



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

on the occasion of

*The Third Presentation of  
Diplomas and Certificates*

on

**Wednesday 19th July, 1978**

at

**The Institute Quadrangle in Vaddukoddai**

*Chief Guests :*

**MR. A. A. JOSEPH** B. A. (Lond)  
Former Government Agent, Jaffna

**MRS. C. B. BAVINCK**  
Former Missionary at Jaffna College.



# *Director's Report*

## **Introduction**

First of all I wish to welcome everyone here, to our this Institute Day. Those interested in us are a very wide group of people. There are our Trustees, Directors, Councillors and members of advisory Committees. Then we have a growing group of the Alumni of this Institute itself. The Alumni of what was Jaffna College before we started are the group that provided the enthusiasm for the beginning of this venture and they continue to maintain that interest.

Concurrently, the present students and their parents would wish to ensure, that we do our work satisfactorily. Watching cautiously are the industrialists who would like to have an assessment of what we produce by way of technicians and craftsmen. Then there is a wide group of heads of educational institutions and youth councillors who have to know about us, to be able to advise the young men, who are on the look out to see, what to do on leaving school. To the same end the public in general would wish to be informed about our scope and function.

It is not possible to invite all the above groups; and from among those we invite, there would be many who have not found it possible to be present. While thanking all of you who are here, I like to assure those who are not present today, that we are not unmindful of the duty we owe to all the sections of the community.

You will notice a change in the form of the report this year. This change has been brought about by amendments to the constitution of the Institute in August 1977, as a result of which the Engineering and Agricultural sections are functioning independently of each other. Mr. Niles' Report of the Agricultural section forms a separate part of this document.

## **First Phase**

This is the fifth year that this Institute is functioning. When the Board of Directors of Jaffna College set it up they also set up a separate Council to manage it, and provided it

with a constitution that would be operative for the first five years. The end of this year is also therefore the close of the first phase. It is appropriate to review our progress so that we can better prepare ourselves for the next phase.

We are now, running all the five courses of study contemplated in the Feasibility Report, plus some craft courses. The increase in the number of students has been steady over the five year period: 15 in 74, 31 in 75, 54 in 76, 68 in 77 and 95 in 78. The number of students completing the course and obtaining their diplomas and certificates has a lag of two years. But that too has shown a steady increase: 6 in 76, 19 in 77 and 32 in 78.

Our academic session runs from May of each year to April of the next. When deciding on the admissions for the current session, we found that we had to disappoint quite a few. This is the first time we had to do it, and the reason is that we lack the facilities. In my report of 1976 on the first presentation ceremony I be-moaned the fact that we were not full; and Mr. Abdul Cader the Chief guest on that day, prophesied that very soon the reverse would be the case. I did not at that time anticipate that such a day would come so soon.

However we propose to be better prepared when admissions are taken up for the session 79-80. If we get more equipment we can take in more students. Our laboratory and workshop buildings are large enough, but at the initial stage the equipment we could procure for the grant we received was limited. But we have fresh funds and more equipment has been ordered and will arrive later this year. When that is installed more students can be admitted. This is part of the Phase II work, about which I would like to appraise you.

### Next Phase

In my report to you of 1977 I referred to my trip to Mexico in 1976 and the response to my meetings with the Interchurch Coordinating Committee for development Projects in Netherlands (ICCO) and the Trustees of Jaffna College Funds in U. S. A. I am very glad to inform, that both parties have

agreed to support and that the I. C. C. O. have already sent the first instalment of their aid for our Phase II. The approved total for this expenditure is Rs. 3.1 million. The first instalment was received in February this year and consequently we have been able to start the Phase II work. Orders for additional equipment for laboratories and workshops to the value of 1.2 million rupees were placed in March and most of it should arrive during this year. These can be installed in time for use in the session 79-80; and that is how I envisage being able to take in more students.

The buildings and equipment we now use, and which you see, give us limited facilities. We are using part of the classrooms as office. What is meant for canteen is used as a Library. The canteen and the locker-room are placed in buildings meant as minor staff houses, and so on. With the money now becoming available from Netherlands, we can have not only more equipment, but also buildings for Library, Assembly hall, Offices, and residences for staff and students. A contract for the construction of these buildings at a cost of Rs. 1.6 million is being signed.

All this money is for capital expenditure. It is unwise to build and equip on a large scale unless we have methods for running that size of establishment. So when I went on that mission in 1976 I met the Executive Committee of our Trustees. I discussed this aspect with them; I informed them that I expected the running expenses to increase by fifty percent. They agreed they had to be prepared to face it. I have now been informed by Dr. Telfer Mook the Secretary of the Trustees, of the decision at their Annual General meeting to increase the grant to us for this year by two thousand dollars. It is evident to me that if we continue to do good work our Trustees will shoulder adequate support.

Before I leave this subject, I must hasten to add that, in my view continuing outside support indefinitely is not a good thing. We have to think out policy and plans to find our footing on resources within the country. But that is a subject which has to be tackled at a later stage. In this

address I wish to devote a little time to matters of policy that concern us in the immediate present.

You are no doubt aware that this Institute project, has been the subject of study and discussion over several years, first by the Board of Directors of Jaffna College since 1967, and later by the Council of the Institute since 1973. I have been associated with all this very closely from the beginning. The functions of the Institute, the courses it should run, the space required, the buildings to be put up, and a host of such problems have received careful consideration. One would therefore form the opinion that what remains to be done is to put the plan into execution. But when I started on the work on Phase II, I was confronted with a number of questions which called for further thinking.

In my discussion of designs and plans with the Architect, in fixing the layout of these buildings, in deciding what land to buy and where, and in my dealings with the residents around, I became aware that all these, in some measure were going to have an influence, on the type of technician we were going to produce, and on the nature of the personality we were going to put out into the society we belong to. One calls to mind, the statement of the great war time Prime Minister of England. We shape the buildings and then the buildings help to shape us. At the same time you would all have noticed that changes are being introduced by the Ministry of Education, into the secondary school curriculum. These too have their repercussions on our own syllabus from time to time. In adjusting to these changes we are called upon to make decisions that have their impact on the instruction we impart, and the tenor of the technician we produce. In making these decisions I have to rely on my own background and experience. I would therefore like to share with you my views on these matters.

My background is that of an Electronics Engineer, a profession I have practiced for over forty years. Let me recount briefly what it has meant technologically. In 1930 when the Government of Ceylon scanned the world of Engineering Education, they found there was only one place where they had a degree course in what was then called, light current Engineering. This was in Imperial College, London. All others had an electrical engineering course which covered both light and heavy

current. So I entered Imperial collge, studied and came out with the belief, that by knowing the technology based on the thermionic valve, I was equipped with the latest practices to guide me through my professional career. It appeared true for several years at the start. But in the 50s there came a change, with the introduction of the transistor, which replaced the old techniques, and superceded the old equipment. So with some patience and great determination I familiarised myself with tha new technology which was given the new name solid state. My frequent trips to Japan in the early 60s were a great help in my effort to keep up to date, because Japan was well ahead at that time. Then came the 70s and with it another change in electronics technology, to integrated circuits. I had seen this as laboratory development in the Japanese establishments; But had not guessed that it would supercede so soon. With this development came computers and the resultant rapid expansion in the pervasion of electronics into every aspect of daily life.

As if this were not enough I now find yet another devise that is bound to change the electronics technology again, and that is the advent of the micro processor. This I feel will produce a wider effect than the previous changes.

All these have happened during my professional life: Equipment based on these tecniques are to be found in the pockets of every Sri Lankan who returns to his country, and you know there are large numbers of them,

All such equipment which arrives will have to be, operated, serviced and perhaps repaired too. And this is where we come in. Our technicians, whom we send out with a diploma, will need to face up to this situation. You may say why not teach them something about these new techniques. That is somewhat difficult for us to do quickly, but it is possible. Yet, there is the problem of how to equip him to cope with any new techniques that may develop during the next 10 or 20 years which is well within his adult working life span. We have therefore to prepare him to handle any new development that may crop up during the next 30 years, although we do not know what it may be;

Changes are taking place so rapidly now, not only in the technological region but in other spheres of life also, that our educational institutions will have to adjust themselves to this new trend.

Our own students are here for a short period only, about two years. They come to us from secondary school and when they leave us they have to enter the working world. This two years is much shorter than the period that a University has its charges under it.

However within the short period at our disposal we would be expected to prepare the individual, to be efficient in his technology throughout his working life, and collectively for them to contribute to the achievement of society's goals of economic and social development.

Many of you as parents are facing a similar situation when you are confronted by the problems children pose in this fast changing world.

Coping with changes calls for a certain attitude in life. This attitude cannot be adequately achieved by attention to techniques only. I doubt whether the technical institutes alone can do it. But at least we can help.

In this task it would be a great help if the student lived here during the term time, over his two years. This practice of residence is followed by the Indian Institutes of Technology. By providing for the staff also to be resident in the same campus, we could inject a greater measure of their influence.

It is considerations such as these and my own background which have influenced my decisions. Those who follow, may or may not subscribe to the same policy. At least I leave behind some understanding of what we have started here and why. I do hope that these measures will succeed, not only in providing students the technological competence that will last their working life, but also in injecting a valuable education in its own right in facing up to the problems of the adult. Looked at from the point of view of the community, the Institute would contribute towards the goal of economic development, as well as prepare the young man for a satisfied way of life.



## Council & Staff changes

In my last report it was stated that the vacancy in Council caused by the passing away of Mr. Nalliah had yet to be filled. It was filled by Mr. R. J. Thurairajah from the Board of Directors.

Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam, member and Vice-Chairman of Council went on his sabbatical in January this year and his place has been filled by Mr. S. S. Selvadurai also from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Peter Samuel's place in Council is taken by Mr. R. Muttiyah. They are both Engineers with the difference that Mr. Muttiyah being in Jaffna can overcome the difficulty Mr. Samuel felt in putting in his attendance.

Mr. A. C. Canagarajah who was our Chairman left the Island in October 1977. His place in Council has been filled by Mr. C. R. Tissanayagam who like his brother who was formerly in our Council, is also an Engineer and held the post of Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation Power and Highways.

With the departure of Mr. A. C. Canagarajah and the leave of Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam occurred vacancies in both Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. I. P. Thurairatnam becomes Chairman and Mr. G. N. Edward becomes Vice-Chairman. Mr. Thurairatnam brings with him a very long experience of Jaffna College and education in general, besides his long familiarity on church matters. So does Mr. Edward who retired as principal of Palaly Teachers Training College.

Mr. A. Kadirgamar our Secretary who was on a short period of leave to be exchange visitor at Rhode Island has returned, and continues as Secretary of the Council. The other members of Council who continue unchanged are Messrs. S. Kanagaratnam, R. Rajalingam, K. A. Selliah Treasurer of Board of Directors, R. J. Selvaratnam, K. Poologasundaram, Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, and Mr. Eric A. Gass Trustees representative.

There is only one staff change to report and that is myself. In October 1977 on the eve of the impending departure of Mr. A. C. Canagarajah to Nigeria for a period of one year, the Council appointed Mr. Canagarajah to take over the duties of Director from January 1979. Mr. Canagarajah a very experienced Civil Engineer comes appropriately, at a time when we have to execute a 1.6 million rupee building programme.

I shall not have another opportunity to formally record my departure and so I would like to express my gratitude to the Council members, staff and other members of the public who have by their good will and criticism assisted me in my task. I have reviewed the work done in my five years here, and am happy to leave behind a progress that I consider satisfactory. I am particularly happy, over 3.1 million rupees of aid, which together with the increasing grant of the Trustees will put this Institute, on a sound footing for its future. We now have to prove that we are worthy of the need we seek to serve and the confidence that is being placed in us.

### Students' performance

In 1977/78 the total number of students enrolled in the Technician First year course was 47, including 8 repeat students. 13 of these students left the Institute during the year for various reasons, some of them on obtaining employment either in Sri Lanka or abroad. 16 students passed the examination at the end of the year, 7 were referred but allowed to proceed to the 2nd year, and 11 failed.

20 students were enrolled in the 2nd year Technician course. One secured employment and left the Institute, 18, passed the examination and one failed the course.

In the Craft section we had 6 students following the one year welding course, one student following the six months welding course, and 8 students following the Foundry Practice course. All 15 have passed.

The following are being awarded their Diplomas and Certificates today.

(a) Technician course, Electronics (2)

V. Sooriakumar

A. Kohularajan

(b) Technician course, Electrical power (9)

S. Sahadevan

R. Y. Thambirajah

N. Shanmugananda

T. Ratnarajah

V. S. S. Gowree Sankaran

R. Balasubramaniam

P. Sivakumaran

K. Gnanaseelan

S. Jebanesan

(c) Technician course, Automobile (3)

K. C. Sivaganeshanandan

S. Ravindran

K. Jeyakandan

(d) Technician course, Machine shop Practice (4)

K. Ragulingam

N. Jeyam

J. Chachchithanankumar

M. Janapalarajan

(e) Foundry Practice (8)

S. Jeanthisivam

R. Rajeswaran

K. Gnanarajan

S. Mehanathan

S. Sabaratnam

J. Thiviyasuthan

N. Ganesaratnam

P. Sritharan

(f) Welding (6)

K. Saddanathan

R. Jegarajan

S. Jeyakumar

G. Thevakumar

P. Ravindran

T. Jeganathan

The strength of the classes in May 1978 is as follows:

Subject	First year	Second year
Electronics	30	3
Electrical power	12	4
Machine shop Practice	8	4
Automobile	13	5
Foundry Practice	11	
Welding	5	
Total	<u>79</u>	<u>16</u>

### Chief Guests

Before I finish would like to refer to our chief guests Mr. Joseph is an administrator who knows this area of the country well. We have invited him in recognition of his good work and good will towards the community here. His knowledge of the conditions and potentialities of the area is valuable. Retirement from government service does not mean that such knowledge and experience should be wasted. We are in dire need of a clear thinking out of the problems facing the community. There are many suitable people like Mr. Joseph who can help by applying themselves to the economic and social problems. They can form a think tank, from whose labours, leaders can draw correct ideas. I wish very much that Mr. Joseph should engage himself in such a pursuit. Then this Institute too can draw benefit from such labours.

Mrs. Bavinck and her two daughters are here on a holiday. The Bavincks were here about 6 years ago, and endeared themselves and impressed the people here. That they have picked out Jaffna for a further visit is an indication of the liking they have for us. It is this same attitude and interest that resulted in our contact with I C C O which I referred to in the early part of my report, and which has resulted in aid for our phase II and indeed perhaps for the massive aid that Netherlands is providing to Sri Lanka.

So their presence here gives us much happiness. We are sorry that Rev. Bavinck could not make the trip. But I am sure he can see us here later when we will have more to show. We wish Mrs Bavinck and her daughters a pleasant stay and a happy journey back.

S. Rajanayagam

# *Report of the Prinsipal*

## **Agricultural Section**

I would like to begin my report by expressing our grateful thanks to the Board of Trustees at Boston for sponsoring and financially supporting the Agricultural Section. We are also grateful to the Board of Directors, the Council and the Standing Committee for the government and direction of this Section. We thank Mr. K. A. Selliah, Treasurer of the Board of Directors, for advice given on his regular visits to the Farm. We are also thankful to the United Church Board for World Ministries for the gift of a Chain-saw and a Seed-drill on the initiative of Mr. Sam. B. Williams. We were happy to have Mr. & Mrs. Williams back again with us for a few days last month.

The name of this Section was changed to that of "Agricultural Institute" with the revision of the Constituion in August 1977, from when it functioned more independently.

## **Staff**

The Principal, Mr. J. J. Niles with the only assistance of the Agricultural Demonstrator, Mr. P. Rajadurai had to cover up all lectures, when Mr. V. Chinniah left on ground of ill-health in September 1977. A regular Lecturer is to be appointed. Mr. P. Selvanathan, Foreman left the Farm to avail of an invitation to go abroad. Mr. T. Vigneswaran succeeded him as Farm Assistant. The accounts work was handled by Mr. P. Chellathurai. There were five regular minor employees.

## **Farm**

The total extent of less than 1 acre for cropping was a limiting factor for greater efficiency. Management difficulties led to the termination of the lease of the land for fodder at the Women's Centre. This necessitated the use of more odd areas in the Farm. The crops, particularly paddy, gave reasonable incomes.

A new poultry house for an additional 500 layers was built. Two of the rooms were left unenclosed for use as an additional class room and a carpentry workshop. Once another class room is built, the poultry can be brought up to a more economical unit of 1000 layers. The dairy had to face the steep rise in cost of feed and with the bare zero grazing, the price of milk had to be limited to the ceiling set by local adulterated milk. The proposed import of livestock feed tax-free, will be a great relief.

### School

The main emphasis of the Agricultural Institute is on education. Agriculture plays an important role in economic development for increasing the per capita level of income. Agricultural development virtually depends on agricultural education. Land and labour are available but the break-through that is necessary is in training.

The avenues of training in agriculture are very limited in this part of the country; there being only one school for boys and that too at Kilinochchi which is 45 miles away. The educated unemployed youth in the Jaffna District is estimated to be about 28,000. It is for these reasons that the Jaffna College farm was geared to be a teaching institute.

During the early years of the Farm, only one youth underwent a full course in poultry husbandry and a few others attended some evening classes in dairy farming which were conducted by our friends from the States. Subsequently, by late 1975 a few boys were given short duration practical training in poultry and crop husbandry.

It was, however only in March 1976 that a proper Farm School was started. The main Course in this Farm School was of one-year duration for boys of the age-group 16 to 22 and who had come up to the G. C. E. Ordinary Level. It was a full-time course comprising of practical work in the forenoons and lectures totalling to 600 in the afternoons. This course was of a higher standard than similar ones available. It was not a purely practical farm course where one needs to learn how to grow chillies or onions. It was one where more

scientific aspects were taught, so that boys passing out would have the basic knowledge to think out and solve problems. Two farmers were over-heard to discuss in a bus of the insecticides they were going to purchase in Jaffna for a few chilli farms in Kilinochchi, whereas their conversation referred to a fungus disease. At a recent high-powered Seminar on Diversification of Crops in Jaffna, the final summing-up was "so what is the Jaffna farmer going to do next". Another fear confronting the Jaffna farmer is the rate of chloride-ion increase in our wells to which foreign hydrologists have alerted us. Freshening our inland-waters by the Scheme to supplement the eastern-lagoon from the mainland tanks, the Mahadeva causeway and the proper control of Thondamannar / Ariyalai sluices is an urgent necessity. Teaching agriculture to our youth, even if it be in a Farm School, has to be geared to such knowledge. Most laymen are not aware of these problems.

Seven boys completed the first one-year Course of 1976/77 of the 16 who enrolled. Four of the seven passed the final examination, two reaching the Class II standard. They were awarded their certificates at the last Institute Day. Three of the boys were trained in tractor driving and helped to get their licences; the fourth being under-aged. During that academic year three batches of 24 girls followed the short-courses in poultry husbandry. The last batch of 10 girls, while following the poultry course, were under a Scheme which completed the construction of buildings for 2000 layers.

The results of the 1977/78 second one-year Course for boys is given below and these students are being awarded their Certificates today. One student was unable to reach a pass standard.

(In order of merit)

Class I	Nil
Class II	Sivarajah, Prathaban Palany, Umadeva Subramaniam, Balakumar

**Class III**

Sinnadurai, Raveendran  
 Alagaratnam, Peter Indran  
 Weerakumaran, Kirupanathan

During the same year under review, a 3 months Course in general agriculture was commenced in February 1978 for both boys & girls. This general course in agriculture was started, as poultry farming is not the only avenue of self-employment that could be thought of. Eleven boys & girls followed this full-time Course. The Following 9 students passed the examination and are being awarded junior Certificates today. Two students were unable to reach a pass standard.

(In order of merit)

Angelina, Joseph  
 Vasanthakumary, Anthonipillai  
 Sinnathurai, Sritharan  
 Arumugam, Manoharan  
 Maria, Goretti, Xavier  
 Ponnuthurai, Thevarasa  
 Iyathurai, Sathananthan  
 Mary, Ida, Sathianathan  
 Sivagnanamoothy, Jayamalar

The 1978-79 one-year Course is being followed by nine boys and the 3-months Course by five girls & one boy.

J. J. Niles.



## *Activities of Engineering Student's Union*

Office bearers at the end of 1977-78 session were:

Patron	:	Messrs. S. Subhaschandran
President	:	V. Sooriakumar
V. President	:	T. Arunkumar
Secretary	:	S. Rajaratnam
Asst. ,,	:	P. Selvachandran
Treasurer	:	K. Jeyakandan
Asst. ,,	:	V. Gunathcesan
Sports Monitor:		R. Y. Thambirajah
Asst. ,,	:	J. Beadle
Editor	:	R. Balasubramaniam
Sub. Editor	:	G. Suhanthakumar

From March of this year we formed an Editorial Board to produce the Annual Magazine. This Board was formed by the Director with the assistance of the Students' Union.

Office bearers of the Editorial Board were:

Chairman	:	Messrs. V. Suntharalingam (Lecturer)
Secretary	:	V. Sooriakumar
Treasurer	:	P. Kunchithapatam
Members 1.		R. Balasubramaniam
2.		G. Suhanthakumar

The Editorial Board hopes to release the magazine before  
December 1978.

### **Soccer:**

We planned to start the soccer team as early as possible, but unfortunately due to the communal troubles in August 1977, our aim was delayed.

The first match was against Jaffna College. Their team was as good as ours and we had a real fight with them. In fact our team displayed individual talents but failed to put through very many goals inspite of many chances. The match was a draw.

We played the second match with Hindu College, Vaddukoddai. It was a rainy day. Even though the ground was wet we gave them a hard fight. Before the end of the first half-time each side scored one goal. Second half was very exciting, both

teams displaying their talents to the utmost. We were compelled to be in defence at the close of the game. and it was by a mere chance, they put a goal and won the match.

After this match our captain Mr. T. Arunkumar left us to go to Bahrain where he got a job. His departure at this juncture was a severe blow to us. Then the team was captained by Mr. N. Jeyam and Vice-captained by Mr. V. Sooriakumar.

We played our third match against C. T. B. Depot, Karainagar and won it by four to nill. They had many grown up men in their team, they played well winning the appreciation of the onlookers.

The Fourth match was against Sri Lanka Navy, Karainagar. This team needs no introduction. Theirs was an outstanding one one in Jaffna. However, we never hesitated to give them a strong opposition. From the start to end, the morale of our team was excellent. Had we had our own ground and regular practices, we would have had a chance to defeat them, We lost 2 to 1.

Our last match was to be played against Cey-Nor Project. Karainagar, but unfortunately it was cancelled.

### Cricket

We had a well-organised team but some of the players left the Institute before the season was over to get employments abroad. The first match was against Jaffna College. This was a one day match and came to a draw. The second match was with Union College, Tellipallai on 20-2-78. Our team was captained by Mr. R. Y. Thambirajah. Even though many catches were missed by our players it was on the whole an interesting one. Amongst our players Mr. V. Sooriakumar (V. Captain) Mr. P. Sivakumar, Mr. P. Pakirathan and Mr. V. Gunatheesan showed keen interest and played well. The match was lost by wickets.

On 22-2-78, we played our third match against Mahajana College at our grounds. This match was more interesting than that of the game played with Union College. Mr. P. Sivakumar, (Captain) Mr. V. Sooriakumar (V. Captain) and Mr. V. Guna-

theesan were playing well and were trying hard to bring the match to a draw but it was our unluck that we lost it.

### **Indoor Games:**

The introduction of indoor games our students occupied during the free-periods. Our president Mr. V. Suriakumar spoke to the Director and to this Dean of Studies and to Students' surprise within a weeks time our Director sanctioned the purchase of materials for nearly Rs 2, 000/= This gratifying gesture by the management was appreciated by all alike.

In conclusion on behalf of our members I extend my thanks to our president Mr. V. Sooriakumar for arranging the Soccer and Cricket matches and introducing the indoor games.

### **Social Events:**

The Students' Union members conducted this Saraswathy pooja. The management and the Christian Students gave a big helping hand to make this pooja a succesful one.

The present Diploma holders and the First year students with the help of Students' Union and Staff held a dinner function for the second batch of Diploma holders. This function was chaired by our president Mr: V. Sooriakumar. The Dean of Studies Mr. G. D. Somasundaram is the Chief guest for this function.

On December 1st 1977, Students' Union had the Annual Techo-X' mas Dinner. This function was conducted on a grand scale by the Union.

The function was presided by Mr. V. Sooriakumar, our President and the Chief Guest Mr. S. Balachandran, General Manager, Cey-Nor Project, Karainagar. Many schools' Unions responded to our invitation recognising our Institute. We also reciprocated their invitation.

S. Subhaschandran  
Patron, Students' Union

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