



GSHA

- * Biogas plants to be built in certain hostels to process mess waste. Funding is coming from the batch of '84
- * 24 hour Xerox during endsems in H7 Xerox shop
- * Passport camp by Thomas Cook on 9th Nov
- * MLC: New switches will be installed so that internal LAN can be selectively blocked - 24 hour access to outside internet been approved by authorities.
- * MLC: Bandwidth increased so far to 218 Mbps. Eventual plan is 1 Gbps. The share of total bandwidth to Hostel areas has increased significantly.
- * MLC: Insti-wide Wifi been approved from all authorities. However, there are security issues that CC is unable to resolve. Present focus is on upgradation of existing network. Wifi not likely in the next year.
- * MLC: 2 LAN ports per room ... happening ...
- * Will be 2 ambulances. One for staff, one for students. (!?) Oxygen masks on ambulances
- * Database of passing out students ... to contain data like GC events won, etc. Prof. Kavi Arya involved
- * Phonathon - 23 alumni promised internships
- * Contract with Moosa (housekeeping firm) has been changed so that toilet & bathroom cleaning to be 3 times a day (presently 2 times)
- * Autorickshaws: hard to regulate. 50% are run by children of mess-workers, 20% by children of security guards. I don't think this was mentioned in our arti.

GSAA (PG)

- * Has gotten a "Duel Degree" [sic] scheme approved. Now M.Tech. students with CPI>9 can convert to Ph.D. at the end of their 1st year, and obtain BOTH an M.Tech. and Ph.D. degree at the end. Previously they'd only get Ph.D.
- * In progress: Course allotment for TAs should be on the basis of the TA's preference, as is presently the case only in CS, Elec & Aero. This will be in place "hopefully" (90% probability) by next sem.
- * A "Research Skills Improvement" programme modelled on something in IIT-K. Stuff about "research strategies", "quality management". Seems very vague about what shape it'll take- wants it to be a course ideally, but if that doesn't work out, will make it a (series of) workshops(s)
- * Revamp of the PG Communications Skills course. Very vague about what he has in mind. Involvement of dep. profs for technical writing.
- * Minor programme for PGs. Faculty have mixed opinions.

GSAA (UG)

- * New Library rule: one can now take already-issued books in and out of the library.
- * It will soon be possible to take one's own books into the library.
- * PT cell formed
- * JEE counselling by students happened
- * Remedial English classes happening: 4 batches for Hindi-speakers, 1 for Telugu
- * UG TAs for IC102 next sem, plus other courses with prof. recommendation.
- * Minors / Honours registration will happen *before* the end of the current sem
- * IDC elective next sem - most probably to become a full-fledged Minor programme
- * An "Acad Server" for past years' question papers, to be uploaded only with relevant prof's consent
- * 90% chance of Tech room by Jan
- * New Slot Pattern next sem
- * "Research Interface" so junta knows of available projects being offered by profs. Initiative of Pulse editors.

GS Sports

- * List of events so far, to come.
- * GC overhaul- performance of every player from representing a hostel for individual events to count. This was tested with the Baddy GC this sem - ppl generally liked it.
- * Plans to come up with a "GC Code of Conduct"
- * Camp-a-thon: 14 days in Jan
- * Colosseum - invite 7-8 outside colleges for tournaments every weekend - next sem
- * Some ppl cribbing about restrictions on Inter-IIT players participating in GCs only in Water Polo and Weightlifting. GS thinks the Inter-IIT level in these events is v. high
- * Lots of random GC cribs - stuff involving specific matches, walkovers being awarded, timing clashes. When someone cribbed about there not being a whistle at some Kho-Kho match, Gaur gets pissed and interrupts saying, "Ok, next time there will be a whistle."

GS Cult

- * List of events so far, to come.
- * Yoga room renovation - fully functional dram stage by the beginning next sem
- * Apologised for Dandiya during Navaratri blamed it on Swine Flu et al.
- * IITB National Debate

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