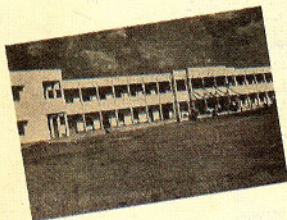


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Before proceeding to the course of studies leading to the Degree of M.B.B.S., a student admitted to this college shall be required to complete successfully the Pre-medical course which shall extend over a period of six months and comprise the following subjects of study:

1. Physics
2. Chemistry
3. Zoology
4. Botany

Students who have passed the Intermediate examination in Science of the Mysore University with not fewer than two of the above subjects shall be eligible for admission to the course.

Graduates of the Mysore University or such of the Intermediates who have passed in Part III of B.Sc. with one or more of the above subjects, shall also be eligible for admission to the course and shall be exempted from study and examination in the subject or subjects in which they have already passed the degree examination.

2

Admission of students of other universities with similar qualifications shall be subject to the approval of the University Council in each case.

A candidate for admission must send by registered post, an application to the Principal on or before 15-6-56, in the prescribed form (which can be had on payment of Rs. two only from the college office.) Applications received after the prescribed date will not be considered.

Every application must be accompanied by the following certificates *IN ORIGINAL* or duly certified by a Gazetted Officer as true copies. (If selected for admission originals should be produced before admission.)

1. Transfer certificate.
2. Report of last medical examination.
3. (a) Qualification certificate.
(b) Marks card.
4. Physical fitness certificate.
5. Migration certificate (in the case of students of other universities only).

A candidate for admission must have completed the age of 17 or shall complete this age within four months on 1st January following the pre-medical examination.

3

Every application for admission to the college shall be accompanied by an uncrossed postal order for one rupee drawn in the name of the Principal and payable at the Basavangudi Post Office Bangalore and this fee shall not be refunded in any case. This fee should not be sent by money order.

On admission the student should pay the prescribed admission fee, etc., and enroll himself/herself as a student of the college.

Admission Fee	Rs. 10
College association fee	.. 5
Registration Fee	.. 3
Sports Fee	.. 3
Reading Room & Library Fee	.. 5
Medical Examination Fee	.. 2

Total Rs. 28

Tuition Fee for Pre-Medical Course

Whole course	Rs. 200	} Payable on admission
Three Subjects	.. 150	
Two Subjects	.. 100	
One Subject	.. 50	
Laboratory Fees per Subject	.. 15	
Fee for Pre-Medical Examination		
Whole Examination	Rs. 30	
One Subject	.. 10	
Two subjects	.. 15	
Three Subjects	.. 25	
Marks card	.. 1	

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The list of candidates selected for admission will be put on the notice board of the college as early as possible.

The Pre-Medical course commences usually on the 24th May and ends on the 30th of November every year.

No candidate shall be permitted to appear for the Pre-Medical Examination after having failed four times in the examination.

M.B.B.S. DEGREE COURSE

The course shall extend over 5 years.

Candidates who have passed the Pre-Medical Examination of this University are eligible for admission to the course.

Candidates will be required to pass three examinations, namely the First Examination comprising two parts Part I (Organic Chemistry) at the end of the First year and Part II at the end of the Second year of the course; the Second Examination comprising three parts-Part one to be taken at the end of the third year, Part II and III to be taken at the end of the fourth year and the Final Examination to be taken at the

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end of the fifth year, it being permissible (a) for a candidate failing in part I at the end of the first and third years to proceed to the second and fourth year course respectively and appear for part I again at the next succeeding examination and (b) for a candidate failing in Part III of the Second Examination at the end of the fourth to proceed to the fifth year course and appear for Part III at the subsequent examination.

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Association Fee	6 per year
Medical examination Fee	2 per year
Laboratory Fees per year	60 Physiology 60 Anatomy 40 Chemistry

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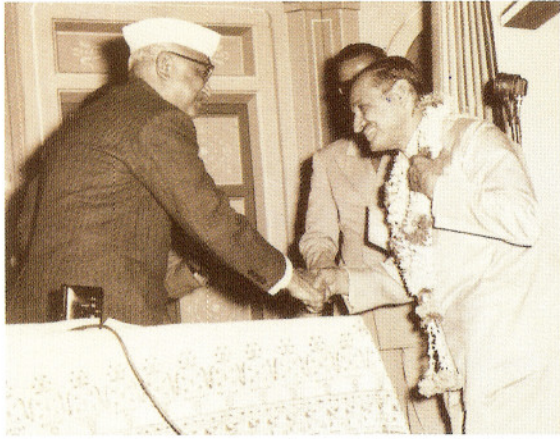
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Second Examination for M.B.B.S. Degree		
Part I Pharmacology & Materia Medica		15
Part II Pathology & Hygiene		25
Part III Ophthalmology and Forensic Medicine		25
Final Examination for M.B.B.S. Degree (Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology)		45

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The academic year shall commence ordinarily on the 9th January and end on the 30th November following each year and shall consist of two terms - the first term ending on the 31st March and the second term commencing on the 24th May. The college is closed for the summer vacation normally on the 1st April and is reopened on the 24th May. Students of the third, fourth and final year classes shall however work in hospitals during the vacation according to postings.

All students must conform to the college rules and disciplinary regulations.

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 Hon. Principal



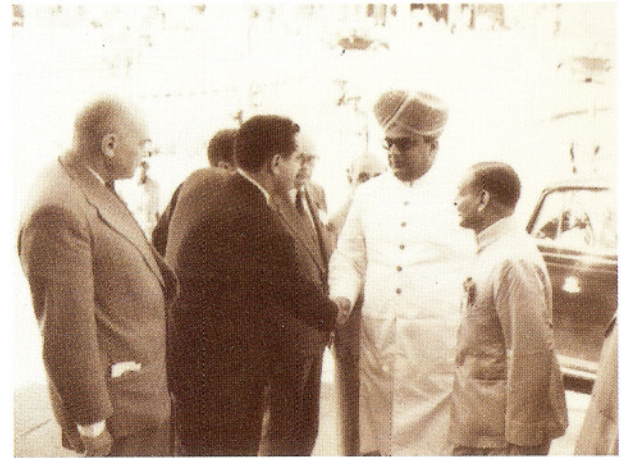
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with Dr. Md. Shafi Mehkri



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& each contributed
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FIRST BATCH OF BMC STUDENTS - 1955

WHO, WHAT AND WHERE ARE THEY ? HALF A CENTURY LATER !

- Dr. C.L.Prasanna Kumar

In 1955 a group of medical professionals, Drs. Shivaram, B K Narayana Rao, B V Sheshachalam, M P Ganesh Rao, Singaravelu Mudaliar, Md. S Mehkri, BV Ramaswamy, M Sirsi and Professor Thacker, founded a medical institution worthy of the city of Bangalore. Thus was born the Bangalore Medical College (BMC), near Victoria and Vani Vilas Hospitals.

In June of 1955, the first batch of 100 students (50 from Mysore State and 50 from rest of India) were admitted to BMC. These are the Pioneers of BMC-1955. After the "Anatomy Massacre of the Century", fifteen of them reached the clinical side and twelve made it to the final year. Only eight graduated in December of 1960 without any obstacles. These are the Survivors of Pioneers of BMC-1955. BMC Medical Student Association elected S.Srikantaswamy as the first President and V.R.Bhupathi as the first Secretary. In spite of bearing and surviving the growing pains of the newly founded Institution, thank Almighty, all of us achieved, what each one aspired to do.

After graduating from BMC, many of the first batch of students left India for other countries to pursue

postgraduate training. The majority of them never returned to India to practise medicine. Many of them excelled in their field of specialties and contributed profoundly to their newly chosen country. Those who remained in India excelled equally well. Please read the biographies of a few of them.

With a great deal of assistance from various sources, I am able to compile 96 names out of the 100 students. They are: G.Abraham, K.N.Balaji, H.S.Balaram, N.Bhaskar Rao, V.R.Bhupathi, V.Birdi, H.K.Chabria, V.Chandrashekar, M.B.Chandrashekara Shetty, R.G.Chokshi, J.M.Chudgar, J.Devassey, K.N.Diwakar, A.S.Divetia, N.Duggaiah Gowda, Ganeshan, R.Gangadhar, M.Gangadhara, T.V.George, T.Girish, S.Gnanamma, G.R.Gopinath, D.V.Gurumurthy Reddy, K.R.Gururaja Rao, N.U.Hassan, M.E.Husain, B.M.Jayaram, S.R.Jayaram, S.Kalavathi, H.V.Kempamma, A.G.Kothari, N.H.Kothari, K.Krishna Murthy, K.S.Krishna Murthy, Krishna Rao, J.B.Kurian, T.X.Kuriyakose, N.Laxmana Ayyar, G.J.Lobo, V.R.Madangopal, D.L.Madhava Rao, A.A.Mercy, K.R.Mohan Pai, H.S.Mohan Rao, M.Muniyellappa, B.R.Nagamani, M.V.Naik,

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The four missing names are listed as the Pioneers Lost in the Memory Lane.

I sincerely thank all those who helped me in this venture.

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The college records had the list of the first batch of students, but since Dr. Prasanna kumar had taken lot of trouble to compile the above we have published it.

-Editor



Dr. M Authikesavulu Addressing Students



First Group of Teachers



First Orchestra of BMC



First picnic of BMC ?

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(FIFTY EVENTFUL, PRODUCTIVE YEARS)

A few sentences about the premier medical college of the state Bangalore Medical College. In these days of rankings, this college has been consistently among the top ten in India. In 2004 it was second only to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and this year, the year of its Golden Jubilee, it is ranked fourth.

BMC was started in 1955. Before that, Bangalore only had a medical school. And the Medical college which was supposed to be in Bangalore had been started at Mysore. This was unacceptable to a small group of public spirited individuals who were convinced of the need to have a full fledged Medical college in the cosmopolitan city of Bangalore. Thus it was that the MYSORE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, BANGALORE came into existence on Wednesday the 7th April 1954, whose first stated objective was "to promote medical education and in particular to found schools and colleges of Medicine and surgery and other allied institution."

And who were these altruistic gentlemen? Rajasevasaktha Dr. B. K. Narayana Rao (Retd. Senior surgeon, Govt. of Mysore) Shastravaidyapavina Dr. T. Seshachalam (Retd. Director of Hospitals) Prof. M .S. Thacker (Director I .I .Sc, Bangalore), Rajadharma prasaktha, Sjt. T. Singaravelu Mudaliar (Retd Judge, High Court of Mysore and ex-Vice Chancellor of Mysore University) Dr. M. Sivaram (Regd. Medical Practitioner), Dr. M. Sirsi (Asst. Prof of Pharmacology I.I.Sc) Dr. Md. Shafi Mehkri (ophthalmic surgeon, Bangalore), Dr. B.V. Ramaswamy (Regd. Medical practioner), Sri. S.D. Ganesha Rao (Advocate, Bangalore).

These gentlemen started the Bangalore Medical College, with the first batch of students admitted in 1955. A perusal of old records and correspondence shows that the college which was started as a private

medical college was handed over to the Government of Mysore. At the very beginning a certain number of seats seem to have been given to students for a donation of Rs.5000/-. And some people seem to have reserved the seats for their children to be taken at a later year. It is observed that the Mysore Medical Education society in its correspondence with the Govt. of Mysore in the year 1957, when handing over of the college was being considered, making it a condition that the Government, should it take over the college, must honour the commitment made to these donors, whose children may come of age to claim the seat at some later year. Obviously, the Government agreed to this condition, because even in 1962, there were one or two students who had got in because their parents had reserved the seats for them. The 1957 papers also show that the Medical council of India was invited to come and inspect the college for purposes of recognition.

One of the great assets of Bangalore Medical College is the wealth and variety of clinical material. Just check out the hospitals attached to BMC- Victoria Hospital and the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospitals (that means two big general hospitals), the Vanivilas Hospital and the Children's hospital (dedicated women's and children's hospitals) Minto Ophthalmic Hospital (dedicated eye hospital which has now been upgraded into a Regional Institute of Ophthalmology), SDS Sanatorium, the Isolation Hospital, Venkateshwara ENT Institute, not to mention in the old days, the Mental Hospital (which has now become NIMHANS). This kind of clinical facilities are not easily available to most medical colleges and this is a veritable goldmine for the diligent student. This also perhaps explains why a large number of graduates from BMC have excelled all over the World.

The Postgraduate courses were started in the sixties and the seventies. The P G Courses in Medicine

and surgery, for instance, were the earliest to be started and from personal experience, I know that the PG Course in Pathology was started in 1972, which meant that in 1974, ours became the first M.D (Pathology) batch of Bangalore University! By the way, that reminds me, when the college was started, it was affiliated to the University of Mysore. There was talk in the beginning of this University taking over the college. But in the early sixties, BMC was affiliated to the newly established University. Super Speciality Courses followed, in Urology, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery etc.

Now that the college has turned 50, the old students have come forward in a big way to give something back to their alma mater. The BMC Golden Jubilee Celebrations Committee is a judicious mix of senior bureaucrats, Faculty of BMC and other autonomous institutions, old students of BMC and the Indian Medical Association. It is a measure of BMC's rich contribution that the Heads of almost all Autonomous Institutions in Bangalore NIMHANS, Jayadeva Inst. Of Cardiology, Indira Gandhi Inst. Of Child Health, Rajiv Gandhi Inst. Of Chest Diseases, Sanjay Gandhi Accident Hospital, Minto Regional Inst. Of Ophthalmology and the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences are all BMC alumni! (The Vice-Chancellor of RGUHS headed Kidwai Memorial Inst. Of Oncology before taking up his present position). These are respectively, Dr. Nagaraja, Dr. Pardhudeva, Dr. Shivananda, Dr. Shashidhar Buggi, Dr. Govindaraju, Dr. Aruna and Dr. P.S. Prabhakaran. Dr. T. Rajeshwari who is the Principal of the college now is also a BMC Product.

The Alumni of BMC in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations Committee were able to prevail upon the rest of the committee that at the end of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, at the end of the day,

after all the partying, functions, camaraderie and bonhomie are over, the college should be better off--infrastructure wise. So they went about it by setting an example. The BMC Alumni have completely funded and built a State-of-the-art Digital Library/Seminar Hall complex with inbuilt facilities for Telemedicine and Tele Teaching, to commemorate the occasion. And this may turn out to be the best and biggest of its kind in any medical college in the country. When we approached Ms. Sudha Murty of the INFOSYS FOUNDATION, she was frank and point blank. "You doctors are well off, Tell me what you are all doing first." When she heard what we were doing, she said "O.K, I will build a central laboratory for the VICTORIA HOSPITAL where lots of poor patients come". So, Victoria Hospital is getting a Central Laboratory. The building is coming up. Armed with these, we approached the Govt. of Karnataka, which has sanctioned a modern CASUALTY & EMERGENCY BLOCK to the Victoria Hospital. The Rajiv Gandhi University has chipped in with a multi slice CT Scanner.

As part of the celebrations, academics cannot be ignored. So an All India international Continuing Medical Education Programme is being held in addition to the convention of the Karnataka State Medical and Dental Doctors Association of America (KSMDA).

The BMC Alumni are planning to form a trust whose aims and objectives will be to constantly help in upgrading the infrastructure of BMC, reducing the burden of the Government a little, even as we, the grateful old students, who owe whatever we are today to our alma mater try and give something back to the institution which moulded us, made us.

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To control environs to control disease
Learn new methods to eradicate

Emerging new Sciences chasing diseases
To their genetic and molecular cores
Methods to prevent and cure all diseases
Thrilling to see happenings in future decades

Next millennium, a world bereft of all diseases
But they know not the new world's challenges
Everyone a centurion, totally unaware of diseases
Men of medicine have no work, no relevance

They have prevented or cured every thing
Not sparing even the unborn, amazing
Their skills in Fetal diagnosis and therapy
Newborns in robust health, future centurions

Most newborns not out of a mother's womb
Grown in laboratory test tubes with aplomb
God given qualities to the naturally born
Scientist prescribed qualities to the test tube born

Genomes, not horoscope for every newborn
Predict and allow cure for any possible disease
Long before they occur, you can be certain
As they can manipulate genes with ease

New kind of flowers, vegetables n' grains in the market
Grown by biogenetics, hybrids hitherto unknown
Buy, you can, human organs, eyes, hearts, liver et al
Every human tissue just as in a vegetable market

Genetically engineered and grown in pots and dishes
Behold in the next millennium new breed of surgeons
Who can transplant organs or tissues with ease and precision
Hardly any one has an organ carried from birth

Do you want your dead child back? Create they will
An identical one using your frozen preserved cells
Do you want an identical twin of yours? Create they will
Why one, many like you using your own cloned cells

Some day a Bin Laden or Veerappan will acquire the skills
And create thousands of clones of themselves
Imagine millions of them infiltrating the whole world
Men of Science what are you leading us to?

With hardly any disease and every one a centurion
Only disasters, quakes, hurricanes n' wars are the exits
No one knows of diseases or maladies that are in history past
Sure man has won his battle with nature, Has he?

In this new geriatric world dominated by the hundred plus
Hardly any children or young men or women,
Life is robotic, boring and lonely, living with machines,
Even the bearing and rearing of children

Accelerated growth and milestones by new techniques
Don't have to wait for eighteen years to grow 'n mature
Rejuvenation of youth so you can live all over again
Conquest of death very near, Creator is scared

If death is deferred what's the fate of population planning
Listen to the demographer's solution- Legislation
One in five under thirty five rationed to have one child
One in five past one-twenty mandatory euthanasia

In the next millennium do you want to live a hundred plus?

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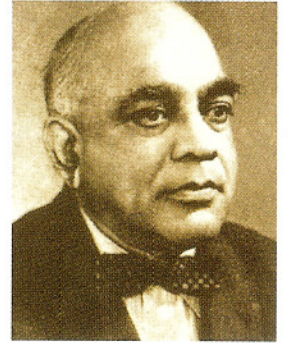
Dr. M. Sivaram or "Raashi" was a multifaceted personality, whose centenary birthday was on the 10th November 2005. His granddaughter Gowri Mirlay Achanta pays tribute to this extraordinary son of the State.

Can a person be a top medical doctor, famous humourist, award winning author, founder of a medical college all at the same time?. Dr. M Sivaram or 'Raashi' as he was well known fits this bill perfectly.

One of Bangalore's leading doctors at his peak, Dr. Sivaram, born on 10th November had a State-wide audience for his books. And this was not surprising since his topics ranged from psychiatric illnesses, novels, biographies, humour and ghost stories to a book on South Indian cooked food with calorific value of each dish (good food was a weakness of Dr. Sivaram)

Dr. Sivaram started off as a general practitioner. General practice soon led him to the study of psychiatry since it held the answer to many of his cases. Dr Sivaram soon realized that very often the cause of common ailments were psychosomatic in nature. His books "Manamanthana" and "Manonandana" were the results of his experience in

this field of medicine. His book "Manamanthana" was awarded National and State Sahitya Akademi award in 1976.



It was the first of its kind in Kannada, a scientific book, where he used parables, idioms, folk tales and mythological stories to illustrate his points.

His manner of presenting such topics through books and articles in Kannada has gone a long way in giving people correct and healthy attitude towards this field of medicine. Most of his books and articles were in Kannada, since he aimed at exposing this field to a large number of people.

Dr Sivaram's interest in and deep study of the Upanishads resulted in Ananda in English, a unique book of its kind. Here he has written about the brain centers which give ananda or 'supreme bliss' experienced by the sages, as explained in the Upanishads. He has viewed it from the neuro-psychological and scientific angle.

One of the biggest success stories was "Koravanji", a Kannada humour monthly. Dr Sivaram also discovered another well know

humourist N. Kasthuri, who shared his thoughts about starting a new publication. The two of them worked together and Koravanji was born.

The magazine was modelled on the line of "Punch" and became very popular. Koravanji was eagerly awaited by thousands of its fans. India's top cartoonist R.K. Lakshman started his career as a cartoonist with "Koravanji". Raashi, which was Dr. Sivaram's pen name, ran Koravanji for twenty five years. In the later years it took up more time and energy than he could devote and Koravanji was stopped.

K.V Iyer's gymnasium was quite a craze at one time for all young men in town; and as a youngster Dr. Sivaram followed the fad. It was there that he first met the brilliant dramatist T P Kailasam. Kailasam's warmth, thought provoking speech and enriching company, left a deep impression on Dr. Sivaram. The famed dramatist's pun-filled easy way of talking complemented Dr. Sivaram's style. Dr. Sivaram's book "Kailasam and I" is full of memories about his memorable association with him.

Dr Sivaram has shared close friendships with some of the best known people in Kannada literature. It was the famous author G P Rajarathanam who encouraged him to write books and helped him have them published.

Dr. Sivaram's first article was published in "Vasantha" a magazine which was run by Dr. Shivaram Karanth. He derived much from the long association with Dr. Karanth. Dr. Sivaram referred to Mr. V. Sitaramiah as his "aaradhya kavi". He used to say that he owed his love of poetry to this famed poet.

Considering that he was a busy doctor; with a large family, in the mid fifties, It was highly admirable that he found time to start the Bangalore Medical College "Clinical facilities available at many good city hospitals were wasted", he used to say, explaining what motivated him to start the States' second private medical college. "I was confident of raising funds and Bangalore needed a medical college". With the help of good friends, he founded it and handed it to the State Government.

His smoke filled 'den' with over five thousand books was well equipped and he rarely left it. For a person of his literary taste, he was quite well informed about lighter topics too. He could startle a visitor with questions on current films and society gossip.

He called his spacious house "Nagaland" referring to his wife Mrs. Nagamma Sivaram. They had six children and ten grandchildren. Dr. Sivaram attracted children, they way Hamelin's Pied Piper did. His wonderful way of story telling (and a constant

supply of sweets) replaced the Pied Piper's pipe.

Awards and top posts came Dr. Sivaram's way. He was honoured with the State and Central Sahithya Akademi awards as well as the Rajyothsava award in recognition of his services to the State. He was the President of the Karnataka State Branch of The Indian Medical Association and of the Karnataka State Sahithya Akademi.

Dr. Sivaram used to say " I have been indebted to so many persons and institutions for the

knowledge and happiness I have derived from life I would very much like to rid myself of these debts by spreading knowledge and happiness all round before saying finis"

When he passed away in January 1984 thousands of his patients, friends, admirers and family members, felt that he had touched their lives in so many ways that they would always be indebted to him.

- Ms. Gowri Miralay Achanta

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- A TRIBUTE TO NOBLE MEN.

- Dr. VELLORE R. BHUPATHY

Recently when I read that the Bangalore Medical College was rated the second best Medical College in India, superseded only by the All India Institute, New Delhi, I was very proud to have been a graduate of this College. This reminded me of the humble beginning of this college in July 1955. Before 1955, the great city was famous for its Engineering Colleges, but in medicine there was only a 4 year school where High School students were accepted without pre-medical college education. They were called Licensed Medical Practitioners (L.M.P), which was recognized only in the State of Mysore and they were not allowed to practice in other States and were not accepted for post-graduate education degrees. A few of the L.M.P. doctors were lucky to enter other Medical Colleges and become M.B.B.S with additional years of education. In 1955, the Government of Mysore (now Karnataka) was not interested in starting a Medical College. A few of the well motivated, philanthropic, farsighted physicians decided to correct this problem. In addition to donating their own money, they spent several hours of their own time to develop, design and start a privately funded Medical College. After several negotiations with the Government, they got the approval and started the BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE. In the beginning they accepted 100 students, with 50 students accepted by donation and the other were selected on merit. While most of the students accepted by donation were out of state, all the merit students were only from the State of Mysore, as required by the Government. The dedicated Founders were Dr. M.S. Mehkri, Dr T. Seshachalam,

Dr. Sri T.Singaravelu Mudaliar, Dr. B. K. Narayan Rao (First Dean), Dr M. Sivaram, Dr M. Sirsi, Dr. B.V. Ramaswamy .

The students of the first batch truly represented a cross section of India- from Kashmir to Kerala and Gujarat to Bengal. True to the credit of the Mysore students, they were congenial and friendly to students and helpful to their colleagues from other states. This is still exhibited by the camaraderie among all the members of the first batch.

The first Dean was Dr. Narayan Rao. He was a well known Ophthalmologist, who was the Eye physician for the Maharaja of Mysore. He was a benevolent, kind hearted physician who treated each and every student as his own family and invited us to his home. He occupied a 2 room office built with asbestos sheet, sharing the other room with the able and trustworthy assistant, Sri Subbanarasimiah. Anyone of us can visit his office, anytime with any problem and this fatherly man took care us. We shared this building with the police station located in the same compound. The LMP medical building was in the adjacent compound, but closed in a few years.

All the Founders were enormously proud of their deed and met the students as frequently as possible. Particularly outstanding was Dr M.Sivaram, a General Practitioner, an eloquent orator and the Secretary of the organization. Other colorful physicians were Dr T. Seshachalam, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, Dr

Mehkri, a pious physician and Ophthalmologist ((Mehkri Circle is named after him).

By January 1956, the initial building was almost completed for teaching Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry. The Founders recruited outstanding professors from all over the country, Dr Vareed, Physiology from Kerala, Dr P.Patel, Anatomy from Gujarat, Dr B. Dutta from Bengal, Dr V. Ishwariah, Professor of Pharmacology from Mangalore. The first 2 years went smoothly till the examination. Only 15 of the 100 students passed the examination, while most of the failures occurred in Anatomy. There was a tremendous vindictiveness on the part of the Anatomy external examiner. Only 15 students moved on to the Clinical side initially and 85 students did not get through. Though we did not have guidance from senior students, we were blessed with our initial teachers who were doyens in the field of Medicine and Surgery. None other than the great Dr Govind Setty taught us how to take history and physical, take a pulse and check for the heart murmur. Dr Govind Setty was the Sherlock Holmes of Medicine, taught us how to diagnose with the examination alone without elaborate laboratory or other tests. Dr M. Authikeshavalu was a master surgeon and he had a Churchilian way of expressing Surgery. He was a poet and a scholar. He taught the basics of clinical examination including "how to feel for the lumps and the bumps". All professors in other fields, Dr Desai in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr M. Shantharam (a WHO Consultant) in Pediatrics, Dr Nanjappa in Ophthalmology, Dr V.R. Naidu in Pathology and Parasitology were outstanding. When we graduated from the BMC we left with great pride and gratitude.

At about the beginning of the third year of the college the Founders realized having given birth to a baby and raised in the infancy, the college needed a long time support and cannot be achieved by donation from the students or contributions alone. In addition, the Government of Mysore was eager to take over a successful Medical College. This transfer ultimately took place and Dr V.R. Naidu was named the Dean to follow Dr Narayana Rao. Dr Naidu was a very colorful man. He held several important positions. He was the Director of Medical Services for Mysore, Superintendent of the Lady Curzon and Bowring Hospital, Professor of Pathology at BMC and personal physician for all the Ministers of the Government of Mysore including the Chief Minister. The college benefited by this very influential man. He was able to get the necessary supplies and other materials at the stroke of a pen. The external examiners were afraid to fail any student of the BMC unfairly. Only eight out of the first hundred graduated in December 1960.

I was elected first Secretary of the BMC Student association and Dr S. Srikantaswamy was elected the President. However, Srikantaswamy had an unfortunate accident which hospitalized him for several months soon after we were elected. I became the President in 1956 and continued in this position for 2 ½ years. This position involved of responsibilities including sports division, the journal etc. I have to particularly mention the name of Dr M. Gurudas who was very helpful to me but also had tremendous interest in the budding college and its students. He wanted BMC to be the best in the sports as well as in medicine and counselled many of the students.

When the College was taken over the Government, we felt that the Founders deserved recognition including a Founders Day and their portraits to be displayed in the College in their honor.

I approached Dr Naidu, who was the Dean at that time and expressed the desire of the students who had signed the petition supporting this. Dr Naidu told me the property belongs to the Government and they will not let the portraits of private individuals be placed. To get his support, I told him that we will include the pictures of Sri B.D.Jatti, the Chief Minister and Sri KK Hegde, the Health Minister in addition to

Dr. V.R.Naidu. Dr. Naidu directed me to meet both Sri B.D.Jatti and Sri Hegde and I was able to convince them of the desire of all the students and they approved the placement of the portraits.

This 50th Anniversary of the BMC is the ideal time to salute the Founders, who by their devotion and sacrifice started this BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE. The BMC has been responsible for graduation of several thousands of doctors who have gone all over world and brought credit not only to BMC but also to India.

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