SARGODHIAN



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WARMTH OF POETRY AT PPS

This year the much awaited *Mushaira* was held on 17 December, 2006. The proceedings of the poetry sessions started with renowned Urdu poet, Amjad Islam Amjad, lighting the candle. Sqn Ldr Anwer Ali Chaudhry played the host of the programme.

At the jam-packed Mushaf Hall of the School, the first session belonged to the young students who came up with their youthful passion and bagged lots of appreciation for their creatively poetic flights. Umair (2516-S), Zahid (2542-A) and Adnan Sajid (2608-M) were the lucky ones to recite their poems in front of the big wigs of Urdu poetry. In the second session, the staff members of the School presented their creative efforts. Sqn Ldr Anwer Ali, Sqn Ldr Asif Ali, Flt Lt Munim Mahdi, Flg Off Ishfaq Bali and Flg Off Maher Iqbal entertained the audience and received generous applause. The third session as usual was of the local poets from Sargodha. Although all of them were given an intoxicating applause, the thundering roars were

reserved for Professor Shad's Punjabi poems. The fourth and last session of reciting poetry belonged to the guest poets. It was a fascinating mix of serious and seriously humourous verse. Famed for their wildly pleasing humour, Khalid Masood and Dr Inamul Haq Javaid brought tears of laughter to the wildly responsive audience's eyes. Finally came the doyen of the evening, Amjad Islam Amjad. With his peculiar mesmerizing style of reciting, he captured the hearts of the audience left, right and centre. There was a never-ending barrage of requests to hear his old and new verse.

At the end the Principal thanked the poets and guests for lending colour to the otherwise robotic schedule of the School. The Mushaira was attended by scores of civil and military officers. Prominent among them were Air Vice Marshal M Yousuf Chaudhry, AOC Central Air Command and Dr Riaz ul Haq Tariq, Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha.





Renowned Urdu poet Amjad Islam Amjad lighting the traditional Mushaira Candle (right) and prominent poets grouped with the hosts and guests after the Mushaira (left).



WE WISH ALL OUR VALUED READERS A



CC HASSAN ABDAL PLAYS SPORTS AT PPSS

A sports contingent of Cadet College Hassan Abdal visited PAF Public School Sargodha (17-20 November, 2006). The appointment holders and boys received the guests warmly. The first match played was of Basketball. Both the teams played enthusiastically amid the loud cheers of a very appreciative crowd. For a short while it seemed both teams were equally balanced, but soon Sargodhians grabbed the control of the game and maintained their lead through out the four quarters of the match. The final score was 82 - 54 in favour of Sargodhians. Jehanzeb(Fn), Amaid (Sf), Abdul Rehman (M) and Adnan Sajid (M) shared the thundering applause for their fantastic skills in the game.

The next encounter was of Football. Both the teams made skillful moves. In the uproarious urging by the crowd Sami (2602-Hf) scored a goal for Sargodhians. The goal sparked a feverish fight for the control of the ball between the two teams. Abdalians' well-coordinated efforts brought fruit in the shape of an equalizer just few whiles before the half time. The next half was played with equal zest and fervour. Both the teams gave jittery moments to the opponent defence. However in the final moment of the match, receiving a superb pass, Munim (2511-F) sent the ball into the net and sealed the fate of match in favour of Sargodhians.

The next day morning, it was time for cricket. Abdalians won the toss and elected to bat first. In 25 overs they posted a huge target of 161 runs for Sargodhians to chase. With 40 runs Hashim was Abdalians' top scorer. Sargodhians started soberly but their wickets kept falling with regular intervals. Aamir was the bowler who shattered their hope of reaching and surpassing the target. He took four wickets in five overs. Sargodhians lost the match by five runs. The crowd loved wonderful commentary made by the Head Boy, CC Hassanabdal.

After the lunch, Abdalians seemed determined to turn the fixture into a draw. Their hockey team looked a dream team. Although Sargodhians made some beautiful moves but the Abdalian defenders proved to be impregnable. In the last minutes of the first half Mudassir of Hassanabdal scored the first goal for his team. Mohib added one more goal in the second half and sealed the fate of the fixture as a draw. At the end of the match the two Head Boys of the contesting institutions made speeches thanking each other for making the fixture a marvellous event for both sides.



Mr Abid, Vice Principal CC Hassanabdal being introduced to the Sargodhian Cricket team



The principal being introduced to Abdalian Football team

THE NEW GATE OF THE SCHOOL COMES UP

On 04 November 2004, Air Cdre (Retd) M Abdul Qadir Sargaana, Principal PAF Public School Sargodha, inaugurated the new impressive gate of the School. The new entrance has given a majestic look to the institution. It is a dual gate which provides one way movement for incoming and outgoing vehicular traffic. A visitors' room and provision of parking space near the security staff office have also been made available. A tall Punjgula (five lamps) has been erected in front of the gate to provide spectacular view in the night. The 40th Entry of Sargodhians would be the first entry to cross the new gate in April, 2007.



THE NEW LOOK OF THE INSTITUTION

Over the last five years the institution has acquired a new look. Renovation, construction and installation have been the major processes going on through out the half decade. The boom came with Air Cdre (R) M Abdul Qadir Srgaana's arrival as the Principal in November, 2001. The result is a pleasing aesthetic new look of the campus. Mr Rehman Quraishi, former Principal, who visited the School last year described it as "a page from a glossy picture book". To familiarize those who haven't visited the alma mater for some time, we have endeavoured to briefly mention the changes in the infra structure of the School. Do visit the School to have a first hand experience.

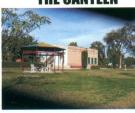
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TEA BREAK AREA



The Tea Break area adjacent to the library lawn is a spacious shed with electric facility. Surrounded by lovely Neem and Jaman trees, it has become a place to be for snacks and tea.

THE CANTEEN



The School Canteen is a trendy little place with a marvellous facade and aesthetic interior. The front platform of old days is now part of the covered area. To add to its beauty, the outside lawns have been replanted. A beautiful gazebo in the centre of the right side lawn offers a majestic look to the surroundings. With evening lights on, the place seems the centrepiece to watch.

THE HOUSES



All the four old houses now seem beyond recognition. The electric wires have been concealed and all the floors including housemaster's office have been tiled. Except the occasional body odour, it is an aesthetic presentation. Old steel almirahs and other outdated items of furniture, too, have been replaced with new and mod looking fixtures and pieces. The front lawns are coming up with new landscaping plans in progress. The God-forsaken Starfighter and Falcon houses, have also seen separate entrances and better bathrooms and toilets.In short, every thing seems in tune with the 21st century.

THE MONUMENT



The Golden Jubilee Monument is exactly where the Milli court of basketball used to be: adjacent to the canteen. It is a superb piece of structure with a dream landscaping. At the juncture of Quraishi lane and Rafiqui Road, a pavement leads to the monument steps. In the evening when lights and falls are turned on, it offers a dreamy romantic look. A snap near the site has been the command of every Sargodhian.

THE MESS



The School Mess now does not offer the old haggard looks. To begin with, it has got an impressive entrance aesthetically designed to please the eye with its cultural impact. The toilets and guest rooms have been completely renovated with a view to offer convenience at its best. The arena where generations of Sargodhians have danced in the company of their peers and seniors is now a slippery tiled floor to add mobility to the dancing feet. However, the poor Mess Manager continues to be the hot subject of caricatures in the House Dramatics.

BB COURT



The Milli Court was taken up by the monument, hence, a new court with flood lights was constructed at the back of Fury House. The area has now become the hub of basketball lovers. On week ends it has become a cherished activity to play a challenge match in the floodlights.

THE AUDITORIUM



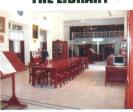
The School auditorium has got a gorgeous new look. Its walls have been paneled and a new mod sound system has been installed to facilitate the School functions and Annual Dramatics. Besides, spotlights have also been fixed to boost the lighting of the stage. To watch the weekly movies or an occasional address by the guest speakers has now become an awaited experience. Since Kohat tragedy, it has been named after Air Chief Marshal Mushaf Ali Mir Shaheed and is called Mushaf Hall.

THE PAVEMENTS



A network of pavements has come up to connect the basketball courts area with different houses. With lights aesthetically positioned the area looks like a theme park. If it rains, the pavements are there to save you from poodles of rain water and convey you to wherever you intend to go: to the mosque or to the academic block. The additional beauty of this network is to discourage short cuts as the pavements have been designed to make the shortest routes available.

THE LIBBARY



The School Library, too, has been renovated. Inside two beautiful galleries have been added to make better use of space. The floor is now marbled and the new layout seems eye-pleasing. The current affairs magazines and new arrivals have been made prominent to serve as appetizers for young scholars. A steady flow of new books continues to enrich the library.

STAFF CLUB



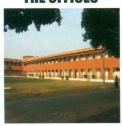
The School Staff Club was both renovated and extended. The floors were tiled and the wires concealed. Also, a new VIP suite was annexed with the old structure. The front lawn was replanted and the air conditioners were installed in the guestrooms. The kitchen was also updated. Now it is a first class facility to accommodate any VIP or the quest.

STAFF ROOM



The Staff room in the academic block was completely renovated with false ceiling and marbled floor. The adjacent room was made into a conference room with mod furniture. The toilet, too, was made a first rate facility.

THE OFFICES



The offices of the Heads of the Departments now have a wonderful organized look. With marbled floor the nuisance of dirty carpets has come to an end. In addition the offices have been provided computers and connected through intranet and internet. The communication facility has laid the foundation of a paper-free environment.

TEL. EXCHANGE



A new 601-digital telephone exchange has been installed in the old Aerodynamics rooms. Almost everyone residing with in the premises of the School has now access to the outer world. The boys too benefit from the facility as their houses have been given a separate connection specifically for them. Home sickness is fast becoming an obsolete word in this wired world.



The Admission Section which kept changing ADMISSION SECTION places like a proverbial cat has finally found a permanent place. Below the stage section of the auditorium hall where the School used to throw all junk, now one can see a state of art Admission Section. Gone are the days of the stale odour nauseating whoever dared to enter that cellar. The O i/c Admission along with his staff now sits there proudly because not even the big boss can boast of having such facility . Kamaoo Poot (the bread winner), as they say in the local jargon, gets the best!



PROGRESS SECTION The Progress Section that rules the days and nights of the School by scheduling every minute of activities and maintains the record of the dossiers of the boys, has also been renovated. With marbled floor, wall to wall pigeon holes and number of charts and planners, it presents an awfully impressive look. Thoroughly computerized and connected with every office, it is the School's busy bee ready to send alarms to all. Not even Principal's telephones buzz as much as the Progress Section's bells.



CLASS IV QUARTERS The class IV quarters have also been renovated. Almost every quarter in the lower employees colony has been retouched with special focus on drainage and toilet facilities. With new hygienic environment the quality of life seems to have taken a positive turn. Also, the employees colony has been given the gas connection. In addition, a children park has been developed as well.

CARSHEDS



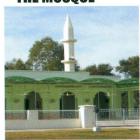
There was a time when Housemasters thought it was sheer waste of money to buy a wheeler as there wasn't a single shelter available for vehicles. Not anymore! There seem now more shelters than vehicles. The new craze of buying a car has been attributed to the mushroom construction of shelters. They say if you want someone to look for flowers, present her/him a vase.

THE JOGGING TRACK



For health conscious people the School has levelled a long jogging track starting from the academic block, winding along the kinoo orchard and the boundary wall. In the morning and evening one can see smart people jogging along the track. When it is season of citrus blossoms, the track remains virtually flooded with joggers and strollers.

THE MOSQUE



The School mosque has also been renovated and extended. More space and facility have been provided for ablution. The layout of lawns and pavements has been redone. In addition, a new arched shelter has been added to the facade of mosque. The courtyard floor has been redone.

Also, there has come up a new mosque near washerman's planks.

ATHLETICS FIELD



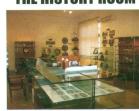
Behind the Mirage and Halifax houses, a new athletics field has been developed. It is a huge field comprising two football fields and a cricket ground. A new cricket pitch has also been laid. Newly planted saplings are coming up nicely to make a gorgeous skyline of the field.

MOTOR TRANSPORT



The MT Section of the School has added a new luxury coach to its fleet of vehicles. Also the medical flight is in possession of a new updated ambulance to convey boys from houses to the MI Room or PAF Hospital.

THE HISTORY ROOM



The School has established a new History Room in the far left wing of the academic block. Adjacent to the department of Mathematics, it is an impressive room with beautiful layout of glass showcases. It is a sort of school archives housing all important documents and memorable items of prominent Sargodhians.

THE WEB WORLD





The 21st century demanded getting connected with the Information Highway. The School did not lag behind; it first installed intranet to let everyone have a hang of the modern communication. Then it went global by providing all offices and the houses the facility of Internet. Today the entire wired world is few clicks away.

Together with the intranet and internet, the Computer Lab was also redesigned and updated. Pantium-IV Pcs with Main Server and essential peripheral devices have replaced the old, outdated systems in the lab. Also, the School website with an efficient and attractive interface has been launched. The houses and offices, too, have been provided with computers.

THE LABS



The Physics and Chemistry Labs have been completely overhauled and renovated. The floors are tiled and all the pipes and gas fixtures have been relaid. The shining new tables and other paraphernalia exudes an impression of a first rate research lab. The walls are being gradually decorated with interesting charts and other relevant pictures and information.

MINI STADIUM



The parade square of old days is no longer a cemented patch of ground. It has been turned into a mini stadium with four huge stepped enclosures to offer a better view and seating to the parents and guests on Parents Day. The adjacent lawns have been replanted and along the boundaries of the area new saplings of evergreen trees have been coming up to give a breath-taking skyline to the venue.

Besides all these, there have been many more small works carried out. The football field behind the Sabre House is now a flood lit field. The toilets all over the campus have been renovated thoroughly. The roads have been re-carpeted and places have been renamed after the prominent people who have served the country and the institution.

THE ONE & ONLY ANTIQUE



The only antique left untouched happens to be none other than our Vice Principal's staff car. At least a dozen incumbents have enjoyed its musical ride. It has dodged many a board out with its deep blue sheen. Generations of students have experienced "the blues of the blue". It has been rumoured that the manufacturers have requested the authorities to send back the miraculous prototype, so that they could promote the sales of their new models.

THE ANNUAL DRAMATICS

Continuing the tradition, this year, too, the School Dramatics Club presented two One-Act plays in English and Urdu on 18 December, 2006. Air Marshal Zafar Hussein, an old Sargodhian (835-S), DCAS (Admin), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The English play, Dear Departed, by Stanely Houghton started with an introductory note by Qadeer Khan (2509 - 5). As the curtains were drawn, the story revolving around two lower middle class sisters and their supposedly departed father began to amuse the audience. Elizabeth (played faultlessly by Mohsin Munir) with her henpecked husband, Henru Slater (plaued by Makhdoom Sami (2602) - Hf) went on cheating the other sister of the few items of their father's property. In due time, the other sister, Amelia (played with chic gusto by Umer Anjum (2472 - T) arrives at the scene with her equally henpecked husband Ben (played skillfully by Maaz (2605 - A). With their entry the tantrums of the two sisters become histrionic, each boasting to be more deserving of the father's affection. In the meanwhile, young Victoria (played charmingly by Sarfaraz (2800 - A) drops the bombshell of the old man being alive and about to enter the room. With the dramatic entry of Abel Merryweather (played fantastically by Junaid bin Naeem (2459 - M), the scene is electrified. To stun everyone, he announces plans of his marriage. The play ends with the sisters quarreling once again for no gains.

The audience enjoyed the superb performance by young talent and appreciated the immaculate presentation of the play. Suleman (2629 - S), Sameel (2820 - M), Mahad (2597 - T) and Ali (2686 - T) also received lots of applause for their behind the scene help. The director of the play, Sqn Ldr Shamila Syed and her assistant, flg Off Ishfaq Bali bagged a thunderous applause by the spectators.

After a short break, the Urdu play, Banda-e- Zar, was presented. The play was a comedy revolving around a jolly, flirt doctor Sharafat (played marvellously by Saud (2585 - Hf), who besides playing a sucophant husband in front of his wife Shaista (played by Taimoor - 2571 - F), keeps couple of extra marital affairs. In a dramatic turn, the ghost of his deceased father (played hilariously by Eijaz -2554 - Hf) warns him of the arrival of his European wife Catherine (played stylishly by Uzair - 2715 - F). To add to his misery, there comes another of his girl friends Mishi Khan (played by Ali - 2581-T), who insists on him to fix a date for their marriage. Surrounded by such heavy conflicts, he seeks the wise counsel of his loyal secretary Abdul Wadood (played artfully by Saim - 2473 - Sf). He advises him to seek the help of a gangster Goga, who incidentally happens to be a look a like. The conflict proves to be too much for Goga (played once again by Saud) as at one stage, three ladies corner him and eachother for their claims on him. The ghost helps but the situation does not. Ultimately, Dr Sharafat pretends to have gone mad and gets rid of all and walks away with the fourth girl Hina, played by Talha (2676-5).

The spectators appreciated the wonderful performance by young actors. They also applauded the presentation with fine set up and pleasing direction. The play was authored by Sqn Ldr Anwer Chaudhry and directed by Flt Lt Munim Mahdi with assistance from Flg Off Maher Iqbal, Hassan (2474-S) and Arsalan (2478-Fn).



Air Marshal Mirza Zafar Hussein snapped with the cast of English play

THE EXCELLENCE ACKNOWLEDGED

Together with the Iqbal Day Celebrations, the School held the Badge Awarding ceremony on 09 November, 2006. The formal proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by Sqn Ldr Shehzad Ahmed Khan. The Principal gave away the badges.

First, the Clour Holders for the year 2006-07 were announced. A total of 13 colours went to the sports heroes, whereas 11 colours went to the stalwarts of academics. The top three holders of academic colour were Taha Safeer (2468 - Sf), Ali Amjad (2463 - Fn) and Sohaib Fakhur (2469 -T). The scholarly winners of Catchpole Scholarship were Saim Musharraf (2473- Sf) for topping his entry in F Sc Part - I (89.1%) and S M Bilal Alam (2613- Fn) for obtaining the highest percentage in his entry in Matriculation (92%).

A total of 90 badges were given in the categories of Distinction and Excellence. The 35th Entry grabbed 27 badges with following four boys getting the Distinction Badges:

Saim (2473 -Sf), Arsalan (2478- Fn), Ali Amjad (2463- Fn) and Adnan Manzoor (2483- S)

The 36th Entry got a total of 55 badges including 04 Badges of Distinction by Bilal (2613 - Fn), Shehryar (2560-F), Bilawal (2536-Sf) and Mahhad (2597-T).

SARGODHIANS PLAY CHAND BAGH SCHOOL

Sargodhians visited Chand Bagh School Muridke to play a sports fixture with the CBStians on21st November, 2006. They were received warmly. After lunch they played the first match of Football. The teams seemed well balanced and both made some beautiful moves. However CBStians succeded in scoring a goal before the end of the half time. In the next half Sargodhians tried their best but could not equalize the score. Thus CBStians won the first match.

Next day in the morning they played a Basketball match. Once again, both the teams were well poised. In the first half Sargodhians were leading by 26-24 points, but the second half saw some spirited attacks and defence by CBStians. As a result, they not only equalized the scores but went on building a lead over Sargodhians. The final score was 54-47 in favour of Chand Bagh School.

Right after the Basketball contest, a cricket match was played. Sargodhians won the toss and decided to field first. CBStians gave a total of 139 runs to chase in 30 overs. Usman was their top scorer with 39 runs. Sargodhians faced some early losses but soon recovered and started building their inning. However CBStian bowlers continued capturing wickets with regular interrval. The entire team collapsed in 29.3 overs. Munim played a Captain's knock and scored 42 runs but it could save his team losing by 07 runs.

The last game of the fixture was of Hockey. Sargodhians played it with marvellous skill and spirit. In the first half, Mohsin Munir scored a superb goal. In the second half once again Mohsin gave a beautiful pass to Umair who converted it into the second goal for Sargodhians. The CBStians responded with some ferocious moves resulting in one goal. Thus Srgodhians won the match by 2-1 goals.

The stay of the contingent was comfortable and Sargodhians departed with a sense of gratitude for CBStian hospitality and friendship.

The junior boys of the 37th and 38th entries also secured 08 Badges of Excellence for their high achievements in the Home Exam. In the 37th Entry, Obaid (2615- Sf), Murad (2640 - A), Saad (2619 - F) and Talal (2639 - T) got the badges, whereas in the 38th Entry, Amar (2700 - Fn), Sameed (2705 - T), Saqib (2727 - Hf) and Junaid (2752 - A) were decorated with the Badges of Excellence.

This year the Board Trophy for Academics was won by scholarly Furians. The fate of Home Academics Trophy and the overall Academics Trophy is yet to be decided after Sendup and Pre-Board exams. This year the Tempestians grabbed the maximum number of badges, i.e. 14 badges.

The Principal also awarded Commendation Certificates to 18 teachers and 30 other employees for their outstanding class averages and dedicated services respectively. At the end of the ceremony, he acknowledged the good efforts by the teachers, students and employees. He reminded them that the secret of success lies in consistent efforts.

CC KALAR KAHAR PLAYS A FIXTURE

A sports contingent comprising 25 boys from Cadet College Kalar Kahar arrived on 10 November, 2006. The first match was of football which Sargodhians won comfortably by 3-0 goals. Sami (2603 - Hf), Taimoor (2571 - F) and Abdul Munim (2511 - F), the team Captain, were the scorers.

The second match of the fixture was Basketball, which proved to be a thriller. In the first half, Sargodhians showed great coordination and skill and took a fair lead. The second half saw a dramatic change in the game. Kaharians came back in the game by some superb play of skill and speed. They not only equalized the score but also took a lead. Sargodhian defence as well as offence seemed shattered. However, in the last ten minutes, Sargodhians regained their composure and displayed marvellous maneuvers resulting in their victory. The final score was 54-44 in favour of Sargodhians.

At the end of the match, the two Head Boys exchanged thank you notes with a promise to continue such friendly fixtures in future.



The School Basketball team being introduced to Lt Gen (R) Nazar Hussein, Chief Executive, Cadet College, Kalar Kahar.

MIRAGE LIFTS THE BASKETBALL & HOCKEY TROPHIES

In a nail-biting finish, the Miragians won the final of the Inter House Basketball Championship (Seniors) - 2006 - 07. The tournament was held from 04 December to 11 December, 2006. The Falconites, the champions of previous year, and Miragians emerged as the finalists of the tournament. In the first half of the match the Miragians played superbly and gained a lead of 20 points. But in the second half, Falconites came back in the game with terrific spirit and skill and, at one stage, levelled the score. However, in the final moments, they could not contain the sustained attack of their opponents. At the final whistle, Miragians were 07 points ahead of the Falconites. The final score was 65 - 72 in favour of the Mirage House. Air Cdre (R) Abdul Qadir Sargaana, the Principal, gave away the trophy to the winners. Jehanzeb (2494 - 10) was the highest scorer of the tournament with 204 points to his credit. Abdul Rehman (2503 - 10), who is also Captain of the School Basketball team, was declared the Best Player of the tournament.

The Senior Inter House Hockey Championship this year was held from 18 to 23 December, 2006. After closely contested pool matches and semi finals, the Halifaxians and Miragians played the final of the tournament. Prior to the semi finals, Miragians were considered the under dogs of the tournament, but, to almost everyone's surprise, they lost none of their matches. In the final match, too, they beat the reigning champions, Halifaxians, by 1-0. The only goal of the final was scored by Hafeez - ur - Rehman (2644-M). Gp Capt Badar Z Kayani gave away the trophy to beaming Miragians. Among others, the final match was witnessed by our National Hockey Team player M Shabbir. Mohsin Munir (2470 - A), Captain School Hockey Team, was declared the best player of the tournament.



Jubiliant Miragians receiving their prized trophies of Basketball and Hockey from the Principal(L) and Vice Principal(R)

AH Gp Capt C M LATIF !

It will be learnt with sad heart that Gp Capt (R) Ch M Latif, former teacher and Principal, PAF Public School Sargodha passed away on 16 September, 2006.

He was born on 09 September, 1929. A graduate of the Punjab University, he joined Pakistan Air Force in May, 1954. Major portion of his service was at PAF Academy, Risalpur. He joined PAF Public School Sargodha as an Instructor from August, 1973 to August, 1974. He served the institution as Principal from January, 1984 to December, 1985.

He was a renowned educationist revered by a large number of students. His departure has left thousands of his students in utter sadness. The School, too, feels the shock of his passing away and shares the grief of the departed's family and friends. May Allah grant his soul eternal bliss and peace and give all of us patience to bear the invaluable loss! Amen!

GET WELL SOON!

It has been learnt that, of late, Mr Rehman Quraishi, former teacher and Principal, PAF Public School Sargodha is not keeping well. His health seems to have developed few undesirable complications. A large number of his students and friends have shown their deep concern about his falling heath. Together with them, the School, too, prays to Almighty God for his speedy recovery of health and well being.

MILITARY COLLEGE JHELUM PLAYS SPORTS FIXTURE

A sports contingent of Military College Jhelum comprising teams of Basketball, Football and Hockey arrived at PPS on 06 November, 2006. As usual, Alamgirians were received warmly. The next morning it was time for playing a Football match. Both the teams seemed in perfect spirits. Many skilful attempts were thwarted by the defece or the goalkeepers of the contestants. The first half remained inconclusive. However, in the second half, an Alamgirian player in the deep defence could not keep away his hand from the ball. Consequently, Sargodhians earned a penalty shoot, which Awais (2525 - Hf) converted into the solitary goal of the match.

The hockey match was played the same evening. Alamgirians took a furious start and in the first few minutes posted a stunning field goal. Sargodhians looked bewildered by their early lead, but soon they recovered and Umair (2516 -S) connected a hit into the goal. Soon after the equalizer, Mohsin (2470 -A), the team Captain, dodged his way past five defenders and scored a breath-taking goal. Over the heels of Mohsin's feat came yet another sizzling goal by Umair. Alamgirians in return mounted many spirited attacks and succeeded in posting another goal. Thus the match ended at 3-2 goals in favour of Sargodhians.

Early next morning, the Basketball match was played, which proved to be a mega thriller. Alamgiarians from the word go utilized their towering 6.5 feet asset, Azmat, and kept on scoring. But confidently measured pointers by Adnan (2608 - M) and other wingers brought lead for Sargodhians in the first half. However, in the second half, Alamgirians (courtesy Mega Azmat) came back in the game and took the side to victory. The final score was 105 - 95 in favour of Alamgirians.

At the end of the match, the Head Boys of both the institutions made short speeches thanking each other and hoping that the good tradition would continue to strengthen friendly ties between the two illustrious alma maters of the country.

IN BRIEF

On 01 November, 2006, Sqn Ldr A. Latif Noonari took over the charge of Mirage House as Housemaster. Sqn Ldr Ghulam Ahmed Salman handed over the charge.

On 11 November a team of Hobbies Club comprising three members, Saad Salman (2515- M), Samee (2637- A) and Nouman (2688-Fn), under the guidance of San Ldr Abida Parveen and the Arts teacher, Aroosa, left for Chandbagh School Muridke to participate in 4th All Pakistan Arts Competition. Although the team members could not attain any prize, they returned with rich experience from their first venture.

On 12 November, 2006, a declamation team of two members, Junaid Bin Naeem (2459-M) and Zulfiqar Ghouri (2489-Sf) set off for GCU Lahore to participate in All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest. Flg Off Javaid Altaf accompanied the team. The team successfully cleared the first round of the contest but could not get any individual position in the final round. However, the School stood third in the contest. PAF Academy Risalpur won the contest and it is worthwhile to mention that one of the members of the winning academy team was a Sargodhian, Umair (2300-fn), who stood first in Urdu category.

On 17 November, 2006, a team comprising two speakers, Zulfiqar Ghouri and Malik Asad (2698- Hf) participated in the 14th Inter Collegiate All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest- 2006 held at Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur. The team was accompanied by Flt Lt Abdul Rauf. 27 teams participated in the contest. Malik Asad clinched the third individual position in English category.

The School Entry Test for the 40th entry was conducted on 26 November, 2006.

Accompanied by Flg Off Ishfaq Bali, on 28 November, 2006, a team of two speakers, Junaid Bin Naeem and Umair Mustafa (2481-HF) proceeded to PAF Academy Risalpur to participate in All Pakistan Extempore Speech Contest. Both the contestants qualified for the final rounds. In the final round Umair Mustfa got the consolation prize, whereas, on the basis of cumulative points, the institution was the runner up.

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The football teams of MCJ & PPS snapped with the Principal

Air Cdre (R) Abdul Qadir Sargaana's son, Usman Sargaana, entered into the wedlock with the daughter of Air Vice Marshal M. Yousuf Chaudhry on 02 December, 2006. A large number of civil and Military officers attended the marriage ceremony. Air Chief Marshal Tanvir M Ahmed, Chief of the Air Staff, was also one of the distinguished guests on the happy occasion. Taking advantage of his elegant presence, the Head Boy and the House Captains of the School surrounded him for an informal chat.

Sqn Ldr Abida Prveen left for Saudia Arabia for performing Hajj, which luckily turned to be Hajj - e - Akbar.

The Fury and Tempest houses came up with their Dramatics presentations on 09 and 10 December, 2006 respectively.

Since this term happens to be of senior sports competitions, the junior most entry feels frustrated. To do away with such nasty feeling, Director Sports organized an informal Inter House Football Contest in December. Mirage House Juniors won the contest.

The 39th Entry went on an educational visit to Khewra Salt Mines on 11 December, 2006 under the guidance of Sqn Ldr Ghulam Ahmed Salman.

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