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**Krishna Subramani :** Narayan Boy! Bahut maza aaya hai tere saath over the last year. Discussions on grad school apps, CPI senti unis in the US and many other things... :p I really like the enthusiasm with which you pursue and discuss info theory man, I learned a lot from our talks and also had fun :) Here's to a great time at UIUC!

**Pranav Sankhe :** Gult, in spite of how different we are/were the friendship we built over these 5 years is amazing and something I am super proud of. From second year Narayan who was like "itni life kharab hai meri" to a sorted and a zealous, passionate researcher. What a massively inspiring journey your's have been! Thanks for forcing me to accompany you to the canteen or any random errand! Thanks for educating me on so many social aspects. It is an absolute pleasure to hear you say anything and I am sure that's how everyone feels at the debate tournaments you ace. Have fun at your grad school. You deserve every bit of it : )

**Mandar Sohoni :** Gl0nt55555555! Can't believe 5 years are over. BUT, US PARRTAAYYY!!!! So proud of you for UIUC :'), always knew you could do it! The best arguments I've had have been with you and I've grown as person after them. Here's to all our chilling sessions and many more to come <3 Can't insert rainbow hearts here damn it.

**Pranav Thakkar :** Gult/GlutZ/Gulteshwar/Nath/GlongerZ/Gl0nt5/... I can't sum up all the nicknames in 700 characters, let alone what you mean to me and our gang. You've always been there, even when you haven't. We've spent so much time in H7/H8/BnB that these places have become incredibly nostalgic to me. You're such a strong person, mentally and even physically (I'm not fond of that part lol) but your self-righteousness is something I'll always aspire to emulate. You're a gem of a person, always keep loving sushi and Diet Coke. Also join Instagram!!!



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**Soham Purohit :** One of the best debaters I have come across, you left no stone unturned in advertising for research as well as debating. Always took out time for juniors and arranged for workshops even though there was literally no personal gain. Very chill and extremely hilarious to have around. Favorite memories: hanging out at Gulmohar, where you have us gyan about insti, vibing on heavy metal at some tournament, while others stared as if we were mad. Will miss you.

**Prakhar Jain :** Gult brooooo, I have had an amazing time throughout my 5 years with you. I have always looked up towards your amazing confidence, knowledge about stuff, and incredible maturity and have learned loads from you. I feel lucky to be in the room next to you in the first year to have been your friend right from the start. Our time together as roommates has been so much fun. All the best for your future. Let's stay in touch.

**Apurv Tiwari :** Whenever we see each other, a smile and hi happens, and that always makes my day <3

**Jaymal A. Lodha :** My initial image of you was that of an intimidating senior xD but I've really experienced nothing but support and help from you. I really respect you so much, not just as a debater but also as a person. The kind of calming effect you have on people and the way you care in your unique way is one of those hundred things I can learn from you. You're honestly one of the reasons I love debsoc and stuck to the activity, given how you selflessly conduct workshops ,attend practices or even do tournaments(thanks for carrying me) just to help your juniors out speaks volumes of your character. Not chilling enough with you is probably one of my biggest regrets and I'm really gonna miss you and the feeling of knowing gult has my back in any random situation. All the best for UIUC, stay in touch!



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**Tanmay Garg :** Gultuuuu, i hope someday you become less brash with how you deal with people lol 😂 i still remember that time when i had just become secy and you used to impose random "important" shit on me and became a legit senior hahaha. I have always cherished my friendship with you and i hope we stay connected to each other so that I never stop entertaining you lol :)

**Vatsal Khetan :** Okay I still find you very intimidating. I remember how in my sophie and third year practices you used to tell me cool down, think and then speak. I hated you for never saying anything good about my speeches, but I ignored that and worked harder on my speech flow. Post your semex when you told me that I have improved a lot as a speaker, that was the only validation I needed. I think as a senior, you did the right thing by being as straight forward as possible and not beating around the bush, Thanks a lot Gult. Also Sunny nights were so much fun, I hope that rukhsat ho. PS: Sorry if it sounded cringe :p

**Sanket Agrawal :** Heyy! Gulto, mast banda hai yr tu! From whatever small conversations we have had, I can definitely say you are a really smart person with excellent debating skills. It was good knowing you. All the best for future and stay in touch :')

**Anmol Gupta :** Hey Gult <3 I give you the entire credit of my boasting of securing 1st position in Sophomore Debate Open in my resumes XD. Teaming up with you was fun, wish I could've done that more often. I think our real interaction happened after your sem-ex - you had surely changed a lot. And it was so much fun around you! Last sem was especially fun - sorry for all that poking and the fat-shaming XD But I loved discussing so many topics with you, could always trust you to have a sane, rational, and meaningful debate on the most unsettling of topics. It really is a pity we couldn't have proper COVID-19 Quarantine Parties man. But yeah, slay it in your Ph.D - and stay in touch :') Also you're 3 cute :P



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**Aniruddha Suhas Deshpande :** From aspiring heavy metal vocalist to A grade info-theorist, you've really come a long way GultZ. Before I get to the fun stuff, I wanna say that tu stud hai, whatever you do you ace and I'm so so thankful to have gone through elec and debate along side you, you really helped bring out the best in me. I'm gonna miss everything from 5-6 hr long sunny/toit/laxmi nights, chilling under the pretext of debate prep, Kasol trip, even just hanging around in the department. Even though I say I'm gonna miss things, I'd better not miss it too much because we're gonna stay in touch, and meet and chill regularly else Imma slam you. Also hope you find your bbest bb soon <3

**Ravi Kumar Kushawaha :** Yo Gult. You have amazing debating skills. You have changed quite a lot from troubling Ranjan to become his helping hand. Best of luck for your Ph.D.

**Ishita Shah :** Hey, we've only made a few memories together, but they were all so much fun! Thank you for getting after me to resume debating, I'm still not entirely sure about it, but it did initiate some really cool discussions <3 It made me realise that you're an incredibly experienced debater and an intimidating speaker. I hope our bombay plans work out even though they seem so far away right now :( please stay in touch :))

**Pramey Singh :** Hey Aditya! It still amazes and inspires me to see you transform so much over time. Keep dazzling us with your brilliance.

**Devyani Verma :** Hey dude! It was fun working on that probability video and I am sorry about the hair thing! I do remember debating once (or twice) with you but that was like long back in freshie year! Even then I felt you were so good at it! All the best for your future :D





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**Anmol Kagrecha :** Hi Aditya. Recall that we had met for the first time at IISc counselling 3 days before Advanced. It was a funny surprise that we ended up in the same branch despite me proclaiming that I will definitely join IISc. It was fun to interact with you in the last year, especially at COMSNETS. I left DebSoc, ow, we would've interacted a lot. Your focus and passion for info theory and debates is amazing, and the admit at UIUC is very well deserved! I still look forward to a party before we leave India. Anyway, have fun with Krishna at UIUC :)

**Saman Siddiqui :** Gult! (I'm trying to make the transition to Aditya, give me a few months!) When I look back to my freshie year, one of the best things that happened was you taking a chance on this absolute newbie for an international tournament and I just knew that I could never let you down! The Debsoc has been my family and you have been one of the most amazing seniors that I have ever met! I've learned so much from you and having you to guide (and scold :P) me through everything has meant so much!! I know it's been a while since we met or hung out but I hope we never lose touch because you are one of the most honest and amazing people I know! Keep texting me!! :D Loads of love <3

**Shantanu Thada :** Narayan!! Our greetings used to be the most jolly and bright, always felt that warmth when we used to meet! Sunny me randomly milte they tab bhi! I wish you all the best for your future life and I am sure you're gonna kick ass! Stay in touch bruh and let's get a picture together at Convo!!!

**Mohit Madan :** Yo Aditya. I have learnt a lot from you over the stay in Insti. Thanks for all your effort in convincing me to go for Exchange. I would really appreciate that as it was one of the best decisions that I took in my life. Anyways, you have changed a lot over the years and that change was really positive. I pray for your success in your PhD. Stay in touch and hope that I will be able to return your jacket :p.



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**Darshan Tank :** Gult (Can't write the real nick which we had given here), you are the real life version of the coconut analogy, might seem a bit rude and arrogant from faraway, but really a sweet and fun person once I got to know you. We have discussed hours on a lot of topics from third wave feminism in 3rd year to inheritance of acquired features in the final year. I used to really like that you used to come and start talking on random things. And you are always there to help, if and when needed. You are really a good friend and human dude. Ek trip to karte bro Japan/US jane se pehle. Baki kana ka lena, thik hai?

**Ritik Madan :** Dude, when I first met you in our wing, I knew you were the coolest person amongst us, the most violent and of course more experienced at other stuff XD My first ever first-floor laxmi trip was with you and do you remember the time the whole wing went to laxmi and you ended up puking yourself? Amazing times! It has always been so fun hanging out with you. I hope we keep meeting each other again in life. :')

**Awanish Kumar :** hey man, sup ?. I have known you since first year. kitna random harkate karta tha tu haha. over the years I saw a great change in your attitude towards other people, keep it up. I like how you put away your phone/ laptop while having a conversation with others, I used to try that too sometimes. that's how conversations should be right ?. Your attitude towards research is really inspiring man, focusing on reasons of why thing works some way and not in others, focusing on their core ideas rather than just focusing on their uses. I know for sure you are going to achieve amazing things in life. be on the right track as you are right now, and stay in touch brother.

**Neeraj Sohani :** Hey Narayan! Yes, weird looks have been a constant for some reason. Thank you for lending me that t-shirt this year, you might not know but I won that competition, so thank you <3 That quarantine pizza party we had just before leaving was fun. Let's do that again ^\_^ Stay happy, stay blessed!



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**Mookund Sureka :** Your academic trajectory is opposite to others in every possible way. You should have been on the SMP team to share your journey I personally feel. Your research enthusiasm is commendable and thanks for all the help in Info theory course. Not to mention the unsuccessful quarantine party initiative. with you it has always been fun and all the best :)

**Shah Parshva Kalpesh :** Aditya is a name, guilt is a feeling! You were a real inspiration when it came to debating. Always found you too intimidating (and never dating lol) but in debating or outside, having the level of clarity of thought and sheer logical approach to deal with things that you have is a goal. I wish you the best for your PhD and I'm surely gonna see you make major breakthroughs. And ya, let's kill at Australs :)



