The following issues were discussed in the Open Forum during the Alumni day on the 15th of August 2008:

1. Some alumni members suggested that the Alumni Day should be held at the College campus because they long to come back to the campus to refresh their nostalgic memories.

   Mrs Kala Vijayakumar responded that the sole responsibility of the Day is in the hands of the alumni themselves. They should henceforth treat the Alumni Day as a part of alumni activities, plan and conduct the meeting. The management and the faculty would be the invited guests for the same.

2. The alumni expressed the need for a person-in-charge of alumni affairs so that they could contact him/her whenever there is a need.

   Mr B Srinivasan, the Director of SoMCA promised that the College would appoint an Alumni Officer with at the earliest.

3. There was an opinion among some of the alumni that a committee rather than one Alumni Officer should be in position take care of their several affairs. They also suggested the opening of different Chapters, location wise, in cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and the US where there are a number of SSNites.

   The Director of Somca pointed out that the institution is still young but at the same time they shall look into the suggestion in course of time. A committee can be put in place in the institution once the level of activities picks up momentum. As regards the opening of chapters, the Alumni themselves have to organize themselves and do it.

4. The alumni volunteered to give guest lectures to the present students of SSN as and when necessary. So when guest lectures are required, the matter should be intimiated to them, well in advance.

   The point was noted with pleasure. SoMCA Director pointed out that that there is no such as thing as “a need for guest lectures”. If any Alumnus feels that a guest lecture to the students on a particular topic, either by way of his/her own expertise or by someone known to him/her, the Alumnus should contact the institution and offer the lecture.

5. Some alumni said that they were willing to do Open Source Projects with the present students of SSN.

   The point was appreciated and such initiative would certainly be welcome.

6. Some alumni voiced the opinion that they were willing to contribute generously to the Alumni Fund so as to sponsor a swimming pool or a project, or anything worthwhile. They added that the amount should not be so large as to make them feel the pinch of it, at the same time, big enough to make them feel gratified for donating it.

   Mrs Kala Vijayakumar remarked that the Management does not expect huge amounts from the alumni as they are still young. The Director announced that a committee called SAFMaC is instituted with the alumni as members to deal with the alumni funds. And the new website will facilitate making these contributions through multiple modes of payment.
7. The alumni opined that they would be glad if the “Minutes of the Alumni Meeting” is circulated among them, at least in groups, so as to keep the absent alumni informed, and also to involve more and more alumni in the alumni activities.

The request will be surely granted, the Director SoMCA replied. The proceedings will be uploaded in the website.