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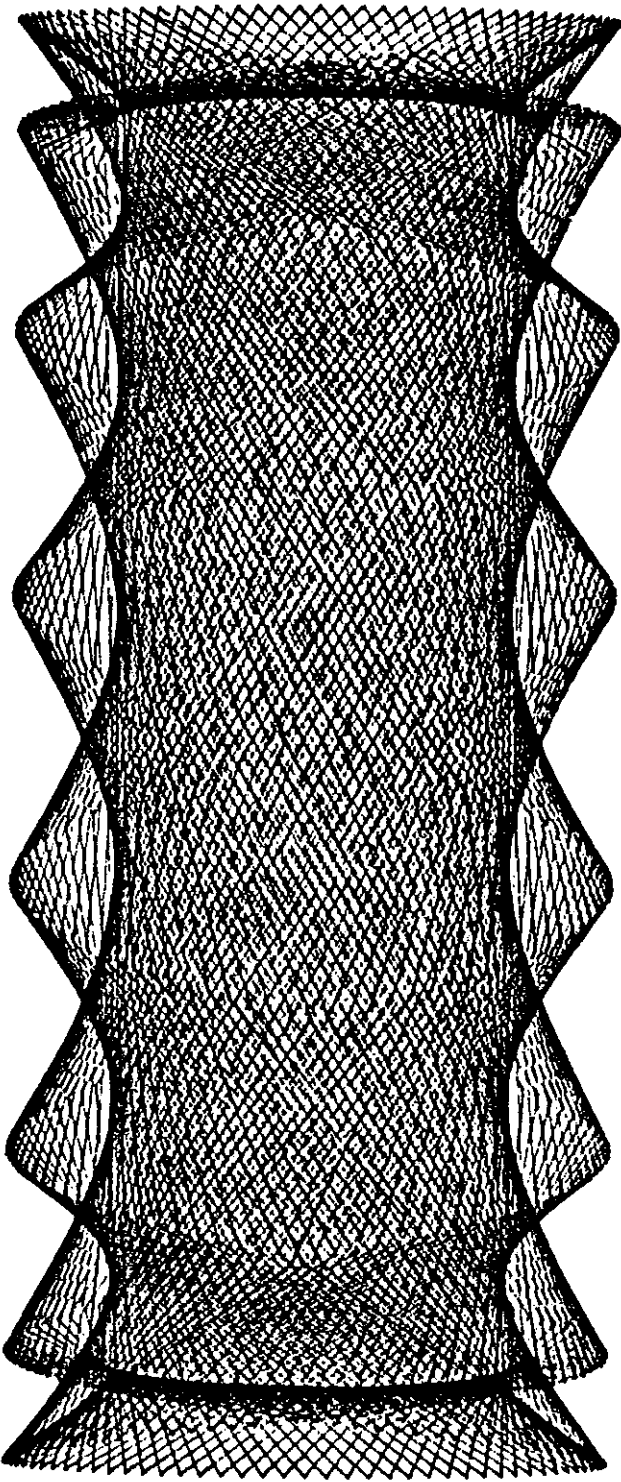
From The Editor:

..... During a trip to Orissa in May, I carried a couple of our last newsletters. Some wellknown writers, politicians and university professors got a chance to review the newsletter. They were surprised to know that such a thing does exist !! Then, they got quite vocal in their appreciation for our efforts in a far off continent. Promises were made to give all the help we need to include news items and writings of Orissa-poets and writers.

.... See the art on the left !! Looks like someone did spend a lot of time in drawing those meticulous curves. Well, one of our young friends, Siddhartha Kanungo (Lunik), son of Professor Rabi Kanungo of Montreal, decided to instruct a friendly computer to draw this pattern. There is another such eye-catching piece later on in this issue. The real ones in color are just superb! Lunik plans a career in Computer Sc.

.... This is the last newsletter from this editor. Our new editor is Dr. Amiya Patnaik of New Jersey. Before I say good-bye, I must thank all of you for your co-operation to help me publish this during last two years. Lets all keep up the spirit and let us continue our efforts to make this newsletter a more meaningful communication vehicle for O.S.A.!

International Seminar On Folk Culture: This is scheduled to be held at Cuttack, Orissa during December, 1978- January, 1979 under the auspices of the Council of Cultural Growth and The Inst. of Oriental and Orissan Studies. Topics will include, Folk Music, Dance, Folk Art and Crafts, Folklore & Literature, Folk-cults & Religion etc. Scholars are requested to contribute papers by 30th. June, 1978, alongwith a bio-data within 100 words and 2 photographs of the author. A synopsis (300 words) of papers should be sent in advance. All correspondence should be made to: Council of Cultural Growth, Maitree Sarani (The Universe), Cuttack-753001, Orissa, India.



This year's O.S.A. elections were conducted by Dr. Arjun Purohit of Kingston, Ontario. First, we shall read an election report from Dr. Purohit. Then we will see the names of the newly elected executives of O.S.A. for the next term starting September, 1977.

O.S.A. ELECTION 1977 REPORT

Though I accepted the job of conducting OSA election, it was not without reservations. Amiya Babu let me have the BHALU rather diplomatically. However, my apprehension proved to be groundless; rather, I had a unique opportunity in getting in touch with many friends throughout the entire continent. I am thankful to OSA primarily for two reasons. Firstly, this experience cured one of my chronic conditions—over the years, I had developed a habit of not writing any letter to anybody! Secondly, though the ballot papers were sent in a rather impersonal way, I got letters from old friends, ex-students and acquaintances. Did't know they were here all along!! Thank you everybody for all the suggestions and comments. Later on, I will provide some sort of an analysis of the problem of conducting such an election in one of our OSA newsletters. But right now, let us rejoice with the results!

The membership has shown collective wisdom in choosing their office-bearers. Each one of them is enthusiastic and hardworking. I am confident that future of OSA is in good hands and they represent more or less all corners of North America. Congratulations to you all! Doubtless, you will have a problem in communicating with each other, but with remarkable support you all have received from your friends, the problem of distance will not be a great hindrance. Thanks to those who let their names be included in the ballot, but were not the final choice. Looking at the pattern of voting, it is obvious that members indeed had a hard time choosing candidates. We all know where to turn for help, for surely only elected representatives can not function without the active support from everybody!

If you happen to be passing through this way, please drop in.

August 20, 1977

Sincerely Yours,
Arjun Prasad Purohit
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*** The Orissa Society of The Americas thanks Dr. Arjun Purohit for doing an excellent job in conducting the elections this year.

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O.S.A. ELECTION RESULTS

<i>President, O.S.A.</i>	---	<i>Promode K. Patnaik (Alabama)</i>
<i>Vice-President I</i>	---	<i>Saradindu Misra. (New York City)</i>
<i>Vice-President II</i>	---	<i>Rabi K. Patnaik (Baltimore)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	---	<i>Saroj K. Behera (Los Angeles)</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	---	<i>Bijoy K. Mohapatra (New York)</i>
<i>Editor, OSA Newsletter</i>	---	<i>Amiya K. Patnaik (New Jersey)</i>
<i>Members, Executive Committee,</i>		<i>Samar K. Bhuyan (Detroit)</i>
		<i>Gauri C. Das (Boston)</i>
		<i>Krushna M. Das (New York)</i>
		<i>Duryodhan Mangaraj (New York)</i>
		<i>Gopa Bandhu Mishra (Oakville, Ontario)</i>
		<i>Shantilata Mishra (Albany)</i>
		<i>Amiya K. Mohanty (Kentucky)</i>
		<i>Gitimoy Kar (Corning, New York)</i>
		<i>Rabindra Kanungo (Montreal)</i>

BOOK BANK, A SUGGESTION

Rabi Kanungo , professor at McGill University, Montreal has suggested that O.S.A. should start a Book Bank with the help of its members. Particularly, our members in universities have number of books from previous years that they are not using now. If these books can be collected at one place, then they can be donated to various educational institutions in Orissa as a gift from North American Oriyas. Rabi Babu has started the effort and he has collected 50 books already. Please make an effort in this regard. Text books in any field of study, general interest books can be included in this. Please contact Amiya Patnaik (New Jersey) or Rabi Kanungo (Montreal) for further information before the end of this year.

THE CHARIOT, A PUBLICATION FROM ORISSA

This is a bi-monthly journal, published from Cuttack. This magazine named 'Chariot' is edited by Mr. Sushil Patnaik and is in english. The contents are all on Oriya culture, writings of Oriyas translated into english plus writings of non-oriya Indians and foreigners on topics related to Orissa. This editor had an opportunity to review some issues and they were impressive ! Each copy costs only about 3.00 rupees plus of course air-mail cost. If you are interested, then please write to Mr. Sushil Patnaik (Editor, The Chariot, YMCA Buildings, Cuttack, 753001, Orissa, India) asking for subscriptions. It will be particularly educational for the children.

1. Madan Mohan Biswal moved from San Jose, California to St. Paul, Minnesota on a new job with Sperry Univac. He is married and was blessed with a daughter recently.
2. Shiba Prasad Panda moved from Indianapolis, Indiana to Denver, Colorado on a job transfer. He lived in Stonybrook and Ann Arbor before.
3. Sadananda Barik and family moved into a new house in Yardville, New Jersey from Brooklyn. He works for the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City.
4. Pramode Patnaik moved to Huntsville, Alabama from Birmingham on a new faculty job.
5. Vidya Sagar Pani, visiting professor at Concordia University, Montreal has returned back to Burla Engineering College recently.
6. Dhiraj Pradhan has moved to Utah State University, Salt Lake City on a visiting appointment from the University of Regina. He is in the faculty of Computer Science.
7. Tanuj Pradhan, younger brother of Dhiraj, has joined university of Regina to study accounting.
8. Kirti Chandra Parija has returned back to India from Toronto in last August.
9. Arta Trana Dash and family have returned back to Guelph after spending a year at Berkeley, California.
10. Rabindra Kanungo and family are back to Montreal after a year's stay at Berkeley, California. During his stay at California, a new book written by him and Prof Harish Jain of MacMaster University, (on Organizational Behaviour with emphasis on the Canadian environment) was published by MacGraw Hill Publications.
11. Lipi Das has arrived in New Jersey to join her husband Dhiren Das. They got married in last February, at Cuttack.
12. Jaya Mohapatra, medical doctor, has joined her husband Om Prakash Mohapatra of Toronto. Jaya did her medical degree from Patna Medical College.
13. Prabhati Misra has arrived in Sarnia, Ontario to join her husband Bijoy Misra. They got married in last May at Cuttack. Prabhati was lecturing at Berhampur University, Orissa in Philosophy.
14. Lalatendu Manasinha and family are back in London, Ontario after spending a year in Orissa, Bangalore, Roorkee and Belgium.
15. Rajani Mohanty has moved from University of Calgary to University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

2 POEMS

BY
NACHIKETA KANUNGO, MONTREAL

Unremembered Dreams

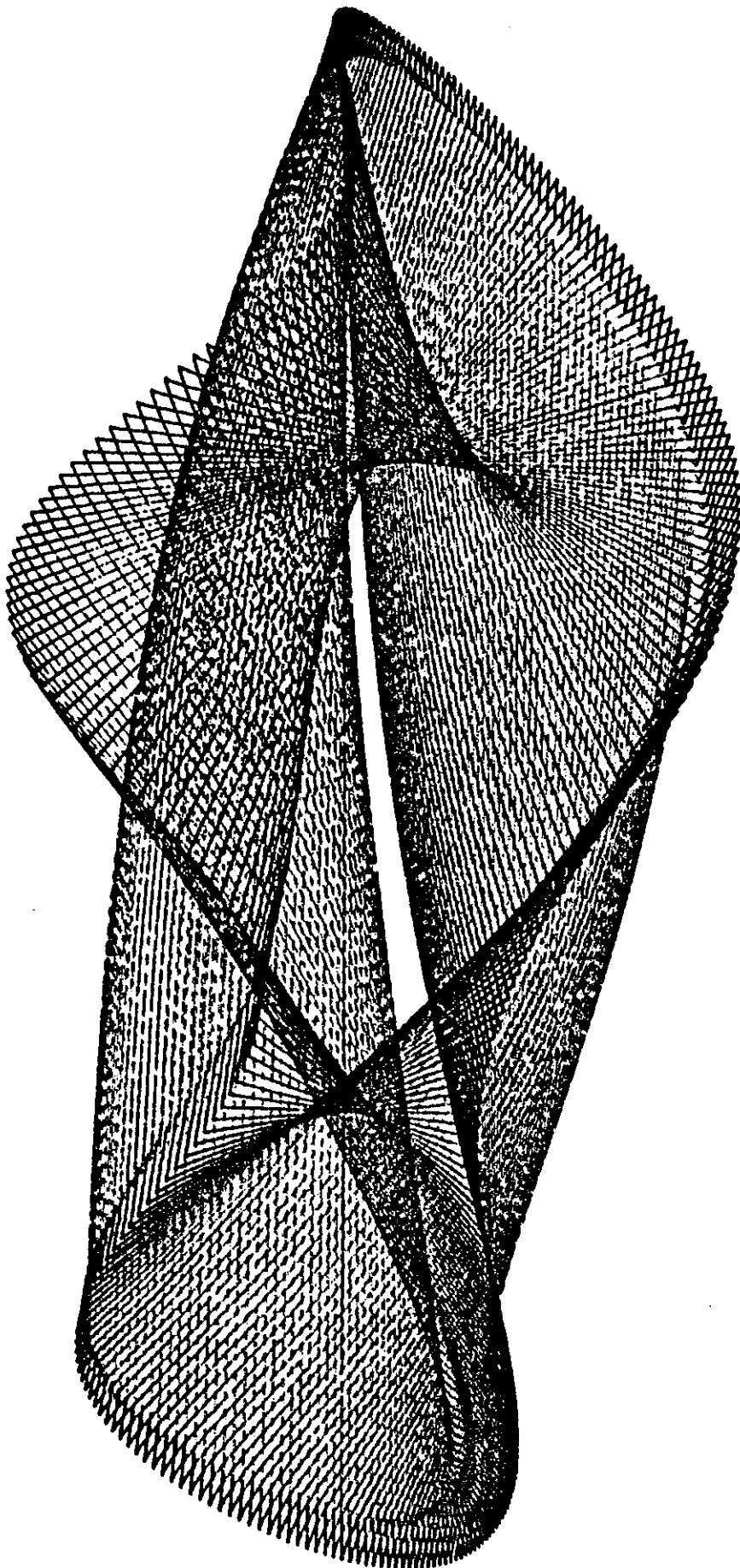
Dreams must be present, while I lie in
bed, curled
They live in that strange, unconscious
world.
Though in my sleep those dreams must hav
shone,
When I awake those dreams are far gone,
In the sleepworld, those dreams must stay
Of what they contained, I can not say.

Crash of The 747's*

It was a foggy day and I could not see
The huge Dutch airliner that would soon
kill me
A seven forty seven to port it appeared,
A few moments later my body was seared.
On Spain's Canary Islands, I died,
Because an airplane wanted to fly.
Whose fault it was I should never say,
But he should be glad he died that day.

*Based on news article in San Fransisco
Chronicle, March 28, 1977.

The auther is 13 years old and he is
the younger son of Dr. Rabi Kanungo,
professor at McGill University, Montreal.
Rabi Babu's elder son Lunik(Sidhartha)
has convinced the computer to draw this
art on left and he calls it the 'FISH'.



" FISH "
Computer Art By Siddhartha Kanungo.

1. Dr. Mahendra Rout, principal of Ravenshaw College and professor of Chemistry, visited New York and Boston during May-June. His daughter Anuradha and son-in-law Dev Narayan Patnaik live in New Jersey.
2. Dr. Radhanath Rath, professor of Psychology at Utkal University, visited Winnipeg and Montreal during June-July. His daughter Sanju and son-in-law Pradipta Dash stay in Winnipeg until end of this year. Dr. Rath also lectured at the Concordia University, Montreal for 6 weeks.
3. Mr. Satyapriya Mohanty, speaker of the Orissa legislative Assembly, is visiting Canada and the United States during September and October. He is in a group of Parliamentarians and speakers from India to attend the 23rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's conference in Ottawa during the week of September 19-24. Mr. Mohanty also visits St John's, Quebec City, Toronto, Washington, New York etc.
4. Mr. Kelu Charan Mohapatra, eminent guru of Orissi Dance from Cuttack is visiting Canada and the U.S. at the invitation of dancer Menaka Thakkar of Toronto. They will be presenting programmes at a number of cities during Fall, 1977.
5. Dr. Minati Mishra, well-known dancer and principal of Orissa Sangeeta Mahavidyalaya, Bhubaneswar, is visiting New York city and she will be performing in the city in September.
6. Mr. Rama Chandra Patnaik is visiting his sons Pramod Patnaik and Krushna Patnaik of Oakville, Ontario, and his daughter Kuni and son-in-law Prashant Patnaik of Washington d.c.. Mr Patnaik was the Headmaster of Berhampur High School for many years and he received the Presidential award for excellance in teaching.
7. Mr. Braja Mohan Pradhan visited his sons Dhiraj and Tanuj and daughter Gayatri and son-in-law Bibudha Bastia of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He also attended his son Dhiraj's wedding to Linn Carol, M.A. at San Fransisco.
8. Mr. Dwarika Nath Patnaik and Mrs. Patnaik visited their son Dr. Rabi Patnaik of Baltimore, Maryland.
9. Mr and Mrs. Braja Bandhu Mishra, retired I.G. from Orissa, visited their daughters Kalyani Mishra (Flint, Michigan), Baruni Samal (Cleveland, Ohio), Padmini Mishra (Coll. Park, Maryland), and their son Bipin Mishra of Denver, Colorado.
10. Mr. Shome Shankar Bagchi, an industrialist from Cuttack visited the U.S. and Canada during June-July.
11. Mr. Prafulla Mohanty, artist and writer from London, England visited New York City in May.

CALIFORNIA: Oriyas in California started the summer in a big way. Just like the first scene in Godfather II in lake Tahoe, they decided the same Tahoe site for their grand week-end picnic. A few cottages were booked for the whole week-end. People from as far as Los Angeles (Saroj Behera), San Diego (Purna Patnaik, Nabin Panda), San Jose (Madan Biswal, Sarat Mishro, Somnath Dash), San Fransisco (Deba Ranjan Mohanty, Akhila Gantayat, Arta Dash, Rabi Kanungo etc) came to share the fun. Food was in plenty and someone said that even the breakfast consisted of Rasgullas. With the spectacular lake Tahoe in front with its glistening expanse of water, the Oriyas spent an ecstatic week-end. This was the first such effort in group outing and after the experience, they are determined to continue this in years ahead.

..... Prasanna Mohanty (Babu), son of Deba Ranjan Mohanty of San Fransisco, is an excellant flute player and he is a member of the Concord Cimbalam Players. The group recently visited Japan on a concert tour and Babu had the experience of playing before the Japanese audience ! Well done Babu and our congrats !!

..... Akhila Gantayat and wife Bijoya were blessed with a daughter this summer.

TORONTO: There was a dance program arranged by the local Oriya association in June first week in Hamilton. Chitralkha Patnaik (Jitu) of Oakville danced splendidly the Orissi dance. She was a student of the Kala Vikash Kendra of Cuttack. Also, Jini and Rini Mohanty danced in the program.

..... The annual picnic was done during the weekend of Sept 9th near Rice lake near Peterborough, Ontario. This was the 6th picnic since its inception in 1972. About 50 people attended this year. Dr. Dhiren Das from New Jersey enjoyed with the local group. The various activities consisted of a Bridge Tournament, Children's games competition, projection of films for children. The best part of the picnic was the saturday dinner and the bone-fire after dinner for most part of the night. Musical programs before the bone-fire added more to the excitement. Mr. Om Prakash Mohapatra, the convenor was thanked for doing an excellant job. For the coming year, Mr. Pramod Chandra Patnaik was unanimously elected as the convenor.

NEW YORK: In their constant effort to add novelty to the activities, the New York Oriyas did another thing. There was a lady announcer in the half-hour radio program of Oriya songs. Mrs. Lata Mishra, wife of Saradindu Mishra did an excellant job in hosting the show this time.

..... There were many outings by the New York group in last summer.

..... Dr. Kalpataru Kanungo arranged a huge party for the birthday celebration of his grand-son during the labour-day weekend.

..... The annual O.S.A. convention was held with much pomp and grandeur at New Jersey during Labour-day weekend. Details of the convention will be covered in the next issue.

