

SARGODHIANS

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THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S LECTURE

The Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, Professor Dr Riaz ul Haq Tariq, delivered a slide lecture on *The Paradigms of the Modern Age*. Earlier, he was received by Air Cdre Abdul Qadir Sargaana (Retd), Principal PAF Public School Sargodha. The staff and students attended his lecture in the auditorium. It was a treat to listen to his learned ideas on how the world has shifted its focus from old values to the new ones. With the advent of Information Technology and modern weapon systems, it is no longer the slow moving, superstitious world where people were content to draw sustenance from their immediate environment. He also lamented the present educational scene in the country, where, he thought, the current crop of students does not pay required attention to their studies. Later, he had tea with the school staff. On this occasion the Principal presented him the School Crest as a souvenir.

THE VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY INTRODUCTION

Virtual University is Pakistan's first electronic distance learning programme launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology in November 2001. It started its operations in March 2002 with a four year Bachelor in Computer Science (BCS) programme. This was stated by Dr Iftikhar of the Virtual University in a slide lecture given in Mushaf Hall, PAF Public School Sargodha. The introductory lecture was attended by the staff and students of the school. Speaking on this occasion, Dr Iftikhar informed the eager audience that the VU was launched with the specific purpose of providing quality education to a large majority of people settled in semi urban and rural areas as well as small towns of Pakistan. The VU functions through television and Internet and presently offers 44 different courses.

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MEENA BAZAR

The school organized a fantastic Meena Bazar with in the premises of the school on 04 April, 2004 Under the active guidance and support of the Ladies Club, the day was a complete success. Different stalls had been established with a view to provide food, fun and shopping to the school inhabitants. For children there were scores of entertaining activities. The Ghost House, Sky Wheel, Victoria riding and food stalls made a roaring business. The elders were seen shopping merrily from all stalls. The Palmist's Corner was over crowded where Sqn Ldr Shamila proved abundantly how gullible some of us could be.

Earlier, Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha, Air Cdre Abdul Qadir Sargaana (Retd) inaugurated the Meena Bazar. On this occasion he and his spouse were presented a bouquet by two smartly dressed children. The couple was also taken for a round of the stalls and offered Victoria Riding.

Sargodhians, too, enjoyed the fun of the day. Everyone was all praise for the wonderful arrangement made by the School Admin Officer, Sqn Ldr Saquib.



Begum and Air Cdre (R) Abdul Qadir Sargaana coming to visit the Meena Bazar.

OFF TO THE USA

To get further flying training, Imtiaz Rahim (1729-M), Tariq Waheed (1805-Hf) and Furqan Latif (1837-S) left for the United States of America.

MAMOON WINS THE SWORD OF HONOUR

Mamoon Shafaey (1965-A) won the coveted Sword of Honour at PMA Kakul. By doing so he became the second Sargodhian to have achieved the same distinction. Lt Gen Khalid A Kidwai (615-S) was the first Sargodhian who had earned the eminence almost three decades ago. In April 2004, Mamoon Shafaey rewrote the history by lifting the coveted Sword of Honour on the Passing Out of 109 Long Course. He received the Sword from President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Gen Pervaiz Musharaf. The school raised three cheers for both the brilliant Sargodhians

NEW CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

In an impressive formal ceremony at the end of the Morning Assembly on 10 April, 2004, the School Head Boy, Mohsin Javed, announced names of new captains for different school teams. The previous captains handed over symbolic football, hockey and basketball to the new captains of football, hockey and basketball teams. The honours for being new captains of School Football, Hockey and Basketball teams went to Moazzam (2302-T), Azam (2316 -F) and Omer Zamir (2343-M) respectively. The school went into roars of cheers, as everyone liked the new tradition.

Addressing on this occasion, Air Cdre Abdul Qadir Sargaana (Retd), Principal PAF Public School, Sargodha, felicitated the new captains and urged upon them to maintain excellent standard of sports and sportsmanship in all games played in and out of the school. He reminded them that Sargodhians always play for glory of the game and exhibit marvelous manners and leadership qualities during the fixtures. He also praised the good sportsmanship displayed by previous captains, Omer Cheema (2240 -S) for football, Sammar (2243-F) for hockey and Adnan (2236-Sf) for basketball.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY

8th April, 2004 is a sad day in the history of PAF Public School Sargodha as on this day, the school lost its beloved son Flt Lt Imran Tariq to an air accident. Flt Lt Imran Tariq embraced martyrdom in a crash near Jhang while on a routine flying mission.

Flt Lt Imran was born on 30th Jan 1979 in Peshawar. He lost his father Flt Lt Tariq Naseem in a similar crash a year later. His mother brought the children to Sargodha and settled here. Imran joined PAF Public School, Sargodha on 11th April, 1992. He spent his initial days in Falcon House and then was shifted to Halifax House. Though he joins a long list of martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty, the present school faculty will remember him as our "First Martyr", because he was the first to have embraced martyrdom in a flying accident after the school reopened in 1990.

His funeral was attended by most of his entry mates. The school was represented by the Secretary Board of Governors, Gp Capt (Retd) Haroon Abbasi, the acting VP, Sqn Ldr Latif Noonari, House Captains and most of Imran's teachers. Fateha was also offered in the morning assembly.

THE NEW ENTRY BLUES

80 young boys reported as the 37th Entry on 11 April. As usual, the houses witnessed scenes of homesickness. Some of the more passionate ones were seen crying their hearts out. For the senior boys it was a testing time, as they had to come up with entertaining behaviour to settle the apparently inconsolable boys in the new environment. However, it seems this year the number of weeping wits was considerably small.

NEWS FROM PMA KAKUL

Kamran (2031-Sf), Furqan (2070-T) and Taimoor (2080-S) of 111 Long Course have been given the appointments of corporals in their semi final term at Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul.

ATTENTION

Dear Readers,

Owing to certain limitations, the Newsletter has been made a quarterly publication. The new subscription rate for a year is Rs 100/- Those who have already subscribed on older rate will now have the Newsletter for two years. All those who haven't yet subscribed should expedite their subscription as this would be the last complimentary copy in their hands.

Editor

JUNIORS OUT PLAY AITCHISONIANS

A sports contingent comprising of Junior hockey, cricket and football teams from Aitchison College, Lahore visited PAF Public School, Sargodha from 19 April to 21 April, 2004.

The first match between Aitchisonians and Sargodhians was of hockey, which Sargodhians won by 3-1 goals. Next day they played a cricket match. Aitchisonians, after winning the toss, decided to bat first. At the end of 25 overs, Aitchisonians scored 145 for 9.

After the break, both the teams were introduced to Mr. Salim Saifullah, Principal Aitchison College, Lahore and Mr. Amjad Hussain Noon, District Nazim, Sargodha, who had come to witness the match for a while. After the introduction and photo session, Sargodhians started their innings. Sargodhians finally managed to win by 3 wickets in the 23rd over. Thus they also won the fixture.

On the last day, under the cover of thick clouds and in a cool wind, the two teams played football match. Right from the kick off, Sargodhians kept a tight grip on the moves. The Aitchisonian goalkeeper made some wonderful saves. However, he could not keep sargodhian forwards away for long. Faisal Sawati (2591-F) and Ubaid Tahir (2533-T) were able to score one goal each. Thus, it became a clean sweep for Sargodhians.



The Principal sharing potluck with the new Entry

THE JUNIOR TEAMS VISIT CHAND BAGH

The School Junior teams visited Chand Bagh School Muridke and played a friendly fixture with CBstian teams. The fixture ended in a draw as Sargodhians won the hockey match, CBstians Basketball and the football match ended in a draw. In the evening Sargodhians visited Lahore where they enjoyed the fun of evening at Fortress Stadium.

FUN WEEK

The first week of April will be remembered as the Fun Week for the senior most entry, ie, the 32nd Entry. Keeping in view the last few days of the 32nd entry and forthcoming Board Exams, the Principal asked the O i/c Sports to come up with a programme of matches between the senior most students and the staff and First Year boys. There were thrilling contests in cricket, Basketball, Football, Hockey and Volleyball. The whole school witnessed these fun filled contests, specially the ones between the faculty and the senior most students. Boys thought it would be an easy win over the old bones but to their surprise they lost all three contests cricket, volleyball and the Tug of War. However, some of them would cherish the memory of winning one out of three games of volleyball. They also had high hopes of exhausting their old teachers in the Tug of War but their wishes never came true. Owing to the sad departure of a Sargodhian in an air accident, the kite-flying gala was called off.

PRINCIPAL'S DINNER

To welcome young Sargodhians of the 37th entry, Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha, Air Cdre Abdul Qadir Sargaana (Retd) hosted a sumptuous dinner at the spacious lawns of his residence on 16 April. Also invited on the occasion were the Head Boy, House Captains, Housemasters and the senior staff of the school. The principal chatted with the new boys, who seemed to enjoy the company of the Big Brother. After dinner, Sqn Ldr Anwer Ali and Sqn Ldr Shahid asked the boys to sing songs and narrate jokes on public address system. There seemed an inexhaustible line of animated singers and performers; everyone looked eager to contribute to the joy of the evening. To add to their unconcealed joy, the Principal at the end announced that there would be no PT next morning. Much of the weaning blues and homesickness of the boys seemed to have dissolved into thin air.



CONGRATULATIONS

The School extends warmest felicitations to Sqn Ldr Mohammad Hanif, the School Bursar, for clearing the Promotion Board for the rank of Wing Commander.

FURY WINS THE MINHAS TROPHY

Fury House won the Minhas Trophy for Junior Sports-2004. The feat included three Inter-House Championships in a row. In Football, Furians defeated Staffighter by 3-0. Prominent among the players was Furian forward Nabeel (2460-F), who everyone thought was the difference in otherwise balanced teams. In hockey they outclassed the Halifaxians with a record win of 6-1 goals. The icing on the well-earned cake came in the Basketball competition where they beat Falconites by sheer tactics. At the final whistle they were ahead of their opponents by a single point. Nothing succeeds like success. Well done, Furians!



FAREWELL 32ND ENTRY

In an impressive ceremony, the School bade farewell to the outgoing 32nd Entry on 6 June, 2004. The function started with the speech by the new School Head Boy, Saquib Javed, who highlighted the contribution made by the outgoing entry. The former Head Boy, Mohsin Javed, in return, paid glowing tribute to the School and its all important role in shaping their personality and equipping them with a zest for excellence. On this occasion, Principal PAF Public School Sargodha, Air Cdre (Retd) Abdul Qadir Sargaana, also addressed the gathering. In his address, he narrated some of the important achievements of the 32nd Entry and advised them to dedicate their life to the pursuit of the best while keeping a strong faith in God Almighty. He, also, urged upon the outgoing entry to continue displaying the excellent traits of a true Sargodhian. He then gave away the School Mementos to the outgoing entry. The outgoing entry also presented a memento to the School.

After the ceremony, the School enjoyed a musical night. "The Stillers" from Lahore and the School Hobbies Club presented an entertaining show of talent in music and singing. The audience was very responsive and the young Sargodhians in particular enthralled the audience with their spirited dances. Earlier, owing to a lashing rain storm, the venue for the evening had been shifted from Football field-2 to the Mushaf Hall. The weather was pleasant and the show went on till the early hours of the morning.

Sqn Ldr Abida Perveen has taken over the additional duties of the School Adjutant as
Flt Lt Sania Iqbal has left to attend a short course for a month.

THE NEW APPOINTMENT HOLDERS

On the occasion of Farewell function on 6 June, 2004, the Principal announced the new crop of leadership in the School. The slot of the School Head Boy was given to Saquib Javed (2260-Fn) with Ali Ahmed (2259-F) as Deputy Head Boy. The names of the new House Captains are listed below:-

Attacker:	Ammar Alvi (2314-A)
Falcon:	M. Tahir (2292-Fn)
Fury:	Ali Ahmed (2259-F)
Halifax:	Ahsan Faheem (2333-Hf)
Mirage:	Hamza Nafees (2297-M)
Sabre:	M Shahbaz (2342-S)
Sfighter:	Humair Khan (2279-Sf)
Tempest:	Moazzam Habib (2287-T)

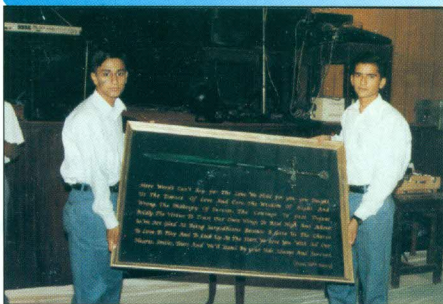
Also, on this occasion the former Head Boy handed over the Head Boy's Cane



The New Head Boy and the House Captains snapped with the Principal

SWIMMING GALA

On 5 June, 2004, the School arranged a Swimming Gala for the students. On this occasion, entry wise swimming competition was held. The entry champions then had a lively competition. Danyal Saeed (2440-S) emerged as the Champion Swimmer of the School. After the competition boys were served with ice-cream.



The outgoing Head Boy, Mohsin Javed, presents a memento for the School to the new Head Boy, Saquib Javed.

THE TOPPERS IN THE TERM EXAM

Following boys emerged as the first position holders of their respective entries:

37th Entry:	Obaid Fayyaz (2615 - Sf)
36th Entry:	Ali Nawaz (2537 - S)
35th Entry:	Saim Musharraf (2473 - Sf)
34th Entry:	M Zaighum Iqbal (2354 - Sf)

THE NEW VP ARRIVES

Group Captain Badar uz Zaman Kayani joined the School as Vice Principal on 7 June, 2004. He has taken over from Group Captain Buland Iqbal Ali, who has been posted out as Principal, Fazaia Inter College, Islamabad.

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FAREWELL DINNER

The School Staff arranged a farewell dinner cum music night in the honour of outgoing Vice Principal, Gp Capt Buland Iqbal Ali on 17 June, 2004. At the front lawn of the Staff Club, the evening started with the address by the Principal, who in his speech richly complimented the outgoing officer for his impressive qualities of mind and manner. He also thanked him for warding off many unpleasant decisions from his office and making his burden lighter. The Principal, also, presented the Guest of the Evening with the School Crest and CD Album containing the captured moments of his stay in the School.

Gp Capt Buland Iqbal Ali, in his farewell speech paid rich tribute to the institution. He said that his stay here had been very rewarding one. He thanked the Principal and staff for making his days worthwhile and memorable. He also presented a memento to the School.

After speeches, the guests and hosts enjoyed a lavish dinner followed by a musical rendering of evergreen ghazals and songs by the seasoned artiste Salim Raza. Also, on this occasion some of the staff members came up with their melodious singing of ghazals. Sqn Ldr Shamila, Sqn Ldr Shahid Hafeez and Flt Lt Idrees Patni earned an uproarious applause for their melodious talent. Sqn Ldr Anwer Ali Chaudhry performed the role of anchor person. The gathering dispersed late in the night after saying *Khuda Hafiz* to the outgoing couple.



From L: Mr Salim Saifullah, Principal, Aitchison College Lahore, Mr Amjad Hussain Noon, Distt Nazim Sargodha, Air Cdre(R) Abdul Qadir and Gp Capt Buland Iqbal Ali(VP) watching cricket match between Sargodhians and Aitchisonians

TRAINING ABROAD

From the year 2004 Pakistan Air Force has revived the practice of sending a teacher of PAF Public School Sargodha abroad for training. This year Sqn Ldr Ghulam Shabbir has been earmarked for one year Post Graduate Course in Education at University of Greenwich, UK. He is expected to join the course in September, 2004.

THE COMPUTER LAB-I

The Computer Lab of the School has finally been provided with long awaited upgrades. Pentium-IV PCs with Main Server and essential peripheral devices have replaced the old outdated systems in the lab.

THE CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS LABS

The Chemistry and Physics Labs of the School have been extensively renovated. The floors and fixtures have been redone with the emphasis on quality, efficiency and aesthetics. The School owes a word of thanks to Lt Gen Khalid A Kidwai for his generous help without which the project might not have seen the light of the day.

THE ISSB RESULT

44 medically fit Sargodhians of the 32nd Entry appeared for their ISSB Tests at Gujranwala and Kohat. 19 of them cleared the tests and were recommended for GD (P), while 14 were recommended for CAE making an overall 75% of success rate. Well done, Sargodhians!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eleven of our staff members joined this world between the months of April and June. We pray for their long and prosperous life and wish them many happy returns of the day.

Sqn Ldr Ghulam Shabbir	1st April
Sqn Ldr Shamila	06 April
Sqn Ldr Sa'eed H Syed	08 April
Sqn Ldr Mumtaz Hussain	14 May
Gp Capt Buland Iqbal Ali	17 May
Sqn Ldr Amjad Ali Khan	21 May
Flt Lt Asif Niaz	1st June
Flt Lt Mohammad Iqbal	1st June
Flt Lt Abdul Rauf Chaudhry	02 June
Sqn Ldr Tahir Sarforaz	10 June
Sqn Ldr Mohammad Hanif	18 June

The Sargodhians heaved a sigh of relief at the news that Lt Gen Ahsan Saleem Hayat (447-S) survived a terrorist attack on his motorcade in Karachi. However, the School conveys its sense of deep shock and grief at the loss of precious lives in the attack.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT SCHOOL

In order to give incentive to the academically sound students, the school offers following scholarships:

RIZWANULLAH TRUST SCHOLARSHIP:

Rizwanullah Trust offers the scholarship to the students recommended by the School Academic Council. The recommendations of the council are based upon a student's performance in the 9th class Board Exam and the financial status of his family. The amount of the scholarship is Rs2000/- per month.

CAS SCHOLARSHIP:

The CAS Scholarship is offered on parents' request. The School Academic Council recommends the application on the basis of a student's academic performance and his parents' financial requirement. The amount of the scholarship, not exceeding the amount of Development Charges to be paid to the School, is adjusted against the student's fee bill.

CATCHPOLE SCHOLARSHIP:

Mr Hugh Catchpole, former Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha (1958-1967), left a grant for the School in his will with a view to award scholarships to the deserving students. Each year 02 boys are awarded scholarship on achieving top position in their respective entries in the following Board Exams:

- One in Matric Board Exam
- One in FSc Part-I Exam

The amount of the scholarship is Rs 600/- per month, which is adjusted in the fee bill of the student.



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The jubilant young Sargodhians displaying their mirth in the renovated Chemistry Lab

THE NEW DAIRY MOGUL

Flt Lt Tasawar Alam has been given the additional assignment of looking after the milky matters of the School Dairy Farm. Grapevine is abuzz with tales of his exuberant health.

THE BEREAVED

- ❖ Bakhtiar Beig's (161-A) sister breathed her last in Lahore.
- ❖ Captain (Bangladesh Airlines) S M Nasimul Haque's (T-401) wife passed away on 29 May.
- ❖ Flt Lt Zaman Nasir, Teacher in Pak-Studies, grieves the loss of his mother who breathed her last in April.

The School shares their grief and prays to Allah Almighty for eternal peace to the departed souls and patience to the bereaved.

LEADING BOYS INTERIM REIGN

With the senior entries going on Prep Leave in the second week of April, the command duty fell upon the shoulders of Matric class. The aspiring leaders from different houses were seen passing orders to the juniors with an air of importance. All of sudden, the atmosphere echoed with the slogans of discipline, manners and duty. Although this interim reign of assumed importance lasted for a month or so, some of the boys learnt lasting lessons in leadership. Besides, the juniors had a new crop of *Bhaijans* to mimic. Some cynics describe this period as "the Days of the Frogs of Rainy Season".