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#### DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most fallen obeisances at your feet. All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, who is our eternal father and is leading us just like little children back to home, back to Godhead. We can only pray that someday we'll have some small appreciation of what he really means to us and actually surrender wholeheartedly and unconditionally to him. At that moment will our lives actually become successful.

The pages of this issue of The Brijbasi Spirit are filled to the brim with so much spiritual nectar that the words themselves aspire to spring off the pages and dance in glorification of the Lord. Included in this issue are articles describing the rasa lila night and the importance of the month of Damodara, the final installment of Srila Prabhupada's Varnasrama Dharma College talks, a beautiful piece by Mother Kunti about the mysterious devotional world of the little children of Madhuban, and so much, much more.

We most certainly hope that this issue meets all the Brijabasis in the fullest Krsna Consciousness and jubilant serving mood.

Your eternal servants,  
the staff

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#### VAISNAVA CALENDAR

- Nov. 4, Mon.: Dis. of Srila Narottama-dasa Thakura
- Nov. 7, Thu.: Bahulastami. Snana-danadi-mahatsava at Sri Radha-kunda
- Nov. 8, Fri.: App. of Srila Viracandra Prabhu

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## OCEAN OF NECTAR

This is the conclusion of the VARNASRAMA DHARMA COLLEGE talks given by Srila Prabhupada during the Lord Caitanya Mayapur festival.

### Day Four

Srila Prabhupada: What these communists can do, we can do better than them. So many communists like that. This will be the counter-action of the communist movement, like that. Why are you sitting idly, no employment? Why are you thinking like that? Here, take this plow. Take this bull, go out working. Why are you sitting idle? This is Krsna Consciousness. Nobody will be allowed to sit down and sleep. Let's find out some employment. There is work as a brahmana, vaisya, ksatriya--why should there be unemployment? For example, just like this body is working, hand is working, feet are working, brain is working, why should there be unemployment? Just stop this unemployment and you will see, the whole world will be peaceful. There is no complaint. They will very happily chant Hare Krsna. Why no one is working in this field? They are all drawn to the cities to work in the factories. Condemn such civilization. That communist emblem, what is that?

Devotee: Hammer and sickle.

Srila Prabhupada: That is very good. No hammer, only this sickle. Not hammer. The hammer has hammered the whole human civilization. We will make a counter emblem the communists will appreciate.

Devotee: Sickle and tilaka.

Srila Prabhupada: Rascal civilization and rascal government, and the people are all turned into rascals. Without grain, how can they live? There is no management or arrangement for grain. They are simply passing regulations, legislative laws and no grain. See what kind of wretched government this is. Everywhere, there is no grain. The first duty of the government is to see that everyone is happy, without anxiety. There must be arrangement for these preliminary necessities of life. One must eat sumptuously, not overeating. But he must have sufficient foods to keep up the health. Similarly, he must have a place to sleep. We are prepared to offer anything and we give Krsna Consciousness. That is our mission. Not that eating and sleeping, we become rogues and thieves and rascals. That we will not allow. There is no scarcity of water, just have a big well. Electricity to pump water, immediately it will be in. All around, for the benefit of human society, we'll be honored everywhere, in every part of the world. And automatically all these bogis, yogis, avatars, incarnations of God, swamis will all be doomed. This rascal society avatar, incarnation, yogi--these rascals will be doomed.

Indian disciple: Their life activity will be finished, they cannot remain.

Srila Prabhupada: So long people are in darkness, they appear beautiful. Now there is sunshine.

Devotee: Srila Prabhupada, you are the sunshine.

Srila Prabhupada: Prahlad Maharaj said, "How these rascals can make a plan for the happiness of a few men." Gorgeous plan. Happiness of the government man, that's all. You know in Delhi there is a planning commission. What is their plan? That people may starve and Indira Gandhi & Company, they flourish, that's all.

Indian disciple: Maharaj, they are going to the office at 12 and coming back at one and doing nothing.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, and what have they got to do? Just like I have seen in London, the parliament, when they have got some so-called empire, now the parliament is useless. The members, the laws, the House of Commons, they are all useless now. They've got some old books only in the parliament, and that's it. Some old books. Old books means



## OCEAN OF NECTAR (Continued)--

that all these speeches are recorded, who's going to read them? (Everyone laughs) So many. I've seen in Parliament so many hundreds of thousands of speeches recorded and bound up very nicely, but who's going to read them? Simply a waste of time. This example is given: like the ass, for nothing, not for himself, and he'll be given a little bit of grass. But the grass is available here, but still he is engaged. The ass will eat a little bit of grass. The grass is available everywhere, but still he will work for others lording and overlording. This is ass. There is no sense that I have taken so much trouble. I can get grass anywhere and remain free. He has no such sense. Neither he will be allowed. This is ass. There are many babajis collecting capatis, and smoking bidis and have one or two women. All this is going on. We can tell them, "Come on, chant Hare Krsna and take the plow." Not that he will become Rupa Goswami. Simply by smoking they are thinking they will become Rupa Goswami. Rupa Goswami, he did like that, so they are thinking that by simply changing the loin cloth they will become Rupa Goswami. What they like, they can do. They can tell all these babajis they can be employed, chant Hare Krsna, and pull a plow. That will be nice.

Jayadvaita dasa: In America too, the big intellectuals and professors, we can have plows for them.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, they are wasting time. It is better if they produce some food. At least their food, they are living at the expense of others. What is the value of their philosophy? To search out the Absolute Truth, that is jnana, knowledge, philosophy. Anything else, that is ajnana. If you cannot use your plot of land, then it goes to the government. Similarly, if the government cannot utilize, it will come to us. Is that not good?

Indian disciple: Yes, that is very good.

Srila Prabhupada: There must be some law like that. The government has taken from the public, why should you not give it to us? There will be no question. Even if the government does not give, we shall occupy, and go on tilling. Even if the government complains, the public will support us. Wherever a field is not being worked, we shall occupy them. We shall invite all the public, unemployed, come and join us. We shall give you food and shelter, everything free. Lord Krsna is setting the example. Krsna has said that He has already arranged the result of this fighting, but still He is inducing Arjuna to work. Everyone will be killed. He is inducing Arjuna to work. Not that He is addressing Arjuna, "I am your friend, everything will be done." Everything will be done, but you have to work. Not that because I am friend, I will do and you will sleep and get dysentery. No, you have to work. Everything is already arranged, but you must work. That is wanted. Otherwise, why was Arjuna induced to fight? Krsna has already arranged. Arjuna said, "Whatever you say, Krsna." This is Krsna Bhakti. Our politician, Balavanta, he is not here? Let him preach that if you take our Krsna Consciousness movement, there will be no unemployment. He can at least give this: that there will be no more unemployment. People will be very glad to hear. Now this machine, this machine nonsense, means unemployment. The machine shall work for a hundred men. The hundred men become unemployed. And the technician, he gets all the salaries. To work on the computer machine, the technician will take \$3000 and the others will be unemployed. And they are thinking advancement of civilization. Advancement of civilization means to exploit others and you become happy? This is advancement of civilization. Let everyone be happy--this is Vedic civilization. Others may die of starvation while one man takes all the money and spends it for wine and women and motor car, that's all. This is advancement of civilization. And the demoniac civilization is let everyone suffer and I become happy. And Vaisnava is not thinking, for me salvation it is all guaranteed, but he is thinking, how these poor people can be saved. This is Vaisnava situation: he is unhappy by seeing others unhappy. But himself, he has no unhappiness. This is Vaisnava philosophy--Vaisnava shall work hard, undergo all tribulation for others. Vaisnava has no problem, because he has taken shelter of Krsna. Krsna has given guarantee: anyone who has taken



## OCEAN OF NECTAR (Continued)--

shelter of Me, he is saved. Everything is there. For Vaisnava, there is no suffering. But he is very much anxious, how will these rascals become happy. That is his business. The rascals are misled, they are led astray, they are unhappy--how they can be saved. This is his business. Vaisnavas therefore shall have no politics. Politics means planning for one's own happiness. That is politics. So now in our society we should have no diplomacy, no politics. Everyone should be eager how to do good for others. That is Vaisnava. This planning that I shall be leader, I shall be doing something, this is not Vaisnava. That politics is not good. The thing is that people are so much attached to sense gratification that if we told them we wanted to stop all these facilities for women, drinking, intoxication, etc., there will be much anger. That is natural. If you give good instruction to a rascal he shall become angry. But if you give him practical, here, come here, sit down, take prasadam, chant Hare Krsna, then help us to do this, in this way you have to do, just like a child, a child does not want to go to school. Find out some means so that he is engaged. That is intelligence. If he becomes angry, that is natural. He is a rascal, that is not unnatural. If you feed the snake with milk that will increase the poison. Practically, you must apply it, by this Hare Krsna movement. Practically attract the people. If the world affairs are adjusted according to our Krsna conscious plan there will be no difficulty. All the nations, all the countries, they will be happy. So we must educate people very nicely and by our living example we'll have to attract them. (Srila Prabhupada walks by some Vrndavana residents and says "Hare Krsna," and they all respond, "Hare Krsna.")

Srila Prabhupada: At least they are remembering just by seeing us. See what benefit has been done. If one is actually Vaisnava then by seeing him one will chant Hare Krsna. This has been created all over the world/wherever we go they chant Hare Krsna. Even at midnight, in Athens. This is the definition given by Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Devotee: If Krsna has already done all the work at Kuruksetra, then why is he so eager to have Arjuna work?

Srila Prabhupada: Just to set example; that don't just sit idly, rascal. Work! Krsna has already done, but you must work. This is why.

Devotee: It can be argued that if one can make an arrangement to remain idle, that it's nice.

Srila Prabhupada: If you remain idle you will have disease, you will have dysentery, that's all. (Devotees laugh, Srila Prabhupada laughs) That will not help you. You will have to suffer. That situation has already come because now there are so many people who are idle. Or rather that stage has already come because so many rascals are idle. So you suffer. If you don't work, then you suffer.

Thus ends the VARNASRAMA DHARMA COLLEGE transcriptions of Srila Prabhupada's morning walks at Mayapur, India.

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# RASA LILA

In KRSNA BOOK, ch. 29, Srila Prabhupada describes how Krsna decided to partake in the rasa dance with the gopis.

"When Krsna saw the full moon night of the sarat season, He decorated Himself with various seasonal flowers, especially the mallika flowers, which are very fragrant. He remembered the gopis' prayers to goddess Katyayani, wherein they prayed for Krsna to be their husband. He thought that the full moon night of the sarat season was just suitable for a nice dance. So their desire to have Krsna as their husband would be fulfilled." (KB, p. 188)

October 31 was the most holy occasion of Saradiya-rasa-yatra, the night during which Krsna enacts the rasa lila pastime, the most confidential and cherished of all Krsna's pastimes. Only when one has pure love of Krsna can he begin to appreciate the beauty and sublimity of Krsna's Dance of Love with His purest devotees, the damsels of Brajabhumi. Once a year the moon appears, endowed with a deep reddish hue, exactly as the sun slips over the opposite horizon. This full moon appears only during the sarat season and is called sarad-purnima.

Readings from the KRSNA BOOK concerning the rasa dance were read aloud and relished throughout the day in New Vrindaban, beginning in Srimad Bhagavatam class, following through during morning, lunch and evening prasadam times, and finishing after the 8:00 evening arati. The devotees of New Braja were absorbed in thoughts of Krsna's rasa lila with the gopis throughout the day.

At all the 3 main farms their Lordships Radha Vrndavana Candra at Bahulaban, Radha Vrndavana Nath at Vrindaban and Radha Madhava at Madhuban were presented with the most opulent offerings during the special night serenade. Such items as mounds of puris and paratas, raisin/fig rice pudding, layered & regular sandesh and 8 different types of burfi were offered to the Lord. Gallons and gallons of sweet rice were hidden in the forests and were discovered by Krsna and the gopis for refreshing themselves in their ecstatic rasa dance that transpired for the un-

believable period of one night of Brahma. The next morning the remnants of this nectarean sweet rice was relished by Krsna's devotees as Krsna prasadam.

On this rare and very spiritual night the sky over Vrindaban was crystal clear. The temperature stayed in the balmy sixties as warm, soft winds refreshed every living entity. The full moon itself was effulgent as it rose above the Vrindaban sky at the same time the shimmering orb of the sun slipped under the opposite horizon. As the moon rose it radiated a reddish hue that only served to heighten the transcendental atmosphere as the damsels of Braja danced with the Object of Supreme Love, Krsna.

Srila Prabhupada explains that this rasa dance is not anything like the mundane dancing of ordinary boys and girls, which is enacted on the platform of personal sense gratification. Rather they hurriedly rushed towards the spot of the rasa dance with the transcendental desire of satisfying Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

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## SPECIAL NIGHT WATCH HELD

The night of Krsna's rasa-lila pastime with the gopis occurred this year on the same night as Halloween. (If you're wondering why these two don't coincide every year, it's because the Vedic calendar is lunar-based while the western calendar is solar-based.) Due to the predominance of "trick-or-treating" done on this night, guards were posted at the different farms. Gourachandra dasa and Jagat-trata dasa kept watch at Bahulaban, Premapupa dasa and Bhakta Terry patrolled Madhuban and Vasudama dasa and Damodara Pandita dasa kept an eye on Gurukula. The guards took 2-hour shifts. Everything remained very peaceful and there were no incidents. Remarked Premarupa in regards to his observance during the night, "The moon made everything effulgent--you could clearly see your shadow."

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# CONSTRUCTION

Construction Monday was a slow day. Tuesday all the members of the construction dept. had a reunion with Kirtanananda Maharaj wherein it was planned how the pace might be once again increased to the intensity level established during the initial stages of block-laying. Maharaj said that the growth of the building was certainly a stimulating sight but that the devotees should always expect to increase production. The idea was that the spiritual master's business is to take service and the devotee must desire to give all, even though Krsna is really giving everything. With this transcendental push from the meeting with Maharaj the building pace was increased noticeably.

The mornings were used to build and set-up forms and with the afternoons pouring was completed. By this system the pouring of the second story cement beam was completed late Wednesday night with the extra help of Sudanu dasa, Somadas dasa and Bhakta Alfred. Somadas was pulling up cement mix by hand in an old 20 gallon aluminum cooking pot to which he attached a rope.

Thursday Bhakta Teny and Srivas dasa and Damodar Pandit dasa took down the forms, while Gostavihari dasa and Somadas dasa were back to setting bricks for the center columns. By Friday the columns were all up and ready for the big wooden ceiling beams. Using rollers and block and tackle and team work the 900 lb. beams were moved into the construction site.

If anybody wants to see great feats of service and Vaisnava cooperation he can come watch the devotees raise these enormous beams to their second story positions.

Once all the beams are up, the 2nd floor will begin to manifest itself right on schedule. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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## VARNASRAMA REPORT

Paramananda dasa is in New Vrindaban temporarily after a month-long tour of the Lou-

isiana farm, the Buffalo farm, and the New York temple's farm in Pennsylvania. He is back to relay the information learned during his trip to Kirtanananda Maharaj who serves as general advisor and overseer of ISKCON's new Varnasrama farm communities. Here is the progress as Paramananda relates it.

The Louisiana farm is going to be purely a dairy farm and the New Orleans temple has very carefully worked out plans to secure 100 cows by the end of one year at which time they will have paid for their farm and be able to start statewide ice cream sales. The cows will be all jerseys and the temple is looking around for cows to buy.

The Buffalo temple already has a small herd and has been operating now for nearly half a year. They are working to produce milk, grains and vegetables for the temple in Buffalo. The operation is steadily growing. They have about 12 cows.

New York's farm in Pennsylvania is directed toward providing the New York temple with food. Paramananda says that with almost 200 acres of tillable land, this farm alone has the capacity to provide all the food-stuffs needed by ISKCON. All Glories to ISKCON's varnasrama communities!

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## LIFE-MEMBERS VISIT

The family of Prasanta Kumar Mukherji, ISKCON life-members from Calcutta, India, visited New Vrindaban community Thursday and Friday. They have been touring different ISKCON centers in the United States and have visited Boston, Buffalo, Los Angeles and Gurukula in Dallas, and from New Vrindaban they will go to the Philadelphia and New York centers, and then fly back home to India.

Mr. Mukherji comes from West Bengal, as does Srila Prabhupada, and he met Srila Prabhupada in Vrindavana, India. He is very enthused with our ISKCON movement and especially with New Vrindaban and the varnasrama community idea. He is connected with the largest newspaper syndicate in India and is researching for an article he plans to do about our movement.

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## DAMODARA MONTH

At the present time it is the month of Karttika (October-November) and this month of Kartticka is also known as the Vaisnava month of Damodara, which began Friday, Nov. 1 and continues through November 29. In the Nectar of Devotion it is said that during this month in Vrndavana it is the regulative principle to pray daily to Lord Krsna in His Damodara form. The Damodara form refers to Krsna in His childhood when He was tied up with rope by His mother, Yasoda. 'Dama' means rope and 'udara' means the abdomen. Damodara is prayed to as follows: "My dear Lord, You are the Lord of all, the giver of all benedictions. I do not ask You for liberation or any material facility up to the point of liberation. What I want as Your favor is that I may always think of Your form as I see You now as Damodara. You are so beautiful and attractive that my mind does not want anything else besides this wonderful form."

It is said that just as Lord Damodara is very dear to His devotees so the month of Damodara, also known as Karttika, is also very dear to them. It is stressed in the Padma Purana how if one performs some devotional service according to regulative principles within the district of Mathura during this most auspicious month, the devotee is benedicted with the desire only to attain pure devotional service unto the Lord. Attainment of liberation or material happiness becomes most unimportant for such a devotee.

So we can see that this month of Damodara is a time for the devotees in Vrndavana and the district of Mathura in India to become very serious about performing devotional service according to regulative principles. By the same token, New Vrindaban being non-different from Vrndavana, we also should become most serious to attain the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Damodara, during this most auspicious month by our sincere prayers and activities. Hari Bol!

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## RESERVOIR

Work is continuing whole-heartedly on the reservoir that is being dug across the way from the Bahulaban temple grounds, nestled in between several wooded hills. Bob Black is directing and doing a good portion of the work and Samba dasa, using our newly purchased International Harvester bulldozer, is engaging in doing the other half of the job. Bob Black, being much encouraged, said that Samba, who has been operating the bulldozer for only a week now, is already as good as the average bulldozer operator. Indeed, the devotee becomes expert in everything!

The completion date for the reservoir is November 15, Govardhana Puja. If we get the job done by this date the federal government pays \$650.00 towards the project. The reservoir will serve as a bathing ghat, storage of water for our animals and crops, and will attract the eyes and the other senses as a scenic lotus pool. Flat stones will be tightly fitted around the rim of the pond as far in as 5' deep and the reservoir will be surrounded by inlaid flagstones and flower gardens.

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## SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM AT PARKERSBURG

Last Monday night Kirtanananda Maharaja and a party that included Sudanu dasa, Garga Rsi dasa, Mangalananda dasa, Jagat-trata dasa, Narada Muni dasa, Daivata dasa, Kuladri dasa, and his wife Mother Kutila and child, made a trip to Parkersburg College in Parkersburg, W. Va., to enlighten the souls there in the transcendental knowledge of Bhakti Yoga. Kirtanananda Swami gave the lecture and afterwards there was ecstatic singing and dancing (kirtan) in which the major portion of the students joined in. There was very wonderful distribution of prasadam to these most receptive hearers of Lord Caitanya's transcendental message. Included among the preparations was sweet rice, halevah, potatoe slices fried in ghee, and puris. The Brijabasi Spirit will try to get a copy of the Kirtanananda Swami lecture tape that was recorded by the college and present a transcription of it for the pleasure of our readers.



# MADHUBAN DIARY

Every day after Srimad Bhagavatam class, which the children regularly and quietly attend, they disappear into the darkness, hand in hand, led by Mother Jamini to "Sanatana dhama." (This is Satyabhama and Paramananda's old house--Bhagavatananda now lives there, he considers the house to be a school primarily and their living quarters secondarily.) And every morning an hour later they are returned, dancing and chanting and effulgent. What goes on there? Let's follow and see, not too close though, we might distract them.

Once inside the house it is still very dark. Mother Jamini lights a couple of candles--no electricity--and one large clean room is revealed. The room is bare except for a long altar on the far wall. There is no distraction--all attention is directed toward this altar--the curtain is now closed. Off come coats and boots and hung in proper places.

"Purnima get your Deity--he is in this box on the table." "Time to wake Lord Caitanya." They immediately run to the altar, "Hari Bol, Hari Bol" and all three three-year olds enthusiastically draw the curtains and immediately fall down into obeisances. They really like this. Then a whole new world begins. Busy little hands, clumsy little hands, little hands full of devotion. Touching Prabhupada's feet "Uttista uttista, sri guru..." then Lord Caitanya's feet "Uttista Uttista gouranga..." Then Krsna and Lord Jagannatha "Go gopa gokulanandana..." Mother Jamini is chanting prayers interrupted with kind instructions "Now Krsna's feet," "No, leave Lord Caitanya on the altar, I've got the bath water." "First we sing govindam adi purusam." "Vijaya had that jewel first--give it back." I couldn't keep up with it all. Three sets of senses engaged in Deity worship--they were seeing, touching, hearing, smelling, chanting, pouring water over their Deities, dressing their Deities--decorating the altar.

And all the while Mother Jamini gently guiding and instructing and occasionally reprimanding.

The altar was effulgent. It was divided into three separate altars each perfect &

completely equipped to worship the Lord. There was one set of brass Gour-Nitai, a couple sets of Lord Jagannatha--Purnima's brass Lord Caitanya, pictures of Prabhupada, Lord Caitanya, Radha Madhava, Radha Vrndavana Candra, there were bells and bowls and pitchers of Ganges water, there were yak tail fans and peacock feather fans, jewels, tinsel, crowns, backdrops, skirts, cloth and peacock feathers. Some things I recognized, things we had stopped using years ago. All this time Mother Jamini has scraped and saved and collected. The children were delighted to have such nice things to decorate their altars. Everything was very carefully put away in little boxes and trays. "Everything for the Deity should be done with great care and devotion." These children are learning Deity worship.

The Deities were bathed and dressed--Vijaya was still washing the floor--Purnima said, "I want to dance," and Bhakti was taking anything he could find and using it as a mrdanga as he started chanting, Mother Jamini appeared with an old guitar over her shoulder, using it now has a vina. The chanting and dancing was spontaneous.

45 minutes have passed and I have to get back to make up the Lord's plates. In the bright light of the kitchen I was still caught up in the magic I had just seen.

Prabhupada has created miracles. We are just a preview of that miracle. These children and their children will conquer the world with pure love of Godhead!

-- Mother Kunti

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The Madhuban temple is in the process of being re-designed and rebuilt by Bhagavatananda Prabhu. Currently work is being concentrated on the pujari room, pot, kitchen and prasadam rooms. The temple room itself is to be repainted and plans are being considered on how to make the marble altar more opulent.

Kṛpācārya dasa is doing a major portion of the wood-gathering and cutting for Madhuban. Presently he gathers it at Nandagram, cuts it at Bahulaban and hauls it to Madhuban. Soon there will be a 4-ox wagon to do the hauling work.



# VARNASRAMA COLLEGE

The boys couldn't stop mumbling. Every few moments the japa was disturbed by a mutter, "We're going to clobber that guy..." "If I ever get my hands on him I'll..." All this sentiment was Krsna Conscious. The subject of such angry talks was not one of the other boys, but the perpetrator of six inch hole which decorated the temple room's picture window.

In the night, at approximately eleven forty five, Jyotir went out to pass urine and observed the glowing full moon of the sarat season and glowed with the thought of the pleasure of the Supreme Lord. Moments later, snuggling into his sleeping bag, a crash broke the peaceful night. "Oh no, one of the boys was stealing maha and he fell..." thought Jyotir.

"Stavya, did you hear that?" Jyotir called excitedly to Stavya, who sleeps with him in the basement. Stavya rolled over and continued snoring without a reply. Jyotir ran upstairs.

The temple room was filled with moonlight and everywhere the moonlight reflected on hundreds of tiny splinters of broken glass. Tulasi was decorated with myriad pinpoints of moonlight. A large stone lay on the floor and Sri Galima was massaging his leg where he had been hit by the rock. Otherwise there was not a sound.

Sri Galima came and reported the events to Hiranyagarbha, who had to be called three times before responding. "Hiranyagarbha, someone's broken the window with a rock."

"Now who would've done that?"

"I don't know. I'm going to Madhuban."

Hiranyagarbha went back to sleep.

The next day everyone discussed the possibilities of catching the rascal and a hopeful ambush was set up, but the bewildered prankster did not return. The house filled with brahmachari guards though, plus an Indian life member and his family. The bathroom was so busy that the water ran out earlier than usual, but everyone got their maha prasada, and to top it off Daivata came by with 3/4 of a gallon of sweet rice, churned by the Lord's rasa-lila dancing during the night.

Inspired by the Lord's pastimes Jagadan-

anda Pandita dasa scored the highest mark in the math test with a 78. It was the first time in anyone's memory that Jagadananda Pandita dasa came first in any scholastic event. The other boys got the following marks: Taus-teya 62½, Ekendra 51½, Dvarakadhisa 52½. Stavya didn't write the test because he is on a different level. Last week's Bhagavad-gita test scores were: Stavya 80, Taus-teya 49½, Ekendra 71, Jagadananda Pandita 56, and Dvarakadhisa 50.

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## GHEE REPORT

If you haven't noticed, it's time for Govardhana Puja again. This is, traditionally, THE FEAST in old Vrindavana. All the major temples compete to put out the biggest mountains of prasadam. Here we have no such competition as yet. But there is a great challenge facing us. Maharaj has okayed the use of one barrel of ghee for the Govardhana feast. That's right, one barrel-- 25 full gallons-- of golden Vrindaban ghee. Can our cooks get it together to intelligently cook up that much ghee? Week to week they are hard put to use 2 gallons per feast. Will the devotees have to drink it straight in order to use it up? So step up and volunteer. There is unlimited engagement in the kitchen. Personally, we are on the lookout for first class galub jumin rollers. Krpacharya, are you listening?

-- Taru dasa

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There is a recycling center at the pavilion located between the old and new barn. Here are the items available:

angle irons--good/fair

plastic pipe--½" - 1"

burner stove/pipe/elbows, & covers

plastic sheeting, black and clear

used insulation--for stuffing cracks, etc.

funnels--4, approx. 1" top diameter

5 gal. cans--3 in stock with lids (metal)

Direct inquiries to Gatravan dasa.

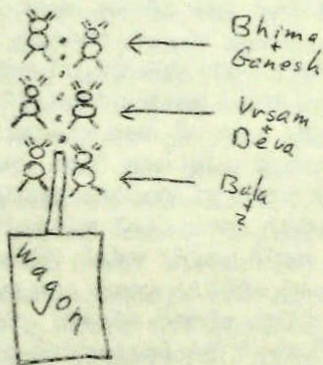


# IN THE WOODS

## KIRTANANANDA'S DANCING EYES

The highest pleasure in life is to make the spiritual master or his representative smile and see his eyes dancing. But to do that you have to really be on your toes and one step ahead of him. The other day Mahraj came over to me and said I've got a tree I want you to move over in the new resivore. I said, "I all ready moved it." "You did! That's what I like, when your one step ahead of me." And his eyes were dancing and he had a big smile. I'll tell ya prabhus there's nothing more satisfying.

So this week I tried for another step ahead of him. I got our second working team of oxen together and I made a yoke for them. Vrsam and Deva. Vrsam is about 6 yrs. old and Deva about 1½, there both jerseys. This will be a nice suprise for when he returns. And Mahraj I've got plans to get one more team, already working size, together by next week. That will give me 3 yokes of oxen on our loggin train.



Your servant,  
Romharsan dasa

## A REAL WHOPPER

So last Wednesday Parasara said, Romharsan are you going to Anandagram today to get wood? I want to go with you. I said yes you can come today and I'll show you what hickory looks like so you can get your own tool handles. He was in bliss. So soon after breakfast I hooked up two yokes of oxen to the bull-ox-cart and off we went to the woods.

Parasara took the short cut and got lost so he met us half way there and followed along. Yudisthir Prabhu came along shortly with his team and all day we worked three yokes of oxen in line halling logs up the big pasture hill. This is bliss, said Parasara, who is being trained as an ox driver and logger and did pretty good except for when Yudisthir, who was leading the ox train, ran right into a 7 ft. high sticker tree. After he got pulled out of the tree I hollered whoo. I was the next in line and I wasn't going through no sticker tree.

I asked him if he was ok. He said, ya I'm ok, at least I didn't holler whoo. We all laughed. I told him the story earlier that day how Bhima stepped on Bhavisat's foot one day when I was backing. Bhavisat hollered whooo and Bhima just stopped, still standing on his foot. Well we made it home with the biggest wagon load of logs you ever saw. And guess who was standin in the driveway watching us come up the road from Floyds, Mahraj. He was in bliss. Pure nectar it was. Parasara came out with his camra to get pictures of the first three team ox train along with Mahraj.

So for all you brave and daring devotees out there it's time to come out of your caves. I challenge you to a contest. Who can please Kirtanananda Swami the most this coming week. Mahraj whould you offer the remnants of one of your plates to the winner?

(Printed as submitted by Romharsan dasa)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

Will the person who 'borrowed' Kuladri dasa's copy of the new Deity Worship booklet please return it. Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra desire more service so that their servitors, the residents of New Vrindaban, can bedome even more purified, and Kuladri doesn't want to speculate on it. Again--please, please return the booklet.



## COW PROFILE

All Glories to the cow of the week, Mother Pritha. She's been at New Vrindaban for over 3 years now. She was saved from the vicious slaughter at the hands of the demons along with Bhima, when he was a young calf. Presently she is over five years old, weighs 1100 lbs. and is in excellent health. She is from the holstein breed and is nearly all black. When the cows go out into the pastures for the first time in the spring after being inside so much during the winter, Mother Pritha is the first one to exhibit a beautiful shiny coat of hair that nearly glistens in the sun.

Besides her son Bhima she has had 3 other calves here. Gandhari is a heifer now at Bahulaban. Arjuna is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Tamal-Arjuna team of oxen working at Vrindaban, and Partha is her latest calf, also an ox who is living at Vrindaban.

She is a very humble kind of cow, and she is willing to forego her eating (unlike Sarasvati who will stop at nothing) long enough for Draupadi to reach her stall. I'll explain. Draupadi won't go into her stall when Pritha is in first because she is afraid of stepping into the dung gutter. So even though Pritha is already in and eating her grain, upon hearing Draupadi's bell behind her, or a call from one of the cowherd boys, she will immediately pull her nose out of the grain, back up and walk to the side while Draupadi slides into her own stall, and then she turns around, comes back and very calmly returns with Draupadi safely in with no anxiety. The cowherd boys joyfully boast about Mother Pritha as she does this almost daily.

Pritha is a favorite among the cowherd boys as the "cow to learn on." Parambrahma, Soma, Taru, Sudanu, Samba, Cirantana, Dhar-matma all had Pritha as their first cow. And much to the excitement and ecstasy of all the boys was the day that Kirtanananda Maharaj and Paramhansa Swami both sat down to milk their first cow who was of course, Mother Pritha. Everyone was gathered around like they had never seen a cow be milked. And factually that was true because no one had ever seen Maharaj milk a cow (what bliss). Pritha was ecstatic also as she

went up a pound and a half of milk. It's true there is no cowherd boy who doesn't like to milk Pritha. She has nicely shaped teats that fill full of milk and are fairly easily squeezed. At the first squeeze when milking her, she always lifts her right rear foot up sharply to put you at close attention and she moves quickly to the left with a Prabhupada step.

This lactation she reached 60 lb. twice and is very steady now, 3 months after freshening at 40 lbs. a day. She's climbing now in butterfat (last test was 3.6) although at the end of her last lactation she tested 5.9. Since freshening she has given 4,087 lbs. of milk. She has come into heat and was bred by Sanatan.

Pritha is one cow who we can say has never had any mastitis since living at New Vrindaban. Her milkbag fills full and tight with milk, and sometimes being anxious to deliver her goods to the Lord she is unable to withhold her milk as it shoots out by itself while cowherd boys rush to the scene with their buckets. Namo brahmanya devayo go brahmana hitaya ca jagat hitaya krsnaya govind-daya namo namah. All Glories to Sri Krsna, Govinda, Who is most dear to the cows and brahmanas. And all glories to His faithful servants like Mother Pritha who by His mercy has made Radha Vrindavana Candra her life and soul.

-- Amburish dasa

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### RECIPE

Peanut Burfi (New Vrindaban  
--Radhanath style)

3 cups peanuts                      das  
2 cups whole milk  
1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups sugar  
ghee for deep frying

Fry the peanuts in ghee and then grind them. Boil the milk and sugar down until it is one strand thick (this means when it is pressed between two fingers and the fingers are spread a sticky strand is made). Then pour the peanuts into the sugar/milk. Stir vigorously until it begins to solidify. Pour onto a flat sheet, allow to dry, & cut into squares.



# COWS

The bull is the emblem of the moral principle, and the cow is the representative of the earth. When the bull and the cow are in a joyful mood, it is to be understood that the people of the world are also in a joyful mood. The reason is that the bull helps production of grains in the agricultural fields, and the cow delivers milk, the miracle of aggregate food values. The human society, therefore, maintains these two important animals very carefully so that they can wander everywhere in cheerfulness. But at the present moment in this age of Kali both the bull and the cow are now being slaughtered and eaten up as foodstuff by a class of men who do not know the brahminical culture. The bull and the cow can be protected for the good of all human society simply by spreading brahminical culture as the topmost perfection of all cultural affairs. By advancement of such culture, the morale of society is properly maintained, and so peace and prosperity are also attained without extraneous effort. — Srila Prabhupada, purport, S.B. 1.16.18.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has so mercifully accepted us as his disciples, allowing us to render some pleasing service to him by engaging us here at New Vrindaban.

Another heifer arrived from Nandagram this week as Usa, a brown swiss, showed up at Bahulaban. She has just reached the breeding weight recently and will be a new prospect for Rupa or Sanatan. Actually, action in the breeding pen was rather light this week, compared to previous weeks. There was one interesting breeding attempt though. Mother Dudyā has come out of her easy chair in the pasture and finally come into heat. After months of retirement she has resumed service and was bred by Sanatan. Dudyā is a seven year-old jersey cow, with a milkbag that resembles a wilted lotus flower. But we're here for Kṛṣṇa's service so Dudyā can try again. She has given 4 heifers since being at New Vrindaban. One of those offspring is Mother Basya, who at the time of

this writing has not yet come fresh and I can't say when she will. It is Kṛṣṇa only who knows.

A larger maternity stall was constructed under the pavilion by the barn and she has rested there the last couple of days.

Little Kadamba had a case of diarrhea this week again but she looks alright now. Satyavati, Satyabhama's beautiful calf, is now being weaned. She will be sent to Nandagram in a few days. She is really a good looking calf and is bigger than the average calf of her age.

Mother Draupadi (Adi Pati's cow) is finally being dried off. She has been milking for over a year now since coming fresh on Govardhana Puja last year. She may finally be bred this time as a visit from the vet will hopefully confirm.

After Mother Basya calves, Surabhi will be due next. On the 22nd of November she is expected to calve and hopefully she'll come fresh upwards of 70 lbs. of milk. Her last calf was Rupa, and everyone is anxious (especially Samba) to see the next one.

Very soon both Mother Syama and Mother Rabbri will be dried up to make way for Surabhi. Syama is expecting to calve in February and Rabbri is not yet confirmed pregnant.

Mother Iravati, who's had her share of problems since coming here, now has a bruised leg on her right side. It is a bit painful to her but luckily there has been no mastitis yet. Here's the milk production:

Iravati	302.0 lb.	Ambika	158.7
Satyabhama	291.1	Rukmini	158.2
Cintamani	286.3	Kaliya	143.8
Pritha	279.9	Yasoda	143.5
Parvati	263.6	Goloka	142.0
Rati	263.4	Sati	139.7
Sarasvati	258.4	Rocana	114.3
Rohini	220.2	Bhumi	99.4
Bhadra	215.1	Rabbri	75.3
Laxmi	164.7	Byama	64.9
Dvaraka	162.8		

The total milk production this week was 3946.7 lbs.

— Amburish dasa



NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes for 10/27/74

Attendance: Kirtanananda Swami, Kuladri dasa, Adi Pati dasa, Bhagavatananda dasa, Daivata dasa, Amburish dasa, Parambrahama dasa, Kasyapa dasa, Gajendra dasa, Bhakta Terry.

DEPARTMENTS Bhakta Terry - Gardens

- The greenhouse is to be in action in 3 weeks.
- 11 bushels of produce were taken from the gardens this week.
- Approx. 8 bushels of apples are yet to be picked on New Vrindaban's trees.

Kasyapa dasa

- Seeding was done at Guruban and Madhuban.
- All of Bahulaban's fields that are plowed are planted and the Trudan fields are nearly ready for planting.
- Manure spreading, rock picking, supply runs, and trash pick-up were the remainder of the weekly activities.
- A new horse was purchased.
- 1500 bushels of corn was picked so far and we are buying corn from local farmers to fill up the Harvestore silo.

Bhagavatananda dasa

- The marble shop roof should start going up this week. The marble polisher has been installed and the new barn apartments are being completed.
- Madhuban: new crowns and jeelery is being made for Radha Madhava and a sewing program is to be reinstituted at Madhuban.
- a water line is needed across the road for the new well.

Urdhareta dasa

- The intelligence file is working as an 'incident' file and all reports of any incidences with neighbors should be filled with the ksatriyas.

Amburish dasa

- The Harvestore unloader was taken out and the long arm was installed.
- Ditching and road repair is being done in front of the barn (old) to create proper drainage.

Gajendra dasa

- The Tulasi greenhouse plastic is all up; the Pujari room sink & footbath is installed; Madhuban's pump is being repaired; coal is being used for the new boiler, providing a hotter & more even heat; lights and alarm was installed at guard post.

Kuladri dasa

- The silver plating apparatus was set up in the new pujari room--the offering bell has been plated and it looks great.

Adi Pati dasa

- The Grihastha Homesteaders are doing fine. Adi has moved into his Prabhupada house.

OLD BUSINESS --The bhoga room needs to be rat proofed. Bhagavanacarya is to begin this yajna.  
--Premarupa dasa will be the manager of the Bahulaban Manor Goshalla Apartments. He will inspect the rooms for cleanliness, apprehend all electric heaters, hot-plates and candles, and care for the boiler room.

NEW BUSINESS --None

Meeting adjourned.



NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes for 11/3/74

Attendance: Kirtanananda Swami, Adi Pati dasa, Bhagavatananda dasa, Amburish dasa, Kasyapa dasa, Madhava Gosha dasa, Kuladri dasa, Bhakta Terry and Parambrahma dasa. Tardy: Gajendra dasa. Absent: Daivata dasa, Urdhareta dasa.

## DEPARTMENTS

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Adi Pati dasa

- We now have 8 oxen; 6 working and 2 training. They are working in teams of 2, 4, 6 and 8!
- The arc welder needs to be moved because it could cause eye damage to the oxen.
- The basic framework and first layer of plastic for the greenhouse are up--electric wiring, heating and the final layer of plastic need yet to be completed.
- Soil sterilization should be done (first stages begun) on Thursday.
- Seed ordering is to begin on next year's gardens.

Kasyapa dasa

- A large quantity of manure was spread in the new garden section.
- The Vrindaban gardens are plowed, planted and harrowed.
- 12,00 (twelve hundred) bushels of corn were hauled in for the silo this week and the wetmore blower/grinder is all fixed, reassembled and working great.
- 2 acres of corn were eaten by groundhogs at Vrindaban.

Kuladri dasa

- Yajñabhuk dasa is in charge of Radha Vrindavana Candratemple suciness and is doing a very good job.
- A shelter is needed for the brahmacarini woodcutters.

Gajendra dasa

- Plumbing repairs were made in the kitchen and pot room and also plumbing work was done at the new reservoir.
- The chimney at the new barn is half finished.
- The farmall tractor is repaired and in good working condition.

Bhagavatananda dasa

- The beams and roof are going up on the marble shop building; plumbing and electricity will be installed this week.
  - Heating and lighting plans were discussed for the big workrooms at Bahulaban Manor.
- Madhuban:
- Radha Madhava have a new set of crowns
  - A play was performed by the Madhuban Players for Radha Madhava on Rasa-Purnima called ©The Songs of the Gopis.
  - A plan has been made to plaster some walls with cow dung and then paint with lime.
  - Madhuban devotees are engaged in intensive planning for their school and educational system.

Amburish dasa

- Ditching and landscaping work was done at the old barn for a better drainage capacity--work will continue this week.
- A good Box stall was built at the equipment pavilion.

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Parambrahma dasa

Vrindaban:

--Mangalananda dasa is now acting temple commander of Vrindaban.

--3 brahmacari pujaris, Parambrahma dasa, Somadas dasa and Gostavihari dasa, are working one day a week each with Radha Vrindavana Candra.

Bahulaban:

--2 shoe repair machines were purchased: a sole stitcher and a shoe reconditioner.

--Stavya dasa Brahmacari is to start working with Romharsan's wood crew.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- (1) --A tractor driver was needed and it was decided that Raghunath would fill the post.  
 --The entire personnel of the Fields & Crops Dept. are to have weekly meetings on Monday mornings at 7:30. This department includes: Kasyapa dasa, Madhava Gosha dasa, Raghunath dasa, Advaitacarya dasa, Arjit dasa and Bhakta Greg.

#### NEW BUSINESS--None

Meeting adjourned.

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#### VRINDABAN BRAHMANA MEETING

Every Monday night the brahmana initiated brahmacaris assemble in the evening for the weekly Brahmana Meeting. The Monday before last the following items were discussed:

- It was decided that immediate action should be taken for the publication of a special songbook for New Vrindaban. Damodara Pandita dasa had been previously assigned to compile and stencil it along with the advice and assistance of Parambrahma dasa and Radhanatha dasa. As a result the songbook has been published as of last Tuesday. Copies should soon be available in all New Vrindaban temple rooms. The purpose of the songbook is to improve the Deity worship and standardize the aratis, along with giving guests and new arrivals the facility to engage in congregational kirtan and to easily learn the songs and chants.  
 --A second stove is needed in the Vrindaban kitchen to increase the service to The Deities. Sri-vas dasa has been assigned to take care of the matter.  
 --Winterizing of the Vrindaban barn is to be completed by Radhanatha dasa & his barn crew in order to keep the cows jolly.  
 --The Vrindaban kitchen, due to the theft of unoffered Deity sweets, requires a door. This is to be built by Somadas dasa as soon as possible.

Note: Jagat-trata has also informed us that bhoga has been nipped from the Bahulaban kitchen and advises that the culprit had better control his lusty tongue or it will not go well for this person(s) if caught.

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#### DEVAKINANDANA VISITS NEW VRINDABAN

His Grace Devakinandana dasa paid New Vrindaban a visit this Sat. & Sun. and informed us of a lot of nectar. He is working with Rupanuga dasa setting up varnasrama farm communities. They already have farms started in Buffalo and land purchased in Virginia and Tenn. There are also farms located in Louisiana and Penn. In La. the farm has the capacity to support 100 cows and Devaki is helping with the milking and building of a cow parlor. There are 25 - 30 devotees at the New Orleans city temple and 7-10 devotees at the farm ashram. Devaki is currently headed for Penn. farm where he will help receive and facilitate 10 open (not bred) heifers. He will be residing at the La. ashram for the winter.

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