, the lecturers in the department do practice innovative and interactive strategies like Group Discussions, and Question - Answer Sessions, Colloginal programme, etc. To enhance the teaching-learning process, adequate infrastructure is available in the department. A well-developed Museum, air-conditioned Biochemical Laboratory are worth mentioning.

All the faculty members are involved in research. The department has to its credit 18 research papers; two compendia, two textbooks, and two question banks have been published. The Department conducts at least two seminars each year. Praise worthy are the National Conference conducted on the "The Post-Harvest Technology of Fish and Fishery Products" sponsored by UGC, Refresher Courses on Biotechnology and Genetics and Biochemistry sponsored by AAP State Government.

With its outstanding infrastructural facilities and committed and qualified staff and effective leadership provided by the management, the department of Zoology is poised for growth and development in all directions in the years to come.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department History, Politics and Economics, in existence from the commencement of Andhra Loyola College, was bifurcated in July 1972, resulting in the emergence of the Department of History and Political Science. Fr. M. D. Varkey and Fr. D. Gordon alternatively headed the combined Department. Then Sri K Basaveswara Rao became the head in 1972 and continued to lead the new Department also till he died in 1979. Later, Sri K Kesavarao and Sri P. Veerabrahmam headed it with Sri S. P. Ramaraju in that position now. Ever since the college celebrated its silver jubilee in 1979, members of the Department held important administrative positions for several years. Rev. Fr. T. Innaiah, S.J., Rev. Fr. C. J John, S.J., and Rev. Fr. Dr. D. Showraiah, S. J., distinguished themselves as principals of Andhra Loyola College. Rev. Fr. A Theckemury, S. J., served the institution in the position of Rector, Vice Principal, Controller of Examinations and is still active in the position of Director OBA. The present Rector Rev. Fr. P. J. Sandana Samy, S. J., belongs to the department. Mr. S. P. Ramaraju became the first ever non Jesuit Vice- Principal of Andhra Loyola College in 2002. The Department became richer with the addition of Sri K.V Vijaya Babu, Sri C. Ravindraraju, Sri. S. Ananth, Dr. M. Srinivasa Reddy and Dr. A. Samuel Dayakar.

Grant of autonomy to the college in 1988 provided a good opportunity to the department to thoroughly restructure the university syllabus. The Political Science wing of the department brought about complete unitisation of the course content by introducing 8 different papers for the 3 year degree study. Students' preparedness for the competitive examinations was an important criteria in redesigning the syllabus. Election time public opinion surveys were organised during the elections to Lok Sabha in 1980, 1984, 89, 91, 96, 98 and 99 and also in 1978, 83, 84, 89, 94 and 99 to AP Legislative Assembly. Leading newspapers gave wide coverage to the findings of the surveys. Mr. SP Ramaraju and Mr. KV Vijaya Babu co-authored a book in Telugu titled as "BHARATA RAJYAMGAMU". The book was found to be very useful for students of political Science as well as the candidates appearing for the competitive examinations. Two articles on Indian politics written by SP Ramaraju were published in Andhra Jyothi. Mr. KV Vijaya Babu wrote text books in Civics for both the years of Intermediate. While SP Ramaraju worked as NCC Officer for the Army Wing from 1980 to 1990, KV Vijayababu is now NCC Officer for the Air Wing.

Sri KV Vijaya Babu worked as content generator in political science for "MANA TV". He was also a resource person for the refresher courses organized for degree lecturers on the subjects of Human Rights, Indian Constitution and Tourism Legislation. He attended 44th and 51st All India Political Science conferences during 1985 and 2000 respectively. He



is a life member of IIPA, New Delhi and IPSA. Sri Vijaya Babu has been very active in cultural matters. He penned over 22 playlets and composed about 40 lyrics. Very significantly, a documentary film on child labour with the title TOLIVELUGU was written and directed by him in November 2003. Dr. A.Samuel Dayakar, was awarded Ph. D. during the year 2003-04, by the Andhra University.

The History wing of the department has made several innovations in the curriculum. The Indian Heritage and Culture paper was restructured and unitized giving emphasis to the evolutions and Transitions in socio- economic, religious and cultural history of India. In addition to common core content, two more papers - History of Modern Andhra and History of Modern U.S.A were also offered as compulsory papers. Two specialised optional papers - 1. Economic History Of Modern India, 2.History Of Monetary Systems are due to be introduced from 2004-05.. Certificate courses in Tourism And Travel Management 2. Financial Markets3.Technical Analysis are also slated to be introduced from 2004-05 jointly by all the social sciences departments

Ch. Raveendra Raju, a life member of AP History Congress, penned a number of books and study materials for the slow learning students of intermediate, degree and PG courses of Kakatiya, Acharya Nagarjuna and Andhra Universities. He was a lesson writer for B.A students of the School of Distance Education, Acharya Nagarjuna University. He prepared the entrance coaching material for M. A. History for admission in all Universities in AP. He also prepared entrance-coaching material for Teachers Training Course.

Sri S. Ananth, an executive committee member AP History Congress, was granted a Minor Research Project by the UGC on "Globalisation, Equity Markets, Capital Accumulation and Socio-economic Impact". He served as the Local Secretary for the 28th Session of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress which took place in Andhra Loyola in Jan 2004.

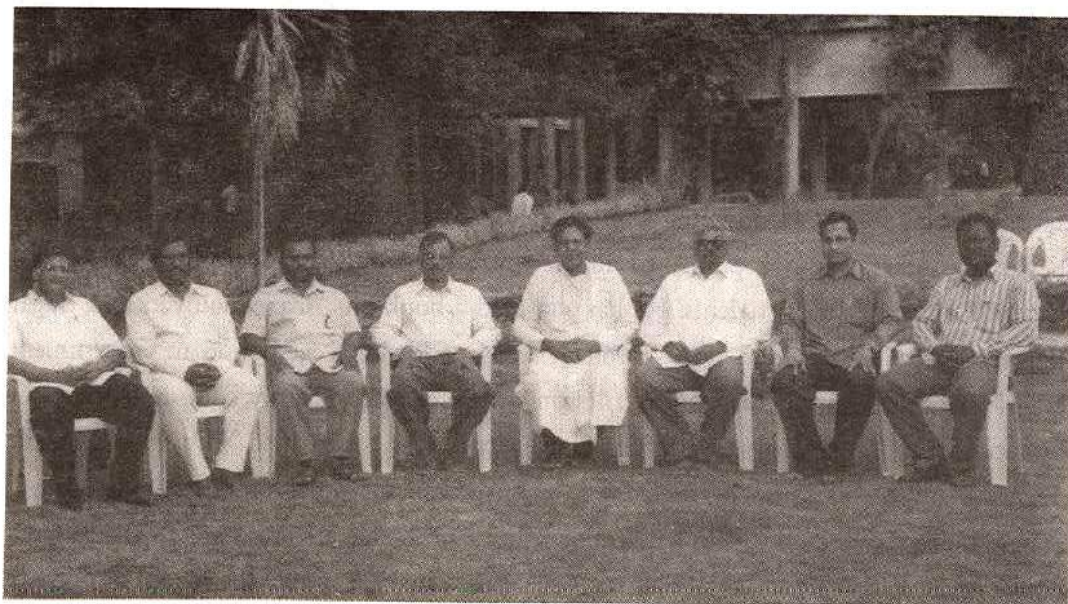
Dr M. Srinivasa Reddy, a member of AP History Congress, Indian History Congress and the Society for the History and Culture of Vijayawada, authored the history portion of the social studies textbook published and recommended by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the 10th class students. He has authored a book on "Cane Cultivation & Sugar Industry in Andhra Pradesh: 1930 - 1960: A study of Regional Responses to Government Policy", published during 2004. He is a lesson writer for M.A. History course of School of distance education of Acharya Nagarjuna University for the paper titled "History of Modern U.S.A". Many of his research articles were published in the proceedings of A. P. History Congress, proceeding of the National Seminars, Ithihasa etc. He has also supervised a research scholar Sri A. P. Balaji Rao for M.Phil degree (Awarded in 1992) under the school of distance

education of the Kurukshetra University.

The Department of History and Political Science invited eminent personalities to deliver lectures in our college. We had invited Dr. Vijayam of the Atheist Centre and Sri. C. Ragavachari, an eminent journalist, to deliver a lecture on Iraq War. Popular Writer, Sri. Polavarapu Koteswara Rao delivered a talk on the History of Telugu Literature. During 2001 - 2002, the Departments of History, Political Science and Economics jointly organized a Seminar on Globalisation with resource persons like Prof. G Haragopal, Prof. Rajen Harshe etc, under COHSSIP on 11th January 2002. Another one on the "Need for the Study of History" with Prof. K.S.S. Seshan and Prof A. Satyanarayana as resource persons was organised during 2002-03.

During the Academic year 2003 - 2004, the Department hosted the 28th Session of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress.

In this mega event, eminent personalities like Sri. T. Hanuman Chowdary, IT Advisor, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Prof. Prabhat Patnaik of JNU gave lectures. It was attended by over 200 social scientists and over 120 research papers were presented. A symposium on the role of the Christian Missionaries in the development of Andhra Pradesh was also organised as a part of the 28th Session.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

This is a small department with three or four members. In these days, Economics has become Econometrics, that is, Economics with Mathematics and Statistics. People with foresight and some taste for Mathematics go in for Econometrics, than Economics. Moreover, Computer Science rules the roost today and that has taken away a big junk of students from arts to Science stream. In the Science stream too Computer Science is occupying the monopolistic position and thus creating another type of brain drain within the country. Therefore, our Department of Economics did not grow much between the Silver and the Golden Jubilees of the College.

During the Silver Jubilee year, Mr. P. T. Thomas was the Head of the Department and Mr. N. Basashowraiah, Fr. V. T. George and Mr. M. Prakash Rao were members. Mr. P. T. Thomas retired on 28 February 1988 and Fr. V. T. George too retired on 31 May 1988. Mr. N. Balashowraiah became the H. O. D. Fr. S. Philomin Raj joined the Department in June 1988. When Mr. N. Balashowraiah retired on 1 July 1997, Mr. M. Prakash Rao became the H. O. D. and Mr. Yosebu joined the Department in the aided post on 24 June 1998, though he was already working here as an unaided Lecturer for a few years. Mr. M. Prakash Rao retired on 28 February 2002 and Fr. S. Philomin Raj succeeded him as H. O. D. Ms. B. Vanaja joined the Department as unaided Lecturer on 7 June 2001 and Ms. S. Baby Rani as part-time Lecturer in June 2002.

In keeping with the trends outside, Quantitative Techniques was introduced as an optional course long back so that students of Economics will know at least the rudiments of Mathematics and Statistics. This year we have almost made it compulsory that all the students in the Department with Telugu as a combination - popularly known as special Telugu students - must take Quantitative Techniques as a compulsory subject in order to equip themselves better to face the future. The management has introduced a course by name Fundamentals in Information Technology to all the arts students during the first year. It is compulsory for all arts students. We have also introduced a project to be done by the final year degree students. This is to make the students be in touch with the economic realities outside the campus. We find it difficult to introduce radical changes in the Department since the students we get are ill-equipped in the English language and Mathematics.



DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

When the department of Electronics was started in 1989, it was a part of the Physics department. In the year 1990 the department became an independent one with Sri Anna Pragadada Siva Prasad as head of the dept. In the year 1992, Sri P.V.S S. Sairam became the head of the department and continued till 2001, from then on Sri Balaji Bhanu, an old student of the college, has been the head of the department. It consists of 4 Lecturers with 2 non-teaching staff: Sri Balaji Bhanu, Sri Ch Bala Kishore Reddy, Sri D. Chandra Sekhar, Sri Phani Srinivas. Sri G. M. Sudhakar and Sri M. Suresh are the non-teaching members of the department.

A new section of Maths, Computers and Electronics was introduced in the year 2002 - 2003. Keeping in view of the importance of Computer knowledge to the B. Sc. (Electronics) students, the Department has introduced 2 Computer subject papers in I and II years apart from the conventional and advanced Electronics theory papers. We have introduced a project work in the curriculum, with a viva at the end of the final year. The department organised Diploma in Computer Hardware course for about 3 years.

Some of the activities undertaken

by the Electronics department are listed below:

- * Guest Lectures and Seminars on latest technology and exhibition of the projects done by Electronics students.
- * Industrial tours to various places and students with good academic records are given guidance to pursue higher studies in the fields of their interest.
- * Organisation of the LED Cricket tournament for the entire college.
- * Active participation of the electronics students in Sphoorthi and other cultural activities.
- * Publication of the Departmental Magazine annually.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY (Degree)

Our Department has been growing under the leadership of talented and committed Heads of the departments □. Mr. S. N. Rama Swami (1954-975), Dr. K. B. Singh (1975-1991), Mr. P. Rama Krishna (1991-1999), Dr. N. Appanna (1999-2000), Mr. D. Lakshmana Rao (2000-2001) and Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S. J. (2001).

When we go back to the memory lanes of history, we think of the yeomen services rendered by the erstwhile staff members, who were known for their knowledge, regularity, commitment and hard work. Well equipped laboratories, rich herbarium and rare museum specimens speak volumes of the hard work and relentless efforts of our seniors. Mr. Rama Swami and Mr. K. B. Singh were the real stalwarts who saw to it that our department grew. Besides being the Head of the Department of Botany, Mr. Ramakrishna celebrated his silver jubilee as a naval officer in our college. The late Mr. Satyam lives in this campus because of the tree saplings he has planted in his capacity as NSS coordinator. Dr. Appanna (Aerobiologist) is well remembered in the college for his folk songs and the beautiful Ignatius bust he has donated to the college. Mr. Lakshmana Rao, an erudite taxonomist, was also known for his rare collection of coins-numismatics.

In 1995, at the initiative of Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S. J., one-year evening diploma course in Environmental studies was offered to the internal as well as external students. Dr. Chandrasekhar and Mr. Lakshmana Rao along with some Zoology department lecturers formed the faculty for the above-mentioned diploma course which did not last more than two years. In the year 1997, the three year B. Sc. microbiology (self financing) was launched, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Rama Krishna and Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S. J. In the history of Andhra Loyola girls were admitted into the biology courses. At the initiative of Dr. Chandra Sekhar and few other lecturers from the department of Zoology, a diploma course in Medical and Lab Technology was launched in 1999 and this diploma has taken roots and has sent out 200 students with skill based diploma certificates. A compact plant biotechnology laboratory was established in 2000. 2003 will be deeply engraved with golden letters because M. Sc. - Botany has been begun as a golden jubilee gift to the college, thanks to the relentless efforts of Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S. J., and the Jesuit management. This department will complete the flora of our campus by the end of next academic year. Yet another Jubilee gift!

Annual botanic tour to other states has been the regular custom of the Botany Department. Our department has been visiting the biodiversity hotspots of the southern region of India regularly. In the past as well as in the present our department has been involved in offering science exhibition for poor schools. At present final year degree students are involved in group projects such as mushroom culture, plant tissue culture, flora of the campus, water pollution assessment, etc. Microbiology students test the blood groups of students every year. At present our department consists of twelve staff members and five non-teaching members.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY (P. G.)

The Post-graduate Department of Botany was started under the able coordination of Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Emmanuel, S.J. in the Golden Jubilee year (2003 - 2004). The following are the staff members with their specializations : Dr. K. Sri Rama Murthy, Ph.D., (DST Young Scientist/ Plant Systematics & Plant Tissue Culture)

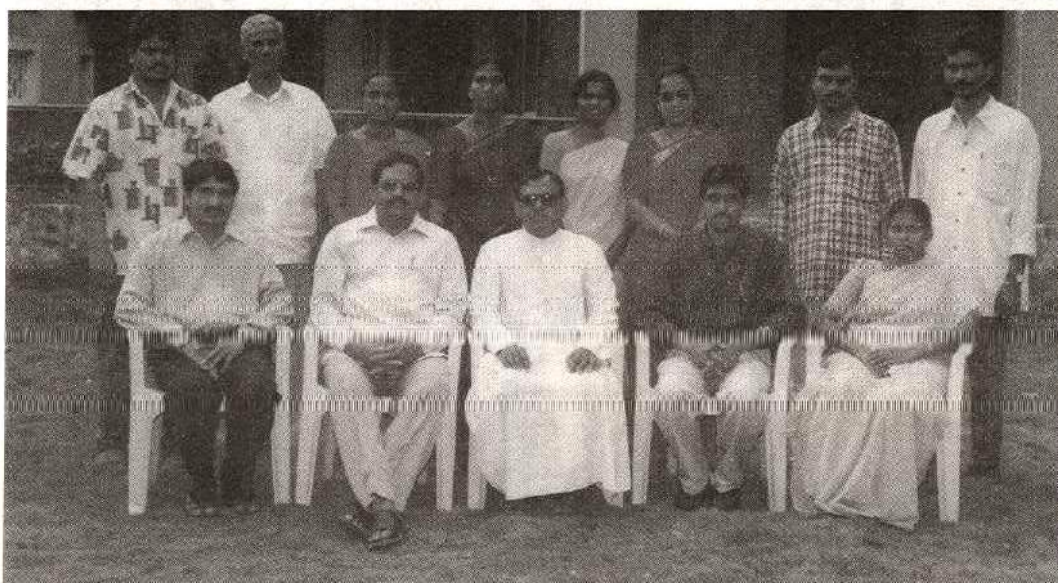
Dr. A. Jeevan Ram, Ph.D., (Chemotaxonomy & Microbiology) and Dr. A. V. Rajagopalan, Ph.D., (Plant Biochemistry & Enzymology).

The department has 24 students (permitted strength) of which 20 are girls. The department has conducted a guest lecture on "Biodiversity and Flora of Andhra Pradesh" by Prof. T. Pullaiah, Head, Biotechnology, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur. The department has procured a vast collection of books (about 300) for the library at a cost of nearly Rs. 80, 000/-

The department has initiated compilation of the "Flora of a Loyola College" under the guidance of Dr. K. Sri Rama Murthy who received the DST - SERC Fast Track Young Scientist Scheme for 2003 - 2006. The staff and the students undertook a field trip to Kondapalli to study the diversity of flora and ecological diversity. The visit was carried out during the second week of October 2003. Also the staff and the students had a research visit to "Loyola Group of Industries - Chemeloides" Vijayawada. During the current academic year (2003 - 2004), the staff members have published research papers in national and international journals: Dr. K. Sri Rama Murthy - 8 papers and Dr. A. Jeevan Ram - 2 papers.

The staff members have attended the following seminars:

1. National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Biotechnology", conducted by Nagarjuna University, Department of Biotechnology.
2. National Seminar on "Microbial Biotechnology" conducted by J. K. C. College, Guntur.



P. G. DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Course M. Sc. (Mathematics) began in the academic year 2002 – 03, with an intake of 30 students.

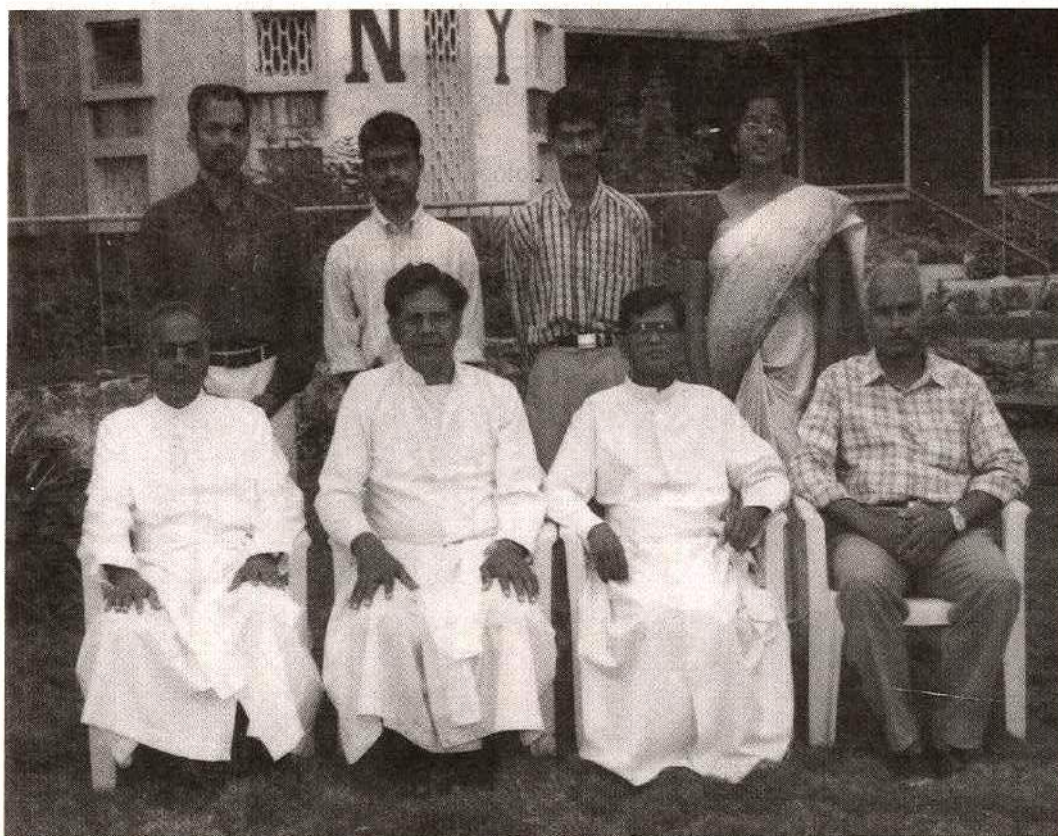
Programme Co-ordinator : Dr. N. V. Ramana Murthy, M. Sc., M. Phil., Ph. D.,

Faculty : 1. Sri. B. Syam Prakash, M. Sc., B. Ed., Sri. B. S. R. V. Prasad, M. Sc., Sri. D. S. Bharadwaj, M. Sc., M. Phil., and Ms. N. Madhavi Latha, M. Sc.

The following professors delivered guest Lectures in the department:

1. Prof. L. Radha Krishna, Bangalore University.
2. Prof. N. Venkateswara Rao, University of Toledo, U.S.A.

The Department organised a one day seminar on "Algebraic geometry and its applications" and "Mathematical modeling in real life problems" with Prof. C. Musili, a renowned mathematician and Dr. P. Naga Rani, Asst. Professor of Vignan Vidyalaya, as resource persons on the 6th March 2004



DEPARTMENT OF M.C.A.

The M. C. A. Course was started in the academic year 1994 - 95. At present there are eight faculty members (six teaching and two programmers). The Department is being ran under the able guidance of the Director, Fr. J. Thainese, S. J., and the Head of the Department, Mr. Ch. Vijaya Kumar.

Unique Features

Keeping in mind the job opportunities in job industry, the students are trained in that direction. Case studies, project-oriented training and regular assignments are given to make them more creative. Group discussions and workshops are conducted to make students communicative and interactive. In the first year of M. C. A., we have imparted training in English coaching for a month. Continuous monitoring and evaluation takes place through weekly examinations, viva-voice and practicals. The computer lab and the Internet Centre are open at any time for the students and staff to go and freely use the resources available.

The institution makes certain that major projects are done in small scale industries, heavy industries, Government as well as private, and in software companies to do the project as an immediate preparation for the job. Rigorous and efficient software methodologies are implemented through these projects. Students are guided to follow strictly the software methodologies by the department. For this the students have to come to the college to give seminar and individual consultation to design the project properly.

We encourage the students to take live projects and discourage to go to training institutions. This is the only college that insists on site demo of the project done by the students for evaluations and assessment. For this we employ our faculty and ALUMNI of Loyola institutions in different cities. All these things are done in order to increase the self-confidence of the students in the field of specialization. This training inculcates in them work culture to be regular with perseverance. This training also helps them to cultivate leadership qualities. We periodically conduct Quiz programs paper presentations, panel discussions. We conduct an IT seminar every year with professionals from top IT companies like Satyam Computers, WIPRO, INTEC Corp, Sierra Atlanta etc., with the latest Information Technology Concepts. This year 14 colleges in around Andhra and Nagarjuna University M. C. A. colleges have participated in the seminar.

Department Facilities:

We have a well equipped lab with 3 HP Servers and 96 computer terminals with operating systems Linux, Windows 2003 Server, Windows NT and software packages of .NET, Oracle 9i, J2EE, Office XP and different language compilers with all licensed versions. We have an Internet centre for free access to students and staff. We have a separate lab for the staff. We have an excellent library with 2246 regular books for issue, 360 reference books and 10 magazines.

DEPARTMENT OF M. B. A.

The department since its inception in 2000 has been making giant strides in its pursuit of excellence. It differentiates itself from the programme conducted elsewhere. The academic record has been excellent upto date. We have secured the highest pass percentage in the University area in both the batches that have passed out.

The department also maintains constant interaction with the industry. Numerous guest lectures are arranged for students on related topics. The department also conducts an annual study conference. The topics for the study conferences were "WTO - Its impact", "Social responsibilities of business", and Corporate Governance - Challenges and Strategies". The department also conducts industrial tours every year.

Our students also excel in co-curricular activities. They have won prizes at all the management meets conducted in the area. To train them in this direction, special hours are allotted in the regular class hours for conducting exercises on personality development, quiz on current affairs, etc.

The department also has an active placement system which aims at placing the students on a decent job by the end of their 2-year stay on campus. The first two years of placement have been heartening. We placed 45% and 55% of the students in the first and second batches respectively.

The department with its dedicated faculty is looking to build on this foundation laid. Though the achievement may look meagre against the standards we have set for ourself, we are working to make our department nothing short of the best.

PG DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

The department had its beginning under the yearly evaluation scheme in 1996. Presently the semester system has been introduced and the strength of the class has been made thirty.

Unique Features

The primary objectives of the department is to train student toward research and teaching in advanced areas of electronics.

1. Instrumentation and Computer Architecture are the elective papers in the third semester and Advanced Instrumentation/ Advanced Computer Architecture in the 4th semester. The students avail this choice of the elective,



which is not offered by any other college affiliated to the university.

2. The department also maintains active contacts with industries to provide industrial training for students.
3. Career guidance, Training to face interviews, Seminars by students in advance topics other than the syllabus, Weekly tests, Assignments are the other unique features.

Departmental Facilities

The department is constantly improving its lab, library and teaching facilities under the strong support of the management. The upgrading of the labs has enabled students to avail the better facilities in Microprocessor interfacing and micro controller lab, microwave communication lab, process control instrumentation and Computer Architecture lab. The library facilities are exemplary with free access to books (850 titles) and magazines (five) to both staff and students. The computerization has contributed to better service.

Department Activities

1. Continuing the tradition of organizing a university-level seminar on advanced topics, the PG department of Electronics organized SPECTRUM 2003 - 2004 on embedded systems and advanced DSP Processors. The earlier seminars organized were on networking and mobile communications.
2. Project work and summer training is introduced for the 1st year students.
3. An exhibition is organized every year.
4. University-level inter collegiate quiz for post-Graduate students is organized every year.

Departmental Magazine

The advances and trends in the industry are given special focus in the yearly magazine, SPECTRUM.

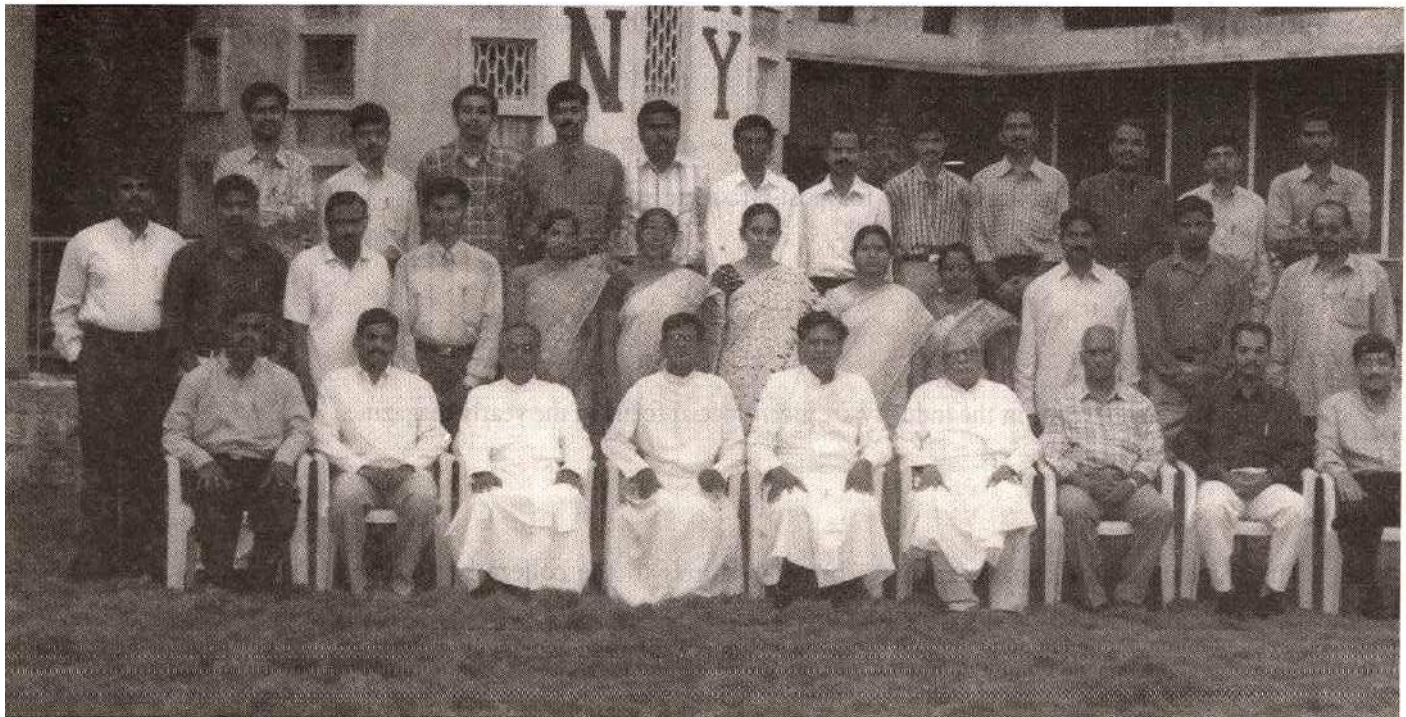
Results:

The students of the department have brought laurels to the college by securing various positions of merit at the university level:

Batch	University Ranks	% of Pass
1998 - 2000	6 out of eight ranks announced 81.8 by the university 1 st Mr. M. Tanooj Kumar 4 th Mr. G. Murali Kumar 3 rd Ms. Elizabeth 6 th Ms. G. Tushara Bindu 7 th Ms. K. Prathima 8 th Mr. M. S. S. S. Srinivas	
1999 - 2001	3 rd Ms. Seema Varghese	80
2000 - 2002	1 st Ms. M. Mrudhula	92.2
2001 - 2003	Yet to be announced	87.5

The hard work and the discipline of the college are some of the factors for excellence. The present batch secured cent percent result in the previous semester and is the first batch that will be passing out of the college under the new semester system introduced by the university.

STAFF OF THE PG DEPARTMENTS





GORDON LIBRARY – THE ALC INFORMATION CENTRE

G. A. Prasad Rao

Librarian



Introduction

Andhra Loyola College library was established in the year 1954 with an initial collection of 4,000 books with 08 book racks and with Rev. Fr. B. J. Coyle S. J. as its first Director. In the year 1956 – 57, His Excellency C. M. Trivedi, Governor of A. P., visited the library and appreciated its collection of 7500 books. In the north block of the college, on the top floor, the management constructed a large hall in the year 1959 – 60 to accommodate 12, 000 books and a good reading room for 150 boys. The library was strengthened with UGC grants from time to time and many donors, both institutions and individuals, have extended their support to our library. Sri E. B. Satyam, the late Sri Soosai Villavarayer of Tuticorin, Raja Rammohan Roy Foundation are some of the chief donors. In the year 1967, the foundation stone was laid for the present library building and the construction was completed by 1969 with special assistance from the U. G .C., under the supervision of Rev. Fr. D. Gordon, the then Principal. During the year 1996, the library was rechristened as Gordon Library in memory of the Late Fr. Gordon. Over these 50 years, Gordon Library has emerged as a Centre for Informations Science.

Fr. Gordon Library is housed in a separate, spacious building with a lush green lawn in front of it. The total plinth area of the Library building is 12, 300 sft.

Gordon Library Management

For effective management Gordon Library has the following important sections.

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| 1. Technical Section | 5. Back Volume Section |
| 2. Circulation Section | 6. Reprographic Section |
| 3. Reference Section | 7. Internet Section |
| 4. Reading Rooms | |

1. Technical Section

The work of the technical section relates to the classification of books, assigning the call numbers, detection of any duplication, defects etc. After a book is selected, within a week's time, all the technical formalities are completed and it is sent for circulation/ reference. The technical section also takes care of updating the author index and the title index.

2. Circulation Section

The circulation section is regarded as the centre of activities in the Library. It deals with the activity of lending books to borrowers and keeping a record of the same. The circulation of books follows the open access system and the prominent feature of our Library is the users do not have to wait at the circulation desk beyond a reasonable time. On an average 135 books are circulated in a day.

The hallmark of Gordon Library's circulation section is providing 'courteous sentinel' service, i.e. it serves courteously without bias, strict without being offensive and friendly without charity.

3. Reference Section

The reference section consists of 34 sets of different encyclopedias, more than 45 sets of collected works of eminent persons like Mahatma Gandhi - 103 volumes, Pandit Nehru - 23 volumes, Motilal Banarassidas - 50 volumes, Sir C. V. Raman - 04 volumes, Sri Aurobindo - 30 volumes, political thinkers of modern India - 30 volumes, Harvard Classics - 52 volumes, Swami Vivekananda complete works - 08 volumes. Many other valuable and most important collections are preserved in our reference section. The Reference Section of Gordon Library has extended hours of service beyond the normal working hours of the Library.

4. Reading Room

For inculcating reading habits among the students a separate reading room is established. It contains newspapers, periodicals and journals. Our Library subscribes to 11 varieties of English and Telugu daily newspapers of 23 copies everyday and 124 journal and periodicals. It also has some general books for leisure time reading. This feeds the students with entertaining and elevating books for use during leisure hours. The reading room of the Library also stacks the previous semester end question papers and the question papers of various competitive examinations.

5. Back Volume Section

This section speaks about the history of the Library and the strength of the Library. In our Library this section is located on the top floor. All the back volumes of journals and periodicals are bound and preserved. The back volumes of National Geography dates back to 1940s. The back volumes of Economic and Political Weekly, Time, Readers Digest, Span, Science Reporter, Seminar, Current Science, Mathematics Today, University News, Yojana, Nature etc. are preserved from 1870s. These back volumes strengthen the philosophy of the acronym - 'ALA' meaning "Ask Library Anything".

6. Reprographic Section

This section serves to expedite the transmission of knowledge and to increase the



availability of texts for teaching purpose and to remove the chora of manual transcription by students. Latest Desktop Canon NP 4050 with state of the art Dry Electrostatic Transfer copying and toner projection development methods is installed. It has a copy speed of 40 copies/ minute and has reproduction ratios of 1:0.5 for reduction 1:2 for zoom.

Plans are on the envil for the production of microcopies of documents and texts.

VI How different is Gordon Library?

Gordon Library offers several specialized services which set it apart from other college libraries. Important among them are -

1. Current Awareness Service (CAS)

To keep pace with the ever - expanding information explosion and for providing an effective and efficient system for the maximal utilization of the library, this service is provided in our library. The methods of CAS followed in our library are:

A. Display of new arrivals:

Books jackets and many times new books themselves are displayed in an elegant manner in the New Arrivals Stand at the entrance of the Library to attract the attention of the users.

B. Current Contents:

The contents pages of the periodicals are photocopied and are prominently displayed on the Notice Boards of the Library.

C. Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI):

SDI is the service whereby one individual client is given selective information, which matches the statement of his/her requirements.

Under this service, many students participating in competitions like elocution, essay writing, debates, etc., are provided with information. The administration of the college is also provided with all relevant details of information for special occasions.

2. Book Bank

The Book Bank was established with a special assistance from the UGC. Text books and routinely used reference books are loaned for a 6 month period to deserving and economically backward students who cannot afford to by their own copies.

3. Notice Board Display Services

Certain regular features are displayed on the notice boards of the Library. Regular

displays of a) Word Power from the Readers Digest is done to increase the vocabulary of the students, b) Know Your English from the columns of The Hindu and c) articles from Navatarangam Telugu weekly are displayed for career orientation of the students.

Along with these, advertisements of various academic and competitive examinations are displayed for the benefit of the students. To encourage the participation of students in sports activities, the relevant columns from newspapers and periodicals are displayed. Certain special features and photographs of eminent personalities are also displayed from time to time.

This service has improved the standard and quality of Library service, lending it a better image.

4. C. D. Issue Facility

The different compact discs obtained by the library are also issued to the students.

5. Old Question Paper Bank facility

The previous question papers of Semester End examinations are placed in the reading room for helping the students preparing for examination. Along with these, model question papers of various competitive examinations are also kept.

6. Library Class Work

To cultivate reading habits, new knowledge to engage vigorously and fearlessly in the pursuit of truth and to interpret old knowledge and beliefs in the light of new needs and discoveries among the students, the Library conducts 8 hours of class work per week for all I year degree students. Theory as well as practical lessons are conducted in the classroom and in the reference section.

7. Library Week Celebrations

Library Week is celebrated every year from 14th November to 20th November every year. Essay competitions, and quizzes are conducted. Special displays of books are done.

8. To keep pace with the modern technology for effective management and retrieval of books and information, our library is also fully automated and many facilities are provided for users like *free Internet browsing*, *online access to different networks* like DELNET, etc.

9. Library Automation

HARDWARE: Modern equipment having high potentiality of storage, retrieval and networking facilities with IBM Server X series 200 with Intel P III Processor, 1 GHZ, 256 KB Cache/ 18.2 GB ultra 3 Integrated 10/ 100 network card is available. The server is connected with two more nodes.

SOFTWARE: A special package with Oracle as back end and Visual Basic as front end has



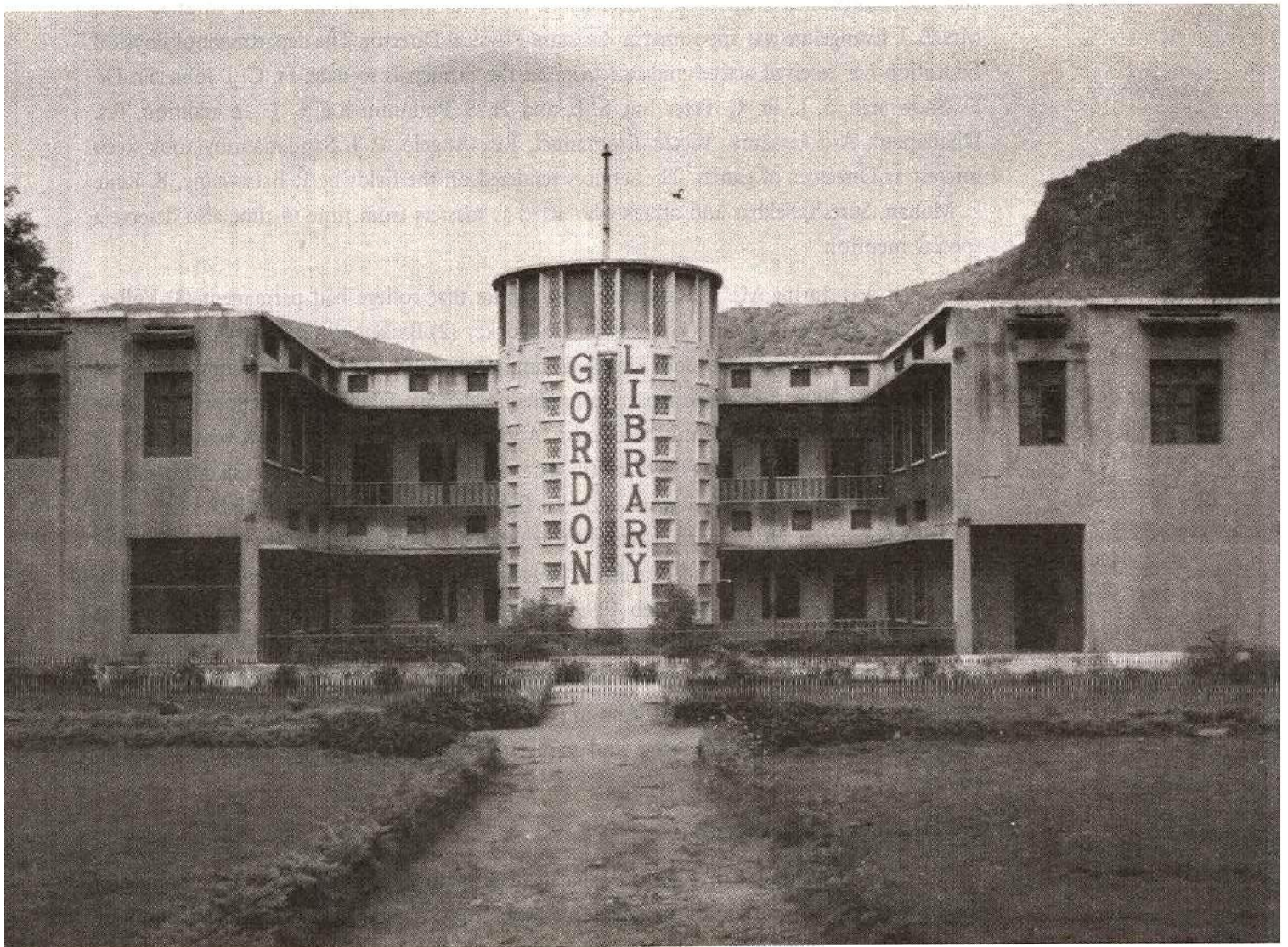
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been developed. It ensures easy entry of the records as per the columns available in Accession Register. The Library housekeeping operations and services are computerized and the whole database provides Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) service to the users

Thus with the aim of quantitative improvement in the collection, storage, processing and access to information in the Library and qualitative improvement in Library functioning and providing user services, Gordon Library has changed from manual to automation.

Gordon Library has been well managed under different able Directors, namely, Rev. Fr. Douglas Gordon, SJ, and Rev. Fr. A. Theckemury, SJ. and Librarians, namely, Rev. Fr. B. J. Coyle, SJ, and Sri G. G. Prakasam. Presently the Library has 11 staff members in the non-teaching cadre with Rev. Fr. Anthony, SJ., as the Director and Sri G. A. Prasad Rao as the Librarian.



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department of Physical Education was one of the earliest departments to start in our college when Sri V. Surya Prakasa Rao, M. D. D. P. E., was appointed Physical Director in July 1954. Sri V. Suryanarayana was appointed Assistant Physical Director in 1955. Both of them ably managed the activities of the department for several years. Mr. V. Suryanarayana left the college in Sept 1960 and in his place Sri P. Rayanna, an alumnus of the college, was appointed as Assistant Physical Director and later promoted as Physical Director, when Sri V. Surya Prakasa Rao also left in 1963. And when Mr. P. Rayanna retired in 1994, Sri Nagendra Prasad, B.Com, M. P. Ed, an alumnus of the college, was appointed as Physical Director, who captained and played Hockey for AP state and Nagarjuna University and also represented Nagarjuna University in Athletics at the all-India level. In 2000 - 01, Mrs. B. I. Evangeline was appointed as Assistant Physical Director. The department of Physical Education has received active guidance from all the Principals to date, Fr. C. J. John, Fr. Dr. D. Showraiah, S. J., Fr. C. Peter Raj, S. J., and Fr. S. Philomin Raj, S. J.. In addition, Frs. Dhanapaul, Arockiasamy, Victor Emmanuel, Rex Angelo, P. J. Sandanasamy took keen interest as Directors of games. The services rendered on the fields by P. Balaswamy, B. Raju, B. Mohan, Suresh, Sekhar and others who acted as masters from time to time also deserve a special mention.

It was during Mr. P. Rayanna's long tenure that college had permanent (3) Volley-ball (2) Kho-Kho (1) Cricket (1) Foot-ball (1) Hockey (2) Basketball (2) Tennis courts with a 400 mtr track and eight out-door shuttle badminton courts and also a stadium which can accommodate 2000 spectators. Apart from these, extensive facilities for indoor games like chess, carroms and table tennis also exist. And there were further improvement in the infrastructure facilities during 1994 to till date. Namely, a massive indoor stadium named after Rev. Fr. Kuriakose, S. J. with modern lighting, costing approx 50 lakhs (25 lakhs contribution from UGC) with 3 badminton courts, 2 table- tennis boards, a multi-gym with ample space for chess, and carroms. It was inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of AP., Mr. Rangarajan, on 4th Feb 1999. Two cement basket-ball courts with fibre glass boards costing around a lakh approximately was inaugurated by Sri M. Subba Rao, Secretary, Siddhartha Academy. The department is greatly indebted to the management for its generous funding of both the above projects. And in particular to Rev. Fr. Sandasamy, Rector, Director of Sports, who took the initiative and pains to bring the reality of cement basket-ball courts.

Fr. Devaiah Tournaments:

The Department of Physical Education is mainly responsible for the conduct of the Fr. Devaiah Memorial Tournaments, instituted in 1970 and held every year in honour



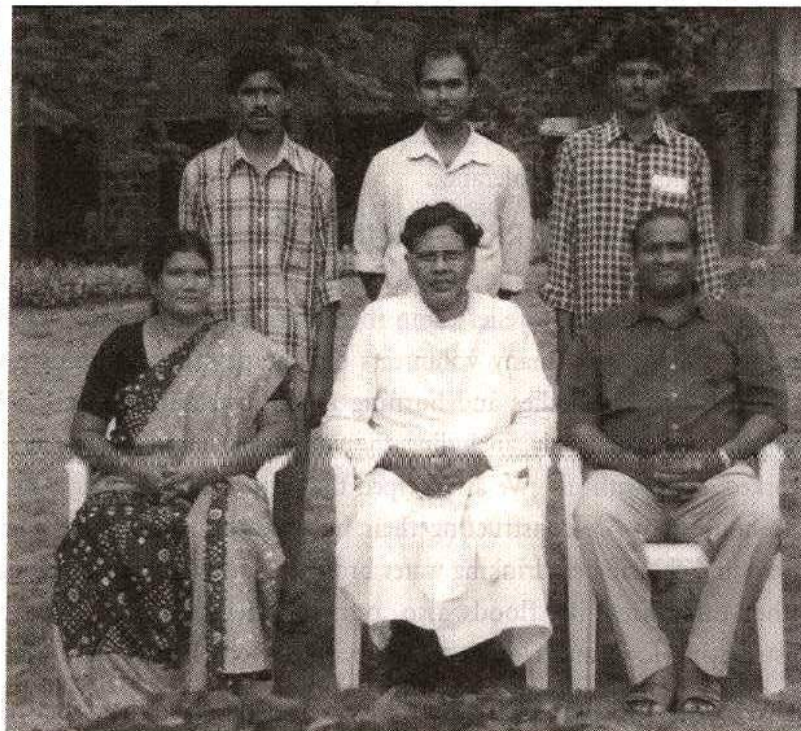
of the founder and first Rector of Andhra Loyola College. In this Golden Jubilee year, the games were revived after a gap of nearly 15 years. Thanks to the management's generous grants both the tournaments, namely, volley-ball for staff and basket-ball for students, were conducted. The department also organised inter-collegiate tournament in athletics, foot- ball, table-tennis, cricket, basket-ball many years, in a exemplary way. In athletics, it has also organised state level championships.

Achievements:

Our college got affiliation to Nagarjuna University in the year 1975. In this span of 28 years of affiliation, the department of Physical Education has many achievements to its credit. In foot-ball, our team was winners for 20 years and were runners up for 2 years, in the Nagarjuna University inter- collegiate foot ball championship. In Nagarjuna University inter-collegiate athletics, our college was winners 16 years and were runners up 7 years. In Hockey our college participated only 18 times in the Nagarjuna University inter-collegiate and we won 13 years and 3 years runners up.

In 2000 - 03, our volley-ball team made the department proud by winning the NUIC volley ball championship for the first time in the history of 50 years of our college. Despite the best intention of successive Principals and all the efforts of the department for the progress of Physical Education activities in the college, the participation of students in good number has not been quite impressive. It is a pity that the students do not realise that the battles of life are won on the play fields. They can develop, by constant practice, the necessary co-ordination of everyone and muscles for carrying out vigorously any work.

This type of Physical activity gives them fitness and stamina throughout their life. If ever Physical Education is made a compulsory subject in our state, as has already been done in Punjab and other states, the college will only be too happy to do its best for its students in this field.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME : 2002-2003

A REPORT



Ch Sri Rama Chandra Murthy

Programme officer

INTRODUCTION: The National Service Scheme (NSS) was introduced on 24-08-1969 in Andhra Loyola College with one unit having a strength of 100 volunteers. Sri ESRK Prasad was the first Project Master, whose valuable leadership had greatly boosted the NSS Activities of our College. Sri N.Satyam succeeded him as a Programme Officer in the year 1981 and rendered praiseworthy service for 10 long years. After the sad and painful demise of Sri N.Satyam, Dr. Ch. Sree Rama Chandra Murthy took charge of the Unit-1 in 1993. We started Unit-II in the academic year 1983-'84 and Sri S.Prabhakara Rao was the Programme Officer for 3 years till 1986. Then Dr. V.Vallabha Rao took charge and rendered 8 years' service. Dr. G. Subrahmanya Sastry extended his service to this Unit for 4 years and Sri P. Srinivasa Sastry has been in-charge of the above Unit. We started Unit-III for girl students in the academic year 1997 and Mrs. Rosemary has been in-charge of the Unit.

ORIENTATION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS: We have been conducting orientation programmes for the volunteers to promote in them the ideals of non-violence, universal fraternity and religious tolerance. As a gesture of motivating service-mindedness among the students in general and volunteers in particular, the college ran for many years a monthly magazine entitled "CHALLENGE", and published innumerable articles, essays, stories and poems - all containing the spirit of patriotism and the feeling of brotherhood, national integrity and religious tolerance.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMME: Our staff and volunteers did exemplary and unparalleled service to the victims of the 1977 Tidal Wave in the Divi Taluk, Krishna District. By running a relief camp there during the tidal wave tragedy, fifteen of our staff members along with many volunteers did the painful and burdensome work of removing hundreds of dead bodies and burning them, distributing food packets and ration to the suffering and the needy, including the volunteers of the Social Service Organizations, who worked along with us. We also helped the victims of the villages by cleaning, land levelling the house plots, re-constructing their huts and also improving their living conditions by providing chlorinated drinking water brought from Vijayawada through water tanks. During other calamities like floods also, our volunteers did the same noteworthy service by distributing food and clothes to the people affected in those areas.

REGULAR PROGRAMMES: We have made it a rule to adopt a village or an urban slum



every year and accordingly we have so far adopted more than a 26 areas such as Sainagar, Arulnagar, Mytri Nagar, Christuraja Puram, Varalakshmi Nagar, Gangireddula Dibba, Pezzonpet, Ayyappanagar, Community center etc. We have tried to improve in these areas the living conditions of the poor, illiterate slum dwellers by conducting service activities of various categories mentioned below:

1. **MEDICAL CAMP:** Taking the assistance of the local doctor, we organized a good number of medical camps making free services accessible to all the poor and needy in the following places: Ramalingeswaranagar, Christurajapuram, Ibrahimpatnam, Gollapudi, Bhavanipuram and Krishna Lanka etc. Thus we have provided the slum dwellers the facilities of free eye check-up, dental check-up, immunization, health and hygiene and inculcate the habit of small savings, Aids awareness, good nutrition for sound health.

2. **SANITATION SERVICE:** We conducted sanitation programmes at several slum areas. Thus our volunteers practically cleaned the roads with brooms, chlorinated the water tanks and wells, sprayed lime powder along the dirty water drains, removed dirt and such other activities that would improve the hygienic conditions in the selected slum areas. We also tried to educate the ignorant dwellers in slums of keeping the surrounding clean for a healthy and happy life.

3. **VANAMAHOTSHAV:** As a gesture of sharing the National Programme of afforestation and plantation for enriching the greenness of our land, we have taken up yearly plantation programme and planted thousands of fruit and shade giving varieties of saplings in the adopted slums as well as in the vast college campus.

4. **ADULT EDUCATION:** We have been in touch with the nation-building activities by providing literacy to the illiterate adults, school dropouts in various slums and villages. We have been the fore-runners of the 'Akshara Krishna' programme which is given great importance today.

5. **TRAFFIC CONTROL:** In order to minimize the burden of the Traffic Police, our volunteers have been sharing the work of the traffic control for a number of years. Besides doing the work of the controlling the traffic in the busy areas like Bundar Road, Patamata, Autonagar and Ring Road, we took up the laborious task of distributing pamphlets to the pedestrians and vehicle drivers and pasting posters at the tea stalls and hotels on the high ways, where lorry drivers generally assemble for a brake, conveying them the measures to be taken for a safe and happy journey, thus avoiding accidents.

During the past two Krishna Pushkarams, our volunteers did an excellent and praiseworthy service both to the pilgrims and to the Traffic Officials in many ways like participating in the bundobust activities, near the bus stand, railway station, controlling crowds at the river Ghats and also providing necessary information to the pilgrims through mikes.

6. SURVEYS AND VERIFICATION SERVICES: We have conducted various types of service and verification such as socio-economic survey of the slums, immunization, survey, survey of the health conditions, ration cards verification, bank loan defaulters verification etc, for the benefit of the development authorities and social service organizations concerned and also submitted to them the reports of the activities stated above.

7. BLOOD DONATION: Our volunteers donated blood to needy persons at different hospitals and saved their valuable lives. We conducted a blood donation camp on 4 February. Rotary and Red Cross society officials came to our college campus and collected blood from 72 of our NSS volunteers. This blood will be distributed to the poor and needy patients, whenever necessary. We conducted blood grouping not only for the NSS volunteers but also all the students of the college donated blood by which they saved many critically ailing patients from life-threatening conditions.

8. CULTURAL PROGRAMMES: Under NSS activities, we are creating awareness in the identified areas by conducting some cultural programs like Street Plays, Songs, Dances, Mimes, and Sole Dramas. Moreover, we organized essay writing, elocution, quiz etc, for different school-going children and prizes were distributed to winners.

9. GUEST LECTURES: We organized guest lecturers not only for the students but also for the villagers in the following items: a) Food and Nutrition, b) Aids Awareness c) Clean and Green, d) Pulse Polio Immunization, e) child Labor issues, f) Population control, g) Leadership and Communication skills, h) Promotion of Self-financing in Dwera Mahila groups, i) Career guidance training for rural youth, j) Soft toys making, k) Awareness of Cottage industries, l) Awareness of government facilities to the disable, m) Awareness about pollution, n) Rural education, o) Inculcating the National Integration and Patriotism, p) Awareness on Secularism, q) Awareness about the use of Polythene bags, etc.

10. RALLIES: The following rallies were conducted on different occasions:

i) Cycle Rally – National Integration, Pulse Polio and Immunization, ii) Voters awareness Rally, iii) Aids Awareness rally, iv) Sadbhavana divas Rally, v) Kargil Rally – During the Kargil war, the whole college management, staff and students participated in this rally for moral support to our soldiers. Vi) Clean and Green, vii) Population Control etc.

11. JANMABHOOMI: This concept was started by the Honorable Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu with the spirit of 'Mahatma Gandhi'. This programme was launched in the year 1996 January to sensitize people towards societal problems. Under this, we conducted clean and green in the following areas with the assistance of the Municipal Corporation of Vijayawada and local panchayat authorities: Viz. a) Patamatalanka, b) Darsipet, c) Ramalingeswara nagar, d) Autonagar, e) Raja Rajeswaripet, f) Krishna Lanka, g) Burrial Grounds at Krishna Lanka and rural arrears, h) Mogal raj puram, i) Labbipet etc. Our volunteers conducted Micro-level plan in different areas and submitted the same to the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

12. ORISSA CYCLONE & GUJARAT EARTHQUAKE: A severe Cyclone affected Orissa in the year 2001. In the year 2001, Gujarat was greatly affected by a massive earthquake and in both cases so many people died. Our students collected donations from the people in Bus stand, Railway station, Autonagar, Patamata, Gunadala, Labbipet, all citybuses and door-to-door. The amount was donated to the Orissa and Gujarat people through the college authorities.

13. SPECIAL SERVICE CAMPS: We claim the credit of conducting special service camps every year at one backward village or slum area in the vicinity of Vijayawada. And, we are proud of our volunteers who did an excellent and incomparable service and places like Gosala, Vanukuru, Adavinekkalam, Gudavalli, Jakkulanekkalam, Kothuru Tadepalli, Velagaleru, Mutyalampadu, Penamaluru, Pedapulipaka, Chodavaram, Yenamalakuduru, Pathapadu, Mangala Puram, K Kndrika etc., Thus in the above stated villages they rendered several service activities some of which are mentioned below:

- a) Our volunteers conducted health programmes by distributing required medicines in times of seasonal diseases such as brain-fever, cholera, malaria, etc., providing free medical help with the assistance of local doctors and also bringing awareness among the villagers in matters of sanitation and cleanliness of their houses and surroundings.
- b) Though formation of roads is a practice prevalent in the NSS circles everywhere, our NSS volunteers did the arduous, challenging and exemplary task of forming roads in villages like Jakkulanekkalam which are situated high on hills where they were no proper roads at all. They practically smashed big boulders to pieces and formed good roads thus winning the laurels of the grateful villagers.
- c) Our volunteers did the double service of clearing the bushes from roadsides and also planting shade-giving saplings in common places like village parks etc.
- d) Our boys also extended a helping hand in matters of educating the villagers and also entertaining them with cultural programmes such as group songs, dances and one act plays besides conducting games and sports for the physical as well as mental evolution the villagers.
- e) By involving our volunteers in service activities for all-round rural development, we have strived to bring about awareness about rural problems among our students. Thus our NSS team has contributed the precious National Building Activities to the maximum possible extent.

We must gratefully mention here that in conducting all the above activities, we had the fullest co-operation of the past and present coordinators of NSS, Nagarjuna University.

NCC NAVAL WING IN ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE

Lt. Cdr. Dr. P. Balasundar Reddy



NCC Naval Wing was instituted in Andhra Loyola College in 1964 with one division having 50 cadets, commanded by one officer. In 1965, the Second Division was added with another 50 cadets, commanded by another officer. Since, its inception in the college, to date the strength of 100 cadets and 2 officers remain the same.

Andhra Loyola College Naval Wing NCC works under 8 (AP) Naval Unit, NCC, Vijayawada, which till April 2003 was part of Kakinada NCC Group and after that it has become part of Guntur NCC Group.

Associate NCC Officers

Former Officers:

1. Mr. **B. Koteswara Rao** was commissioned as Officer in 1964. He resigned from NCC in 1981 when he was holding the rank of **Lieutenant**.

2. Mr. **P. Ramakrishna** was commissioned as Officer in 1965. He served Naval Wing meritoriously for 27 long years till his retirement from NCC in 1992. This happened to be the longest service in NCC by an Associate NCC Officer in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh. At the time of retirement, he was holding the rank of **Lieutenant Commander**.

Present Officers:

1. **Dr. P. Balasundar Reddy** was commissioned as Officer in 1983. In the Pre-Commission training held at INS Mandovy, Goa, he was declared the **Second All India Best Officer Cadet** by the Director General, NCC. In June 1998, he was elevated to the rank of **Lieutenant Commander**. In November 2002, on the eve of **NCC Day** celebrations, he was decorated with **The Director General NCC Service Medal**. At present he is the senior most NCC Associate Officer of Naval Wing of Andhra Pradesh.

2. Mr. **M. Arokiasamy** was commissioned as Officer in 1996. He was promoted to the rank of **S/ Lt.** in 2002. He participated in the NCC Golden Jubilee Sailing Expedition in River Godavari in 1998.

Activities and Achievements of Cadets:

The Naval Wing activities have undergone a sea of change from its inception to the present day.

Training: In a year, forty parades, each of 2 hours duration, are conducted. Ever since 8 (AP) Naval Unit secured its own Boat Pool on the banks of the river Krishna in 2000, the



Naval Wing Cadets of our college have actively been involved in the water born sports. This Boat Pool is equipped with 8 types of boats namely CADET CLASS, ENTERPRISE BOAT, ASSAULT BOAT, SPEED BOAT, WATER SCOOTER WITH OBM, RESCUE BOAT WITH OBM, KYAK BOAT, AND WIND SURFER. The Water born sports include pulling, sailing, wind surfing, kayaking and swimming.

Other Activities of Cadets

Apart from the training activities of NCC, the Cadets help the local, State and National Authorities by their active participation in number of Social Welfare activities like Pulse Polio Awareness rallies and administering Polio drops, Adult Literacy Programmes, Blood Donation, Clean and Green Programme as part of the Janmabhoomi Programme, Helping the Police in maintaining Law and Order during elections and traffic control on important occasions, Fund raising for the victims during National Calamities, and Anti dowry programmes.

Camps

On an average, the number of Annual Training Camps held every year is 10 and average percentage of students who attend these camps every year is 75. Apart from the Annual Training Camps, a number of National Level Camps are held every year. These are:

1. All India Nausainik Camp
2. Advanced Leadership Camp
3. Sea Training Camp/ Ship Attachment Camp
4. Sailing Expedition
5. Trekking Camp
6. Pre Republic Day Camp, New Delhi
7. Republic Day Camp, New Delhi
8. National Youth Exchange Programme (Visit to foreign Countries)
9. National Integration Camp.

For the past ten years, only the Naval Wing Cadets of Andhra Loyola College have represented 8 (AP) Naval Unit in the prestigious Republic Day Camp. N Sudhakar who attended Republic Day Parade in 2001 was selected as 5th All India Best Naval Wing Cadet. In the long history of 8 (AP) Naval Wing Units, N Subhakar was the only cadet who was selected for the prestigious Youth Exchange Programme. As a part of it he visited Mauritius, Maldives, and Seychelles during October and November 2001. During the academic year 2001 – 2002, the 8 (AP) Naval Wing Unit NCC won the Championship trophy in the Inter Unit Competitions conducted at Visakhapatnam. In a contingent of 40 cadets, 15

were from Andhra Loyola College. Of these, 3 got Gold Medals, 4 got Silver Medals and 8 got Bronze Medals.

Unit Senior Cadet

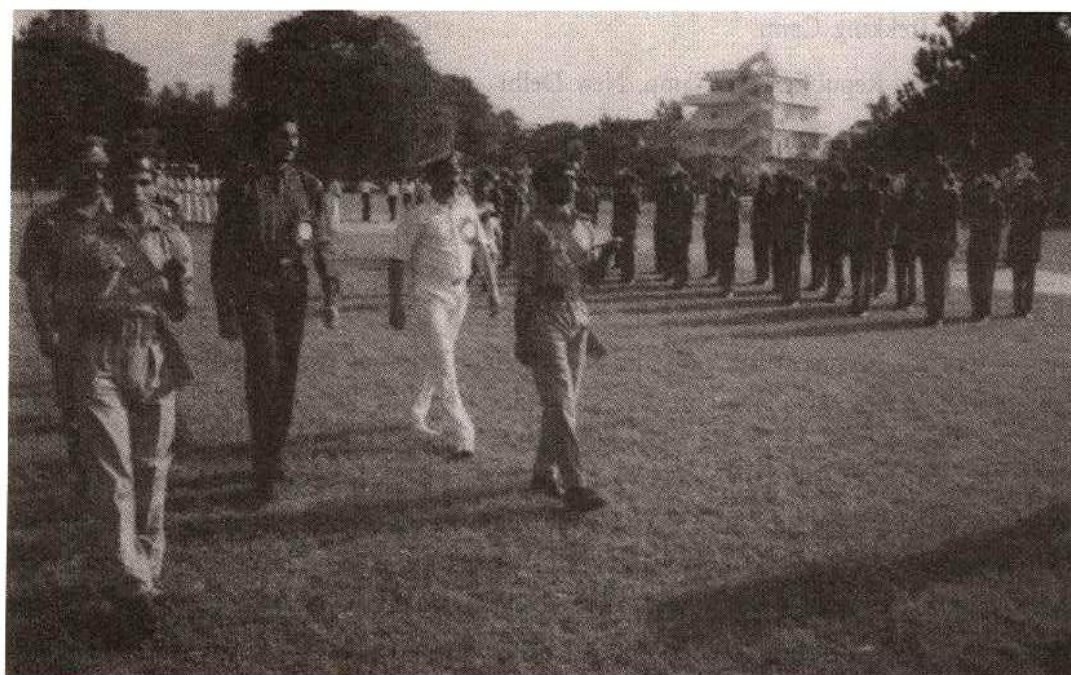
Every academic year the NCC Naval Unit selects a cadet as Senior Cadet Captain for the entire 8 (AP) Naval Unit, which has an overall strength of 400 boy cadets and 50 girl cadets. In the past 15 academic years, except during the 1998 - 99, in all other years a cadet of Andhra Loyola College was selected as Senior Cadet Captain.

Former Cadets

Many cadets of NCC Naval Wing of our college have been commissioned as Officers in the Indian Navy and in the Indian Army. A number of other former cadets hold high offices today and have excelled in various walks of life. Thus, the task of moulding the youth of the Nation into good future leaders has been well executed over the past forty years of history of Andhra Loyola College NCC Naval Wing.

Conclusion

The **National Cadet Corps** is basically a youth movement based in schools and colleges. Through multifarious activities from drill and basic training to advanced leadership and adventure training programmes, it is assiduously propagating among the youth, the ideals of Disciplined Service, Secularism and National Integration. Today, the National Cadet Corps armed with the motto of "**Unity and Discipline**", is steadily marching forward to meet the leadership challenge of the 21st Century.





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NCC ARMY WING

Capt. Dr. R. Ravindhra Bhas

Coy commander, NCC (Infantry)



The NCC (Infantry) Coy of Andhra Loyola College has been the pride of the college in discipline, and committed service and in upholding the values of the institution. The Coy has been a prime shareholder in the glorious history of the college and the flag-bearer of her mission to serve the community. Decisively moulding the character of thousands of students with NCC training, the coy nurtured them to be worthy citizens of the nation. It is no wonder that most of the Loyola alumni, occupying high positions in the society, were also NCC cadets. Discipline, commitment, leadership, confidence and selfless service are the indelible marks made by NCC on the minds of young Loyalties.

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

The NCC (Infantry) unit was started in 1955 with one platoon under the command of the first NCC officer of the college, 2/ Lt. V. Suryaprakasa Rao. The training activity started on 19th July 1955 with 50 cadets under 1 Andhra Battalion NCC. The commanding Officer of the Battalion was Capt. A. S. Reddy.

In 1958, the cadet strength was increased to 167 with four NCC officers with 2/ Lt. Y. Rajagopala Rao, and 2/ Lt. M. D. A. Ananda Rao joining the force. This was a remarkable year in the history of Loyola NCC. The coy was then part of newly formed 7 Andhra Battalion. On 29-1-58, on the eve of college day, the coy presented Guard of Honour to a great personality of the times, Sri K. Raghuramaiah, Deputy Defence Minister of the Union. In 1961, the Infantry strength was increased to 209.

On 8th Dec 1963, the Director General of NCC, Maj. Gen. Veerendra Singh, visited ALC and was honored with a parade of 1500 cadets under the commandership of Capt. M. D. A. Ananda Rao. In 1965, Dr. Srinivasa Iyengar, Vice- Chancellor of Andhra University, visited the college and was impressed by the Guard of Honour given by the NCC cadets. The year 1965, is also a memorable year for other reasons. Lt. N. Balashauriah took charge as an NCC officer and our under officer V. Ravikumar of B. Sc. excelled in the "Earl Roberts Shooting Competition" and was adjudged as "The Best Shot in India". Our team was "The Best Cadet Shooting Team" in Andhra Pradesh. In the same year Cadets S. S. K. Anjaneyulu and A. Leela Prasad emerged as the best shots in the Bardwan Shooting Competitions while cadet T. A. N. Sharma got the distinction of Best Buoyan Fighter in the state. The NCC

Coy rendered great relief service in the Krishna floods that had devastating effect in the region.

1966 was also a glorious year for NCC with a good number of cadets taking part in the Republic Day Parade, New Delhi, under the leadership of 2/ Lt. .P.Rayanna, 2/ Lt. .Sitaram, 2/ Lt. K. Chandra Mohan, 2/ Lt. K. Venkataraman, a new generation of NCC officers.

In 1980, Maj. M. D. A. Ananda Rao retired from NCC as the NCC officer. He was a remarkable officer with the longest service in NCC. He established a great tradition and left a grand legacy with his able services. The charge was taken over by another icon in the NCC, 2/ Lt. S. P .Ramaraju. His tenure as NCC officer was remarkable. It is during his tenure that a special B. A. Course was started in Military Sciences with the combination of History and Political Science. Regular army officers used to come and take classes for the students. Capt. Ramaraju rendered valuable services till 1990 and Dr. R. Ravindrabhas who is the present commander of the coy took the charge.

TRAINED TO EXCEL

The fundamental aim of NCC training to inculcate discipline, courage, comradeship, and spirit of adventure and officer-like qualities among the Cadets. The Coy is committed to impart the most effective training to the Cadets with the help of Parade Instruction staff and Cadet instructors.

The training includes drill, weapon training, field craft, battle craft, map reading, civil defence, first aid etc. with special emphasis on service activities. Apart from regular institutional training, the cadets are given special training at annual training camps, Basic Leadership Camps, Army Attachment Camps, Mountaineering Camps, National Integration Camps, and Talsainik Camps that sharpen the Cadets in various aspects.

The Cadets are involved in multifarious service activities like Janmabhoomi, Clean and Green, Health and Hygiene Campaigns, Awareness programmes on AIDS, Blood Donation, Eye Donation, Child labour, Literacy etc. The participatory involvement of the Cadets in these programmes gives value education a practical edge. The Cadets are made to be conscious of social reality and are committed to social service through selfless service.

The Cadets who pass out of NCC with B/C Certificates are changed ones with remarkable awareness and splendid personality. They naturally gain superiority and are given special consideration in advance studies or recruitment to jobs.



MANY HANDS

NCC training is a collective effort where many hands join together for the benefit of the students. The institutional support, the NCC officers, the under officers, the P. I. Staff, the commanding officers, civilian staff, the college administration all come together to make it happen.

The Loyola NCC Coy has been darling of successive army officers and is nurtured with special initiative by P. I. Staff. The coy salutes to them with high regard.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge all those NCC officers of past who turned NCC training into institutional pride and paved the way for excellence. The successive Principals, Vice-Principals, Rectors of the college contributed to the grandeur of NCC in the college.

I express my deep sense of gratitude to the Principal, Fr. C. Peter Raj, Commanding Officer of 17 Andhra Battalion, Lt. Col. K. K. Sircar, Commander of Kakinada NCC group, Col. S. K. Singh. The P. I. Staff deserve a special mention for their remarkable training skill which make the Cadets worthy of honour. The Cadets with their discipline and commitment are the ones who are indeed passing on the NCC tradition to successive generations. I consider myself to be fortunate to be their leader. NCC gave me yet another opportunity to serve the institution which made me what I am today.



NCC AIR WING

Flg/ Offr K. V. Vijaya Babu

Pilot Officer - Air Wing



General Information

The NCC Air Wing of Andhra Loyola College (Flight A) works under the 8 (Andhra) Air Squadron unit, NCC, Vijayawada.

The formal orders for raising the NCC Air Wing Unit in Andhra Loyola College were issued on 1.10.1959. With these orders, Andhra Loyola College became the second college in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh to have the NCC Air Wing.

During 1960 - 61, the strength of the Air Wing rose from 100 to 150. The NCC was made compulsory for college students on 15 August 1963 after the Indo-China war. During the academic year 1964 - 65, the strength rose from 150 to 200. By 1966 about 15 air wing cadets joined in the regular Indian Air Force as Commissioned Officers in various branches. During August 1966, due to absence of training in gliding and power flying the unit was kept in suspended animation. However, with the kind intervention of the Father Principal, it was retained permanently. During the 1965 Indo-Pak war one of our old boys Flg/Officer K. B. Sharma, laid down his life while serving the nation. Flg/Officer D. P. Chinoy, another old boy escaped the enemy fire after bailing out of his plane. During 1967 - 68, the site for gliding was acquired in Gannavaram. However, due to paucity of funds the construction activities did not take place. During 1969 - 70, the strength was reduced from 200 to 163 and during 1971, the NCC training was made voluntary and the strength got reduced to 100.

Nature of Training

The cadets of Air Wing are trained in both 'Theory and practice of flying'. The cadets are taught subjects like Principles of Flight, Air navigation, Meteorology, Aero Engines, Airframes etc. They are trained in foot drill and about weapons. They are also taught to make aero models and flying techniques. The most interesting and adventurous part of the Air Wing training is 'gliding'. The cadets started receiving glider training (Rohini and Ardhra type gliders) since 23.11.1982 at Gannavaram airfields. One micro light Aircraft (AGNI STOL CH701) has been allotted to the unit and cadets have been receiving training from 12.1.2001.

the average number of combined annual training camps held every year (CATC) is 10

the average percentage of cadets who attend CATA every year 60%.

Achievement by the Officer and Cadets since 1993.

Pilot Officer - Sri KV Vijaya Babu

- a. Attended the 19th senior division Pre-commissioning course at Air Force Administrative College, Coimbatore from 15.6.93 to 6.9.93. He stood first during the 19th SDPC and was awarded a gold medal.
- b. Leading the 45 Air Wing cadets he participated in the Janmabhoomi programme from 2.1.99 to 9.1.99 in different villages of Kalidindi mandalam, Krishna District.
- c. Participated along with 24 cadets in the smooth conduct of the State Legislative Assembly elections on 18.9.99 at Vijayawada.
- d. He has been a member of the Examination Committee for 'B' & 'C' certificate examination since 1994.

Cadets

The performance of Air Wing cadets over the last seven years has been quite impressive. Some of the achievements are given below:

Youth exchange programme

Cadet under Officer Canute Jacob was selected under YEP and he was in Singapore from 10th June to 24th June 1995. In 1994, he was selected as the best cadet of AP State and was presented CM's gold medal and a cash award of Rs. 3000/-.

Cdt/ sgt Ritesh Khandelwal was adjudged the second best cadet at the national level during the Republic Day parade on 26.1.1997. He was selected under the YEP and was in Canada from 3.6.97 to 17.6.97.

Cdt/ W.O K. Vijaya Durga Prasad was the third cadet to get selected from the NCC Air Wing of Andhra Loyola College for the YEP. He was in Singapore from 3.6.2000 to 17.6.2000.

Republic Day Cadets

The following cadets took part in the prestigious Republic Day camp held in New Delhi:

G. Moses & Ritesh Khandelwal - 1997, T. Vidyadhar - 1998, B. Samuel - 1999, K. V. Durga Prasad - 2000, P. Raghavendra Rao & B. Krishna Kishore - 2001, K. Vidya Sagar - 2002.

Other activities of the cadets:

Apart from the training activities of the air wing, the cadets help the local, state and national authorities by their active participation in a number of social service activities. Following are some of the programmes:

- a. Blood donation
- b. Tree plantation
- c. Pulse polio awareness rallies on the eve of pulse polio programme
- d. Helping the police in the maintenance of law and order during elections
- e. Fund raising under the NCC unit during the national calamities
- f. Cooperating with the police authorities in controlling traffic on important occasions.

**The following members of the staff have served as
the Officers of the Air Wing**

1. Plt/ Offr N. Gopala Rao (Phy)	1959 - 60
2. Flg/ Offr B. Subba Reddy (Chem)	1960 - 63
3. Plt/ Offr T. Krishna Murthy (Bot)	1961 - 62
4. Flg/ Offr K. Gopala Rao (Phy)	1963 - 70
5. Plt/ Offr K. Gangadhara Rao (Phy)	1964 - 67
6. Flg/ Offr K. Nageswara Rao (Phy)	1967 - 80
7. Flg/ Offr V. Sri Rama Murthy (Bot)	1981 - 92
8. Flg/ Offr K. V. Vijaya Babu (Pol. Sci)	since 1992

Fr. U. S. Paul, S.J. (1939 - 2001)

Fr. Paul was a scholar and administrator. He was a harmonious blend of the ancient and the modern, profane and divine, classical and ordinary. He was at home with the literature of the East and the West. He had a prodigious and retentive memory. Paul's forte was administration. Even before he took his final vows, he was made Rector of Andhra Loyola College, within a year he was appointed Superior of Andhra Region. When his term was over, he was again Rector of ALC and then Rector and Principal of Loyola Academy. When the Raja Reddy family wanted to donate their Pulivendla College and Poytechnic to the Society, Fr. Paul was sent to become Correspondent and Principal. "Fr. Paul was a bridge between the State and the Church, between the Hindu and the Christian". . .



THE HEPSN PROJECT

HEPSN

(Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs) is a UGC programme to promote and support disabled students, hereafter called physically challenged students (PCS). "Barrier free environment" for the PCS is the motto of the project.

The following are the different kinds of disabilities:

1. Physically Handicapped
2. Deaf and Dumb
3. Visually Handicapped
4. Mentally Retarded
5. Multiple Handicapped

HEPSN PROGRAMME:

At present, our college has 27 students who are physically challenged. Of them 10 are Visually Challenged, 16 are Orthopaedically Challenged and 01 is Deaf.

On the HEPSN Project, the following services are rendered for these students.

- ⇒ Obtain Medical Certificates to students from Government General Hospital
- ⇒ Arrangement of Bus passes and Railway concessions to the PCS.
- ⇒ Submission of Scholarship applications to the government
- ⇒ Employment Registration
- ⇒ Arrangement of Scribes during the examinations
- ⇒ Observation of World Disabled Day and Competitions in Essay writing, Elocution, Singing, Chess, Instrumental Music, Caroms, Quiz, Spot Painting, Slogan writing, Debating and Cricket.
- ⇒ Distribution of Tri-cycles
- ⇒ Construction of Hand Railings to assist in climbing the stairs.
- ⇒ Construction of Ramp at Auditorium for free entry and exit.
- ⇒ Construction of Special Toilets.
- ⇒ Arrangement of Musical Instruments on the college premises.
- ⇒ Orientation Programme conducted to PCS and Smt. V. Himabindu - Regional Employment Officer, Sri Ramaiah - District Employment Officer, Sri Ramaiah - District Employment Officer and Dr. T. Satya Kishore - District Rehabilitation Officer attended the programme. Employment opportunities and Training facilities, career guidance

programmes highlighted by the employment officers and arrangement of Artificial Limbs, Medical Assistance and necessary equipment needed to the PCS informed by the D.R.O.

- ⇒ Placement Assistance to PCS
- ⇒ Monthly Meeting will be conducted for the PCS to identify their problems and seek redressal.
- ⇒ Conselling will get by PCS from the college counselor for their career aspects.
- ⇒ Regular health check-up to PCS from specialised doctors every quarter.
- ⇒ Blood grouping has been done for the PCS to help them in crisis.
- ⇒ Three HEPSN volunteers are always ready and available to assist the PCS
- ⇒ Liaison with D.R.O. & Asst. Director - Disabled Welfare to identify the facilities provided by the government to the challenged students and inform them of the same.

The following students are HEPSN Volunteers

DET -13 A. KHAJA VALI, ACP -11 M. LOKNATH, NEH - 8 M. SIVA KUMAR

FUTURE PLANS OF HEPSN

A special Library for the Visually Challenged students.

A separate HEPSN building containing the office for the Co-ordinator to conduct counselling and orientation programmes for the various types of the students coming under the project containing a separate Rest Room for these students with lockers.

Rikshaw Transportation will be provided for the PCS from nearest Bus Stop/Center to College.

The HEPSN project owes special tanks to Dr. Ch. Sree Rama Chandra Murthy, Mr. T.Srikumar, Dr. P. Ramanujam, Mr. D. Praveen and other colleagues for all their support to the project.

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

K. Hanumantha Rao

Extension Officer, ALC



Both the New Education Policy and the Higher Education Development Commission (UGC) Revised Guidelines for the Autonomous Colleges lay ample stress on the social responsibility an institution of higher learning should inculcate in students. Relevance to local needs and linkage with neighborhood are two important dimensions the Andhra Loyola College in the overall planning of its academic programmes. Extension service is the important third arm of the university education along with teaching and research.

VISION OF THE COLLEGE

The Vision of Andhra Loyola is geared towards forming men and women of Competence, Conscience, Compassionate concern and Commitment.

Competence is created by relevant syllabus and effective teaching-testing methodology coupled with constant encouragement to intellectual inquisitiveness for acquisition of more knowledge and skills.

Students are helped to shape a morally well-ordered Conscience through Value Education.

An attitude of Compassionate Concern and Commitment in students will be strengthened by the Extension Programme – ALERT that is integrated into the academic programme

Andhra Loyola Extension Service for Rural Transformation (ALERT) was inaugurated on 10th September, 2003 and it is effectively functioning with two extension officers. Mr. K. Adam and Mr. K. Hanumantha Rao

OBJECTIVES OF ALERT

The Objective of ALERT is to sensitize our students to the stark social realities of the rural and urban poor. These students, socially sensitized, will contribute to the enhancement of the quality of the life of the poor among whom they work. This involves the following:

- To bring in greater relevance to the courses of study by utilizing the knowledge gained in the class room to the development of the community.
- To develop social consciousness and social commitment among the students.
- To provide rural orientation to the relatively privileged urban students.



- To foster social change by empowering the powerless with skills to solve their manifold problems more systematically
- To enable students look at social realities critically through Social Analysis.

ALERT PROGRAMME

During the academic year 2003 - 04, all the first year degree students completed 40 hours of service in the following way.

Orientation -	8 hours
Exposure visits -	12 hours
Field visits -	20 hours

In the orientation, the Extension Programme Officers and other NGOs' personnel explained the programmes to the students.

Students learned from the following NGOs' under exposure visits:

- Navajeevan Bala Bhavan
- Care and Share charitable trust
- Vasavya Mahila Mandali
- Nehru Yuva Kendra
- World Vision of India
- Jagruthi
- SKCV children trust
- AMG India, etc.

As on part of Field Visits, the following villages were covered under ALERT programme: From 24-11-2003 to 27-11-2003 AEP, AP, AC, AEH, AET, AGH, AEM students visited Mustabad village, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District.

From 28-11-2003 to 30-11-2003 AB, ABM, AML, AZ, ACP, ASC, AEC students visited Kesarapalli village, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District.

The following social service programmes done in the villages

- Clean and Green programme
- Shrama Danam programme
- AIDS Awareness programme
- Eradication of child labour
- Awareness about Education, Health and Hygiene
- Pollution control
- Career guidance to rural youth
- Household surveys
- Self employment programme
- Formation of roads and canals etc.

The ALERT students learned the following from the village people

- Functioning of DWACRA Groups
- Promotion of Self-Finances
- Rural youth programmes
- Women societies and its functions



- Youth societies and their programmes

ALERT students played street skit, dance, seminars, personal guidance and counseling etc. about anti-social issues like AIDS, Pollution, Education, Health and hygiene etc.

The following Lecturers of ALC participated in the ALERT programme:

Mr. Ramakrishna, Mr. Vijayasunanda, Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Yaminikanth, Mr. Anjaneyulu, Mr. Chandra Sekhar, Mr. Prabhakar, Mr. Srinivas, Dr. Dayakar, Ms. Nirmala Mary, Ms. Eeswari, Mr. John, Mr. Phani Srinivas, Mr. Gurava Reddy, Mrs. Lavanya and Mr. Amarnath etc.

Br. Susai Arul, S.J.
(1917 - 1994)



Br. Susai Arul spent most of his 50 years as a Jesuit in Andhra, dividing his period roughly: 17 years in ALC, 10 years in LPS, 8 years in St. Patrick's and one year in the Nambur Novitiate. During these 36 years, he never once went back to Tamil Nadu though he could with all legitimacy have gone for holidays, for making his retreat. His detachment from home and people was so radical and his attachment to Andhra was so total.

During his 50 years, he handled a variety of jobs that Brothers rarely do: Mess Manager, Procurator, in-charge of the farm and fields. He made no plans for the future, he was essentially man of the present.

While he was in Secunderabad, he got interested in prayer groups and began conducting family prayer meetings. He was given the gift of healing not from physical illness but to heal the tensions and rifts in families and among families.

Wherever he had been, he was very devoted to the workers under his charge and helped them materially begging from his friends, shopkeepers and others. Above all he helped them spiritually. *Arulnagar* of Gunadala village in Vijayawada will ever remain in memory of his love for the poor. His love and concern for the poor urged him to begin a small Telugu medium school, which in the course of years has become the Loyola Telugu School in LPS campus.

Relentless in the performance of his daily tasks, yet accessible to anyone, capable of deep affection, he lived his seventy-seven years unruffled and unperturbed. His life of prayer, his devotion to Mary and to the Bible: these were the secrets that he carried home to his Lord and Master. His admirable life can be summarized in his own words: "to live is to love, to love is to give".

- Fr. V. T. G.

మా లోయాల

- మెట్టా వెంకటేశ్వర రావు

అది 1953 సంవత్సరం యావత్ ఆంధ్రదేశంలో సంతోషం, సంచలనం సృష్టించిన వార్త పత్రికల్లో వెలువడింది. దక్షిణ భారత దేశంలో పరమ ప్రఖ్యాతి వహించిన మద్రాసు లోయాల కళాశాలను నిర్వహించే Society of Jesus వారు విజయవాడలో కూడా ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కళాశాల అనే పేరుతో ఒక విద్యాలయాన్ని స్థాపిస్తున్నారనేదే ఆవార్త. ఆంధ్రదేశం పలు ప్రాంతాల్లోని విద్యాభిమానులైన ఉదారులెంతో మంది ఆకైస్తవ స్వాముల్ని ఆహ్వానించి ఉదారంగా సహాయ సహకారాలను అందించటానికి పూనుకోవటమే ఆంధ్రలోయాల కళాశాల ఆవిర్భవానికి హేతువు. విజయవాడ నగరానికి వెలుపలగా 100 ఎకరాల భూమిని సంస్థకి స్వాధీనం చేయటమే గాక కళాశాల వసతి గృహాల నిర్మాణానికి ఎందరెందరో విరాళాల వర్షం కురిపించారు.

నిర్మాణం శరవేగంతో సాగింది.

అటు విద్యార్థులను, ఇటు అధ్యాపకుల్ని ఆహ్వానిస్తూ ప్రకటనలు వెలువడ్డాయి. విద్యార్థుల విషయం అవతల ఉంచితే - అధ్యాపక పదవికోసం ఆశించినవారు ఎందరెందరో ఆ సంస్థలో పనిచేయగలిగితేనే చాలు అన్న భావనతో ఆ పదవికి కావలసిన అర్హతల్ని క్రొత్తగా సాధించడమే గాక ఆయా కళాశాలల్లో అప్పటికే పనిచేస్తున్న వారు కూడా అభ్యర్థనలు పంపించారు. ఏ సంస్థ అయినా కట్టుబాటుతో నియమనిబంధనలతో లక్ష్య సిద్ధిని చేకూర్చే సక్రమమైన మార్గంలో నడవాలంటే ఆ సంస్థ నిర్వాహక వర్గం చాల సమర్థవంతమైనదై ఉండాలి. అందుకనే మద్రాసు కళాశాలలో ప్రిన్సిపల్ గా పనిచేస్తున్న Fr. Mathias ఈ కళాశాలకు ప్రారంభక ప్రిన్సిపాల్ గా ప్రత్యేకంగా తీసుకురావటం జరిగింది. ఈ స్వామి వ్యక్తిత్వం చాలా విశిష్టమైనది. నిశిత బుద్ధి, నిశ్చలమైన నిర్ణయాలు, ప్రభావాలకు లోనుగాని కార్య నిర్వహణ ఇట్లు ఒక సంస్థ యొక్క నిర్వహణానికి కావలసిన గుణాలన్నీ మూర్తీభవించినవాడు.

అధ్యాపకపదవికై ఆశించినవారి అభ్యర్థన పత్రాన్ని జల్లెడపట్టి పట్టి, నిలచినవారిని ఇంటర్వ్యూకి పిలిచి తానొక్కడే అన్ని పరీక్షలు పెట్టి నెగ్గిన వారినే మొత్తం 18 మందిని ఆయా శాఖల్లో నియమించుకోవటం జరిగింది. 1954 జూలై 16న ప్రారంభించటానికి సంకల్పించినా ఆగష్టు 1న ప్రారంభించటం జరిగింది. దేశం నలుమూలలనుంచీ వచ్చిన విద్యార్థులతో ఒకే బ్లాకులో నాలుగే నాలుగు సెక్షన్లతో విద్యా సంవత్సరం ప్రారంభమయింది.

ఇక అధ్యాపకులమైన మా పరిస్థితి ఈనాడైతే ఈకళాశాల ఊరి మధ్యలోనే అయింది



గాని ఆనాడైతే ఊరికి చాలా దూరంలోనే ఉన్నట్లు లెక్క. అదీకాక రహదారినుండి కిలోమీటరు కొండ ప్రక్క డొంక దారినే పోతే ఎక్కడో పాలాల్లో ఉండేది. వానకులిస్తే ఆదారినిండా నిలువెత్తు గోతులు పడేవి. మా యోగక్షేమాన్ని కాంక్షించిన కొండవాసులు ఆ గుంటల్లో ప్రమాద సూచికల్ని పోతేవాళ్ళు. మేం జారుతూ పడుతూ లేస్తూ మొత్తానికి ఎట్లాగో కళాశాల ఆవరణలోకి చేరుకునే వాళ్ళం. అంతా వ్యవసాయపు పొలమేగా మంచి వర్షం కురిసిందంటే ఆవరణ అంతా దమ్ము చేసి నాటుకి సిద్ధంగా ఉన్న చేనులాగా ఉండేది. మొదటి బెల్లు కాక ముందే జల్లెంగులో అడుగు పెట్టి రెండో బెల్లు కోసం చెవులు రిక్కించుకుని ఉండగా మోగనే మోగేది. తడిసిన బట్టలు, బురద చారల్తోనే మా శరీరాలు అప్రయత్నంగా వెళ్ల వెలసిన క్లాసురూం దగ్గరకు పరుగెత్తి రూము ముందు నిలబడేవి. అప్పటికే విద్యార్థులంతా వచ్చి కూర్చుని ఉండేవాళ్ళు. అంతా నిశబ్దమే. గుహలోనుంచీ సింహం బయటకి వచ్చినట్లుగా తన రూములోంచి బయటికి వచ్చి ఫాదర్ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ ఆవరణ అంతా కలయ జూసేవారు. వరండాలో నాలుగు గదులు ముందు నలుగురు అధ్యాపకులు తప్ప మరో పిట్ట వుండే ప్రసక్తే లేదు. మూడో బెల్లు ప్రోగటమేమిటి? క్లాసురూములో అడుగు పెట్టటం - అటెండెన్సు తీసుకోవటం పాఠం మొదలు పెట్టటం అంతా క్షణాలమీద సాగిపోయేది. గంట సేపు పాఠం సాగాల్సిందే.

లోయోలా సంస్కృతిలో పాఠాలు చెప్పటం చదవటం ఎంత ముఖ్యమో వ్రాత పని అంతకంటే ముఖ్యం. ప్రతి వారం ఇంగ్లీషు అయితే రెండు గంటలు, తెలుగుతే ఒక గంటా కాంపోజిషన్ ఎసైన్మెంట్ విద్యార్థి వ్రాయాల్సిందే అది దిద్ద బడాల్సిందే. అందుకనే పాఠాలు చెప్పటానికి అయిదుగురు లెక్చరర్లు వుంటే కాంపోజిషను దిద్దటానికి ఏడుగురు ట్యూటర్లు ఉండేవారు. అధ్యాపకులు కూడా లెక్క ప్రకారం కొన్ని దిద్దవలసిందే. దిద్దట మంటే అట్లా ఇట్లా కాదు. ఒక పదమో - లేక - వాక్యమే ఎందుకుతప్పిందో - ఒప్పు రూపం ఏమిటో కూడా సూచిస్తూ దిద్ద బడాలి. విద్యార్థి మళ్ళీ ఆ తప్పు చేసే అవకాశం లేకుండా, పాపం ఒక ఫాదర్ ఇంగ్లీషు-డిపార్టుమెంటులో ఉండేవారు. ప్రతిరోజు చంకన పట్టినన్ని కాంపోజిషన్ పుస్తకాలు క్వార్టర్లకి తీసుకెళ్ళి దిద్ది మర్నాడు పట్టు కొస్తూ ఉండేవారు. ఎందుకని? తోటి అధ్యాపకులకి మార్గదర్శకంగా ఉండటమే గాక విద్యార్థులకి కూడా ఆపని ఉపయోగమేమిటో తెలియజెప్పటానికే. నాకు బాగా గుర్తు. ఒకసారి క్లాసులో ఒక విషయం తప్పు చెప్పేను. ఆవారంతపు కాంపోజిషన్ లో విద్యార్థులందరూ నా తప్పుని నాకు అప్ప జెప్పారు. బయట పడకుండా తెలివిగా తరువాత ఎప్పుడో ఆ తప్పుని దిద్దుకున్నాననుకోండి.

ఇక - కాలేజికి ఎప్పుడైనా సెలవు పెట్టవలసి వచ్చిందంటే అదొక పెద్ద ప్రమాదంలో

చిక్కుకున్నట్లు గుంజాటిన పడేవాళ్ళం. ప్రిన్సిపాలుకి ముందుగా చెప్పి అంగీకారాన్ని పొందిన తర్వాతనే సెలవు చీటీ ఇవ్వటం. హఠాత్తుగా ఏదైనా అవసరం వచ్చో, జ్వరం తగిలో ముందుగా చెప్పే అవకాశం లేకపోతే తరువాత సంజాయిషీ చెప్పకోవటానికి తల ప్రాణం తోకకి వచ్చేది. చెప్పబోవటానికే దడా, వణుకు... అసలు లీవే గాదు, ఎప్పుడైనా కాలేజికి లేటు అవుతామేమో అనే భయం కూడా. తెల్లవారి లేస్తూనే ఏ పని చేసుకుంటున్నా గడియారం మీదే దృష్టి అప్పడప్పడు కాలేజికి లేటు అయినట్లు ప్రిన్సిపాలు కంటబడ్డట్లు కలలు కూడా వచ్చేవి.

అయితే ఇంత కఠోరంగా ఉండేదన్న మాట లోయోలా సర్వీసు అని అనుకుంటే పొరపాటే. అంతక్రమబద్ధంగా ఉంటుందనేది సత్యం. అట్లా పని చేశాం కాబట్టే అంతో ఇంతో సామర్థ్యాన్ని సంపాదించుకోవటమే కాకుండా కొన్ని వేల మంది ఈ దేశంలోనూ, విదేశాల్లోనూ ఉన్న పూర్వ విద్యార్థుల స్మృతి పథంలో నిలచిఉండే అదృష్టం కలిగింది.

పాలక వర్గానికి డబ్బు విషయంలో గట్టిపట్టి అయినా లైబ్రరీ విషయం వచ్చేటప్పటికి చూపే “భరోసా” ఆశ్చర్యం. పుస్తకం అంటే చాలు. ఎంత డబ్బు అయినా సరే లైబ్రరీకి చేరాల్సిందే. సాధారణంగా పెద్ద పెద్ద లైబ్రరీల్లో వుండని గ్రంథాలు లొయోలా లైబ్రరీలో చేరినాయి. ఉపయోగించుకున్న వారికి ఉపయోగించుకున్నంత. కాస్తాకూస్తా చదువుకున్నామంటే మేం కళాశాలల్లో చదువుకున్నది కొద్ది మాత్రమే. లొయోలా లైబ్రరీలోనే ఎక్కువ.

మరొక్క విషయం కాలేజీ బాగా వృద్ధి పొందింతర్వాత అధ్యాపకులం దాదాపుగా వందమందిమి అయ్యాయి. ఇంతమందిమయినా ఎప్పుడూ ఎవరూ ఒకరితో ఒకరు ఏవిధమైన మాటామాటా అనుకోవటంగాని, ఎడమొగం, పెడమొగంగా ఉండటం గాని ఏనాడూ లేదు. కాలేజీలో ఉన్నప్పడేకాకుండా బయట తారసపడ్డా ఆప్యాయతా, అనురాగమూ సోదరభావమే. ఆంధ్రా లొయోలాలో పనిచేసిన అన్ని వసంతాలూ అధ్యాపకుల జీవితంలో వసంతాలే.



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దక్షిణ భారత తక్షశిల ఆంధ్ర లోయోల. వాగులు, వంకలు, కొండలు, గుట్టలు, దాటుకుంటూ, నిర్జర రురీ గంగా ప్రవాహంగా ముందుకు సాగుతున్నది 50 సంవత్సరాల మన లోయోల. ఈ కళామతల్లి ఒడిలో అటలు ఆడి, పాటలు పాడి, మాటలు నేర్చి, ప్రగతికి బాటలు వేసిన వారెందరో. ఇచ్చట జీవితం ఒక కళ, ఒక ఆరాధన, ఒక తపస్సు, ఒక మృదు మధుర స్వప్నం. ఈ తీరాంధ్ర సరస్వతీ నిలయానికి మూలస్థంభాలు ముగ్గురు - క్రమశిక్షణకు పేరొందిన థియో మత్తయస్ (Fr. Theo, the disciplinarian), పరిపాలనాదక్షుడు గార్డన్ (Fr. Gordon, the administrator), విద్యావేత్త ఫ్రాన్సిస్ (Fr. Francis, the educationist). ఈ పటిష్ట పునాదులపై రమ్యహర్యాలు నిర్మించి, విద్యాసౌరభాలు వెదజల్లినారు. ఫాదరు ఇన్నయ్య, ఫాదరు జాన్, ఫాదర్ కొరియకోస్, ఫాదర్ శౌరయ్య, ఫాదర్ పీటర్ రాజ్. ఆంధ్ర లోయోల రథ సారధులలో మరొక విశిష్టవ్యక్తి ఫాదర్ తెకమురి. ఈయనకు ముఖ్యం పదవి కాదు, ప్రతిష్ట. ధనం కాదు, గుణం. చదువు కాదు, సంస్కారం. తరాలు మారుతున్నా తరగని మానవత్వం ఆయనది. ఇంకా ఎందరో ఫాదర్లు, బ్రదర్లు. ఈ కళాశాల జెన్నత్యానికి పాటు పడ్డారు.



ఆంధ్రలోయోల విద్యావికాసానికి కృషి చేసిన మహోపాధ్యాయులను ఈ స్వర్ణోత్సవాల సందర్భంగా స్మరించాలి. సర్వశ్రీ వి.వి. కృష్ణారావుగారు, ఆంబ్రూస్ గారు, వై.వి. సుబ్బారావు గారు, కల్లూరి బసవేశ్వరరావు గారు, కొత్తపల్లి కేశవరావు గారు, డి. సత్యనారాయణ మూర్తి గారు, ఇ.బి. సత్యం గారు, కోటగిరి విశ్వనాథరావుగారు మొదలగువారు పాండిత్య ప్రకర్షతో, కర్తవ్య నిష్ఠతో ఎన్నో తరాల విద్యార్థులను తీర్చిదిద్దారు. లోయోల ప్రాంగణంలో ప్రతి లెక్చరరూ, తనదైన బాణిలో ఈ కళాశాల ప్రాభవ, వైభవాలకు పాటు పడ్డవారే. వీరంతా **Leading lights of Loyola**. నేటి తరానికి మార్గదర్శకులు వీరు. వీరి స్ఫూర్తితో ఈ కళాశాల ముందుకు, మున్ముందుకు, అభ్యుదయ పథంలో పయనించటం ఎంతైనా ముదావహం.

ఆంధ్రా లోయోలాకు ఒక ప్రత్యేకత, ఒక ఉత్పవృత్త ఉన్నాయి. లోయోల వ్యవస్థ వినూత్నమైనది. వ్యక్తులు మారినా, వ్యవస్థ పటిష్టంగా ఉండటం, దీని పద్ధతి. అందుకే లోయోలా సంస్థలు, ఎన్నో ఒడుదుడుకులు, సమీక్షలలో వచ్చినా, ఐజయవంతంగా మునగిల్గుతున్నాయి.

ఆంధ్ర లోయోలా విశిష్ట లక్షణాలు :-

1. పంచాక్షరి :- లోయోలా ప్రాంగణంలో ఎల్లప్పుడూ ప్రతివారినాల్కలమీద నాట్యమాడేవి అయిదు అక్షరాలు :- దేవుడున్నాడు. ఇక్కడ ఏకార్థక్రమం జరిగినా దేవుణ్ణి తలుచుకునే జరుగుతుంది. దేవుని ఆశీస్సులు ఇచ్చట అందరిమీద దండిగా, నిండుగా ఉంటాయి. ఇక్కడ విద్యావ్యాసంగాలు సఫలీకృతం కావటానికి దైవానుగ్రహం ప్రధానం. ఈనాటి లోకంలో I 1st, others next, God

last అనే equation ఆచరణలో ఉన్నది. కాని లయోలా equation వేరు. అది, God 1st, others next, I last. భగవంతుని పట్ల విశ్వాసము సమగ్రవ్యక్తిత్వ వికాసానికి పునాది.

2. D1, D2, D3 :- లోయోలా విద్యార్థుల, ఉపాధ్యాయుల సామర్థ్యానికి ఈ మూడూ కారణం. D1, అంటే Devotion, D2 అంటే Discipline, D3 అంటే Duty. కళాశాలపట్ల, చదువుపట్ల ఉపాధ్యాయులపట్ల, విద్యార్థులకు ఎనలేని భక్తి భావము. భక్తి వలనే మనుషులు శక్తిమంతులు అవుతారు. భక్తి భావం నుంచే క్రమ శిక్షణ అలవడుతున్నది. క్రమశిక్షణ ఉన్నవారే బాధ్యతను సమర్థవంతంగా నిర్వహించగలుగుతూన్నారు. భక్తికి స్థానం హృదయం, క్రమ శిక్షణ మనసు నుండిరావాలి, బాధ్యతా నిర్వహణ దేహంతో చెయ్యాలి. హృదయం, మనస్సు, దేహం పవిత్ర మవుతాయి ఇక్కడ. అందుకే ఆంధ్రలోయోల ఒక పవిత్ర దేవాలయం.

3. Unity, Purity, Divinity :- లోయోలా సమాజం అంతా ఒకే కుటుంబం. Loyola Family అంటారు. మానేజ్మెంటు, స్టాఫ్, స్టూడెంట్స్ ఏకోన్యూనింగ్, తాదాత్మ్య భావంతో మనులుకుంటారు. ఏకత్వభావన వలన ఇచట పవిత్ర వాతావరణం ఏర్పడుతున్నది. దీని నుండి దైవత్వభావన ఆవిర్భవిస్తున్నది. చిన్న చిన్న పాఠశాలలు అపుడపుడు తలెత్తినా, సంస్థ సంక్షేమమే లక్ష్యంగా, స్వల్ప విషయాలను అధిగమించగల శిష్ట సంప్రదాయం ఇచట నెలకొన్నది.

4. Educare :- Education అనే పదం Educare అనే పదం నుండి పుట్టింది. అనగా To bring out, To draw out, to manifest అని అర్థం. ఇక్కడ విద్యాబోధన ఈ ప్రధాన ఆశయాన్ని దృష్టిలో ఉంచుకుని జరుగుతుంది. ఇక్కడ ఉపాధ్యాయులు Complaining Teachers కాదు. Explaining Teachers కాదు. Inspiring Teachers, ఎవరికి వారే ప్రతిభావంతులు. వారి వారి సబ్జెక్టులలో నిష్ణాతులు. విద్యార్థులను ఉత్తేజపరచి, వారిలోని శక్తులను బహిర్గతం చేయగల సమర్థులు. నాలెడ్జి కూరేది కాదు, ఊరేది అని నిరూపించగల పండితులు. ఇక్కడ జరిగే బోధన Information ఇవ్వటమే కాదు, Transformation కు దారి తీసి, సృజనాత్మకతను (Creativity) కల్పిస్తుంది. సెమినార్లు, సింపోజియా, వర్క్ షాపులు, ఎర్బిజిషన్లు, ప్రాజెక్టు రిపోర్టు, ఎసైన్మెంట్ మొదలగు విధానాల ద్వారా ఆధునిక విద్యాలక్ష్యాలను సాధిస్తున్నారు.

5. Value Education :- లోయోలావిద్యా వ్యవస్థలో ఒక ముఖ్య లక్షణం మానవతా విలువలలో శిక్షణ. సత్య, ధర్మ, శాంతి, ప్రేమ అహింస అను విలువలను విద్యార్థులు అవగాహన చేసుకొని పాటించే విధంగా బోధన జరుగుతున్నది. లోయోల విద్యా బోధన ముఖ్య లక్ష్యం, భోగ జీవితం కాదు, యోగ జీవితం. Scientist కావటం కాదు Saint అవ్వాలని, Marks - making కాదు. Man making. ధనం కాదు ప్రధానం, గుణం. బాహ్యం కాదు భావం. గొప్ప మనిషిని తయారు చేయటం కాదు మంచి మనిషిని రూపొందించటం, చదువు కాదు ముఖ్యం సంస్కారం, Living కాదు Life. సుమారు దశాబ్దకాలంగా జరుగుతున్న ఈ మానవతా విలువల శిక్షణ విద్యార్థులలో వ్యక్తిత్వ వికాసాన్ని పెంచుతున్నది. ఈ విలువలతో ప్రభావితమైన విద్యార్థులు తమ భావి జీవితాలను



సుసంపన్నం చేసుకోవటానికి మార్గం ఏర్పడుతున్నది. "A student is not a pot to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." మా కళాశాలలోని మానవతావిలువల బోధనకు ఇది ఒక మౌలిక సూత్రం. విలువలు విద్యార్థిలో నిక్షిప్తంగా, నిపురు గష్టిన నిష్పలా ఉంటాయి. ఎరుక (Awareness) కల్పించటమే మా ప్రయత్నం. దీని వలన మార్పు సహజంగా, అప్రయత్నంగా, ఏర్పడుతున్నది.

6. Freedom :- లొయోలా విద్యార్థులకు Freedom ఉండదని, Rigid Rules ఉంటాయని కొందరి అపోహ. కాని వాస్తవము ఇందుకు భిన్నమైనది. విద్యా వ్యాసంగానికి సంబంధించిన పూర్తి స్వేచ్ఛ విద్యార్థులకు ఉంటుంది. ఏకాగ్రత, శ్రద్ధ, భక్తి పెంపొందించే స్వేచ్ఛ విద్యార్థికి అవసరం అని మా భావన. Freedom of Senses కాదు విద్యార్థికి కావలసింది, Freedom from senses కావాలి. విజ్ఞాన సముపార్జనకు ఇది ఎంతైనా దోహదకారి. Rest కావలసుకోవటం ప్రధానకోరిక కారాదు. దీనివలన Rust బట్టి పొయ్యే ప్రమాదం ఉన్నది. I do what I like అనే సూత్రం ఈ కళాశాలలో కుదరదు. 'I like what I should do' అనేది ఈ కళాశాలలో ప్రతి విద్యార్థి అనేమాట, పాట్లకారులు పెంచే తోటలో, కాయ జానెడు రాగానే, దానికి తాడు కట్టి, దానికింద రాయి కడతారు. ఫలితంగా పాట్లకారు వంకర లేకుండా పెరుగుతుంది. అలాగే లొయోలా విద్యార్థులు, ఇక్కడ నియమాల ఫలితంగా సమాజానికి ఉపయోగపడే పౌరులుగా పెరుగుతున్నారు.

ఈగలు జిలేబి మీద వాల్తాయి, మరుక్షణం పేడమీద వాల్తాయి. కాని తేనె టీగలు మకరందం ఉన్న పువ్వు మీదే వాల్తాయి. అలాగే మా లొయోలా విద్యార్థులు ఉన్నతమైన, పవిత్రమైన వాటితోనే పాలు పంచుకుంటారు. తేనెటీగల వంటి వారు మా విద్యార్థులు. దాచుకోవటం, దోచుకోవటం వంటివి కాదు వీరు కోరేది. ప్రేమను పంచుకోవటం, పెంచుకోవటం వీరి అభిమతం.

Help ever, Hurt Never, అనే మౌలిక సూత్రం ఆధారంగా, 'I'నుండి 'We' వైపు పయనించే ఆదర్శయువతగా, దైవ ప్రీతి, పాపభీతి, సంఘనీతి అనునినాదాలతో అభ్యుదయ పథంలో నడుస్తున్న మా LOYOLITES మాకు గర్వకారణం. ఈ సమాజానికే వారొక నూతన ఆదర్శం. భావిభారత సౌభాగ్య సౌధానికి వీరు, రూపు, రేఖా, లావణ్య ములను సంతరించి పెట్టగలరని ఆశిస్తున్నాను.

ఆంధ్ర లొయోలాతో బాటు నేనూ పెరిగి, పెద్దవాడినయ్యాను. అమ్మ ఒడిలో ఆశ్రయం పొందాను. Mother Loyola ముందు ముకుళక హస్తాడనై, కృతజ్ఞతాంజలి ఘటిస్తున్నాను. ఈల్ల అనుగ్రహభాషణం నాకు వినిపిస్తుంది. "I know you are truly mine, and I will dissolve your sorrow and happiness into Me, I will place you in Bliss for ever; For I love and think of you constantly".

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1. భూమికి జానెడెత్తుగల మొక్కలు నాడు - ప్రవర్ధమానమై
సీమలు దాటి నింగి కెగసెన్ - గురువర్మలోకపు వానికై
గోముగక్రింద జాచి మతి కాండను
జాడగనయ్యెనిప్పు - ఆ
మా, మొలకల్ - సమస్త జనమాన్య విశిష్ట
సువర్ణ భూజముల్
2. మునులన్బోల్ తొలినాటి “ఫాదరులు”
మమ్ముదీర్చిదిద్దంగ మే
మును శిష్యవళనల్లె దిద్దితిమి - త
దృష్టి ప్రభావంబునన్
ఘనులై - ఈ లోయోలా కుటుంబ జనతా
ఖ్యాతాత్మవిద్యాధికుల్
గుణరమ్యాన్నతులై వెలిగెదరు లోకుల్
మెచ్చి కొండగన్
3. దేవయ్య “ఫాదరు” భీశాలియు నిగర్వి
మౌనితుల్యుడల సన్యాన్ముడతడు
క్రమశిక్షణాన్విత విమల సంస్థగ తీర్చె
“మథయాసు” నైతిక ప్రభితుడతడు
నిత్య క్రియాశీల నిష్ఠాత్ముడై వెల్చె
(GORDON) ఫాదరు తెలుగు గోవర్ధనుండు
ప్రత్యగ్విద్యాప్రపంచ ప్రభావని
ర్దిప్త నిష్ఠుండు “ప్రాన్సిస్ట్”తండు
వీరితలపోత వచ్చిన వేళలందు
మాకు వారికి గలుగు సంబంధమెల్ల
ఒక్క మారుగ పైపైకి నుజికి వచ్చి
తవలి కన్పించు చలన చిత్రంబు పగిది.
4. అరమ సుబ్బయ్య బాలయ్య - ఆదిగాగ
పరగు “కాయలు”-“కడవిలు”-“కొరియకోసు”

వెలయు “ఫాదరు” లెందరో కలిగెనాడు
వారిపలుకులు గావి విస్త్రుడును సుమ్ము !

5. అతడు వ్యర్థుడో! యనిక - అతడు బాలుడు కూడ కాదు -వి
ఖ్యాతుడు - కార్యనిర్వహణ కార్యము వాని
స్వశింపబోవద
త్యాతత చిత్తశుద్ధియు మహత్తర దీక్షయు
కల్గవాడు - పే
డెత్తిన స్నేహ భావన నుతించెదనే తికమూరి
ఫాదరున్

ఆనంద నిలయం - ఆంధ్రాలోయోలా

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విద్యార్థులపాలిటి విజ్ఞాన నిధి
ప్రకృతి ప్రసాదించిన సుందర స్వప్నం
సృష్టికర్త సృజనాత్మక జీవకళ
దేశ సేవలో దైవ సేవ చేసే దేవాలయం
మానవతా విలువలు నేర్పే మధుర స్వప్నం
మతములన్నియు మాసి పోవును
జ్ఞానమొక్కటే నిలిచి వెలుగును - అనే
గురజాడ సూక్తి సుధకు సులయం
క్రమ శిక్షణ, ఆత్మ విశ్వాసం, నీతి నిజాయితీలతో
నిండిన సంపూర్ణ వ్యక్తిత్వ వికాసమే
కళాశాల లక్ష్య లక్షణ సమన్వయం
50 వత్సరాలు పూర్తిచేసుకుంటున్న మరో ప్రపంచం

చారిత్రక అవసరం తీర్చిన ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కళాశాల

దేశ దేశంబుల ఖ్యాతి నాల్గించెడి

విద్యార్థులిచ్చటి పెరుగుచుండు



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ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కళాశాల ఎందుకింత ప్రసిద్ధి గాంచింది? ఇంత మంది జాతి రత్నాలను ఎలా అందించగలిగింది? *In what way it differs from the other colleges? What can be the unique features of this college?* ఇలాంటి ప్రశ్నలన్నింటికి సమాధానంగా ఒక పెద్ద వ్యాసమే వ్రాయాల్సి ఉంటుంది.

ఇంత విఖ్యాతి నొందటానికి వెనుక ఎందరో సమిష్టి కృషి ఉందని చెప్పొచ్చు. ఆంధ్రా లోయాల కళాశాల 50 వసంతాలు పూర్తి చేసుకుని పురోగామి పథంలో ప్రస్తానానికి సన్నద్ధమవుతుంది. అది 1950వ సంవత్సరం అప్పటికి విజయవాడలోనే S.R.R and C.V.R ప్రభుత్వ కళాశాల, గుంటూరు, మచిలీపట్నం, విజయనగరం మరికొన్ని ప్రాంతాల్లో మాత్రమే ఉన్నత విద్యను అభ్యసించటానికి అవకాశముండేది. ఆ పరిస్థితులలో ఆంధ్ర ప్రాంత ప్రజల అవసరాలను దృష్టిలో పెట్టుకుని, ఇక్కడి స్థానిక ప్రముఖులు ఒక ఉన్నతమైన సంస్థను స్థాపించాలనే భగీరథ ప్రయత్నానికి శ్రీకారం చుట్టారు. ఈ ప్రయత్నాల ప్రతిఫలమే 1953లో ఆంధ్రా లోయాల కళాశాల శంకుస్థాపన.

“ఎన్నని సెప్పేది ఎంకి ముచ్చట్లు

నాకాసి సూస్తాది నవ్వు నవ్విస్తాది....”

నండూరి వారి నాయుడు బావ తన ప్రేమరాశి అయిన ఎంకిని గూర్చి మురిసిపోతూ చెప్పిన మాటలివి. నా వరకు నాకు ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కళాశాల పోకళ్ళు అటువంటి అనుభూతినే కలిగిస్తాయి. నన్ను అమితంగా ఆకట్టుకున్న వాటిలో ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కళాశాల ఒకటి. *May be the case with so many others.* ఇక్కడ విద్యనభ్యసించి బయటకు వెళ్ళిన అందరూ కళాశాలను అభిమానిస్తారు. గౌరవిస్తారు. అంకితమవుతారు.

Golden Jubilee సావనీర్ కై రెవరెండ్. ఫాదర్. ధర్మమురి గారు వ్యాసాలను ఆహ్వానిస్తూ నోటీసు పెట్టారు. ఆ నోటీసులో “Loyola : on any of its aspects” పై వ్రాయమని ఉంది.

There are so many aspects indeed which made this college popular and famous among the people. One can speak volumes about Loyola. పేరులోనే వినూత్నం. ఇటు ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రాన్ని, అటు ఇంగ్లీషియన్ లోయాలా ను కలుపుతూ “ఆంధ్ర లోయాల కాలేజి” గా



వ్యవహరించటం బహుళ ప్రాచుర్యాన్ని కల్పించింది. విశ్వవిద్యాలయాలను తలపించే సువిశాలమైన క్యాంపస్ మరియు ఇతర ప్రాంతాల్లోని విద్యార్థులకు అనువుగా, కుటుంబ వాతావరణాన్ని మరిపించే హాస్టల్ ఈ కళాశాలలకు పెన్నిధులుగా తోడ్పడ్డాయి.

కళాశాల ప్రాంగణంలోకి అడుగు పెట్టగానే ఒక గంభీరమైన భావం మదిని ఆవహిస్తుంది. ఒక వైపు నార్త్ బ్లాక్, మరోవైపు సౌత్ బ్లాక్, మధ్యలో బ్రిడ్జి, అటుగా లైబ్రరీ, ఫస్ట్, సెకండ్ ఫ్లోర్లు ఎక్కేందుకు రాండెగా ఉండే మెట్లు వృత్తాకారంలో ఉండే హాస్టల్ ఆకృతి, ఫాదర్స్ హౌస్ నుండి హాస్టళ్ళ వరకు వ్యాపించి ఉండే పాడవాటి రోడ్లు, హరితవనంలా అనిపించే పచ్చని చెట్లు, పచ్చిక బయళ్ళు ఎంతటి వారినినా సమ్మోహితుల్ని చేస్తాయి. ఎంతకాలం చూసినా తరగని ఆకర్షణగా ఉండే బిల్డింగ్ నిర్మాణం, విశాలమైన తరగతి గదులు, కారిడార్లు విద్యార్థికి తాను ఒక ఉన్నతమైన స్థానంలో ఉన్నానన్న అనుభూతిని కలిగిస్తాయి. **The structure and shape of the college and Hostel buildings occupy a permanent place in the hearts of students.** ఈ కళాశాల ఇంజనీర్ / ఆర్కిటెక్ట్ ఎవరో గాని, ఆద్వంతం అందంగా మలచిన తీరు శ్లాఘనీయం. **"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"** అని కీట్స్ చెప్పిన దానికి నిదర్శనం లొయోల క్యాంపస్. అప్లికేషన్ కొనేందుకు వచ్చి కళాశాల వాతావరణం చూసి ఆశ్చర్య చకితులవుతుంటారు. ఇక్కడ సీటు దక్కితే బావుణ్ణి, చదివితే ఇలాంటి చోట చదవాలనే కోర్కెలు మనసులో బలంగా నాటుకుంటాయి.

కేవలం బిల్డింగ్లు కలిగి ఉండటమే గాక, దీనికి తగ్గట్టుగానే అన్ని ఇతర అంశాలలో ప్రత్యేకతలు నిలుపుకుంది ఈ కాలేజి. ఉక్కు క్రమశిక్షణకు మారుపేరైన యాజమాన్యం, ప్రతిభావంతమైన అధ్యాపక సిబ్బంది ఈ కళాశాలకు పెట్టని కోటలు. ఆంధ్ర లొయోల కాలేజీలో సీటు రావటం బహు కష్టమైన పని. ఎంతో మెరిట్ ఉంటే తప్ప సీటు దొరకని పరిస్థితి. ఈ కాలేజి స్టూడెంట్కు బయట సమాజంలో ఒక స్టేటస్ ఉంది.

తొలినాళ్ళలో యాజమాన్యం ప్రవేశపెట్టిన క్రమశిక్షణ నిబంధనలు కళాశాలకు ఆయువుపట్టు. ఖచ్చితమైన సమయపాలన పాటించడం, ఆలస్యాన్ని ఎట్టి పరిస్థితులలో అనుమతించకపోవటం మొదట్నుంచీ అమలవుతూ వస్తున్న సత్యమాణాలు. లేట్ స్లిప్ సిస్టం యొక్క ఉద్దేశ్యమిదే. మొదటి రోజునే అన్ని పీరియడ్లు జరగడం కాలేజి నడిచే తీరును తెల్పుతుంది. ఫస్టు బెల్ తర్వాత ప్రిన్సిపల్ / వైస్ చీఫ్ ఫాదర్ స్లయిర్ కేస్ ఫై నిలబడటం, ఆలస్యమయ్యే విద్యార్థులు ఇప్పటికీ క్లాసులకు పరిగెత్తడం విశేషం. ఏ వ్యక్తినా తన జీవితంలో పబ్లిక్వాలిటీ, వెళ్ళవలసిన సమయానికి పది నిమిషాలు ముందుగానే చేరుకోవడం నేర్పుతుంది.

ప్రతి విషయంలోనూ ఫాదర్స్ ఎంతో నిష్కర్షగా, నిక్కచ్చిగా ఉంటారు. సమయపాలన, అంకిత భావం, ప్రణాళిక, చేయవలసిన పనులలో ఎవరి బాధ్యతలు వారు నిర్వహించే విధంగా సిస్టం డెవలప్ చేసి, అందరి చేత పని చేయించటం ఫాదర్స్ పాలసీగా చెప్పకోవచ్చు. అన్ని విభాగాలు చక్కని సమన్వయంతో పనిచేసేలా చూడటం, సమస్య వచ్చినప్పుడు కలిసికట్టుగా



ఎదుర్కోవడం ఫాదర్స్ కు రివాజు. మొక్కవోని స్థైర్యానికి, చెక్కు చెదరని గుండె నిబ్బరానికి ఫాదర్స్ మారుపేరు. కళాశాల నిర్వహణ మహాయజ్ఞంలో ఆటుపోట్లు ఎదురైనా, ఎన్ని కష్టాలు కమ్ముకున్నా వెరవక, నమ్మిన విలువలు, ఆశయాల సాధనకు కట్టుబడ్డ మహామనుషులీ ఫాదర్స్. ఫాదర్స్ అంటేనే విద్యార్థుల గుండెల్లో రైళ్ళు పరిగెడతాయి. ఫాదర్ అంటే హడల్. వారిని చూస్తేనే భయం. చీటికీ మాటికీ సెలవులివ్వటం, అయినదానికి, కానిదానికి తరగతులు రద్దు చేయటం కళాశాల సంస్కృతిలో లేదు. ఆకతాయి విద్యార్థులపై నంగి నంగిగా పెత్తనం చేసి సరిపెట్టుకోలేదు. తుదికంటా పోరాడి మెడలు వంచి దోవలో పెట్టిన సంఘటనలు కోకొల్లలు. అల్లరి పనులు, వికృత చేష్టలన్నడూ ఉపేక్షించలేదు. సమ్మెలు, క్లాస్ లు బాయ్ కాట్ చేయటం లేనేలేవు. కట్టుదిట్టంగా పరీక్షలు నిర్వహించిన ఘనత ఫాదర్స్ కే దక్కుతుంది.

ఇక తర్వాత ముఖ్యంగా ప్రస్తావించవలసింది అధ్యాపక సిబ్బంది. పాలనాపరంగా ఫాదర్స్ విశేష కృషి సల్పితే, విద్యాపరంగా విద్యార్థులకు సమోన్నతమైన బాటను ఏర్పరచారు అధ్యాపకులు. మరే ఇతర అంశాలను దృష్టిలో పెట్టుకోకుండా, కేవలం అభ్యర్థుల మెరిట్, బోధనా నైపుణ్యానికే ఎత్తుపీట వేసి, విస్తృతమైన అధ్యాపక శ్రేణిని అన్ని విభాగాల్లోకి జోష్పించటం ప్రగతికి తొలిమెట్టు. వీరే భవిష్యత్ లో తరగని ఆస్తిగా మారారు. తమ తమ శాఖలలో నిష్ణాతులయ్యారు. అధ్యాపకులే కళాశాలకు బలం, బలగంగా ఎదిగారు. లెక్చరర్ ఇన్ ఆంధ్రలాయోల కాలేజి అంటేనే గర్వకారణం. ఓ గొప్ప స్టేబుల్ సింబల్. ఇంగ్లీషు, తెలుగు, హిందీ, మేధమెటిక్స్, ఫిజిక్స్, కెమిస్ట్రీ, బోటనీ, జనాలజీ, హిస్టరీ, ఫిజికల్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్, ఎకనామిక్స్, కామర్స్ లన్ని విభాగాలలోను హేమాహేమీల్లాంటి అధ్యాపకులు పాదుకోవటంతో కళాశాల కీర్తి ప్రతిష్ఠలు పతాక స్థాయికి చేరాయి.

అధ్యాపకులు విద్యార్థులకందించిన సేవలు నిరుమానమైనవి. వీరు చెప్పే పాఠాలకు విద్యార్థులు చెవులు కోసుకునే వారనటం అతిశయోక్తి కాదు. హృదయాంతరాలను మీటేలా బోధన సాగేది. ఏ విద్యా సంస్థకైనా కాలక్రమంలో దానికి దక్కే ఆస్తి పూర్వ విద్యార్థులే. మరి లాయోల పూర్వ విద్యార్థులు ఈ రోజున అభివృద్ధిచిన స్థానాలు నభూతో నభవిష్యత్ గా అభివర్ణించవచ్చు.

ఎందరో డాక్టర్లు, రాజకీయ నాయకులు, పారిశ్రామిక వేత్తలు, కేబినెట్ మంత్రులు, పార్లమెంటరీయన్స్, ఐఏఎస్, ఐపిఎస్ అధికారులు, ఇంజనీర్లు, లాయర్లు, క్రీడాకారులు, విద్యా వ్యాపార వేత్తలు నెంబర్ వన్ స్థానాలను అధిరోపించారు. ధరిత్రి మెచ్చిన చరిత్ర కారులయ్యేలా విద్యార్థులను తీర్చిదిద్దటంలో అధ్యాపకులు పోషించిన పాత్ర అద్వితీయమైంది.

ఉదయం, మధ్యాహ్నం ఫస్ట్ బెల్ రింగ్ అయిన వెంటనే అధ్యాపకులు తమ తమ విభాగాల నుండి బయలు దేరుతారు. ఐదు నిమిషాల ముందే తాము వెళ్ళవలసిన తరగతి గది ముందు నిలబడతారు. సెకండ్ బెల్ అయిన వెంటనే క్లాసులోకి ప్రవేశిస్తారు. కారిడార్ లలో ఒక్క ఉదుటున నిశబ్దం కమ్ముకుంటుంది. క్లాసుకి వెళితే ఏంటి, వెళ్లకపోతే ఏంటి? మన జీతం మనకొస్తుంది



కదా! అనే పెడధోరణులకు ఇక్కడ తావులేదు.

నీతి నిజాయితీలకు లొయోల అధ్యాపకులు పెట్టింది పేరు. తాను సైతం సమీధగా వెలిగిన అధ్యాపకులెందరో ఉన్నారు. ఉదాహరణకు శ్రీచలసాని వెంకటాద్రి గారు. లెక్చరర్, డిపార్ట్మెంట్ ఆఫ్ ఇంగ్లీష్. ఈయన 1962 నుండి 1995 వరకూ కనీవనీ ఎరుగని రీతిలో 33 సంవత్సరాల పాటు కనీసం ఒక్క క్యాజువల్ లీవ్ కూడా పెట్టకుండా పనిచేసారు. ఎంతటి నిబద్ధత, అకుంలత దీక్ష ఉంటే ఇలా పని చేయగలుగుతారు? ఉద్యోగాన్ని ఒక ఛాలెంజ్గా స్వీకరించి అనితర సాధ్యమైన రికార్డు నెలకొల్పారు. **Date of Appointment** నుండి **Date of Retirement** వరకు సెలవు పెట్టకుండా అహర్నిశలు శ్రమించినందుకు రాష్ట్రపతి అవార్డు ఇచ్చి సత్కరించాలి. **He deserves any award on the face of this earth. And any such award/honour is certainly small for him.**

ప్రభుత్వ జీతం తీసుకుంటూ ఎంత బాధ్యతాయుతంగా పని చేసింది ఈ సంఘటన తెలియజేస్తుంది. నిజానికి ప్రభుత్వ రంగంలోని అందరూ ఈ రకంగా పనిచేస్తే, కనీసం ఆయనలో పదోవంతునా చేస్తే దేశంలో పబ్లిక్ సెక్టార్ ఈ రీతిన, ఇలా భ్రష్టు పట్టి ఉండేది కాదు. ప్రభుత్వోద్యోగుల నిర్లక్ష్యం, బాధ్యతా రాహిత్యమే పైవేటు రంగానికి ద్వారాలు తెరిచేలా చేసాయి. **Anyway, Andhra Loyola stands as an exemplar in the public sector.** ప్రభుత్వ రంగంలో కూడ బాధ్యతగా మెలిగితే సత్ఫలితాలనందించవచ్చని ఈ కళాశాల నిరూపించింది.

ఎంతసేపూ జీతభత్యాలు, హక్కుల గురించి పోరాడటమే తప్ప, తమ కర్తవ్యాన్ని గుర్తెరుగరు ప్రభుత్వోద్యోగులు. ఉద్యోగ భద్రత ఉందని, తామేం చేసినా చెల్లు బాటవుతుందని, తామెవరికి జవాబు దారి కాదనే ధోరణులు ప్రబలంగా ఉంటాయి. ఈ దుర్లక్షణాలు అధ్యాపకులపై పడకుండా మొదట్నుంచీ అప్రమత్తంగా వ్యవహరించారు ఫాదర్స్. “పని చేయడంలోనే విశ్రాంతి” అనే ఒక విధమైన **work culture** ను అలవరించారు. అందుకే ఇక్కడి అధ్యాపకులకు ప్రజలు బ్రహ్మరథం పట్టారు. ఎందరికో ఆదర్శ ప్రాయులయ్యారు.

మిగతా కళాశాలల్లో లేని, ఈ కళాశాలకే ఉన్న సౌకర్యం హాస్టల్స్ కళాశాల స్థాపించిన నాటి నుంచే హాస్టల్స్ కూడ జోడవటంతో ఇతర ప్రాంతాల్లోని విద్యార్థులకు చదువుకునే అవకాశాలు మెరుగయ్యాయి. చుట్టు ప్రక్కల గ్రామాల నుండి, శ్రీకాకుళం నుండి నెల్లూరు జిల్లా వరకు, అటు రాయలసీమ, తెలంగాణా మరియు ఇతర రాష్ట్రాల నుండి సైతం విద్యార్థులు వచ్చి చేరారు. నీని నలగ కళాశాల పేరు స్థితిస్థులు రాష్ట్రమంతటా మార్లగోగాయి. టెక్నాలజీ నుంచి టెక్నోనో వరకు అన్ని ప్రాంతాలలోను లొయాల కీర్తి పతాకం రెపరెపలాడింది. విజయవాడ నగరానికే తలమానికం అయింది.

మూడున్నర దశాబ్దాల నిరంతర పరిశ్రమకు ప్రతిఫలమే, 1988లో కళాశాలకు అటానమస్ స్టేటస్ వచ్చేలా చేసాయి. నగరంలోనే మొట్టమొదటి అటానమస్ కాలేజీగా అవతరించింది. అధ్యాపకులపై పనిభారం పెరుగుతుందని, పకడ్బందీగా పరీక్షలు నిర్వహించటం



తేలికైన పనికాదని అనేక కళాశాలలు జంకుతున్న పరిస్థితులలో లోయాల అటానమీని నర్తగ్యంగా స్వీకరించింది. గత పదిహేనేళ్లుగా ఎలాంటి అవాంతరాలు లేకుండా అటానమీని కొనసాగిస్తూనే ఉంది. ఇతర కళాశాలలకు మార్గదర్శి అయింది.

దురదృష్టవశాత్తు ఎవరైనా విద్యార్థి మరణిస్తే సెలవు ప్రకటించి చేతులు దులుపుకోవటం కాకుండా, బ్రిడ్జి దగ్గర కండోలెన్స్ మీటింగ్ ఏర్పాటు చేస్తారు. విద్యార్థి ప్రియమిత్రుల అనుభవాలు పంచుకోవటం, అధ్యాపకులతో గల సాన్నిహిత్యాన్ని ప్రస్తుతించటం, సంతాప తీర్మానం చేయడం, **As a mark of respect to the departed soul** రెండు నిమిషాలు మౌనం పాటించడం, ఎవరికైనా వివిధ సందర్భాలలో మెలగవలసిన తీరును ఉద్ఘోషిస్తాయి.

కళాశాల వార్షికోత్సవాలు లాంటివి నిర్వహించటమంటేనే కత్తిమీద సాము. కోడిగుడ్డు, టమోటాలతో వేదికను రసాభాస చేసే కాలేజీలు బెజవాడలో బోలెడు. అల్లరి విద్యార్థుల ఆగడాలకు పోలీసు బందోబస్తుతో Anniversary లు చేసుకునే కాలేజీలున్నాయి. మరి ఇలాంటి వాటికి ఆమడదూరం 'ఆంధ్రలోయాల'. సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించినా, స్టోర్స్, కాలేజీ డే లాంటి ఫంక్షన్స్ జరిగేటప్పుడూ క్రమశిక్షణ గాడి తప్పనివ్వరు ఫాదర్స్. ముఖ్య అతిథులు సైతం అచ్చెరువొందేలా విద్యార్థులు పరిణతిని ప్రదర్శిస్తారు.

ప్రతి క్లాసుకి ఒక మోనిటర్ / క్లాస్ లీడర్ ను నియమించటం ఇక్కడి ఆనవాయితీ. అతడే కోర్సు అయ్యేవరకు తరగతి అంతటికీ సమన్వయ కర్త. మొట్టమొదట్లో కళాశాల కట్టుబాట్లకు, క్రమశిక్షణకు repent అయ్యే విద్యార్థి అనతి కాలంలోనే అలవాటు పడటం, చివరికొచ్చే సరికి ఆప్యాయత పెరగటం, బయటకు వెళ్ళిన తరువాత ఆ అభిమానం పదింతలు కావటం ఎవరికైనా జరిగే పరిణామ క్రమంగా చెప్పకోవచ్చు. ఏ ఇద్దరు పూర్వ విద్యార్థులు కలిసినా కళాశాల రోజులు నెమర వేయనిదే ఉండలేరు. ఇక్కడి సెక్షన్స్ కిచ్చే కోడ్లు RM, RB, RH, DML, DEH, DP, DO, DZ etc., హాస్టల్ రూమ్ నెంబర్లు కలకాలం గుర్తుండిపోతాయి. లోయాల పెట్టక ముందు, తర్వాత చాలా కాలేజీలు ఉండొచ్చు గాక.... “ఎంకి వంటి పిల్ల లేనే లేదోయ్” అన్నట్టు లోయాల వంటి కాలేజీ లేనే లేదనేది నిజం.

ప్రతి సంవత్సరం ప్రారంభంలో **Calendar and hand book** ను విద్యార్థులందరికీ **Distribute** చేయటం కళాశాల సత్కాంక్షప్రదాయాలలో ఒకటి. ఇందులో **Management and staff** వివరాలు, **through out the academic year** పరీక్షలు జరిగే తేదీలు, కళాశాల కార్యక్రమాలు ఎప్పుడెముంటాయి, సెలవుల తేదీలు, ప్రతి పేజీ క్రింద ఒక ఆణిముత్యమన దగ్గ వాక్యం (**Valuable quotation**) ను పొందుపర్చి రిలీజ్ చేస్తారు. **This shows how much organised and well planned is Andhra Loyola** ప్రిన్సిపాల్ రూమ్ ప్రక్కనే ఆఫీసు సమీపంలో ఉండే “నోటీసు బోర్డు” కాలేజీ తాజావార్తల సమాచార కేంద్రం. ఇది చదవనిదే రోజంతా వెలితిగా ఉన్నట్టుంటుంది. సాత్, నార్త్ బ్లాక్ లలో రూం నెంబరింగ్ సిస్టమ్, రీడింగ్ & రిఫరెన్స్ లైబ్రరీ, జెరా అస్టించే భారీ



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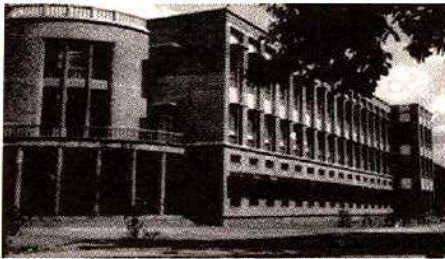
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దేశ చరిత్రలో, వ్యక్తి జీవితంలో కొన్ని సంఘటనలు కాకతాళియంగా జరుగుతాయి. అవే దేశాల గతిరీతుల్ని, వ్యక్తుల జీవన శైలిని ఊహించని మలుపు తిప్పతాయి. దీనికి తార్కాణమే ఈ రోజు రాష్ట్రమంతా పాతుకు పోయిన రెసిడెన్షియల్ / కార్పొరేట్ కాలేజి సిస్టం. ప్రవృత్తి రీత్యా పాతిక మందితో, యాభై మందితో ట్యూషన్లు మొదలు పెట్టిన లెక్చరర్లు ఈ రోజున రాష్ట్ర స్థాయిలో ఒక సమాంతర వ్యవస్థను నడపటం, ప్రభుత్వ విధానాల్నే నిర్దేశించే స్థాయికి ఎదగటం గమనార్హం. ప్రభుత్వ, గ్రాంట్ - ఇన్ - ఎయిడ్ వ్యవస్థల మనుగడకే సవాల్ విసిరాయి. కార్పొరేట్ కళాశాలలు. ఒకప్పుడు ఉన్నత విద్యారంగాన్ని ఏలిన అనేక ప్రభుత్వ, గ్రాంట్ - ఇన్ - ఎయిడ్ కళాశాలలు మారుతున్న పరిస్థితులలో కలివేపాకు పాత్రకు పరిమితమవటం శోచనీయం. రాష్ట్రంలోని కార్పొరేట్ కళాశాలల వ్యవస్థాపకులెందరో పూర్వరంగంలో లోయాల దిగ్గజాలు.

ఏది ఏమైనప్పటికీ లోయాలా కళాశాలకు ఉజ్వలమైన చరిత్ర ఉంది. సమున్నత గతం దీని సొంతం. రాదండల కాలేజీగా వినతికెక్కింది. ఇది లోయాలా స్వర్ణయుగంగా చెప్పొచ్చు. అంచనాలకు మించి సంచలనాలను సృష్టించిన “ఆంధ్ర లోయాలా కళాశాల” తన యాభై ఏళ్ళ ప్రస్థానంలో ఎన్నో మైలు రాళ్ళను అధిగమించింది. **Fifty glorious years have passed since its inception.** ఇక తరువాత ఏమిటి? రాష్ట్రమంతటా అనేక జూనియర్, డిగ్రీకళాశాలలు పుట్టుకొడుగుల్లా వెలుస్తున్నాయి. తామర తంపరలా ఇంజనీరింగ్ కళాశాలలు వెలుగులోకి వస్తున్నాయి. ఇంజనీరింగ్, మెడిసిన్లనే “చదువు” గా పరిగణించే పరిస్థితులు అగుపిస్తున్నాయి. వీటితో పోటీ పడటం, నవీకరణ, ఉన్న కోర్సులను సమాజ అవసరాలకు తగినట్టుగా పటిష్ఠం చేయటం, కొత్త కోర్సులను ఎప్పటికప్పుడు ప్రవేశ పెడుతూ తెలుగు ప్రజల హృదయాలలో స్థానాన్ని సుస్థిరం చేసుకోవడం - ‘ఆంధ్ర లోయాల’ ముందున్న లక్ష్యాలు. ఏరంగంలోనూ “ది ఎండ్” అన్నది ఉండనే ఉండదు. యాభై ఏళ్ళుగా సాగిస్తున్న విద్యాయజ్ఞంలో ‘లోయాల’ సైన్యం అవిరామంగా పాల్గొంటుంది. క్రమ శిక్షణతో, కర్తవ్య నిష్ఠతో పరిశ్రమించి నిర్దేశించుకున్న లక్ష్యాలను అందుకోటానికి అన్ని విభాగాలు కృషి చేయాలి. మరో యాభై ఏళ్ళయినా తన ఉనికిని చాటుకోవాలి. జైత్ర యాత్ర కొనసాగించాలి.

GOLDEN JUBILEE SONG



Cheerfully we sing
With hearts so full of praise.
As we thank the Lord,
To Him our hearts we raise
For our dearest college
That's here for fifty years.
Loyola, Oh Loyola,
We'll love you ever more!

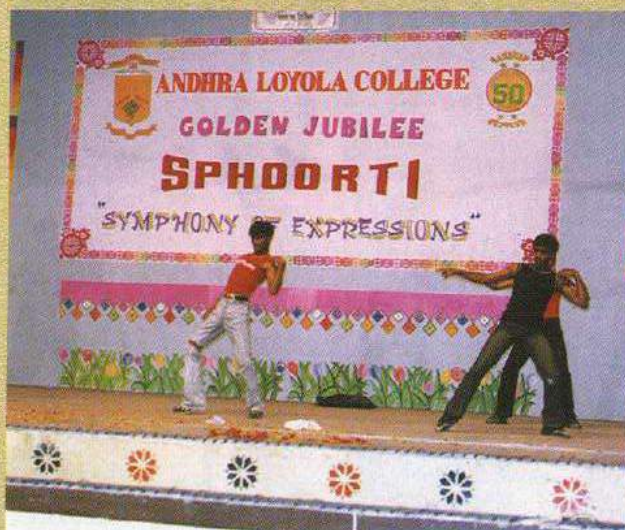
Flowers that bloomed so fair
Are tended here with care.
Their fragrance fills the air,
Now has spread everywhere.
Its from here, they grew
These golden ages through
Loyola, Oh Loyola,
We'll hail you ever more!



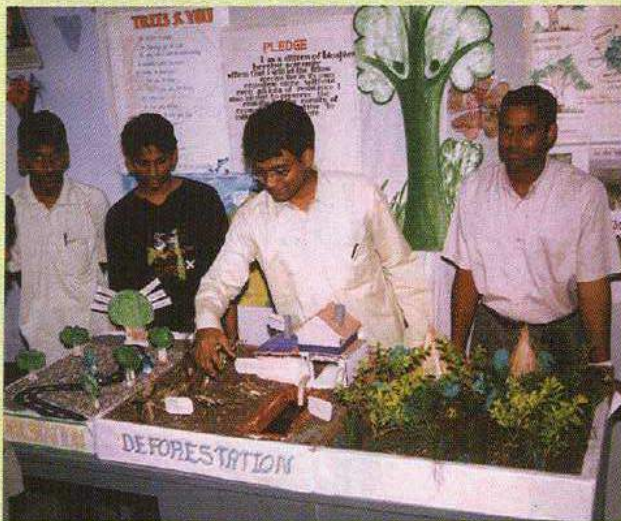
Proudly as we go
As students through the years,
Our path with truth will guide
The college we hail with pride.
Glory, honour, reign,
Your standard will ever remain.
Loyola, Oh Loyola,
Will live for ever more!

- Md. Shahed Rasool, DO - 70

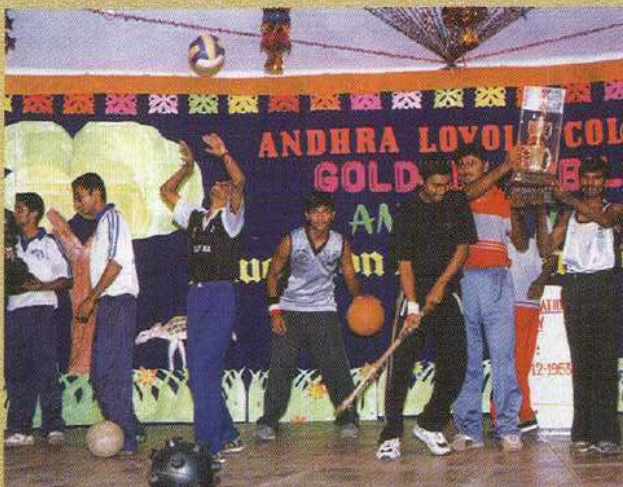
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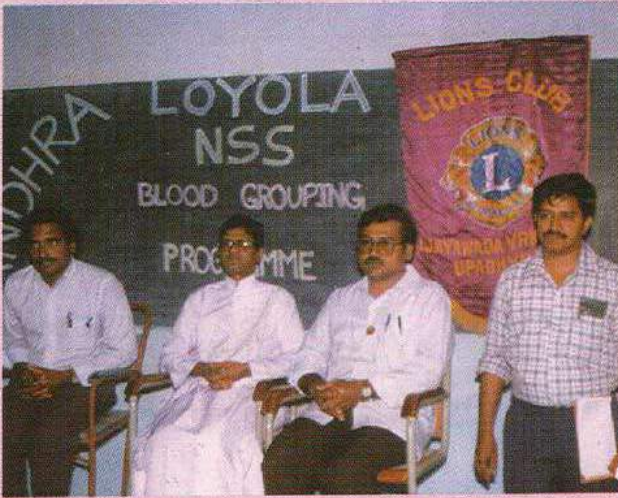
JUBILEE EXHIBITIONS



COLLEGE DAY



NSS



Programme Officers with Best Volunteers

SPORTS AND GAMES



Athletic Team NUIC Championship 2003 (12 times in 13 years)



Football Team Winners NUIC 2003-04



Cricket team



Volleyball team in action



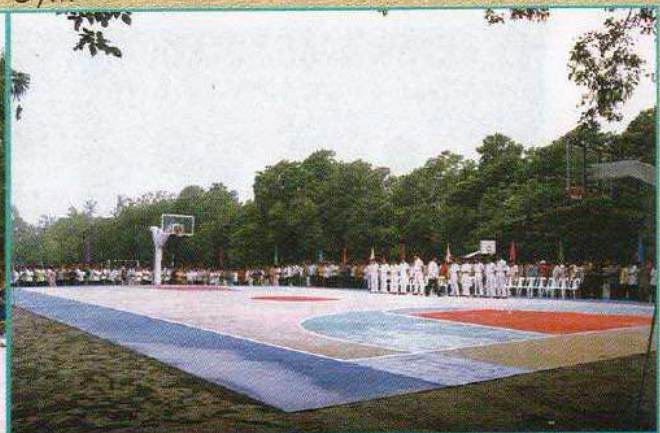
Athletes in action



Gym



Inauguration of the basketball court



Loyola Basketball Tournament

Teaching Staff : 2003 - 2004



Teaching Staff : PG



RETIREMENTS



Sri K.V. Subba Rao
Head, Department of Hindi
30 June 2003



Sri Y. Ramakrishnaiah
Lecturer in Chemistry
31 July 2003



Sri. K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao
Head, Dept of Chemistry
30 September 2003



Sri P. G. Prakasam
Attendant
31 January 2004

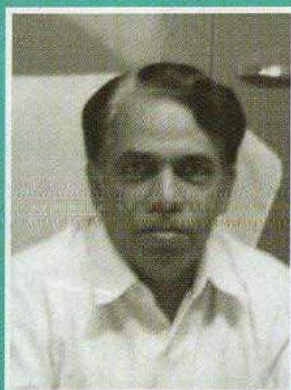


Sri R. Swaminadham
Attendant
31 March 2004

IN MEMORIAM



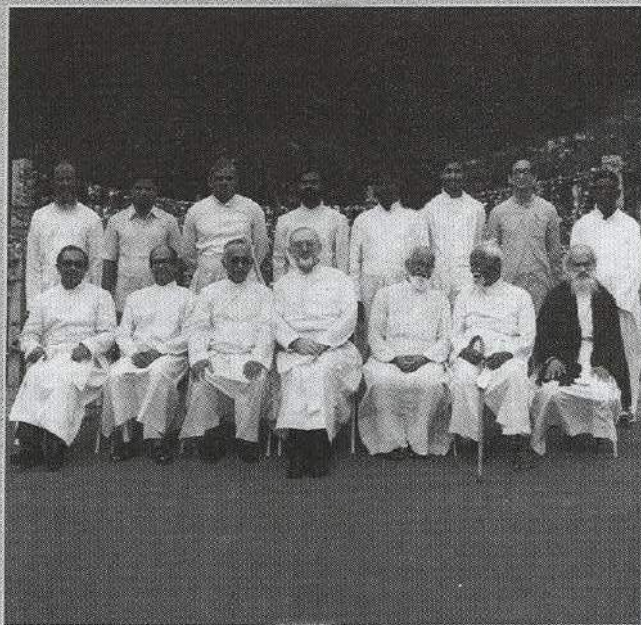
Sri P. Anthaiah
Store-Keeper (Physics)
8 October 2003



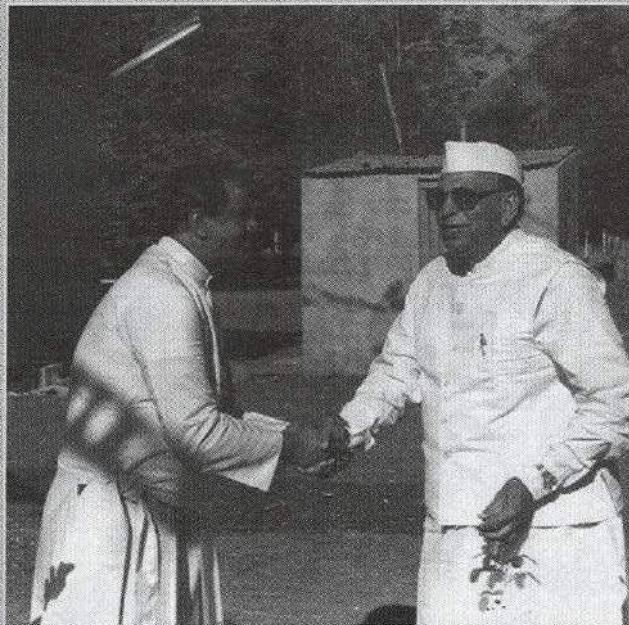
Rev Fr. P. Carlos Dhula, S.J.
18 September 2003



M. Anand Kumar,
III B.A
16 February 2004



Fr General visits ALC



Fr T Inniah, Principal, with Sri G.S. Raju



Fr P S Amal Raj, Rector, addressing the alumni



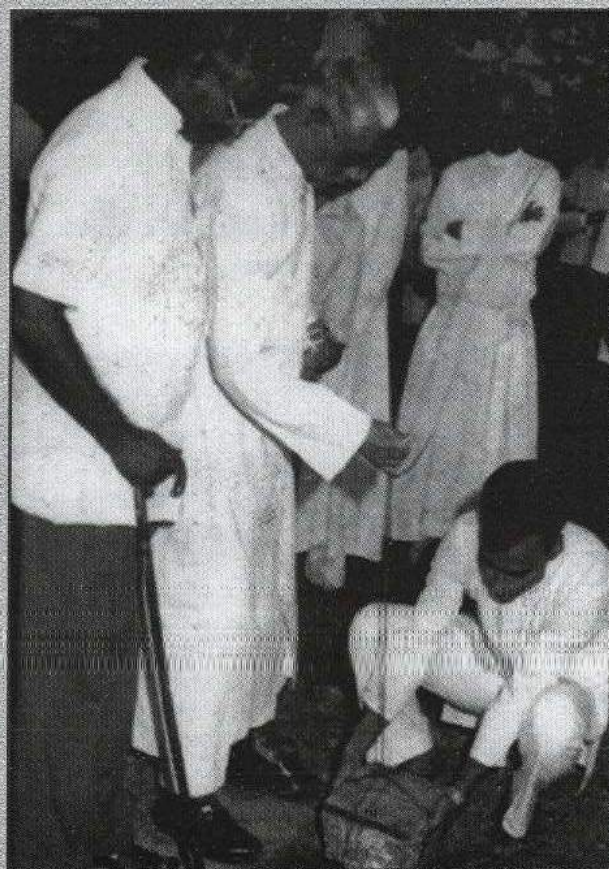
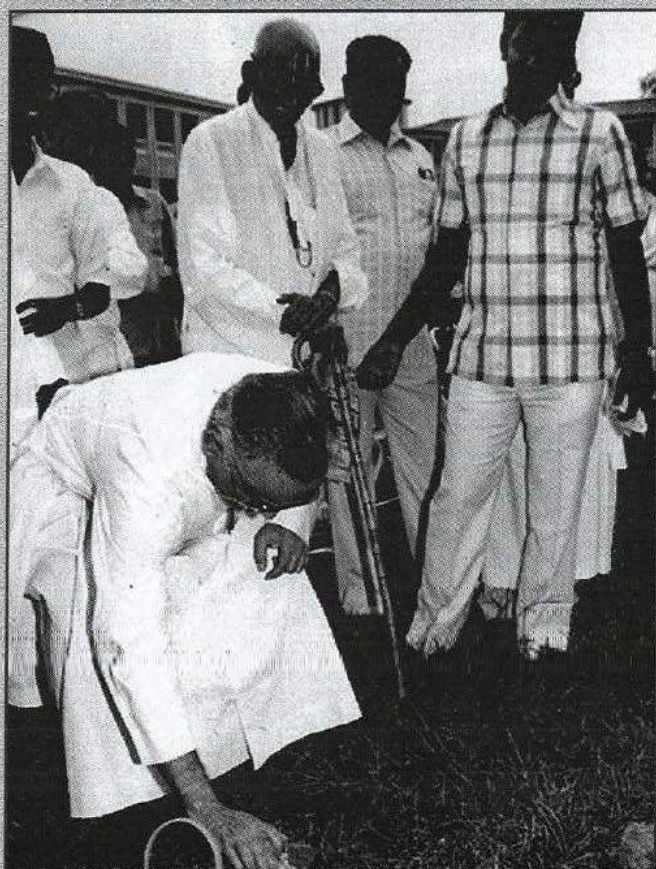
Another scene from the Alumni Reunion



SOME MORE EVENTS OF THE PERIOD



Foundation stone for Fr Deviah Auditorium



MOTHER TERESA VISITS ALC



Some more visits . . .



General Cariappa

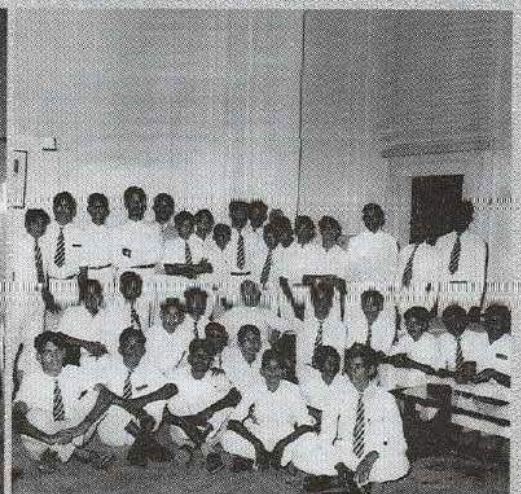
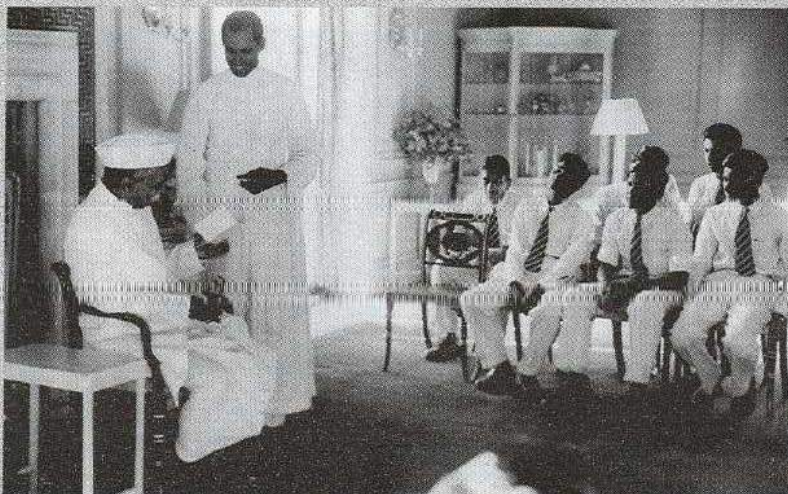
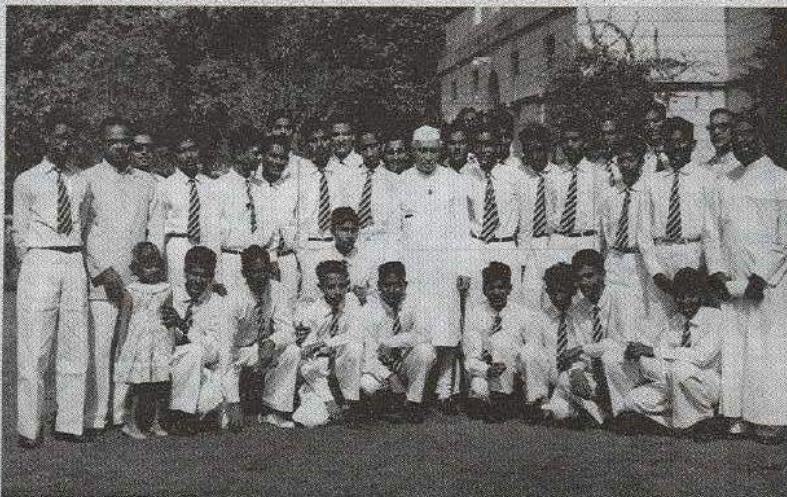
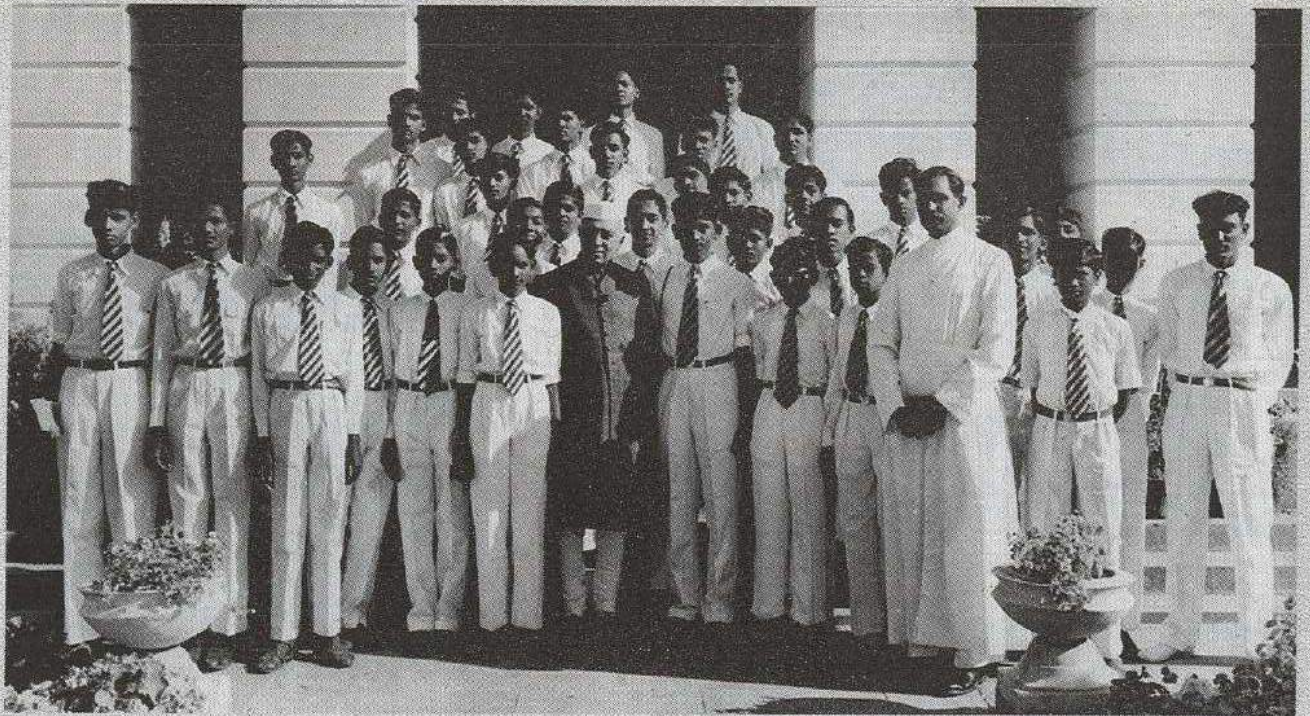


Mr. Nedunchezian,
Education Minister, Tamil Nadu



Frontier Gandhi

Pandit Nehru visits ALC



The Loyolites with the President of India, Babu Rajendra Prasad, and with the Vice-President, Dr S Radhakrishnan



Chief Minister Sri B Gopal Reddy and Sri N Sanjeeva Reddy visit ALC (1955)



Bishop Mummadi and Bishop Battista



The Raja of Challpalli, among others



Sri C. D. Deshmukh

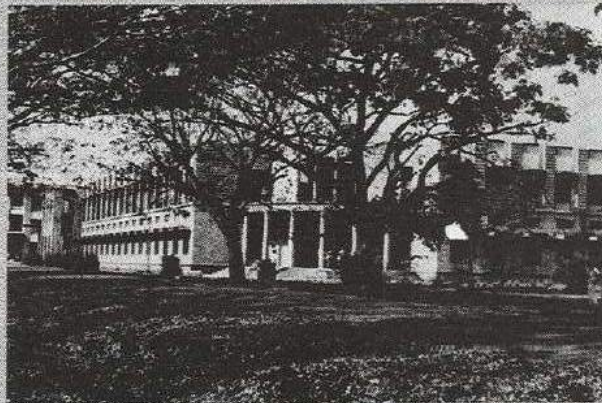


Governor Bhimsen Sachar addressing the students

A few years later



Much later



Decades later



ALC CELEBRATES THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS : INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

SPORTS AND GAMES



Winners : NUIC Hockey (1997-98)



Winners : NUIC Football (1998-99)



Winners : NUIC Football (2000-01)



Winners : NUIC Football (2001-02)



Victory celebrations : Fr Victor Emmanuel, Sports Director



NU Sports Meet 2000

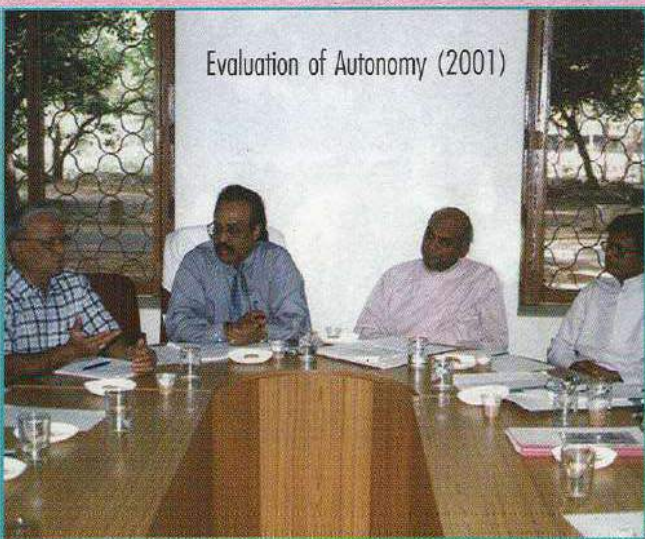
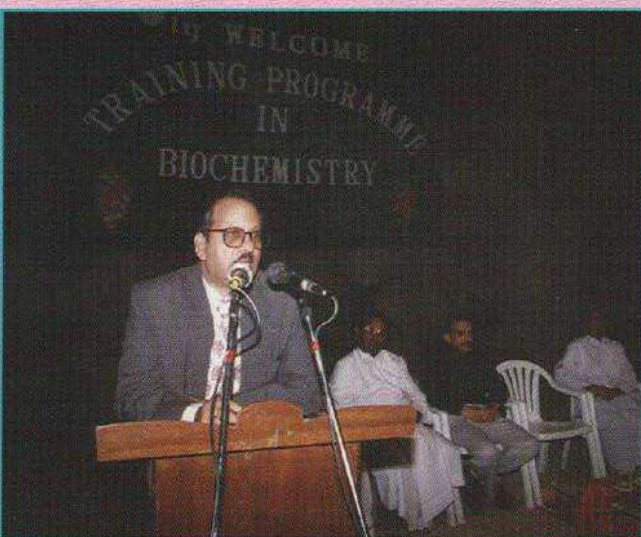
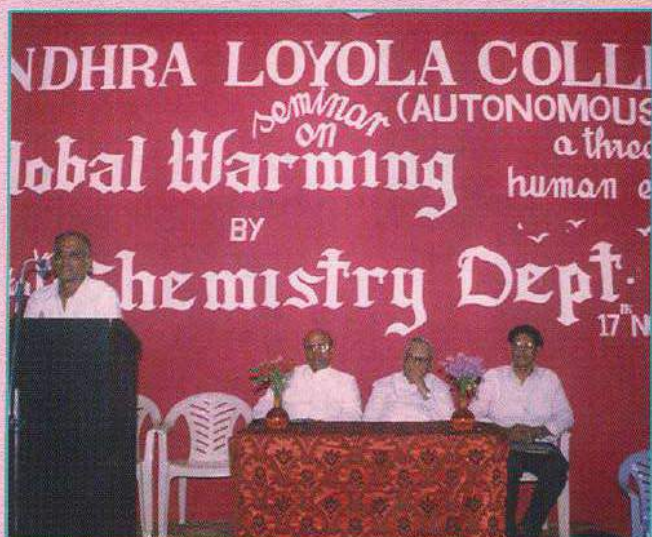


The Mayor at the Athletic Meet



NUIC Athletic Meet (2000-01) being inaugurated

WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS / REFRESHER COURSES





Fr Mathias unveils the statue of St Ignatius
(donated by Dr N Appanna)



Loyola Walk

NAAC accreditates ALC



Kaladarshini Cultural Festival

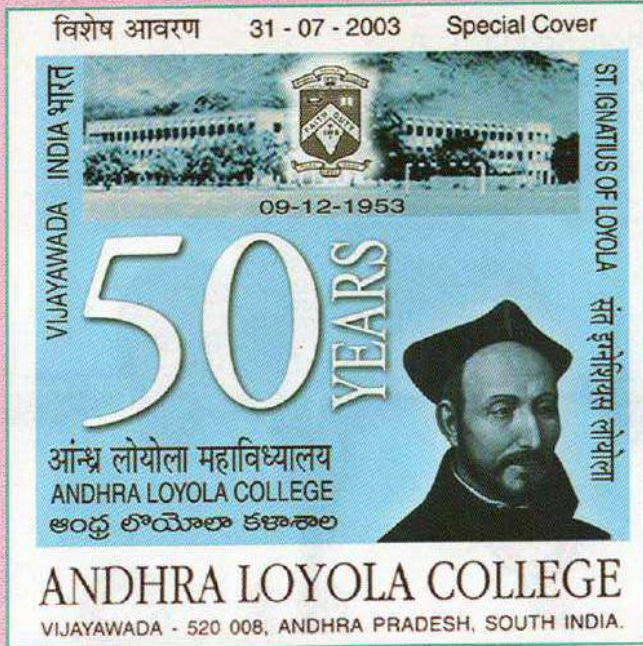


Kaladarshini honours Dr M Balamurali Krishna

INAUGURATION OF THE JUBILEE

Chief Guest : Sri. K. Prabhakar Reddy, I. A. S.
District Collector

July 31, 2003



LOYOLA RATNAS



1. **Sri. T. R. Prasad**
Former Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India,
Member 12th Finance Commission
2. **Prof. P. Ramachandra Rao**
Vice-Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
3. **Dr. Narne Surendra**
Prof. ENT, PADOVA University Hospital, Italy
4. **Sri. Vadde Sobhnadreeswara Rao**
Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of AP
5. **Sri. E. S. R. K. Prasad**
Managing Director, Geethanjali Educational Institutions
6. **Sri. K. Sadasiva Rao, I.P.S.**
Director General of Police (Retd), Govt. of AP
7. **Sri. S.S.R.Koteswara Rao**
President, Federation of AP
Chamber of Commerce & Industry
8. **Sri. Vepa Kamesam**
Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
9. **Sri. Stanley Babu, IRTS**
General Manager, South Central Railway
10. **Dr. S.R.Parimi**
Chief Structural Engineer, Parimi Consultants
11. **Justice C. Y. Somayajulu**
Judge, High Court, AP
12. **Prof. C. Musili**
Prof. Mathematics; Dean, School of Sciences,
Vignana Vidyalayas
13. **Prof. B. Soma Raju**
Chairman, Chief of Cardiology,
CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad
14. **Sri. B.kripanandam, I.A.S.**
V.C. & M.D., A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation
15. **Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy**
Former Leader of Opposition, APLA
16. **Sri. N. Venkata Rao**
Chairman, Zonal Cricket Academies, BCCI
17. **Dr. Gorrepati Navaneetha Krishna**
President, TANA, U.S.A.
18. **Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan**
National Coordinator, Lok Satta
19. **Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Mallavarapu**
Bishop, Vijayawada Diocese
20. **Sri. B.Ramalinga Raju**
Chairman, Satayam Computer Services Ltd.
21. **Sri. K. Ajay Kumar, I.R.S.**
Commissioner of Income-Tax, Rajahmundry

ALUMNI CONFERENCE : Dec 7, 2003

Chief Guest : Sri Mohan Kanda, I. A. S.
Chief Secretary, Govt of AP.



Inauguration



Chief Guest with Sri M. Hari Chandra Prasad



Loyola Ratna Award



Loyola Ratna Award



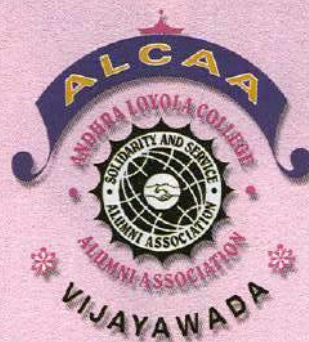
The Ratnas on the stage



The late Fr. G. Francis (Director) with the Executive Members (1994)



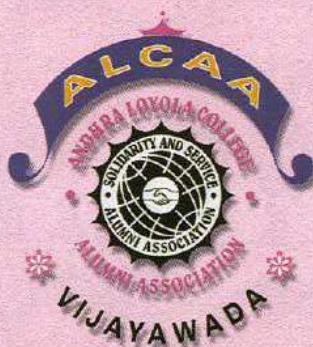
ALUMNI at the Conference



Delegates from Hyderabad

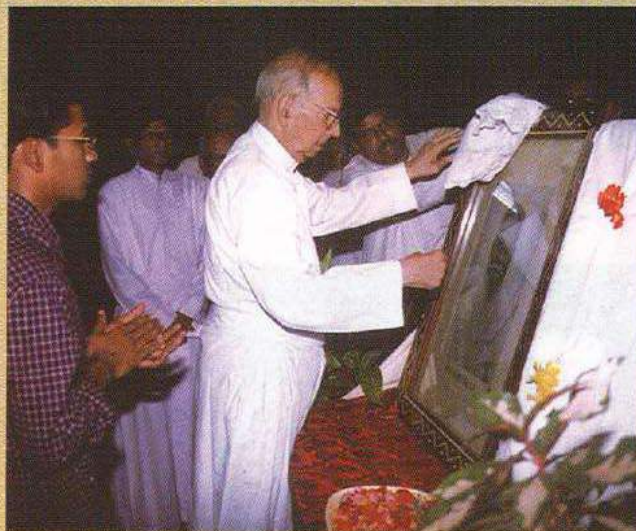
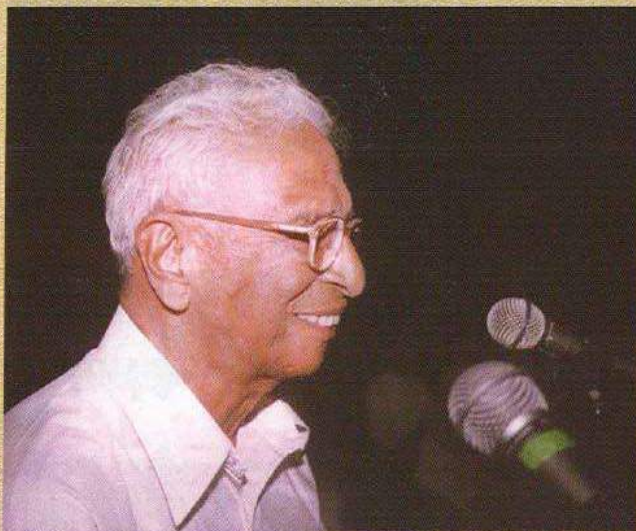


ALUMNI
representing
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at
the Conference



Foundation Day : December 9, 2003

Chief Guest : Sri K. Narasaiah ; Guest of Honour : Fr. T. A. Mathias



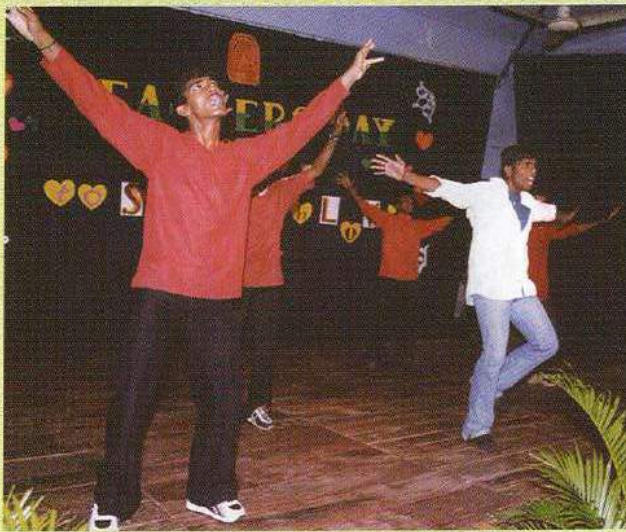
Teacher's Day



History Congress

CULTURAL FESTIVALS

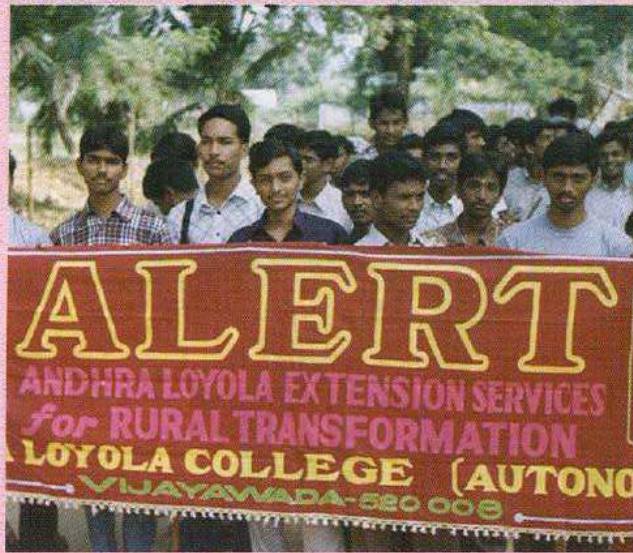
SPANDANA AND BHAVANA



VISIT : Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana
Apostolic Nuncio : Februray 12, 2004



ALERT and HEPSN



AICUF



OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN



V. Phanikanth
(DO 40)
Athletics, Champion NU



A. China Nageshwar Rao
(NO 45)
10000 Mts in Silver



M. Anil Kumar
(AO 41)
Volleyball



K. Brahma Raju
(AEP 23)
Fencing



B. Uday Kumar
(DO 47)
Cricket



P. Harish Kumar
(No 12)
Basketball



B. Rajesh
(AET 11)
Discus Throw State No. 1



B. Deepthi Kumar
(MCA 39)
Volleyball



K. Venu Babu
(NEH 17)
Athletics



J. Siva Veera Anjaneyulu
(NBM 24)
Archery



Dawa
(ACP 12)
Football



N. Udaya Kumar
(RMY 2)
Swimming



Khumb Lion
(III B. Com)
Football



D. Hiren Chuhon
(I B. Com)
Football



A. Prakash Babu
(RB 36)
Athletics

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P. Amaralingeswara Rao
NO 58



K. Vamsi Nag
NML 16



Y. Narsi Reddy
NC 9

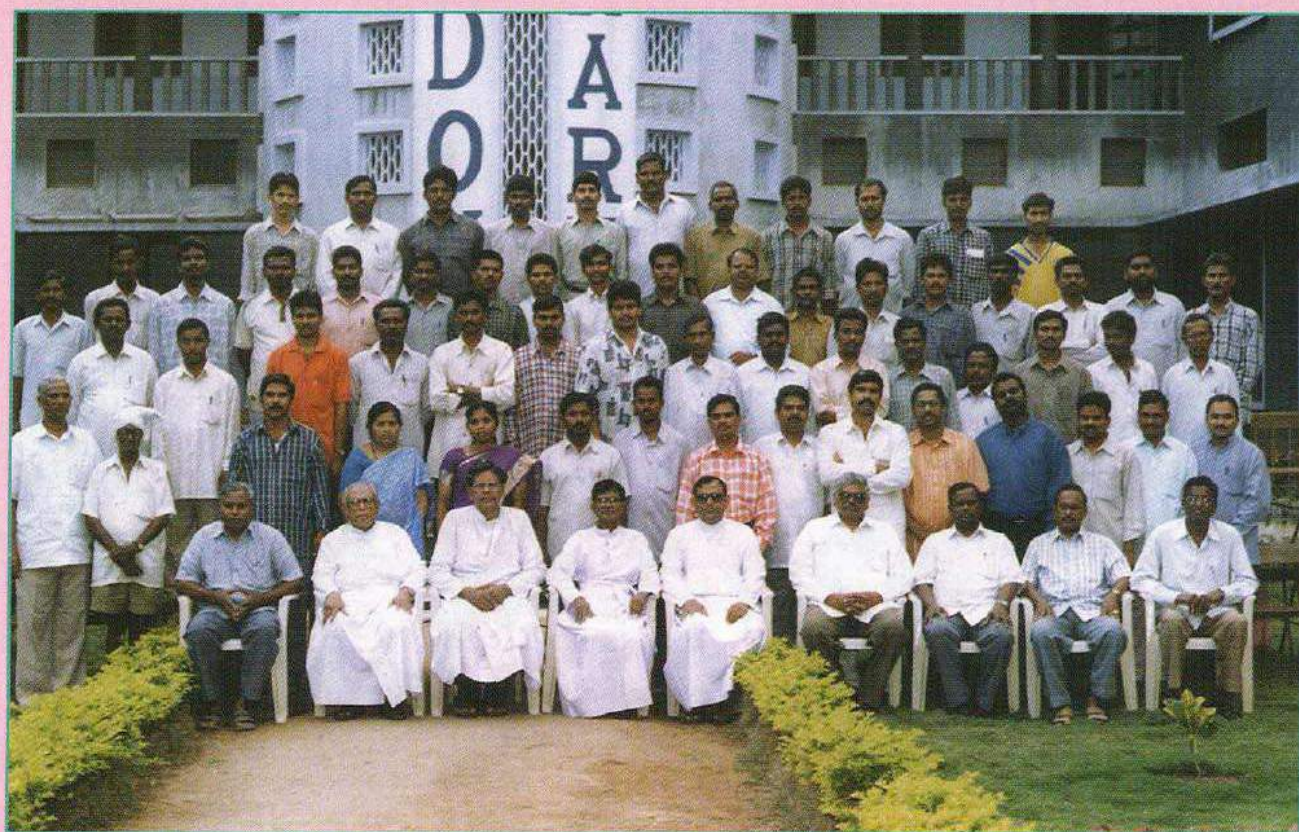


Tricentenary celebrations : Andhra Jesuit Province



Final commitment in SJ : Fr. Rex Angelo (March 10, 2004)

Non-teaching Staff (Degree & Inter)



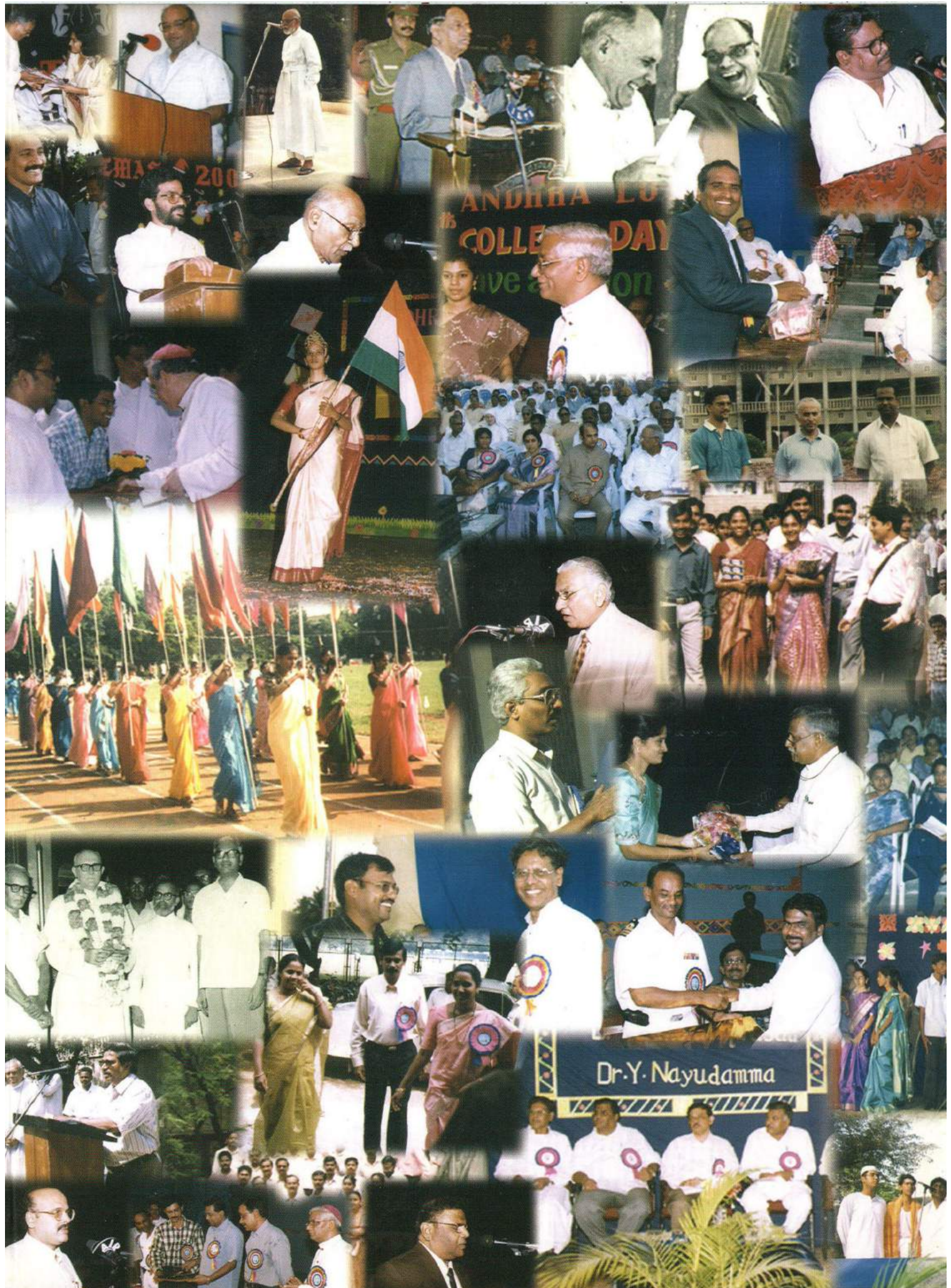
Non-teaching Staff (PG)



JESUIT COMMUNITY : 2003 - 2004



L -R (Standing) : Fr. P. F. Jayabalan, Br. M. Michael Swamy, Fr. Rex Angelo, Fr. A.Theckemury,
 Fr. S. Philomin Raj, Fr. D. Ravi Sekhar, Fr. P. Anthony, Fr. J. Thainese, Fr. G. Jayaraj
 L -R (Sitting) : Br. M. Singarayyer, Fr. P. J. Sandanasamy, Fr. Louis Xavier, Fr. C. Peter Raj, Fr. P. Jojaiah, Br. S. Maria Michael,
 Fr. S. Emmanuel, Br. P. Balasamy, Fr. Danananda



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