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*Editor's Column ...*

## POWER OF LANGUAGE

'Language is the mother of thought, not its handmaiden.' These words of famous Australian journalist, critic, playwright and poet, Karl Kraus, speak all about the power language wields for a person. Mastery over language made Shakespeare the greatest playwright, Milton the greatest poet and Churchill a famous speaker, of their times. With enhancement in our linguistic and communication abilities we not only become persuasive speakers but also expand the horizons of our thought and activity. Ludwig Wittgenstein attests: 'The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.'

Language is deemed to be simply a medium of expression but has it ever occurred to us that the sweetest fruits of success are reaped by those who can command and exploit all the nuances of language according to, even, their whims and fancies? Babar did it in his famous-battle-of-Khanwa speech and became the founder of Mughal dynasty in India and Antony turned the mob in his favour and wrought a mutiny in Rome through his systematically hypnotizing oration. This accounts for why it used to be an indispensable part of the education of princes and princesses and why the corporate world is going crazy for effective and persuasive communication skills.

Well, since now you know that you are left with no choice but to enhance your linguistic skills, how shall you go about it? First thing first, squash all the jitters and cankers which are engendering a cocooned existence for you. Follow the following words of Norman Vincent Peale to launch yourself on the path of success:

'Formulate and stamp indelibly on your mind a mental picture of yourself succeeding. Hold this picture tenaciously. Never permit it to fade. Your mind will seek to develop the picture. Do not build up obstacles in your imagination.'

Next, do not let go any opportunity which offers itself to enhance your skills. The world always conspires with you for your success, you simply need to cooperate with it. Start living consciously and observe keenly the speeches of those who are the masters of communication. Never hesitate to clarify your doubts as confused minds can only produce a perplexing cobweb of worst sort, not lucid and mesmerising communication. Last but not the least, strive hard... success is awaiting you with open arms.

*Narendra Kumar*
*Editor-in-Chief*

# Communiqué

*inscription of happenings on SKIT arcadia*

## EXCELLENT PLACEMENTS

Campus placements have begun with the beginning of the new session 2007-08. Twenty two SKITians of 2008 batch in Mphasis, Bangalore, twelve of the same batch in Zenith Software Ltd., Bangalore and two of 2007 batch have succeeded in getting placed with Zuberi Engineering Co., Jaipur.

It is noteworthy that 170 students of 2007 batch and 210 students of 2008 batch have secured placement in numerous companies of high repute, so far.

## INDIAN ARMY's PLACEMENT INTERVIEWS

Indian Army visited SKIT campus and conducted placement interviews for 350 SKITians in two phases on 14 & 15 September 2007. The final result will be declared later.

## SKIT CAMPUS GOES WI-FI

**By Anil Chaudhary, HOD (IT)**

The success of engineering school-backed technology initiatives is critical for the providers of digital lifestyle equipment and services, which test early-adoption patterns and scramble for mind share among tech-heavy spenders. But there's a fine line between giving students access to cutting-edge technology and making them marketing guinea pigs, some critics warn.

It's no secret that college campuses are hotbeds of technology innovation, so it shouldn't be surprising that colleges are among the first to try out new gadgets and applications. Many of these have direct educational benefits--for example, high-speed wireless video offers students the chance to watch a lecture that they couldn't attend in person.

**The Mobile Student**

An equally significant development on campus is taking place in the realm of wireless networking, where we have started to offer students and faculty ubiquitous campus broadband via 802.11 wireless technology, known as Wi-Fi.

These networks promise a seamless connection for students and faculty to classrooms, research and other educational resources at anytime, anywhere. Many people will likely have their first experience of what it means to have continuous, high-speed, wireless Internet access on campus.

With up to so many wireless access points installed throughout the campus, students can access the Wi-Fi network while studying in their dorm rooms, hanging out on the Green.

SKIT will own the Wi-Fi infrastructure for its students and faculty. In first lot we have received 500 laptops and distributed among students and faculty members and further we will continue to use latest technology in our best endeavor.

So happy wireless computing in SKIT!!!!!

## VP (HR), INFOSYS VISITS SKIT CAMPUS

Vice President (HR), Infosys Technologies Ltd., Mr. Umesha S, visited SKIT campus on September 3, 2007. In his meeting with Heads of Departments the issue of increasing the employability of students was discussed. In his address to students he threw light on the benefits of Campus Connect Program. He asserted that this programme is mandatory for all the aspirants striving to join Infosys. Apart from this progamme, as he said, is the result of long research by Industry and going to facilitate bridging the gap between academia and industry.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

A Faculty Development Programme was organized in the Institute, primarily for new faculty members from 28th July, 2007 to 1st August, 2007. Primary objective of the programme was to induct the new faculty to the teaching profession, and provide them basic skills required for the profession. The programme was coordinated by Dr. N.K. Banthiya, Professor & Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and included as Guest faculty, Prof. S.K. Soni, Ex-Director, National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training & Research, Bhopal. Programme discussed issues related to Instructional Planning and Course Files, Instructional Methods,

Interactive Lecture, Design of Questions, Project work by students and Assessment of project work. A number of teachers also were involved in planning and undertaking micro-teaching assignment. They were provided feedback to further improve. Programme was highly appreciated by the participants.

## WELCOME ARRIVAL

We extend a hearty welcome to all the faculty members who have joined us during the current academic session:

**Hemlata Dullar** (Principal, Swami Keshvanand Institute of Pharmacy): Ms. Dullar is an M. Pharm. (Pharmacology) from L.M. College of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad. She has sixteen years of work experience which includes twelve years at the post of principal and remaining at various teaching positions. She has attended various research seminars. She is the General Secretary of IPGA and a member of various pharmaceutical and pharmacological societies, including Indian Pharmaceutical Association, APTI, IPGA, Swasthya Kalayan Ethics Committee etc.

Other faculty members who have joined us as lecturers are:

Mr. Suraj S. Rathore, Mr. Ramraj Sharma, Mr. Saurabh Jadoun and Ms. Tinu Gautam (Dept. of E & CE)

Ms. Divya Mathur, Ms. Ritu Jain, Mr. Dhirendra S. Shekhawat and Mr. Anand Kumar Singh (Dept. of EE)

Mr. Mahaveer P. Choudhary and Ms. Neha Jain (Dept. of ME)

Dr. Reema Jain (Sr. Lecturer) (Dept. of Mathematics), Dr. Devendra Kr. Singh (Dept. of Physics), Mr. Narendra Kumar (Dept. of English)

Ms. Manisha Verma and Ms. Garima Jain (Dept. of Management Studies)

Mr. Mukesh Choudhary and Mr. Ashish Agrawal (Dept. of Pharmacy)

We wish them all a great time on the SKIT campus.

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## FACULTY ENABLEMENT PROGRAMME

Two days faculty enablement programme was conducted for a group of twelve faculty members on August 2 & 3, 2007 between 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. each day. Facilitators for this programme were Dr. Sanjana Mehta and Ms. Noor Fathima of Stanley David & Associates, Bangalore; they also conducted Soft Skills Roll Out Programme for a group of thirty students on August 4 & 5, 2007.

In the faculty enablement programme all the five modules provided in the Facilitators Manual of Infosys's Campus Connect Program were delivered effectively. On day one first three modules, namely, The Art of Communication, The Hidden Data of Communication and In the World of Teams, and on the day two remaining two, namely, Discussions, Decisions and Presentations and Adapting to Corporate Life were covered. These modules were made more interesting by the use of various exercises, demonstrations and role plays. Audio and Video clips and case studies were employed to make the sessions interactive and interesting and to provide better understanding of the modules. Each module was followed by adequate and illustrative debriefing and wrap up.

Half of the day two was dedicated to the presentations by the participants and the same was quite interactive and the feedback from the audience and facilitator was constructive and fruitful. The programme enabled the participants to have better understanding of the course content and delivery. This programme would prove to be very useful in imparting the soft skills training to the students.

The feedback from students on the sessions taken on day three and four was also very encouraging. Students were thrilled by the presentations which imparted the soft skills to them in a very simple and lucid manner.

## FOCUS ON EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DEEPENS

Keeping to its commitment of generating well-rounded technocrats, SKIT has started devoting two hours on every Wednesday on extra-curricular activities from September 19, 2007. To keep the academic schedule intact the timings of college have

been extended by two hours on every Wednesday. These activities will address participation in a hoards of activities ranging from culture activities to enhancing linguistic abilities to sports to participating in various clubs like ISTE students chapter, Toastmasters Club, NCC, Red Cross Society etc. The focus on academics will not be ruled out and extra classes, as per the need and demand of students, can also be arranged during these two hours. It is noteworthy that on the first day the Institute witnessed enthusiastic participation of all the students in diverse activities.

## SKIT MANAGEMENT EXTENDS HAND OF SUPPORT

SKIT Management considering the poor financial condition, caused by untimely demise of the father, has decided to exempt Amit Shukla (VII Sem, ME) from paying the fee. He has informally promised to pay the fee after completing his degree in convenient instalments.

## CAMPUS CONNECT: SOFT SKILLS ROLL OUT PROGRAMME STARTS

Soft Skills Roll Out Programme, as designed by Infosys Technologies, Bangalore, has been started on 24 July under the coordination of Dr. Rohit Mukherjee. It was conducted for the first pilot batch of 40 students which included equal number of students from each branch. The workshop focussed on all the components of soft skills including, various nuances of communication, team work, emotional intelligence, presentation skill and interview techniques. Special presentations by Prof. M.L. Bhargava on corporate culture and how to adapt to it were enlightening to all and sundry. The workshop was conducted in an informal manner inviting maximum participation and interaction on the part of students and facilitators.

To impart it on all the branches of II BE, a series of five-day workshops have started on September 15, 2007, with electrical engineering branch. This hundred hour programme will be carried out through these workshops and contact session. Participants will be given a certificate by Infosys after the successful completion of it. This programme has been made mandatory for all who aspire to join Infosys. Apart from this these soft skills, or life skills to use the more appropriate term, are going to help SKITians in all walks of their lives, whether they join Infosys or some other company or decide to take up some entrepreneurial enterprise.

## CHARTERING AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF SKIT TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Chartering ceremony and Installation of the Office of SKIT Toastmasters Club took place on August 4, 2007. This was attended by Mr. Sudhir Sharma, Area 11 Governor, leading all the Clubs in New Delhi, Mr. Vinay Jain, Area 16 Governor leading all the Clubs in Gurgaon, Jaipur and West Bengal and Mr. Deepak Menon, the Lt. Governor Marketing for District (District 82) comprising of 88 clubs in India and Sri Lanka, who are all eminent members of some Toastmasters' Club in New Delhi. The ceremony began with a Club Meeting, where members presented their speech projects and participated in the Table Topics round. After the meeting, all the club members were presented with their Charter Member certificates by Mr. Sudhir Sharma. The Special Guest for the ceremony was Mr. R.P Kashyap, who is himself an engineer and entrepreneur and has a vast experience of working with clubs like Jaycee and Rotract for several years. He emphasized on the significance of such clubs in the life of engineers and professionals today. Prof. N.K.Bantiya, the president of the club, in his presidential address laid an emphasis on how communication is a key to success and how one can make it effective. The ceremony was then followed by an in-house training programme for the executive committee members conducted by Mr. Deepak Menon, Mr. Sudir Sharma and Mr. Vinay Jain.

## SWAMI ADHYATMANANDJI VISITS THE CAMPUS

The president of Sivanand Ashram and Gujrat Divya Jivan Sangh, Swami Adhyatmanand visited SKIT campus on August 7, 2007. Swami Adhyatmanad, a doctor by training, is now

committed to spreading the preaching of sages of yore and sharing the knowledge of ancient cultural and scientific heritage of ancient India. A centurion donor himself, he has conducted more than 680 Yogasana camps and collected 2,08,62,600 ml. of blood through 230 blood donation camps.

In his more than one hour long discourse he acquainted the students with the importance of self-independence, kindness and loyalty to family, society and nation. He laid the emphasis on making the physical and mental foundation strong so that students can be the efficient and responsible citizens of the nation. He drew our attention to of what import blood donation can be to the donor as well as to the society. He also applauded our mission of Gramothan.

It is to be noted that SKIT's Red Cross Society has been organising blood donation camps since half a decade to serve humanity.

## I YEAR ADMISSIONS

All the 420 seats of all branches were filled in the very first phase of the counseling conducted by RPETEAP 2007. SKIT once again swept the cream of admission seekers. The credit for this success goes to consistent and unfettering efforts of the entire SKIT family including the Management for providing best available infrastructure, erudite and committed academicians with the able guidance of the Principal Dr. S.L. Surana and sincere, versatile and hardworking students for perennially winning new milestones in academics, co-curricular activities and campus placements.

## CAMPUS BLOOMS WITH 1st YEARITES

The regular academic session for the B. Tech. 1st Year students has started on August 20, 2007. On the first day seniors greeted them with warmth and welcomed them on the SKIT campus by performing Tika ceremony. This was followed by an orientation programme in which teachers acquainted newcomers with the multifaceted SKIT culture and disciplined educational environment.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SKIT celebrated 60th Independence Day of India with much gusto and enthusiasm amid much fanfare. The celebration began with Tricolour hoisting by the chief guest Mr. K. Ram Bagaria, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi.

In his address the chairman Mr. Meel stressed that with India's progression towards becoming an economic superpower is compelling the world to look to it. In such a situation it will ultimately be young students' job to shoulder the responsibility of leading India to its aspired path. Chief Guest Mr. Bagaria said that India's gaining freedom was not simply going away of the Britishers but it brought us the freedom of choice in the areas of education, occupation, way of living, etc. Responsibility he said is the natural ally of freedom.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Anil Bafna, warned the students against the dangers of pessimism and consumerism. He asserted the richness of our culture that he said should be kept in high esteem and we shouldn't be led astray by the momentary impact of the western culture.

Director Mr. K.R. Bagaria, offered tributary speech to freedom fighters reminded us of the contribution of our path founder Swami Keshvanand in the fields of freedom struggle, social work and education. He reiterated SKIT's commitment to providing quality education to make India a global leader in the field of science and technology along with rural welfare and upliftment.

Principal Prof. S.L. Surana in his short and meaningful speech drove home the significance of self-assessment in defining our goals and objectives. In the absence of self-assessment, he said, all our efforts may go awry. We must not follow the wave but decide it on the basis of our abilities and interest.

Dr. Hemlata Dullar, Principal Pharmacy, said that the progress of human civilization is incomplete without the upliftment of education.

Prof. Mehta, quoting the famous saying - Think like a genius/ Work like a giant/ Live like a saint - expressed his concerns about

enhancing our communication skills as without this we would not be able to lead the technologically advanced global world.

Dr. N.K. Banthiya recalled his first Independence day celebration in 1947 and said that India has moved much ahead since then. The doors of opportunities which were opened with independence were further extended with the commencement of globalization. He emphasised the need of developing fellow feeling for the mutual benefit of each other.

Registrar Mrs. Rachna Meel proposed vote of thanks to all who were present there and also those who contributed to organizing the celebration indirectly.

The celebration was hued by the various colours of cultural programmes put up by students in the eulogy of freedom fighters, the Tricolour, and Bharat Mata. It ended with distribution of sweets to all.

## ISTE STUDENTS' CHAPTER: PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

ISTE student chapter of the Institute organised a "Logo Design Competition" exclusively for II BE students between 4 and 10 August, 2007, with the objective of fostering the creative and innovative side of budding engineers.

The competition aimed at designing a logo of ISTE student chapter of SKIT. The first three winner, namely, Nikhil Rathi (E & CE), Rajesh Ojha (IT), and Dhruv Gupta (CS & E) were awarded prizes on the occasion of Independence Day celebration on August 15, 2007, by the chief guest of the occasion Mr. K. Ram Bagaria, Joint Director (IB), Ministry of Home & Affairs, Govt. of India.

## SKIT'S R E S CLUB CELEBRATES AKSHAY URJA DIVAS 2007

SKIT's Renewable Energy Sources Club celebrated Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Divas- 2007 on August 20, 2007. On this occasion a paper presentation contest was organized, which covered up the areas like, Renewable Energy, Solar Energy, Economic Imports of Bio-Fuels, Wind Energy, Hybrid Vehicles, Bio-energy from agricultural and industrial residue, Energy Plantation and Waste Land Utilization and Wind Solar Hybrid System. Mr. Alok Mathur, Reader, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, was the chief guest and judge for the occasion. First and second prizes were bagged by Jasraj Singh (V Sem., CS & E) and Badal Gupta (VII Sem., ME) respectively.

## CAMPUS CONNECT: TECHNICAL ROLL OUT PROGRAMME

Infosys designed Campus Connect: Technical Roll Out Program has been rolling out for its 8th and 9th batch from 18 August, 2007. Infosys has made this programme mandatory for all those who aspire to join it. Moreover, this programme is of great importance for all who desire to work with software industry. It is noteworthy that Infosys has already sent certificates for the students of 5th, 6th and 7th batch who have successfully completed this programme.

## SABBATICAL PROJECT FOR INFOSYS COMPLETED

Mr. C.M. Choudhary, Reader and Head, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering has completed a 35-days sabbatical project for Infosys Technologies Ltd. on September 27, 2007. In this project he worked on "Design Patterns Development and Implementation in Software Engineering."

## TOASTMASTERS OFFICERS TRAINING ATTENDED

Mr. Narendra Kumar, VP Education, and Ms. Preeti S. Kurup, Secretary, of SKIT Toastmasters Club attended an Office Bearers Training Workshop on July 15, 2007. The training dealt with the responsibilities of office bearers, goals of Toastmasters Clubs as designed by Toastmasters International and the means of realising these.

## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL OVATION-2007

**By Vijay Meel, II BE (ME)**

Several members of SKIT Toastmasters Club attended Toastmasters International Ovation-2007, organised by Toastmasters International on 18-20 May 2007 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Kiran Bedi and Shiv Khera were the

chief speakers for the occasion. The workshop also witnessed various discourses on communication and leadership skills.

## CONDOLENCE MEETING HELD

A condolence meeting was held on to pay homage to the departed soul of Shounak Dubey (IV Sem, ME) in the department of Mechanical Engineering and the Institute. Shounak left us lamenting on August 26, 2007.

## SEMINAR OF LIBRARIANS HELD

**By D.R. Bhincher, Librarian, SKIT**

Jaipur Library and Information Society (JALIS) and Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology (SKIT) jointly organized a Seminar-cum-Librarian's Meet on 12th August, 2007 at SKIT, Jaipur on the eve of the birth anniversary of the father of Library Science Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. The theme of the seminar was "I.T. Applications in Libraries and Information Centers."

Dr. S.L. Surana, Principal of SKIT, was the chief guest of the programme and Dr. P.K. Gupta the Patron of JALIS and Dy. Librarian of University of Rajasthan, Jaipur presided over the programme and also delivered the keynote address. The General Secretary of JALIS Mr. Deep Singh, Librarian of Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, Mr. D.R. Bhincher, Librarian of SKIT and Executive Member of JALIS Mr. Kishore Pareek were also present.

Dr. S.L. Surana, the Chief Guest, in his address brought out many ideas and guidelines for managing and rendering the library and information services. He shared his experiences related to library services as he was the associated with the library of M.B.M. College, Jodhpur as a faculty advisor.

Dr. P.K. Gupta, Patron of JALIS threw light on the services and contributions of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan to the library services and remembered him as the true father of library and information services in India.

This seminar witnessed a number of papers on diverse issues related to library and information services.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Dr. Yogesh C. Sharma attended MSSC Summer School on **the ab initio simulation of crystalline and defective solids with the CRYSTAL06 code (MSSC2007)** during 2-7 September, 2007 orgainsed by *Theoretical Chemistry Group of the Torino University Torino, Italy*. He presented a paper there on "Compton Profile Study of Arsenic and Arsenic Triselenide." During the same visit he attended workshop on Local Correlation Methods : From Molecules to Crystals (LCC2007) at *Max-Planck Institute for Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany* during 12-15 September, 2007. He presented a paper there on "Study of electron-electron correlation in A15 compounds".

He also visited the Department of Physics "Galileo Galilei" at university of Padova, PADOVA (ITALY) from 17 to 19th Sept., 2007and delivered a Lecture on "Developments in Compton Scattering".

Mr. Praveen Choudhary, TPO and Mr. Narendra Kumar, Lecturer, Dept. of English, attended a five-day workshop on Campus Connect: Soft Skills Program , conducted by Infosys Technologies Ltd. and organised at Infosys's Chandigarh campus between September 10, 2007 and September 14, 2007.

Dr. N.K. Banthiya, Prof. and Head, Mr. Alok Mathur, Reader and Mr. Ashish Nayyar, all from the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, attended a two day workshop, on 26 - 27 May, 2007, on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), organised jointly by Patent Information Centre-DST, Rajasthan and MNIT, Jaipur.

Ms. Nupur Srivastava (Sr. Lecturer), Ms. Archana Rai (Lecturer), Ms. Sangeeta Gupta (Lecturer), and Ms. Pramila Kumawat (Lecturer), all from the Dept. of Mathematics, attended an AICTE Staff Development Programme on 'Application Orientation in Engineering Mathematics' from June 25, 2007 to July 06, 2007. The programme was organized by MNIT Jaipur.

Dr. Vikas Shrotria, Reader, Department of Management Studies, attended a two weeks Faculty Development Programme

in May 2007 on 'Quality Enhancement in Management Education'. The programme was sponsored by AICTE and organized by IILM, Jaipur and it focused on deliberating quality issues and perspectives in management education.

Mr. Vinod Kataria, Reader, Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering, attended a summer workshop on 'Advances in Digital and Optical Communication' between 20 and 30 June, 2007.

## SEMINARS ATTENDED

Mr. Narendra Kumar, Lecturer, Dept. of English, attended a seminar on "Post-1980s Subcontinental Writing in English Border, Border Theories, and Crossing Borders" organized jointly by IRIS, Jaipur, Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur and Dept. of English, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur from September 20, 2007 to September 22, 2007.

## RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTED

CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF ANTIBIOTICS

***--Dr. Sangeeta Vyas***

*Reader, Dept. of Chemistry*

Presented at All India Seminar on "Emerging Trends and Sustainable Technologies for Separation Processes in Chemical & Allied Industries" organized by Rajasthan State Centre, The Institution of Engineers (India) on July 28-29, 2007.

FLUID IDENTITIES AND HOME: CARYL PHILLIPS'S *THE ATLANTIC SOUND*

***--Narendra Kumar***

*Lecturer, Dept. of English*

Presented at **VI World Conference and XIV All India English Teachers Annual Conference** on "New Urges in New Literatures in English" organized jointly by WASLE, IASCL and Dept. of English and Foreign Language, MD University, Rohtak on September 5-6, 2007.

## PhD THESIS SUBMITTED

Mr. Devendra K. Singhal, Lecturer in physics submitted his PhD on July 10, 2007 to the University of Rajasthan. He worked on "Analysis and Measurement of Thermal Properties of Some Perishable Produce" under the supervision of Dr. Usha Singh, Asst. Professor, University of Rajasthan.

## ARTICLES PUBLISHED

BENCHMARKING A PERSPECTIVE

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in June 2007 issue of MBA Review, a magazine published by ICFAI University

A B C OF ACTIVITY BASED COSTING

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in July 2007 issue of The Accounting World, a magazine published by ICFAI University

AVOID MICROMANAGEMENT FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in July 2007 issue of MBA Review, a magazine published by ICFAI University

VIRTUAL OFFICE REALITY OF THE FUTURE

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in July 2007 issue of E - Business, an e-magazine published by ICFAI University

FACTORING: AN OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCING TECHNIQUE

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in July 2007 issue of ICFAI Reader, a monthly corporate finance digest published by ICFAI University

ALTERNATIVE BANKING AN EMERGING TREND

*--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya*

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in June 2007 issue of The Professional Banker, a monthly banking digest published by ICFAI University

EFFECTIVE TIME MANAGEMENT

***--Dr. Vikas Shrotriya***

*Reader, Dept. of Management Studies*

Published in August 2007 issue of HRM Review, a monthly digest of human capital published by ICFAI University

## ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

### Introduction

Engineers fuel the global economy with innovation and productivity gains. Industry therefore needs highly educated and entrepreneurial engineers who can provide advantage of technological leadership. Industry looks for a new breed of engineers: technically broad, commercially savvy, and globally adaptable who can survive in this high-performance, highly competitive global market.

### Lifelong Learning

Employment practices of major corporations are changing drastically; very few future engineers will experience lifelong employment with a single corporation or organization, others may keep shifting from one to other depending on personal reasons, or perform professional work as consultants, or serve as contract employees on specific projects. To adapt to this new work environment, engineering graduates must understand that career-oriented learning is their own responsibility and therefore they must acquire the skills for self-learning. Effort on the part of students starting with the first year of engineering should therefore be to emphasize on learning the following through all their activities:

- Team skills, including collaborative and active learning;
- communication skills and leadership;
- an understanding and appreciation of diversity;
- an appreciation of different cultures and business practices with the understanding of global clientelle;
- a multi-disciplinary perspective;
- a commitment to quality, timeliness and continuous improvement;
- undergraduate research and engineering work experience;
- understanding of the societal, economic and environmental impacts of engineering decisions;
- and ethics.

### SKIT Advantage

SKIT is working in collaboration with industry and professional bodies/organizations like Toastmasters Club, National Entrepreneurship Network, Indian Society of Technical Education, Renewable Energy Department and many others to develop innovative learning means and ways for providing field orientation and career-enhancing programs to its students. It is noteworthy that SKIT is an alliance partner of the Campus Connect Program launched by Infosys Technologies Limited in July 2004. The program happens to be of interest and importance to students of all branches in context of emerging needs of information technology. Faculty has put a feather in the cap of SKIT by successfully conducting the program for 7 groups of IT and non-IT students and also by doing Sabbatical (Project) work at Infosys Technologies Limited. As a result of this SKIT now happens to be one among notable premier institutes recognised by the company. SKIT has also initiated Soft Skills development program for its students. Keeping in view the continuous need for evaluation of skills SKIT is working with MeritTrack to provide students with feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on regular basis. Management and faculty now intend to promote adopting society projects so that students get exposure for emerging needs. Obviously, success of all these efforts would be possible with the active involvement of students. SKIT students therefore need to take all these efforts with sincerity to reap gains of globally acceptable career .

### Personal Responsibility

While recognizing and encouraging diverse institutional missions and changing industry needs, finally, now SKIT students must address the issue of ethics. While ethics is a complex and

difficult topic, faculty would help students understand that throughout their careers they will encounter ethical issues which they will need to recognize and deal with rationally. Whether engineers are conducting engineering research, managing a company, handling IT-projects or building bridges and office buildings, their decisions affect the lives and property of the larger community. Students must understand the importance of upholding that public trust.

*--Prof. M.L.Bhargava*

*Head, Training and Placement Cell*

## EFFICIENCY IN WORK

It is not enough to work hard or incessantly. The work must also be useful and must be done whole-heartedly and efficiently. Work which is done carelessly may do more harm than good, it may cause accidents resulting in the loss of life and property; it may also cause delays with consequent monetary loss and much inconvenience to others. Unpunctuality in attending to duties is a common failing of many people. No one who is lax in time keeping can be considered efficient.

A person must love his work and realize its importance to society and specially to those who will directly benefit from it. Keen interest is essential for mental concentration which is a basic condition for efficiency. Personal efficiency has two aspects : material and spiritual, which come under science and religion respectively.

Efficiency in the material sense requires accuracy, speed, economy and originality. Whatever be the work the performance must be accurate, free from errors and blemishes. Secondly speed must be combined with accuracy. A slow worker is an efficient worker. By practice and experience the worker should be able to perform a given piece of work better and in less time than before. Another requirement of efficiency is economy in money, materials and energy. An efficient worker is fit and fresh even after putting in long hours at a stretch. The highest ingredient in efficiency is originality or creativity introducing new products, labour and time saving devices, simpler, easier and less costly methods of work, invention and discovery, growing two blades of grass where nothing grew before. Deep interest, painstaking study and reflection on the problem in hand, are aids to creativity.

With regard to the spiritual side of efficiency, eminent scientists who have pondered over the subject can think of nothing nobler than to do all work from selfless or altruistic motives. Einstein says, "A person who is religiously enlightened appears to me to be one who has to the best of his ability, liberated himself from the fetters of his selfish desires and is preoccupied with thoughts, feelings and aspirations to which he clings because of their superpersonal value."

The same opinion is shared by A.H. comton, the Nobel prize winner in physics. He says in his book *The Cosmos of A.H. Comton*, "Our setting requires that each of us shall serve his fellows. Full human values come from this service only when we give it freely because we want our fellows also to grow to their best. As we lose ourselves in such service, our lives attain a certain nobility. We find our souls."

According to the laws of nature man is bound to receive rewards of his good deeds in the fullness of time. But when he hankers after personal gain he works with a mind which is divided between the actual performance of the task and the impression he is making on the gallery; and so his efficiency is likely to suffer. The practice of selflessness not only loosens the bond of worldliness but also improves concentration and efficiency. Efficiency in the spiritual sense requires working hard, for the sake and pleasure of the Lord, as an offering to Him, for the good of His creatures and without seeking any reward. The common man works only for personal gain or not at all. A spiritual person realizes that he is merely an instrument of God, an employee of His Government, so whatever he earns really belongs to God, while he himself is entitled only to fair wages.

*--Dr. Veenu Sisodia*

*Sr. Lecturer and Head, Dept. of Physics*

# Muses' Arcadia

*springs of the mount Helicon*

## THE STORY OF FEELINGS

It is a wonder to observe things unseen,
It is a challenge to keep your heart where it had been.
But when it is all fixed, we turn around,
To see and gather dry leaves on the barren ground,
And the loneliness of soul is only found.

We are comforted , when we are in the warmth of love,
The ground is not under our feet nor the sky above.
We are broken when deserted by our allies,
Who abandon us in these confusing valleys.
We let droplets of water flow down the cheek,
When the strength is scattered and we become weak.
We jump to a conclusion without knowing the reason,
Unaware that misunderstandings remain the dust of a passing season.
We wait forever and the beat we follow,
Like a song of fairy tale bounded in illusions hollow,
And gulp up things the way they have always been.

Now words are the only remnants to capture the heart,
To tune up the world in this one wheeled cart.
For the world's glory we stand up as marooned beings,
On my epitaph, my Story of feelings…

*--Nistha Jain*
*III B.E. (CS & E)*

## A PRAYER TO GOD

Oh God, give us all your love,
Give us all your blessings.
So that our lives become full of amenity,
And we create the feeling of humanity.
And enable us to forget every disparity.

With the light of divinity,
Abolish all evils from humanity,
May no hatred, no bitterness...
Remain amongst us to destroy civility.
Viciousness of all types come to its cease,
And we relish prosperity and live in peace.

*--Arjun Ramnani*
*II B.E. (CS & E)*

## FALLEN APART

It had started all well, how much I remember…
New field of art, new desire
Beautiful and lovely were the paths,
Set ablaze in passionate bath...
Changing seasons changing the life of man,
I tried to catch up fast, but faster it ran,,
I lagged behind with hope in my heart,
From the end of the story I again wanted to start..
Again I ran to muster strength from the sky,
But I fell harder, it was a vain try…
Several times this happened several times I got up…
To win the only, love's success cup.
Now I have given up, too much I have tried,
World seems cruel, too much it lied.
I hope God listens to my last cry,
And shows me the path on which to ply,
Bestows me with strength to put a much stronger try.
Though life now seems one wheeled cart,
I have jaded feelings... Fallen Apart...

*--Nistha Jain*
*III B.E. (CS & E)*

*Grant Me*

*Let me not pray to be shattered from dangers*
*But to be fearless in facing them*
*Let me not be for the stilling of my pain.*
*But for the HEART to conquer it.*
*Let me not look for allies in life's Battlefield.*
*But to my own strength.*
*Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved.*
*But hope for the patience to win my freedom.*
*Grant me that I may not be coward, feeling*
*Your mercy in success alone;*
*But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.*

*(Rabindra Nath Tagore)*
*Compiled by*
*--Samta Sangi*
*II BE (CS & E)*

## BIOMETRICS A NEW CONCEPT IN PATTERN RECOGNITION

Biometric Science deals in providing information to authenticate the identity of an individual. It utilizes the Unique physical appearance of an individual and his unique body parts, his behavioural traits (e.g. posture) to authenticate the identity of the individual.

Biometric Scientists firmly believe in Uniqueness of human fingers, such as Finger Tips, Thumb's rings, etc. They say that no two human being can have same or similer patterns of such unique figures.

Therefore Finger prints, had geometry, Thumb's rings, Nail structure, facial structures, retina, Iris, etc. etc. will have unique identification and so are utilize for identifications.

Informations of above parts are scanned and stored in a computer system in the form of images. There information need not be stored permanently in one system rather it can be held in micro controlled portable tinny systems (such as passport, credit card etc.)

Advancement of image processing techniques and image recognition high resolution cameras and sensors as well as high resolution image processing devices have made it easy to use physical uniqueness for personal identification.

It is really interesting to note that USA and Europe have started using Biometric passports. These passports not only contains the personal data of the person, they also contains pre-scanned images of his finger tips, thumb's circles, Iris details and may be hand geometry. At checking point the passport Authority gets the detail from Biometric Card and match them with the person carrying the card.

Any mismatch immediately identify the fraud and the person carrying the card is picked up.

Indian IT Companies are picking up various orders for software development of such Biometric cards. This technology is still a part of Bio-technolgy Engineering & Science but soon this will be and independent technology useful for any branch's person. Biometric technology offers applications such as personal ID cards, voting cards, Financial-Transaction cards, Electronic Banking cards etc. etc.

Today 80% of Biometric applications are oriented towards Finger Prints software developments.

*--Vinod Kataria*

*Reader, (E & CE)*

## DATA MIGRATION

Data Migration can be defined as addition, modification or deletion of data according to the new business and application needs.

Data Migration is an important step in SDLC and need careful planning and execution to make the software project a success. Data Migration is done during the installation phase of the SDLC. A slip in Data Migration can undo all the good work done in the design, development and validation phase of the application.

Types of Data Migration & characteristics:-

**Type I :**

- When a new application is installed
- Use of upload programs
- Doing direct data import
- Creation of database parameters
- High impact
- High effort
- Focus on correctness

**Type II:**

- When application is migrated to different versions.
- Altering of existing data structure
- Update of existing and new data
- Modification of database parameters.
- High impact
- High effort
- Focus on correctness and Minimum time

**Type III:**

- When other software or hardware changes occur
- Change of platform or change of DB version
- Low effort
- Low to medium impact
- Focus on functionality.

**Stages of Data Migration:**

Normally data migration is thought of single step but it is useful

to divide the entire exercise into 3 logical steps- Pre, Actual and Post Migration.

Pre-Migration Things like creation of DB, checking of DB parameter, creation of temporary data structure, altering existing data structure fall in this category.

Actual-Migration Here we actually do data migration through DML statements.

Post-Migration Things like dropping of temporary data structures, running consistency checks fall in this category.

Let us understand with the help of an example.

Suppose an existing table needs to be altered to add more columns and data need to be updated for existing and new columns.

Instead of doing everything in one step, let us break it into 3 logical steps.

Pre-Migration altering of table, dropping of index for accelerating update speed

Actual-Migration doing data update

Post-Migration- re-creation of earlier indexes and running consisting checks.

Efforts for Data Migration:-

One of the most common mistakes people make is to take migration exercise as trivial and to not allocate sufficient effort and resources for the same. Even in function point methodology, Data Migration, referred to as conversion functionality is treated as separate amount of work and increases the size of the development project.

Therefore, any software project should allocate sufficient effort for Data Migration.

*--Mahender Kumar Beniwal*

*Lecturer CS/IT*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh*
*Somewhere ages and ages hence:*
*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -*
*I took the one less traveled by,*
*And that has made all the difference.*

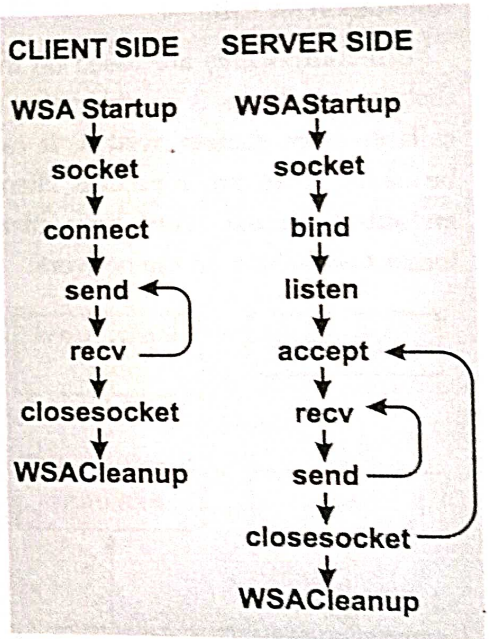
*--Robert Frost*

## WINDOWS SOCKET PROGRAMMING

Basic concepts- The basic building block for communication is the socket. A socket is an endpoint of communication to which a name may be bound. Each socket in use has a type and an associated process. The Windows Sockets facilities support a single communication domain: the Internet domain, which is used by processes, which communicate using the Internet Protocol Suite

Sockets are typed according to the communication properties visible to a user. Applications are presumed to communicate only between sockets of the same type, although there is nothing that prevents communication between sockets of different types should the underlying communication protocols support this. Two types of sockets currently are available to a user. A stream socket provides for the bi-directional, reliable, sequenced, and unduplicated flow of data without record boundaries. A datagram socket supports bi-directional flow of data, which is not promised to be sequenced, reliable, or unduplicated. That is, a process receiving messages on a datagram socket may find messages duplicated, and, possibly, in an order different from the order in which it was sent. An important characteristic of a datagram socket is that record boundaries in data are preserved. Datagram sockets closely model the facilities found in many contemporary packet switched networks such as Ethernet.

Sequence of Execution of WinSock Functions: TCP is used and the server serves the clients' requests one after the other. Sequence of execution of WinSock functions:




*--Mayank Sharma*

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## ENTERPRISE JAVA BEANS

An enterprise java bean is a server side software component that can be deployed in a distributed multitier environment. An enterprise bean ca compose one or more java objects because a component may be more than just a simple object.

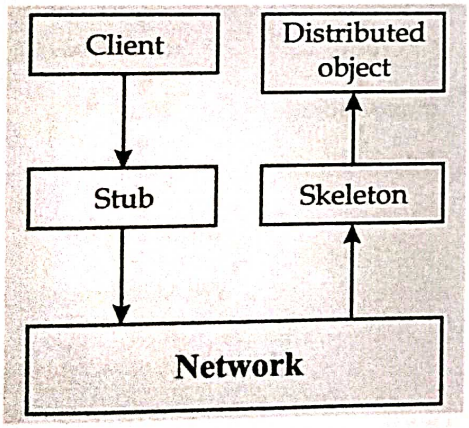
Regardless of an enterprise bean's composition the clients of the bean deal with a single exposed component interface. This interface as well as the enterprise bean itself must confirm to the EJB specification. The specification requires that your bean expose s few required, these required methods allow the EJB container to manage beans uniformly, regardless of which container your bean is running on.

**Types of beans :**

1. Session Bean
2. Entity Bean
3. Message bean

Distributed Objects: the foundation for EJB

EJB components are based on the distributed objects is an object that is callable from remote system. It can be called from an in-process client, an out-of process client, or a client located elsewhere on the network.




**Distributed Objects:**

A key point here is that both the stub and the distributed object implement the same interface(called the remote interface). This means the stub clones the distributed objects method signatures. A client who calls a method on the stub thinks he is calling the distributed objects directly. In reality the client is calling an empty stub that knows how tot go over the network. This is called local/remote transparency.

*--Hitesh Bargujar*
*III B.E. (IT)*

*Building character is like making bread - you have to mix it little by little, step-by step and moderate temperature is needed.*
*--Roshi Sunryki Suzuki*

## BLUE-RAY TECHNOLOGY: THE NEXT GENERATION OF MEDIA

Blu-ray, also known as Blu-ray Disc (BD), is the name of a next generation optical disc format developed by the Blu-ray Disc association, a group of world's leading media manufacturers. The format was developed to enable recording, rewriting and playback of high definition video (HD), as well as storing large amounts of data.

While current optical disc technologies such as DVD, DVD+R, DVD+RW, and DVD-RAM rely on a red laser to read and write data, the new format uses a blue violet laser instead, hence the name Blu-ray. Despite the different type of lasers used, Blu-ray products can be easily be made backwards compatible with CD,s and DVD's through the use of a BD/DVD/CD compatible optical pick-up unit. The benefit of using a blue-violet laser (405nm) is that it has a shorter wavelength than a red laser (650nm), which makes it possible to focus the laser spot with even greater precision. This allows data to be packed more tightly and stored in less space, so its possible to fit more data on the disc even though it's the same size as a CD/DVD. This together with the change of numerical aperture to 0.85 enables Blu-ray Disc hold 25 GB/ 50 GB. This extra capacity combined with the use of advanced video and audio codes will offer an unprecedented HD experience.

DVD we use today have the trouble in reading due to dual layer structure which leads to birefringence. Eiu-ray elisc will be built sughtly differently, tgo prevent birefringence. The disc will be built upon a 1mm thick polycarbonate layer. There is only layer the data layer sits on top of that. There is no other layer to interfere with reading the disc could be easily ocratched, so they are provided with a hard coat which protect them and provide a better interface between disc and reading device.

Fanally, the price; Blu ray players currently priced a little too high for the average joe. But the prices will come down as the demand for these devices will increase.

Biu-ray technology has everything that is needed for the next generation of media and will become the nent DVD.

*--Aneesh Dangayash*
*II B.E., IT*

*giggles...*

**Conductor : 'Did you get home all right last night?'**
**Mr. Funny : 'Certainly! Are you insinuating I was drunk? I was perfectly sober. Did you not see me get up and give that old lady my seat?'**
**Conductor : 'That's why I wondered, for you two were the only passengers on the bus.'**

## CONSUMERISM: A COMFORT CONVERTED INTO CONFUSION

Each product available in market today has an infinite variety, perplexing the consumer as to what has to buy and what is not to be. Be it eatables or cosmetics or branded clothing or utensils or finished furniture goods etc, each has a mind boggling variety. This is even worsened by the continual influx of foreign goods adding to the indigenous varieties. With the opening of retail malls, shopping techniques have also changed. According to a survey, 59% of the middle class housewives prefer shopping from these malls.

Before the British took over the control of economy, our artisans and craftsmen or rather the cottage industry was absolutely self-sufficient. But these small-scale workers were impoverished when British flooded their made, cheaper and well-finished goods with in Indian markets. The whole economic structure suffered a setback because then 85% population was agriculture based and cottage industry enhanced the income. When Gandhi ji released or headed the "SWADESHI" movement, many people understood the importance of indigenously manufactured goods and started using Indian goods and abandoned foreign goods.

It has taken a long time until indigenous production has started matching foreign goods' standards. With this, our international standing i.e. hold over world market has also strengthened. Thanks to the mixed kind of economic system, improved manufacturing systems end government policies enhancing export rather than import. Our balance of payments has also become positive since then. But then internal competition accompanied by cut throat rivalry with foreign goods has created great confusion in consumers' choice of goods...

*--Bhumika Kumawat*
*III B.E. (CS & E)*

*giggles....*

***Mr. Naughty was terribly annoyed when his neighbour Mr. Funny telephoned him at 3 a.m. And complained, 'Damn it! Your dog is barking so loudly that I can hardly sleep.' Saying so Mr. Naughty hung up before Mr. Funny could protest against being disturbed in his sleep in the dead of the night.***

***Not to be outdone, the following morning at 3 a.m. There was a call for Mr. Naughty from Mr. Funny who informed him, 'Hey, you dialled a wrong number I don't have a dog!'***

## SINCERE FOOD FOR FUN

(From *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscer Wilde)

Algernon : I hope, Cecily, I shall not offend you if I state quite frankly and openly that you seem to me to be in every way the visible personification absolute perfection.

Cecily : I think your frankness does you great credit, Ernest. If you will allow me, I will copy your remarks into my diary.

Algernon : Do you really keep a diary? I'd give anything to look at it. May I?

Cecily : Oh, no. (*Puts her hand over it.*) You see, it is simply a very young girl's record of her own thoughts and impressions, and consequently meant for publication. When it appears in volume form I hope you will order a copy. But pray, Ernest, don't stop. I delight in taking down from dictation. I have reached 'absolute perfection.' You can go on. I am quite ready for more.

ALGERNON (*somewhat taken aback*): Ahem! Ahem!

CECILY: Oh, don't cough, Ernest. When one is dictating one should speak fluently and not cough. Besides, I don't know how to spell a cough. (*Writes as ALGERNON speaks.*)

ALGERNON(*speaking very rapidly*): Cecily, ever since I first looked upon your wonderful and incomparable beauty, I have dared to love you wildly, passionately, devotedly, hopelessly.

CECILY: I don't think that you should tell me that you love me wildly, passionately, devotedly, hopelessly. Hopelessly doesn't seem to make much sense, does it?

ALGERNON: Cecily!

CECILY: Uncle Jack would be very much annoyed if he knew you were staying on till next week, at the same hour.

ALGERNON: Oh, I don't care about Jack. I don't care for anybody in the whole world but you. I love you, Cecily. You will marry me, won't you?

CECILY: You silly boy! Of course. Why, we have been engaged for the last three months.

ALGERNON: For the last three months?

CECILY: Yes, it will be exactly three months on Thursday.

ALGERNON: But how did we become engaged?

CECILY: Well, ever since dear Uncle Jack first confessed to us that he had a younger brother who was very wicked and bad, you, of course, have formed the chief topic of conversation between myself and Miss Prism. And, of course, a man who is much talked about is always very attractive. "One feels there must be something in him, after all. I dare say it was foolish of me, but I fell in love with you, Ernest.

ALGERNON: Darling. And when was the engagement actually settled?

CECILY: On the 14th of February last. Worn out by your entire ignorance of my existence, I determined to end the matter one way or the other, and after a long struggle with myself I accepted you under this dear old tree here. The next day I bought this little ring in your name, and this is the little bangle with the true lover's knot. I promised you always to wear.

ALGERNON: Did I give you this? It's very pretty, isn't it?

CECILY: Yes, you've wonderfully good taste, Ernest. It's the excuse I've always given for your leading such a bad life. And this is the box in which I keep all your dear letters.

ALGERNON: My letters! But, my own sweet Cecily, I have never written you any letters.

CECILY: You need hardly remind me of that, Ernest. I remember only too well that I was forced to write your letters for you. I wrote always three times a week, and sometimes oftener.

ALGERNON: Oh, do let me read them, Cecily?

CECILY: Oh, I couldn't possibly. They would make you far too conceited. The three you wrote me after I had broken off the engagement are so beautiful, and so badly spelled, that even now I can hardly read them without crying a little.

ALGERNON: But was our engagement ever broken off?

CECILY: Of course it was. On the 22nd of last March. You can see the entry if you like. (*Shows diary.*) 'To-day I broke off my engagement with Ernest. I feel it is better to do so. The weather still continues charming.'

ALGERNON: But why on earth did you break it off? What had I done? I had done nothing at all. Cecily, I am very much hurt indeed to hear you broke it off. Particularly when the weather was so charming.

CECILY: It would hardly have been a really serious engagement if it hadn't been broken off at least once. But I forgave you before the week was out.

ALGERNON: You'll never break off our engagement again, Cecily?

CECIIY: I don't think I could break it off now that I have actually met you. Besides, of course, there is the question of your name.

ALGERNON: Yes, of course. (*Nervously*)

CECILY: You must not laugh at me ... but it had always been a girlish dream of mine to love some one whose name was Ernest.

There is something in that name that seems to inspire absolute confidence. I pity any poor married woman whose husband is not called Ernest.

ALGERNON: But, my dear child, do you mean to say you could not love me if I had some other name?

CECILY: But what name?

ALGERNON: Oh, any name you like–Algernon-for instance...

CECILY: But I don't like the name of Algernon.

ALGERNON: Well, I really can't see why you should object to the name of Algernon. It is not at all a bad name. In fact, It is rather an aristocratic name. Half of the chaps who get into the Bankruptcy Court are called Algernon. But seriously, Cecily...if my name was Algy, couldn't you love me?

CECILY (*rising*): I might respect you, Ernest, I might admire your character, but I fear that I should not be able to give you my undivided attention.

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