Dear friend,

“There should be an invention that bottles a memory like a perfume, and it never faded, never got stale, and whenever I wanted I could uncork the bottle, and live the memory all over again” — we hope this newsletter just does this. We are glad that we have finally devised a way of reaching you wherever you are. There is no better way to keep in touch than by staying in touch and that is what the English Department Newsletter hopes to accomplish. Each amazing year finds the Department growing and going forward on all fronts. Soon we hope to become a full-fledged Research Department, offering the PhD Programme as well after having initiated the M.Phil Programme in 2007.

Flooded with overwhelming requests to offer the B.A. English Course in the Self-Financed segment the department introduced the same in 2012-13. The Department acknowledges each one’s contribution towards its development. We remember you very fondly and want you to know that you are an integral part of the Department and will always be. Time cannot steal this privilege from you.

When you find time, do drop in or drop a line telling us of your time in the Department. The Department email id is englishdeptldc@gmail.com. We would appreciate if you could mail us the contact numbers/e-mail ids of your friends too as we hope to reach as many of our alumnae to strengthen the link of staying in contact with one another. Wish all God’s choicest blessings on you and your family in your journey of life.

Rachel Barnabas
Roots Preserved – New Branches Emerge!

While the traditional courses of the Department have their respective niches, new and relevant courses have been evolved over the years to prepare students for the current job market. The recent trend shows a huge demand for English Literature and the strength in each class is above 70. Keeping in line with the newly introduced integrated curriculum for UG students, Inter-Disciplinary courses have made an imprint with courses framed with most of the departments in the college to acquire Inter-Disciplinary knowledge and skills. Life Frontier Engagement offered in the final year shapes and moulds students to gain potential for direct engagement of challenges in real life and thus enhances their skills in a practical way to realize the genuine needs of society.

Arcadia: The Literary Club

To celebrate the passion we share for English Literature, our club continues to have competitions in verse writing, essay writing, skits and mime as in yester years. As you travel down memory lane we are sure you would remember with gusto the immense fun, frolic and camaraderie that you enjoyed. This year we look forward to our annual literary day which is going to be celebrated on the 17th of October, 2014. Maintaining the mood created by the festival, “Experience America in Madurai” which was conducted by our college in collaboration with the US Consulate General, Chennai in September this year on our premises, our theme for the literary day will be “American Literature”.
Workshops and Seminars

A Seminar on the “Emerging Techniques and Trends in Drama” was held in February, 2014 for faculty and students. The students enjoyed it immensely.

A workshop on “Teaching of English” was held in June 2013 to train teachers from all departments to help them teach English to students of their respective departments from the perspective of their subject needs.

This year we are planning for a regional workshop on “Comparative Literature” in January 2015.

The annual college play best describes the artistic slant of the Department and has been a much anticipated and fulfilling event of the Department. Commemorating our Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 2007, the Department staged Bernard Shaw’s *Arms and the Man* and thereafter the annual college play has been an integral part of the Department.
Technological Advancements

We move with the times and innovations and changes are but natural to improve our teaching and learning skills. A language lab was established in 2004 wherein students could enhance their language skills with the help of computers and advanced software. Further, smart classrooms aid the teaching-learning process through LCD Projectors and LED TVs. Virtual Lectures are available for students to expand their knowledge.

Many of our alumnae have come back as teachers in the Department. Ms. DewLawrent retired last year from the Department after 32 years of meritorious service. We wish her good health and happiness. The Department, as you can see, has grown immensely, and continues to do so. It would be great if you could continue to be a part of us by supporting the Department in its new ventures. We welcome contributions from you, our esteemed alumnae, to further the good work of the Department you love and were once part of. Cheques may be drawn in favour of “The Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai -2.”

Bye for now . . . and watch out for the next newsletter!

Love,

your Department of English

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