

SARGODHIANS

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TO THE DIZZYING HEIGHTS



Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed (767 - F), a bright-eyed and cheerful boy, joined PAF Public School Sargodha in 1964. He was nurtured with love, care and hope at the School. When the young potential left the alma mater in 1969 for scaling further heights, his Housemaster remarked that the young man had "a great sense of responsibility, discipline and emotional stability". These are the qualities that make people stand out in a multitude. True to the assessment of his Housemaster, Tanvir M Ahmed traversed an enviable distance and achieved what ordinary mortals only dream. On 18 March, 2006, he took over the charge as Chief of the Air Staff. The bright-eyed, cheerful boy of sixties is now Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed! Sargodhians! Raise three cheers wherever you are!



PARENTS DAY CELEBRATED

PAF Public School Sargodha held its Annual Parents Day on 25 February, 2006. General Ehsan ul Haq, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He was received by Air Marshal Tanveer M Ahmed, the Vice Chief of Air Staff and Principal, Air Cdre (Retd) M Abdul Qadir Sargaana.

At the arrival of the Chief Guest, who is also an old Sargodhian, the outgoing entry presented a Guard of Honour. Followed by the Guard of Honour was the wonderful Gymnastics display. The young gymnasts received a roaring applause from the animated spectators. After gymnasts came the *Ninjatus* with their breath-taking Martial Arts Display. Their swift and well coordinated muscle maneuvers won the hearts of agape parents and guests. Next came the synchronized, colourful bash of PT squad. The young Sargodhians put up a wonderful variety of physical exercises garbed in eye-catching formations. They, too, earned and got a well-deserved applause.

After PT the whole School assembled to watch the long awaited Prize Distribution Ceremony. Smartly turned out prize winner Sargodhians entered the ground with grace and pride visible in their demeanour. On their arrival the Principal presented the Annual School Report extolling the feats and virtues of Sargodhians. At the end of the report he requested the Chief Guest to give away the prizes and trophies to the deserving Sargodhians.

The Chief Guest seemed visibly pleased to see a long line of prize recipients in academics, sports and co-curricular activities. The dotting parents, too, looked ecstatic at their sons' achievements. The Sabre House outdid other houses in winning five out of eight major trophies including the coveted Quaid-e-Azam Trophy for an overall best performance.

After the prize distribution, the Chief Guest addressed the School. In his address he lauded the hard work put in by the boys and

urged upon them to continue with increased zeal to excel. He also appreciated the efforts of the faculty and staff in providing excellent training skills and environment to the young Sargodhians.

After the Chief Guest's address the parents and guests were served sumptuous refreshments. The Chief guest mixed with the crowd and shared the joy of parents. The added charm of the day lay in the presence of a large number of Old Sargodhians from Bangladesh who had come a day earlier to celebrate the two yearly Reunion of Sargodhians.

Later on the Chief guest along with the old Sargodhians proceeded to the School History Room and the Hobbies Club Display. He appreciated the skills and talent of young artists. The Hobbies Club, also, presented to the Chief Guest his portrait and Quranic Verses done in woodwork by Sargodhians. After this the Chief Guest and other dignitaries departed.



The Chief Guest on the occasion of the Parents Day

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO FURY

The defending champions, Furians, once again lifted the keenly fought Athletics Trophy for the year 2005-06. The athletics championship was held from 03 to 05 February, 2006. Hassan Masood (2389-F) was declared the Best Athlete of the year as he stood first in the events of Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump and 400 m Race. Waleed Khakwani (2409-T) broke a long standing record in Javelin Throw. He threw the javelin to a distance of almost 170 feet breaking the previous record of 146 feet set by Ayaz Ahmed Sipra of Attacker House in sixties of the last century. The individual positions in different events are given below:

NO	EVENT	1ST POSITION	2ND POSITION	3RD POSITION
1.	100 m	Mohsin (2470-A)	Imroz (2391-Hf)	Nabeel (2460-F)
2.	200 m	Mohsin (2470-A)	Amir (2523-S)	Imroz (2391-Hf)
3.	400 m	Hassan (2389-F)	Jalal (2412-T)	Awais (2525-Hf)
4.	800 m	A. Munim (2511-F)	Awais (2525-Hf)	Masood (2442-T)
5.	1500m	A. Munim (2511-F)	Farhan (2462-Fn)	Awais (2525-Hf)
6.	110 m (Hurdles)	Waleed (2409-T)	Imran (2406-F)	Junaid (2441-M)
7.	4x400m (Relay)	Fury House	Tempest House	Halifax House
8.	4x100m (Relay)	Attacker House	Sabre House	Fury House
9.	Discus Throw	Umair (2481-Hf)	Roshaan (2517-Sf)	Asjid (2366-F)
10.	Javelin Throw	Waleed (2409-T)	Omer (2393-S)	Roshaan (2517-Sf)
11.	Shot Put	A Qayyum (2534-A)	Osama (2371-F)	Mudassar (2433-T)
12.	Long Jump	Hassan (2389-F)	Mohsin (2470-A)	Shafique (2358-T)
13.	High Jump	Nabeel (2460-F)	Imroz (2391-Hf)	Shafique (2358-T)
14.	Hop, Step & Jump	Hassan (2389-F)	Daniyal (2440-S)	Roshaan (2517-Sf)

VICTORY IN PT & DRILL

Inter House PT and Drill competitions were held on 24 and 25 January 2006 respectively. The Tempest House emerged as winner of the PT Competition. In the hard fought Drill competition, Attacker House was declared the Champion House.

This year both the competitions brought a high standard of exercises. The judges had a nail biting time to decide the winners. Amid the roaring cheers, the Vice Principal, Gp Capt Badar Z Kayani, gave away the trophies to the winners.

SARGODHIANS IN WAITING

The 39th Entry is expected to report to the School on 09 April, 2006.

CORRIGENDUM

In our last issue we inadvertently mentioned Tempest House sharing the Dramatics trophy with Halifax House. The correct position is: Attacker House shared the trophy. Also, the Best Compete category went to Faizan (2385-A) and Hasaan of Fury won the Best Actor category. The editorial staff regrets the lapse. Not for nothing do they say MAN IS FALLIBLE!

QUIZ MASTERS OF THE YEAR

The Annual Quiz Competition was held on 21 January, 2006. At the end of the contest the fighters emerged as the Knowledge Wizards of the year. Ali Rashid (2582-Sf) and Ahmed (2376-F) were declared champions among the juniors and seniors respectively. The second position went to Bilal (2614-Fn) for juniors and Nafees (2426-A) for seniors, whereas Murad (2640-A) stood third in juniors and Ali Iqbal (2458-S) got the same position in seniors.

Besides the competitors, this year surprise questions were thrown to the audience. The lucky winners of these surprise prizes were Husham (2428-A), Faraz (2384-Hf), Arslan (2457-Sf), Raffay (2634-Fn) and Adam (2652-Fn).

THE VCAS ADDRESSES THE SCHOOL

On 23 February, 2006, Air Marshal Tanvir M Ahmed, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, visited PAF Public School Sargodha where he addressed the staff and students. In his informal address he recounted many interesting and inspiring events from his long career in the Pakistan Air Force. He particularly urged upon young Sargodhians to pay special attention to the traits of character building with added emphasis on discipline, honesty and integrity. He reminded the faculty that a slight imbalance in emotional stability may lead to disastrous future, hence it was imperative for the trainers to be on the watch out for small lapses and maintain a high standard of gentlemanly conduct among their students. After his address he invited students to ask questions. The young Sargodhians were all praise for his candid answers mixed with good humour.

ANNUAL DRAMATICS

On the eve of 07 January, 2006, the School Dramatics Club presented two One-Act plays in English and Urdu respectively. The evening started with an introductory note by the School Head Boy, Shafiq-ur-Rehman (2370-Hf). Air Marshal Tanvir M Ahmed, the Vice Chief of Air Staff, was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The first play presented was "Man in the Bowler Hat" by the renowned play wright A. A. Milne. It was a parody of the modern English movies. At the curtain rise, John and Mary (played by Sami - 2602-Hf and Mohsin - 2470-A) were seen reading newspaper and knitting respectively. To bring excitement in their boring life, in came the hero and heroine (played by Khurram - 2673-Fn and Usman - 2665-M). There was a talk of certain Raja's lost ruby. At this juncture entered in the scene the villain (played by Azfar - 2369-M) and his henchman (played by Saud - 2585-Hf). The gagged the hero and threatened to terminate him if he refused to reveal the whereabouts of the lost ruby. At first he refused to have any knowledge but later on confessed to have lost the ruby. At the height of dramatic effect, the man in the bowler's hat (played by Saim Musharraf - 2473-Sf) wound up the scene by shouting "cut" and called an end to the rehearsal.

The play was appreciated lavishly for its crisp dialogue, impressive delivery, gorgeous set and superb performances. After the play, the student director, Faizan (2385-A) introduced the cast and the back stage managers of the play, Umer Anjum (2472-T) and Maaz (2605-A), to the audience. The audience was uproarious in applause to the director of the play, Sqn Ldr Shamila Syed and her assistant, Flg Off Ashfaque Bali. After the play the audience went for a break.

Immediately after the break for refreshment, the Urdu play **Ihsas** was staged. The story of the play revolved around a psychologist's clinic where a string of motley characters visited the psychologist for solutions of their bizarre problems. The psychologist prescribed equally strange measures for their maladies until an old man (played superbly by Jamshaid Anwer - 2594-M) entered the scene and with his impassioned moral outburst made everyone realize of their nonsensical, greedy behaviour so harmful for the country which was the result of the sacrifice by so many. The play ended with a powerful message about mending our ways to make our country a proud entity in the comity of nations. The performance by Shehzad (2587-Fn), Ejaz (2554-Hf), A Qayyum (2534-A), Asad (2455-A), Atif (2767-F), Malik Asad (2698-Hf), Irfan (2770-S), Saad (2604-F) and Mudassar (2513-Fn) were highly appreciated by the audience.

The play was a combined effort by the Urdu Department. Sqn Ldr Anwer Chaudhry authored the play, where as Sqn Ldr Asif Ali and Flt Lt Munim Mahdi directed the play assisted by Mr Iqbal. Their hard work won them a hearty applause from an appreciative audience. The audience was equally all praise for the prompters of the play, Taha Safeer (2468-Sf) and Hassan (2474-S).



In Brief

** The 37th and 38th entries appeared for their Promotion Exam of class 9 and 8th respectively. Following boys topped their respective entries:

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a painting competition was held among the club. The theme of the contest this year was judges declared the following members as

2637-A) and Syed Noor (2500-F) (2353-Fn) (2510-Sf)

ayed an Inter House Cricket Tournament in the ighter House won the final of the tournament. Halifaxians. Ammar Rohani (2396-Sf) was Match of the final while Fahim Khaliq was Series.

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06, 116th GDP course passed out from PAF 22 passing out cadets, 22 were Sargodhians. (JO), A/C Taimoor Khan Jadoon (2018-A) lifted honour and General Service Training Trophy. abbed the appointment of Squadron Under ew senior most lot. Note that there are hardly among the senior most cadets.



The Chief Guest snapped with the cast of the English play

WALEED'S FEAT

Waleed Khakwani (2409-T) went into the books of School History when he claimed six colours during the span of his five years stay at the School. He bagged colours in the following:

1. Athletics
2. Football
3. Football (Captain)
4. Karate (Captain)
5. Best Commander
6. Best Sportsman

PAF Public School Sargodha

Fareeha Haider. She hand Sumera Shabbir on 06 Mar

** On 19 February members of the Painting "The Spring Season". The winners of the contest:

First: Sami
Second: Ikrash
Third: Muslin

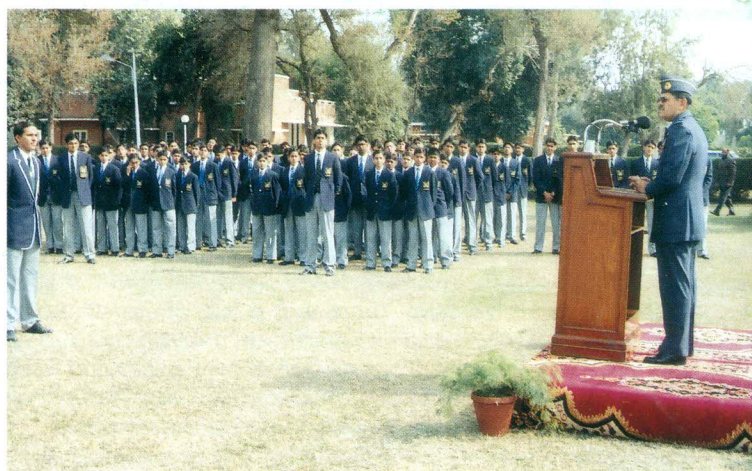
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** The 38th Entry w Museum on 07 March, 2006

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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL'S VISIT

The Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat visited the School on 30 January, 2006. The chief who is also a distinguished Sargodhian visited his erstwhile house, Fury, where he was welcomed by spirited new generation of Sargodhians. The Principal and Vice Principal also accompanied him during his visit to the Furian den. He also planted a sapling in front of the house. Later on he addressed the Sargodhians. In his address he emphasized upon the importance of hard work. He described consistency and honesty as key factors for achieving success. The young Sargodhians seemed eager to chat with him and store the precious memory of the moments with a celebrated Sargodhian. [Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat retired from the service on 18 March, 2006.]



Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat addressing the Sargodhians

THE OLD BOYS TWO YEARLY REUNION

The School organized the biennial Reunion of Old Boys from 24 to 26 February, 2006. In fact, the keenly awaited event started a day earlier with the arrival of a huge delegation of 86 members comprising old boys and their families from Bangladesh on 23 February, 2006. The School gave them a rousing welcome with loud cheers. Every nook and corner of the School wore a festive look. The euphoric mood of the boys appeared infectious as the event coincided with the Annual Parents Day. It was indeed a rare occasion to literally point to so many Sargodhian luminaries. The young Sargodhians seemed to have grown the wings of peacocks.

The next day the old boys started pouring in from all corners of the country and abroad. This time all the incoming guests were accommodated with in the premises of the School. After witnessing the colourful Parents Day, the Bangladeshi guests went for a picnic to the Remount Depot.

In the evening, the young Sargodhians, under the guidance of Sqn Ldr Shamila Syed, Flt Lt Munim Mahdi and Flg Off Ashfaque Bali, presented a two and half hour long Variety Show for the old boys and their families. A chain of skits, songs, caricatures and dances kept the audience glued to their seats. At the dance numbers the enthusiasm and nostalgia brought many old boys to their feet. The young Sargodhians raised a boom of clapping and cheers when they saw their serious looking Principal, Air Cdre (Retd) Abdul Qadir Sargaana, making a Herculean effort to dance with his entry fellows. Bakhtiar Bhai of Attacker House was terribly missed on the occasion. The old boys were all praise for the superb performance by young Sargodhians.

The next day was the Parents Day. The old boys appreciated the programme lavishly. After the Parents Day function, Sargodhian Old Boys Association (SOBA) held its formal meeting in the Mushaf Auditorium Hall. In the evening came a heavy rain storm which disrupted the open air arrangement of a lavish dinner and the musical concert. Unfortunately, many old boys from Karachi, Peshawar and Rawalpindi could not reach their alma mater and missed the chance to see their friends and fellow entry mates. However the School had well planned for the inclement weather and the show went on indoors. Some renowned singers of the country enthralled the receptive audience with old and new numbers of popular songs. The bash went on well past midnight.

The next morning everyone departed with the promise to return after two years. The School bade farewell to the departing old boys by raising cheers for their stay and safe journey home.

Happy Birthday

<i>Sqn Ldr Dr Pervaiz Akhter</i>	<i>01 January</i>
<i>Sqn Ldr Abida Parveen</i>	<i>15 January</i>
<i>Sqn Ldr Najamuddin</i>	<i>15 January</i>
<i>Flt Lt Rehana Alam</i>	<i>28 January</i>
<i>Sqn Ldr Shahid Hafeez</i>	<i>06 February</i>
<i>Sqn Ldr Arif Mubeen</i>	<i>15 February</i>
<i>Sqn Ldr Shehzad A Khan</i>	<i>21 March</i>

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The Old Boys in high spirits reliving the good old days