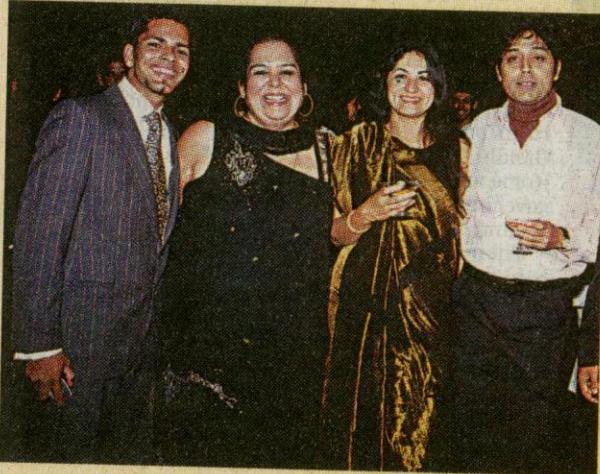




HUMMING BIRD: Sunaina Lall



COSY COUPLE: Ashok and Hema Mandanna find time to bond



HAPPY DAYS: Producer Kunal David, Rubi Chakravarti, Munira and Ashish Sen enjoy the night

WASS UP
Kurtas give way to designer suits

The Bangalore theatre scene is changing. Judging by the *Loot* preview party. It's good-bye to khadi kurtas and impecunious theatrewallas. The producers, Sameer Panjwani and Kunal David were young, in designer suits and gelled hair. And the preview party they threw consisted of a brief snippet from the play, followed by a Q&A session with the cast and director. Like the play, the Q&A was also funny.

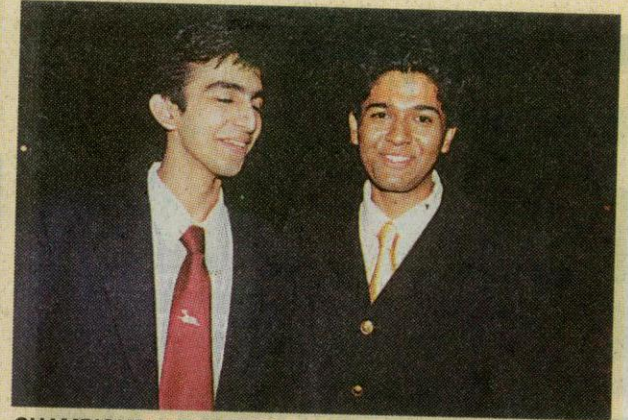
Actress Rubi Chakravarti got a major part of the attention, especially when she declared with her characteristic candour, "In Saad, I've found a director who talks more than I do!"

Director Saad Khan, all of 21, spoke at the rate of a mile a minute, and said he wanted the play to be so engrossing that "no one would have the time to send SMS!" The media had celebrity interviewer Charu Sharma who decided to ask a couple of theatre-related questions instead of his usual cricket-related stuff. At the end of the session, he got more attention than the cast!

Seen enjoying the champagne and buffet dinner were Chippy Gangjee, Ashok and Hema Mandanna, Ashish and Munira Sen, snooker wiz Pankaj Advani and Charu and Anuja Sharma. The evening was great fun and quite out of the box for theatre. Here's hoping the play will be the same.



PRINCE CHARMING: Charu Sharma beams delightfully



CHAMPIONS GALORE: World snooker champion Pankaj Advani with Saad Khan share tips



PLAYING AROUND: Rakesh Batra and Rubi Chakravarti spend a light moment together