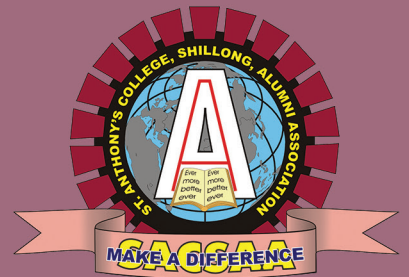


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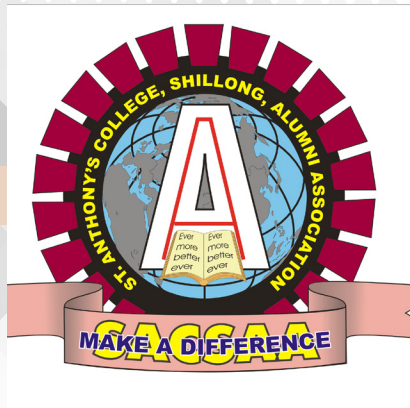
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# Editorial

“The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there”- L. P. Hartley  
In-touch is a journey to the past in black and white!

Ever since I donned the mantle of the editor of this alumni newsletter- In Touch, it has never really been an easy journey, ensuring that it is regularly published. But in the true spirit of St. Anthony's College, I have constantly stumbled across a couple of Anthonians readily available to ensure that this daunting task is accomplished no matter what.

Each edition of our newsletter is an attempt to bring to light more than just retrospective pieces of life in St. Anthony's College. We either attempt to focus on heroes among us, special guests who have visited the college or in remembering the Titans, who have made St. Anthony's College, what it is today. This year, we focus on Anthonians who are in varied professions or, have achieved something different that sets them apart from the rest. From a pilot to a scientist to a meritorious student, who has made it far enough in life on a prestigious scholarship, we also have little, down-memory-lane stories from academicians, journalists and others in different professions.

One of the special interest notes (my personal favourite) is from someone who must have been among the first in Shillong, to start commuting on a bicycle again, setting the trend for others to follow. While, now it is quite the rage to turn it into a lifestyle choice, a few years ago, he was the only one carefully maneuvering his way around, not in any way troubling the motorists or hindering the traffic.

I dedicate my editorial to the friends (Machunwangliu Kamei, Joanna Chiang, Pyniarlang Lyngdoh Nongbri) and the students (Kasturi Das, Krithika Dhanraj) who, despite their busy schedule, took the time out to respond to my calls and send in their notes of remembrance; the team of wonderful people Kesterlee Syiemiong and Raju Paul for getting in touch with our other Anthonians; to Ibanroilin Nongrum for patiently waiting as my part of the job reached her at a snail's pace; to Garry Nikhla for enthusiastically taking on the herculean task of layout and design; to Prof. Timothy Subba for helping out with the editing of the articles and to Rev. Fr. Joby Joseph for stepping in, with more content and in ensuring that the newsletter is published on time. I will also take this opportunity to thank Nathaniel Majaw, who had helped with the 2014 edition of this newsletter. His layout, design and complete comprehension of what was being attempted to achieve by my first editorial venture of the In-Touch edition was somehow left unacknowledged by me then.

I must say working for In-Touch to take shape, is always somehow exemplary of the “Ever More, Better Ever” saga that will never cease to exist in our teams and in our hearts. And while the flames of being an Anthonian has been ignited enough in your hearts for now, I shall sign off here, so that you may keenly browse through what follows in the next few pages.....

Au- Revoir, till the next edition shall surface again!

**Rosemary Ishorari**  
**St. Anthony's College,**  
**Shillong-793006**





***In Touch*** is an effort to put together and connect the Anthonians better as a family. It has been a tough time of examinations, corrections and hard running but the team behind these pages have run faster and harder to realize this work. I am sure it will bring alive fond memories and take us back to our college days.

The work as a collection of flash backs, memories, achievements both professional and personal will bring pride in the hearts of every one. These are just select few whose achievements are shared and we are sure there are many more Anthonians out there up in the ladder *making a difference*.

I have always enjoyed talking to past students dropping into the college. The sense of pride and nostalgia they carry as they walk and look around have always amused me; Some very senior and others rather recently passed out. The question that I always ask them is this: What was that one thing that they appreciated most in Anthony's ? – And invariably vast majority of them would say that it was the feeling of a family that they felt so dear at the college. Be it with the management, the faculty, the support staff and of course with their companions – all felt a sense of familiarity and homely feeling – And I always felt affirmed of the saying: **Anthonian family**. It is this that St. Anthony's College aims through its vision and mission as a Don Bosco institution, to foster an ambience of familiarity, confidence and freedom where the young can learn and build their dreams.

On behalf of the Don Bosco Society with our charisma for the young, I would like to acknowledge the novel initiative of the alumni in supporting the evening graduate course of BA and BCOM for the most deserving of the region. Started in 2014, we have had two batches of graduates passing out. This effort and support of the alumni association has given wings to the dreams of many young people making them today to stand on their own feet.

As the delegate of the alumni association, I gratefully acknowledge the hard work of the editorial team to put together these pages of memories. We appreciate the efforts of all the members of the association in making this coming together possible. Our sponsors and media partners are gratefully remembered too.

***In Touch***, as its name suggests has only one aim. It is to connect and sync us as to achieve greater network and support. Connected as one Anthonian family we can achieve much. And that is our motto: *to make a difference*.

**Fr. Joby Joseph sdb, PhD,  
Delegate, SACSSA**







# THE PILOT AMONG US...

## ***Captain Krithika Dhanraj***

Is from the Media Technologies, batch of 2006. After completing her graduation, she acquired a Commercial Pilot's License and also pursued her MBA in (HR) simultaneously. She also has to her credit an Instructor rating, and has worked as an instructor for two years. She flew commercially, for a Pune based, Charter Company, B G Shirke for 6 years and is Presently flying for Mukesh Ambani's Reliance for the past one year. She is based in Mumbai.

"Just a short write-up about your experience, and memories at St Anthony's College," I was told. Short! Well, when the tenure of my stay in Anthony's was 3 years long, how can memories be short! Anyway I don't have the writing skills to express much, in a few words, either, so here it goes.

All I remember is that I did not want to do Engineering, Physics and Maths! I wanted something that required the least amount of studies, with the best job opportunities! And that was just the beginning of how wrong I was, to even believe that Media Technologies was all about that. I joined a month late, I don't remember, why. The very first day when I joined the department, I was told that I would be playing a mother's role in the skit to be performed in front of the entire college. In the same breath, I am told, "Oh and yes. You need to clean the toilets too". I knew it right then it wasn't a regular course, there was no one to take notes from, we had to learn on our own, something that set us apart from the other side, (beyond the basketball courts, as I like to say).

There are so many first time experiences that I can now recount. My first experience of being in the recording room, and realizing, for the first time, how pathetic my voice sounded, on being recorded. The first experience of being alone in the "dark room" for our photography classes. I was a bit scared because of all the movies we watched

during film appreciation classes and also since we believed that evil happens always in dimly lit rooms. The first time ever that I experienced the happiness of hazy images emerging out from that solution of liquid that seemed nothing less than a magic potion. Good or bad I did it all on my own

The hype about getting to be a senior in college all my life was so unceremoniously shattered. We had to run around with so many assignments. 'Loitering around' is what the other side, beyond the basket ball court, accused us of. But little did they know the pressure and that feeling of uncertainty that we experienced, standing in front of Fr John D Jayakumar, presenting the results of that 'loitering around'!

Nevertheless the three years in St Anthony's college, the three years in Shillong, three years of growing up and getting to know one's own capacity and skills and the three years of fun. If it hadn't been for my learning experience in the Mass Media Department, (which was probably the only department where we worked till 10 at night), I would not even dare to capture from the lens of my camera the spectacular views and hues that the skies offer me while I am flying.

Though I did not pursue a career, professionally in Mass Media, I feel proud to say to this day and always, "once an Anthonian, always an Anthonian". That feeling of pride when I say that I am a graduate from St Anthony's College, Mass Media Department, is unmatched.

Love and best wishes  
Capt Krithika Dhanraj  
Media Technologies  
( 2003-2006 )

## Joanna Chiang

Joanna Chiang is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Molecular Cell Biology Westfälische Wilhelms Universität, Münster, Germany. She completed her Bachelor's in Bio- Technology from St. Anthony's College in 2003 and went on to pursue her Master's Degree in Botany, from St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. She was a Junior Research Fellow at the National Centre for Biological Science (NCBS), from 2007 onwards and till 2009 when she received a Fellowship to study Cells in Motion- IMPRS for PhD studies in Münster. Germany. She was awarded her PhD (Magna Cum Laude) from Westfälische Wilhelms Universität, Münster, Germany in 2014.

### A Note from Germany

“Whenever I visit St. Anthony's College it always makes me nostalgic. I am flooded with memories of not only rushing through one classroom to another or completing assignments but I am reminded of interactions with professors, classmates and friends that have left an everlasting impact in my life. It is a place where you learn to stand up tall, every time you fall. It is indeed, a preparatory ground to confront the realities of the world head-on.”





## *Pyniarlang Cycling*

Pyniarlang Lyngdoh Nongbri (Dr. Rerum Naturalium) is an Assistant Professor from the Department of Biotechnology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong. He was awarded a Ph.D (Plant- Microbe Interaction), from Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany. He was a student of the Biotechnology Department from the batch of 2003. Thereafter he went on to study his M. Sc in Life Sciences, from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Pyniarlang Lyngdoh Nongbri is one of the first people to start commuting on a cycle in Shillong. In his own silent way he perhaps initiated a new lifestyle. He shares with us today an account of how it all started.

## The Cycling Saga

*“Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race”*  
– H. G. Wells.

Cycling is one such activity which can be taken up by anyone for a variety of purposes: sports, leisure, transportation or commuting, exercise, etc. In fact people from different walks of life regardless of the economic status and age, have taken up cycling for serious activities such as commuting to work and for competing as a professional athlete in sports. Although, the use of bicycles in some countries is still restricted, to certain groups of people, who could not afford a motor car, yet one cannot deny the fact that a bicycle is one of the finest inventions that man ever made.

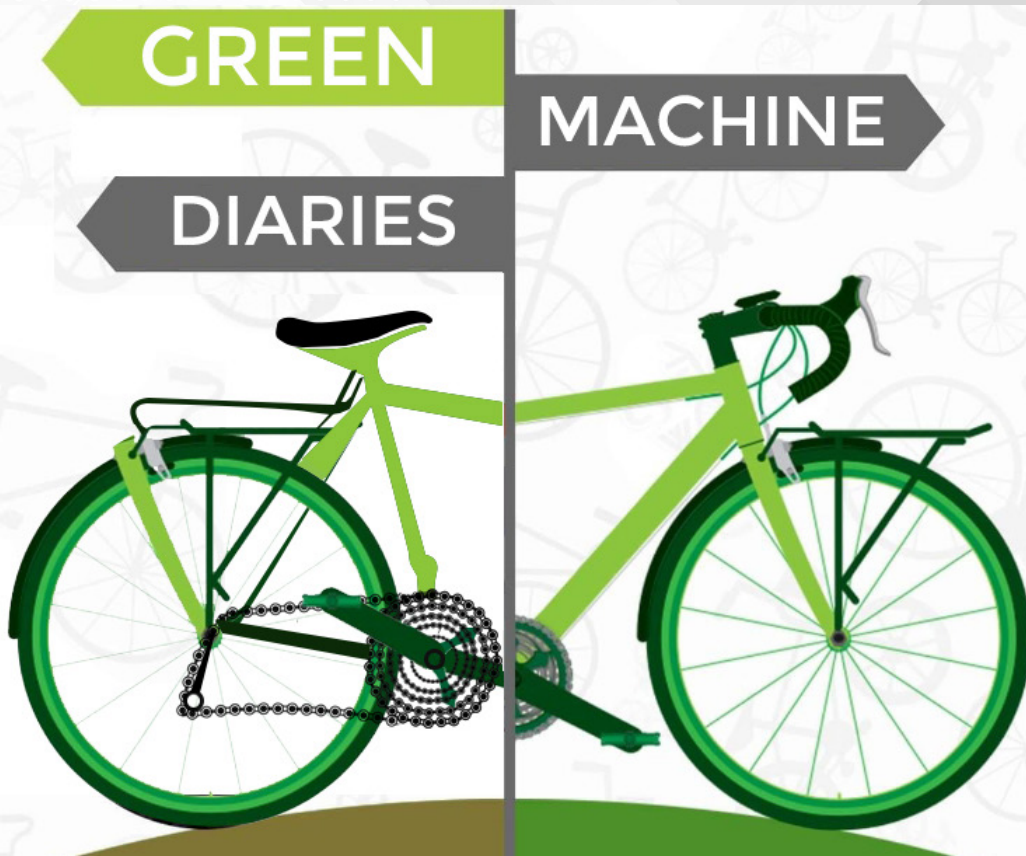
I was still studying in school when our father said (which I think he didn't mean it) that he will buy a bicycle so that I could ride to school. I think that was little too much to ask from a class V pupil but that this conversation was one of those many conversations that stick with me till today.

I bought my first bicycle in 2006. At the time I had just enrolled in a research program in National Institute for Plant Genome Research (NIPGR) in New Delhi and used it for commuting to and from my Institute almost every day. Sometimes I had to simply ignore and just smile at the comments I got from my friends who thought that I was trying to save money instead of buying a motorcycle (It was a trend to invest one's stipend on a motorbike). I have enjoyed my time in Delhi in spite of its not so favorable weather conditions for cycling. But as far as my association with cycling goes, Delhi is the city I will remember for introducing me to cycling and more importantly for making me a bicycle commuter.

When I moved to Jena in Germany for my Doctoral research program I did not have to wait long to get on to cycling as Germany and its cities and towns are cycle-friendly and it is a common sight to see young and old people cycling through the city streets and in the forest trails and parks.

When I returned to Shillong in 2013, I had lots of doubts to ride my bicycle in the city. It was not normal to see an adult riding a bicycle here in Shillong, forget about commuting to work on a bicycle. So I did a small assignment where I studied the routes connecting the different localities with special consideration on the feasibility and safety issues that are related to bicycle commuting in the city. After a period of two months of pondering on this idea, I finally prepared myself and pushed forward with my plan. From then on I have been cycling not only to work, but also visiting my hometown, which is 50 kilometres away from Shillong. In order to add more miles to my ride, I reserve my winter vacation for long trips; Kaziranga National Park (Assam) and Ziro (Arunachal Pradesh) were such long solo trips that I did during this past winter vacation and the experiences I had during these trips were amazing.

I now classify myself as a bicycle commuter and ride to work whether rain or shine. It is worth-mentioning that our city has accepted the cyclists and this has hugely encouraged people to take up cycling. Interestingly, the idea of bicycle commuting to work and to colleges, has also picked up recently. Moreover, there has been a good response from other road users compared to the first year when I started. The vehicle drivers have now accepted cyclists which is apparent from the precautions they take while overtaking the cyclists. However, I know that cyclists on the roads are very vulnerable in front of those five to ten times bigger vehicles. Therefore it is our duty to keep ourselves safe by riding in proper protective gears, following the traffic rules and riding responsibly of course.



## A Proud Anthonian

Right from the start my wish had been always to join St. Anthony's College of which I had heard so much. My friends would talk of Delhi and Mumbai colleges, but my heart was set on St. Anthony's College only. But I became a mother while still in school. Somehow I completed my secondary and higher secondary education and took up a job.

One day, on my way back from a parent teacher meeting of my son's school, I saw an advertisement, on the Evening College of St. Anthony's College. By God's grace, I got the admission, and saw the doors of my dream opening in being in one of the best colleges of Shillong! At first I felt a little awkward in attending classes, as all the students and some of the teachers were much younger to me, as there was a seven year break of studies. But to my utter joy, I was made to feel at home by all. My teachers treated me like any other student, and my friends would make me feel comfortable and lovingly called me "Mommy". I became a mother of 52 children in the class!

My teachers were really the pillars of success for me. They made studies easy and interesting, always ready to help and clear doubts when in confusion. I have completed my graduation and I look forward to doing Masters Degree. I thank the principal, the management, the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, and most of all my 2015 batch mates, for making my journey of life memorable and a cherished one. I am proud to be an Anthonian, because once an Anthonian, always an Anthonian!

Genia Dohling  
2015 Batch  
Evening College



# A Lifetime of Memories.....

The three years I spent in the Mass Media department in St Anthony's College was one unforgettable rollercoaster ride – one that you start on a nervous and excited note, and as the ride progresses, you see things from a newer perspective; it may give you butterflies in the tummy, and leave you dizzy, but as it ends, you wish it lasted a while longer. In retrospect, you realise what a tremendous journey it was.

The Mass Media department was our window to the creative world. We are fortunate to have been mentored by teachers who were extremely approachable, kind and tolerant, and most importantly, passionate about their respective subjects. Out of the handful of educational institutions that I have attended in my life, in three cities across India, it was in St Anthony's that I enjoyed the space and freedom to be myself and explore new ideas. The department gave its students ample room for creativity and individualism. It planted in us the seed of love and curiosity for the creative world, and showed us the power of visuals and the written word.

What made St Anthony's special was that it wasn't just academics but other essential life lessons that we learnt along the way. In-between the lessons, we were also taught the importance of being humble, to be respectful and accepting others' ideas and opinions.

When I look back eight years from now, I am thankful and full of gratitude for all my teachers for the valuable lessons, and memories for a lifetime.

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# A TRIBUTE TO MY MENTORS

St. Anthony's College is a student hub where thousands flock to be educated and I was one among the many students who came to St. Anthony's. A lot of memories reverberate within me of how I was moulded and taught by my professors. I have enjoyed happy moments in the class, learning, in the department with my teachers, in the canteen with my beloved friends, in the computer lab with my friends. The thing I cherish most about the department of Computer Science is the family spirit that exists among the teachers and the students. The successful celebration of the silver jubilee of the department is a perfect example of this family spirit and unity among the students and teachers. This remarkable event I will always cherish because I saw the effort made by every member of the department be it the teachers or the students towards the success of it. Another memorable memory I still cherish is the bond of friendship with my own batch mates. They are the real treasure to me. My days spent in the college is marked by their accompaniment and help they rendered in my studies and other extracurricular activities. My department teachers are a very unique set of teachers. I have seen their dedication and willingness to take extra effort to teach and correct us. The three years I spent in the college, surrounded by the Anthonian spirit of learning and excelling for better ever, has enabled me to be what I am. No one is perfect but striving towards perfection is what my college and my teachers have taught me. I am grateful to them with a big heart. Saluting and thanking you dear teachers!

**Leonard Ekka**  
**Batch of 2018**

# Invictus

Among my fondest memories of my days at St Anthony's College, is that of the jovial, fatherly and towering figure of Father Kenny. I'll never ever forget the poem 'Invictus' by W E Henley that was taught by him, who had apparently just come in to take the class in place of a lecturer on leave. Those 45 minutes passed by so quickly but was etched forever in my mind to this day. Normally I do not appreciate poetry but after this class on 'Invictus', I gobbled up many more poems. I became a convert!

Those days (in the late eighties), we had Pre University classes instead of the higher secondary classes of today (or XI-XII). The subject English was taught in a combined class for the Arts, Science and Commerce students. With more than 200 students crammed into a big room, roll call was a lengthy exercise for the lecturers. Being from the Science stream, classes rolled on from 10 am to 4:15 pm every day and so therefore we thought that English and MIL classes were to be "bunked" religiously to enable some of us to spend quality time at the Don Bosco Square exchanging love letters (Millennial generation may not understand this). And so we dutifully bunked every English class by crawling out the back door once we had given our attendance.

On one such beautiful summer afternoon, there was a queue in the back door to cut English class so that we could be at the much loved DB Square. Many of us were on our knees crawling out the back door in a serpentine queue, when the crawling movement ceased! Those at the back of the line were urging those in front to move on but there was no movement, and a small voice somewhere in front of the line croaked out, "It's Invictus!" lo and behold there was a stern looking Fr Kenny making a threatening boxer stance. Needless to say the queue rolled back and since then for many days, Fr Kenny would park himself near the rear door, just in case some desperate escapist would take a chance. And so if many of us did very well in the English paper, credit was due to ol' Invictus. Good bye Father Kenny. Your memory will stay with the college forever.

- Aaron S. Warjri  
Batch of 1990



# **he Best Days of My Life.....**

*“Those were the best days of my life ...” (Bryan Adams). Yes this is exactly what comes to my mind when I think of St. Anthony’s College, my alma mater. Be it the three years of graduation (as the third batch of MCVP) or the five years spent as a faculty in the same department, there was never a single day that I (we) felt that going to college was for work. In fact the college was our second home. It is in St. Anthony’s College that I have met the best of people who have influenced me and are also my lifelong friends and mentors. The strong discipline and nurturing that we received from Fr. John and other faculties have left strong impressions in my over all outlook to life. Even now as I teach in different places it is what I have learned in SAC that extends to my students at different levels, and that I believe is the power of a true and good educational institute. “Ever More Better Ever”... the cycle continues.*

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# THE RISE OF THE PHOENIX

Sitting at this wedding reception today, I recollect how I met this girl in the college auditorium 12 years ago. She was as nervous as I was, but for a different reason. I was thinking if I had made the right choice? Is this the right decision? I might regret this. Maybe, I should try the MBBS entrance again next year. I had always wanted to be a doctor. Was this going to be a stop-gap learning arrangement or will it decide my future. I did not know. The girl sitting next to me, had left her mother and brother behind in a different city, to pursue her graduation in one of the best colleges in the region. We instantly struck a rapport because of our common educational background and nervousness also! We kept chatting in between the introductions happening on-stage. We found out we had joined the same department and it came as a huge relief for both of us. So, I had her company when looking for the building, the floor and the lecture halls.

That was the start of the most beautiful experience of my life. Day one at college – Hall number 41; after the faculty introductions, to my surprise, I became absolutely sure then, that I had made the right choice and I was not going to regret this move. MBBS was not going to happen after all and BBA seemed like the pursuit that I loved already.

This place has not only taught me business management and marketing but also life values, that I will cherish forever. I joined college as a short-tempered, impatient, mean, “army brat”, as I was referred to, who was full of self-confidence. I left with more empathy, gratitude, kindness, understanding, faith, confidence and the list goes on. St. Anthony’s College and especially the faculty in BBA department has made me, what I am today. If it were not for the confidence instilled in me by the faculty and my colleagues, I would not have been in this station of my life today.

I have made friends for life here, and that includes the faculty. I did not even know they would eventually become my larger family. I have made more friends here in three years than I have in almost a decade of stay in Mumbai. Everything that I gained and learnt at my alma mater will always remain close to my heart as an individual and a professional. Whenever I doubt myself; I close my eyes,

take a deep breath and remember Sir Warjri smilingly saying, “I like your confidence, this will take you a long way”, I think Sir David would say “c’mon man, at least give it a shot”. Then I open my eyes and say to myself, “you will either be successful or learn a lesson of life”. I would rather prefer doing something and failing, than not having tried. I didn’t just wear “ever more, better ever” on the T-shirt for nothing; its engraved in my heart and mind forever and I live by it every single day.

Being a part of this prestigious institution has changed my life forever and I shall always remain indebted to everyone who has had more faith in me than I had in myself. Thank you everyone who has been a part of this beautiful journey called “Being Anthonian Forever”.

**Sneha Mathur**  
**BBA**  
**Batch of 2009**



# A saga of Picnics

Memories of college days! Spending 3 years in St. Anthony's College went really fast. Quoting my friends, during the first semester, they said "Lai snem mo..." ("3 years more"); during the 3rd Semester : "Sa ar snem..." (2 years more) during the 5th Semester : "Sa hynriew bnai mo...(6 months more)" Time flies when you are having fun!

During the first semester, we were not interested in being in college and we would do anything to go home. Once classes got over, you would barely see us. We would be out of the college within 5 minutes. The best part was that, our classes got over at 12 noon. The reason being, we had a substitute teacher who took classes in the morning and left by 10 AM. Hence, after 12 noon, though, we were supposed to continue with our practical work, since there was no teacher to keep an eye on us, we would run away.

During the third Semester, we all came for the orientation programme. After the programme, while our seniors and juniors stayed back for classes the whole day, we stayed only for a few minutes. One of the teachers said, that we would get a break for that period. But we all went out of the college; most of us went home while others went swimming. When our CCNA Classes started in the 2nd Semester, the teacher told us that we could finish with the CCNA Classes within two semesters. But we were the only batch that took 3 Semesters to complete CCNA Classes!

My Best Memories about St. Anthony's College were, mostly the picnics we had. We went to Shnongpdeng with our seniors for the first picnic. That day it rained heavily and we were all drenched! While we were all busy taking photographs and playing in the rain, our friends Bankit and Apki were helping our seniors move the tent where the cooking was going on, further away from the river to a safe location, since the water level of the river had risen. In 2017 we went for more than two picnics just in a year. The 2nd picnic was in March 2017. This time the teachers did not accompany us to Mawlyngbna. The 3rd picnic was in April 2017 just a month after our 2nd picnic. This time our teachers went along with us.

A few days before the actual picnic, my friend Sumit and I went to ask permission from our principal to go out as a department for the picnic. He granted permission but asked us to get permission from Fr. Saji and Fr. Joby too. We met Fr. Joby in the lobby and he also granted permission. Next we had to meet Fr. Saji. We went to the Department of Value Education, but he wasn't there. So we decided to go to class. On reaching the top floor just before reaching the class room, we heard someone shouting and scolding in a loud voice. We realized that it was Fr. Saji, and he was very annoyed at all our classmates, since we never appeared for all our tests. So we decided not to enter and left. Later after Fr. Saji left, and we informed our classmates that we required Fr. Saji's permission for the picnic, everyone was worried. To everyone's surprise, Sumit and I somehow managed to get his permission for the picnic. These and many such memories associated with college will remain with me forever.

**Kyrshanglang R Dkhar**  
MCA

**Angshumita Deka** was from the batch of 2015, Department of Computer Science. She was selected for the DCLead (Digital Communication Leadership) programme and received a fully funded scholarship, by the European Union, under the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Programme.

## Vi' Vela St. Anthony's-The Journey from Shillong to Europe

It was in the year 2012, when I became a part of the Anthonian family. It was a last minute entry. I had just received my CBSE board results and decided, to try applying for admissions to St. Anthony's College, despite the fact that the application procedure was already over. But luck was in my favour. I had good marks and my high scores in Computer Science ensured that I got admissions into the warm and welcoming department of Computer Science. I was also very lucky to be accepted into Mamma Margaret Hall, (the girls' hostel), and my journey began in a home-like environment.

The education in St. Anthony's College, under the guidance of a dedicated faculty, got me interested in the world of technology. The combination of Physics and Mathematics, along with my honours subject, ensured that I received adequate knowledge in other relevant subjects as well. But it is not just the academic life that I am grateful for. Anthony's offered me lifelong friendships, through all our Siloam trips and outreach programmes. It made me grow closer to my batch mates and teachers, who I am still in touch with today.

I had the opportunity to pursue my Master's degree in Computer Science in Christ University, Bangalore, with three of my close Anthonian friends from the department (Rofeca, Mark and June), who are like family to me now. It was during my studies in Christ University that I came across the DCLead (Digital Communication Leadership) programme, an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's degree, fully funded by the European Union. I was immediately drawn by the interdisciplinary nature of the programme, -the chance to combine my technical education with something more relevant like solving today's problems of the digital world, while also looking into the social and managerial perspectives of digital communication. I applied and waited.

I was invited for an online interview. And one fine day, I received my acceptance letter.

I did have a dilemma though. I was interning in Epsilon, a digital marketing MNC, as a Business Systems Analyst under an American manager. There was so much to learn in the corporate environment and my internship had the possibility of an offer for a full time job.

But I had to make my choice. Seeing that I was one of the youngest and least experienced person, being accepted into the DCLead programme, I was inspired to go ahead with it, to learn in an international setting with experienced people from different backgrounds (as diverse as journalism to software engineering) from different corners of the globe. The scholarship included my tuition fee, a monthly stipend and installation and travel allowances.

However, the journey to get there was not easy, and could not have been successful without the support of a number of well-wishers. Most programmes abroad require a statement of purpose from the applicant and letters of recommendation from teachers we have closely worked with.

Fr. Joby motivated me, by providing one of the letters of recommendation to the programme.

After the acceptance, a lot of documents needed to undergo the "Apostille" procedure, which

is a very lengthy process. I was in Bangalore, and to initiate the legal processes of getting my Bachelor's degree documents verified, I needed someone to help me from Shillong. My Anthonian batchmate and friend Bibek, took up the painstaking task of running around offices in NEHU and the Secretariat, and got my documents verified. I can never thank him enough. Esha, another Anthonian friend, also supported immensely, when my parents got there to get the documents. And I have been connected to each of them, despite my programme requiring me to move from one European city to another for different semesters.

I spent my first one in Salzburg, Austria (University of Salzburg) and now I am in Copenhagen, Denmark (Aalborg University), while the other half of my batchmates from the program study in Brussels, Belgium(VUB). The teachers here are as warm and friendly as the teachers in Anthony's and the education has opened my mind to various aspects of life. I have made many friends and have acquainted myself with people from about 30 different countries so far. The experience of this study programme has been very enriching.

However, my roots are deeply entrenched in the Anthonian soil and I believe this has helped me reach where I am today. It is also in St. Anthony's where I learnt my basic leadership skills, representing the department, being part of organizing teams for outreach programmes, and to dream big, not just for myself but for the society at large.





# The Evening College in Action

The St. Anthony's College Shillong Alumni Association initiated an evening college program in 2014 offering undergraduate courses in BA (Pass course) and B Com for economically challenged students with 3rd division marks. The idea behind this venture was to equip the concerned students with vocational and life skills to enhance their employability options further. As such an MOU has been signed with the Don Bosco Technical School, Shillong, for offering these students various vocational skills. The students are also put through basic computer courses and communication skills and personality development courses. So far two batches have successfully completed their undergraduate studies, with 18 students from the first batch and 24 students from the second batch having secured their Bachelor's Degree.







# ALUMNI MEET 2015







# ALUMNI MEET 2016



## ALUMNI MEMBERS







# FAREWELL PROGRAMME



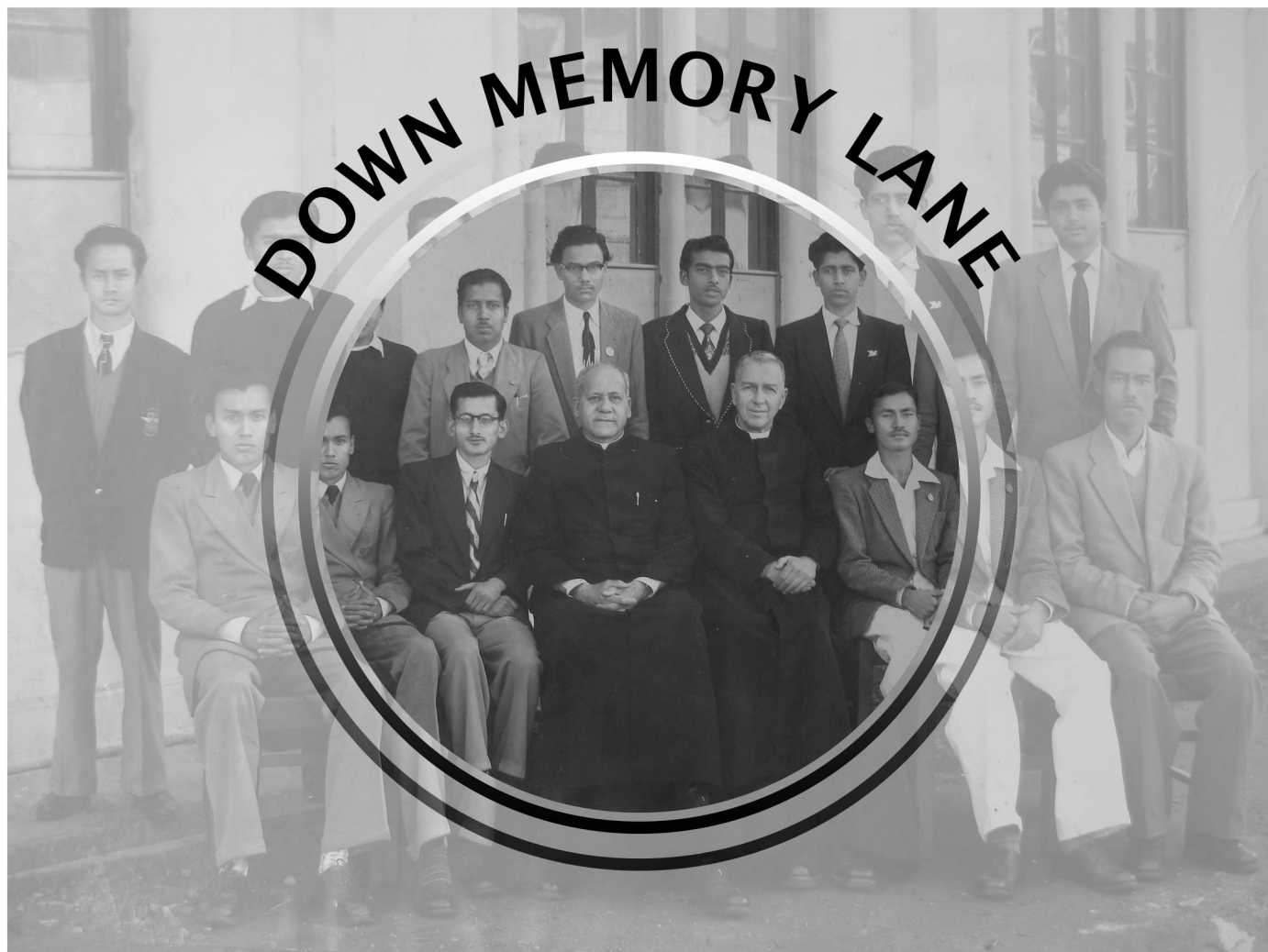




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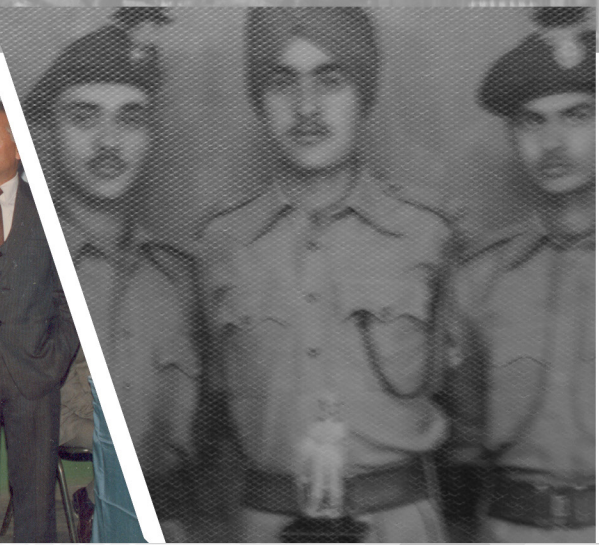
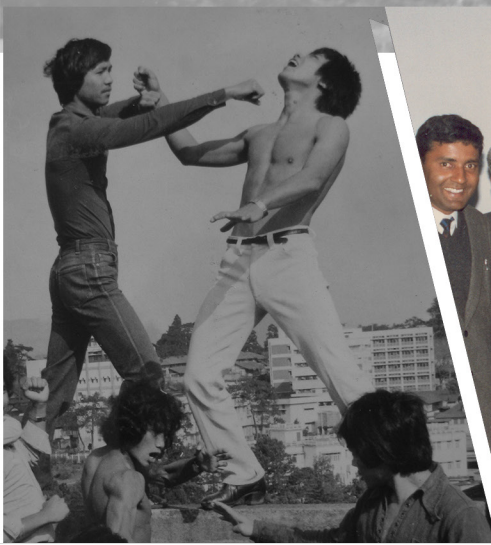
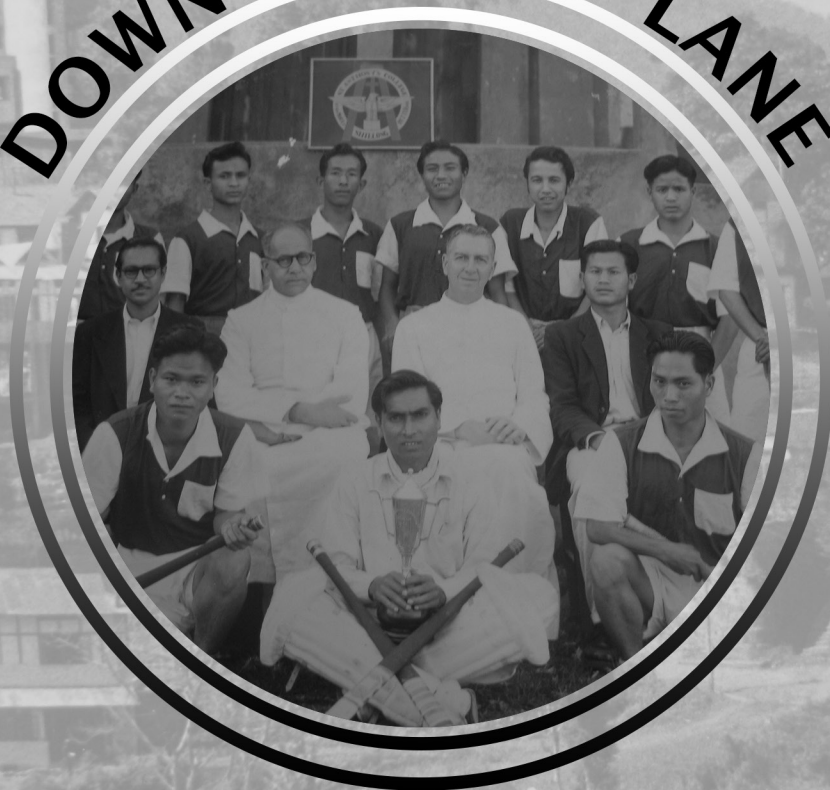


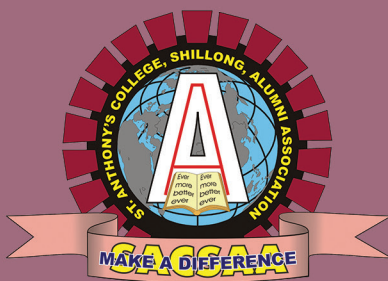






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