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PROFILE:

Professor P S Vanchiswar

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When the new students of WMU start with their common lectures, the first Resident Professor on the scene is usually Professor P S Vanchiswar.

It is not with a little curiosity and expectation that they await their first encounter/lecture with this Professor from India.

They soon discern that he is a rare combination of seafarer, technocrat, administrator and academic with a deep sense of humour. On further discreet enquiry it is gleaned that he has reached the pinnacle in each of such callings. As a seafarer he has been master (captain) of cargo and passenger ships.

Both as a technocrat and administrator, he has been the highest marine official in his country's Government as Nautical Adviser to the Government of India, which includes the functions of Registrar General of Ships and Chief Examiner of Masters and Mates - no mean feat. (The youngest ever appointed to that position).

In that highest capacity he had to deal with not only all matters pertaining to what are known as Maritime Administration and Maritime Safety Administration (one and the same in India) but also co-ordinate marine technical matters pertaining to the ten major port authorities in India. He was also Chairman of many National Committees dealing with maritime matters.

In the international fora he has been the leader of the Indian delegation at many Meetings/Conferences of IMO, and Chairman of the "Committee on Master and Deck Department" at the STCW Conference 1978.

Seconded to IMO between the years 1979 to 1983 he served for two years in the newly created post of "Inter-regional Consultant on Maritime Safety Administration", which, as he states, gave him the tremendous opportunity of making onthe-spot assessment of the situations pertaining to the maritime safety administrations in many developing countries.

(This, if it can be termed as "market survey"" was to be a great advantage when he came to WMU).

His seafaring days may have been over but his career made him still a literal globetrotter! He was required by IMO and UNCTAD to set up the joint IMO/UNCTAD Project for the regional development shipping in the Caribbean - covering 20 countries. He served with this Project for two years and gained insight to the maritime situations in these countries as well. This was also the time he learnt a little Spanish - as he says, just few words to be able to talk to some interesting people but he does not say who and leaves it to be guessed!

While serving in the "Caribbean Project", the offer of the Resident Professorship at WMU came up. Even though he was deeply touched by the offer of this prestigious appointment, and the opportunity to participate in what would be a great and unique venture, he was also caught by surprise since he had never before planned to be a full-time academic and University Don! Nevertheless, after carefully weighing the matter up the post was accepted. He realised that this was a role combining professional challenge and dedication. He thus became the academic that he is now and adds that his professional experience as a "practitioner", backed up by appropriate qualifications (Extra Master Mariner, Ph D, etc) has been very useful in his tasks in WMU, particularly since he was one of the "pioneers" in the Faculty.

On enquiry regarding Mrs Vanchiswar's support, he stated that behind every successful man there is always an astonished woman!

Unwittingly a touch of sentiment creeped in when this Professor of many sides and the hidden philosopher said that the rewarding experience in his professional life is the rapport he has had and continues to have with the students of WMU.

We sincerely hope that the many more new student faces at WMU over the years to come will have the rare privilege of meeting Professor Vanchiswar with his abounding energy and resilience.

PROFILE





Dr. Hercules Haralambides was born in Athens on the 18th of October 1952. He spent the first years of his life in Greece where he studied and obtained two University degrees in Economics and Statistics from the Piraeus Graduate School of Business Studies, presently University of Piraeus.

In 1976 he pursued further post-graduate studies at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England, where he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Economics, specialising in the Economics of Developing Countries and Econometrics.

After his return to Greece he was elected Lecturer at the University of Piraeus in the Chair of Maritime Studies. Ever since he has been teaching Shipping and Port Economics and Management as well as Statistics, Computers and Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences. He is the author of the best selling book "Shipping and Economic Development" (in Greek) published by the Government of Greece and he has also published more than twenty research papers in areas including Shipping Management, Shipping Finance and Investment, Theory of Laying Up, Shipping and the Balance of Payments, and Ship Scrapping Economics.

In 1985 he obtained his Doctorate from the Department of Maritime Studies of the University of Wales, Cardiff, researching under Professor Richard Goss. During his period in Cardiff he was also Course Tutor in the above department, teaching Investment Appraisal of Transport Projects.

He has been teaching Shipping and Port Economics also in the Greek Productivity Centre, a governmental educational institution, and the Eurocentre for Marketing and Communication Studies; in both cases he

was also Director of Studies.

He has been involved in a number of international projects including the UNCTAD/GATT INT/25/01 and the EEC Transport Research Programme 1987-92, participating as a member of the Greek delegation. He has been a researcher and expert on shipping matters for the Greek Ministry of National Economy, in the context of the five year plans for economic and social development, the Ministry of Merchant Marine, for matters of Foreign Exchange and the Intermodal Shipping Corporation of Greece where he is Senior Financial Advisor. He is married to Dolly, has a one year old son, Euclides, and his only hobby is classical music.

PROFILE:

Mrs Norma Persaud Niklasson

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Faculty Secretary

We think the time is ripe for tribute to be paid to the ladies at WMU, both on Staff and from our very own student corps. The latter unfortunately are not in abundance. However they can take an equal stand in their professions as well as any of their male counterparts!

We would like to begin our series with mention of the only female member of WMU staff who is originally from one of the developing countries.

It is learnt that Mrs Norma Niklasson has been with the University from its inauguration on 4 July 1983. We are sure that those pioneering students did not feel totally estranged when they started at WMU.

Curiosity pays off sometimes so we asked Mrs Niklasson what brought her all the way from her homeland Guyana in South America (English as mother tongue, French then second language and no Spanish.

Old history had made her land a geographical anomaly - a colony in a Latin Continent but belonging to the West Indies, Caribbean and Commonwealth!). Why travel all the way to the cold north of Sweden and how and why WMU?

With tongue in cheek we were told that the tale was somewhat complicated but what was eventually revealed was was interesting. And we may add rather a bit adventurous and commendable! The prospect of working at WMU seemed the perfect culmination of a solid background of qualification and experience -Civil Servant and artist in her home country; nursing/midwifery in UK with later acquisition of a Diploma in International Affairs at London University followed up by work in the General Consulate of an Embassy which dealt with the registration of ships. A two-year sojourn working for a Swedish Company in West Africa later led to a visit to Sweden where she settled and started a family. The appearance of an article in the local press about the possibility of an international University in Malmö sponsored by IMO with affiliation to the UN, was incentive for her to be perceptive enough to make preliminary enquiries literally a year in advance!

Mrs Niklasson says that her life has been enriched by her travels and moreso by her time at WMU with meeting people from not only her part of the world but also places that were only names in the atlas.

It is hoped that when WMU is now well on its way to achieve its ambition and goals not only Mrs Niklasson but also the stalwarts of the pioneering staff will continue to find work as stimulating a challenge as it was in the teething days of the University.

A newly successful businessman and his wife were having difficulty adjusting to a life of elegance. After the first meal in their new 25-room mansion, the husband turned to his wife and asked, "Shall we have an after-dinner drink in the library?"

"Too late," she replied. "It closes at six."

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The bank robber shoved a note to the teller that said: "Put the money in the bag, sucker, and don't move!"

The teller read the note, added a message and shoved it back. Her

The teller read the note, added a message and shoved it back. Her message: "Straighten your tie, sucker. They are taking your picture."

Mike decided it was time to purchase a new saw to clear some woodland. A salesman showed him the latest chainsaw and assured him that he could easily fell three or four trees a day with it.

But the first day Mike barely managed one tree. The second morning he rose an hour earlier and managed a little more than one. The third day he got up even earlier but only managed two.

Mike returned the saw to the shop the next day and explained the situation. "Well," said the salesman, "Let's see what's the matter." He then pulled the cable and the chainsaw sprang into action.

Leaping back, Mike exclaimed, "What on earth is that noise?"

One man to another: "November runs into December, December runs into Christmas, Christmas runs into money."

A suitor asked his prospective father-in-law for his daughter s hand in marriage.

"Have you seen her mother?" the father asked.

"Yes," the suitor replied, "but I still perfer your daughter."

Ruturning to an air force training center after his first 48-hour leave, a farm boy came in with his pet pig under his arm.

"You can't have a pet in barracks," said the guard at the gate.

"I can keep him under my bunk."

"That's impossible," said the guard. "What about the smell?"

"He'll just have to get used to it like I did."

Shortly after take-off, a man stopped one of the air hostesses and said, "I have heard the airlines will give people just about anything to keep them happy nowadays. Will you give me anything to keep me happy?"

"Of course, sir," the air hostess cheerfully replied. "As long as it goes in a glass."

"What possible reason can you have for finding the defendant not guilty?" the judge shouted at the jury.

"Insanity, Your Honour," replied the foreman.

"All 12 of you?" bellowed the judge.

A window-cleaning company advertises itself as "Transparent-Wall Maintenance Engineers."

Rools-Royce never admits that its cars break down. They simply "fail to proceed."

At a meeting of school administrators, someone questioned a treasurer s report expenditure for "reinforcers for behaviour modification." A simple explanation was provided: "Lollipops."

Every morning John does a combination of yoga and exercises in the living-room. As he was kneeling one day with arms outstretched and head bowed to the floor, his son came down the stairs. He looked at John and said, "Dad, a simple "GOOD MORNING" will do!"

A Wiltshire woman, whose car broke down, was delighted when a young man hiking by shed his pack and peered under the bonnet. It took 20 minutes but he got the engine started. "How can I ever thank you?" she exclaimed.

"Madam," he replied, "there has only been one answer to that question since money was invented."

A friend took some pictures of her children and sent the film off by post. Two weeks later an envelop arrived, but it looked as if the roll of undeveloped film had been returned. Puzzled, she opened the envelop, and burst into laughter.

Out rolled a battery wrapped in this note: "Film not enclosed. Check your torch!"

There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. Right now, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

One morning, as I went to open the freezer, I asked my wife, "What should I take out for dinner?" Without a moment's hesitation, she replied, "Me."

There are only three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who say, "What happened?".

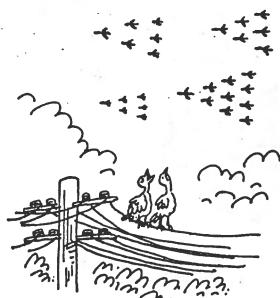
Needing a haircut while on holiday, I walked into a barber's. The barber patiently listened to my request to "Just trim a bit around the ears and neck, nothing off the top and back," and then asked, "Why don't I just give you a note saying you've been here?"



"Don't bother locking the door— there can't be anything left!"



"No, you can't send out for a pizza."



"You wouldn't catch me on one of those package tours."



"I'm beginning to see how they can afford these cut-price air fares."



"Water the plants Thursdays. Fish-food is in the top drawer and remember to give one of these problems to the computer each day."

FIFTEEN DIET TIPS

- 1. Select your weight goal. Write it down. Now pin this note WHERE YOU WILL SEE IT EVERY DAY.
- 2. Weigh yourself every morning for the rest of your life.
- 3. Drink several glasses of water a day. Water is essential to every bodily funciton. It is also inexpensive and calorie-free, making it the perfect drink for dieting.
- 4. When you are under stress, you may want to eat. Break the stress cycle with exercise and a hot bath.
- 5. Always be aware of calories. Sugar, for example, is a leading additive in foods. Read all labels carefully for any sugars ending in "OSE", such as lactose, sucrose, dextrose, maltose and fructose.
- b. Decrease red meats which are high in fat: increase fish and poultry.
- 7. Avoid excessive amounts of caffein-filled beverages. They may be bad for your blood pressure; they may also make you nervous, and many people eat more when they get the jitters.
- 8. Eat a balanced diet that includes lean meats, raw fruits and vegetables.
- 9. Stick to a set schedule each day and eat on time. Most dieters starve all day to indulge at night. If no food has been eaten, the blood-sugar level drops, you crave food, and you may lose control.
- 10. Never shop for food when you are hungry.

- 11. Limit your salt intake. The more salted food you eat, the more you want.
- 12. Do not take less than 20 minutes to finish a meal.
- 13. Avoid foods that are served with sauces. Sauces are often rich in butter, sugar, salt and flour, adding to your calorie count.
- 14. Learn to relax before a party. It will fortify your selfcontrol when snacks are offered.
- 15. Remember: you are learning a "way to live," not just a way to diet.



TWELVE (12) KEY TRAITS SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON

LEO CHAN CHOW MSA(N)-90

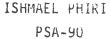
Une thousand top achievers were interviewed and the following are the characteristics they tend to have in common:

- Successful people enjoy their work. They work with total involvement and end up having "the time of their lives".
- 2. They have a positive attitude and plenty of confidence. The successful never seem to doubt that they will achieve and when they do, it contributes more to their self esteem.
- 3. They use negative experiences to discover their strengths.
- 4. They are decisive, disciplined goal setters. Most achievers have a clear idea what they want out of life and take the shortest route to go after it.
- 5. They have integrity and help others succeed. An integral element of success is the "mutual benefit concept". Making sure the other party also gets a fair deal.
- 6. They are persistent, improving their proposal each time until they get what they are after.
- 7. They develop good communication and problem solving skills.
- 8. They take risks. Few people get to the top without sticking their necks out and when they make mistakes they shrug them off and carry on with their lives.
- 9. They surround themselves with competent, responsible and supportive people. No matter how smart or creative they are, they have others around them they can trust.

- 10. They are healthy, have high energy levels and schedule time for activities or rest that will help them revitalize themselves.
- 11. They believe in God or a higher power and do not take all the credit for their success.
- 12. They have a sense of purpose and a desire to contribute to society. No matter how busy they are, successful people are always willing to give of themselves to help a colleague in need, the under privileged or to become involved in political, cultural or artistic causes.

We are not successful if we cannot enjoy our success.

MALAWI





Malawi (nick-named the warm heart of Africa) is a land locked country in the south eastern Africa. Location 9 to 17 degrees south; 32 to 36 degrees east. The country lies within the Great Rift valley system. Lake Malawi, a body of water 580 km. long and about 460 meters above sea level, is the country's physical feature. The highland elevations rise over 2,440 meters in the Nyika Plateau in the north and 3,000 meters at mt. Mulanje in the south. Half of the land is classified as forest, woodland.

The population is estimated at eight (8) million and a population density of 62.8 per square km. The people belong to various central Bantu groups. About half belong to the Chewa and Nyanja groups, known collectively as Malawi (Maravi) before the 19th century. Other indeginous Malawians include the Tumbuka, Tonga, Ngoni, Yao, etc. The land has been inhabited for at least 12000 years. Its earliest people being Nomadic hunter gatherers.

About 65% of the population is chiristian, 15 Tribal religionist and 25% muslim.

The major tourist attraction in the country is the lake. The visitor is well served by hotels and recreation facilities. Eight day excursions around the lake have been organized. Game Parks, Mt Mulanje and Mt Zomba are parts of the area of attraction. Visitors from common-wealth countries, the US and many other countries do not need visa. You are welcome to the warm heart of Africa.

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VIEWPOINT: HENRIK SMITH CATERING SERVICE: THE NEED FOR REFORM

WARREN R. GALARCE MSA(N)-90



The last few months saw an increasing number of students complaining about the catering service at the Henrik Smith Hostel. The complaints centers mostly on three ares:

- the quality of food
- the quantity of food
- the sanitation of the utensils

Most found the food not to their liking either because of culture, religion or simply because of their taste buds. Others found the amount wanting at times while quite a number complain about the cleanliness of the utensils.

The problem have dragged on inspite of noteworthy efforts from the school administration to rectivy the situation such as periodic inspecitons and dialogue with the students. The catering service itself has to some extent tried to do something about the matter by briefing its staff, and in my own personal view, not all the food served is that bad. Still, it is a matter perceived by most as needing immediate and lasting solution.

I am therefore suggesting a system I hope will help solve the problem. My suggestion is actually taken from a colleague who attended a training workshop in Spain with a few improvements of my own. It is simple and works this way - the school give each student the money budgeted for his victualling. At the same time, allow the restaurant to open on a reservation basis, let us say a week before, of course the menue has to be published earlier so that the student will know what he is going to eat "for dinner on Tuesday the next week". He can then pay upon coming in. Variations can be made such as coupons sold by the caterers a week before or direct deductions on the students account on his next month's allowance.

I believe the system incorporates the interest of all concerned. The different students groups - the ones who like to get only the money and cook by themselves or eat at an outside resturant. Or the ones who want the present system to continue or some other variations. It will also foster competition for the catering service to improve if it wants to be patronized by the students while insuring its economical operation since it is assured of an exact number of students who will be one less head-ache for the school administration.

I have vouched this idea with some colleagues for a month now and reactions have been as varied as "the number of countries at WMU". Many though agreed it was a good one. I therefore decided to put it in writing in the hope that it will find greater acceptability once explained thoroughly and given careful thought by the reader.

The system urges all parties to compromise, "give a little to gain more". After all, compromise, a virtue of the united nations and IMO is, I believe, also at the heart of the WMU community. Without it, we won't be able to achieve a real and meaningful change we so now urgently need.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

GEORGE DARKEY
MET(N)-89



Welcome folks to my column, I wish to thank my numerous readers for their kind comments and encouragement.

I would like in this edition to touch on certain basic habits that are destroying the human race. They are Alcohol, Cigarettes, Drugs and Sexual Immorality. I hope many people will agree with me that these habits have ruined homes, jobs, marriages, and have caused deaths. It is even surprising that these habits are rampart among well educated people, like managers, intellectuals and people holding high office in government.

One day I saw a group of people including women, about eight of them, in Varnhemstorget, fighting among themselves. These people were dead drunk and still with bottles in their hands. These are grown up men and women with children degraded by alcohol, fighting among themselves with blood oozing freely from their noses and heads. I asked myself "is that all man was created for?" to destroy his own body with alcohol?

Listen to a wise saying of a king "Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin things, it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees and deprive all the oppressed of their rights. Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish, let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more."

Another wise king also put it this way, "Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper, your eyes will see strange sights and your mind imagine confusing things. You

will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging. They hit me, you will say, but I am not hurt! They beat me, but I don't feel it! When will I wake up so I can find another drink?"

Now about sexual immorality, sex scandals are now the order of society. It is normal for young men and young women to have sex before marriage and now-a-days there is nothing wrong with a married woman sleeping with other men. As for the men, there is nothing wrong with them having a wife and other concubines. Marriage vows are soon forgotten and people do their own thing. Did God institute marriage for nothing. Listen to another wise saying of a king "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife, no one who touches her will go unpunished."

What about smoking and taking drugs. It has created headaches for governments and they are at a loss of what to do. Many people have become slaves of these evil habits. I know many people who will never be satisfied with their meals unless they take a stick of cigarrette after their meals, others could never go to the toilet without puffing cigaretes. What a sick society!

Why are we destroying the body God has given to us through alcohol, drugs, smoke and sex.

My friend, do you know that your body is the temple of God, and one day he will ask you to account for what you have done to this body whether good or bad. You who are defiling your marriage bed, do you know that one day God will ask you to account for your marriage vow. Do you also know that your body is the temple of God and if you destroy your body you are destroying God's temple? The ball is in your court!!! Till you hear from me in the next issue, CHEERIO!

THE SOLUTION!

GEURGE ALEXIS
COURSE: PSA-90



The date is March 1989, three months after the seventh batch of students have begun their studies at the World Maritime University. As is the norm, the student population represents countries from every corner of the globe or perhaps it is better to say every corner of the ocean. The problems and difficulties associated with relocation to another country far away from one's own are being experienced by almost every one, though some feel that their burden is heavier than that of their colleagues.

As a member of the Class of 1990, I also have my share of "initial hardships". I say "initial" becuause though I am a freshman, WMU is also my Alma Mater and I can testify that before long we will all get used to Malmö as being "home", well at least for two years.

One of the problems that erupt with every intake of students and then spasmodically during the ensuing terms is that of food.

Most of the students reside at the Henrik Smith Hostel and have their meals at the restaurant in the basement. With this great variety of cultures, religions and culinary tastes, the caterers have the unenviable task of providing nourishing and good tasting food. On the first task it may be said that the objective is achieved, although this is doubted in some quarters. It is mainly on the second task that to use an expression from Trinidad and Tobago that "all fall down". What is good taste?

The answer to this question is necessarily subjective as what is pleasing to one may be quite distasteful to the other. To date quite a number of proposals have been put forward, both by the student body and by the Administration. It seems however that a happy medium continues to elude.

The million dollar question still remains, what is the best solution? Unfortunately, I cannot provide an answer that will find general acceptance. I can however enunciate the principles that marks the channel which leads there.

The student body should at all times recognize and respect the responsibility and authority of the Administration for running the World Maritime University. The Administration should at all times listen and respect the views of the student body and indeed should solicit these views where it is deemed appropriate.

Finally both the Administration and the student body should work together in the IMU spirit of compromise (for an effective communication).

Once theose at the helm maintain the prescribed course we are sure to have an amicable solution to the food question and any other problem that may arise.

WELL, SMAKLIG MALTID!!!

THE WMU ALUMNI COMMITTEE

SIMON D.K. KPE

MET(N)-89

CHAIRMAN, ALUMNI CUMMITTEE



What is the WMU Alumni Committee? To answer this question, let us first find out the meaning of alumnus (plural alumni). This is briefly explained as a former pupil or student. So the WMU Alumni Committee is the body, composed of current students, that serves as a grass roots link between the current two-year group and former students.

It is composed of an elected Chairman and a number of volunteers. One of its main tasks in maintaining this link is to encourage correspondence between the student council and former students who are all advised to write from their respective places of work, describing their up-to-date positions, functions and experiences if possible, showing the effect of their WMU course.

The Alumni Committee also encourages maintenance of country, subregional and regional groups which actively promote contact among the students here in Malmo and back home after graduation.

Furthermore, the Committee is charged with the maintenance of the "Picture Gallery" in the Recreation Room at the Henrik Smith Hostel. These boards of pictures enable anyone to easily pick out friends, acquanitances, colleagues and countrymen (country-women too) who have passed through this unique university.

It is hoped that students of the Class of 1990 will keep the alumnitorch burning brightly and hand it over safely to the next class.

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NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

K. A. SIMON
MSA(E)-89



We all know about the World Maritime Day, which we celebrate by the end of September every year. It may be interesting to note that, in India, apart from the World Maritime Day, a National Maritime Day is also celebrated every year. It falls on 5th of April each year. April 5th this year, marked India's 26th National Maritime Day and was celebrated all over India, particularly in New Delhi and all other port cities.

The idea of observing a National Maritime Day in India, first came up in August 1957, ten years after independence. This idea developed ultimately into a proper shape only in the year 1964. For independent India, this was a period of reorganising shipping, just like any other national activity. After independence, India took rapid strides and made remarkable progress in shipping. In accordance with the recommendation of the National Maritime Board, a statutory body in India, the first National Maritime Day was celebrated on 5th April 1964. For Indian shipping, the 5th of April corresponds with the date in the year 1919, when the first Indian owned passenger ship S.S. LOYALTY set out on her maiden voyage from Bombay to UK, with the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi.

It is understood that a similar event is being observed in certain other leading maritime countries such as USA, Japan, and West Germany. For example, 22nd May is observed as the National Maritime Day in USA, it being the day in the year 1819, that the SS Savannah sailed from New York to Liverpool, the first ocean crossing by an American steamship.

The aim of celebrating the National Maritime Day in any country is to recognise the importance of merchant shipping and its key role in the overall economy of the country. This helps to bring about a general public awareness about ships and life at sea. In this connection it is customary to have a "theme" of relevence for each year to be discussed by various interested parties concerned with shipping. This year the theme in India was "Indian coastal shipping - measures for its revival". It may be interesting to note the themes of some of the earlier years.

[&]quot;Indian Shipping - Present and Future" - Theme 1988.

[&]quot;Support Services to Indian Shipping - Their Adequacy and Scope for Improvement". - Theme 1987.

[&]quot;Shipping and Personnel Management for Entry Into 21st Century" - Theme 1986.

[&]quot;Modernization of Shipping and Ports" - Theme 1985.

I, U, AND V

J.K.M. NAIR MET(E)-90



It is a general courtesy rule that I should not talk about "I", use too many "I"s or even start writing about "I" alone. But then what I know better is about "I" than trying to figure out what "U" are. I know that I am at fault, so are you and all of us. Probably before you get lost in the tracks of I and U, let me come to the point. It could be silly of me to talk about something silly, but then most of us like silly things the most.

I had been, for a number of years on the other side of the table before joining WMU and will be again after I leave WMU. I am not talking about the games of politics. No, I am not refering to the life of a successful politician, who had his achievements through the number of jumps he made from one side to the other. Politics is my last choice or not choice at all, though it looks quite rewarding by the look of those who had chosen it. What I am talking about is what we do over here every day or for most part of our stay at Sweden. To stand over on the other side and watch, a group sitting in front of you trying to find out what the hell you are talking about, could be an experience. I do enjoy it. Look at the bunch of experts, semi-experts and the unknowns listening to you. Most of the time you could pick them out and sort them into different categories - the "IN"s, the total "UUT"s, and the "IN BETWEEN"s who choose what I call the "stand-by" modes.

I do agree that this standby mode is selected by all of us sometime or other, and that is why we still are human. It is a nice thing to go back and try to search in our past. Have you ever tried it? Before you can say yes, I know the answer will be yes. I myself have the habit of going into it. The beauty of it is that the past is full of golden pearls. to go there, to play with it, to pick few of them is really enjoyable. To remember ones yesterdays, how sweet

they were and how bright they were, is a worthwhile task. Those were the moments of joy and any time I would like to be in them. We want our yesterdays back, we know that we cannot get them, but still it is our wish.

While thinking of the yesterdays, most of us forget the fact that today will be a yesterday tomorrow and tomorrow also will join the yesterday day after tomorrow. But do you want to go to tomorrow? I can hear most of you saying no. Why not? Is it that we do not know how it will be? I am not sure. But yesterdays are for us to pick, for we know what they were. Though there were laughter and tears, sunshine and rains, ups and downs, we could not choose what we want. Is it not cute? They were not mere fantasies. Tomorrows, you can only built up on IFs and BUTs and they are full of doubts and uncertainties. But those yesterdays we had in our hands to feel and we had lived every second of it. We may not have enjoyed those days. But they were with us in every sense and to add to its worth, you can do this GO BACK anytime, anywhere. Sometimes you may be called back from your land of beauty by the sound of the Professor, who has all of a sudden stumbled on to a bit of high tone or taken to a change of rythem or even have finished his talk. There..... you jump out of your wonderful world of yesterdays with clear lost look on your face and a feeling of dismay. The Professor might have suspected about your journey, but then he has no idea where you had been to or what you did there.

Some people are really masters at it. I know one of my friends who could do this witching off any time. He does it without arousing the suspicion, even in a crouded bus or even in a noisy market place. He does it so well that he has his eyes open wide, intently absorbing what you are talking. Yet I know that it is only the standby mode to be waken up by some unwanted noise or distrurbance. There the other day, the Professor was explaining the life on board the merchant ships and he was saying, "These are the types of questions that are normally asked to the mariner. How many years you had worked out at sea now? Did you like it", and so on.

I think, the Professor was looking at one of the students, Mr. X., when he was saying this. Because all of a sudden our Mr. X jumped out, "about 12 years, Sir". The whole class was in total silence for a few seconds and then burst out in a laughter including the Professor. Probably Mr. X is still figuring it out what was so funny about his 12 years of hard life at sea.

Today I had been in this "yesterdays" and "todays" for sufficient time. So tommorrow ${\bf L00K0UT}$ for the rest of it.



Abdul Noor, Abdul U A Emirates GMA 90



Abiassi, Adolphe Benin MET-N 90



Acevedo Ramos, Cristina Colombia GMA 90



Afful, Kingsley Ghana MET-E 90



Ahmed, Mohamed Sudan PSA 90



Aka, Suat Turkey PSA 90



Al Batati, Najieeb Dem Yemen MET-E 90



Al-Nemri, Abdulla Saudi Arabia GMA 90



Al-Shahrani, Awdhah Saudi Arabia GMA 90





Alemayehu, Kebede Ethiopia PSA 90



Alexis, George Trinidad & Tobago PSA 90



Amrouche, Said Algeria GMA 90



Aweis Maow, Mohamed Somalia 6MA 90



Ayari, Faouzi Tunisia GMA 90



Bagatouriia, Vadim USSR TMS 90



Bah, Mamadou Guinea MSA-N 90



Balakrishnan, Krishnan Malaysia PSA 90



Barry, Abdul Sierra Leone PSA 90





Benaissa, Sadek Algeria MSA-N 90



Bravo Mayol, Felix Venezuela PSA 90



Caffery, Joseph Cook Islands GMA 90



Camara, Momo Guinea TMS 90



Chan Chow, Leonard Trinidad & Tobago MSA-N 90



Costa Alegre, Filinto Sao Tomé PSA 90



Diaby, Mohammed T Sierra Leone MET-N 90



Diop, Ibrahima Mauritania PSA 90



Djossa, Paul Benin PSA 90



Duran Salas, Niltton Chile MET-N 90



Ebong, Nseyen Nigeria MET-N 90



Egbuna, Elizabeth Nigeria PSA 90



El-Dalabieh, Mohammad Jordan PSA 90



El-Kahky, Hafez Egypt MSA-N 90



Essan, Amoa Cote d'Ivoire MSA-E 90



Evans, Enrique Panama MSA-N 90



Ewarmai, Matthias Micronesia MSA-N 90



Faalogo, Maluofaletoi Western Samoa PSA 90



Fernadez Barcia, Laureano Spain MSA-N 90



Galarce, Warren Philippines MSA-N 90



Gardiner, Dwight Antigua & Barbuda MSA-N 90



Gavilanes, Fernando Ecuador TMS 90



Ghayur, Mohammad Pakistan MET-E 90



Gunadi, Yuri Indonesia MSA-E 90



Hadjimortezaie, Mohammad Iran TMS 90



Haq, Ashfaqul Bangladesh MET-E 90



Htay, Aung Burma MET-E 90



Idrissa, Abdou Comoros TMS 90



Jaafar, Bin Singapore MET-N 90



Jangana, Ibrahima Gambia PSA 90



Kabwita, Tshilomb Zaire PSA 90



Kaddour, Abderrezak Algeria MET-E 90



Kadhila, Eddy Namibia GAM 90



Khamis, Ahmed Kenya TMS 90



Kombo, Abdullah Tanzania PSA 90



Laamrich, Abdennaji Morocco GMA 90



Lee, Jae Gyoon Rep. of Korea GMA 90



Li, Lianjun China GMA 90



Louho, Charles Cote d'Ivoire MET-E 90



Lutavi, Abdula Tanzania PSA 90



Lwimbo, David Tanzania PSA 90



M'Baye, Massata Senegal GMA 90



Mabom, Emilienne Cameroon GMA 90



Mangue, Aurelio Mozambique TMS 90



Marzagui, Mohamed Morocco PSA 90



Masha, Milaih Sudan GMA 90



Mohamed, Metwalli Egypt MSA-N 90



Mokhlesian, Hossein Iran MET-N 90



Mtonga, Febby Zambia GMA 90



Muriuki, Consolata Kenya GMA 90



Nair, Jayakumar India MET-E 90



Nehir, Levent Turkey GMA 90



Nkana, Albert Malawi PSA 90



Obama Ela, Antonio Equ Guinea MSA-N 90



Okwoosa, Üsyta Nigeria MSA-E 90



Ortiz, Bienvenido Philippines MSA-E 90



Osman, Warsame Somalia TMS 90



Pace, Jonathan Malta GMA 90



Pahlevan Neshan, Ali Iran MET-N 90



Petafi, Javed Pakistan TMS 90



Phiri, Ismael Malawi PSA 90



Punaha, Charles Papua New Guinea PSA 90



Qaarey, Abdullahi Somalia GMA 90



Qureshi, Zaheer Pakistan TMS 90



Rhim, Jong-Shik Rep. of Korea MSA-N 90



Risuandi, Yan Indonesia MSA-N 90



Rodriquez Sanchez, Luis Panama PSA 90



Rojas, Morales, Olga Colombia GMA 90



Rousos, Costas Cyprus MSA-N 90



Sadaqa, Farooq Dem Yemen MET-N 90



Saxena, Brijendra India TMS 90



Shaketange, Jimmy Namibia MSA-N 90



Sousa Barbosa, Antumio Cape Verde MET-E 90



Sousa Lopes, Daniei Cape Verde MET-N 90



Stewart, John Liberia GMA 90



Sun, Lihua China GMA 90



Tamakloe, John Ghana TMS 90



Taty-Boussiana, Jean Congo MET-N 90



Tiemele, Allah Cote d'Ivoire MET-N 90



Toure, Soriba Guinea MSA-E 90



Tun, Win Myint Burma TMS 90





Villasmil Fernadez, Ernasto Wang, Ruizong Venezuela China TMS 90 PSA 90



Wolo, Chales Liberia PSA 90



Yilmaz, Ismet Turkey TMS 90



Ziem, Edmund Ghana MSA-N 90



MESSAGE BY WMUSC CHAIRMAN

WELCOME TO MALMO WELCOME TO THE FUTURE



As the Chairman of the World Maritime University Student Council (WMUSC) it is with great pleasure that I extend a most cordial welcome to all students and in particular to the class of 1990. I wish to highlight to the class of 1990 the unique opportunity which the LMMU offers to all of its students, i.e. membership into an international organisation and the development of a high level of tolerance and diplomacy which will prove to be an asset in your career.

The Student Council has identified a number of areas which we consider of particular importance to the well being of students. These areas are:

- The revision of the Charter of the WMUSC e.g. General Philosophy, Rules for Election and The Scope of Committees.
- To reorganize the WMUSC so that the council can effectively function in the absence of the second year student (field trips).
- 3. To create a medium whereby students who reside outside of the Henrik Smith Hostel can voice their concerns.
- 4. To optimize the work of all committees.

5. The creation of a "Scientific Journal" of WMUSC whose aim is to provide both information on the areas of work/specialisation of students and be a focal point for discussions.

Last but not least let me remind you that all of the achievements of the students through the Student Council are the results of the work of our predecessors. Their efforts now constitutes a legacy worthy of preservation. Preservation and or improvement requires the participation of each class. I know that when we have left Malmö we will be proud of what we have bequeath to the next generation of WMU students. Let us work together, do our share and build our part of the wall, our future reference... Every single suggestion and availability for work is welcome. Batch of 89 and batch of 90, let me repeat welcome to Malmö, welcome to future.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY

MISERABLE "WUP" MSA(N)-90

Some people "define" the word study to mean, "what guys do when they have no girl-friends. But to what extent can one keep profitably learning/absorbing knowledge unhindered? Why the breaks for "smoko", lunch, overnight for sleep, etc., week-ends and holidays?

With these breaks the mind feeds, rests and is refreshed for more work, I suppose. To be honest, if there was not the Christmas break for students to go home, I would not have ventured here at all. The two-month break is most welcome.

How about the two-weeks interval between semesters? One sees the well-to-do students flying home, (even during one week breaks and week-ends) some going on holidays here and there. Some people have their families here so they are somehow comforted.

How about the poor majority who cannot afford to go home or bring their families here, etc.? Doesn't this socio-economic imbalance have an adverse effect on the absorption of IMO material? Sometimes I see my daughter walking across the page when I am trying to read SOLAS 74, or is it 78, or 88 or 2008???

Some people's families are not even looked after by any organization back home. With some, there is political instability at the home country which makes constant contact with the family a must.

What I am going to ask may sound crazy in the light of restricted financing but it sure does make sense to me, "I am dum".

In the first place, the July break between semesters can be readjusted to one month! the Christmas break should also be about one month (say 10th December to 20th January) and students who wish

to go home both times can be obligatorily sent home. This will boost morale and increase the rate of absorption and accumulation of UN/IMO stuff.

FUNDING:

- Cut down the intake of students to accommodate this fertile idea. (Is it quality or quantity you want?)
- Or candidates governments/organizations should pay for the July tickets.

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The quality of work, the concentration of the students, the seal, you name it - will all be there, not to forget "safe" minimum working hours and the right to leisure hours. I have never been away from my family for more than 3-4 months at any time when I was at sea! In this respect, it is a hell here - yet, I signed a contract to finish this course and serve my country for five years! Mr. Lawyer, things being as they are, can I opt out?

QUO VADIS?

JOE "T" COURSE ?

"Wither goest thou?" Where to? Malmö.

Students from far and wide gather here to learn, with the hope that they will go back to their countries and utilise this knowledge to run their maritime associated affairs to international standards.

It appears a kind of facilitation committee has cleared the "redtape" to enable students to get here on time, even without visas. This is a major achievement in the international area and merits "recommendation".

Now let's talk a bit about management. Since an organization comprises peopel who interact in a structured culture to attain objectives, and it has been realised that the human beings ned special attention - motivation, a sense of being wanted, taken care of physically, mentally, spiritually, etc. - in order to perform at their best, this human element is now being treated as one of the key elements to success.

A student arrives, red carpet treatment and inauguration of new class takes place, then classes begin. (Some arrive earlier for intensive Engliahs language course.) As time goes by, one begins to miss one "Walvis Bay" - the family. Forms are filled; now the expectation. It appears "Walvis Bay" was not included in the red-carpet treatment. Two months, four months if you are lucky, six months or more, if you ar not, before the processing of papers is accomplished and your family comes n

It may be hard for some feminists not to regard this as a kind of discrimination against our gentle folks.

Having had a long hard look at this visa phenomenon, realizing that the student's peace of mind is essential for proper absorption of lectures, and recognizing that the presence of the family goes a long way to achieving this, I hereby implore the powers that be to wave the magic wand that ushers in students to also usher in their families on time — what is good for the goose is good for the gander.

TWO WEEKS IN HELL

THE HOMESICK COURSE ?

At 1245 Friday 14th July 1989 came to the remaining occupants of Room 407 of WMU as a temporary relief: The Law of the Sea Seminar and the 1st Semester were over. Now there would be two weeks of ... of what? I glanced nervously out of the window. It was drizzling and the beach was deserted. What difference did it make now, anyway? Going to the beach during lunch break was just to fill in time. It was there that it had occurred to me that the naval architect who originated the term "buttocks lines" must have imagined the ship as woman being viewed from the rear angle.

I looked back in, collected the big file and left 407. "Where are you going for the holidays?" someone asked me. "Henrik Smith," I replied politely and went downstairs. "I have a flight booked for Norway," someone else was confiding in a friend. "Go by train," I nearly told him. "I am off to Yugoslavia," his friend replied. The first guy said, "I hear some people have left for home already, lucky folks."

I went out of the building and hurried to the bus stop. Inside the bus there was more talk about the holidays. Hell! I nearly left the bus, but to where? At the other end, I got off and started moving towards Henrik Smith Hostel, my holiday resort. Some students were leaving to go to town with their families as it had temporarily stopped drizzling.

The new girl at the reception pressed the electronic device and yanked the door open and extered. Wherever do they get such nice chicks from? I just left the blondie at WMU reception.

I opened my door (Room \dots) and there was a letter on the floor. I picked it up and was from a nephew on a ship in China. I wrote back

saying he should watch the typhoeus and not to miss the ship when she calls at Bankok!!! I wrote a nasty letter home. I was in a lousy and dirty mood. I wrote an apology (second letter) and may be to show that I am not nuts yet. I enclosed my pass marks in the exam. I settled down to compare life in jail, on board a ship, and in South Africa.

The indiginous people, now turned migrant population, can only go to town to work and are housed in hostels, where they cannot bring their families. Two weeks, at Christmas, they go home and return for another spell. They are warned not to have intercourse with the Shantytown gals because of VD and homosexuality is rather officially encouraged. If the concept of religion or common heritage can change this, then I will follow these noble ideas.

Then I thought up this:

"Bearing in mind that some WMU students come from poor countries, or for other reasons, they all cannot bring their families here; considering the fact that these unlucky ones are also sacrificing for the noble cause of safety and pollution prevention; realizing that when they see their more forutnated colleagues, they feel naturally demoralized; thinking that a redness of the situation will in no small way foster a healty mental situation conducive to learing. I hereby petition the powers that be to examine this psychological disdocation in WMU. Whom should I send it to?"

Finally, thinking of jail gave me courage. One of my cousins was once a a post government which got overthrown in a coup détat and he was imprisoned for some years - 5 I think. He is now out and farming and living peacefully in the country side. If he could go through that ordeal, why can't I manage here? I quoted some in the dispatch to my wife. But then the devil came down and whispered, "what offence have you committed?" Damn. I switched to life on board.

First the delight of seeing various ports "free of charge".....

If you are on a regular route, it soon becomes boring. The days at sea, the hurricanes, storms, gales, fog, cold, overtime, bad food if you have a lousy cook, lack of social activities, comparatively poor renumeration in some cases all being to tell on the individual.

I fell asleep. Terrible dreams. I am even afraid to narrate them. Saturday, shopping. On Sunday I went to church. Afterwards, while walking home, (HS Hostel), someone remarked, "Life isn't fair, you know." Everybody in the group nodded in a heavy knowing silence and I thought, "I have two weeks of hell to overcome, Lord, help me through."

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THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC)

JONATHAN PACE GMA-90

The purpose of this article is to acquaint WMU students with the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). Since I arrived in Malmö I noticed that a lot of WMU students do not know about the benefits associated with the ISIC and consequently I would hereby try to give some information to my WMU colleagues which hopefully they would find useful, especially during the coming holidays.

The best way to describe the ISIC is probably to say that the ISIC is the passport to the student travel world. As the holder of the ISIC you are instantly a participant of the benefits international student travel brings with it. The "student card", as it is popularly known amongst students all over the world, makes you eligible for money-saving student discounts and special services throughout the world. It is the only document which gives internationally accepted proof of your bona fide student status.

The ISIC scheme is organised by the sixty-two members of the International Student Travel Confederation which is based in Zurich, Switzerland. The confederation's members are all non-profit student travel bureaux from various parts of the world. The member from Sweden is SFS-Resor which is the student travel bureau of the National Union of Swedish Students (SFS).

The ISIC is a valuable document in many countries. It entitles its holder to numerous student discounts associated with air-fares, train-fares, ferry tickets, accommodation, entrance tickets to museums, etc. In addition, the ISIC can sometimes be used in a number of local student discount stores usually displaying the big (S) sign. The ISIC can sometimes mean reduce air-fares of upto 40% or 50% of the normal scheduled fare or upto a 40% discount on sail

fares. Spouses can sometimes also benefit from discounts if travelling with the ISIC holders. To make sure to have an ISIC in your possession and before booking or paying for anything show the card to the retailer and ask whether student rates are available. It is your right to ask for the discount!

To assist students with their travelling, the International Student Travel Confederation publishes an annual brochure entitled "The International Student Travel Guide". This brochure gives a list of discounts which are available to students in various countries and it is available at student travel offices in various cities. Moreover, the International Student Tavel Confederation publishes a "Sleep Cheap Guide" for students which provides detailed information about worldwide student accommodation. There are three "Sleep Cheap Guide" brochures: one for Europe, one for North America and one for Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Like the "Travel Guide" they are available from student travel offices.

A very popular service with ISIC holders is the EUROTRAIN - the cheapest rail travel in Europe for all those under 26 years of age. EURUTRAIN is in fact an individual youth rail ticket for travel throughout Europe. It takes you to more than 2000 destinations in 22 European countries and Monocco. It is valid for two months and you can interrupt your journey wherever and whenever you wish. EUROTRAIN tickets are available from several hundred sales points in Europe. In Sweden a EUROTRAIN ticket costs about 2400 SEK and can be purchased from the SFS-Resor in Lund or possibly from SJ Resebyrå at Djäknegatan 21, Malmò. EUROTRAIN is the fast and cheap way to get to know the most beautiful European towns and scenery. So, hurry! Europe is waiting for you!

Another valuable service provided by various student travel bureau is the "International Student Insurance Service" (ISIS). This consists of a special cheap insurance for students and other young people travelling abroad. This insurance package usually includes medical coverage, personal injury and accident coverage, death

coverage and other coverages. The ISIS is also available at student travel offices. In Sweden, it is available from the SFS-Resor Head Office in Stockholm.

It is very easy for bona fide full time registered students to obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC). All you need two self passport-size photographs and official proof of your student status in the form of a university identity card or in the form of an official letter from the relevant university authority. In Sweden the ISIC costs around 65 SEK and it is available from the SFS-Resor Branch Office in Lund. If I am not mistaken, the SFS-Resor in Lund is the "SJ Resor". The WMU student affairs office can also provide you with details on how to obtain your ISIC. Over here, it usually takes between two and three weeks to obtain the Overseas, the ISIC is available from student travel offices in the following countries: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslavakia, Denmark, Dominicar Republic, Egypt, Faroe Islands, Finald, France, West Germany, East Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel. Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, USSR, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia. So do not delay obtaining your ISIC. It really works! I have benefited from lots of discounts during my past university studentship days! For more details you can contact any of the following:

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 Kungsgatan 4
 111 43 Stockholm
 Sweden

Tel.: 08-234515 Tlx.: 10336

Tel.: 046-117920

Tlx.: 32765

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TRAVEL WELL AND HAPPY GOOD HOLIDAYS!

P.S. Do not worry! I am getting no commission for writing this "Ad Type" article. I am only trying to be of service to my fellow WMU students. Perhaps next time someone should write something about Lund's University Foreign Student Society. I, for one, do not know much about this society.

FEMALE STUDENTS AT THE WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

ENROLMENTS 1983-1989

Inaud	ural	Class
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Antonella Gaviria de Jimenez	GMA-IN	Colombia
Ofelia Mendoza Medina	GMA-IN	Cuba

Class of 1985

Lucy Kitchin	GMA-85	Jamaica
Ivette Ng Jaen	GMA-85	Panama
Marie Carmel Oscar	GMA-85	Haiti

Class of 1986

Maria Isabel Fernandez Colindres	GMA-86	Guatemala
Yolande Gooding	GMA-86	Trinidad and Tobago
Benja Pukkamaan	GMA-86	Thailand
Michelle G. Squires	GMA-86	Trinidad and Tobago

Class of 1987

Olga Bosquez Poveda	GMA 2-87	Panama
Sabina Gonzalez Solis	GMA1-87	Panama
Coumba Ly Seck	GMA1-87	Senegal
Carrol Jennet Pickersgill	GMA1-87	Jamaica
Su Xiao-hong	GMA1-87	China
Annah Wanjiru Marona Tipis	GMA2-87	Kenya

Class of 1988

Louise Birasa	GMA1-88	Burundi
Dwynette D. Eversley	GMA1-88	Trinidad and Tobago
Fatuma Mohamed Jilaow	GMA1-88	Somalia
Günay Kilic	GMA1-88	Turkey
Jitsupaksinee Suksuebnuch	GMA1-88	Thailand
Jatuporn Suwanpargpraek	GMA1-88	Thailand

Class of 1989

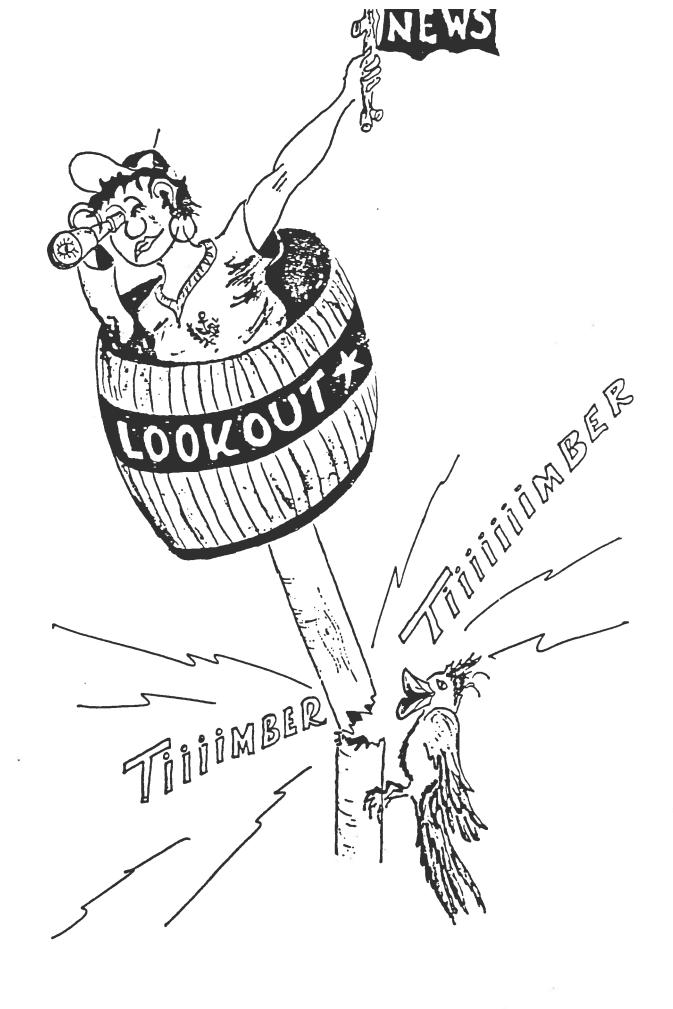
Karen Andrea Adair	PSA-89	Jamaica
Rose Karikari Anang	PSA-89	Ghana
Novellette McFarquhar	GMA-89	Jamaica
Althea Sherma Mitchell	PSA-89	Trinidad and Tobago

Class of 1990

Ana Cristina Acevedo Ramos	GMA-90	Colombia
Obiamaka Elizabeth Egbuna	PSA-90	Nigeria
Jené Mbondi Emilienne F. Mabom	PSA-90	Cameroon
Febby Mtonga	GMA-90	Zambia
Consolata Wangui Muriuki	GMA-90	Kenya
Maria Olga Patricia Rojas	GMA-90	Colombia

Total enrolments of female students 1983-1989 31 students

Representing 18 countries



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