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HALLIANS' HONOUR CODE

I AM A PRACTICING MUSLIM

I AM ALWAYS TRUTHFUL

I TRY TO BE HONEST IN ALL MY DEALINGS

I AM ALWAYS PUNCTUAL

I AM RESPECTFUL AND KIND

I AM PERSISTENT AND HARD WORKING

I AM BOLD AND COURAGEOUS

I AM SELF DISCIPLINED

I HAVE HIGH SELF-IMAGE



Mission

To function as a Residential cum Day Scholars' Institution, pursuing multi-dimensional programmes, to ensure wholesome development of students' personality with emphasis on academic excellence, character building, self-discipline and co-extra-curricular pursuits.

Vision

Army Burn Hall College is an established institution, committed to nurture the students (Hallians) as balanced, energetic and productive citizens, imbued with the spirit of inquiry, patriotism and positive mindset, who should be able to make meaningful contribution to their families, nation and humanity at large.





College Motto *Quo Non Ascendam*

The motto of Army Burn Hall College is 'Quo Non Ascendam' (To What Heights can I not Rise). The origin of the motto can be traced from France back in 17th century. First time the motto 'Quo Non Ascend' appeared on coat's arm of Nicolas Fouquet, the then finance minister of France. The coat of arms of Fouquet's family traditionally showed a squirrel and bore the motto 'Quo Non Ascendam', a symbol of rapid ascension, "Is there a position to which he will not rise?".



Born in 1615 into a family of wealthy parliamentarians, Vaux-le-Vicomte's creator, Nicolas Fouquet, was known for his intelligence, boldness and devotion to the monarchy. He was the Superintendent of Finances in France from 1653 till 1661 under King Louis XIV. He had a glittering career, and acquired enormous wealth. Though his fabled generosity was at times self-serving, his courteousness inspired loyalty among his followers.

The symbol can be found in many rooms and decorations at Vaux-le-Vicomte. The impressive monogram with inspirational motto 'Quo Non Ascendam', a Latin phrase, stimulates students' inner capability, their self-confidence and ability to do.



Golden Eagle

Golden eagle is one of the best-known birds in the Northern Hemisphere. It is the most widely distributed specie of eagle. These birds are dark brown, with lighter golden-brown plumage on their napes. Golden eagles use their agility and speed, combined with powerful feet and massive, sharp talons to snatch up a variety of prey. Golden eagles are sometimes considered the most superlative fliers among eagles and perhaps among all raptorial birds. These are unique among their genus as they often fly in a slight dihedral which means the wings are often held slightly, upturned. One is the Asian golden eagle or Himalayan golden eagle. This race is found in central Kazakhstan, eastern Iran and the eastern most Caucasus, distributed to Manchuria and central China and along the Himalayas from northern Pakistan in the west to Bhutan in the east (rarely ranging over into northern most India).



Golden Eagle with its magical powers is considered as the deadliest natural hunting weapon, and most cherished bird of the Mongols. In attack mode, it is one of the fastest birds on earth and lethal aerial predator in the animal kingdom. As early as recorded history, mankind has been fascinated by the eagle. Most early recorded cultures regarded the Golden Eagle with reverence. Golden eagles are found in early cultures and older religions as well as national and military insignias.

The symbolic meaning of the Golden Eagle is that of strong will, empowerment, things coming to the surface, the 'essence' or source of information or situations, the truth being revealed, justice to a situation, righteousness, personal faith and belief, the best yet to come, foreknowledge, wisdom, intuitive power, allowing every closing door new beginnings, clarity, third eye activation. The symbolic message of the Golden Eagle is to open every closing door. Eagle is also the prime symbol of Iqbal, the poet philosopher of Pakistan. The Golden Eagle signifies the message of promise and resolve to overcome any impediment and scale any height, thus, 'Quo Non Ascendam', the Motto of the College.



SYED AHMED SHAHEED HOUSE



SHAH ISMAIL SHAHEED HOUSE



SULTAN TIPU SHAHEED HOUSE

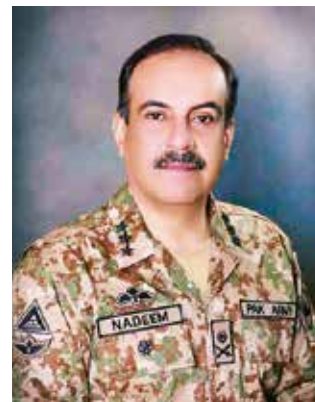


SHER KHAN SHAHEED HOUSE



Message of The Chairman Board of Governors

It is heartening to learn that 'Burn Hall' is completing its 60 years. I extend my felicitations to the College Management, the faculty and the Hallians for their successful journey through arduous times. I must say that Burn Hall has done commendable work in the field of education, forming minds and hearts of thousands of children, by giving them academic as well as value education.



Education is a life-long process, which needs patience, dedication, motivation towards work and strenuous efforts on the part of both, the teachers and the taught. Burn Hall, in its best capacity, is rendering its services for channelizing the energies of the young Hallians towards the growth and development of the country. The College since its inception in 1956 has rendered invaluable services to the nation, by contributing towards the education of successive generations.

I wish the institution to grow, accommodate and harness each and every opportunity in this direction. May it promote many more young minds and hearts, give them necessary manure and light to enable them to become the torch bearers for all those who want to contribute their share in the future of the country. I wish them every success in their endeavour. May the spirit and joy of 60 years continue in the years to come.

Lt Gen Nadeem Raza, HI (M)
Commander 10 Corps
Chairman Board of Governors
Army Burn Hall Institutions



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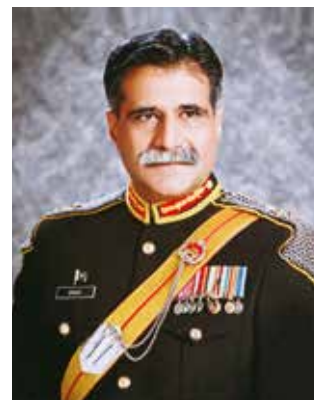
ARMY BURN HALL COLLEGE





Message of The Deputy Chairman Board of Governors

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartiest felicitations to the College – the students, the Faculty and the Administration on the completion of 60 years of Burn Hall. I compliment the Principal and his team for making a useful endeavour to preserve the past with a special publication 'History of Burn Hall'.



An educational institution is a place where the God-given talents in the students are recognized, nurtured and led to flourish and fructify. What Burn Hall has done over sixty years is, living up to the notions of its founding fathers 'in love and fairness towards all', to create, in Pakistan, a culture of excellence and hard work. Burn Hall has been synonymous with constant and relentless struggle to go beyond, to push further the contours of its limitations. Sixty years is a long time in the life of an institution and I am glad that Burn Hall has made its mark on the hearts and minds of hundreds of students in particular and people in general.

Today's Burn Hall symbolizes the nobility of search of the human spirit through the able guidance of Faculty and the support of the Administration. It is actively working on its motto 'Quo Non Ascendam' and soaring high among the galaxy of institutions. In the end, I would like to felicitate all who are associated with the history of Burn Hall in black and white. May Allah shower many more blessings on the Burn Hall: the students, the alumni, the staff and the administration, in the days to come.

Maj Gen Abdullah Dogar, HI (M)
Commandant Pakistan Military Academy Kakul
Deputy Chairman Board of Governors
Army Burn Hall Institutions





Message From The Principal

The life long journey of Burn Hall owes its stature to the spirit behind its establishment and honour the endeavours amidst all challenges of time, enabling us to celebrate 60 years of its inception. Kudos to everyone who contributed immensely in making Burn Hall a renaissance of its time, in which now we all relish.



The institution has shaped the destiny of thousands of students and transformed them into proud and useful citizens. Our distinguished alumni are pride of Burn Hall and they inspire the young Hallians. I hope the standards achieved thus far, are perpetual and would grow with each passing day. The College motto 'Quo Non Ascendam' remains our guiding principle for all future undertakings in preparation of Hallians to face the future challenges boldly and courageously. We are cognizant of our responsibilities and we do understand that we cannot afford to be complacent about our achievements.

I wish Burn Hall, the Hallians and everyone affiliated, the best in life. May Allah, the Almighty, be our guide and protector! Ameen.

Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, psc, gsc



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Foreword

Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad is a unique institution of its kind, which was established by Mill Hill Fathers in Srinagar, the Summer Capital of State of Jammu & Kashmir and later on shifted to Abbottabad, owing to coercion of Muslim students by Dogra rulers. It was established a few months after the creation of Pakistan. Since its creation, it has always been counted among the top educational institutions of the Country. The alumni passed out from the portals of this College distinguish themselves and are playing a leading role in our national life, besides a few representing Pakistan across the globe.

Army Burn Hall College is completing seventy years of excellence in 2018, but there was no compiled history of these institutions. An initiative has been taken to compile the history of this College through available information and record in the offices. The editorial board searched bits of information, with painstaking effort, from files, registers, internet sources alumni and Ex-Faculty members. The primary source of information, particularly for the formative years (1948-1967), were the distinguished alumni, who were gracious to give extensive interviews and shared their personal photo albums, which have been compiled and incorporated in the book. A few of them also shared rare photographs of their time. Finally, the compilation is in your hand now. We do understand, none of our efforts is ever perfect. Hopefully, with further input/feedback from ex-Principals, teachers and alumni, we will be able to bring about improvements in the next edition.

At the end, I urge upon all who have ever been associated with this great institution or who are associated with it at this point of time, the management, the teachers and the students, to put concerted efforts to build the image of this College, so that the best talent of the Country finds it the right place to build their careers and, thereby, serve the nation in the years to come.

May Allah, the Almighty, help and guide us in all our endeavours.

Colonel Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi
Chief Instructor



Messages



MESSAGES FROM SERVICES' CHIEFS

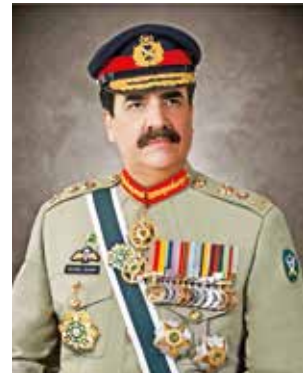
Burn Hall is one of the elite residential institutions of the country with a rich educational environment that provides its students ample opportunities to acquire knowledge and wisdom with a sense of purpose and discipline.

*General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, NI(M), NI
(Former Chairman BOG from Sep 2003 to Oct 2004)*



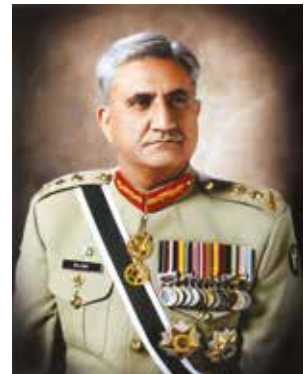
It is gratifying that College is geared towards wholesome grooming of the students. I am confident that the 'Hallians' will be unequivocal to perceive their lofty aim to serve and only serve by following footprints of the great leader, Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Determination, zeal and dedication will help them to lead in every sphere of life. They have to produce synergistic efforts to attain their goal, 'To What Heights Can I Not Rise'.

*General Raheel Sharif, NI(M)
(Former Deputy Chairman BOG from Oct 2008 to Oct 2010)*



The success of students always owes to the institution. Burn Hall, I must proclaim, is one of the leading institutions of the country, which is providing vibrant and conducive environment to its students for their wholesome grooming and personality development through a host of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The illustrious alumni of the college have greatly benefited from this healthy and harmonious environment and are now rendering valuable services for the prosperity and development of our nation. I am sure that you will carry the rich values and traditions imbibed here to greater heights.

*General Qamar Javed Bajwa, NI(M)
(Former Chairman BOG from Aug 2013 to Sep 2015)*



Well, Burn Hall was marked for the habit of punctuality, self-discipline, and strength of character, refined human attributes and manners. The focus used to be on overall polishing of personality, and marked standards of morality, which led us to have a better character than others.

*Admiral Noman Bashir, NI(M)
(Old Hallian , Day Scholar 1958 to 1962)*





MESSAGES FROM EX-PRINCIPALS

Brig Bashir Mahmood Bajwa (Retired)

Whenever I passed on Mansehra Road as cadet or later as instructor at PMA, I was always fascinated by the classic view of Burn Hall Campus. I was, therefore, very glad when I learnt of posting to Senior Burn Hall as Principal in mid 2000. This is where I put on my rank as Brigadier and where I retired in late 2004. Soon having taken charge, I realized that I had a task at hand. My short term goals were to create conditions where faculty likes to stick and student dread to bunk. Provision of job security at par with government servants alongwith approval of regular pension and doubling of diners' entitled limit of messing did the magic for both.



Right in the start, I thought Burn Hall was starkly deficient in numerous facilities which should have been there for an institution of Burn Hall's stature and repute. Thus, a minimal essential list was worked out and we embarked upon projects completion. That included building auditorium, an exclusive administration block, additional academic block with essential laboratories, a building for third house and CI's residence. In all these projects, Chairmen BOG Lt Gen Arif Hassan, Lt Gen Jamshed Gulzar and Lt Gen Ishfaq Perez Kayani were ever so supporting. Auditorium was aptly dedicated to the memory of Burn Hall's most remembered legendary founder Principal Father Scanlon. Another main concern was that habitation was coming up fast in the neighbourhood and soon we were to be space constrained. Thus, on emergent basis Burn Hall purchased all the vacant land contiguous to Burn Hall. Procuring 40 Kanals from 8 owners was an uphill task. Hats off to Maj (R) Abdul Qayyum College Adm Offr for making it all possible by good public relation and relentless efforts.

Thankfully all these projects were in place before I doffed my uniform and said goodbye to this fabulous institution. My last day there, I was overwhelmed by the love of students and moving byes by staff. Allah bless them all and above all Burn Hall. Burn Hall has the most bewitching campus marked by the majestic pines, vast play fields, salubrious climate and congenial environment. This is where students personality is shaped and character formed. It generates in them unparalleled Hallian spirit, all Hallians' proudest possession.

It has been a privilege to have headed an institution with loveable student body and wonderful faculty and staff. Nothing pleases me more than good news from Burn Hall and about Hallian Alumni doing well in life. Allah be with them.

Brigadier Muhammad Asif, SI(M), (Retired)

I am obliged to the Principal and management of Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad for providing me with an opportunity to record my memories as an ex-Principal of this prestigious institution for the special edition of 'The Hallmark' being published on the occasion of sixtieth anniversary of the College. I have the honour of having served as the Principal of Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad for nearly three years from September 2004 to August 2007. My tenure as the Principal had been quite rewarding and eventful personally for me, my family and for the college.



During this time future course of life of all three children of mine, who themselves have the distinction of being Hallians, was determined to a greater extent. The College witnessed unprecedented expansion



and development in its infrastructure, facilities and increase in number of students as, well as teaching and administrative staff. Mega projects started during the tenure of my predecessor, Brigadier Mehmud Bashir Bajwa, including construction of new Academic Block-cum-Hostel, Administration Block, Scanlon Hall and covering of Burn were completed and commissioned during the first two years of my tenure. I also paid attention to the much needed beautification of the college campus. Models of the world globe, an eagle and a book were erected in front of the College Mess, while a waterfall was constructed next to the Scanlon Hall that further added to the beauty of the College campus.

My predecessor had also purchased a huge piece of land behind the College. To ensure the utilization of this land, I acquired another piece of land located adjacent to it through the District Revenue Department. After the approval of its design and engineering drawings, the construction of the Junior and Cambridge Blocks was started in the beginning of 2007. General (R) Tariq Majid, the then Chairman Board of Governors of Army Burn Hall Educational Institutions, performed the Earth Breaking Ceremony of the Junior Block. In addition to the development projects, I paid due attention to improving the academic environment and output of the college as a prestigious institution. Deliberate efforts were made to make the College a feeder institution to the Pakistan Military Academy. Drill was made a part of training with the help of the military training centres located in Abbottabad. Tradition of hosting a dinner in the honour of Hallians undergoing training at the PMA on the eve of their Passing Out Parade was started to strengthen Hallians Spirit and for the motivation of college students. Number of Hallians joining the Army increased considerably due to these measures.

Deep down my ultimate aim-cum- mission was to transform the College into a Leadership Academy to produce proud, productive, dynamic and disciplined members of society, fully equipped with requisite skills and knowledge to play their role as role models and leaders in different fields of life.

Whatever I was able to contribute in my humble capacity as the Principal to further enhance the name and fame of Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, would not have been possible without the guidance and support of the College faculty and administrative staff. I will always remain deeply indebted to them for their love and cooperation. The respect and love given to me by the students will also remain treasured in my heart. Despite a lapse of ten years, a number of members of the faculty, administrative staff and students eagerly try to remain in touch with me and one another that reflects their everlasting bond of love and emotional attachment with this College.

I wish the Principal, the management, the staff, the students and Alumni of Army Burn Hall College for Boys best of luck and success in their endeavours for further improving the image and reputation of this institution, which, indeed, is our invaluable national asset.

Brig Raheel Ashraf, (Retired)

Army Burn Hall College for Boys occupies a distinct position amongst the elite institutions of the Country. It is indeed satisfying for me that students performance in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular fields has registered an appreciable improvement. I sincerely believe that with greater dedication, we can further enhance the image of the College by ensuring wholesome development of students' personalities in an efficacious and professional manner.





Brig Abdul Hafeez, SI(M), (Retired)

It has been a great privilege and pride indeed to be associated with one of the renowned premier residential institutions, Army Burn Hall College (for Boys) for many years. An institution of great merit and substance with rich traditions and astounding history. The College has always been playing a leading role in the pursuance of academic excellence, and balanced grooming, personality development and character building of its students. It runs with a distinction of providing a conducive ambience and serene environment to the teacher and the taught to achieve predetermined goals. The nation owes much to Pakistan Army for patronizing this institution, which is sending all-round competent youth to deliver in practical lives, inside the country and abroad. I feel honoured to have availed the opportunity to command this esteemed institution as a Principal from 2009-11. I also cherish the vivid memories of my association with the College as a Member of BOG, being the Director of Studies at Pakistan Military Academy Kakul for about three and half years.. It was a wonderful experience all along, which left indelible prints on the sands of time that can never be erased.



During my tenure as Principal, I made a conscious yet humble effort to contribute towards the development and growth of Burn Hall, raising of Junior Burn Hall infrastructure, and developing an Indoor Basketball ground/ Multi-purpose Hall are two significant contributions of these , which I believe will go a long way in the interest of Hallians. As Principal it had been my endeavour to create a conducive teaching and learning environment, so that both students and teachers could enjoy freedom and move with confidence to pursue the academic and co-academic goals. As a result of a teamwork the institution transformed and flourished, Alhamd-o-Lillah. I still remember that every member of my team was undeterred, displayed loyalty and an undying spirit to play his role in the uplift of the institution. I love Hallians and my association with them and their Alma Mater is everlasting.

I also appreciate the commendable efforts of Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, which are going great towards furthering the cause of Burn Hall as a cradle of Junior Leadership. Congratulations to the fraternity of Hallians for completing 60 years of the inception of their Alma Mater. I would like to advise the wonderful Hallians to rise up to their potentials and prove the Hallian Motto "To What Heights Can I Not Rise". God Bless Pakistan Army and God Bless great Hallians. Ameen.

Brig Tahir Hussain Butt, (Retired)

The name of Army Burn Hall College itself denotes a standard. Army Burn Hall College is not the name of merely an institute. It's a name of history and rich tradition. This great institute bears a sound reputation and holds a standard of excellence. Army Burn Hall College has a marvellous infrastructure with a beautiful and serene campus equipped with all modern facilities and tools required to facilitate our youth with the armaments of wisdom and professionalism. It is successfully rendering the pearls of knowledge as it has always done in the past. The academic results and achievements in other fields throughout the year are a testimony to it.





Brig Dr Muhammad Javed, (Retired)

Army Burn Hall College for Boys is one such leading institution of the Country which is well aware of its obligation towards wholesome grooming of young Hallians, the students here are fortunate and privileged to have such an environment. The College presents a happy blend of traditional and modern education where knowledge is imparted to the students so that they may occupy a better place in the modern competitive world and develop all round personalities retaining the beauty of mind and intellect as well as of soul. It has made its mark in academic, sports and cultural fields. I can feel proud of its Alumni who are holding responsible position in armed forces, social, political and economic life of the nation.



Brig Mukhtar Muhammad, (Retired)

Army Burn Hall College for Boys is playing a vital role in fostering intellectual, social and moral standards of excellence among its students and enable them to face multidimensional, complex and highly competitive world successfully. The College enjoys high repute amongst the leading educational institutions of Pakistan. Its alumni have brought laurels to their 'Alma Mater' and have rendered valuable services for the prosperity and development of the Country. Its present and coming generations of the students will Insha-Allah surpass the glory attained by their seniors. All this becomes possible due to sheer hard work and dedication of the College administration and faculty. Students are provided with a conducive academic environment, for conceptual enhancement of scientific knowledge along with all round development of personalities, by exposing them to co-curricular and extracurricular activities, round the year.





PHOTO JOURNEY
THROUGH BURN HALL



Aerial View of the College



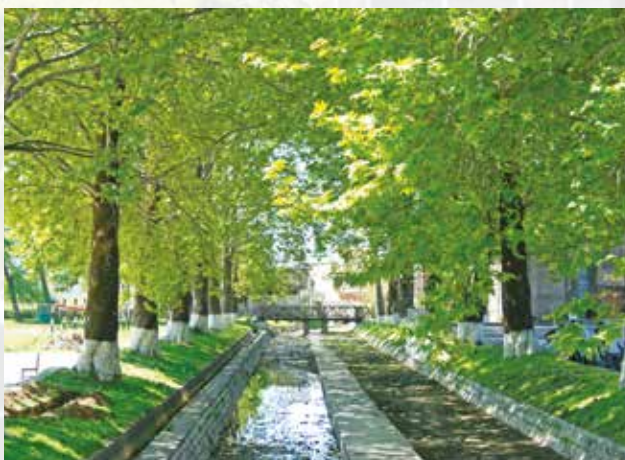
Enter to Learn



The Passage - Entering College



The Passage on Departure



The Burn



The Burn



The View from Administration Block



College Academic Block



The Academic Block at Day



Academic Block at Night



The Bell



The Bell in Snow



The Globe



Symbolic
Representation of the Holy Quran



College Mess



College Mess in Autumn



The College Mess at Night



Principal with College/House Appointments in Mess



Students in Mess with HM



Students in Mess



Renovated College Mess



Renovated College Mess - Stage View



College Mess at Night



Aerial View of the College



Administration Block Area at Day



Administration Block at Night



Administration Block



Administration Block (Principal's Office)



View from Academic Block



The Administration Block in Winter



The College Auditorium at Day



The College Auditorium at Night



The College Mosque at Day



The College Mosque in the Evening



Brigadier B. A. Malik Library



Brigadier B. A. Malik Library (Inside)



College Transport



Aerial View of Sports Complex



Swimming Pool



Hockey Ground in Snow



Football Field



Sports Ground



Sports Ground



Hockey Ground - A View from the Mosque



Beating Heat in Ramazan



Students' Cafe in Front of Mosque



Students' Cafe on College Hill



SAS House Lobby



Nostalgic Feelings with SAS House (Old St. Gabriel)



SAS House Dorms



SIS House and the Hill View from Main Mess



SIS House Veranda - Outer View



SIS House



SIS House Stairs



Aerial View of College Block



SIS House Mess



SIS House Veranda - Inner View



STS House - East View



SKS House Front View



Young Hallians in Front of SKS House



The College Hospital



Burn Hall Control Room



Passage to Junior Wing from the Mosque/Cafeteria



Leisure Time



Morning Assembly in Summer



Students during Free Time



Students during Break Time



Sports Time



College Hill



Serene College Hill

Autumn in Burn Hall





New Campus



Junior Campus



Aerial View of New Campus



ICONS OF BURN HALL



The Bell is a campus treasure. Chirring of this magnificent bell could be heard across the city. The bell has been housed near the main mess and rings every morning to commence chores of the day; morning assembly, breakfast time, periods change over, the tea time, lunch, prayers and then the dinner before calling off the day. Its majesty affects the boarders and the day-scholars alike and none has ever been saved from its resonance. This is the power of the powerless that alone can send the teacher out of the class. The only hope of joy and freedom is the ringing of the bell in the school, cheering the sad faces and relaxing the tired minds. The bell is no doubt a symbol of joy. It is the weapon of the naughty ones who often succumb to the temptation to pull the bell in middle of night, angering nearby boarders, security staff and the house masters the most, more often than not referring the holocaust to the Adjutant, next morning. The bell found another purpose the intimation of the mess routine. When the bell rings, it stimulates the past memories among the Old Hallians and they remember how they used to follow the same routine. Students are every eager to revive the tradition of ringing the bell.



The Trumpet had historically been used as to signal devices in the College. It is used for the flag hoisting and for the first wake up call. Whenever, it was blown, it always aroused the feelings of patriotism, devotion and commitment among the young eagles. These noblest feelings remain the part of the Hallians long after departing from the College. The practice has since long been discontinued and the old trumpet now finds place in the College museum.



The Drum is beaten to direct students to march from morning assembly to the classes. It is also beaten during the PT display on Parents' Day, because its rhythmic energy not only stimulates the body but also forges a sense of unity. The sound of drum beat invokes sense of responsibility, discipline and unity among the students' whenever it is heard across the campus walls. It also happens that students who are late for the Morning Assembly or improperly dressed up, for them the drum becomes a refuge saving them from the wrath of the PTI, as students who are late, sometimes try to get mixed up with the boys playing the drum. Most of the time it helps them sneaking away from the fiery eyes of the PTI and the adjutant.



The Burn that runs amidst the campus is the main area, which links Burn Hall with Mill Hill Mission in England. The Burn in the College has had clean water full of life. It was well maintained during the initial years of the campus. Even beautiful umbrellas were also erected on its both sides and visitors used to sit under these umbrellas at evening time. Whenever The Burn is sighted, the feelings of serenity and extreme rejoice aroused in the hearts of old Hallians. In the scorching heat of the summer, the Burn used to serve as an adorable picnic sight, captivating the Hallians to wade through its cool water and mesmerizing them to do fishing as a fun time sports activity. Old boys describe nostalgic feelings about the Burn. However, over a period of time it has turned out to be a channel of impure water.





The Hockey Ground has a special association with our history. The giant shadows cast by the tall maple trees give the Oxford environmental impact. The ground bears testimony to the lengthy morning assembly sessions ever since the inception of Burn Hall. The very sight of this



ground arouses the feelings of awe and admiration in the hearts of Hallians, whenever they assemble. On the other hand, the ground reminds the consequences of violation of code of conduct in a rough and tough way i.e. Ragrha. Its reminiscences invoke the sense of discipline and obedience among Hallians. However, it has witnessed number of nail biting inter house hockey matches and sports fixtures with the other renowned institutions of the country, which are still fresh in the minds of Hallians. In past the National Hockey team has also played and practiced in this ground.

The School Hill is a blessing in the College, overlooking Abbottabad town till as long as Mirpur Ranges of the PMA, Kakul and snow covered peaks of Kaghan and Naran. The hill is covered with densely planted pine trees and nicely placed benches, where students relax and interact with parents, visiting over the weekends. Reportedly, the landscaping, plantation and development of the hill into a picnic spot was conceived and implemented by **Fr Arthur Jhonson**, who spent his last years in Burn Hall School, Abbottabad, as a housemaster and teacher of English, who would often direct plays. His Silver Jubilee party was celebrated in these gardens, that he had designed himself. Besides, he also looked after the extensive grounds and mowed the grass of the playing fields with a lawnmower pulled by pair of bullocks. His village days might have given him that idea. Apart from smoking the pipe, fishing was one of his great enjoyments, and every summer he headed off for trout fishing in Kaghan. He died in Abbottabad on the 3rd of January 1974. His grave is in Rawalpindi cemetery. Hallians carry nostalgic feelings with the School Hill and have fond memories of their boarding life. Students love to



go to the Hill Top to enjoy the cool, fresh breeze and a fantastic view of the College. However, to them there is another significance of the Hill that it also serves as their favourite bunking place. When the PTI succeeds to find them out, what ensure, is an unforgettable punishment. And no matter, how many times they are caught, it is their best hideout to have some relaxing moments, away from the regular class routines and activities. There in the midst of the Pine, they share the hearty laughter after dodging every observant eye. Is also serves as visitors' resort for parents on weekends to meet their wards. Recently students' cafe, apt place for the bonfire and music concerts have added beauty to it.

Tulip Pond had been adjacent to the Burn surrounded by tall maple trees. This pond was fenced and beautified with flowery plants. The pond had spilling impact with the presence of lotus and variety of fishes. During spring the flowers, fence and lotus fluttered, which gave all encompassing view and captivate the minds of the students and visitors towards it.



History & Evolution of Burn Hall

HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF BURN HALL

Army Burn Hall College is one of the renowned legacies that the British missionaries left behind. It is a school and College, formerly operating along English public school lines in Abbottabad, with separate sections for boys and girls; and now gradually turning into a modern English-medium College. The Girls' College (originally called Junior Burn Hall) is on the Mall, a main road near the city center, while the Boys' College (originally called Senior Burn Hall) is on Mansehra Road, in Mandian, Abbottabad. The school initially founded by missionary Fathers in Srinagar in Indian-Held Kashmir (IHK), was later shifted to Abbottabad, Pakistan in 1948 and since 1977 has been run by the Pakistan Army. It is counted among the most prestigious and reputed academic institutions of the Country.

Burn Hall, having eye-captivating natural landscape and enchanting historical legacy, has played a significant role in the education and training of successive generations over decades. Thousands of talented men, carrying themselves with the pride and honour of being 'Hallians', as they call themselves, marched out of the portals of the College and are playing their role in our national life. Many more are representing the country in the global arena. Burn Hall provides excellent environment and remarkable opportunities to young Hallians to excel in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

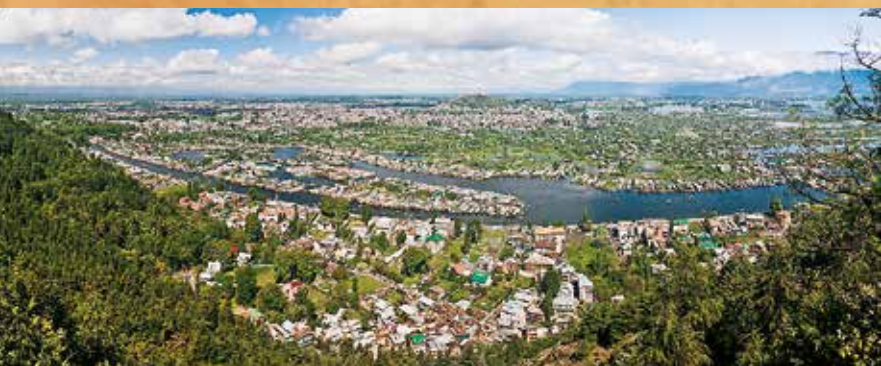
Burn Hall has served the nation from the times much before creation of Pakistan. The school grew as the time passed, from a Missionary School of Mill Hill at Srinagar to a well-established modern school and College of today, with an exclusive set-up for Girls and Boys, offering Cambridge as well as Matric and FSc streams of education. Together with academic excellence matured over the decades, the College infrastructure also moved leaps and bounds from a rented building in Baramulla to Srinagar and from Srinagar to Abbott Hotel in Abbottabad and now to a state of the art Army Burn Hall College.

Origin of Burn Hall

Burn Hall as an elite missionary school was established by St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions, commonly called as Mill Hill Missionaries (MHM) of London in Baramulla and Srinagar, in 1943, though the idea was conceived during the year 1942. It was named after an English Manor House, which had a hall with a stream (Burn) running through it, hence, the name 'Burn Hall' transported to Abbottabad. Mill Hill Missionary Society had already established schools in England. Its motto was Amare et Servire (to love and to serve).

Prior to 1943, the missionaries were running a School-cum-College at Baramulla, popularly known as St. Joseph's College. At the end of 1942, the College was bifurcated: a portion of school was shifted to the heart of Srinagar in a hired building (spread over 10-12 acres), accommodation was provided to students and faculty members in the same buildings, whereas, the College continued to function at Baramulla. The school was re-named as Burn Hall by Father Shanks, The Principal of the St. Joseph's College, as it was the name of his Alma Mater in England. Thus, Father Shanks remained at Baramulla as the Principal of St. Joseph's College and Father Thijssen (a Dutch national) was appointed as the first Headmaster of Burn Hall School and continued in this position at Srinagar until 1947. Father D. Jong was his deputy and Father Scanlon was the junior most. A few Kashmiri Pandits were also part of the faculty. Junior classes were handled by female teachers. Initially, it was started as a Senior Cambridge School with boarding system.

It is estimated that there were 80 to 100 students enrolled in the school from 8 to 10 in each class, belonging to different communities. The students were mixed up and used to eat together. Atmosphere at school was like a family without consideration of caste, colour or religion. Neither there was teaching of Bible for non-Christians nor were they bound to attend Church. Precisely the school did not devote any attention to religious teaching. During this period academics, sports, out-door activities and character building were equally emphasized to develop a wholesome personality of the students.



Burn Hall School at Srinagar

Srinagar is the largest city and the summer capital of the Indian-occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir. It lies in the Kashmir Valley on the banks of the Jhelum River, a tributary of the Indus, and Dal and Anchar lakes. The city is famous for its gardens, fountains and houseboats. It is also known for traditional Kashmiri handicrafts and dried fruit.



Burn Hall is one of the oldest and most prestigious schools of the valley, producing a line of distinguished alumni. Its motto is 'Industria Floremus – In Toil We Flourish'. It is located at the foothills of Shankaracharya Mountain. It is neighbored by Ziarat Sharief Hazrat Syed Yaqoob Sahib (RA) and Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Stadium. Being an English medium school, it places special



emphasis on the usage of English language in student-teacher and student-student interaction. This helps students to get a good hold on the English language. Fr Thijssen and Fr Jong came to Srinagar in 1942 and rented a home from Mr Mirza at Hotel Road (now Moulana Azad Road) Srinagar. The building, which housed the first Burn Hall School, is at present the Teachers' Training College. The Srinagar branch closed down temporarily for some time. It was re-started on 17 April 1956, with its first principal, Father J. Boerkamp. Today, Burn Hall School is an elite Christian missionary institution for boys, and falls under the management of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar. It is directed by the Education Society of the Jammu-Srinagar Diocese. It is registered as a charitable society, affiliated with Jammu & Kashmir State Board of School Education and recognized by the Education Department of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Classes range from L.K.G. to XII. The higher secondary division was opened during its Golden Jubilee Celebration in 2006.

The school has four houses, named after four scholars of English literature: Keats House; Yellow, Milton House, Green, Shakespeare House, Red and Wordsworth House, Blue.

Notable alumni of the school include Omar Abdullah, Agha Shahid Ali, Rohit Bal, Haseeb Drabu, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Sajjad Lone, Amitabh Mattoo, Tanvir Sadiq, Sanjay Suri, Khalid Jehangir, Aftab Hilali, Muhammad Faysal.



Abbottabad: Brief Historical Background

Abbottabad is a city located in the Hazara Division of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (old North West Frontier Province) in Pakistan. The city is situated in the Orash Valley, 50 kilometres northeast of the Federal Capital, Islamabad, and 150 kilometres east of Peshawar at an altitude of 1260 metres. It borders

Azad Kashmir to the east. The city is well-known throughout Pakistan for its pleasant weather, high-standard educational institutions and military establishments.

The town of Abbottabad, under the British Raj, was the headquarters of the administration at Hazara. It was named after Major James Abbott, who founded the town in January 1853 after the annexation of Punjab. He remained the first Deputy Commissioner of the Hazara district from 1849 until April 1853. Major Abbott is noted for having written a poem titled 'Abbottabad', before he returned to Britain, in which he wrote of his fondness

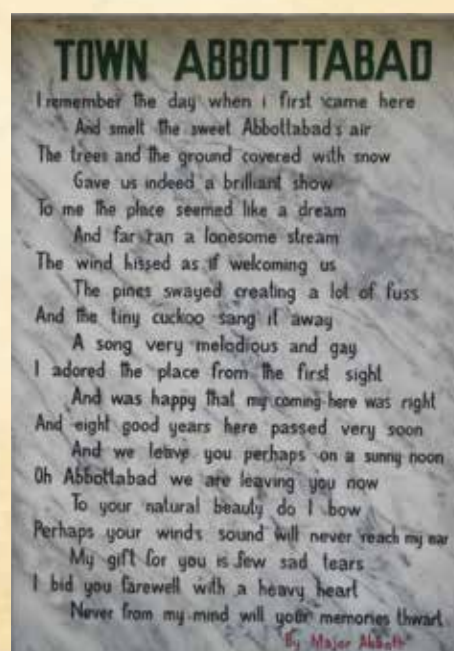


for the town and his sadness for leaving it. Hazara division was named after the Hazara valley (a small valley in the outermost Himalayas, between the Indus in the west and Kashmir in the east).

Hazara also has a distinction of having associated with famous Gandhara civilization, known for academic excellence from the times of Chandargupta Maurya and his grandson Ashoka the great. It is speculated that Gandhara was a triangular tract of land about 100 km east to west and 70 km north to south, lying mainly to the west of the Indus River and bounded on the north by the Hindukush Mountains. The extent of Gandhara actually included the Peshawar valley, the hills of Swat, Dir, Buner and Bajaur, all of which lie within the northern bounds of the modern day Pakistan. Taxila, one of the most important cities of Gandhara Civilization, is not far from Hazara. The region of Gandhara has long been known as a major centre of Buddhist art and culture around the beginning of the Christian era. However, it is assumed that Gandhara Civilization left impression of its art, culture and learning on the surrounding areas. As the grandson of Chandragupta, the founder of the Mauryan dynasty, made Buddhism the dominant religion in Gandhara and in Pakhli, the modern Hazara, as the rock-inscriptions at Shahbazgarhi and Mansehra depict.

Odyssey: Srinagar to Abbottabad

As the partition of India approached, Christians, whose families were in the areas forming part of Pakistan and Muslim students started leaving for Pakistan. In October 1947, when the freedom movement gained momentum in Kashmir and political situation took new dimension, as majority of the students were Muslims, it was decided by the Fathers to evacuate the students and establish Burn Hall School in Abbottabad, closer to Missionaries' Headquarters in Rawalpindi. Father Thijssen stayed behind to wind up the affairs in Srinagar, while Father Scanlon left for Abbottabad to organize and set up a new school. At that time Indian Army had already ingressed in Kashmir and fighting continued in outskirts of Srinagar, due to which Jhelum Valley Road was closed and Missionaries flew to New Delhi. Owing to communal violence, they had to stay for three weeks in Delhi and then left for Lahore. So in the pervasive communal violence, in order to accommodate



maximum people, seats of British Dakota Aircraft were removed. After landing at Walton Airport Lahore, few days they spent at St. Anthony's School, Lahore and then left for Rawalpindi, where some of the students appeared in Senior Cambridge Exam from Presentation Cambridge School, Rawalpindi. Soon after Father Scanlon moved to Abbottabad. It can be assumed that natural landscape of Abbottabad, having perfect similarities with Srinagar and Baramulla, was probably the major attraction to establish a school at Abbottabad. This argument is strengthened by the fact that later on Fathers imported everything from Srinagar that they were impressed by Maple (Chinnar), which were in abundance in Srinagar.

Establishment of City Campus Abbottabad

At Abbottabad, an erstwhile Abbott Hotel (an evacuee property) was allotted against the sum of Rs. 200,000/-. Father Scanlon remained thoroughly involved in organizing the arrangements for teaching, boarding for students and teaching staff, which made it possible to schedule the school in April 1948. However, it is argued that all this might not have been possible, if Khan Abdul Qayum Khan the then Chief Minister of NWFP, had not put his entire weight behind the project. CM Khan took keen interest in the establishment of school and attended the inauguration ceremony of school, which was held on 25th April 1948. Father Tijssen and Brigadier Aslam Khan, brother of Air Marshal Asghar Khan, Retired, also played a pivotal role in establishment of Burn Hall School.



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Father Scanlon, the first Principal of the school alongwith Borekamp and Mallet (Englishmen), were appointed on staff. Old Burn Hall boys, who used to visit Burn Hall School, always got special reception and were honoured by the Fathers. They were invited to lunch and sit with the Fathers at the Dining Table. The Fathers took great pride and revealed stories and achievements about the old boys of their time. Since the British Empire was built by the men, who came from the English public school system, the Fathers replicated the system in letter and spirit and promoted sports and extra-curricular activities such as music, debate, dramatics, and art as a means of character building.

Second Campus at Mansehra Road Abbottabad

Later on, in 1954, an additional land of 266 Kanals was acquired @ RS. 500/ per acre at Mansehra Road for the extension of school, in order to accommodate an increasing number of students. Meanwhile, the school



came under the control of the Diocesan Board of Education, Rawalpindi (DBE). DBE was registered under the Societies Act 1860. The Board was headed by Bishop of Islamabad/Rawalpindi Diocese as chairman. Members of the Board included members of clergy as well as educationist.

In 1956, a new building was constructed, which had sports facilities and a swimming pool. Its purpose was to provide more room for the seniors and it became known as 'Senior Burn Hall', while the campus in the city center was named as 'Junior Burn Hall'.



The Junior School, now Army Burn Hall College for Girls which runs classes from Prep up to the Masters level, whereas, the Boys College encompasses prep to 12th class, besides O and A Levels.

Army Burn Hall College for Boys is built in red brick and the old British architecture style dominates most of the College structures. The College is located at the elevation of 4300 feet above sea level in natural surroundings. The serene College campus has got great fame throughout Pakistan for lush green grounds, towering maple trees and eye catching pines. The campus is divided into an Administration Block, Academic Blocks, Scanlon Hall and Hostels/Houses. Later on, a new academic block was constructed, which houses Junior Section i.e. (from prep to class 5th grade), besides Middle Section, which offers classes from 6th to 8th grade.

In the formative years, the controllers of the houses were women rather than men, they were called Matrons. During this time, neither there were HODs nor Section Heads. The number of students, as compared to today, was also very small. The building had a swimming pool but no other buildings like Gymnasium, the hill area and the area at present under Cambridge Campus.

Administration of School from 1943 to 1977 had been in the hands of Fathers. The principals of Burn Hall from 1948 to 1956 were Rev. Father Thijssen, Rev Father G. Shanks, Rev Father Burns, Rev Father F. Scanlon. There were matrons with fathers to run the business of houses. Till 1956, there had been only an academic block with Principal's office and staff room for teachers. Fathers and matrons used to live in the same house and it had co-educational arrangements.

The Army Burn Hall College

During Bhutto regime in 1970s, the students, employees and labour unions were restored. As a result of this decision unions became active and started disturbing the smooth running of the affairs in academic institutions in the country. Burn Hall could not save itself from the political oriented activities of the unions. These politically motivated activities were very much against the spirit and vision on which Burn Hall was established by the missionaries. It is on record that for two years before handing over to Pakistan Army, teachers and students' strikes, protests, inter-group fights, damaging the School property and rowdiness had been order of the day. The school had almost become dysfunctional and perforce the Fathers approached Pakistan Army to redeem the situation. Mr Gohar Ayub Khan, an Old Hallian, also revealed during an interview with him by the Burn Hall team on 10th June 2017, that the last Principal of the Mill Hill Fathers approached him in a desperate situation created by the teachers and students due to prolonged strikes, to ask Army to help him take over the School. Thus, in 1977, Diocesan Board of Education, Rawalpindi (hitherto-forer controlling the Burn Hall Schools) requested the then COAS that management of the school should be assigned to Pakistan Army. The COAS directed the Director of Army Education to negotiate the arrangements. Thus, Pakistan Army's Education Corps was tasked to assume the administration of the school on 13 January 1977, through a lease agreement on a nominal rent of RS. 100/ per month. Hence, in 1977, the Burn Hall



School, Abbottabad, was handed over to the Pakistan Army. Brigadier Bashir Ahmad Malik, became the first Principal of the College and re-named the school as the 'Army Burn Hall School.' Later on, in 1985 The Diocese Board handed over all the assets of the school, including the buildings, equipment and other fixtures/ installations, as they existed at that time. Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Defense purchased Burn Hall School

and College Abbottabad along with the land measuring 226 Kanals and 13 Marlas for a total cost of Rs. 15 million. The amount of Rs. 5 million was disbursed in 1985-86 and rest of the 10 million was paid in May 1987, thus, completing the process of transferring the ownership from Diocesan Board of Education Rawalpindi to Pakistan Army. Regarding the staff and students, the status quo was maintained.

Since Pakistan Army's assuming control, Burn Hall has gone through modifications in various capacities. Infrastructure was extended and new hostels/houses were built with more facilities. Initially, there were two houses in a single building, known as St. Gabriel's House and St. Michael's House. Both Houses were re-named as Syed Ahmad Shaheed House and Shah Ismail Shaheed House. Presently, Senior Burn Hall has four houses. They are named after Muslim heroes of the Indian Sub-continent, in keeping with the Pakistan Army's post-colonial ethos. These Houses are: Syed Ahmad Shaheed House, Shah Ismail Shaheed House, Sultan Tipu Shaheed House and Sher Khan Shaheed House (A & B Blocks).

There are two streams of studies; one through Federal Board of Education and second through Cambridge system of schooling. The objective of schooling is accomplished through the help of civilian teachers. The aim of schooling at Burn Hall is to produce refined, productive and morally sound citizens.

Management and Organization

Prior to 1977, all the decisions were being taken by the Principal of Burn Hall School. However, as the Pakistan Army assumed the management of school in 1977, the pattern of decision making and administration transformed. For routine administration and taking major decisions regarding Army Burn Hall institutions, a Board of Governors (BOG) was formed on 23rd February 1977, under the patronage of COAS. On the same day, the first meeting of BOG was held at Senior Burn Hall. Brig Sayed Naseer Uddin, Director of Army Education and the first Chairman of BOG presided the meeting. Following members attended the first meeting of BOG:

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| • Brig Jamal Muhammad (SJ) | Commandant Baloch Regt Centre |
| • Brig Iqbal Muhammad Chaudhry | Commandant Army Medical Corps Centre |
| • Col Abdul Mujib | Deputy Director of Army Education |
| • Col M. Ikram Ameen | Director of Studies, PMA |
| • Mr Khalid Mansoor | Deputy Commissioner, Abbottabad |
| • Lt Col Bashir Ahmad Malik | Principal Senior Burn Hall, School |
| • Lt Col M. Ijaz Akbar | Principal Junior Burn Hall, School |

The following major decisions were taken at the meeting:

- Approval of Rules of Procedure – Board of Governors.
- Approval of Accounts Rules.
- Approval of Service Rules.
- Approval of Provident Fund rules.
- Nomination of a parents' representative for the membership of BOG.
- Appointment of Principals for Senior Burn Hall and Junior Burn Hall Schools.

- Admission Policy.
- Revision of Pay Scales of the Staff.

Academic Pursuits

Burn Hall has gone through various transformations since its inception. From 1948 to 1977, Burn Hall had been offering co-education. In 1977 it was segregated and since then it has been providing space to both boys and girls on separate campuses. Regarding academic degrees, initially it offered Senior Cambridge at Srinagar and continued with the same stream until 1963. Apart from Senior Cambridge, in 1963, School was linked with Peshawar Board for SSC. In 1981, Brig Bashir Ahmed Malik, the then Principal upgraded the institution to HSSC level and got it affiliated with Federal Board (FBISE). After two years in 1983, Brig Abdul Sattar shifted SSC from Peshawar Board to FBISE. In 2002-3, A-levels at ABHC was introduced during the tenure of Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa.

Infrastructural Development of Burn Hall

The Burn Hall School initially started functioning in a hired hotel, namely Abbott Hotel in Abbottabad. In 1956, another campus of Burn Hall was established, by acquiring 266 Kanals land at Mansehra Road, which later came to be known as the 'Senior Burn Hall'. The building, at present, is located in the centre of the College campus in front of hockey ground. The dining hall is on one side and College library on the other side of this building. This British style legendary block comprises classrooms and fully equipped computer laboratories along with SAS House on first floor. One of the rooms on ground floor, once used to be the office and residence of Father Scanlon, has also been preserved. In 1990, 12 Kanals 13 Marla land was bought to give extension to the institution. College Block and construction of additional house for the day scholars was made possible during this time. In 1991, this new House was named as Sultan Tipu Shaheed (STS House). The building of this house is to the west of College section. The STS House has the capacity to accommodate 150 students. The House master and his assistant house masters are responsible for the management of house. To the west of this building there is an officers' colony, tennis court, to the back of tennis ground, there are squash courts and next to these squash courts there is indoor volleyball court, which faces a swimming pool. From the center of indoor basketball, volleyball courts and swimming pool; a passage of 2nd gate of College leads out.

Academic Blocks

College Academic Block is located in the centre of the College campus. This British style legendary block symbolizes its legacy and tradition. The College comprises two campuses; Main Campus; consisting of College Section, Cambridge Section and School Section; New Campus includes Middle Section and Junior Section.

College Section

College Section consists of 1st Year and 2nd Year. Mostly students come on promotion from School Section, but fresh intake on vacant seats is also taken in 1st Year class.



School Section

School Section consists of 9th and 10th classes. Mostly students come on promotion from Middle Section, but vacant seats are offered for fresh intake.

Cambridge Section

Cambridge Section of the College consists of O/A levels. The syllabus is prescribed by the University of Cambridge and is revised every two years, with a view to bringing about changes, to keep the students abreast with the latest developments and optimum enhancement of their intellectual faculties. The O/A Level curriculum places emphasis on broad and balanced study across a wide range of subjects. The curriculum develops learners' skills in creative thinking, inquiry and problem-solving and is structured, so that learners attain both practical skills and theoretical knowledge.

New Campus

The New Campus comprises a three storeyed semi-circular building with Administration Block in the centre and Academic Blocks on outer circle with two Residential blocks in the inner circle. The Campus has been equipped with the state of the art Computer laboratories, which enable the students to keep in touch with today's world.



Junior Section

The Junior Section from Prep to 5th classes has been constructed as a feeder institution to the College. This Section has spacious rooms, which can accommodate around 900 students and also provides conducive environment to the students, where they can acquire knowledge with full zeal and zest. In Junior Section there is an Activity Room for the young students, where they are given full freedom to do anything related to their education. Alongside these facilities, there is a Music Room as well, in which the young artists are trained under the supervision of skilled and trained music teachers. The students are allowed to show their creativity and imagination in the Art Rooms, possessing all the equipment that the students require. This allows the students not only to get good grades but also improve their intellect and innate talent as well. Middle Section, consisting of 6th, 7th and 8th classes, has recently been created, which has been accommodated in New Campus, in the proximity of Junior Section, and Cambridge Section has been shifted to Main Campus. Two-fold objectives were envisaged in this shifting: discernible improvement in the results of Cambridge classes and housing of students with less age in one Campus i.e. New Campus. The school Hill defines the boundary between senior and junior campus, hills exclusive sports, recreational, boarding, lodgings, messing and schooling facilities duly supplemented by a café, fruit shop and barber salon.



Expansion of Campus

The College infrastructure was established to enrich the minds of the students with the valuable knowledge, stocked with a variety of books on different subjects. A visit to this treasure trove of wisdom explores the realms of knowledge. The library has recently been uplifted with provisions of e-link and Café and Book Corner. This library has been named after Brigadier B. A Malik, first Muslim Principal of the College.

In 2003, additional land of 07 Kanals 12 Marla land was bought by the College to extend the ground area of the institutions, which consists of hill and some plain area. Staff's residential houses and teacher's colony exist in this area. In 2004, 08 Kanals 05 Marla land was bought to establish Junior Campus, comprising Administration Block, an academic building and buildings of two houses. In 2004, 16 Kanals 06 Marla land was bought for additional sports grounds.

Foundation stone of New Academic Block was laid by Lt Gen Syed Arif Hasan, HI(M), Chairman BOG/ Commander 10 Corps on 14 May, 2003. This building consists of 08 classrooms, fully equipped science / computer laboratories along with SIS house for nearly 150 boarders.

Foundation stone of Scanlon Hall (Auditorium) was laid by Maj Gen Hamid Rab Nawaz, HI(M), the then Commandant PMA / Deputy Chairman BOG on 21 May, 2003. An ultra-modern auditorium, with seating capacity of 750 persons, named after the first Principal of the College Rev. Scanlon, was added. Father Scanlon was the first Principal of the College from 1956-64, with the longest tenure of service in the history of College. Fr. Scanlon had a dignified personality and fatherly figure in the true sense, who was a symbol of compassion, discipline, seriousness and by all means a real English gentleman. He was a stylish and keen cricketer, a batsman and masterly exponent of the forward elbow and straight bat. Inter house competitions like Qiraat / Hamd-o-Naat, Quiz, Debates, Declamation etc. are held here. It is also alternative venue for Parents' Day function and Morning Assembly, in case of inclement weather. Movies are also shown to students, the faculty members in the same auditorium on regular basis on weekends.

Foundation stone of Administration Block of the College was laid by Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, the then Principal ABHC on 26, May 2003. It was Inaugurated by Maj Gen Hamid Rab Nawaz, HI(M), Commandant PMA / Deputy Chairman BOG in 2004. It comprises offices of the Principal, the Chief Instructor, Adjutant, Administrative Officer, Academic Coordinator, Accounts Branch, Exams Cell and Visitors' Room. The building acts as the main hub of the College.

Earlier established as St. Michael's House by St. Joseph's Society in 1956, it was re-named as Shah Ismail Shaheed House by Brig Bashir Ahmad Malik, SI(M) in 1977. Foundation stone of a separate building for SIS house was laid by Lt Gen Syed Arif Hasan, HI(M), on 14 May, 2003. It is a three storeyed building with capacity of accommodation for more than 150 students along with common room, HM office and other allied facilities.

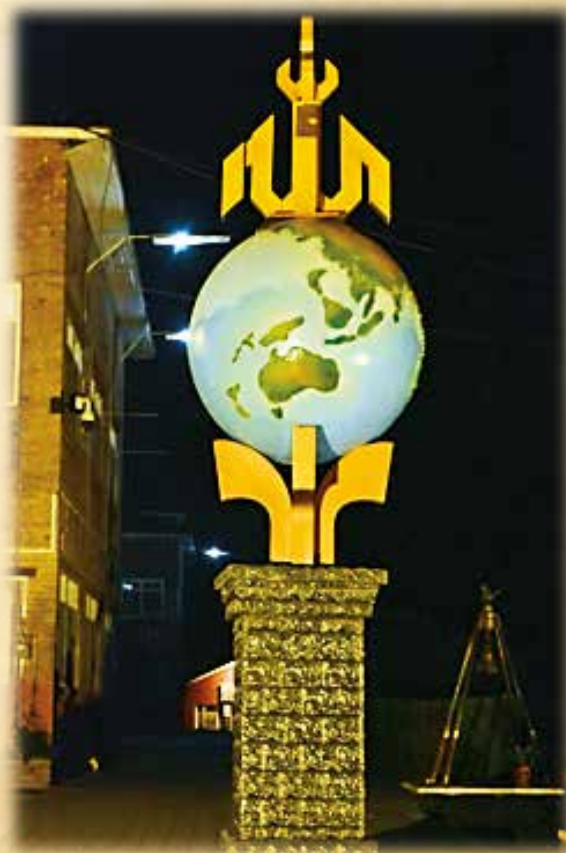
The College Section was added on 3rd Oct 1979, with a Foundation stone laid by Gen Muhammad Zia Ul Haq, President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Situated on the right of the dining hall, comprising 1st year and 2nd Year classes also has a beautiful lawn in front, often used for Lawn Studies, prior to the board exams.



College Mosque is a centre of character building and moral grooming. It is also a religious place for 'Nazra classes, Annual Qirrat / Hamd-o-Naat Competition and a place to practice religious days. It was inaugurated by Gen Khalid Mehmood Arif, HI(M), Vice Chief of Army Staff, on 10 Nov, 1985.

College Hospital is a well-equipped, 15-beds fully furnished hospital for the provision of medical care to the students, functions, under the supervision of College Medical Officer and two Nursing Assistants. The history of the College hospital traces back to the fathers, Initially, it was in SAS house building, an open and well-furnished area to the left side of the SAS house on 1st floor, which is now AHM's room. At present, the College hospital is located in front of SAS house, opposite Mosque was inaugurated by Maj Gen Raheel Sharif, HI(M), then Commandant PMA / Deputy Chairman BOG on 12 Jan 2008.

In 2007, 14 Kanals 17 Marla of additional land was bought by the College, thereby, making a total land of 286 Kanals 6 Marla with the boundary wall of 6660 feet. Construction of a new campus was completed in 2011, to run classes from Prep to class VIII in July 2011. In 2012, another House was built and named as Sher Khan Shaheed (SKS House).



Recollections from Memory; Burn Hall (1943 – 1948)

Brig (R) Mohammad Akhtar Khan*

Background

Well over 50 years have elapsed since I was in school. Many of the events have been forgotten. Many are hazy. But I do hope that whatever can be recollected will be of some use. I joined Burn-Hall at Srinagar in March 1943, when it was first established there and remained with the school till December 1948 – when I passed my Senior Cambridge from Abbottabad. During 1947, I was evacuated from Srinagar to Abbottabad with the School. We left Srinagar in first week of November via Delhi (where we were stuck for over three weeks) and finally reached Pakistan. The School reopened in Abbottabad in March 1948.

Establishment of Burn- Hall

Prior to 1943, the Mission was running a School-cum-College at Baramulla known as St. Joseph's College. I had joined St. Joseph sometime in the middle of 1942. Towards the end of the year it was decided to bifurcate the school portion from the college and shift the school to Srinagar. The College continued to function at Baramulla. The reasons for this are not known– But nobody was happier than us (the students) to shift from the mundane atmosphere of Baramulla to Cosmopolitan Srinagar. It was a very impressive building in Gothic style. The main Jhelum Valley road (Srinagar – Rawalpindi) passed in front of the College. In front were the sports grounds and the College was on and slightly elevated ground overlooking the grounds and main road. It was a very impressive affair.

The Name

The school got its name–Burn–Hall–from Father Shanks – the Principal of St. Joseph's College. Father Shanks studied at an institution by the same name in England. So when it was decided to separate the school portion and shift it to Srinagar he proposed the name of his Alma Mater for the new school. Father shanks remained at Baramulla as Principal St. Joseph's college and Father Thyssen (a Dutch national) was appointed the first Headmaster of Burn – Hall. He continued in this position until 1947, at Srinagar. The best thing about him was that he use to curse in Dutch – and nobody understood what he was saying.

The School at Srinagar

At Srinagar, the school was housed in a hired building. It was located in the heart of Srinagar – opposite the Pratap Park and close to the Residency road, and the Bund. The building was on a very large area (10-12 acres at least) and the building itself was a colossal affairs. As one approached on the right side was an apple orchard. In the centre stood the main building – a double storied structure which had the main office, dinning hall, dormitories for seniors, accommodation for staff etc. To one side a new structure was built to accommodate the class rooms. In front was a ground where we used to play cricket (but it was too small to be called a cricket ground). There was a tennis court to one side. In the rear was huge vegetable garden. Besides this a couple of buildings in the near vicinity were hired where the lady teachers and the juniors were accommodated.

* Taken from Hallmark, the Millennium Issue, 2000, Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad, P 5-18.

Students

The students varied between 80 to about 100 all told. The average number in each class used to be 8 to 10. The boys were equally composed of Muslims, Hindus, Christians (English) and the odd Sikh. However, the atmosphere in the School was one of mutual comradeship and all categories mixed with each other freely and friendships were not governed by any feeling of religion or class etc. We all ate together in the same dining hall.

Teaching Staff

The teaching staff was also brief as were the students. Father Thyssen was the Headmaster. Father D. Jong was his deputy. Father Scanlon (who was to become the first Headmaster at Abbottabad) was the junior most priest. There were two Kashmiri Pandits on the teaching staff – Mr. Kaul (Physics) and Mr. Wonchu (Chemistry) besides the ladies who mostly handled the junior classes. The emphasis in our days was not so much towards academics as in today's schools. There was an even balance of emphasis on academics, sports outdoor activity and character building. The aim was to develop an all-rounder rather than book worms.

Activities

The main activities other than academics were sports, summer camp, outings (picnics) and weekends. The school had limited grounds for sports. There was a small open ground in front of the school building where we used to play cricket – but it was a very small ground. Besides we had a lovely tennis court. However, the staff were quite resourceful in mustering the facilities from other sources. Across the River Jhelum was the Presentation Convent – and they had beautiful grounds for Hockey, Football etc. The arrangements were that we used to go across a couple of days every week and the grounds were at our disposal. While we were there, the girl students of Presentation Convent used to be safely locked up for private study – and they could not leave the rooms. In fact as the saying goes – not a bird was allowed to stir while we were there. In addition to this we had the Sri Pratap (S.P) College located in close vicinity to the school. The College had beautiful grounds and the school had arranged for one ground to be available to us – where we used to play Cricket, Hockey and Football.

Initially Hockey, Football, Cricket etc. were equally popular. But during 1945-46, things changed drastically. The Islamia College, Lahore, Cricket Team used to visit Srinagar during the summer and play friendly matches with local teams. The Islamia College team then was what later became the Pakistan Team. Kardar, Fazal, Imtiaz, Nazar, Khan Mohammad etc. were all there. They became our instant heroes and Cricket became the sport in school. Every year we used to have our Annual Sports competition. In this besides team events (inter – house) we also competed on individual basis in athletics. We were divided into groups – seniors, juniors. The overall sports trophy, known as Victor Ludorum, went to boys who secured the maximum points. I had the honour of winning the Victor Ludorum twice – in 1945 as a junior and in 1948 as a senior.

Summer Camp

During the summer vacations we used to go to Tangmarg for the summer camp. Tangmarg was located

in the Pir Panjal range about 3–4 miles short of Gulmarg. Mini buses (14 seaters) used to ply from Srinagar to Tangmarg – a distance of about 25 miles. The gradient was stiff and the buses used to be steaming every 15–20 minutes. However, besides the road there were streams of ice-cold water flowing and the radiators were topped up frequently. Tangmarg was the road head and beyond was pony track upto Gulmarg a distance of 3–4 miles. There was also a 'Pakdandi', a stiff climb up on foot which was much shorter. We used to live in tents sleep on the ground, cook our own food (occasionally) – (and worse still – eat it too!), hiking, pony riding etc. For bathing purpose we used to dam – up the nearby stream and bath in its ice cold water.

The crowning event of the camp used to be the hike to Pir Panjal Top – Alphathar. We used to go to Gulmarg a day prior to the hike and spend the night there. The Mission had a small church and accommodation at Gulmarg. Gulmarg itself was (or should say is) an unbelievably beautiful place. It was a saucer shaped meadow of appreciable size surrounded by lofty mountains on all sides. The entire area was plain covered in summer by lovely natural grass. It had the world's highest (altitude wise) and one of the most beautiful golf – courses. After spending the night at Gulmarg we used to proceed next day to Khillan Marg – midway between Gulmarg and Alphathar. This is as far as ponies went. The walk beyond was tough because of the gradient as well as lack of oxygen (altitude being above 11–12000 ft). The top was a lovely site. Beyond the top, the Pir Panjal Range starts its descent towards Punch. On top there were crevices where water used to be collected in appreciable quantities. Even in summer there used to be plenty of un-melted snow in the area – and we used to call the place frozen lake – on return we spent another night at Gulmarg.

The hike was restricted for the seniors only. I was lucky to accompany the same in 1946 – being the youngest member to go. There was no summer camp in 1947, due to the disturbances.

Outing Picnics

Srinagar was a heaven for outings/picnics. The Dali Lake was fascinating. The Mughal gardens on the periphery of the lake were master pieces of Mughal construction. The Shalimar, Nishat Bagh and Chisma Shahi used to be flocked by tourists and local population on Sundays when the fountains used to be on. There were two ways to get the Gardens. Either one took a boat (known as Shikaras) and went through the Dal Lake. An interesting feature of the boat journey was the 'ghats' through which entry and exit was controlled between Dal Lake and River Jhelum. The Dal Lake was higher than the River. At the junction point was the 'ghat' – an enclosure with wooden gates at both ends. All the boats used to enter the ghat and the rear gate used to be closed while the gate towards the lake would be opened slightly to allow water from the lake to enter the ghat. Once the ghat level reached the level of the lake, the gate would be opened fully and the boats would row away. The reverse process would be enacted to allow the boats from the lake to the river. It was quite a technique – and as youngsters we believed that the Panama Canal works on the same principal – probably true. Alternately there was a beautiful road skirting the Dal Lake and we used to cycle all the way.

Week Ends

Weekends were something to look forward to. We used to get our weekly pocket money (RS 2/- per week). Not much nowadays – but with prices as they then were we used to have a pretty good time. Adhee (confectioner – cum – restaurant used to serve us a large cup of ice cream with a biscuit stuck in it for only,

four annas (25 paises by todays currency) or four cups for a rupee. The favourite things to do were a swim in Dal Lake, a walk on the Bund, Adhoose or India Coffee House on the Bund, or may be a cycle ride to Chisma Shahi and a drink of ice cold waters of the Royal Springs.

The Bund was an institution. It had been built as an embankment along the Jhelum River after floods in 1932 which played havoc in the city. The Bund was about 20 feet higher than the surrounding areas and was very broad. On one side was the elite shopping area whereas the river side was open. It was a very popular walk for all the gentry during their stay in Srinagar. The Quaid-e-Azam during his holidays in summer used to stay in a house boat and could be seen occasionally on his walk on the Bund. The greatest regret of my life has been that I never picked up the courage to walk up to him and shake hands with him.

We had no swimming pool in school. But being in Srinagar one didn't need a pool to swim in. You had the Dal Lake-one of the world's most beautiful Lakes- available for the purpose. Dal Lake had a thick growth of weeds and it was not possible to swim in the Lake, except for a specific area which had been cleared off all weeds. This portion of the Lake was overlooked from the Palace of Maharaja of Kashmir. There used to be three to four house boats located in the centre of the clearing. Boats were available to row you to and fro. The house boats provided changing rooms, rest areas and refreshments. Besides swimming power boats were available, behind which one could go for water skiing. The charges for use of house boats were quite reasonable and well within our financial means (RS 2/ per week).

Journey to and from School

Our vacations used to be in winter. The School used to close after the Cambridge Exams in December and reopen in March. We used to have snowfall in late November – December before leaving school and in March on our return. The journey from Srinagar to Rawalpindi used to be by bus (Bannihal pass being snow bound and closed both in December and March could not be used). We always had to have a night halt en-route - since in those days one day drive from Srinagar to Rawalpindi was considered too strenuous for the driver. While entering the Kashmir State in March every year, the customs people at Kohala/Domel were very strict in checking. Invariably they would come up with tins of bully beef from the baggage of the English boys. Since cow slaughter and beef were prohibited in the State the tins used to end up in River Jhelum.

General Points

Before I move on to the shifting of the School from Srinagar to Abbottabad, a few points of general interest concerning the school at Srinagar. As I have mentioned the atmosphere at school was like a family with no consideration of casts, colour or religion. We were as friendly with the English (Christian) boys as we were with Hindus or Muslims. The school, contrary to what is generally believed by outsiders, did not conduct any Bible classes nor were non-Christian boys asked/encouraged to attend Church on Sundays. The Sunday Church was compulsory for the Christian boys- and they used to envy us for our late sleep on Sundays. There were however, the odd non-Christian boys who used to go to Church as juniors we did not fathom the reasons for their fervour- but later in the life we realized that they were not motivated by any feelings of religion- but used to go to Church purely for the reason that the girls from Presentation Convent used to be there too.

Conversely one can say that the school did not devote any attention to religious teaching for the students belonging to various religions. The only prayers that we attended was on Eid days. On Eid days some of them used to borrow Shalwar/Qameez from us and accompany us. (Purely out of curiosity I am sure). We were generally restricted in our outings to places like Adhoo's and India Coffee House. But on Eid days we used to visit the 'Mithai' shops and buy 'Desi Mithai', and bring some for the staff and they enjoyed it.

Although the atmosphere at School was always free from any religious bias, but sometime the difference showed. In Srinagar is a hill called "Takhat-e-Suleman" by the Muslims and Shankara- Charia by the Hindus. There was a Hindu temple on top of the hill. A mixed group of us decided to walk to the top. It was summer and hot. By the time we reached the top we were all thirsty- and asked for water. The person went inside the temple. Soon a Hindu Sadhu in Saffron cloth come out, segregated the Hindu boys and took them inside for water. The rest were sent back without a drink. This left an everlasting impression on the mind.

Another incident was during the 1945 Sports competition; I was in the junior section. We had an event which we called the 'Marathon' – although the distance covered was barely 4 miles or so. Our physics teacher (a Kashmiri Pandit Gentleman) was accompanying us on his cycle (probably to make sure no one makes a short cut). After sometime, three of us were in the lead – an English boy, a Hindu and myself. The teacher was with us on his cycle and encouraging the Hindu boy. After sometime the Hindu boy also started lagging behind. The teacher also fell back and continued to encourage him. However, as the distance between us started increasing, the teacher came up again to us and now he started backing me up (against the English boy). I not only won that race, but also realized the reason why the Quaid-e-Azam was asking for a separate state for the Muslims. In a joint India the Muslims would always be the second choice.

Migration – 1947

In 1947, as independence approached, events began to warm up. Soon the Christians (whose families were based in Pakistan) and Muslim boys (most of whom were from Frontier/Punjab) started leaving. Only the local boys and those whose fathers were in service remained.

On 14 August the future of State was still uncertain. However, a stand-still agreement had been signed with Pakistan and hence the post office came under the administrative control of Pakistan. The official Pakistan Flag was hoisted atop the post office and we flocked there to salute our Flag.

In Srinagar all the buildings were bedecked with Flags. One saw either the Pakistan flag or the flag of National Conference (Sh. Abdullah's Party which had its own flag- red with an insignia of plough in one corner). God is my witness- there was no Indian Flag in Srinagar on that day. Only later in September – October, when Sh. Abdullah was released from jail did things change.

I had a small Pakistan Flag which I fixed on the handle of my cycle. En-route to school from Batmalu (where we were living) one had to cross the Amira Kadal Bridge (first of the seven bridges over River Jhelum). I shall never forget the smart salute that I received from the policeman on duty in uniform and he said "This is our flag".

The Move out of Srinagar

In October when the freedom movement gained momentum, the non-Muslim population started evacuating. On 26 October, the Maharaja along with his entourage bolted to Jammu. Along with him went the Hindu officials as also the Hindu boys studying– with us. Since majority of the students were Muslims and belonged to areas now in Pakistan it was decided to evacuate the school to Abbottabad. Father Thyssen stayed behind to wind up affairs in Srinagar, and Father Scanlon moved to organize and set up the new school. My late father, was in service, as Director Civil supplies (having been transferred from Army in June 47 as a part of official policy to side line the senior Muslim army officers before plunging the state to India), hence we were stuck at Srinagar. On my father's request, my elder brother (who had already left school and was now studying in S.P. College) and I accompanied Father Scanlon. At the time we left Srinagar, the Indian Army had already landed (27 Oct. 47) and fierce fighting was on in the outskirts of Srinagar. The Jhelum Valley Road was closed– so we flew to New Delhi.

At New Delhi our reception was problematic. This was the time when communal riots were at their height. We reached Delhi at night and were taken to St. Joseph's College. One of the Fathers asked us (my elder brother and myself) whether we were Christian or Hindus. I was expecting my brother to reply, but he had got the significance of the question and was quiet. I instantly told the father that we are neither Christian nor Hindus – we were Muslims. The gentleman almost hit the roof and rushed to Father Scanlon and warned him of the danger that would ensue next day when the College opened and the Hindu boys came in. A hurried conference was held and we were bundled into the College bus and driven to the Presentation Convent New Delhi. It was almost mid-night by then. However, the Mother Superior and her entire staff took us into their care. A separate room was earmarked for us and no one not even servants – were allowed. The sisters used to serve us our meals personally, take our dhobi clothes and attend to all requirements. The Convent was a day school and the girls used to disperse home after classes. In the afternoon our room used to be opened and we were allowed to have fresh air in the compound of the Convent. It was located opposite the Red Fort and one could get a view of the same. After sometime the girl students did realize that there was something mysterious about our room which remained closed. Luckily, however, nothing untoward happened during the three weeks that we remained.

Movement from Delhi to Pakistan was a problem. We were lucky that we got seats so early. On that day when we reached our room the Sister brought our usual afternoon tea. When we told her we were flying to Pakistan next day, she picked up the tray and rushed away. She was back soon, with the tray laden with pastries and other eatables and served us our farewell party. The Mother Superior and her staff were a wonderful set of people. They looked after us as if we were their real children. Their kindness is fixed in one's mind forever.

Arrival in Pakistan

The journey from Palam Airport was on a British Dakota Aircraft, whose seats had all been removed to accommodate as many people as possible. The airport was a sorry sight. There were hundreds – nay thousands of people gathered hoping to get a passage to Pakistan. Their condition was pathetic. On arrival at Pakistan we landed at Walton Airport, Lahore. A few days were spent at St. Anthony's School and then we moved to Rawalpindi. Some senior boys also joined us here and appeared for the Senior Cambridge Exam in December 47 from Presentation Convent, Rawalpindi. Soon after Father Scanlon moved to Abbottabad and got fully engrossed in organizing the School.

Establishment at Abbottabad

We were lucky that the former Abbot Hotel (Now the Junior Section of School) was allotted to the School. Father Scanlon remained thoroughly involved in preparation and organizing the affairs and achieved a near miracle to start the school on schedule in March 48. Most of the Muslim boys from Srinagar and other public schools in India like Bishop Cotton's Simla etc. joining us. Undoubtedly all credit goes to Father Scanlon for setting up the School in such a short time and organizing the arrangements for teaching, boarding for students, the staff and host of associated details. However, all this may not have been possible in spite of Father Scanlon, if Khan Abdul Qayum Khan, the Chief Minister of Frontier had not put his entire weight (which was appreciable) into the project and brushed aside all red tape. The Chief Minister also attended the inauguration of the School at Abbottabad. There was a great storm and soon all of us including the Chief Minister were holding the bamboo poles to prevent the Shamiana from flying off. He was impressed by the School motto which was in Latin (Quo Non Ascendam), and reminded of his days when he went to Cambridge and had to learn Latin as part of his entrance exam.

At Abbottabad– as at Srinagar– we had no grounds of our own. But again the problem was solved, and the Frontier Force Centre was kind to allow us use of their grounds in the evening. Things quickly normalized and we had the Senior Cambridge examination in Abbottabad in December 1948.

Conclusion

On parting 1 would like to narrate something which reflects the character of the School. As mentioned above, my elder brother and I came with the School in 1947 – while my parents were stuck up in Srinagar. On arrival in Pakistan, my elder brother was admitted in Gordon College, Rawalpindi and I went with the School to Abbottabad. Not only was I not billed – but all expenses of my elder brother were paid by the School. When I left School and joined Gordon College, Rawalpindi in 1949, the School continued to pay my college expenses also. Sometime in 1949, transfer of money was allowed through the banks between India and Pakistan. My father asked us to open accounts with Lloyd's Bank Rawalpindi and send the account nos to him. We opened the accounts (RS 10/- each) and sent the number. Where upon money was transferred from Lloyds Srinagar to our accounts. With cheque books in our pocket, both of us went to Abbottabad. When we asked Father Scanlon for our bill– he was in a furious mood and admonished that who were we to ask for the bills. He insisted that he would present the same only to our father when he came out from Srinagar. With great difficulty could we persuade him that the money has been sent by our father and showed him the letters and passbooks that he reluctantly accepted our cheques. The attitude was completely free from any commercial considerations– which unfortunately is a rare thing in educational institutions today.

Student Houses

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Syed Ahmad Shaheed House (Old St. Gabriel House)

Gabriel, in the Abrahamic religions, is an angel who typically serves as God's messenger. Gabriel is mentioned in Old, New Testaments, as well as the Holy Quran. In the Old Testament, he appears to the prophet Daniel, explaining Daniel's visions. He was a link between the Supreme Creator and the Chosen men; Prophets. He was a messenger of God, when the prophets used to come in this world.

Owing to Catholic background of the Fathers the house was named as St. Gabriel's House. Once Army took over the administration, the House was renamed as Syed Ahmad Shaheed House. Syed Ahmad Shaheed Barelvi (1786–1831), was a revolutionary Islamist and a fighter, the commander of the Battle of Balakot in 1831. He is considered as one of the modern Islamic leaders who led movement that was 'religious, military and political'.

The House originally established in 1956, was in the main building of school under the supervision of matrons. This building is the classic example of British architecture with wooden upper floor structure. This House is a large, three storeyed building, with hostel facility for the boarders having capacity of accommodation for more than 150 students along with HM's office, AHM's rooms, a well-equipped common room alongwith other allied facilities.

Motto of the house is 'Fortis in Arduis', which means 'Strong in Adversary'. The logo of the house had two lions, which were later changed into two cross clubs. This is the representation of Stone Aged fighting clubs.



Fortis in Arduis
(Strong in Adversary)



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PREFECT SAS HOUSE

S.No.	Year	Name
1	1982	Farooq Ahmed
2	1984	Khawaj Ikram Ellahi
3	1985	Syed Maajid Hassan Shah
4	1986	Nayab Khan
5	1987	Syed Junaid Ali Qasim
6	1988	Nasir Khan
7	1989	M. Ali Jadoon
8	1993	Naeemullah
9	1994	Mian Bilal Shah
10	1995	Amin Ullah
11	1997	Syed Adil Anwar
12	1998	Zeeshan Mustafa Qureshi
13	1999	Naveed Ali Shigri
14	2000	Hassan Raza Jaffar
15	2001	Babar Riaz
16	2002	Khalid Saeed
17	2003	Umar Malik
18	2004	M. Naeem Adil
19	2005	Kaleem Abbas
20	2006	M. Jamal Pasha
21	2008	Syed Usman Ali Shah
22	2009	Tahir Abbas Munawar Abbas Shigri
23	2010	Wasif Iqbal
24	2011	Bilal Ali Sultan
25	2012	Muhammad Hassan Buzdar
26	2013	Asad Tariq Chohan
27	2014	Muhammad Ahmed Mehes
28	2015	Sajawal Sharif Dogar
29	2016	Iftikhar Ahmed
30	2017	Malik M. Waleed Shahzad

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ASST PREFECT SAS HOUSE

S.No.	Year	Name
1	1982	Tahir Nawaz
2	1985	Aamer Naseer
3	1986	Syed Haseeb Hassan
4	1987	Khurram Khan
5	1988	Nadeemullah
6	1989	Shahab Khan
7	1994	Gihar Ali
8	1995	Amjad Hussain
9	1997	Ahsan Qamar Mumtaz Alam Malik
10	1998	Asfandiyar Khan Fakhr-ul-Islam
11	1999	Syed M. Kashan Mustansar Aqib Jhangir
12	2000	Malik Iftikhar
13	2001	Hassan Khursheed Malik M. Shehraz
14	2002	Adnan Hashmat Sabeeh Shahid
15	2003	Shams Ur Rehman Bilal Khan Tanoli
16	2004	Aman Khan M. Wahab Bin Amjad
17	2005	Hassan Tahir Rizwan Qayyum
18	2006	Asad Khan Farrukh Mehmood
19	2008	Bilal Afzal Kashif Altaf
20	2009	Rizwan Ali Usman Habib M. Mamoon Alam
21	2016	Asher Maqsood Abdullah Khan
22	2017	Badar Yasin Khan Hamza Mohib

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HOUSE SPORTS SECRETARY

S.No.	Year	Name
1	2000	Mohsin Mujtaba Bogio
2	2005	Malik Gohar Sajjad
3	2006	Khan Afsar
4	2008	Taimoor Zafar
5	2009	Malik Usman Sajid Habib Ur Rehman
6	2010	Waqas Akram
7	2013	Syed Luqman Shah Bukhari
8	2016	Shehryar Lali
9	2017	Abdullah Ahmad Sarfraz Abdullah Khan

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MESS SECRETARY

S.No.	Year	Name
1	2008	Usman Zafar
2	2009	Shoaib Mehmood Awan
3	2010	Rizwan Ullah
4	2011	Sikandar Ali
5	2013	Abdur Rehman
6	2016	Samiullah Khan
7	2017	Rana Maqsood Munawar Khan

Shah Ismail Shaheed House (Old St. Michael House)

Shah Ismail Shaheed (SIS) House was known as St. Michael House. St. Michael, the Archangel, signifies as a benefactor and the representative of God, who is instrumental in bringing the favour of God on the earth and the heavens. He has especially been honored and invoked as a patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called 'the Archangel', 'the Greek Fathers', and many others place him over all the angels – as Prince of the seraphim.

Keeping in view the spiritual stature of St Michael, the house was named after him, which was later on changed as Shah Ismail Shaheed House as soon as administration of the House was handed over to Pak Army by the Fathers. Shah Ismail Shaheed was an Islamic scholar and a warrior in the jihad proclaimed by Syed Ahmed Shaheed with the support of Pushtoon tribes against the Sikh kingdom of Punjab. Shah Ismail was a devoted follower and companion of Syed Ahmad Shaheed. He was martyred on 6 May 1831 during a fierce battle at Balakot. Like Syed Ahmad Shaheed, Shah Ismail Shaheed has also shown the path of liberation to the Muslims of India. The motto of the house is 'Sans Peur', which means 'without fear'.

The logo of the house has an axe and a club, which might be a representation of development from Stone Age to next age. The building of this house is located in the new Academic Block, with the capacity to accommodate more than 150 students along with HM office, AHMs rooms, adjacent class rooms and newly established students' mess in its immediate proximity.



'Sans Peur'
(without Fear)

PREFECTS SIS HOUSE

Year	Name
1978	Mushtaq Ahmed
1979	S Ali Asghar Gardezi Nasir Khan
1980	Ali Asghar Gardezi Ibrahim Khan
1981	Affaf Bedar Malik Ilyas Sultan

ASST PREFECT SIS HOUSE

Year	Name
1987	S M Musa Gardezi
1988	Fakhar Jamil
1989	Jahangir Khan Kakar
1990	Sajjad Saleem Khan
1991	Salman Ahmad Zafar
1992	Junaid Baber Dar

1982	Ilyas Sultan Mian Abbas Ali Shah
1983	Ibrar Malik S M Ghalib Shah
1984	S D Hasssan Azher Hayat
1985	Shakeel Sardar
1986	Sharjil Ahmed Syed Asad Ali Shah
1987	Obaid Khan
1988	Inam Ur Rehman
1989	M. Khuram Mahmood
1990	Anwar Aziz Khan
1991	Jehangir Khan Kakar
1992	Syed Zaighum Abbas Naqbi
1993	Sharafat Ali Khan
1994	Asad Ur Rehman Awan
1995	Jilil Ur Rehman
1997	Naseer Ud Din Khan
1998	Kashif Javed
1999	K H Ghazanfar Nazeer
2000	M Hasanat Ur Rehman
2001	Muhammad Anwar Ur Haq
2002	Usman Ur Haq
2003	Sohail Akhtar
2004	Imran Aslam Malik
2005	Shabab Nazar
2006	Hassan Shafiq
2007	Nayyar Rafique
2008	Ehsan Amin
2009	Faizan Munawar
2010	Syed M Hammad Hussain
2011	Faraz Ahmed Butt
2012	Rana Muhammad Nauman
2013	Asfandiyar Jamote
2014	Abdul Wahab Hanif Bangash
2015	Shah Zaib
2016	Umer Nawaz
2017	Furqan Ahmed Waqar

1993	Syed Mazhar Ali Qasim
1994	Dawood Nasim Mughal
1995	Shakih Kashif Iqbal
1996	Kamran Khan
1997	Haroon Tayyab
1998	Raheel Ahmed Chughtai
1999	Raja Zahid Nawaz Syed Wajih Ul Hassan
2000	Wajid Ali Khan
2001	Muhammad Asad Khan Anas Waris
2002	M. Anwar Khan Ahmed Kamal
2003	Azam Javaid Tesheen Tariq
2004	Aman Khan (SAS) Wahad Din Amjad (SAS)
2005	Malik Mohsin Kahn Usman Ali Shah
2006	Zahoor Akbar Waleed Basher
2007	Wajahat Iftikhar
2008	Muhammad Rafi Abdullah Khan
2009	Asif Nazir Ihtesham Ahmed
2010	Talha Majeed Sardar Sher M Khan
2011	Hassan Masood Daniyal Tariq
2012	Bilal Khan
2013	Hassan Mehmood
2014	Shahab Ud Din Ahmed Kataria
2015	Naeem Ahmed Kakar
2015	Wahaj Munir Qazi
2016	Hassan Afridi
2017	Waheed Ullah

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HOUSE SPORTS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2005	Usama Iqbal
2006	Hassan Ali
2007	Sibtain Ali
2008	Furqan Ahmed
2009	Ahmad Raza Khan
2010	M. Faateh Atif Farooq Bhatti
2011	Syed M. Muneeb Tariq Gillani
2012	Muhammad Junaid Ali
2013	Farhan Khalid Janjua
2014	Hammad Ali Malik
2015	Malik Waleed Ahmed
2016	Waqar Ahmed
2017	Muhammad Maraj

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MESS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2007	Haider Afzal
2008	Zeeshan Ghias
2009	Haroon Khan
2010	Wahid Khan
2011	Sheikh Akbar Ajmal
2012	Furqan Ahmad Cheema
2013	Ibrar Ahmed Rumi
2015	Moeed Arshad
2016	Faraz Ahmad
2017	Ehsan Iftikhar

Sultan Tipu Shaheed House

"The real joy of life is to combat difficulties and miseries with firm determination." Tipu Sultan.

Sultan Tipu Shaheed, the Tiger of Mysore, was a capable and innovative ruler and is considered a pioneer of rocket artillery. He continued fighting the British and defeated them in 1783. He was martyred on 4 May 1799, at Sriangapatna, during Fourth Anglo-Mysore War against the forces of the British East India Company, supported by the Marathas and the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Sultan Tipu is held in high esteem due to his heroism, valor and fearlessness. His towering image inspires the young generation. Due to his unparalleled steadfastness and valor against British imperialism, one of the hostels of Burn Hall has been named after him.

Sultan Tipu Shaheed House is a spacious hostel, which has the capacity to accommodate more than 150 students along with HM office, AHMs rooms, a well-equipped common room and other allied facilities. Its construction started in 1985, and it was inaugurated by Brig Zahoor Ahmad in 1991. Initially, it was a day scholar's house, but it was re-organized, balancing out boarding students equally in all the houses. The House was initially established for the Day Scholars but later organized in a full fledged boarding hostel.



**Fortis in Proelio
(Firm in Combat)**

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PREFECT STS HOUSE

Year	Name
1986	Sikandar Zulqarnain
1987	Jamal Akbar
1988	Shahab Khanzada
1989	Jawad Majeed Swati
1990	Fida Ur Rehman
1991	Usman Ayub

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ASST PREFECT STS HOUSE

Year	Name
1986	Omar Ayub Khan
1987	Zalmai Rehman Ud Din
1988	Aimal Khan
1989	Usman Ayub
1990	Shaukat Ali
1991	Shaukat Ali

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1993	Usman Ali Anwar
1994	Syed Amir Javed
1995	Ameer Mohammad Khan
1996	Mudassar Zia
1997	Syed Muhammad Hussain
1999	M. Imdad Hussain
2000	Atif Hussain
2001	Shahzad Anwar Abbas
2002	M. Uzair Gill
2003	Bilal Ali Virk
2004	M. Majeed
2005	Nabeel Ahmed
2006	Malik Bilal Hafeez
2007	Ali Raza
2008	Touqeer Anjum
2009	Kamran Kareem
2010	Asim Manzoor Virk
2011	Hamza Iqbal Khan
2012	Muhammad Sultan Azeem
2013	Abdullah Babar
2014	Aamir Latif Yousaf Zai
2015	Muhammad Umair Farooqi
2016	Shahzeb Nazakat
2017	Umer Farooq

1992	Fahd Ayub
1993	Nasir Mehmood
1994	Nabeel Mehmood
1995	Usman Ghazi
1995	Moin Ayaz
1996	Arsalan Tariq
1996	Qasim Amin
1997	Shujaat Ali Khan
1997	M. Yasir Irshad Arshad
1998	Myhammad Bashir Akbar
1999	Zafar Ali
1999	Ahmer Aslam Mir
2000	Bilal Zia Ud Din
2001	Taimoor Haider Shah
2001	Obaid Nasir
2002	Adnan Tauqeer
2002	Sikandar Haq Tareen
2003	Sajjad Ahmed Abbasi
2003	Zahid Raza
2004	Aamir Aziz
2004	Riaz Hussain
2005	Waqas Ahmed
2005	M. Mustafa Saeed
2006	Mohsin Khan
2006	Qazi Muhammad Awais
2007	Bilawal Ghafoor
2007	Hasham Khan
2008	M.Shafqat Ahmed Nor
2008	M. Khizar Khan
2009	Muhammad Shah Nawz
2009	Junaid Khan
2010	Haris Pervaiz
2011	Ateeb Saeed Butt
2012	Syed Ahsan Abbas Bukhari
2013	M. Umair Iqbal Minhas
2014	Muhammad Zubair Wazir
2015	Talha Abbasi
2015	Abdul Muqheet Qureshi
2016	Hamd Rehman
2017	Saud Ahsan

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HOUSE SPORTS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2005	Taimoor Zahid
2006	Bilal Ali Khan
2007	Hammad Younas
2008	Israr Ud Din Khan
2009	Sohail Yaqoob
2010	M. Sardar Alam Jahanian
2011	Malik Sohail Raza
2012	Hamid Raza Bhatti
2013	Mazhar Manzoor Bhatti
2014	Abdul Wahab Annas
2015	Muhammad Asim
2016	Annus Tanveer
2017	Ahsan Sikandar Khan

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MESS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2007	Waqas Anwar
2008	M. Suleman
2009	Rahat Zulfiqar
2010	Muhammad Tariq Kahn
2011	Naeem Irshad Gadhi
2012	Abubakar Javid Butt
2013	Sardar M. Awais Nazir
2014	Nasir Waseem Khattak
2015	Hassan Afzal
2016	Shahbaz Ahmed
2017	M. Sheraz Anwar Doger

Sher Khan Shaheed House

Karnal Sher Khan (1970-1999) is one of eleven recipients of Pakistan's highest gallantry award, the Nishan-e-Haider. He was a Captain in the 27 Sindh Regiment of Pakistan Army. Captain Sher Khan was posthumously awarded Nishan-e-Haider, for his actions during the Kargil Conflict with India in 1999.

Taking into account his devotion, commitment, determination and inspired heroism, this House was named after Captain Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider-1999. Inaugurated by Lt Gen Khalid Nawaz Khan, HI(M), Sitara-i-Esar, the then Chairman BOG, Commander 10 Corps and a proud Hallian on 25 Nov 2011. It consists of two Blocks (A & B), accommodating Junior students from 5th class to 8th class. This house is a large, 3 storeyed building, with hostel facility for the boarders, having capacity of accommodating more than 170 students along with HM office, AHMs rooms, a well-equipped common room and academic block in front of it and exclusive messing and exam hall facilities inside the house.



**Pro Honore
(Die for Honour)**

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PREFECT SKS HOUSE

Year	Name
2012	Romaeel Ahmed Sanwal
2013	Hassan Ali Khan
2014	Usman Ullah
2015	Sinan Ali
2016	Syed Ateeq ur Rehman

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ASST PREFECT SKS HOUSE

Year	Name
2012	Saad Farooq
2013	Hafiz Muhammad Amen
2014	Usman Rashid
2015	M. Saad Bin Arshad
2016	Muhammad Asad

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HOUSE SPORTS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2012	Sanawar Gondal
2013	Syed Luqman Shah
2014	Abdullah Nor
2015	Mashhood Javaid
2016	Naqeeb Ullah

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MESS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2012	Rana Muhammad Usman Asif
2013	Hassan Nawaz Khan
2014	Arslan Ahmed
2015	M. Usama Abbas Bhatti
2016	Hasnain Bajwa

HALL OF FAME

The honour boards add glory and magnificence to the lobby of Academic Block. The carved names are enclosing a history of distinguished Hallians. Side by side they are a source of inspiration and motivation for the young Hallians, who pass through the corridors while having a look at them. It gives them hope that by becoming mission oriented, they can also become a part of these honour boards.



THE COLLEGE CAMPUS NOW AND THEN



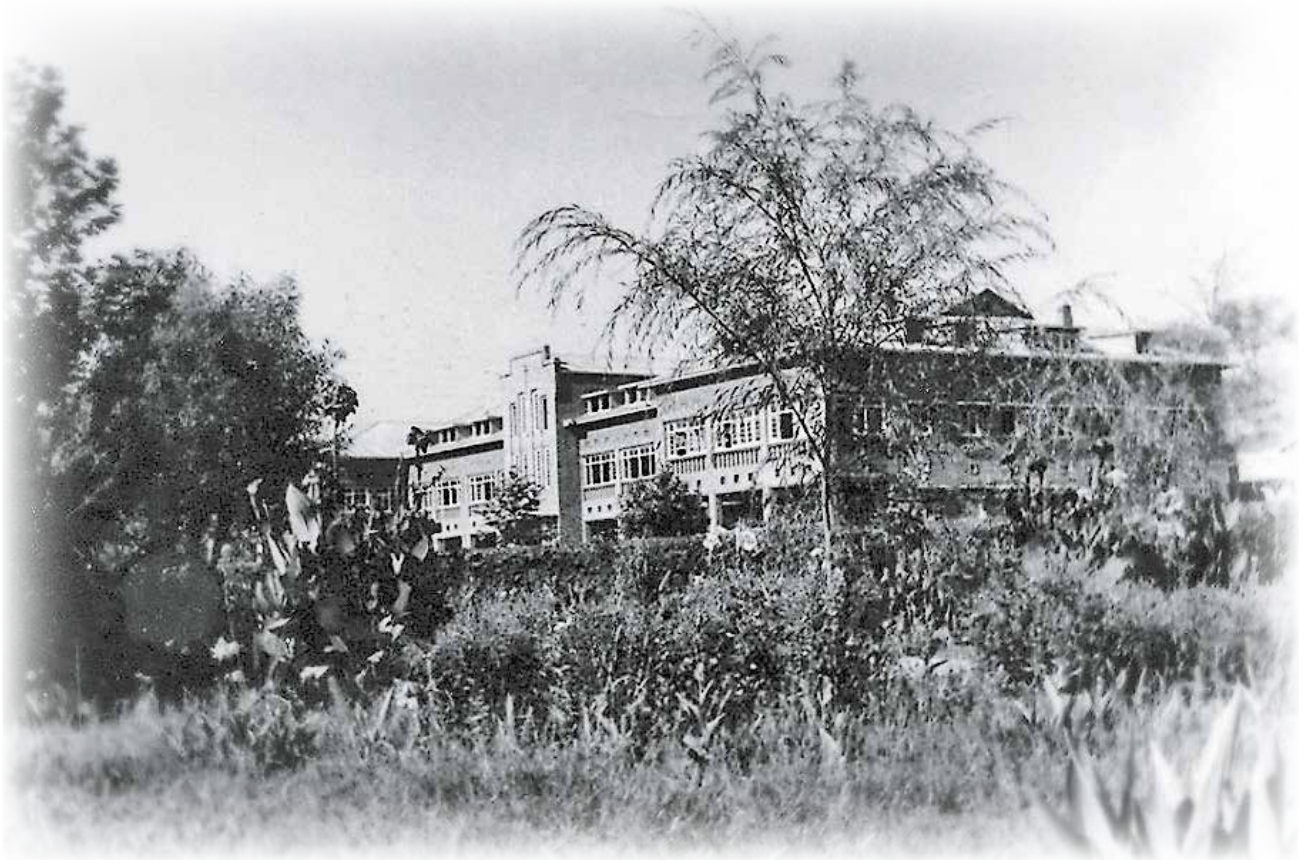
The College Drive - A View from Hill Top



The College Drive - A View from Hill Top



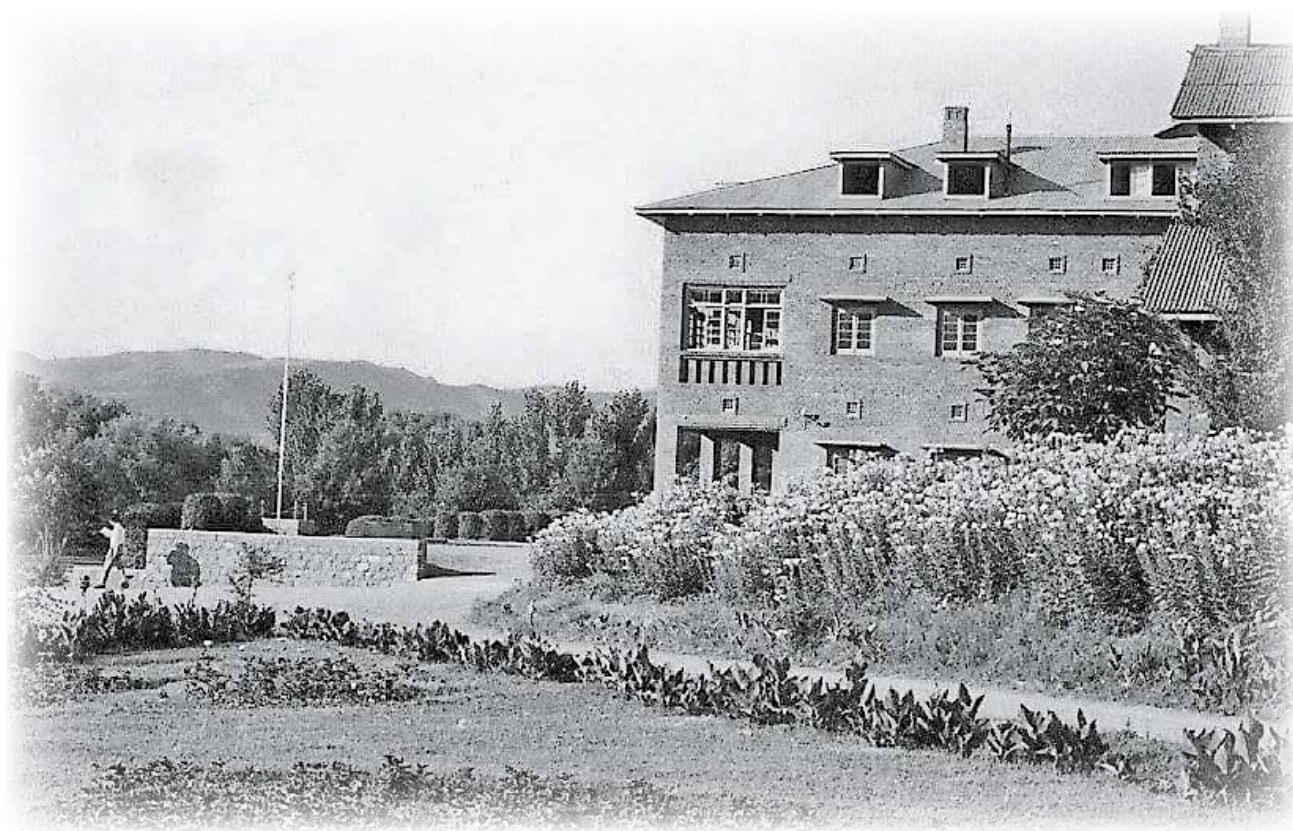
Academic Block - A View from Adm Block



Main Campus - A View from Hockey Ground



The College Campus



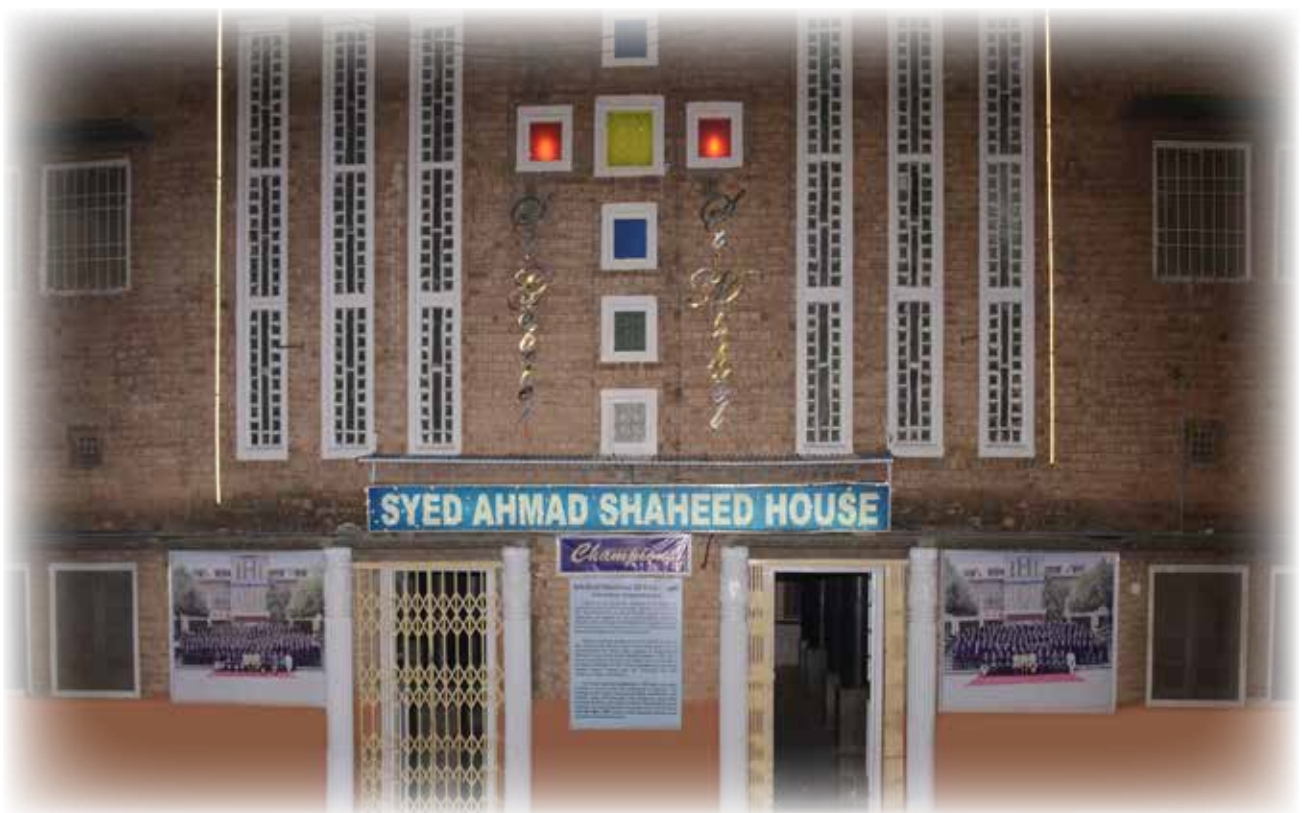
Rear View of Hockey Ground and Library



View of the College Mess from Administration Block



SAS House Day & Night



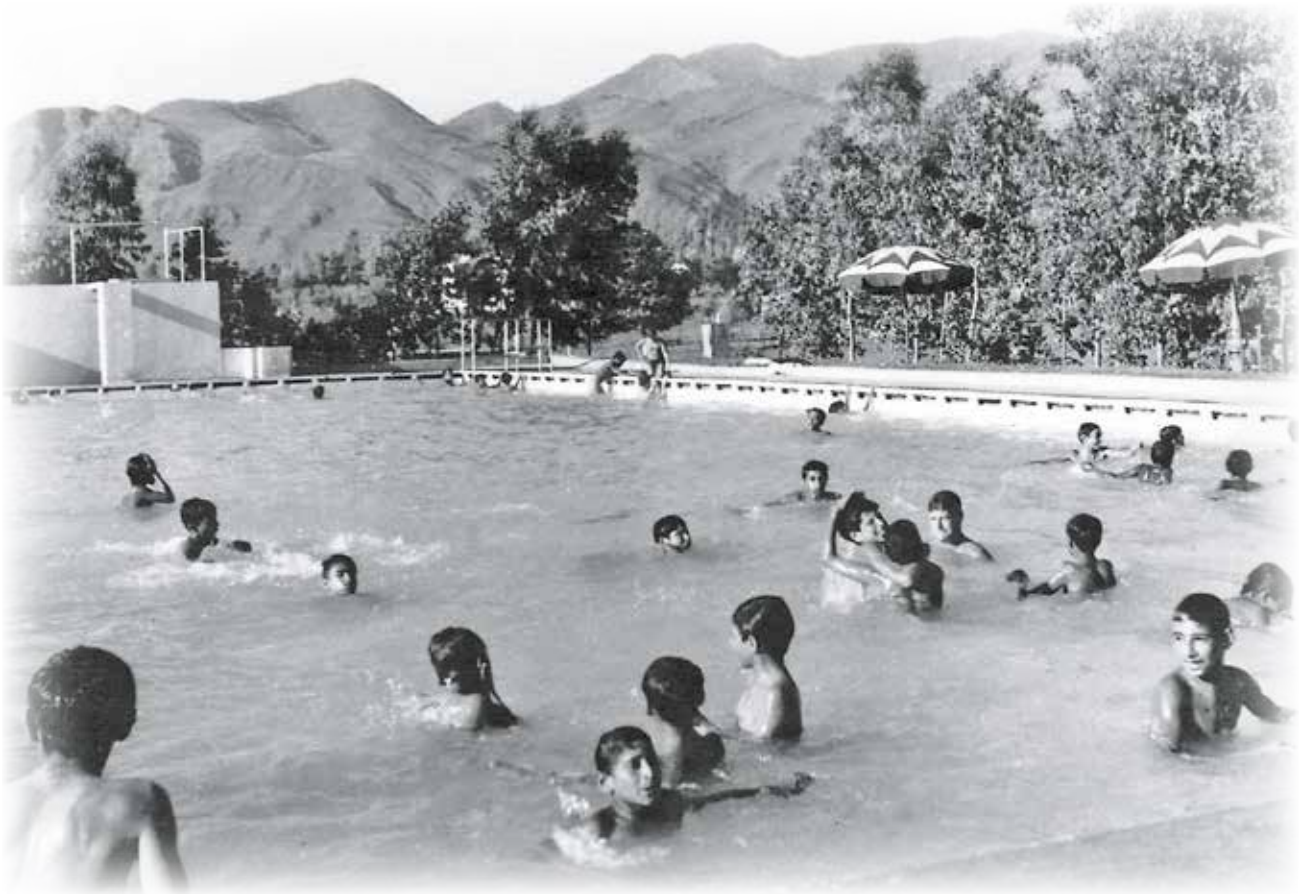
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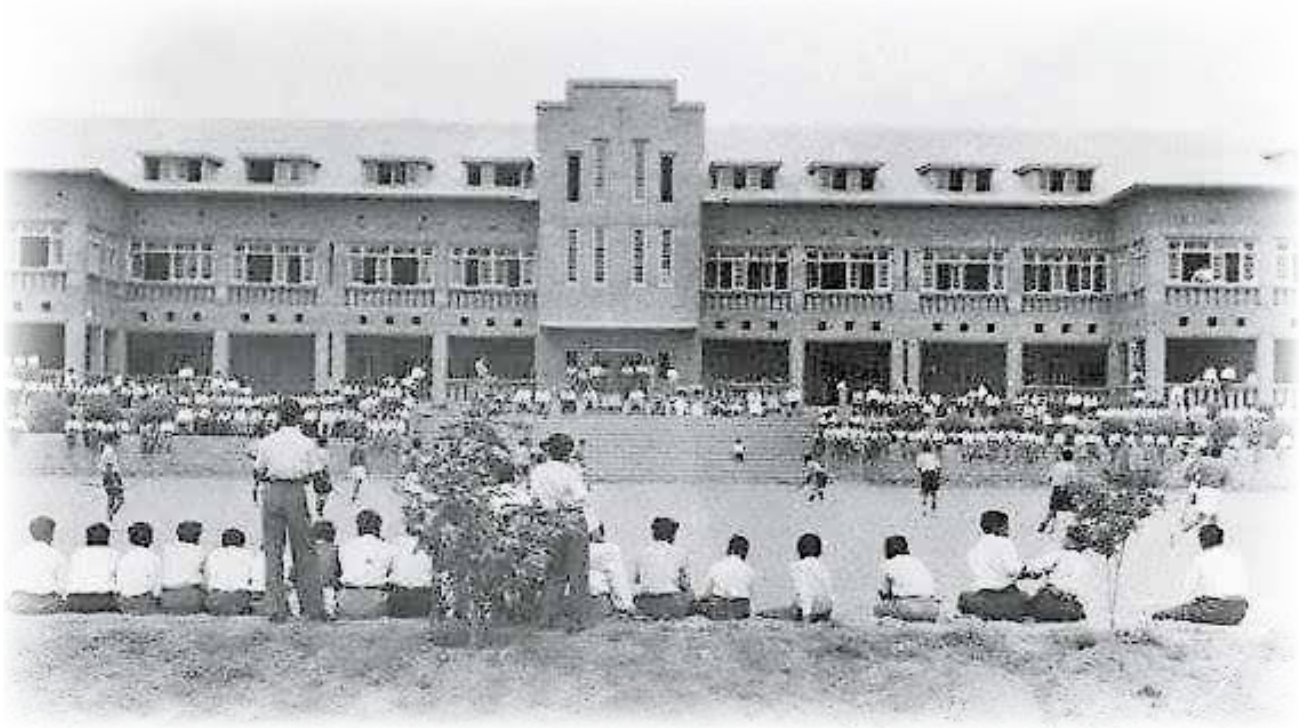
The College Main Mess



The College Swimming Pool



The College Hockey Ground



*Down the
Memory Lane*

The College Main Gate



Since 1956, everyday too many legends walk through this gate

The Academic Block





The College Main Mess



The Burn



The College Drive





Picture Courtesy: Mr Waseem Sajjad, Former Chairman Senate and Acting President of Pakistan
(Day Scholar – 1948)



Scenic View of the Old Town of Abbottabad



Hallians at Leisure Time



Outgoing Students with their Mentors



Together Once We Were



Group Photo of St. Gabriel's House



Group Photo of St. Michael's House



The Pioneers of Senior Burn Hall



Hallians in Reading Room



Friends Forever



Hockey Team with Father Scanlon



Together Once We Were



Outgoing Students of Senior Cambridge



Outgoing Students of St. Gabriel's House



The Champions 1967



The Best Sportsmen with the Principal,
Father Turner



Hockey Needs Good Talent



A Scene from Inter House Hockey Match



Football Needs Stamina



Gesture of Goodwill



College Tennis Team



A Much Needed Break



Football Team of St. Gabriel's House



Group Photo before the Match



St. Michael's Football Team



Touching the Winning Line



100 Metres Dash



A Winning Leap



A Scene from Inter House Basketball Match



At Play



Ready to Dive



A Scene from Water Polo Match



Beating the Heat



College Swimming Team



I am the Man



The Faculty of 1978 with Brig B.A.Malik (Late)



Awards Encourage the Sportsmen



The Best Boy of the Year



A Scene from Play



Courtesy Bow



1953-54 Prize Distribution



1954 Hockey Team



Burn Hall Hill View 1971



The Respected Teachers



St. Michael's Basketball Team 1972



St. Michael's Football Team 1972



St. Gabriel's Prefects Akbar Qureshi & Javed Khan with the 1972 Inter House Games Trophy



CSUO Esmond D'Cunha receiving the Sword of Honour from the Prime Minister



The Editorial Board 1982



St. Gabriel's Tennis Team 1968 Front: Ch. Nisar Ali Khan and Sarfaraz Khan Back: Asghar Ali, Ayaz Naseer, Shaiq, Keith Tate



Syed Ahmed Shaheed House - 1983



Tess Flanagan



May Flanagan



Father Shanks



Miss Flanagan My First,
Teacher in K.G 1948 Loving



Junior St. Michael Football Team 1973



Junior St. Michael Basketball Team 1973



The Chief Guest Shaking Hand with the College Hockey Team



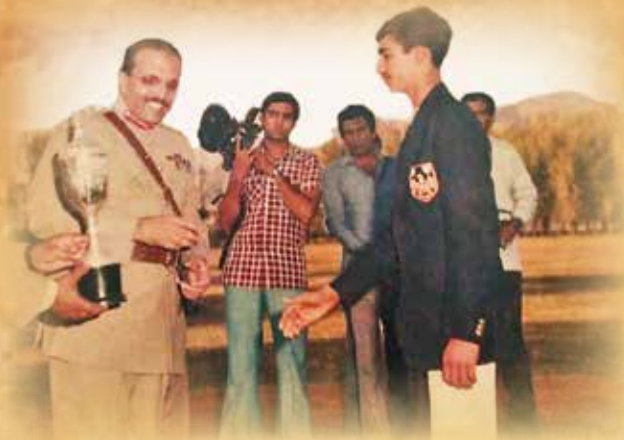
St. Gabriel House 1968



St. Michael's Basketball Team



Well Done! Boy



President Gen Zia-ul-Haq giving away the prize



Imran Khan at Burn Hall



General Raheel Sharif, NI(M), then Maj Gen,
Deputy Chairman BoG, Inaugurating
Squash Court



Football Team 1982



Cricket Team 1998-99



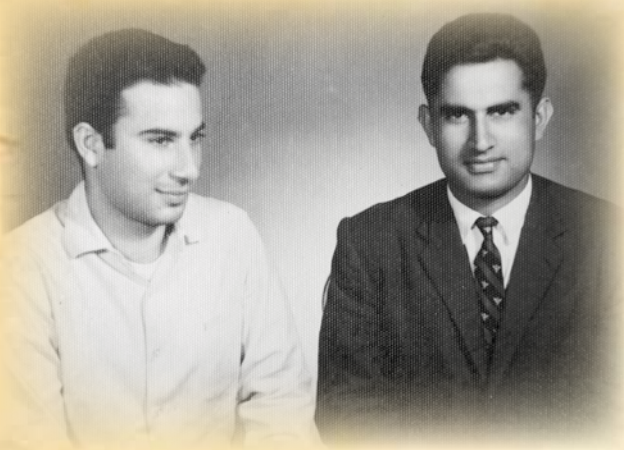
1953-54, A View from Mansehra Rest House Towards BAFA-Shankiari



1954-55, View of Abbottabad-Polo Ground, Government College Kakul



1954-55, View of Mansehra Road Near Burn Hall School



Akbar S. Ahmed & Mumtaz Gul, Very Good Friends



At Kaghan Rest House, Mumtaz Gul in the Jeep
(Left) Father Clarken Standing



At the Chief Minister Memorial L to R Inayat Ullah Qazi -Islam Gul



Cricket Team 1954



English Drama Staged By Government College Abbottabad Burn Hall Students L-R 1. Salim Ullah, 2.____, 3. M Ali Durrani, 4. Mumtaz Gul, 5. Nasim Ayub



Group Photo with Bishop Hattinga, Islam Gul on Chair 1st L To R



Football Team, Mumtaz Gul



Islam Gul



Football Match 1954, Polo Ground Abbottabad



Islam Gul in Boy Scout Dress



Islam Gul with his Cups
Best All Round Sportsman



Parents Day Parade



Ready for the Intense Competition



Kaghan Trip on Our Way to Lake Saif ul Maluk



Kaghan Visit



L To R - 1.Hanif, 2. Mumtaz Gul, 3_



L to R: Standings, 1. Nasim Yar Khan, 2. ___ 3. Imtiaz, 4. Wasim Sajjad, 5. Akbar Ahmed, 6. Tariq Ayub, 7. M. Ali Durrani, 8. ___ 9. ___ Sitting L To R 1. _ 2



Out on a Picnic



Out on a Picnic



Mumtaz Gul Standing 3rd from Left 1952-53



Appointment Holders with Mrs. Rabia Ishaq (Late)



An Excursion Trip



Riding Club



PRINCIPALS OF THE SENIOR BURN HALL



Rev. Father F. Scanlon (1914 – 1972)

Father Francis Scanlon remained the Principal of Burn Hall School, now Army Burn Hall College, from 1956 to 1964 and from 1965 to 1971. He is remembered for his courage, wisdom, vision, sense of humor and high standards of morality. As Principal of the Burn Hall Senior School, Abbottabad, he was very well known throughout the country, in spite of his natural shyness and his tendency to withdraw from the limelight. The fact is that Fr Scanlon overburdened himself with work. He ran his school almost single handedly, he had nobody in the office to help him. He much preferred to work till late at night. He sacrificed for his students and in a sense gave his life to them. His life began in the humble surroundings of the North East of England in 1914 and his priestly life on the 9th of June 1940, and all ended where it had begun, in Burn Hall, Co. Durham. Nobody knows how much he suffered or for how long. He must have had great difficulty keeping on his feet. The deep grooves in his face and his swollen fingers were the only tell-tales. He had gone on leave from Abbottabad and died in his native England on the 9th of February 1972 at the age of 58.



Rev Father F Scanlon was the founder Father and Principal of the College from 1956 to 1964 and then from 1965 to 1971. During his stay, the school touched pinnacles of excellence and his pupils still cherish the times spent under him in the campus. Moreover, Alumni of his times achieved high stature in their careers and are renowned for their contributions towards image building of the country. In recognition of the invaluable services of Rev Father F. Scanlon, College Auditorium, constructed on 21 May 2003 was named as 'Scanlon Hall' by the then Principal, Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, (L) qsl (T), (13 Sep 2000 to 21 Oct 2004). The Scanlon Hall houses 750 seats, with a magnificent stage, side rooms, basements, main lobby and wash-room facilities. Besides regular weekly music shows, the Hall hosts numerous college level social and co-curricular events, whereas, organizing All Pakistan Burn Hall Bilingual Declamation Competition is the hallmark of Scanlon Hall.

Rev. Father N. Turner (1917 – 1992)

Rev Father N. Turner remained the Principal of Senior Burn Hall from 1971 to 1972. He was born on the 29th of March 1917 in Colne, Lancashire, England. He was ordained as Mill Hill Missionary priest on the 9th of July 1950. He had interrupted his seminary training, so as to be part of the Second World War, Normandy D-Day landing force, which was to set the liberation of Europe into motion. The Dutch priests of the Society have always been very grateful to one such as Fr Turner. After his ordination, he did some further studies and was appointed to the Diocese of Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Fr Turner acted as a teacher and House Master in the Senior Burn Hall School, Abbottabad. He retired from the Diocese of Rawalpindi in 1977 and returned to his native land. There he continued to work, however, and in 1983 he became Vice-Rector and Bursar in Herbert House, Freshfield. In 1988 he retired from active service. Fr Norbert Turner had suffered most of his life from asthma and died on the 15th of May 1992.



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Rev. Father M. Conroy (1925 – 2006)

Rev Father M. Conroy remained the Principal of Burn Hall School, now Army Burn Hall College, from 1973 to 1974. He was one of four children. He was born on the 14th of February 1925, in Denny, Shropshire, Scotland. Nick, as he was known, studied at Tullamore, Co. Offaly and Freshford, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, his Philosophy at Burn Hall, Durham, England and Theology at Mill Hill, London. He studied History and Economics at University College, Cork, and gained BA in 1953. In 1971, he was appointed to the Diocese of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, where he was to spend the next 27 years teaching. First of all in Burn Hall Abbottabad, then St. Mary's Academy, Lalazar, Rawalpindi and last of all in Sangota Public School, Swat, where he was also chaplain to the Presentation Sisters.



Fr Michael Conroy was an author and a poet. In all the various schools, in which he served, Fr Michael was always recognized as both, a keen sportsman and sports coach. He was a graceful player with stick and ball, whether hurling, cricket, hockey or tennis, and never picked up any injury. It was left to an open drain in a crowded Rawalpindi bazaar to do that. He twisted his leg badly in that drain and never recovered fully from the injury sustained; rather it seemed to progress into Parkinson's, the disease that afflicted him at the end of his life. Because of this he had intended to retire in 1997, but returned to Pakistan, and put in two more years in Swat. He finally retired to Ireland in 1999. Fr Michael was well loved and respected by his students and many old students from various parts of the world came to visit him in his retirement. In 2002, his health deteriorated and he had to take up residence in a nursing home in order to get extra care. Three days before his death, he was taken to Loughlinstown Hospital, Dublin, where he died of acute pneumonia on the 2nd of May 2006, at the age of 81.

Rev. Father J. Klaver (1916 – 1998)

Rev Father J. Klaver remained the Principal of Burn Hall School from 1974 to 1976. He was born on the 1st January 1916 in Wijde Wormer, near Purmerend, the Netherlands. He studied Philosophy in Roosendaal from 1934 till 1936. On the 15th of September 1936, he went to Mill Hill to study Theology. In 1950, after ten years in Hoorn, he was appointed to the Diocese of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, where he worked for the next forty years, mainly in education, in places like Abbottabad, Kharian and Peshawar. He was the last Mill Hill Principal of the famous Burn Hall School, Abbottabad, before it was handed over to the Army in 1976/77. For a short time he looked after the Mill Hill Holiday House in the mountain station of Murree, but then he found his vocation in St. Helen's School, Dera Ismail Khan. He upgraded the building there and made the school very presentable. His education work was mainly among the Muslim community. Fr Jan had many friends among them. His heart was in Pakistan, but he left to retire only because he had run out of breath. Fr Jan believed that the type of work he did was good for the Kingdom. In 1990, he was recalled from Pakistan to the Dutch region for retirement in St. Jozefhuis. Fr Jan Klaver died on the 2nd of March 1998 at the age of 82 years.



Brig Bashir Ahmad Malik, SI(M)

Brig B.A. Malik, SI(M), remained the Principal of Burn Hall School, from 1977 to 1982. He was the first Muslim Principal of Burn Hall, after it was handed over to Pakistan Army in 1977. He had the longest tenure at Burn Hall after Fathers. He was from AEC and MA Urdu. During the time of Brig B.A. Malik, SI(M), there had been systematic development of BOG, staff salaries and reinforcement of academics. Two storeyed building, comprising 11 class rooms (College Block) in 1979 was also constructed. In 1981, Principal's House, a Squash Court, a Tennis Court and Basketball Court were added to the college campus. During his last days, in 1982, 4 Married Officers Quarters for teachers were also constructed. Owing to his services to Burn Hall, The College Library has been named as B.A. Malik Library after its major renovation and upgradation in 2017.



Brig Abdul Sattar, SI(M)

Brig Abdul Sattar, SI, (M), remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 1983 to 1987. He was from AEC and M. SC mathematics. During his time, College Mosque and 6 MOQs of 2 bedrooms each were constructed.



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Brig Zahur Ahmad

Brig Zahur Ahmad remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 1987 to 1992. He was from AEC and MA English. During his time, 2nd three storeyed Hostel with 150 boarders' capacity was constructed.



Brig Irfan Aziz Malik, SI(M)

Brig Irfan Aziz Malik, SI(M), remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 1992 to 1996. He was from AEC and MA Economics.



Brig Muhammad Irshad Arshad

Brig Muhammad Irshad Arshad, remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 1996 to 1999. He was from AEC and MA English. During his time, he focused on the academics and also restored much wanted discipline, order and morality in the College.



Brig Muhammad Rafi Butt, SI(M), (L) qsl (T)

Brig Muhammad Rafi Butt, remained the Principal Army Burn Hall College from 1999 to 2000. He was from AEC and his education was MSc Statistics, M.A English and MA Edn (Adm). During his time, mostly he focused on the improvement of academics.



Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, (L) qsl (T)

Brig Mahmud Bashir Bajwa, (L) qsl (T), remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2000 to 2004. He was from AEC. His education was MA English and MA Edn (Adm). During his time, College Auditorium (Scanlon Hall) with 750 seats capacity, Academic Block comprising 13 classroom, 4 laboratories, staff rooms, a hostel and Administration Block were constructed. He had undertaken most of the construction work at the College, besides improving academics.



Brig Muhammad Asif

Brig Muhammad Asif remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2004 to 2007. He was from AEC and his education was MA English and MA Edn (Adm). During last year of his tenure, the land for expansion of the College was purchased and construction of the new Campus was started. He also did a lot to improve academics in the College.



Brig Raheel Ashraf

Brig Raheel Ashraf remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2007 to 2009. He was from AEC and he was MA History and MA Edn (Adm). During his time, the construction of new Campus had been in process. He improved discipline and board results of the College.





Brig Abdul Hafeez, SI(M)

Brig Abdul Hafeez, SI(M), remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2009 to 2011. He was from AEC and was MA Education and MA Political Science. During his time, Gymnasium and indoor basketball courts were constructed. He was considered the benign and graceful Principal of the College.



Brig Tahir Butt, (L)qsl

Brig Tahir Butt, (L) qsl, remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2011 to 2012. He was MSc Mathematics and M Phil EPM. During his time, the focus was on academics. He organized the College in various sections i.e. College Section, School Section, Cambridge Section and Junior Section. The Construction of New Campus was completed. Classes from Prep to 7th were started in the new campus in July 2011 and the Cambridge Section, comprising O and A levels, were also shifted to the new Campus in 2011.



Brig Dr Muhammad Javed

Brig Muhammad Javed remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2012 to 2013. He was PhD in IR. During his time, the focus was on academics.



Brig Mukhtar Muhammad

Brig Mukhtar Muhammad remained the Principal of Army Burn Hall College from 2013 to 2016. He was from AEC and his education was M Phil Physics. During his time, three Boarding Houses were renovated in 2015, and the swimming pool was restarted after a long interval in 2016. Computer labs were established for all sections of the College and overhead structure of the courtyard of College Mosque was constructed. He brought about a mark improvement in Board results, which had gone down due to teachers' strikes in the preceding years.



Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, psc, gsc

Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, psc, gsc, was appointed as Principal of Army Burn Hall College in 2016. He is from Artillery and a hardcore professional soldier with nearing three decades of experience in combat and military pursuits, along Line of Control, Sicachen, FATA and Balochistan. He holds a master degree in Military Sciences. He is pursuing MS in Project Management. Besides reviving the good practices of the past, he has launched a comprehensive 'Uplift Programme' of the College, spreading over all facets of the College life, to improve quality of living with pride and style. He renovated the entire College, upgraded College Library, students' messes, Scanlon Hall, sports grounds, boarding houses, class rooms, Labs and amenity shops. He introduced graded internal exam system for the students, leading to a systematic preparation of students for the Board Classes. He started extensive sports programme for students, host of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, Social Nights, Sports, Fixtures, Study Tours and excursion trips and numerous outdoor activities after years of interruption, and laid emphasis on personality development of students and committed faculty of the college. Organizing an Old Boys' Association is considered to be a milestone in the history of Burn Hall for bondage, affiliation and inspiration from distinguished Alumni for the young Hallians.







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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Sr	Name	Current Job	Session	Class	B/DS
1	Mr Gohar Ayub Khan	Ex-Foreign Minister, Speaker National Assembly	1943-47	3rd	DS
2	Muzaffar Mahmood Qurashi	Federal Secy (R)	1946	II	
3	Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul, HI(M), Retired	"Ex-Corps Comd, Ex-Chairman FPSC Ex-VC University of Peshawar"	1948-57	KG-SSC	B
4	Mr Wasim Sajjad	"Former Chairman Senate, Acting President of Pakistan Federal Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs"	1948-59	SC	DS
5	Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani	"Ex-Ambassador Ex-Advisor to President on National Security"	1948-57	SC	DS
6	Lt Gen Farrakh Khan, (Late)	Former Chief of General Staff, Pakistan Army	1948		
7	Mr Farooq Rahmatullah Khan	ex Chairman Shell Pakistan, and ex DG CAA Brother of Air Marshal Asghar Khan	1949-60	KG-10th	
8	Ejaz Rahim	Former Addl Chief Secretary KPK, Former Federal Secretary.	1951	KG	
9	Lt Gen Munir Hafeez, HI(M), Retired	Ex-Corps Commander Bahawalpur, Former Chairman NAB	1954-65	Montessori	
10	Dr Akbar S. Ahmed	"Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies American University, Washington, DC"	1953-1959	5th - HSSC	B
11	Mr Qadir Hye	Former IG Police, Islamabad	1955	KG	B
12	Syed Asif Ali Shah	Ex-- IGP (KPK)	1957-62	3rd-JC	
13	Admiral Noman Bashir, NI(M), Retired	Ex-Naval Chief	1958-62	1st-6th	B
14	Mr Iftikhar Ahmad (Ifti)	Cricket Commentator	1958	SC	B
15	Mr Salman Bashir	Ex-Foreign Secretary	1959-62	4th-SC	B
16	Lt Gen Ayyaz Salim Rana, HI(M), Retired	Former Chairman, Heavy Industries Taxila	1959-67	1st - SC	B



17	Chaudry Nisar Ali Khan	Federal Interior Minister	1960	SC	
18	Lt Gen Khalid Nawaz Khan HI(M), Retired	"Ex-Corps Comd Managing Director Fauji Foundation"	1960-1966	6th - SSC	B
19	Maj Gen Niaz Khattak, HI(M), Retired	Former Chairman FPSC	1961-71	6th-SSC	
20	Vice Admiral Abbas Raza, HI(M), Retired	Former Vice Admiral	1961-68	1st-8th	
21	Prof Dr Sikander Hayat Khan	"(Tamgha-e-Imtiaz) Ex-Head of Surgery	1961	10th	B
22	Mr Humayun Akhtar Khan	Politician, Former Commerce Minister of Pakistan	1962	KG-7th	
23	Haroon Akhtar Khan	Industrialist, philanthropist, Senator	1962	KG-5th	
24	Mr Ahmed Hirnoy	Singer, Song writer, Music's composer ex producer of CD "Pyar hee to hai-(Lore is it)" with Kayanji Anandji Family.	1963-69	4th - 10th	
25	Dr Laveeza Bhatti	MD PhD (now in California USA, Director of Hepatitis Clinic Westside HCC)	1964	6th	B
26	Lt Gen Tariq Khan, HI(M), Retired	Ex-Corps Commander	1966-72	4th-SC	
27	Mr Nasir Khan	"Former Ambassador, UK Businessman"	1967-72	4th - 10th	
28	Muhammad Jehangir Khan	Former Nawab of Junagarh	1968	SC	
29	Mr M. Azam Khan	Senior Civil Servant and Chief Secretary, KPK	1969-82	1st yr -2nd yr	
30	Tariq Mahmood Pasha	Chairman FBR	1971-76	VI-SC	DS
31	Nawabzada Salahuddin Saeed Khan, Last Nawab of Amb	Former Nawab of Amb, Politician	1972-77	6th-10th	
32	Maj Gen Muhammad Ali Bhattay	Armed Forces	1973-86	1st-HSSC	DS
33	Nawab Nasir ud Din Jehangir Saeed	Ex-MNA	1973-1978	6th-SSC	
34	Maj Gen Muhammad Ali	GOC 18 Div, Hyderabad Cantt	1973-1986	1st - HSSC	
35	Mr Yousaf Ayub Khan	Ex-District Nazim Haripur and Ex-Minister, KPK	1974-79	6th - SSC	
36	Haider Ali Bhattay	Additional Director General, Air Weapons Complex, Islamabad	1975-88	Prep-HSSC	DS
37	Mr Umer Ayub Khan	Ex-State Minister for Finance, Federal Cabinet	1975-86	1st-SC	
38	Mr Asfandyar Aamir Zeb	Former Education Minister KPK	1977-	6th	B
39	Maj Gen Hassan Azhar Hayat	General Officer Commanding 7 Division	1978 -	6th-SC	B
40	Maj Gen Ayman Bilal Safdar	GOC 8 Div Sialkot	1978-1986	3rd-SC	
41	Maj Gen Abid Latif Khan	VMS, GHQ	1981	9th	DS
42	Maj Gen Ahsan Gulrez	GOC CPEC, GHQ	1982-83	8th - 9th	
43	Maj Gen Muhammad Asim Malik	GOC 41 Div Quetta	1984-87	10th - HSSC	
44	Mr Akmal Saif Chattha	MPA, Parliamentary Secretary for Environment Protection, Government of Punjab	1990	6th-8th	



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SWORD OF HONOUR

Rank	Name	Academy	Date
Maj (R)	Arshed Farid	PMA	16 Oct 1956
Col (R)	Esmond D Chunha	PMA	05 Oct 1957
Maj Gen (R)	Mahmud Ali Durrani, HI(M)	PMA	13 Oct 1961
Lt Gen (R)	Ali Kuli Khan, HI(M)	Sandhursh	12 Apr 1964
Lt Gen	Ayaz Salim Rana, HI(M)	PMA	26 Oct 1974
Lt Gen	Khalid Nawaz Khan, HI(M) Sitara-I-Esar	PMA	19 Apr 1975
Vice Admiral	Abbas Raza, HI(M), TI(M)	PN	01 Jul 1975
Lt Gen	Tariq Khan, HI(M)	PMA	16 Apr 1977
Wng Cdr	Ehtisham Zeb Raja		06 Oct 1977
Maj	Abrar Malik	PMA	12 Mar 187
Wng Cdr	Nasir Iqbal, TI(M)	PAF	12 Dec 1990
Capt	Ahmed Raza Khan	Sandhursh	13 Apr 2006
Capt	Umair Imran Qazi	Sandhursh	09 Apr 2009

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HALLIAN ADJUTANTS

Rank	Name	Academy	Date
PA-31190	Capt Muhammad Aamir Khan, 11C(FF)	Apr 1999	Jul 2001
PA-38088	Capt Erfan Ghazi 42 FF	Jul 2005	Jul 2007
PA-40168	Capt Muhammad Sohail 28 PR	Aug 2009	Oct 2011
PA-45296	Maj Kaleem Abbas (gsc) 27 Med Arty	Apr 2015	Apr 2017



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ROLL OF HONOUR SSC EXAMINATION

Rank	Name	Academy	Date
1984	Mirza Adnan	736	9th (Board)
1985	Amir Iqbal	690	
1986	Kashif Mughal	735	
1987	Isfandiyar Khan	761	1st (Board)
1988	Basharat Hussain	746	
1989	Muneeb Khan	749	
1990	Sohail Arshad	745	
1991	Mujahid Ahmed	751	7th (Board)
1992	Abid Shah	710	
1993	Bilal Rafi	712	
1994	Usman Shukat	721	
1995	Abu Bakar Siddique	744	
1996	M. Saad Sarwar	734	
1997	Ch. M. Kalimullah	760	
1998	Saqib Anayat	715	
1999	Ahsan Sattar	761	
2000	Syed Affan Ali	759	
2001	Kahlid Saeed	720	
2002	Sadiq Ali	741	
2003	Muhammad Majeed	722	
2004	Aamir Rashid	741	
2005	Hamid Fayyaz	962	
2006	M. Daniyal Ijaz	933	
2007	Munawar Ali Shah	749	
2008	Ammar Ul Hassan	729	
2009	Umer Maalik	982	
2010	Khawar Latif Khan	974	
2011	Umer Ishtiaq	976	
2012	Muhammad Hamza	987	
2013	Anwar Ul Haq	1003	
2014	Syed M. Wajih Ul Hassan	1005	
2015	Abdur Rehman Khan	1000	
2016	M Hamza Abdullah Khan	1007	
2017	Hassan Abdullah	1005	

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ROLL OF HONOUR O LEVEL EXAMINATION

Year	Name	Gde Aggte	Div
1973	Munhr Alam Khan	11	
1974	Salmon Manzoor	15	
1975	Salim Walji	9	
1976	Zubair Azim Butt	15	
1977	Fareesa Saleh	20	
1978	Hamid Awad Khan	12	
1979	Farrukh Afzal Khan	15	
1980	Ejaz Ahmed Khan	13	
1981	S M Yaqoob Ali Shah	12	
1982	Waqar Nasim	11	
1983	Raza Ahmed Khan	8	
1984	Amir Jadoon	18	
1985	Nasir Aftab	19	
1986	Dastagir Alam	13	
	Dastagir Akhtar	13	
1987	Khurram Khan	15	
1988	Sajid Qayyum	19	
1989	Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti	12	
1990	Shaukat Ali	14	
1991	Moeen Hayat Cheema	10	
1992	Muhammad Haider Shah	10	
1993	Ch Ishtiaq Ghafoor	6	
1994	Siraj Rashid	6	
1995	Ch Ishtiaq Ghafoor	12	
1996	Nasir Iqbal	12	
1998	Rashid Ali	8	
1999	Zeeshan Ahmed	12	
2000	Mohsin Nawaz	6	
2001	Ahmed Raza Khan	12	
2002	Mir Fahad Faisal	14	
2003	Khalid Qayyum	14	
2004	Rizwan Qayyum	8	
2005	Hassan Zeb	6	
2006	Raza Shahid Janjua	8	
2007	M Zatmar Khan	8	
2008	M Umer Khan	6	
2009	Ahmed Moaz	6	
2010	Shahan Mumraiz Khan	8	
2011	Basil Ahmed	4A*	
2012	Usman Yousaf	3A*	
2013	Syed Muhammad Ali	3A*	
2014	Zain Nouman	5A*, 2A, 1B	
	Muhammad Mahad Ajaz	3A*, 5 A	
2015	Ahmed Nausher Ali	6A*, 2A	
2016	Muhammad Saad Tahir	7A*, 1A	
2017	Syed Abdullah Qasim	3A*, 3A	



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ROLL OF HONOUR HSSC EXAMINATION

Year	Name	Gde Aggte	Div
1981	Aamir Sohail (PM)	724	1st Board
	Arshad Salam (PE)	685	1st Board
1982	Omer Mumtaz (PM)	747	
	Tanvir Yousuf (PE)	710	
1983	Taqweemul Haq (PM)	883	5th Board
	Mohd Afzal (PE)	883	1st Board
1984	Sohail Ali (PM)	823	
	Saial Humair (PE)	899	2nd Board
1985	Raza Ahmed (PM)	820	
	Farhan Amir (PE)	821	
1986	Mahfuzul Haq (PM)	831	
	Badar Munir (PE)	855	
	Mirza Adnan (PE)	855	
1987	Shahid Abbas (PM)	851	
	S Zulqurnain (PE)	843	
1988	Sohail Babar (PM)	830	
	Sarar Ahmed (PE)	876	
1989	Haider Ali (PE)	865	
	Zahid Farooq (PM)	828	
1990	Basharat Hussain (PE)	861	
	Syed Imran (PM)	878	
1991	Nasir Mehmood (PE)	825	
	Shoaib Qayyum (PM)	852	
1992	Wajid Ali Khan (PE)	747	
	M Sohail Arshad (PM)	854	
1993	M Bilal Jadoon (PE)	849	
	Shahzad Riyaz (PM)	875	
1994	Altamash Wazir (PE)	854	
	Junaid Babar Dar (PM)	789	
1995	Ahmed Bilal Mir (PE)	849	
	Nasir Yasin (PM)	875	
1996	Ayaz Masud (PE)	831	
	Usman Ghani (PM)	858	

1997	Ch Muhammad Ali (PE)	875
	Muddassar Zia (PM)	873
1998	Bilal Mustafa (PE)	859
	Haroon Tayyab (PM)	876
1999	Haider Zaman (PE)	862
	Rao M Kaleem (PM)	888
2000	Kashif Saddiq (PE)	890
	Umair Qammar (PM)	820
2001	Ahsan Sattar (PM)	880
	Salman Saleh (PE)	824
2002	M Muntazir Mehdi (PE)	891
	Syed Affan Ali (PM)	853
2003	Waqas Ahmed (PE)	872
	Shoaib Hassan Niazi (PE)	833
2004	Haseeb Ahmed (PE)	918
	Sardar Jawad Gul (PM)	906
2005	Fahad Idrees (PE)	941
	M Wahab Bin Amjid (PE)	865
2006	Rizwan Qayyum (PE)	890
	Waqar Zafar (PM)	905
2007	Shahzada Pamiir Ali (PE)	891
	Hassan Zaib (PM)	933
2008	M Daniyal Ijaz (PE)	912
	Aazeab Javed Khan (PM)	892
2009	S M Ibrahim Sher Ali (PE)	959
	Hassan Shahzad (PM)	965
2010	Meer Paras (PE)	911
	Syed Muhammad Arsalan (PE)	911
	Muhammad Umer Khan (PM)	912
2011	Essa Khan (PM)	1006
	Salman Ahmed (PE)	958
	Mohsin Hassan (CSc)	836
2012	Faraz Ahmed (PM)	927
	Khawar Latif Khan (PE)	968
	Sarwar Nazir (CSc)	836
2013	Ebad Ul Haq (PM)	955
	Ahsan Rashid Qazi (PE)	908
	Muneeb Ur Rehman (PE)	908
	Khush Bakht Sheraz (CSc)	836
2014	Salar Haider (PM)	986
	Haider Khan (PE)	913
	Muhammad Umer (CSc)	858
2015	Ahmer Asif (PM)	995
	Taufeeque Haider Khan (PE)	948
	Muhammad Sajid (CSc)	756
2016	Sajawal Sharif (PM)	996
	Abdul Basit Paracha (PE)	965
	Aamir Nazir Khan (CSc)	831
2017	Danish Ali Khan (PM)	1017
	Ijlal Ullah Khan (PE)	999
	Ehtasham Sagheer (CSc)	910



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COLLEGE PREFECT

Year	Name
1983	Asfandiyar Amirzeb
1984	Asad Ashraf Tareen
1985	Blank
1986	Amer Iqbal Jaura
1987	Asad Dar
1988	Shafiq Ahmed Usman
1989	Amer Dar
1990	Asad Abbass
1991	Farooq Ahmed Iqbal
1992	Naeem Ullah Khan
1993	Junaid Babar Dar
1994	Prince Jamal Khan
1995	S. Saqibullah Banuri
1996	Mudassar Zia
1997	Umer Jahangir
1998	Mansoor Ahmed
1999	Waqar Ahmed
2000	Ahsan Sattar
2001	Hassan Khurshid
2002	Ahmed Raza Khan
2003	Faisal Khurshid Barki
2004	Fahad Idrees Waraich
2005	Kashif Shah
2006	Hassan Zeb
2007	Farukh Ali Khan
2008	Usman Farooq
2009	Ammar ul Hassan
2010	Salman Ahmed
2011	M. Abu Bakar Sanaullah
2012	Omer Ishtiaq
2013	Chaudhary Ali Haider Virk
2014	Muhammad Nouman Khalid
2015	Bilal Liaqat
2016	Muhammad Yasir
2017	Mian Mustafa Shah

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ASST COLLEGE PREFECT

Year	Name
2005	Asfand yar Khan
2006	Burhan Ullah Khan
2007	Talha Ali Mumtaz
2008	Hassan Shahzad
2009	Meer Paras
2010	Essa Khan
2011	Waleed Usmani
2012	Ahsan Rashid Qazi
2013	Salar Haider
2014	Ahmer Asif
2015	Muhammad Mahad Ajaz
2016	Ijlal Ullah Khan
2017	Haji Abdul Rehman



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PRESIDENTS ELS

Year	Name
1989	Tariq Rabbani
1990	M. Muneeb Khan
1991	Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti
1992	Mujahid Ahmed Saeed
1993	Saad Iftikhar Rathore
1994	Ahmed Mehmood
1995	Zia Rabbani
1996	Asmir Ahmed Khan
1997	Syed Sadiq Aali Muhammad
1998	Bashir Akbar
1999	Saqib Anayit
2000	Salman Saleh Muhammad Khan
2001	Syed Affan Ali
2002	Abdul Nasir Khan
2003	Muhammad Zaki Shaheen
2004	Syed Mujahid Gilani
2005	Ahmed Ali Khan
2006	Ameer Ahmed
2007	Mir Haddi Faisal
2008	Sameeh Sajjad
2009	M. Umer Khan
2010	M. Hamza Zaheer
2011	Salman Shahid Hashmi
2012	Mahmood Sultan
2013	Usman Masood
2014	Fahad Zaman Khan
2015	Muhammad Zain Tariq
2016	Danish Ali Khan
2017	Muhammad Hamza Abdullah Khan

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PRESIDENTS BAZM-E-ADAB

Year	Name
1988	Basharat Hussain
1989	Basharat Hussain
1990	Qazi Faizal Bashir
1991	Sajjad Haider Wani
1992	Syed Moazzam Ali qasim
1993	Asad Bashir
1994	Qasim Manzoor
1995	Ashraf Khan Farooqi
1996	Chaudhary Deenar Ahmed
1997	Syed Ahmed Bilal Ali
1998	Salman Tahir
1999	Umair Qamar Usmani
2000	Syed Junaid Bakht
2001	Amir Mehmood Zangi
2002	Intisaab Zahid
2003	Haseeb Ahmed
2004	Bilal Rauf
2005	Zain Ul Abideen Jafari
2006	Farooq Riaz Siddqui
2007	Minhaj Ahmed
2008	Ahsan Mohyuddin
2009	Hassan Jamil
2010	Umar Maalik
2011	Khawar Latif Khan
2012	Jamal Yaqoob Jaffri
2013	Aqib Javed
2014	Raja Mughis Ahmed
2015	Muhammad Asfandiyar Khan
2016	Raja Shehryar Ahmed
2017	Muhammad Hamza Abdullah Khan



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BEST ENGLISH SPEAKER

Year	Name
1980	Farhan Bedar Malik
1981	Raza Ahmed Dar
1982	Raza Ahmed Dar
1983	Blank
1984	Raza Ahmed Dar
1985	Aamer Naseer
1986	Hassan Aurangzeb
1987	Hassan Aurangzeb
1988	Hassan Aurangzeb
1989	Haroon Rashid
1990	Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti
1991	Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti
1992	Chaudhary Ishfaq Ghafoor
1993	Ahmer Mehboob
1994	Ameer Muhammad Khan
1995	Ameer Muhammad Khan
1996	Muhammad Taqi Shaheen
1997	Syed Sadik Aale Muhammad
1998	Mashud Murtaza
1999	Ahsan Sattar
2000	Muhammad Javed Khan
2001	Amer Mehmood Zangi
2002	Noman Siddiqui
2003	Ammar -Zia -ud- din
2004	Ammar -Zia -ud- din
2005	Ammar Zia -ud- din
2006	Munawar Ali Shah
2007	M. Salman Khan
2008	Abubakar Raheel
2009	Hamza Raheel
2010	M. Hamza Zaheer
2011	Waleed Usmani
2012	Fahad Zaman Khan
2013	Saad Zaman
2014	Fahad Zaman Khan
2015	Bilal Liaqat
2016	Muhammad Hamza Abdullah Khan
2017	Muhammad Ali Khan

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BEST URDU SPEAKER

Year	Name
1980	Farhan Badar
1981	Qazi Taqweem Ul Haq
1982	Blank
1983	Blank
1984	Muhammad Amir Khan
1985	Akhlag Mustafa
1986	M. Abubakar Aftab Qureshi
1987	Basharat Hussain
1988	Mian Muhammad Saleem
1989	Basharat Hssain
1990	Muneeb Khan
1991	S. Muhammad Haider Shah
1992	Rao Amer Sultan
1993	M. Qasim Manzoor
1994	M. Qasim Manzoor
1995	Sameer Azhar Gardezi
1996	Syed Ahmed Bilal Ali
1997	Imran Sabir
1998	Imran Sabir
1999	Rao Shehzad Sultan
2000	Zahir Bashir
2001	Umair Asghar Qazi
2002	Umer Saleem
2003	Syed Aamir Ali Naqvi
2003	Aarish Hamid
2004	Aarish Hamid
2005	Waqar Ahmed
2006	Babar Farooq
2007	Zafar Mehmood
2008	Hassan Jameel
2009	Hassan Ali Jathol
2010	Khawar Latif Khan
2011	Jamal Yaqoob Jaffari
2012	Ijlal Haider
2013	Raja Mughis Ahmed
2014	Bilal Liaqat
2015	Asfandiyar Khan
2016	Rana Abubakar
2017	Abdullah Liaqat



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COLLEGE SPORTS SECRETARY

Year	Name
2005	Naveed Bashir Paracha
2006	M. Ibrahim Dar
2007	M. Awais
2008	Arsalan Chaudhary
2009	Ch. Ramiz Shoukat
2010	Muhammad Tabassum-ul-Islam
2011	Sobhan Zulfiqar
2012	Khush Bakht Sheeraz
2013	Hussain Tariq
2014	Ali Husnain
2015	Muhammad Ammar Shahid
2016	Ayaz Khan
2017	Muneeb Hassan

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BEST SPORTSMAN

Year	Name
1993	Naeem Ullah
1994	Ali Malik
1995	Yasir Amin
1996	Khurram Noaman Ahmed
1997	Sajjad Haider
1998	Saad Akbar
1999	Tariq Hameed
2000	Kashif Sial
2001	Saba Ahmed
2002	Hassan Afzal
2003	Kashif Ali Shigri
2004	Hassan Sher Gondal
2005	Waqar Malhi
2006	Hassan Zeb
2007	Hammad Siddiqui
2008	Touqeer Anjum
2009	Ch. Rizwan Ali
2010	Hammad Hassan
2011	Abu Bakar Sanaullah
2012	Ahmed Asghar
2013	Zahid Mohy-Ud- Din
2014	Muhammad Nouman Khalid
2015	Haider Sarwar
2016	Sami Ullah Achakzai
2017	Ahsan Sikandar Khan



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HOCKEY CAPTAINS

Year	Name
1948	M. Akhtar Khan
1949	M. Hanif Khan
1950	M. Azhar Khan
1951	M. Middlecoate
1952	Nasir A Hasnain
1953	Noel'o Brien
1954	Iftikhar Ahmed
1955	Hassan P Kabir
1956	Imtiaz Ahmed Khan
1957	M. Ali Haider
1958	M. Ayub Khan
1959	Blank
1960	Agnello Fernandez
1961	M Aziz Khan
1962	Najum ul Haq Khan
1963	Aslam Nazir
1964	Iftikhar G Ali
1965	M. Sheryar Khan
1966	Ali Anwar
1967	Zahid Nazir
1968	Ayaz Naseer
1969	Sarfaraz Khan
1970	Abdul Rehman
1971	Niaz Muhammad Khan
1972	Ejaz Hussain
1973	Haibet Ali
1974	T. Jilani
1975	A. Hassan
1976	Z.A Butt
1977	Muhammad Shuja
1978	Christopher Hey Jahans
1979	Zia Ur Rehman

1980	Ejaz Ahmed Khan
1981	Syed Asad Ali Shah
1982	Asad Ashraf Tareen
1983	S.M Ghalib Shah
1984	Asad Ashraf Tareen
1985	Arshad Ayub
1986	Asad Dar
1987	Asad Dar
1988	Shafiq Ahmed Usmani
1989	Amer Dar
1990	Anwar Aziz Khan
1991	Fazle Mansoor Khan
1992	Badi Ur RehmanKhan
1993	Raza Imran Javed
1994	Zaffar Iqbal
1995	Asad Khan Awan
1996	Sardar Tanveer Ashraf
1997	Nadeem Iqbal Sheikh
1998	Syed Tehseen Haider
1999	Hamayun Javed
2000	Syed Ali Imran Haider
2001	Ch Majid Ali
2002	Amjad Safdar
2003	Hasnain Tahri Sehgal
2004	Sajid Mehmood
2005	Kaleem Abbas
2006	Hassan Zeb
2007	Hamad Siddiqui
2008	Usman Ali Shah
2009	Sarmad Fayaz Khan
2010	M. Tabassum Ul Islam
2011	Adil Aslam
2012	Umair Ishfaq
2013	Ahsan Tariq Chohan
2014	Kashif Akhtar
2015	Umer Khalid Virk
2016	Ashar Maqsood
2017	Ali Haider



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CRICKET CAPTAINS

Year	Name
1948	Nawabzada M.S Aslam
1949	M. Tariq Khan
1950	M. Tariq Khan
1951	Mashar Ali Khan
1952	Mazhar ali Khan
1953	Farooq Ayub
1954	M. Asif Afridi
1955	Ralph Crosse
1956	Khalid Mahboob
1957	Iqbal Hassan Khattak
1958	M. Saleem Khan
1959	Barzeen Kawasji
1960	M. Hadi Afshar
1961	M. Hadi Afshar
1962	Jamil Ahmed
1963	Mustafa Kamal
1964	Iftikhar Mohamand
1965	Shahid Qureshi
1966	Azam Jan
1967	Arshad Amil
1968	Nisar Ali Khan
1969	M. Tariq Sadiq
1970	Salman Rizvi
1971	Salim Sethi
1972	Asad Ali
1973	Sohail Kiyani
1974	H. Mustafa
1975	Fitratullah
1976	K. Khattak
1977	Sher Afghan
1978	Yousaf Ayub Khan

1979	Ayaz Akhtar Malik
1980	Yawar Abbas Bukhari
1981	Ilyas Sultan
1982	Ilyas Sultan
1983	Imran Amin Paracha
1984	Waqar K Mohmand
1985	Hasanzeb Khan
1986	Syed Haseen Hassan
1987	Saleem Butt
1988	Nasir Khan
1989	Sheryar Khan Tanoli
1990	Zulfiqar Ahmed Khan
1991	Farooq Ahmed Iqbal
1992	Naeemullah Khan
1993	Fazle Shakoor Khan
1994	Asad ur Rehman
1995	Ali Asghar
1996	Aamer Shahzad
1997	Ghulam Mujtaba
1998	Adnan Ishaq
1999	Adnan Khan
2000	Hassan Raza Jaffar
2001	Atif Iqbal
2002	Malik Adnan Hashamt
2003	Bilal Ali Virk
2004	Waqar Orakzai
2005	Waqas Malahi
2006	Osama Khan
2007	Minhaj Ahmed
2008	Khizzar Sattar
2009	Ch. Rizwan Ali
2010	Abdullah Bin Zarshad
2011	Abu Bakar Bin Asad
2012	Maaz Khan
2013	Hussain Tariq
2014	Ahmed Afnan Pasha
2015	Muhammad Wasif Raza
2016	Naqeebullah
2017	Hasham Sarwar



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FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Year	Name
1978	Rahim Dad
1979	Nasir Ali
1980	Ch. Shahid Nadeem
1981	Altaf Badar Malik
1982	Ch. Shahid Nadeem
1983	Asfandiyar Amirzeb
1984	Haroon Ahmed
1985	M. Nasir Khan
1986	Amer Iqbal Jaura
1987	Mian Sohrab Gul
1988	Sayyar Muhammad Khan
1989	Nasir Iqbal Khan
1990	Abdul Khanliq Baluch
1991	Usman Ayub
1992	Malik Muhammad Fayyaz
1993	Pirzada Shuja Aslam
1994	Javed Iqbal
1995	Haroon Ajmal
1996	Riaz Ahmed
1997	Atif Bashir
1998	Saad Akbar
1999	Zahid Rauf
2000	Sheraz Baluch
2001	Hassan Khurshid
2002	Mamood ur Rasheed Kund
2003	Zahid Raza Jadoon
2004	M. Majeed
2005	Ammar Zia ud Din
2006	Babar Farooq
2007	Mudassar Shah
2008	Furqan Ahmed
2009	Husnain Bin Saeed
2010	Arif Rasheed
2011	Muhammad Naeem
2012	Chaudhary Muhammad Umar Farooq
2013	Asfandiyar
2014	Muhammad Bilal Khan
2015	Khizar Hayat Khan
2016	Jabbar Khan
2017	Waleed Afzal

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BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

Year	Name
1978	Imtiaz Malang Swati
1979	Wajid Ali Shah
1980	Imtiaz Malang Swati
1981	Wajid Ali Shah
1982	Nisar Ahmed Janjua
1983	Asad Ashraf Tareen
1984	Kh. Ikram Elahi
1985	Zulfiqar Khan
1986	Malik Babar Hussain
1987	S. Muhammad Ali Shah
1988	Imran Rizvi
1989	Ahmed Ali Shah
1990	M. Sajid Khan
1991	M. Sajid Khan
1992	Obaid Ullah Khan Yaqoob
1993	Fahd Ayub
1994	Mehmood Alam Chaudhary
1995	Bilal Shoukat Waraich
1996	Khurram Noman Ahmed
1997	Arif Irshad
1998	Afzaal Ziz Ud Din
1999	Kh. Ghazanfar Nazeer
2000	Muhammad Kashif
2001	Syed Sajid Hussain Shah
2002	Waqar Ahmed Qari
2003	Hassan Afzal
2004	Fahd Idrees Waraich
2005	Naveed Bashir Paracha
2006	Chaudhary Rizwan Talib
2007	M. Rashid Ahmed
2008	Taimoor Zafar
2009	Chaudhary Ramiz Shoukat
2010	Hammad Hassan
2011	Sobhan Zulfiqar
2012	Awais Nasar Gondal
2013	Talal Ahmed Babar
2014	Ahmed Nawaz
2015	Adil Saeed Butt
2016	Waqar Ahmed
2017	Abdullah Virk



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JUDO & KARATE CHAMPIONS

Year	Name
1983	Syed Shahbaz Haider Shah
1984	Syed Shahbaz Haider Shah
1985	Akhlaq Mustafa
1986	Akhlaq Mustafa
1987	Hassan Aurangzeb
1988	Riaz Hassan Khattak
1989	Riaz Hassan Khattak
1990	Blank
1991	S. Zaigham Abbas Naqvi
1992	S. Zaigham Abbas Naqvi
1993	Amin Ullah Khan Niazi
1994	Chaudhary Ahsan Shahbaz Tarar
1995	Aftab Farooq Chughtai
1996	Waqar Ahmed Khan
1997	Ahsan Ateeq
1998	Ahsan Ateeq
1999	Shahzad Anwar Abbasi
2000	Rizwan Ahmed
2001	Jamil Ahmed Qureshi
2002	Samihullah Khan Mandokhel
2003	Shams Ur Rehman
2004	Ahmed Talal Malhi
2005	Iftikhar Tarar
2006	Raheem Ansar
2007	Amais Anwar Qureshi
2008	Majid Rehman Khan
2009	Muhammad Naeem Saleem
2010	Abdullah Qureeshi
2011	M. Junaid Irtaza
2012	Blank
2013	Blank
2014	Blank
2015	Blank
2016	Mashood Nazir Janjua
2017	Musa Khan

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GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONS

Year	Name
1987	Hassan Ikram
1988	Muhammad Ali Jadoon
1989	Shahid Mushtaq
1990	Blank
1991	Faisal Qayyum
1992	Khalid Pervez
1993	Akbar Khan Afridi
1994	Sheikh Abdullah Gulzar
1995	M. Abbas
1996	Blank
1997	Khurram Shahzad
1998	Sher Wattoo
1999	Sher Wattoo
2000	Babar Sabir
2001	Malik Muhammad Shiraz
2002	Bilal Khan Tanoli
2003	Umer Malik
2004	Aman Khan
2005	Hassan Tahir Sehgal
2006	Hassan Shafiq
2007	Hammad Siddiqui
2008	M. Ashraf Bhatti
2009	Afrasiab Khan
2010	M. Wasif Iqbal Ranjha
2011	Ammar Aslam
2012	Farhan Zafar
2013	Blank
2014	Blank
2015	Blank
2016	Jamal Usmani
2017	Jamal Usmani



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BEST ATHLETE

Year	Name
2000	Qasir Khurshid Barki
2001	Umer Malik
2002	Umer Malik
2003	Umer Malik
2004	M. Majeed
2005	Kaleem Abbas Khokar
2006	Hassan Bilal Gondal
2007	Arsalan Choudhary
2008	Arsalan Choudhary
2009	Sohail Yaqoob
2010	M. Wasif Iqbal Ranjha
2011	Manzar Younis
2012	Manzar Younis
2013	Asif Nawaz Bhatti
2014	Sheraz Shahbaz Dogar

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BEST RIDERS

Year	Name
2001	Asad Mahmud Bajwa
2002	Asad Mahmud Bajwa
2003	Mian Shahid Shah
2003	Saad Bashir Bhatti
2004	Malik Shan -e-Ali Sarwar
2005	Ahmed Kaleem Khattak
2006	Burhan ullah Khan
2007	Mansoor Khetrar
2008	Syed Muneeb Ahmed
2009	Shahwar Nazir Abbasi
2010	Blank
2011	Bilawal Bashir

Sandhurstians



Capt Azhar Aff Khan (Late)



Capt Gohar Ayub Khan (Retd), Extreme Right at Sandhurst
Admission No. 126, Duration: 1948 to 1949
Day Scholar



Brig Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti at Sandhurst
Admission No. 85.54 Class: 7th to 12th
Duration: 1985 to 1992
Appointment: President English Literary Society, House: STS (Day Scholar)



Maj Ahmad Raza Khan,
Admission No. 97.51
Class: Cambridge (A-Levels)
Duration: 1997 to 2003
Appointment: College Prefect
House: SIS (Day Scholar)



Maj Umair Imran Qazi
Admission No. 0034
Class: Matric
Duration: 2000 to 2004
Appointment: Acting College Prefect
House: SIS (Day Scholar)



SWORD OF HONOUR

Maj Arshad Dilawar Farid, (Retd),
Admission No, 47.206, Class 4th, Year 1947, Status, Boarder

Col Esmond Brian D' Cunha, (Retd)
Admission No, 51, Class, Cambridge,
Year, 1951, Status, Boarder

**CSUO Esmond D'Cunha receiving the
Sword of Honour from the Prime Minister,
H.S. Suhrawardy, at the Passing Out Parade
of 16th PMA Long Course at PMA, Kakul on
5 Oct 1957.**



Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani, (Retd)
Admission No, 48.15, Class, Cambridge, Year, 1948-1956, House, St. Michael

Lt Gen Ayaz Salim Rana, HI (M), (Retd),
Admission No, 59.847, Class, Cambridge
Year, 1958-1967, House, St. Gabriel

**BSUO Ayyaz Salim Rana receiving the
Sword of Honour from President Fazal
Elahi Chaudhry, at the Passing Out Parade
of 50th PMA Long Course at PMA, Kakul
on 26 Oct 1974**



Lt Gen Khalid Nawaz Khan, HI(M), (Retd)
Admission No, 60.952, Class, 1st to 6th
Year, 1960-1966, House, St. Gabriel



**ASUO Khalid Nawaz Khan
receiving the Sword of Honour
from the Prime Minister Zulqar Ali Bhutto,
at the Passing Out Parade of 51st PMA Long Course
at PMA, Kakul on 19 April 1975.**

Vice Admiral Abbas Raza, HI(M), (Retd)
Admission No, 61.954, Class, 1st to 8th, Year, 1961-1968, House, St. Michael

Lt Gen Tariq Khan, HI(M), (Retd)
Admission No, 66.1182, Class, Senior Cambridge
Year, 1966-1972, House, St. Michael,
Appointment, House Prefect

**BSUO Tariq Khan receiving the Sword of Honour
from CICSC Gen Muhammad Sharif, at the
Passing Out Parade of 35th PMA Long Course at
PMA, Kakul on 16 April 1977.**





SWORD OF HONOUR

Wing Comd Ehtesham Zeb Raja, (Retd)

Admission No, 67.1125, Class, 6th, Year, 1967, House, St. Gabriel

Maj Abrar Malik, (Late),
Admission No, 81.109, Class, 2nd Year,
Year, 1981-1984, House, SIS



Wing Comd Mohammad Nasir Iqbal (Retd)
Admission No, 83.141, Class, 2nd Year
Year, 1983-1990, House, SAS

BSUO Abrar Malik receiving the Sword of Honour from the President
Gen Zia ul Haq, at the Passing Out Parade of 75th PMA Long Course
at Kakul on 12th March 1987



Capt Syed Awais Iftikhar
Admission No, 04.305, Class, 2nd Year
Year, 2004-2010, House, SIS

BSUO Awais Iftikhar receiving the Sword of Honour from the COAS
Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, at the Passing Out Parade of 127th PMA Long
Course at PMA, Kakul on 20 April 2013.

Pilot Officer Muhammad Hamza, Admission No, 08.06 Class, 7th to 2nd Year, House: SAS



Pilot Officer Muhammad Hamza receiving the Sword of
Honour from Chief of Army Staff Qamar Javed Bajwa at
the passing out parade held at PAF Academy, Risalpur on
9th October 2017



Pilot Officer Muhammad Hamza receiving the Trophy of
Best in General Service Training from COAS Gen Qamar
Javed Bajwa

HALLIAN ADJUTANTS

Lt Col Muhammad Aamir Khan
Admission No: 83.135, Class 2nd Year
Year: 1983-1988
House SAS, Status: Boarder
Duration: Apr 1999 to Jul 2001



Lt Col Erfan Ghazi
Admission No: 95.191
Class: 2nd Year 1995-1997, House: STS
Status: Day Scholar
Duration Jul 2005 to Jul 2007



Maj Muhammad Sohail
Admission No: 98.210,
Class: 2nd Year 1998-2000, House: SAS
Status: Day Scholar, Duration Aug 2009 to Oct 2011



Maj Kaleem Abbas
Admission No: 01.158
Class: 2nd Year 2001-2006, House: SAS
Status: Boarder, Appointment: House Prefect
Achievement: Hockey Captain & Best Athlete,
Duration: Apr 2015 to April 2017



INTERACTING WITH SENIOR HALLIANS



INTERVIEWS WITH DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF BURN HALL-KEY FINDINGS

Col Manzoor Ahmad Abbasi, Chief Instructor/Vice Principal

Army Burn Hall College is one of the reputed institutions in Pakistan, which was established a year after the creation of Pakistan. It has a rich history, spreading over about 75 years, including its origin at Baramula and Srinagar. Thousands of students received education in this College and a number of them distinguished themselves in their careers. The College did not have any historical account of its establishment, evolution and progression over the years. The material found from folders and files piled over the years did not help to develop sound historical account. Therefore, using one of the prevalent instruments of contemporary research i.e 'Interview', it was decided to ascertain the facts. Fortunately, there are a few prominent members of the Alumni, who joined the College in its formative years and they themselves rose to prestigious positions. The ensuing interviews, conducted by the faculty members and students of the College, helped in developing the following key findings about Missionaries, who established this College, initial scheme of studies, the faculty and overall system of education and training of students:-



- *The missionaries, called 'Fathers' in the chronicles, belonged to Saint Joseph's Society, which was functioning in different parts of the world during British Empire. They were Catholics and their educational activities formed part of their overall missionary activities. A complete hierarchy of missionaries existed in most parts of the Sub-Continent.*
- *Fathers of Mill Hill, the London Chapter of Saint Joseph's Society, established Burn College at Baramula and Burn Hall School at Srinagar. There were a large number of Muslim students in Srinagar at the time of partition. The Dogra regime in Srinagar was inimical to any scheme of education for Muslims. The Fathers, sensing the insecurity of Muslims students during turbulent times of 1948, decided to establish Burn Hall School at Abbottabad.*
- *Burn Hall School had its own pattern of induction of students and scheme of students, quite different from present day Military and Cadet Colleges. It was neither entirely a boarding institution nor a day scholars' School. Though the Fathers preferred boarders, as highlighted by the individuals interviewed, but they also entertained local students of Abbottabad. The ratio of boarders and day scholars varied in different periods, but generally number of boarders was larger than day-scholars.*
- *The boarding was offered to all levels i.e. from Kindergarten to Senior Cambridge. Since there were only a few quality education schools in the country, particularly during the period from 1948 to 1957, only those children used to join Burn Hall whose parents were well off. Education at Burn Hall was quite expensive.*
- *It was almost the consensus of all the individuals that Fathers were very well read and devoted teachers. Since they had devoted their lives to missionary activities, including imparting education to children, they used to spend 24 hours with the children. They worked with 'Missionary Zeal', in the true sense of the words. They left immutable imprints on the minds of students. We have scarcity of such teachers at present.*
- *Education at Burn Hall used to be all encompassing. It was not merely a grades-oriented education. There used to be a balanced mix of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Sports and outdoors activities were equally emphasized.*
- *Effective English communication was a striking strength of the Hallians. The alumni of Fathers time told that they developed interest in English literature quite early in life. They were exposed to plays of Shakespeare, poetry of Wordsworth and Keats in 6th and 7th classes. It was something which needs re-visiting in contemporary grades driven education. At least, at Primary and Middle level there should be more emphasis on strengthening the base of various subjects, social and moral grooming, besides physical fitness through extensive sports and adventure training.*



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- It was also a revealing inference drawn from the interviews of old alumni that whenever teachers and students resorted to strikes the institution was the worst sufferer, besides the teachers themselves and the students. A year long strikes of teachers and students in 1976 and 1977 forced the Fathers to request Federal Govt to hand over Burn Hall School to Pakistan Army. After long negotiations the College was purchased by Pakistan Army for an amount of Rs. 15.5 Millions. Similarly, the strikes of students in 1996 and the teachers in 2014-15 badly impacted on the faculty and the students. Therefore, it should be a lesson for both, the teachers and the taught, that abiding by the norms of discipline is always rewarding.
- Personal composure, refined manners, humility and effective communication emerged as distinct characteristics of the Hallians of early decades, besides extensive study of literature, history and other subjects.

Findings described above need to be studied by the present lot of Burn Hall with care and we should all collectively make a conscious effort to revive the best practices of the past, duly adapting those to contemporary environment and make Army Burn Hall College not one of the best rather the best educational institution of Pakistan.





MR. GOHAR AYUB KHAN - ST. GABRIEL (1948-49)

Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan, the son of first Pakistani Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces and the 2nd President of Pakistan, Field Marshal Muhammad Ayub Khan, is himself a distinguished politician. He held the important portfolios of the Foreign Minister of Pakistan and the Speaker of National Assembly during his illustrious career spreading over decades. Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan remained on the roll of Burn Hall School, Abbottabad, from 1948 to 1949. He is the second living Hallian, besides Gen Mahmud Durrani, who started his educational journey from Srinagar, the Summer Capital of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shifted to Dera Dhun in India and then to Burn Hall School, Abbottabad. Since he remained associated with Burn Hall in its formative years, besides remaining in contact with Fathers when the School was handed over to Pakistan Army, the information provided by Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan is of immense historical value. It is the unique distinction of Ayub family that at one point in time all Ayub brothers, Akhter Ayub, Gohar Ayub, Tahir Ayub and their sister Nasim Ayub (later Nasim Aurangzeb) remained on the roll of Burn Hall School. Mr. Umer Ayub, son of Gohar Ayub, the former State Minister of Pakistan, attended Burn Hall College from Prep to Senior Cambridge. Most of the cousins of Umer Ayub also received their education from Army Burn Hall College. It was this singular distinction of Ayub family that the Burn Hall team, comprising Colonel Manzoor Ahmed Abasi, Chief Instructor, Mr Aamir Khurshid, Head of English Department, Mian Mustafa Shah, The College Prefect and Hamza Abdullah, President English Literary Society, visited the residence of Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan, House No. 1-A, Street No. 62, F-6/3 Islamabad, on 10 June 2017 at 12 hours. It was a pleasant afternoon, with drizzling and cooling wind, further scintillating with beautiful natural landscape around the house, when Burn Hall team reached F-6/3 residence of Gohar Ayub Khan. They were personally received by the honourable host, who despite his advanced age moved with dignity and poise, wearing elegant smile on his face. The interview started in time. Mr. Umer Ayub and his two sons, Ali and Ahmad, joined during the course of interview. The summary of Mr. Gohar Ayub's interview is composed in the succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall School at Srinagar and in which class?

Ans. My association with Burn Hall started in Abbottabad. At Srinagar, I was not studying at Burn Hall. I and my brother Akhter Ayub were studying at Presentation Convent School Srinagar, which was a School for girls. My brother was elder than me and as soon as he was going to cross the teenage, the nuns started to criticize us because Convent School at Srinagar was for girls. My father was in Burma, commanding 1st Assam Regiment, when he came to know about the situation, he took us to the Burn Hall in Srinagar, which was across the river from Convent School. Fr. Thijssen was the Principal of Burn Hall School at Srinagar at that time. He refused to grant us admission, because the School did not have the capacity to accommodate more students and Fr. Thijssen regretted that Maharaja was not allowing them to expand the school infrastructure. My father, then Lt Col Ayub Khan, suggested them to shift to Abbottabad, where they would be free from such sort of restrictions and would have ample freedom to pursue the cause of education. Anyhow, we could not get admission in Burn Hall at Srinagar and we were enrolled at Convent School, Srinagar. Later, when my father was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed as President of Selection Board at Dera Dhun, we were shifted to Dera Dhun and admitted in St Joseph's School. My father was promoted to the rank of Brigadier, when he was in Waziristan, commanding 1/14 Punjab Regiment. After the partition of Sub-continent, when Pakistan came into being, he came in QMG's Branch GHQ,



on the directions of Quaid-i-Azam. Keeping in view the nature of his service, he decided to put us in Burn Hall School, where we received education for about two years and then were shifted to St Mary's School, Rawalpindi, where we continued our education till Senior Cambridge.

Q.2 *Sir, any special memories of Srinagar or India?*

Ans. Srinagar is the most beautiful city, then not thickly populated, having extremely pleasant weather, barring winters, which were too cold. We were small boys, therefore, were allowed to play with girls, but even students of Burn Hall School, used to come to our school, because they did not have Sports grounds. We used to visit Dull and Wullar Lakes and Mughal Gardens. An incident took place, which brought us both the brothers at the verge of expulsion. There was a Dogra student, son of some bureaucrat, he brought some bullets of the Rifle from his home. Out of our patriotism, we asked him to bring maximum bullets from his home and started purchasing them, so that these should not be used against Muslims. When the nuns came to know about it, they were very annoyed, however, they did not expel us. Once, we were travelling with our father in a Military Convoy, leading us to our homeland, we escaped two attacks in our way. One, due to timely and bold action of Major (later Lt Gen) Lateef, who snatched the rifle from a Sikh Sepoy and fired on the train from where fire was coming on our convoy. In the second incident, the road was blocked with chopped off trees, in order to attack our convoy, which was cleared by the soldiers on the orders of my father. This is how we arrived in Pakistan.

Q.3 *Sir, was there Burn type stream in Srinagar?*

Ans. No, there was no such Burn like stream in Srinagar, but when I visited England, accompanied by my wife, with the desire to admit my son in the Burn Hall School, which is located in England, I saw the Burn stream from where its name was originated. A boy came to me and asked me, what I was looking for? I replied that I wanted to admit my son there. He advised me not to do so, because a lot of Jews were there. So, my desire to admit my son in Burn Hall in England vanished and then he got admission in Army Burn Hall College, Abbotabad.

Q.4 *Why did your father, Field Marshal Ayub Khan, decided to send you to Burn Hall School?*

Ans. Burn Hall School was by then an established and reputed school not only in Abbottabad, in the proximity of our home town, but it was also one of the best schools in Pakistan. Therefore, it was natural that our father decided to put us in this school. The children at Burn Hall were mostly from the families of Sergeants, Drill Masters of PMA, besides the children of Commandant PMA.

Q.5 *Can you tell us something about the teachers and Principals at Burn Hall in Srinagar and later Burn Hall Abbottabad in your time?*

Ans. All I know about the Burn Hall of Srinagar that Fr. Thijssen was the Principal, Fr Scanlon was also there, but I can't remember the Flagnans Sisters and Miss Minto.

Q.6 *Sir, this information will be very valuable for us if you share the memories of the formative years of Burn Hall at Abbottabad, particularly about the change of place, establishment of school and development of infrastructure.*

Ans. In Feb 1948, the school was established in a rented building of Abbott Hotel. Abbott Hotel was designed for the stay of officers and bureaucrats, serving as a transit place, when they used to travel to Muzaffarabad, Baramula and Srinagar or vice versa. Though it was far from being a luxurious



hotel, yet it was well organized and furnished with artistic taste of missionaries. The upper portion was a kind of playing area for the games of students. So, here Burn Hall School was housed for the first time.

Q.7 *Sir, what was the scheme of studies at your time?*

Ans. The scheme of studies at Burn Hall was extremely balanced. The Fathers were very learned and knowledgeable teachers. They had the passion for teaching. They used to focus on every aspect of personality development. This is what I experienced at Burn Hall as well as at St. Mary's School. There was an excellent mix of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at Burn Hall.

Q.8 *Sir, any message that you may like to convey to the College faculty and the students?*

Ans. My message to faculty and the students is to make every possible endeavour to make Burn Hall not one of the best rather the best institution of Pakistan, committed to nurture fine human attributes and leadership qualities among the students.





BARRISTER WASEEM SAJJAD - ST. GABRIEL (1948 – 1959)

Barrister Waseem Sajjad is a renowned politician and a distinguished lawyer. During his illustrious career, he held important portfolios, including the Acting President of Pakistan, the Chairman Senate and the Federal Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs. Barrister Waseem Sajjad attended Burn School, now Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, from 1948 to 1959. Since the College is completing this year its 60 years in the present location and 70 years at Abbottabad next year, a grand Re-union of Alumni is being planned next year. Prior to next year's celebrations, it has been planned to come up with a special publication, which should contain re-collections of distinguished Hallians. Interview of Barrister Waseem Sajjad was conducted in the same context. The College team, comprising Chief Instructor Colonel Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi, Head of English Department, Mr Aamir Khurshid, the College Prefect Mian Mustafa Shah and the President English Literary Society, Hamza Abdullah visited the residence of Barrister Waseem Sajjad, House No 15, St#49, F-7/4, Islamabad, on 26 May 2017. It is, in fact, the chamber of Barrister Waseem Sajjad. Junior Lawyers and personal staff were frequently coming in and out of the Barrister's office, as they were preparing certain case. However, our team was well received by the staff despite their busy routine. At 1230 hours, the distinguished Barrister called Burn Hall team in his office. The office setting was rather simple and the Barrister was dressed up in his traditional lawyer's black suit with black necktie. Wearing typical smile on his face, being characteristic of his own, and polished manners, he welcomed the Burn Hall team and embraced them warmly. The team leader conveyed the compliments of the Principal and the faculty and expressed his gratitude that Mr Waseem Sajjad was able to spare time for this interview. The interview was conducted by the College Prefect and the President English Literary Society, only prompted by the team leader wherever required. The gist of the interview is given in the ensuing lines.



Q.1 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall School and what level?

Ans. I joined Burn Hall School in 1948 in Montessori class. In fact, this was the year when Burn Hall School was established by a team of Mill Hill Fathers in Abbottabad. They came from Srinagar, probably because of disturbances in Kashmir. I was attending some local School in Abbottabad, as my father was a practicing lawyer in the town. It was our luck that Burn Hall came to our town and our father did not take a minute to decide that we both brothers, me and Akhtar Sajjad my elder brother, would attend this School. It was, in fact, Burn Hall's reputation as an institution at Srinagar as well as Abbottabad which attracted the students.

Q.2 Sir, how long did you study at Burn Hall and what level did you attain?

Ans. I was among a few students who joined Burn Hall at the Montessori level and left it after completing Senior Cambridge. I was the best student of the College and I passed Senior Cambridge with first Division.

Q.3 Sir, can you tell us something about the School Management and the faculty of your time.

Ans. Burn Hall College was managed by missionary teachers of Mill Hill Society in England. They were highly qualified teachers, working with missionary zeal. Leaving their own country and working on minimal salaries, their only passion was to transfer knowledge and educate people. I recollect the prominent names of the Principals and faculty members of my time are Father Thijssen, the 1st Principal, Father Shank, the 2nd Principal, Father Klaver (Dutch), the 3rd Principal, Father Scanlon, the 4th Principal, Flanagens Sisters, May Flanagan & Tess Flanagan, Bishop Bhattinga, Father Clarkon, (Physics Teacher), Francis Xavier Khan, (History Teacher), Mrs Imtiaz Minto (Urdu Teacher), Mrs Herley, Incharge of Students' care & well being.



Q.4 What was the scheme of study at Burn Hall School?.

Ans. It was a comprehensive scheme of studies. Burn Hall provided us with strong grounding in almost every aspect. We were exposed to first class English literature even in Middle Level classes. We used to read famous plays of Shakespeare, novels, biographies, history etc. We had the best teachers of Mathematics, physics and other science subjects. They even provided us good Urdu teachers. They used to focus on every aspect. Communication skills was one of the strongest areas of the Hallians.

Q.5 Sir, what co-curricular and extracurricular activities did you participate?

Ans. Since I was a day-scholar I did not participate in too many sports, except cricket, which I used to play. But the boarders had an extensive program of physical fitness and sports. I recollect, the School used to organize fixtures. There were three famous schools in Pakistan run by Mill Hill Fathers, who were most probably Catholics. These school were: Burn Hall School, Saint Anthony's School, Lahore, and Saint Mary's School in Rawalpindi. Students of these schools used to play fixtures with each other. Since I was studious by nature, I did not participate in too many co-curricular activities, but there were ample opportunities for those who wanted to participate in them.

Q.6 Sir, what makes Hallians different from others?

Ans. Burn Hall used to inculcate the habits of punctuality, self- discipline, strength of character, fine human attributes and refined manners. Most of the Hallians, who distinguished themselves in various fields, generally exhibited these characteristics through their words and deeds.

Q.7 Sir, would you like to tell us something more about your life and family?

Ans. Yes, as I said Burn Hall provided me with the foundations that it became easier for me to build on. I got scholarship, did my BA from Govt College Lahore, and later on, did again BA from England. Subsequently, I completed MA and Bar-at-Law from England. I have been a practicing lawyer throughout my career and also actively participated in politics. My two sons have completed Bar-at-Law and they are also practicing lawyers. My daughter is a house wife.

Q.8 Sir, would like to give any message for the College management, the faculty and the students?

Ans. My message to the College Management and the faculty is to create the best learning environment in the College. The hallmark of the College used to be the best faculty and inquisitive learners. The faculty has to be the best. Burn Hall was not among the best, rather, the best institution of the country. It still enjoys a very good rapport. It is a collective responsibility of the management, the faculty and the students to make every effort to make Army Burn Hall College a pride for all of us.

At the end, the team leader expressed his great gratitude to Barrister Waseem Sajjad for giving this extensive interview. He also shared an invaluable photograph of his time and had snapshots with the team. He expressed his desire to visit the College with his family during forthcoming Re-union or some other time.





LT GEN MUMTAZ GUL, HI(M), (RETIRED) - ST. GABRIEL (1948 – 1956)

Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul, Retired, is a former Corps Commander. He held the portfolios of Chairman Public Service Commission for five years, followed by Vice Chancellor Peshawar University. General Gul had the distinction of joining first entry of Burn Hall School, Abbottabad, in 1948 and that too as a boarder. He continued his education till Senior Cambridge level. Keeping in view the seniority of the General among Hallians, the College sent a team, led by Col Manzoor Abbasi, the Chief Instructor, to conduct the interview of the General in Swat, where he was staying with his son, Mr. Usman Gul, the Commissioner Swat. The interview was conducted on 18th June 2017 at 1100 hours and it continued for two hours. The transcript of the interview spread over several pages, however, the information pertaining to Burn Hall has been gleaned and being narrated in the following paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, how would you like to describe your early life?

Ans. I belong to Sher Garh, a small village near Takht-Bai, Mardan. I was born in 1939. My mother died when I was just 2 years of age. My father retired as Brigadier from Army. We are two brothers and one sister. In 1946, my father sent my brother and my uncle to Aligarh College, India. At that time it was the only well-known institution. My father had planned to send me there too after I got a little older, but the situation changed after partition.

Q.2 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall and in which class?

Ans. I joined Burn Hall in Feb 1948 in kindergarten and my brother Islam Gul, who was elder to me, joined in a higher class. He was a good sportsman.

Q.3 Sir, were you a boarder or day scholar?

Ans. I was a boarder right from day one. I was put into dorm where all the boys were of my age and there was Miss Hurley who was our matron. She was a motherly figure. She used to give us bath twice a day just like a mother. She used to get us dressed up for school. Boarding was from KG class. Day scholars were not encouraged. Fathers were very selective in taking day scholars.

Q.4 Sir, would you like to share your experience at Burn Hall?

Ans. Burn Hall has provided me with strong foundation, which helped me throughout my life. Owing to my Burn Hall experience, I was selected as Adjutant of a Cadet College Jessore that was a great experience.

Q.5 Sir, what was the scheme of studies of Burn Hall at your time?

Ans. There was no such thing as a choice like we have today, we were doing Senior Cambridge. There was no Matric in Burn Hall. We had to study all the subjects. We had to follow that pattern, most of the students after doing their Senior Cambridge used to leave the college, a friend of mine did his higher Senior Cambridge but these were few odd exceptions.

Q.6 Sir, what games were played at Burn Hall at your time?

Ans. Being a Hallian, especially boarder, we had no choice but to participate in each and every activity that School was organizing. We used to visit the grounds of FF Regimental Centre to play football. Fathers liked football, we used to walk in two's to the polo ground, used to play sports fixtures with St. Anthony's College Lahore. We also had some matches with PMA and there was a team of Hazara called 'Mughal Club' it was a good club. I was in the College Football team for only one year while my brother was in that team during his entire stay at Burn Hall. We used to have athletics as well but not really of high standard. We had a Christian boy, Frank Cross, he was really good in that. Fathers arranged a race which I also wanted to participate. Amazingly, I was just second to Frank, which amazed me as well as the entire school, he was an excellent athlete and an excellent cricket player.



Q.7 *Sir, would you like to share with us about teaching of fathers?*

Ans. Fathers were very simple and very humble. They didn't like inviting politicians and other VIPs, even the parents did not visit the college. It was rare sight to see a child's father in the college. The important thing to remember about that time was that we had two Indian teachers; Mrs Minto, who used to teach Urdu and Mrs. Khan who, was a teacher of Indian history. Rest of the faculty were all fathers and missionaries. They used to live with us, play with us and eat with us. I was at St. Andrews House (later St. Gabriel and now SAS House). There was a notice board, which had Christ over, it was made by me. It was something for me to be proud of. Our relationship with the Fathers was just like fathers and children. This is something we are missing now-a-days. When someone would not feel well, fathers used to sit by his bed. The lights used to go off at 10 o'clock. Fathers used to have rounds all night to check if someone had a problem. They were always there to help.

Q.8 *Sir, what was the standing of Burn Hall in your time?*

Ans. There were no good institutions other than Burn Hall. One option was Aligarh but after partition that option was closed. When I joined Burn Hall in 1948, people were not much aware about Burn Hall. I was also a kid, and I couldn't understand these things, but all that happened was very fortunate for me.

Q.9 *Sir, as you are from one of the earliest students, tell us about the establishment of Burn Hall?*

Ans. Burn Hall was first set up in Abbottabad in a hotel building, Abbott Hotel. My father dropped us at the school at night. In the morning, when I woke up, I distinctly remember Miss Hurley dressed me up and all the other children exactly like a mother would do. She combed our hair, made sure we washed up. She then took me to Father Tijssen, a bearded fellow, Father Tijssen took me along to the classroom for KG. When I entered, I saw Miss Flanagan, she was the teacher. These were two sisters, Tess and May Flanagans, they were very decent and smart girls. So, Father Tijssen handed me over to Miss Flanagan. The class had small chairs and tables, fit for students of kindergarten.

Q.10 *Sir, do you remember your first day at Burn Hall?*

Ans. I distinctly remember the first sentence I learned at Burn Hall. "May I have my keys, please?" Our keys of the trunk used to be with Miss Hurley and she could only speak English, so I was told to speak this, if I ever needed my keys. Then slowly, we got the hold of the English language, since we had a compulsion not to speak any other language.

Q.11 *Sir, what were the strong areas of the Hallians in your time?*

Ans. The main strength of Hallians was communication skills. I believe that used to be our biggest strength. We all strove and thrive on this, all of us who have done well in life, both, written and spoken communication skills were the essence of a Hallian. Even boys who weren't good in studies did exceptionally well outside, because when you enter real life, it is the not the bookish knowledge that helps, people look at you from various angles and more often than not the criteria of judgment does not lie on just grades, but on what sort of a person you are.

Q.12 *Sir, how was the dealing of fathers with students?*

Ans. I think the impact of the Fathers was tremendous on us and the Fathers were so humble, I can't put it into words. They had no ego, no anger, they never shouted. They were serious by nature; they would rarely smile, just like a father in the house. And there was a distance between the students and the teachers. They really served the school.

Q.13 *What were your engagements in summer vacation?*

Ans. In summer vacation, Burn Hall would close, but we would stay at the campus. Now I can't describe how enjoyable those 20-21 days at the campus used to be. And no body asked the Fathers to look after us, but they still would do it. We were like their own children. A few of us, due to our personal problems, would stay at the campus for summer vacation. I will tell you about 2 events. One year, they called us and told us that they had decided a trip to Nathiagali, Murree and Rawalpindi. And we walked! We got ready and left in a day. We started in the morning and walked some 22 miles to Nathiagali. They had arranged a rest house for us. We stayed there for a few days and then went to Murree via Changla Gali again on foot. There was Convent in Murree on the Mall, we stayed there. And then we went to Rawalpindi. At that time Islamabad wasn't there. So I recall that when the hills



finished, we were at the place which has a lake now and is near Bani Gala, I think, when we reached there, it was very late at night. We hopped on the bus and went to Rawalpindi from there. It was a very memorable trip. The next trip, I think was in 1955. They took us to Kaghan. We had one Father, one cook and one attendant with us. We went to Balakot in a bus. Then from there we went on a GTS Jeep, because the road was too narrow. We had to reach Kaghan at midday, because after midday traffic from other side would start. If you didn't keep it that way, then you'd have problems. From Kaghan, we walked to Naran. Then we planned to go to Babusar. We went to Bata Kundi but there we found out that traveling to Babusar was not possible. So we decided to go to Lolusar, we stayed a night there. There was a ruin which looked like a house, we stayed there. At day break, we went to the Lake Saif-ul-Maluk and spent the whole day there. We then walked back to Kaghan and from there went to Abbottabad on 4 wheels. It made us very tough, both physically and mentally.

Q.13 *Sir, can you name a few of your school mates?*

Ans. Waseem Sajjad, a very bright student, his elder brother Zaheer Sajjad and Gohar Ayub, Akhtar Ayub and their sister Naseem were also Hallians. Naseem was my class fellow. There was no materialism which is very common now-a-days. People never bothered about the background of a person. We had sons of Nawabs and Princes studying with us and we did not bother where they came from. Mahmoud Ali Durrani was also my class-fellow. He retired as a Major General. A very fine person but again he was a day-scholar. He came from the Srinagar Burn Hall. But as he belonged to Abbottabad, so, he was a day-scholar here. Members of the Mian family also studied there. They were there because of us. My father had close ties with the Mian Family. Ajar Badshah was the father of these people. Inayat-ur-Rehman and Fateeh-ur-Rehman, two brothers also studied with us there. Fateeh died very young. Inayat is still alive. Ajar Badshah and Mian Saif-ur-Rehman were brothers, living side by side. We also had Mashood Shah.

Q.14 *Sir, what was your fee at Burn Hall?*

Ans. Burn Hall was very expensive in those days. Rs. 300/- per month was the fees. When I got commission, my salary was Rs. 300. So, you can imagine how expensive it was.

Q.15 *Sir, can you tell us a little more about your school mates?*

Ans. There were 15-20 boys in a class. I can recall, a boarder, Akbar S. Ahmed. He went to civil service. He, Waseem Sajjad, and Mahmud Ali Durrani; I think, we are only 3-4, who, you can say, were successful in life by the standards laid down. The others, I don't know, some were landlords' sons, and some were from Charsadda. They did nothing in life. We had a large number of people, who did not do much, despite having such quality education.

Q.16 *Sir, what message would you like to give to young Hallians and the faculty?*

Ans. Change should always be for the better. I think, when you enlarge a campus, it is bound to get diluted, bound to be adversely affected. So, the beauty of our time was that the whole school would fit in one photograph. The beauty of the system of the Fathers was that they just wouldn't spend money. They did everything as cheap as possible. I'll give you an example. In your Senior Burn Hall, where the bell used to be, there is a sort of a road between the hockey ground and the stairs, now we made that road. How? It was education. Normally, the contractors do such jobs but the Fathers asked us to do it. They called us and said let's see how we make a road. So there were stones lying, we put all of them side by side and we did pitching of it with those long stones found in rivers, then we put sand on the top of that and then a roller levelled them up. After that we knew how a road was made. Also, you won't believe it but we ourselves planted those famous Chinar trees, again with the guidance of the Fathers. There used to be no trees there. We used to go there, near the stream for picnic and we used to catch fish in that stream, it was so clean. We were taught how to make a water filter. We first put stones in the tank, then pebbles and then sand. We boarders made that filter. The water from the stream would get filtered and come into the pool. We all were also very punctual. I never heard that anyone came into the dining hall late. The Fathers would eat with us. Schooling is not from a remote-control, it is a hands-on activity. They would eat the same food as we used to eat. One of the Fathers would take a round and check us, if we needed anything. It was amazing. I think, that aspect is missing from our institutions. They were devoted. I wouldn't say



they were brilliant, because I did not know their qualifications, but devoted that they were. I almost read the complete works of Shakespeare in school. Father Scanlon was my favorite teacher, he was a wonderful headmaster.

Q.17 *Sir, anything we might have missed and you may want to share?*

Ans. One day I remember, when we had not shifted to the Senior School, it must have been in 1954 or 1955, I was reading a book in the veranda. Father Scanlon came and I got up, but he signaled me to sit. He used to read his Bible there walking. They would address us either by our surname or by 'child'. We would address them as 'Father'. He said, "Gul, what are you reading?" Before I could say anything, he put his hand out and I handed over to him the book, it was from the library. He looked at the cover and saw that it was Shakespeare's Hamlet. He sat beside me. He said, "You are reading Hamlet?" I said, "Yes." He said, "You understand?" He was shocked because I was in class 6. I said, "Yes, Father." He was our literature teacher. He was teaching us Julius Caesar, not Hamlet. So he started asking questions, such as who was Hamlet? What are the characters of Hamlet? What is the theme of the play? It was actually my second reading of the play. I used to memorize and enjoy the dialogues. The Father grilled me with questions for a good about 10-15 minutes. Then he gave me the book back and said, "Well done. Carry on." Then I was told that he was telling everybody that look at this boy reading Shakespeare, not only reading but he also understands. The Fathers used to encourage a lot. These plays proved very useful in my life. Whenever I was faced with a hardship, I would never give up because I would remember those characters in the plays. Entire staff told me not to cross the River Indus back, when I was Corps Commander, but I did it. We swam across and established the first bridge head. I'm just trying to say that "you develop a character of your own". Everything is possible, provided the will is there. Where there is a will, there is a way. All these things become part and parcel of your character and personality.

Q.18 *Sir, there are so many achievements in your life, do you think Burn Hall has contributed something to your life?*

Ans. Allah has been so kind to me. I think, I am the most contented human being in the world. It is not easy to say. I think, I have achieved this limit of personal happiness and satisfaction. I have no desires left. I never lost temper. I never lost temper even when I was young. Nowadays, children fight on every little thing. Another quality of Burn Hall was that I cannot recollect even a single incidence of children fighting, even while playing. If someone got hurt, the other would say sorry and they would again resume. We learned this sportsman spirit from the teachers. We never found ourselves quarrelling amongst ourselves. It was unbelievable. This is the difference between a good human being and a bad human being. You can literally do anything but you will not succeed in offending me. I always smile. I never lose temper. Because "if I get up and start fighting and answering back then what is the difference between me and him?" We should not stoop low to their level. I have never used an abusive word in my entire life.

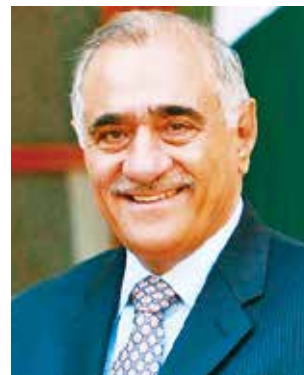
It was an extremely informative interview. The most striking characteristics of the honourable General are that he is extremely humble, polite, eager to share his experiences, very caring for the youth. Since he is very well read, his conversation is generally laden with information encompassing variety of subjects. At the end, the team leader expressed his profound gratitude to the General for providing an opportunity to conduct this interview.





MAJ GEN MAHMUD ALI DURRANI, (RETIRED) - DAY SCHOLAR (1947-1956)

Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani, Retired, former Pakistani ambassador to USA, author of 'Security Studies' and former National Security Advisor Government of Pakistan, remained on the roll of Burn Hall from 1947 to 1956. In series of interviews, the College team comprising Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Section Head Cambridge, Abdur Rehman Sarwar, Vice President of English Literary Society, and Mashood Nazir Janjua, Social Secretary of Syed Ahmed Shaheed House, visited the residence of Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani, Retired, 10 Golf Road, near Army House, Rawalpindi on 19th June, 2017 to conduct interview. The team was received by Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani during heavy rain. He expressed his extreme happiness to have a team from Burn Hall. Mr. Nadeem Ahmed conveyed the compliments of the Principal and the faculty to Maj Gen Mahmud Ali Durrani, Retired, for sparing time for this interview. The gist of the interview is in succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 *Sir, what was so special about your first day in Burn Hall?*

Ans. I joined Burn Hall in 1947 when Burn Hall was in Srinagar. I, along with my father, traveled from Abbottabad to Srinagar where Burn Hall was located. I was six and a half year old at that time. My first day memory, at Burn Hall, is a bit hazy except that I was a small kid among others around me. My distant cousin already studying at Burn Hall at that time became kind of mentor for me. I was so young that the matrons used to give me bath. I remember picnics arranged by school. I don't remember much of my studies, but I do remember one of the Fathers who used to hold my hand. I used to write letters to my parents. Surprisingly, I found them, when I went through collection of my mother. From my boarding life in Srinagar I remember an old house.

Q.2 *Sir, what makes you proud about Burn Hall?*

Ans. What makes me proud about Burn Hall is that whatever I am today, is just because of Burn Hall. Fathers taught us fundamental code of life like, lying is bad habit, always speak truth, respect your elders, doing the right thing and owning up the mistake you have done. The teaching method of Fathers was excellent. If in a Chemistry lab, a boy had broken something and when he used to tell fathers that thing was broken. Fathers used to say "It didn't break, someone has broken it, who broke it?" I think the development of character was the major thing that I remember from my school. The good thing was that what I was taught at home was reinforced by the school and the value system what they tried to inculcate was amazing. So I think that the strength of character which is the foundation of a person is the biggest achievement that Burn Hall gave us.

Q.3 *Is there something that still fascinates you about this historical institution?*

Ans. Yes, I think it's the overall quality. you know you are sitting here because of the fact that I respect the institution, although it has transformed through a great degree. It is what everybody says, my Alma Mater, my cradle out of which I was born. It's like owning your family.

Q.4 *Who were the most fascinating peers?*

Ans. Well, the most mesmerizing were obviously my class fellows but at large mostly people look up to their seniors. So I have some memories of some of my seniors. There are some of them whom I could think of at the moment, like Daud Kamal, he is a lawyer now. He was more like my mentor, he was an intellectual person and I owe all my knowledge of English literature to him. All these books I collect, I think Daud Kamal has a big hand in it. The remember of Tariq Khan, Asghar Khan (very good fast bowler), Salim Khan, Waseem Sajjad, Tariq Ayub Qureshi (Chartered Accountant) and Zafar Aftab Qureshi.

Q.5 *How were you kept engaged in the activities around the year?*

Ans. The initial year was very brief, so I don't remember much. My family would visit me in Srinagar, they would stay in the house boat. We would visit various parts around Srinagar, places like Tangmur, Gulmurg. They did it every year. When I came to Burn Hall in Abbottabad, I used to cycle everyday to school, so cycling was a sports event. We used to walk from the old school to the ground down the



road. We used to play Football and Cricket. Day time was for classes, afternoon was for sports and evening was for the study period.

Q.6 Do you remember any teacher who has inspired you the most?

Ans. Father Scanlon, who at one time was also the Principal, was a very upright, tall and smart man. I think, he was great inspiration. They were, I think model of good human beings. Then there was father Klaver, he was really good too. There were couple of female teachers too. One of them was Miss Minto. She used to teach us Urdu and my Urdu was really bad, so I used to get a foot ruler on my knuckles. She was a tough old bird, but we loved her a lot.

Q.7 How would you relate the present day Burn Hall with the old Burn Hall?

Ans. You see, I haven't studied in the present day Burn Hall so my opinion; you have to take with two pinches of sword. I think in one area the product today is better, that is education. Morally, I don't think you reach our standards. May be, but I don't know for sure. The character of Burn Hall has changed somewhat and the change is that it has become more militarized.

Q.8 Sir, do you think Burn Hall is a nursery for producing professionals?

Ans. Yes, I think so. Our Education was very broad based, so you could fit anywhere you want to.

Q.9 Sir would you like your children or grand children to go to Burn Hall too?

Ans. I would like too. In fact two or three years back I was with my one set of grand children in Nathia Gali. So I visited the college and it was really good. The thing is that my children are running around all over the world, so they had mostly international studies.

Q.10 How did your school experience prepare you for your career?

Ans. I think, it prepared me very well. It gave me a very broad education, allowed me to think on my own. Burn Hall is a place where there is no emphasis on ratta but only learning. Now-a-days children are made to memorize complete essays and when asked they vomit it out, that's what I call it. In our times, if we did so, we were punished. We were made to write it in our own way, so the broad education that we got really prepared me adequately for my future career.

Q.11 What was the favourite pass time in the school?

Ans. Favourite pass time was sports. At that time there were table tennis, so when the bell rang we used to run to get the first place. We even played marbles.

Q.12 Which college activity you hated the most?

Ans. You know, memory plays tricks, when you look back that far everything seems rosier and good but I think the evening study period was boring. Other than that I disliked history class.

Q.13 How did you manage boarders and day scholars in the campus?

Ans. I think, we got along very well, but there was a greater integration among the boarders. I would compare it like a tank crew in the army.

Q.14 Sir, which of your very close associates achieved success in their careers?

Ans. Well, I could give you some names, Waseem Sajjad, Daud Kamal, Tariq Ayub Qureshi, Tariq Afridi (diplomat and excellent Polo player)

Q.15 What were the most popular eatables in the college café?

Ans. In my days, there was no such animal as a café. There used to be chaps with steel boxes carrying bakery items. Two or three famous items were Cream roll, Coconut pastry.

Q.16 Sir do you want to give any message to the young Hallians?

Ans. My message for the young Hallians is that they should be proud of their Institution. They should be loyal to their school, focus on their studies and learn to be good human beings and most importantly give respect their teachers.

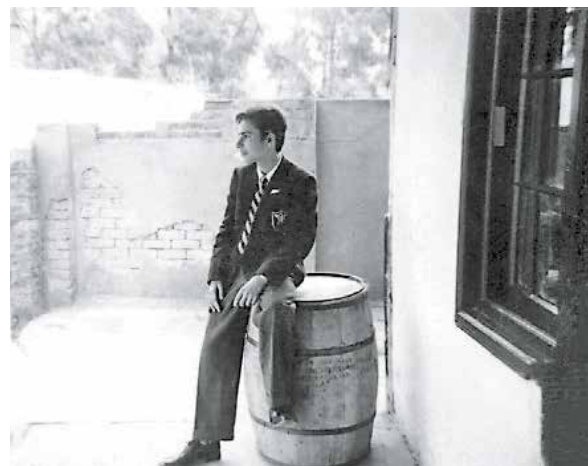
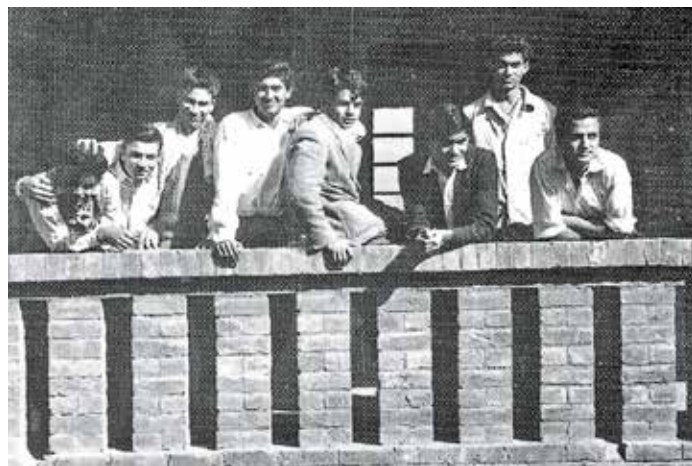
At the end of interview, team leader presented a souvenir to Mr. Mahmud Ali Durrani. He then shared some of his beautiful memories by showing some pictures. The team leader thanked him for his precious time and asked his permission to leave.





A MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR AKBAR S. AHMED - ST. GABRIEL (1948 – 1959)

Like all those who have attended Burn Hall, my core values, which have guided me now through many decades, were shaped by our wonderful teachers, who went out of their way to guide us, encourage us, and push us to be our very best. At Burn Hall, I learned the need for hard, honest work, for persistence in the face of failure, and for humility and compassion in all of life's endeavors and all its ups and downs. As Hallians continue to serve among Pakistan's great leaders, it is imperative that the school's distinguished teachers continue to teach these high ideals. By sharing these values with future generations, they will stand Pakistan in good stead and foster the creation of bridges of understanding between different cultures and religions within and outside Pakistan. They will also be able to maintain the spirit of our school motto - Quo Non Ascendam, or "To What Heights Can I Not Rise?" This motto continues to encapsulate the spirit of Burn Hall and Hallians around the world and to guide Hallians past, present, and future in pushing themselves and the world to new heights. My prayers and good wishes are to all Hallians everywhere as we approach these exciting anniversary celebrations.



Clockwise from Top Left: Ahmed and his Senior School classmates pose for a photo with the Bishop (Ahmed is standing behind the Bishop); Ahmed's official Junior School portrait; A relaxed Junior School portrait of Ahmed; Ahmed and friends relaxing in the dorms in Senior School. Ahmed (3rd from Left) and Wasim Sajjad, the former President of Pakistan, (5th from left) were the only two students that year to earn First Division in their Senior Cambridge Exams.



INTERVIEW OF AMBASSADOR AKBAR S. AHMED

Q.1 *What makes you proud of Burn Hall?*

Ans. I am proud that Burn Hall is a school which sets high standards for its students and which produces students and citizens of the highest calibre.

Q.2 *Is it something which still fascinates you about this historical institution?*

Ans. What fascinates me is just how many of my contemporaries from Burn Hall went on to do great things for Pakistan and in the world.

Q.3 *How would you relate present day Burn Hall with Old Burn Hall?*

Ans. I see present-day Burn Hall as working hard to sustain the high standards of old Burn Hall. Ultimately, the quality of the school depends on the quality of its teachers - the teachers are who made Burn Hall the storied school it was in my day, and so long as Burn Hall continues to employ teachers of the highest quality, its high standards will remain intact.

Q.4 *Would you like your children / grand children to be Hallians too?*

Ans. Yes, although the world has changed so much since my time at Burn Hall.

Q.5 *How would you show your love and admiration for Burn Hall?*

Ans. I show my love and admiration for Burn Hall by constantly talking and writing about it. We even featured a clip of my visit to Burn Hall in the 1990s in the BBC television series, Living Islam, which I presented.

Q.6 *If you could change one school rule, what would it be?*

Ans. I would encourage the school to permit and push students to have a greater connection to the world through social media.

Q.7 *What changes would you wish to make in Burn Hall?*

Ans. I would establish more international exchange visits to and from Burn Hall so that Hallians can experience a greater connection to the world and have greater access to developments outside the school and around the world.

Q.8 *Which is the worst experience of your stay in Burn Hall?*

Ans. Boarding school, of course, has its ups and downs, but on the whole, I look back on my time at Burn Hall with happiness.

Q.9 *What was your favourite pastime in the Campus life?*

Ans. I always enjoyed playing sports and quiet time in the study.

Q.10 *Which college activity you hated the most and why?*

Ans. I never enjoyed getting up for PT before sunrise - especially during the winter in my vest and shorts!

Q.11 *Which area of the college you liked the most and why?*

Ans. I always enjoyed the sporting fields the most. They reflected the beauty of Abbottabad, which is one of the most famous hill stations in the country.

Q.12 *How the discipline and code of conduct was ensured in the college?*

Ans. There was a strict code of discipline in my time, which the teachers applied forcefully. In Junior School, the teachers often resorted to hitting with rulers, and sometimes even to giving a whack on the head, to enforce the code of conduct. Usually, though, a stern warning did the trick.

Q.13 *Which important aspects of personality development would you suggest for the Hallians, now?*

Ans. I would encourage Hallians to balance sports and their studies. I would also encourage them to develop both an activist approach to life and an approach to life based in fairness and knowledge.

Q.14 *Your message for the young Hallians?*

Ans. Quo Non Ascendam - "To What Heights Can I Not Rise?"



LT GEN MUNIR HAFEEZ, HI(M) (RETIRED) - DAY SCHOLAR (1954 – 1965)

Lt Gen Munir Hafeez, HI, (M), (Retired), was the former Corps Commander, and the former Chairman of National Accountability Bureau. He attended Burn School, now known as Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, from 1954 to 1965. The Burn Hall team comprising Mr. Mansoor Alam, Department of English, M. Hamza Abdullah Khan, President English Literary Society and Abdul Rehman Sarwar, Vice President English Literary Society, had the honour to visit the House No 18, Street No 20, F- 8/2 Islamabad of Lt Gen Munir Hafeez, HI, (M), (Retired), in order to take his interview. The gist of the interview of the honourable General is given in the ensuing lines.



Q.1 Sir, how would you describe your association with Burn Hall?

Ans. I moved to Abbottabad in 1950. I was the youngest of the six siblings. My brother was already studying at Burn Hall. I followed him to Burn Hall and was admitted around 1954. My teacher in Lower Kindergarten was Tess Flanagan. I got double promotion from lower to higher Kindergarten. I don't know whether I deserved it or not. The School was near to my house, so I used to cycle every day. Till third grade, I was in the Junior School, which was Co-Educational. At that time, boarders from all around East and West Pakistan were studying in Burn Hall. Even though there were students from all areas of Pakistan with different sects, surprisingly, there had been no sectarianism. I joined Senior School from fourth grade and spent seven years there. Mrs. Daniels was one of the most prominent teachers at that time. She used to live in a church near the college. The fee was collected by the Bursar, Father Johnson. He was the only man responsible for the basic college administration. You can say that it was a single man administration. With our fee, many other missionary schools used to run, which helped the poor living in those areas, by providing them free education. Fathers were mainly Dutch. There were no religious inclinations from the Fathers. Some important faculty members of our time were Father Scargon, House Master Saint Gabriel's House, Father Doyl, House Master Saint Michael's House, Father Johnson, English teacher and in charge of grounds. He knew Hindko, Pushto, Urdu and English very well, Father Klaver, Dutch, from Netherlands, Father Scanlon, Geography Teacher.

Q.2 Sir, why did you join Burn Hall School in particular? Why not any other institution?

Ans. It is simple, I had no choice. My father passed away, when I was 9 months old. My mother was a disciplined lady. She nurtured us very well. Burn Hall was considered among the best and elite institutions of the country. My brother was already studying at Burn Hall. So, it only seemed fit that I joined it too.

Q.3 Sir, in your view, what makes a Hallian different?

Ans. A Hallian has many set of abilities that differentiate him or her from others. If a Hallian wears Shalwar Kameez, he can talk to a labourer working on the footpath. On the other hand, if a Hallian wears a suit, he will attend Serena Hotel.

Q.4 Sir, you have so many achievements in life? Whom would you like to attribute the credit of this successful story? Did Burn Hall play a role in this regard?

Ans. Certainly, it played a major role in my life's achievements. I lost my father when I was 9 months old. So, fatherly figure was missing. The male teachers in Burn Hall were like my Fathers. They helped me a lot and I do owe my success to them and Burn Hall Institution.

Q.5 What was the standing of Burn Hall at your time at National level?

Ans. Burn Hall was the top rated school at that time or even the Elite Institution. There were few other public schools too but Burn Hall was the best.

Q.6 Sir, what co-curricular and extra-curricular activities did you participate in?

Ans. I was very much interested in sports. I used to play good cricket. I was in cricket team of the college and in house team as well. I also used to play hockey. There were three institutions in Pakistan under



Mill Hill Fathers. These were Burn Hall, Saint Anthony's School in Lahore and Saint Mary's School in Rawalpindi. Fixtures were arranged among them.

Q.7 *How would you compare old Burn Hall with the present one?*

Ans. During our time, there was less number of students and sections. Everything was simple and sweet. The school was run by Fathers. The system of education was up to the mark. Now the situation is different.

Q.8 *Sir, anything we might have missed and you would like to tell us?*

Ans. At that time Father Scanlon was one of the most impeccable characters. We were scared of him. We would change our route, if we saw him. He was never seen hitting someone or losing his temper, but still every student had a fear of him.

Q.9 *What is your message for the College Faculty, the administration and the students?*

Ans. My advice to young Hallians is to read books. They should acquire knowledge beyond their subjects. Islamic knowledge and teaching should be made part of education, because the students must have the basics of Islam.

At the end, the team leader expressed his gratitude to Lt Gen Munir Hafeez for giving an extensive interview and sparing his precious time. He also shared a memorable photograph of his time and snapshots with the team.





ADMIRAL NOMAN BASHIR, NI(M), (RETIRED) - DAY SCHOLAR (1958 – 1962)

Admiral Noman Bashir, Retired, NI (M), remained on the roll of Burn Hall School, now Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, from 1958 to 1962. Though he attended Burn Hall in earlier years of his education at primary level, yet he has vivid recollections of his association with the Burn Hall. An interview was arranged with the honourable Admiral by Burn Hall team on 26 May, 2017 at his residence: House number 10, St # 30, F-8/1 Islamabad. The Burn Hall team, comprising Col Manzoor Ahmed Abasi, Chief Instructor, Mr Aamir Khurshid, Head of English Department, Mian Mustafa Shah, The College Prefect and Hamza Abdullah, President English Literary Society, reached residence of Admiral Noman Bashir sharp at 2:20 pm. Admiral Noman was waiting for the Burn Hall team in his artistically decorated Drawing Room. He expressed his extreme delight and rejoiced to receive a team from Burn Hall. Amidst a sumptuous tea break arranged for the Burn Hall team, he started sharing his most precious memories of Burn Hall. He gave details of Principals and a few faculty members of his time. The details of his interview are given in the succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall School and when did you leave it?

Ans. I had joined Burn Hall in the year 1958 and left in 1962 after four years of studies. Burn Hall was my first school and after Burn Hall, I went to Cantt Public School Nowshera, which led me to the Government College Lahore.

Q.2 Sir, what was the scheme of studies at your time?

Ans. During our time, students were taught through practical means and there was not much of the theoretical work, as compared to today. We had a lot of time to play and so we never missed it. The scheme of studies was also activity based and we were taught usually through various joyful activities.

Q.3 Sir, in your view, what makes a Hallians different?

Ans. Well, Burn Hall was marked for the habit of punctuality, self-discipline, and strength of character, refined human attributes and manners. The focus used to be on overall polishing of personality, and marked standards of morality, which led us to have a better character than others.

Q.4 Sir, you have so many achievements in life? Whom would you like to attribute the credit of this successful story? Did Burn Hall play a role in this regard?

Ans. Certainly, Burn Hall played a significant role in every achievement of my life, whereas, I believe that success comes from two things: Blessings of Allah and continuous and consistent hard work. I guess, it was my basic education at Burn Hall that made me realize these truths and enabled me to become what I am today.

Q.5 What was the standing of Burn Hall in the country at that time?

Ans. It was rated as one of the best institutions in the country.

Q.6 How would you compare old Burn Hall with the new one?

Ans. It seems to me as there had been no change occurred over the years that could make Burn Hall distinctive from the old one. Almost all the things are same as they were, but the only thing that is different today is that in time our, Burn Hall used to be administered by Fathers and now by Pakistan Army. I visited Burn Hall a few years back and found it the same as it was in our time.

Q.7 Sir, we would you like to share with us your recollections about the college management and faculty of your time.



Ans. During our time, as I remember, the Principal was Father Arnold Neyzen and the Vice Principal was Mrs. Manzur. Father Neyzen was really a fatherly figure of our time, man of principles and honour. I can recollect that during my school time, I wanted three days leave to attend my uncle's wedding. The Principal was very forthcoming, but he said that I would only give you leave, if my previous attendance record was good. Fortunately, I had 100% attendance, so he granted me leave to attend my uncle's wedding.

Q.8 *Any other aspect that you may want to share?*

Ans. I remember a life changing incident of my stay at Burn Hall that I often narrate to my friends. One day, it was raining outside and my friend was standing in the veranda. I pushed him into the rain, with the intention to have fun, but instead of having fun, he fell down and got severe injury. I later on realized that sometime our minor actions might harm someone.

Q.9. *Sir, what's your message to the Hallians?*

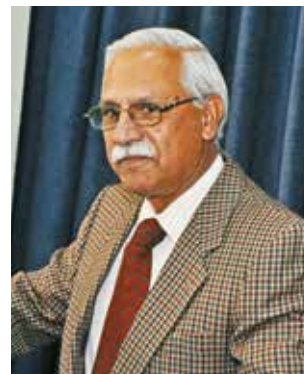
Ans. I would request the administration and teachers of Burn Hall to work for the improvement of the college and to prepare the personalities which can make students asset of the society. Our generation has ruined and spoiled this country, so my message for the present generation is that you have to improve this country. It's all in your hand now. Don't take things for granted.





LT GEN AYAZ SALEEM RANA, HI(M), (RETIRED) - DAY SCHOLAR (1958 – 1967)

Lt Gen Ayaz Saleem Rana, HI (M) (Retired), is the former Chairman Heavy Industries Taxila. He served in Pakistan Army for more than 35 years. He remained on the roll of Burn Hall School, now Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, from the year 1958 to 1967. He has vivid recollections of his association with the Burn Hall. Since the College is completing this year its 60 years in the present location and 70 years at Abbottabad next year, a grand Reunion of Alumni is being planned next year. An interview was arranged with the honourable General by Burn Hall team on 02 June, 2017 at the College premises. The Burn Hall team comprised Col Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi, Chief Instructor, Mian Mustafa Shah, The College Prefect and Hamza Abdullah, President English Literary Society. He expressed his extreme delight to meet a Burn Hall team. The gist of his interview is given in the succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, how would you describe your association with Burn Hall?

Ans. I joined Burn Hall in the year 1958 in Montessori Class. My parents chose Burn Hall for me. My mother was a doctor in the Civil Hospital, Abbottabad, now Women and Children hospital. I have the unique honour that 17 members of my family were studying at Burn Hall by that time. Due to this reason, Father Scanlon had declared that there would be no more interviews for the members of the Rana family at the time of admission at Burn Hall. We used to come on bicycle every morning to school. Some of teachers of my time were Father Scanlon, Mrs Daniels, Mr Mazur UI Haq and Father Johnson.

Q.2 Sir, why did you join Burn Hall School in particular? Why not any other institution?

Ans. It was the decision of my parents that I should join Burn Hall, because of its repute and quality of education. Burn Hall was the only institution in Abbottabad, having such an enviable stature.

Q.3 Sir, in your view, what makes a Hallians different?

Ans. A Hallian is different from the students of other institutions in many aspects such as punctuality, self-discipline, and honesty to purpose, truthfulness and refined manners. The credit goes to qualified teachers, the excellent environment and the able administration of Fathers that fostered this culture. The pride of being a part of this institution is itself a feeling of being special.

Q.4 Sir, you have so many achievements in life? Whom would you like to attribute the credit of this successful story? Did Burn Hall play a role in this regard?

Ans. God be praised for all that I would say that the teachers of Burn Hall brought a change in my life. They groomed me and I simply cannot forget them. They were like our parents because we were under their wings for most of our life. So it is natural for me to attribute the success of my life to my teachers and this great institution.

Q.5 What was the standing of Burn Hall at your time at national level?

Ans. Among other institutions of Pakistan such as Cadet Colleges, Military Colleges, Aitchison College, Lawrence College etc, Burn Hall had a very prominent standing. Students came from all over the country and also from East Pakistan.

Q.6 Sir, anything we might have missed and you would like to tell us?

Ans. Father Lee was a bursar and librarian. We used to enjoy the fire drill which was practiced by both boarders and day scholars. Swimming pool was started in late sixties. Food used to be very delicious. There was no physical punishments but I remember a punishment called "Kitchen Boy" The mischievous boys were made kitchen boys and they were not allowed to dine with others, they were made to have their meal with the cooks and waiters in the kitchen.

Q.7 What is your message for the College Faculty, the administration and the students?

Ans. My message to the college administration is that the climb is always difficult but retaining that level is even more difficult. I would pray that Burn Hall excels in every aspects. May it regain its former glory. Due to the increasing competition, the local pressure of studies over students has increased significantly. My message to the students would be to work hard and come up with the desired standards that are expected from Hallians.



MR. SALMAN BASHIR, FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY - DAY SCHOLAR (1959 – 1962)

Mr. Salman Bashir is a career diplomat who served as Foreign Secretary of Pakistan from 2006 to 2012, the High Commissioner of Pakistan to India (2011) and an ambassador to Denmark, Lithuania, China and Mongolia. He remained on the roll of Burn Hall from 1959 to 1962. In the series of interview with distinguished Alumni, a College team comprising Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Section Head Cambridge, Abdur Rehman Sarwar, Vice President of English Literary Society, and Mashood Nazir Janjua, Social Secretary of Syed Ahmed Shaheed House, visited the residence of Mr. Salman Bashir, Bahria Enclave, Islamabad, on 19th June 2017, to conduct the interview of Mr. Salman Bashir. He himself received the team and welcomed them. Mr. Nadeem conveyed the compliments of the Principal and the faculty to the former Secretary for sparing time for this interview. The following is the gist of his interview.



Q.1 Sir, how would you like to describe your first day in Burn Hall?

Ans. I don't remember much about first day that I had in Burn Hall, yet I would say it was a wonderful day of my life. Burn Hall was a leading institution at that time and the feeling of excitement and pride was prevailing on my nerves. Sentiments of delight for becoming a part of such a gigantic environment were prevalent.

Q.2 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall and in which class?

Ans. I joined Burn Hall in 1959. I was like a little child, therefore, I was placed in Montessori class. My brother, Noman Bashir, was already studying in Burn Hall at that time. He had started his schooling one year earlier than me.

Q.3 Sir, what was the scheme of studies at your time?

Ans. During our time, students were not given lectures as it is done in these days. Most of our learning was of practical nature. The scheme of studies was activity based and we were taught through different activities which were helpful for maintaining our interest and raising motivation. Besides studies, there had been proportionate schedule for games. We always tried our best to participate in games.

Q.4 Sir, what makes Hallians different from others?

Ans. Burn Hall was my first schooling place. Whatever I had accomplished in all my life is just because of Burn Hall. Hallians are different from others for discipline, punctuality and strong communication skills.

Q.5 Sir, is there anything which still fascinates you about this historical institution?

Ans. Yes, I think, it gives me extreme delight to know that Burn Hall still carries on the mission and the spirit that it pursued back in late 1950s and early 1960s. Burn Hall progressed by leaps and bounds and has become much more vibrant. At my time, there were only two schools but Burn Hall has produced many distinguished persons over the years.

Q.6 Sir, can you name some of your peers or friends?

Ans. Well, I would say that while expressing thoughts about school days, especially early school days and mates, everything is mesmerizing but I still remember some friends like, Imran Mudassir, Shabeer Ahmed and Nisar Ali Khan

Q.7 Do you remember any teacher who had inspired you the most?

Ans. Mrs. Manzoor was the teacher, who had inspired me the most. She was an excellent teacher with a compassionate heart, who was eager to transfer her knowledge to the students.

Q.8 What was the standing of Burn Hall in the country at that time?

Ans. Burn Hall was the most expensive school at that time, but there had been no comparison of quality education and standard that fathers had demonstrated over the years. English teachers and especially Fathers were the basic ingredients for which Burn Hall was rated as the best institution of that time.

Q.9 Sir, you have so many achievements in life? Whom would you like to attribute the credit of this successful story? Did Burn Hall play a role in this regard?



Ans. I owe a lot to my Alma Mater, Burn Hall. What I am in my life and where I stand today, it was due to sheer hard work of my teachers. Absolutely, I attribute the credit of my success to Burn Hall. It has played a very important role in this regard. Whatever is gained in the early days of life, it becomes part and parcel in the coming years of one's life. Burn Hall has inculcated the ability to understand life. Burn hall has given me the pragmatic knowledge of life. I would say the education in Burn Hall is the real and ever lasting. It was not only limited to the books, it was about the whole life. My stay at Burn Hall also helped me in my upcoming education and my foreign service.

Q.10 *How would you compare old Burn Hall with the new one?*

Ans. Every passing day, Burn Hall has been progressing by leaps and bounds. The education being imparted at Burn Hall helps in the wholesome grooming of personality. Life is an endless process of learning and developing personality. Burn Hall was administered by Fathers in our time and it is run by Pakistan Army now. The involvement and contribution of Pakistan Army made it more disciplined and standardized.

Q.11 *How would you show your love and admiration for the Army Burn Hall? And would you like your grand children to be Hallian too?*

Ans. I would like to visit Burn Hall to interact with young Hallians. I would be very grateful to associate myself to Burn Hall. Definitely, I would like my grand children to be Hallians like me.

Q.12 *How did your school experience prepare you for your career?*

Ans. Burn Hall had prepared me for the career that I later on pursued. I started in such environment where I could think about myself. Burn Hall instilled many traits in my personality. These traits have always been beneficial for me to lead a successful life and career. My level of English improved there. The thing for which I and every Hallian is proud of is, strong communication skills. Burn was my first school, therefore, being a part of such an institution in the early life, influenced my over all upcoming career and left everlasting impact on my life.

Q.13 *Sir, what do you think, what attributes are required for an individual to have success in different fields of life?*

Ans. Firstly, one should have vision and goal. Secondly, he should have the conviction to achieve his goal. Thirdly, one must be optimistic and have perseverance and lastly, value of thing which you may call integrity matters a lot, because without integrity one cannot go far.

Q.14 *Which subject you like the least and why?*

Ans. I didn't like chemistry. I was not able to memorize the equations. I had to cram those equations. I don't know how I passed the exam but I did manage it.

Q.15 *Which of your very close associate achieved excelled in career?*

Ans. Nearly everyone achieved excellence in his career, especially my brother, Noman Bashir, Ex Naval Chief, Imran Mudassir, Chief Economist at World Bank and Shabeer Ahmed, Ex-IGP.

Q.16 *Sir, what message would you like to give to young Hallians and the faculty?*

Ans. My message to young Hallians and the faculty is to be guided by the motto, "To What Height Can I Not Rise". Stick yourself to this motto and you would achieve whatever you want, because there are no limits to think.

At the end of interview, the college team presented a souvenir and necktie to Mr. Salman Bashir. He displayed his photographs to Burn Hall team. He had shown extreme delight and rejoice to receive a team from Burn Hall. The interaction with Mr. Salman Bashir was informative and historical.





LT GEN KHALID NAWAZ, HI(M) (RETIRED) ST. GABRIEL HOUSE (1961-1966)

Lieutenant General (R)Khalid Nawaz, HI(M), Sitara-i-Esar, has the privilege to Command 10 Corps and prestigious Command and Staff College Quetta. The general officer has the singular honour of being the Hallian and Chairman of the Board of Governors Army Burn Hall Institutions. He attended Burn Hall School from 1961 to 1966. The College team comprising Senior Instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Safdar Abbas, AEC, Vice President English Literary Society, Abdul Rehman Sarwar and Mess Secretary SIS House, Imad ud din Khan visited Lt Gen (R) Khalid Nawaz at his office in Fauji Tower Chaklala Scheme 2 Rawalpindi. The interview panel was warmly received. The team leader conveyed the compliments of the Principal and the faculty and expressed his gratitude for sparing precious time to interact and inspire his Hallian posterity. The essence of the interview is given in the following lines.



Q.1 If you may share your impression of early schooling experience at Burn Hall?

Ans. It was a very good experience. I joined the school in 1961 and stayed till 1966. I studied for 2 years in Junior School and 2 years in Senior Burn Hall. In Senior Burn Hall, I was part of St. Gabriel's House. The majority of the students were boarders and most of the students were from Frontier Province (NWFP and now KPK) and Karachi.

Q.2 What was the major focus of studies at Burn Hall in your time?

Ans. It was not much different from what you have now. Subjects are all the same. I remember vividly that there was not too much pressure on the students regarding studies. There used to be a lot of emphasis on character building, grooming and personality development. The idea was to turn a student into an all-round personality than just someone who got 100% marks. So, wholesome personality package was the major focus.

Q.3 Would you like to share some of your personal experiences at Burn Hall?

Ans. It was very good, because Burn Hall was one of the leading institutions of the country at our time. Personality development was the major focus. There was hardly any distinction among curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. They were all equally important and integral part of school programme. We used to play all types of sports and games. Minimum two field sports were mandatory for every boarder. Inter-house sports, athletics, debates and declamation competitions were tougher than fixtures with contemporary competitors. We used to have multiple co-curricular activities like debating and dramatics etc. too. There used to be a music club as well. So, whatever you wanted to participate in was present.

Q.4 Would you like to share with us something about the teachers and fathers at that time?

Ans. I remember during our time, Principal was Father Scanlon. He was a very vibrant sort of a Principal. He was always on the move. He was very fatherly figure. Students would feel that teachers were never popular with the students. But Father Scanlon was an exception and very popular. There was another father 'Father Johnson'. He was the real Patron of the school. If somebody had any problem or worries, he could go to him anytime and discuss it with him.

Q.5 What was the standing of Burn Hall at your time?

Ans. Burn Hall stood amongst the leading elitist public schools of Pakistan. Our competitors at that time were Aitchison College, Lawrence College and St. Anthony's etc.

Q.6 What were the strong areas of Hallians at your time?

Ans. As I told you, Burn Hall was all about teaching the students to be future leaders. Hallians had strong personality traits and could withstand all types of challenges. So, you had to be good in studies but at the same time it had to be an all-round, well groomed personality that could be developed with active participation in all activities. Moral values occupied the central place in personality



development of students. Hallians had an inbuilt and very strong bond of comradeship and would never fail to stand for each other.

Q.7 Sir! What makes a Hallian different from others in your opinion?

Ans. Burn Hall is not like a common business enterprise type school or school with intent of making money. People now-a-days are fleecing money in the garb of schooling but Burn Hall, on the contrary raises its students to be future leaders with good character and personality.

Q.8 Sir! If you remember your first day at school?

Ans. I really wouldn't remember that. Anyhow, what I may be able to recollect is that there was not too much of traffic then. It used to take me 15 minutes to reach the school from my place i.e. FF Centre and back. School used to close around 1400 hours. I used to go home, change dress and come back to school for games. Every weekend there used to be some sort of activity for boarders. Sometimes, it would be within the premises of school and sometimes outside. The day scholars would also be part of that.

Q.9 Sir! Can you name a few of the most prominent peers?

Ans. Yes, some of the school mates are: Major General(R) Niaz Khattak and Lieutenant General (R) Tariq Khan.

Q.10 How would you compare the present day Burn Hall with Burn Hall of your time?

Ans. Well, the number of students and faculty was far less. As far as faculty is concerned, they would focus on each and every student. A lot of events were organized, which would become difficult now.

Q.11 Do you believe that Burn Hall has some role in your achievements?

Ans. Yes, certainly! School is the place where everything starts. It's where you mould your personality. The teachers in schools are your mentors and play very influential role in moulding your personality. Later on, when you join any profession all those things ultimately come out and help you in any situation.

Q.12 Sir, your call?

Ans. (Giggles). You know, when I was Chairman Board of Governors, it was a proud moment for me, as I could take part in development of school. I would insist during board meetings that we should get back to our old heritage. Ours is a very old school and has a rich history. We have a lot of contribution in all the fields. So, I have always insisted on reviving our history and not getting too far from what we used to be.

Q.13 Sir! What message would you like to give to the young Hallians?

Ans. Remember your motto 'Quo Non Ascendam'. Faculty must be helping the students to achieve that and the students must be determined to achieve that. Towards the close, team leader presented the College Souvenir to Lt Gen (R) Khalid Nawaz. General presented souvenirs to the team. The team leader thanked the general for hospitality and precious time.





LT GEN TARIQ KHAN, HI(M), (RETIRED) - ST MICHAEL (1964 – 1972)

Lt Gen Tariq Khan, HI(M) (Retired), is the former IGFC, KPK and Corps Commander. He served in Pakistan Army for more than 35 years. He remained on the roll of Burn Hall School, now Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, from the year 1964 to 1972. An interview was arranged with the honourable Gen by Burn Hall team on 03 June, 2017 at his residence in DI Khan. The Burn Hall team comprised Lt Col Safdar Abbas, Senior Instructor, Mian Mustafa Shah, The College Prefect and Noman Khalid, Asst College Prefect. He expressed his extreme delight to receive the Burn Hall team and fondly started recollecting his reminiscences and willingly shared the same with the interviewers. The gist of his interview is given in succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, when did you join Burn Hall and in which class?

Ans. My association with Burn Hall traces back its history to the date when my father, Lt Col Nawabzada Azmat Khan, and two uncles, Air Vice Marshal Nawabzada Rehmat Khan and Nawabzada Hasmat Khan had joined Burn Hall respectively. I joined Burn Hall in 4th class in 1966 and did Senior Cambridge. Besides me, my younger brother, cousin and many other relatives are Hallians. I was Prefect of Saint Michael's House and my brother was in Saint Gabriel's House, as two brothers could not live in the same house. I was a good sportsman and I represented my house in seven games.

Q.2 Sir, why did you join Burn Hall School in particular? Why not any other institution?

Ans. My father, an Old Hallian, was serving in Pakistan Army. Due to his frequent postings my studies were badly suffering. So my father decided to send me to some boarding school like Aitchison College, St Anthony's, Lawrence College and Burn Hall. Luckily, he selected Burn Hall for me.

Q.3 Sir, in your view, what makes a Hallians different?

Ans. One thing which I felt was demeanour of Hallians. They were all well bred, well spoken and well mannered. The credit goes to qualified teachers, the excellent environment and the able administration of Fathers.

Q.4 Sir, you have so many achievements in life? Whom would you like to attribute the credit of this successful story? Did Burn Hall play a role in this regard?

Ans. Burn Hall played vital role in my upbringing and grooming my personality. I remember, we used to concentrate more on studies rather than sports and games, but it does not mean that we never participated in games. I can't forget the contribution which this great institution made towards the development of my personality and career. Burn Hall has given me the self-confidence to face challenges. So I think, Burn Hall had done a lot in polishing my abilities.

Q.5 What was the standing of Burn Hall in the country at that time?

Ans. Burn Hall was epitome of excellence among the galaxy of other institutions of Pakistan such as Cadet Colleges, Military Colleges, Aitchison College, Lawrence College etc. Burn Hall had a very prominent standing in the country at that time. Admission at Burn Hall was even more difficult than other renowned institutions of Pakistan. Admissions were purely on merit. The stature of Burn Hall



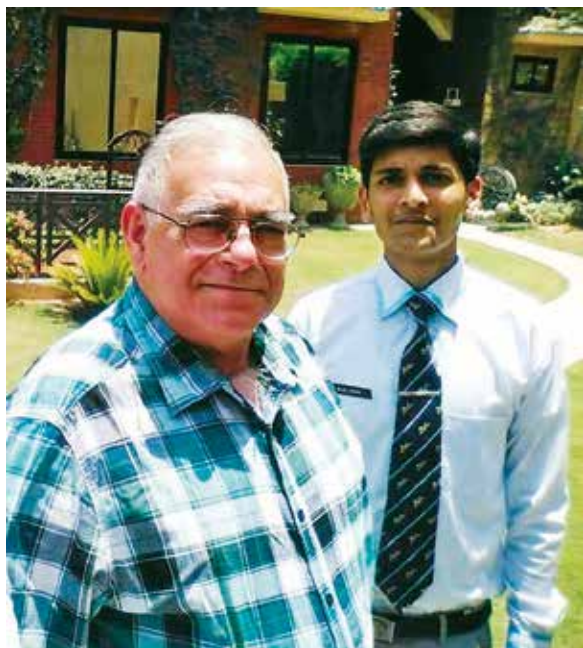
was such that the national hockey team visited Burn Hall. They practiced in the grounds of Burn Hall for international hockey events. Exposure with the national hockey team made us able to win fixtures with Lawrence College and other renowned institutions

Q.6 *Sir, we would you like to share with us your recollections about the college management and faculty of your time.*

Ans. I remember, school used to start at 8:00 AM and be off at 2:00 PM. We used to have two breaks; each period was of 40 minutes. Afternoon study was of two hours. And night prep was of 40 minutes after dinner. I remember two routines; firstly, public reading at dinner for 10-15 minutes and everybody had to participate in it. The other one was drama. Students for drama were selected in March and performance of drama was presented in December in the main mess of the school. There used to be cricket matches between parents and the old boys.

Q.7 *What is your message for the College Faculty, the Administration and the students?*

Ans. My message to the college administration is that they should focus more on the character building of the students. Students should participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities but not at the expense of their studies.





Reminiscence of Mr. Tariq Mahmood Pasha, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, Ex-Hallian (Day Scholar)

Mr. Tariq Mahmood Pasha, Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, an alumnus of this College (22 July 1971 to 1976) visited his Alma Mater on 16 December, 2017. He was accompanied by his younger brother, Dr. Qaiser Muneer Pasha, who is also a Hallian (04 March 1975 to 1982). The Principal of the College, Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, personally received the honourable guests and briefed them about the present stature of the College, scheme of studies and overall educational environment. Instead of following the formal format of interview of Mr. Pasha, most of the information was shared in informal conversation. The gist of Mr. Pasha's conversation about his stay at Burn Hall is given in the succeeding paragraphs.



"I am really glad to visit our school, now the College, after a long time. I think, it was for the Reunion in 1993 that I visited the College. I got admission in 1971 in 6th class and joined Cambridge Scheme of Studies. Father Scanlon used to be the Principal. Our teachers included Mr. Hamdani, Ms. Minto, Mrs. Rabia Ishaq, Ms. Jaffry and Mrs. Perveen Qazi. Mrs. Perveen Qazi was really very strict. I recollect, I received many bashings from her, but they had, in fact, paid me in my life. I was, ofcourse, a day scholar, but Burn Hall day scholars used to attend games and other College activities in the afternoon regularly. I used to come on bicycle. Bicycle at time was a luxury. At times, we had to walk upto Abbottabad, as transport facilities were scarce. Infact, only two-three buses used to shuttle on Abbottabad-Mansehra road and passengers had to wait for too long. We would also wait for Mansehra bus for a ride after evening cinema shows. The school was administered by Fathers, the Christian Missionaries, who were very committed people. They were very strict about discipline, academics and demeanours of students.

I was among the naughty boys of the class and not very studious. Sometimes, I believe, it was our class or students of our time and some teachers because of whom the Fathers had to hand over the school to Pakistan Army. In mid 1970s, we had too many strikes because of Unions in educational institutions. I feel, it was a correct decision to hand over this College to Army, as Army is still not only maintaining it, but has also improved it in many as aspects.

All learnt in my life and where am at present, I think, it is because of Burn Hall. I held important appointments, including Secretary Finance Punjab, Federal Secretary Religious Affairs, Federal Secretary Finance, Cabinet Secretary and now Chairman FBR. I was member of Boards of Governors of Actchison College. Aitichison has its own culture and traditions. But Burn Hall has a unique place at national level. Burn Hall Alumni need to be well organized and they should have a strong association with the college, as the Aitchesinians have."

After this brief conversation, Mr. Pasha met the faculty members and College administrative staff at a light refreshment, arranged in his honour in the College Mess, followed by a short visit of SAS House. Since Mr. Pasha had a short time at his disposal, owing to pre-scheduled activities, he promised to visit the College again, particularly for forthcoming Diamond Jubilee Reunion of the College scheduled in first week of March, 2018.



Celebrating 60 Years of Army Burn Hall College for Boys





NAWABZADA SALLAHUDDIN SAEED KHAN 'NAWAB OF AMB STATE' BOARDER (1972 - 1977)

Nawabzada Salahuddin Saeed Khan, born in 1960, is a reputed politician, the present titular Chief of Tanoli tribe and the eldest son of the last Nawab of Amb, Nawab Muhammad Saeed Khan. He is formally addressed as 'Nawabzada' as per Government of Pakistan regulations (titular/courtesy only). Nawabzada Salahuddin Saeed Khan is the last de facto Nawab of the former princely state of Amb. He holds the record as the youngest parliamentarian ever to be elected to the National Assembly of Pakistan. Between 1985 and 1997, five times he was elected as the member of National Assembly, a feat only achieved by seven other Pakistani parliamentarians, including the current Pakistani Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The honourable Nawabzada Sallahuddin Saeed Khan 'Nawab Of Amb State' was interviewed by a team of Army Burn Hall College for Boys comprising Mr. Muhammad Ibrar Tanoli Lecturer in Physics, Mr. Ehtisham Sadiq (Ex-Hallian) Lecturer in Mathematics, Assistant College Prefect Noman Khalid and House Social Secretary Umer Hassan Rizvi on June 15, 2017 at his residence in Sherghar (Summer Capital of Amb State). The gist of his interview is given in the succeeding paragraphs.



Q.1 How would you describe your association with Burn Hall?

Ans. As my father was also a Hallian and Burn Hall was the best institution at that time, so I joined Burn Hall in 1965 at Senior Campus. At that time, the Principal was Father Arnold Neyzen.

Q.2 Sir, what was so special about your first day in Burn Hall?

Ans. I would not say that the first day was very much charming and attractive for me, because leaving behind the parents at home and a small kid going alone is not an easy thing. But after that I made a lot many friends and started enjoying life.

Q.3 What makes a Hallian different from others?

Ans. A Hallian is different from others only because of the discipline. As you know, discipline has a lot of significance in grooming of one's personality. Also, whenever I met any Hallians at different places, they were prominent because of their discipline.

Q.4 What makes you proud about Burn Hall?

Ans. A number of individuals rose to higher ranks because of Burn Hall. I also take pride being a Hallian.

Q.5 When did you join Burn Hall? Who was the Principal at that time and what was the standard of Burn Hall in your time.

Ans. I joined Burn Hall in 1965, in the presence of the Principal Father Arnold Neyzen. At that time, there were not many institutions in competition with Burn Hall. So, we were at the top among them. The prominent institutions at that time were Lawrence College, Aitchison College and a few others. Standards of Burn Hall can also be determined by these things that Pakistan Hockey team which had won three to four world cups used to come in our campus to train teams.

Q.6 How were you treated in Burn Hall?

Ans. Burn Hall was more like an academy. There was a tough schedule with fully packed activities such as PT at 4 am, breakfast at 7 o'clock, followed by classes and lunch, priests and fathers kept an eye on us to ensure that discipline prevailed all over the College. So by that time discipline was the part and parcel of Burn Hall.

Q.7 What was the selection criteria of Burn Hall at your time?

Ans. At that time students were mostly taken in junior classes like prep and they stayed in the campus till their SC or Matric. It was seldom that students of other institutions got admission in Burn Hall in higher classes due to the fact that those new inductions were supposed to be not well groomed and disciplined.



Q.8 *Sir, do you remember any teacher whom you liked the most and why?*

Ans. I was fond of all my teachers. They were affectionate and took great care of us. They treated us like their own children. That is why till today I remember and love all of them.

Q.9 *Sir, did you ever participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities?*

Ans. Yes, I was a very good sportsman. I was the captain of St Gabriel's football team I was the right hand of my team. And whenever we got any corner, I never missed any goal. Moreover, I used to be a very good athlete. I broke my arm in high jump of 6 x 6 because at that time we did not have mattresses, rather we used to do all these things on sand.

Q.10 *How were you kept engaged in the activities around the year?*

Ans. As you know I am the politician and I remained so much busy every day that you can know about my start but not the end. The politician's day never ends. So, round the year I am at work.

Q.11 *How would you relate present day Burn Hall with old one?*

Ans. Burn Hall has been a fascinating and towering institution both in present and in the past. People have their reservations about today's Burn Hall, but I still believe that Burn Hall will make you a distinguished person around the country as well as in the world.

Q.12 *Do you think Burn Hall is a nursery of making professionals and leaders?*

Ans. Yes! Absolutely! Why not! Burn Hall is the grooming ground for professionals and leaders. But mainly it depends on individuals. If a person is willing to exert and to do efforts in life, he would prove beneficial for him. So, Burn Hall is really a great institution for such people to make them the commanders of the society.

Q.13 *How did your school experience prepare you for your career?*

Ans. My school experience backed me in my profession certainly. Rather I would say that Burn Hall produces leaders. I was in 7th class when my parents died and I was given the responsibilities of Nawab of Amb State. It was Burn Hall, which prepared me to face the upcoming challenges after this incident. And I am thankful to Allah that he repaid me, as I became five times the member of National Assembly (MNA), five times in a row.

Q.14 *Would you like your children / grand-children to be Hallians too?*

Ans. I would like to see my children and grand children in Burn Hall, but at the same time, I respect their own will and desire.

Q.15 *In your career which subject did you like the least and why?*

Ans. It was Mathematics, just because of my poor skills of calculation. I never practiced any exercise of Mathematics. However, I loved Geography and History.

Q.16 *How you used to consume weekends in your campus?*

Ans. On weekends, we used to visit the town, had lunch outside and watched the movies in the public cinema. We kept waiting for weekends, as they were joyful days.

Q.17 *What aspects of personality development should be present in a Hallian?*

Ans. A Hallian must be a gentleman and he must have a specific and conspicuous code of conduct in his life time, during the gatherings and dealing with other life time events.

Q.18 *What is your message to the young Hallians?*

Ans. Firstly, let me tell you that you are very blessed that you have joined a very good institution. I want each Hallian to be the best in his field. Lastly, I wish you good luck and I will keep you all in my prayers.





MR. UMER AYUB, STS HOUSE DAY SCHOLAR (1975 – 1986)

Mr. Umer Ayub Khan, the son of Gohar Ayub Khan, is a well known politician, who held the portfolio of State Minister for Finance in the Federal Cabinet. He remained on the roll of Army Burn Hall College from 1975 to 1986. The honorable Ex-Minister was interviewed by a team of Army Burn Hall College for Boys, comprising Chief Instructor Col. Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi, Mr. Aamir Khurshid, HOD English, College Prefect Mian Mustafa Shah and M. Hamza Abdullah Khan, President English Literary Society, on 10th June, 2017 at his residence House No.1 A Street No 62 F- 6/3 Islamabad. In fact, this interview was conducted on the same day when Mr. Gohar Ayub Khan was interviewed by the team. The gist of this interview is composed in the following paragraphs.



Q.1 Sir, how would you describe your association with Burn Hall?

Ans. First of all, it's a great honour for me to be interviewed by the team of my Alma Mater. I can say proudly that I clearly remember my first day in school, till the very last day in College. I can take you along with my memories of Burn Hall. I joined Burn Hall in March 1975 in Prep Class. Whatever I am today, I am because of Burn Hall and the grounding that it provided me. I can proudly say that I have spent all the formative years of my life at Burn Hall. I left in December 1986 after completing my Senior Cambridge. After that, I joined Atichison College Lahore for further studies.

Q.2 Sir, what was the scheme of study at Burn Hall?

Ans. The scheme of studies at Burn Hall was quite tough. They provided a solid foundation to the students academically. All the subjects were given equal importance, whether it was Physics, Chemistry, Bio, Mathematics, English, Urdu, History and you name it. Since me, my sister and my elder brother attended Burn Hall and before us my father, my aunt and my uncle were also in Burn Hall, so you can say that we have strong affiliation towards this prestigious institution.

Q.3 Why did you join Burn Hall in particular? Why not any other institution?

Ans. As I have mentioned earlier, that we have a lot of family members who have studied and are studying in Burn Hall. When we shifted to Abbottabad in 1973, Burn Hall was one of the leading institutions of the country and fortunately, for us, it was on our doorstep. Due to these reasons and Burn Hall's reputation, our father, who is also an Old Hallian, deemed it fit that we should also join it.

Q.4 What makes a Hallian different from others?

Ans. The College motto 'Quo Non Ascendam'. This spirit of aiming high is what distinguishes a Hallian from others. The spirit of comradeship, the bond of friendship that develops between the students over the course of years, does not remain only in the perimeters of the college but extends throughout the life. In my 12 years at Burn Hall, I got such a friend circle that I am still a part of that. The grounding in academics that Hallians receive, nurturing and aesthetic atmosphere and the strict code of discipline boost Hallians to not only tend to themselves but to become the leaders of next generations.

Q.5 Sir, you have so many achievements in life, whom would you like attribute the credit of this success story? Had Burn Hall played a role in this regard?

Ans. Definitely, as I said, whatever I am today, this is all because of Burn Hall. The education and character building that we received in Burn Hall helped me everywhere, whether I was in USA or Pakistan. I remember, that my basics in mathematics were so strong that when I was in USA pursuing my higher education, it helped me a lot and became a reason for appreciation that I got from the teachers there. The time management that I learned in Burn Hall made me a self-reliant person. It taught me the importance of hard work in life, due to which I achieved this stature that I have today.



Q.6 *Sir, did you hold any appointment in the college?*

Ans. Yes, I was appointed as the 1st Assistant House Prefect of the newly made Sultan Tipu Shaheed House. The house was constructed to give an identity to the day scholars and further develop the bond of comradeship between the boarders and day scholars. Most of the day scholars had their lockers in this new house, in which they kept their gaming material as well as a few other items.

Q.7 *Sir, can you tell us something about the College management of your time?*

Ans. When I joined in prep class, the administration was run by the missionaries of Mill Hill Society. The teaching was exemplary, one of the best in the country. The fathers were fully devoted to the upbringing of the children. But due to some incidences, the Missionary fathers handed over Burn Hall to Army, after which it was called Army Burn Hall College. It was the year 1977 and I was in 2 class by that time. The first Principal under the new administration of Army was Brig Bashir Ahmad Malik. There was no drastic change in the education pattern, however, the disciplinary aspects of college were further intensified. Even so, the standard of College did not change. The College now had a lot of funding from the Army, due to which new buildings were constructed and new blocks were made. A few prominent teachers of my time were, Miss Saleema Aziz, Geography, Mrs Hamid, Mathematics, Miss Umme Ammara, Urdu, Mr Sattar, Mathematics, Miss Zahida Abbasi, Biology and Miss Minto, the Senior most teacher, who taught not only me, but my father as well.

Q.8 *Sir, anything we might have missed and you want to share with us? Any memory? Any experience?*

Ans. I remember, that one day the Adjutant of the time, Capt Liaqat, punished all the boys of my class in the hockey ground, because we did not give the name of our friend who committed a mischief. We were ordered to front roll in the hockey ground for a whole week, but due to the good friendship and comradeship, we never gave the name of the culprit. I also recall, that on exams day my class fellows convinced me to go to the Principal's office to ask him to postpone the exams, as the students were busy in the preparations of Parents' Day. We were scared to death of him, but still I mustered up my courage and went to his office. He asked me, 'Why are you here my son?' To which I replied, 'please postpone the exams sir because.....' He did not even let me finish and told me to get out of his office, saying that studies are always a priority.

Q.9 *Sir would you like to give any message to the College management, the faculty and students.*

Ans. My message to the administration is that discipline should always be to priority. A disciplined person is always treated better than any other individuals in the world. Discipline helps you everywhere. For students, I would say that they should always aim high and should keep the value of time in their mind. Time management should be a priority. Do not expect teachers to teach you everything, it's not possible, without personal efforts, you cannot gain command over your studies and life. You have to work hard and be punctual, if you want to gain success in life. There are no short-cuts in life and only those who work hard, succeed in life.





Interview with Mrs Parveen Qazi A Maths Teacher (1965-1971)

Mrs. Parveen Qazi, the second female teacher after Miss Minto, joined Burn Hall in 1965. She was born on Nov 14, 1944, in Bannu, one of the Southern districts of then NWFP, now KPK. Her father, Mr. Abdul Aziz Hashmi, was doctor of Allopathic and Homeopathic both. Mrs. Parveen along with her family moved to Abbottabad when she was two years old. Her primary education was from Govt. Girls High School, Abbottabad. After completing her Bachelor's BSc degree from Govt Girls Degree College No 1, she moved to Peshawar University for Higher education i.e. MSc Mathematics and also did her B.Ed from there. She joined Burn Hall in 1965 and remained here till 1971. She shifted to USA after getting married. She joined County School Board System, USA and served there for 28 years. She is now imparting knowledge by conducting different workshops both in USA and Pakistan.



Mrs. Perveen visited her old institution on Thursday, 22nd of Nov, 2017 and was interviewed by a panel of Burn Hall teachers and students. In her interview, she shared her sweet memories of those days, when she worked with father Scanlon for whom she has a great reverence. She considered her six years stay at Burn Hall as a milestone in her teaching career, which paved the way for a successful career and satisfied life. The transcript of the interview is spread over several pages, however, the information pertaining to Burn Hall has been sifted and being narrated in the following paragraphs.

Q.1 Maam! What made you to choose Burn Hall as a starting point of your teaching career?

Ans. When I graduated with Mathematics from the University of Peshawar, the Principal asked my father to allow me to teach at Burn Hall. Father Scanlon and our family were well acquainted because my two brothers, Arif Hashmi and Abid Hashmi, were studying at Burn Hall. The school was in need of a qualified Mathematics Teacher, so, my father allowed me to teach here. I soon found myself teaching at one of the greatest institutions of the country. I taught mathematics here at Burn Hall for six years, i.e. from 1965 to 1971.

Q.2 Can you please tell us about the first girl's batch that started at Burn Hall in your tenure?

Ans. Actually, I and Mrs. Hayat were the ones who started the first girls' section here at Burn Hall. We not only started co-education here at Burn Hall, but also designed the girls' school uniform. Sabrina Aftab was the first female student of senior school. Father Scanlon wanted sports for the girls, so I was made the Incharge of sports activities. I used to visit the school thrice a week in the evening hours to supervise the girls' sports time. When the boys had their study time, the girls would play in the grounds. And all I can say is that I really enjoyed that time.

Q.3 What was the total strength of the students in Burn Hall during your time?

Ans. I can't recall the exact number of students, but approximately 250 to 300 students were studying there.

Q.4 What do you say about the current infrastructure of the College? Please tell us about the changes which are new for you?

Ans. The only structure here at my time was the main school building (current SAS house), a building behind it and the dining hall. I remember that they were planning to build houses for the faculty members. A lot has been changed since then. In our time, we used to call the hill top "the seventh wonder of the world". This name was given by Father Johnson, because of its beautiful location



and scenic beauty. It had a garden, with many flowers of different kinds. We used to go there for recreation, as it was a sight to behold.

Q.5 What was the scheme of studies during your time?

Ans. During my time, the school was offering both the Cambridge and Matric Schemes.

Q.6 What was the working environment of the school?

Ans. It was a very strict environment. The student had to abide by the rules at all costs. If a student needed disciplinary counseling, he was sent to Father Scanlon or Father Johnson. We were also given small rulers and were allowed to paddle the students, if the need arose.

Q.7 What was the strength of the teachers at that time?

Ans. When I started teaching at Burn Hall, the strength of the teachers was not more than 20 but when I left, the strength was about 26 or 27.

Q.8 Maam Minto played a significant role in the school's progress. What more can you tell us about her?

Ans. Maam Minto was the first female teacher of senior school and I was the second. She was like a mentor and a friend to me. She guided me in all affairs of my job. She was dedicated to the welfare and progress of the school.

Q.9 What was the philosophy of the Fathers?

Ans. They were very strict regarding punctuality, discipline, manners, studies and ethics. Everything needed to happen 'on time'. Discipline and academics were of utmost priority.

Q.10 Did you take part in any other activity other than teaching?

Ans. Apart from teaching, I was acting as the Controller of Examination also. I used to compile the results of each semester in registers manually. Apart from that, as I said earlier, I was also the Incharge of the sports for girls.

Q.11 Do you recall any efforts made by the Fathers to improve the School's standard?

Ans. The Fathers were working day and night for the school, especially Father Scanlon. At times, I wondered whether he slept or not, because no-one ever saw him sleep. Father Scanlon worked 19 hours a day out of 24. He always remained busy in the affairs of the school.

Q.12 Can you please tell us about the faculty of your time?

Ans. During my time, Mr. Arif Iftikhar was teaching English, Mrs. Hayat Khan was teaching Social Studies, Mr. Hamdani used to teach Maths and Physics, Mr. Jafery Chemistry, Mr. Waheed Urdu, Mr. Mazarullah Khan Islamiyat and Urdu, and even my brother, Mr. Abid Hashmi became a teacher at Burn Hall. When I left the school, Mrs. Ishaq came as a new teacher.

Q.13 Did your teaching experience at Burn Hall help you, in some way later in life?

Ans. Yes, of course, it inculcated in me, punctuality, the command over students, and self discipline. What I am today is all because of Burn Hall, and perhaps, the most interesting thing here is that, when I was going to United States and wanted to start my teaching career there, they credited my 6 years, teaching experience at Burn Hall in my new service. This was a big deal because they had a policy of not including previous teaching experience before coming to the States, but they included my 6 years of teaching at Burn Hall after reading the letter of recommendation and appreciation from Father Scanlon. This really tells us the level of respect they had for Father Scanlon and Burn Hall.

Q-14 Any golden memory or any important event which you would like to share with us?

Ans. I have a number of memories of the College. Recently, I met my old student, Nasser Khan (the Vice Chancellor of Haripur University), who made me remember an old memory. Nasser was an extremely



naughty boy. He had those eyes that always seek trouble. So, one day, I was teaching and I heard some noise from the back. I turned around and thought he was talking, but he refused to accept, instead, he put the blame on someone else. This angered me and I threw the big class compass towards him. When I met him recently, he told me that he was not the one who was talking, so now only God knows, who was talking in my class at that time.

Q.15 What message would you like to give to the administration, the students and teachers of Burn Hall?

Ans. My message to the administration would be that they need to be strict and punctual about functioning of the College. The authorities should take care of students, as if they were their own children. For the students, I would say, they should follow the command and instructions of their teachers. They'll realize, at a later stage, that how important their guidance will prove to be. And for the teachers, I would advise that please take your profession passionately, don't take it as a job, take it as a challenge. They must not give lectures in the class, which go over the heads of students rather involve them in the class discussion, and allow children to discuss the subject by making it interesting for them. Only then they can succeed as human beings, and as teachers.

It was an extremely informative interview. The most striking characteristics of the honourable Mrs. Qazi is that she is extremely humble, polite, eager to share her experiences, very caring for the youth. Since she is very well read, her conversation is generally laden with information encompassing variety of subjects. At the end we thanked her for providing us opportunity to conduct this interview.





پروفیسر بشیر احمد سوز کے ساتھ انٹرویو

السلام علیکم سر سوز کیسے مزاج ہیں؟

بہت شکریہ شہادت اللہ کا کرم ہے۔ برن ہال کے پرنسپل، طلباء اور اساتذہ کا بھی شکریہ جن کی نمائندگی کرتے ہوئے آپ میرے پاس آئے۔
سر ہم بھی آپ کے بہت شکر گزار ہیں کہ آپ نے اپنے قیمتی وقت سے کچھ لمحات ہمیں عنایت کئے۔

سوال: یہ بتائیں کہ آپ کے نام کے ساتھ تخلص سوز کب لگا؟

جواب: بچپن ہی سے اللہ تعالیٰ نے مجھ میں کچھ جمالیاتی حس ڈال رکھی تھی سکول کے زمانے سے ہی مجھے شاعری اور مصوری کا شوق تھا۔ سکول کا سفر طے کر کے کالج کے دور میں جب داخل ہوا تو مصوری تو رہ گئی ایک طرف، ان دنوں کالج میں ایک مشاعرہ منعقد ہوا، میں نے بھی اس میں حصہ لیا اور ایک ٹوٹی پھوٹی غزل پڑھی۔ پھر اس کے بعد میں قاضی بشیر احمد سے بشیر احمد سوز ہو گیا۔

سوال: کیا آپ کی تمام تر تعلیم ایبٹ آباد ہی میں مکمل ہوئی؟

جواب: جی بالکل آپ کہہ سکتے ہیں، میں نے غالباً چند ہی مہینے ہری پور میں ادنیٰ جماعت میں گزارے ہیں۔ اس کے بعد عمر عزیز کا تمام تر حصہ ایبٹ آباد میں ہی بسر ہوا اور ہو رہا ہے۔

سوال: آپ کا آبائی شہر چونکہ ہری پور ہے تو آپ کے والدین کس سلسلے میں ایبٹ آباد منتقل ہوئے؟

جواب: والد صاحب اتفاق سے، اب شیخی بگھارنا بھی اچھی بات نہیں، ایک بڑے جاگیردار کے بیٹے تھے اس بات کی سمجھ نہیں آتی کہ اتنے بڑے باپ کے بیٹے ہونے کے باوجود پولیس کی ایک عام سی نوکری یعنی سب انسپکٹریوں بھرتی ہوئے شاید جائیداد کے معاملات بھی تھے اس وجہ سے انہوں نے پولیس کی نوکری کو ترجیح دی۔ ہماری والدہ کا تعلق بھی ایبٹ آباد سے تھا والدہ اور نانی اماں کے کہنے پر والد صاحب نے یہ جائیداد بنائی اور یوں ایبٹ آباد ہمارا مستقل ٹھکانہ بن گیا۔

سوال: کیا یہ درست ہے کہ برن ہال کی تاریخ میں سب سے طویل مدت ملازمت اور سب سے زیادہ عرصے تک صدر شعبہ اردو رہنے کا اعزاز آپ کو حاصل ہے؟

جواب: جی ہاں میری ملازمت کے 36 سال اور 14 دن بنتے تھے۔ 14 اگست کو میری ملازمت کے دن پورے ہو گئے تھے۔ اتفاق سے 14 اگست کی صبح کی اسمبلی نہیں ہو پائی تو 15 اگست کو ایک نہایت پروقار تقریب میں، احترام اور محبت کے ساتھ مجھے رخصت کیا گیا۔ اگر آپ مجھ سے مختصر پوچھیں تو میں مختصر ترین الفاظ میں یہ کہہ سکتا ہوں کہ میں نے اپنی ساری زندگی برن ہال کو دی اور میں اور برن ہال نہ کبھی جدا ہوئے ہیں اور نہ ہی کبھی جدا ہو سکتے ہیں۔

سوال: 36 سال ایک طویل مدت ہوتی ہے کیسے آپ نے برن ہال میں گزار دیئے؟ کیا کبھی کسی اور شہر یا کسی اور ادارے میں جانے کی خواہش پیدا نہیں ہوئی؟

جواب: آپ نے بہت اچھا سوال کیا ہے۔ یہاں سے نہ جانے کی چند وجوہات تھیں۔ میرا تعلق چونکہ ایبٹ آباد سے ہی ہے اس لحاظ سے مجھے اپنے گھر میں ہی اور ایک نامور ادارے میں ملازمت ملی۔ اس زمانے میں دو تین جگہ میرا انتخاب بھی ہوا اور خاص کر کے الیکشن کمیشن میں ایک اچھی پوسٹ پر بھی میری تقرری ہوئی۔ ایبٹ آباد جیسا خوبصورت شہر نصیب والوں کو ملتا ہے۔ اس کی قدرتی خوبصورتی پر انسان جتنا فدا ہوا اتنا کم ہے۔ اس شہر کی قدرتی دلکشی اور برن ہال جیسے نامور ادارے سے تعلق کی بنا پر میں نے یہاں رہنے کو ترجیح دی اور پتہ ہی نہیں چلا کہ عمر عزیز کے 36 سال اور 15 دن کیسے گزر گئے۔



سوال: آپ کب اور کیسے برن ہال کا حصہ بنے؟ کیا اخبار میں اشتہار دیا گیا تھا؟

جواب: میں 1972 میں اس نامور ادارے کا حصہ بنا۔ اس زمانے میں اشتہار والا سلسلہ نہیں تھا۔ جس مضمون کے معلم کی ضرورت ہوتی تھی اس کی تلاش شروع ہو جاتی تھی۔ میرے ایک نہایت ہی محترم اللہ ان کو غریقِ رحمت کرے ہمدانی صاحب اور میرے ایک دوست حمید اعوان صاحب مجھے بازار میں ملے تو پوچھنے لگے کیا مصروفیت ہے آج کل؟ میں نے کہا کچھ خاص نہیں، ملازمت کی تلاش میں ہوں۔ اگلے ہی دن وہ میرے گھر پہنچ آئے اور کہا کہ کل آپ کالج تشریف لائیں۔ جولائی کا مہینہ تھا اردو کے ایک معلم جن کا نام وحید تھا لوگ انہیں پیار سے ”وحیدی“ کہتے تھے وہ ملازمت چھوڑ کر امریکہ چلے گئے تھے اور ان کی جگہ اردو کے استاد کی ضرورت تھی اور یوں میں برن ہال کا حصہ بن گیا۔

سوال: اس وقت کالج کے پرنسپل کون تھے؟

جواب: فادر سکلیسن بیماری کی وجہ سے واپس جا چکے تھے جو دراصل برن ہال کی اصل میں پہچان ہیں اس وقت فادر سکاگن تھے۔ ہمدانی صاحب مجھے فادر سکاگن کے پاس لے گئے اور مجھے ان کے پاس چھوڑ کر واپس آگئے وہ دن میرے لئے انتہائی مشکل بھی تھا اور آسان بھی۔ میں تھا فادر سکاگن تھے اور میری ٹوٹی پھوٹی انگریزی تھی ”چند لمحوں کے بعد“ انہوں نے میری تحریریں میں جو مختلف اخباروں میں چھپتی رہتی ان کے تراشے دیکھے تو مجھے ان کا ایک جملہ آج بھی یاد ہے کہ کیا تم آج سے ہی پڑھانا چاہو گے میں نے کہا جی وہ مجھے اپنے ساتھ SC کی کلاس میں لے گئے اور مجھے بتایا کہ ”Don't tell the boys that you are famous writer“ میں نے کہا جی ٹھیک ہے۔ جب وہ SC کلاس میں گئے تو جن باتوں کے کرنے سے منع کیا تھا۔ وہ میرا تعارف کراتے ہوئے سب کہہ دیں۔

سوال: آپ نے فادرز کا دور بھی دیکھا ہے اور آرمی کا بھی دونوں میں کیا فرق محسوس ہوا؟

جواب: اچھے اور برے پہلو ہر دور میں ہوتے ہیں انگریزوں کے دور میں یعنی 1948 سے 1972 تک برن ہال کی ساکھ بہت عمدہ اور بہترین تھی۔ 1976 کے آخر میں انگریزوں کے دور کا خاتمہ ہوا۔ آرمی کے بہترین ڈسپلن کو دیکھتے ہوئے انگریزوں نے ذوالفقار علی بھٹو جو اس وقت وزیراعظم تھے سے درخواست کی کہ ہم اس ادارے کو سول گورنمنٹ کے بجائے آرمی کے زیر نگرانی دینا پسند کریں گے۔ خدا لگتی بات کہوں گا آرمی کل بھی اور آج بھی مختلف حوالوں سے ہمارے سول کے اداروں سے بہت بہتر ہے پھر اس وقت کے وزیراعظم نے جنرل ضیاء الحق کو اس ادارے کا انتظام سنبھالنے کو کہا اور یوں یہ ادارہ آرمی کے زیر انتظام چلا گیا۔

سوال: 1972 میں فادر سکاگن کے علاوہ اس دور میں کون کون سے انگریز اس کالج کا حصہ تھے؟

جواب: فادر کنرائے (Con Ray) اور فادر جانس تھے فادر جانس بوڑھے آدمی تھے اور ان کا یہاں ہی انتقال ہو گیا تھا۔

سوال: مسلمان اساتذہ میں اس وقت کون کون تھے؟

جواب: عابد جعفری صاحب، ہمدانی صاحب، مظہر اللہ خان صاحب جو بعد میں امریکہ چلے گئے تھے، مس امتیاز منٹو اور ایف ایکس خان صاحب جو بار مولا سے آئے تھے۔ کیا لوگ تھے سب سے پیار محبت اور احترام کا رشتہ تھا ایف۔ ایکس خان ہاؤس ماسٹر تھے کیا کنٹرول تھا ان کا؟ کیا مجال ہے کسی طالب علم کی کہ ایف۔ ایکس خان جس راستے سے گزرے اور کسی قسم کی بد نظمی ہو اور شرارت دیکھنے میں آئے۔

سوال: چونکہ آپ کی ملازمت ایک طویل عرصے پر مشتمل ہے اور آپ کو سب سے زیادہ پرنسپل کے ساتھ کام کرنے کا بھی اعزاز حاصل ہے آپ کس کے دور کو بہترین قرار دیں گے؟

جواب: ویسے تو ہر پرنسپل نے اپنی صلاحیتوں کے مطابق کام کیا۔ بی اے ملک صاحب نے بحیثیت لیفٹیننٹ کرنل، پرنسپل برائے طلبہ اور لیفٹیننٹ کرنل اعجاز اکبر نے برن ہال کالج برائے خواتین کا چارج سنبھالا یہ دونوں کیا کمال کے لوگ تھے مجھ سے اگر پوچھیں تو ہم نے مشنری کا لفظ صرف



انگریزوں کیلئے مختص کر رکھا ہے۔ میں اس سے اختلاف کروں گا کیونکہ بی اے ملک صاحب اور اعجاز اکبر صاحب کو مثال کے طور پر پیش کر سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے اُس برن ہال اور اِس برن ہال کو مل جل کر آگے بڑھایا اور برن ہال کالج برائے طلبہ اور برن ہال کالج برائے خواتین کی ساکھ کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے مشنری جذبے کے ساتھ کام کیا۔ بی اے ملک اس دنیا سے کوچ کر گئے ہیں اور اعجاز اکبر صاحب حیات ہیں اور PIPS ایسٹ آباد کا ادارہ چلا رہے ہیں۔

سوال: بہت سارے طالبعلم آپ سے مستفید ہوئے ایسے طالبعلم جو ابھی تک یاد ہوں؟
جواب: ہالینز نے زندگی کے ہر شعبے میں اپنے آپ کو منوایا اور منوار ہے ہیں۔ چاہے سول سروس کے ادارے ہوں، سیاست ہو یا زندگی کے مختلف شعبے ہوں۔ ہالینز ہمیشہ چمکتے دکتے ستاروں کی طرح نظر آئیں گے چاہے چیف سیکرٹری اعظم خان ہوں، یوسف ایوب خان ہوں، نواب آف امب نوابزادہ صلاح الدین خان ہوں، خواجہ ہوتی ہوں، عمیر عمران ہوں جس نے حکومت برطانیہ سے سورڈ آف آنر لی ہے بے شمار طالبعلم ہیں جو ابھی تک یاد ہیں۔

سوال: کوئی یادگار واقعہ اگر آپ کو یاد ہو؟
جواب: PineHills سکول کی ایک تقریب میں مدعو تھا اس تقریب کے مہمان خصوصی خواجہ ہوتی تھے۔ خواجہ ہوتی کی نظر مجھ پر پڑی اس نے مجھے پہچان لیا۔ میری اس سے ملاقات ہوئی تو خواجہ ہوتی نے مجھے بتایا کہ میں صرف ایک دن آپ کا طالب علم رہا جس دن کالج میں آپ کا پہلا دن تھا۔ وہ میرا برن ہال میں آخری دن تھا وجہ یہ تھی کہ خواجہ ہوتی سے لڑائی کے دوران ایک طالبعلم کا بازو ٹوٹ گیا تھا جس کی وجہ سے اسے کالج سے نکال دیا گیا تھا۔ کچھ عرصے کے بعد وہ کالج بھی آیا اس دن شاہ اسماعیل شہید ہاؤس ڈے تھا بریگیڈیئر عرفان عزیز کا دور تھا خواجہ ہوتی اور شروز خان دونوں کو مدعو کیا گیا تھا۔ خواجہ ہوتی کا تعلق شاہ اسماعیل ہاؤس سے تھا اور اس نے شاہ اسماعیل شہید ہاؤس کا کیک بھی کاٹا۔ اس کے علاوہ جب خواجہ ہوتی وزیر تعلیم تھے تو ان دنوں میری بیگم کا تبادلہ ایسٹ آباد سے خوازہ خیلہ سوات ہو گیا خوازہ خیلہ کوئی خاتون جانے کو تیار نہیں تھی وزیر اعلیٰ میرا فضل اور خواجہ ہوتی نے وہاں کے لوگوں سے یہ وعدہ کیا تھا کہ جو بھی خاتون اب آئے گی اس کا تبادلہ خوازہ خیلہ سے نہیں کیا جائے گا میں نے خواجہ ہوتی سے رابطہ کیا تو وہ اس وقت انگلینڈ جا رہا تھا اور مجھے کہا کہ سر صرف 15 دن کا وقت دیں۔ آپ کا مسئلہ حل ہو جائے گا اس نے اپنا وعدہ وفا کیا۔ لوگوں کا ایک وفد آیا اور کہا کہ کہاں گئے آپ کے وہ وعدے؟ خواجہ ہوتی نے جرات کی اور کہا کہ میرے استاد کی بیگم اتنے دور جاکر ملازمت کرے تو لعنت ہے میری وزارت پر ان کے لئے سارے وعدے اور قسمیں میں نے توڑ دی ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کے ساتھ اس معاملے پر ان کی کافی عرصہ رنجش بھی رہی۔

سوال: برن ہال میں گزارے ہوئے وقت کو کس طرح دیکھتے ہیں؟
جواب: برن کالج کی عزت و وقار بڑھانے کے لئے کسی اور شخصیت نے اتنا نہیں لکھا جتنے نغمے اور گیت میں نے لکھے ہیں۔ برن ہال میں بزم ادب اور کالج میگزین نشان کا اجرا میں نے کیا جو برن ہال کو برا کہے گا۔ وہ مجھے برا کہے گا میں اور برن ہال ایک ہیں نہ پہلے ہم جدا تھے اور نہ آئندہ جدا ہوں گے۔

سوال: برن ہال سے وابستہ لوگوں کو چاہے اساتذہ ہوں چاہے طالبعلم ہوں کیا نصیحت کریں گے؟
جواب: میں یہ دعا کروں گا کہ اللہ تعالیٰ اس ادارے کے وقار کو قائم و دائم رکھے اور اس کے وقار میں اضافہ کرے۔ اس سے وابستہ تمام لوگوں سے چاہے وہ اساتذہ ہوں یا طالب علم ہوں سب کے لئے یہ نصیحت اور دعا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ تمام لوگوں کو اتنی توفیق اور ہمت دے کہ اس کی عزت و وقار میں اضافہ کر سکیں کیونکہ یہی آپ اور ہم سب کی پہچان ہے۔

عبدالرزاق چچا کے ساتھ انٹرویو

میں ناصر احمد خان نائب صدر بزم ادب سال دوم کا طالب علم ہوں میری آرزو تھی کہ میں برن ہال کے متعلق کچھ جان سکوں چنانچہ اس خواہش میں ہم نے رزاق چچا کا انٹرویو لیا۔ رزاق چچا اس کالج کے سب سے سینئر چچا ہیں جو کہ آج کل میس سے وابستہ ہیں (Waiter) رزاق چچا نے برن ہال کی (44) سال خدمت کی اور آج کل بھی اپنی خدمات سرانجام دے رہے ہیں ان سے متعلق کچھ سوالات کئے گئے جن کا انہوں نے بڑی خوبصورتی سے جواب دیا آئیے ان سوالات و جوابات کی کچھ جھلکیاں دیکھتے ہیں۔

سوال: آپ کا پورا نام کیا ہے؟ اور لوگ آپ کو پیار سے کیا کہتے ہیں؟

جواب: میرا نام عبدالرزاق ہے اور لوگ مجھے پیار سے رزاق چچا کہتے ہیں برن ہال کہ پرانے پرنسپل (Father Klavar) نے میرا نام عبدل رکھا ہوا تھا۔

سوال: آپ کب اور کیسے برن ہال کا حصہ بنے؟

جواب: میں نے برن ہال 1973 میں جوائن کیا میرے والد صاحب نے 20 سال یہاں نوکری کی اور جب ان کی طبیعت کافی خراب ہو گئی تو اس وقت میرے والد نے انگریز سرکار سے بات کی تب انہوں نے مجھے میرے والد کی جگہ رکھ لیا۔

سوال: اُس وقت برن ہال کے پرنسپل کون تھے؟

جواب: اُس وقت برن ہال کے پرنسپل Father Scanlon تھے۔

سوال: آپ آج کے برن ہال میں اور اُس وقت کے برن ہال میں کیا فرق دیکھتے ہیں؟

جواب: زمین و آسمان کا فرق ہے اُس وقت ایک عمارت تھی اور آج کالج کی عمارت کافی وسیع ہے نہ صرف عمارت میں اضافہ ہوا ہے بلکہ بہتری بھی آئی ہے۔ لوگ اُس وقت بھی اچھے تھے اور آج بھی اچھے ہیں اس وقت انتظامیہ انگریز تھی اور پڑھانے والے مسلمان تھے آج انتظامیہ بھی مسلمان ہے اور پڑھانے والے بھی مسلمان ہیں۔

سوال: برن ہال سے وابستہ کوئی ایسی شخصیت جنہیں آپ یاد رکھیں گے؟

جواب: مَس رابعہ اسحاق اور سر بشیر احمد سوز ان دونوں شخصیات کو میں زندگی بھر بھول نہیں سکتا۔ میرے ساتھ بہت اچھے تھے اور بہت زیادہ عزت کرتے تھے۔ مَس رابعہ اسحاق دنیائے فانی سے کوچ فرما گئی ہیں اور سر بشیر سوز حیات ہیں۔

سوال: برن ہال کی تاریخ میں سب سے سخت پرنسپل جن سے سارے ڈرتے ہوں؟

جواب: ایک پرنسپل تھے جن سے سب ڈرتے تھے وہ رحم دل بھی بہت تھے اور سخت بھی بہت تھے سختی کے موقع پر ان جیسا غصے والا، رعب اور سخت انسان میں نے نہیں دیکھا ان کا نام بریگیڈیئر سٹار ہے۔

سوال: آپ برن ہال کی ندی (مئے لالہ فام) کے بارے میں کیا کچھ بتانا چاہیں گے؟

جواب: یہ اس وقت صاف نہر ہوتی تھی مختلف اقسام کی مچھلیاں اس میں پائی جاتی تھیں کچھ لال رنگ کچھ سبز رنگ اور بہت سے مختلف رنگوں کی مچھلیاں تھیں۔ مختلف اقسام کے پھول تھے یہ برن ہال کا حسن تھا لیکن اب ایسا نہیں ہے۔

سوال: برن ہال میں کوئی ایسا مزاحیہ واقعہ جو آپ کو نہ بھولتا ہو؟

جواب: اس وقت ہمیں گریڈ نہیں ملتے تھے تو ہم نے شکایت کی۔ پرنسپل بریگیڈیئر راحیل صاحب نے مجھے بلایا اور کہا کہ میں آپ پر جرمانہ کروں گا کہ آپ نے مجھے کیوں نہیں بتایا اس پر سب لوگ ہنس پڑے میں ڈر گیا تو بریگیڈیئر صاحب خود بھی ہنس پڑے انہوں نے پھر مجھے پانچویں گریڈ سے یک دم دسویں میں منتقل کیا بے شک وہ انسان اس کالج کیلئے اور ہمارے لئے فرشتہ بن کر آئے تھے۔

سوال: آپ کا تعلق زیادہ تر میس سے رہا ہے برن ہال کے میس کے معیار کے متعلق کچھ بتائیں گے؟

جواب: میس پہلے بھی بہت اچھا تھا اور اب بھی بہت اچھا ہے معیار میں بہتری ہو رہی ہے۔ میرے خیال میں برن ہال جیسا کھانا پورے پاکستان میں کہیں نہیں ملتا ہوگا۔ Fathers کے دور میں وہ لوگ خود میس میں آکر کھانا کھاتے تھے۔ اس وقت لوگ مغربی انداز سے کھاتے



تھے اور اب روایتی انداز سے کھاتے ہیں۔

سوال:

کوئی ایسا طالب علم جو آپ کو یاد آتا ہو؟

جواب:

ہاں، ایک طالب علم ہے اس کا نام جہانگیر خان کا کڑ ہے اس کا تعلق کوئٹہ سے ہے اس کا بہت زیادہ رعب تھا۔ جب وہ بیس میں کھڑا ہوتا تھا تو کسی بچے کی ہمت نہیں ہوتی تھی کہ وہ آنکھ اٹھائے اس سے سب لوگ ڈرتے تھے ابھی پاکستان آرمی میں کرنل ہے۔

سوال:

آپ کی عمر کتنی ہے؟

جواب:

میں 1954 میں پیدا ہوا اور آج 2017 ہے آپ خود حساب لگالیں۔

سوال:

اس عمر میں بھی آپ اتنے چست اور توانا ہیں کوئی خاص راز آپ کی صحت کا؟

جواب:

بس اللہ تعالیٰ کی مہربانی ہے اور خاص کرم ہے کوئی راز نہیں کوشش کرتا ہوں کہ اپنا کام ایمانداری سے کروں اور کام چوری نہ کروں راز صرف ایمانداری ہے۔

سوال:

آپ ریٹائرمنٹ کے بعد بھی برن ہال واپس آئے؟ آخر برن ہال کا انتخاب ہی کیوں؟

جواب:

میں نے اپنی زندگی میں برن ہال جیسا ادارہ کہیں نہیں دیکھا میں بعد میں کہیں اور گیا وہاں میرا دل نہیں لگا تو میں یہاں واپس آگیا میرے والد صاحب نے بھی 20 سال یہاں کام کیا ہے میں 17 سال کی عمر میں یہاں آیا۔

سوال:

برن ہال میں جو احتجاج ہوا تھا اس میں آپ کہاں تھے؟ اور اس کا پس منظر کیا تھا؟

جواب:

میں اس وقت کالج میں ہی تھا برگڈیٹر ارشاد صاحب نے بہت زیادہ سختی کر دی تھی لڑکوں کو سختی کی عادت نہیں تھی تو انہوں نے پورے کالج کے شیشے توڑ دیئے تھے اور ڈانٹنگ ہال میں سب ٹیبل الٹا دیئے تھے پاک فوج کے دستے طلبہ کر لئے گئے تھے اور آرمی نے سارا کنٹرول سنبھال لیا تھا پورے پاکستان میں یہ واقعہ گونج رہا تھا۔

سوال:

English Food اور جمعہ کی بریانی کب سے چلی آرہی ہے؟

جواب:

English Food تو انگریزوں کے زمانے سے چلتا آرہا ہے اور جمعہ کی بریانی آرمی والوں کے آنے کے بعد شروع ہوئی۔

سوال:

کوئی ایسا واقعہ جس میں آپ کو بہت غصہ آیا ہو؟

جواب:

زندگی میں اتار چڑھاؤ تو آتا ہے غصہ مجھے آیا تھا تو میں نے اپنے ساتھ کے کام کرنے والے کو کرسی ماری تھی اس کا نام شیر زمان ہے۔

سوال:

آج کے ہالین اور اُس وقت کے ہالین میں کیا فرق ہے اور True Hallians کون ہیں؟

جواب:

بُرا تو کسی کو نہیں کہتا سب اپنی اپنی جگہ اچھے ہیں وہ بچے بھی عزت کرتے تھے اور آپ لوگ بھی کرتے ہیں لیکن True Hallians وہ پرانے والے بچے ہی ہیں۔

سوال:

Bow اور Pants shirt جو کہ Waiters کا نیا یونی فارم ہے آپ کو پہن کر کیسا لگا؟

جواب:

مجھے پہن کر کافی اچھا لگا اور میں کافی سمارٹ لگتا ہوں سب لوگ تعریف کرتے ہیں اور ہاں! لوگوں کو پتہ چلتا ہے کہ ہم برن ہال کے Waiter ہیں۔

سوال:

آپ جانے کے بعد برن ہال کو یاد کریں گے؟

جواب:

میں بالکل برن ہال کو یاد کروں گا کیونکہ میں نے یہاں کافی عرصہ کام کیا ہے اور یہاں کا رزق کھایا ہے یہ کالج طلبہ کے دم سے چلتا ہے اور جب طلبہ نہیں ہوتے تو کالج ویران لگتا ہے میں اس کی ترقی کیلئے دن رات اللہ تعالیٰ سے دعا کرتا ہوں۔

سوال:

آپ کا پسندیدہ شعر؟

جواب:

اے ظالم انکار نہ کر میرے پاس آنے سے

خدا بھی روٹھ جاتا ہے کسی کا دل دکھانے سے

نوٹ: چچا رزاق کو حال ہی میں ہیڈ ہٹلر بنا دیا گیا اور جب تک ان کی صحت اجازت دیتی ہے وہ اس ادارے میں کام کرتے رہیں گے۔

REVIVING THE BEST
PRACTICES OF THE
PAST

Drama and Social Nights

Drama and social nights have been part and parcel of Burn Hall. To provide entertainment along with flourishing personalities and confidence of the young eagles, these platforms have been the nucleus of Burn Hall. These outlets provide a chance to get away from the daily grind of school. In the past, there was no specific place for the performance of drama, hence, such events were organized in mess in the times of Fathers. During late 1970s drama was performed on Parents' Day in the Cricket ground and at present it is performed in Scanlon Hall. Hallians have performed variety of skits abstracted from Shakespeare's famous tragedies and comedies including the soliloquies of Hamlet. Apart from English literature students have shown their acting skills on skits from Urdu Literature.





Celebrating 60 Years of Army Burn Hall College for Boys









Annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Day

The Annual Parents' Day at Army Burn Hall College is the most significant, festive and auspicious occasion of the year, as it reflects what goes on at the campus during an academic session. It is a time of jubilation and festivity, especially for the young Hallians, as they receive applause and recognition from their parents, teachers and guests for their hard earned achievements during the year.

The history of Annual Parents Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony is as old as the history of this great institution. Initially, it would comprise organizing various cultural programme and colourful performances followed by annual prize distribution. Traditionally it was an indoor activity, where students used to participate in different events and Main Mess used to accommodate students, their parents and members of the school faculty.

From 1978 onwards, the Annual Parents' Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized in the College Cricket Ground with the mesmerizing performance of smartly turned out NCC cadets of 1st Year and 2nd Year students, PT, Judo and Karate and Gymnastics display by the energetic Hallians. The English and Urdu skits also added colour to the celebrations of Annual Day and had always won a hearty applause from the audience. Club Exhibitions were the integral part of the function. The exhibition was organized in the College Block and greatly appreciated by the guests.



In the year 2000, NCC came to a halt, however, other exercises like PT, Judo & Karate and Gymnastics continued to be the main part of the Parents Day programme in the coming years. In 2001 Riding Club was established and on the Annual Parents Day of 2002, the young riders put a very impressive performance of Cavalcade, show-jumping and tent pegging and won the thunderous applause of the audience. The Parents Day of 2004 was the last that took place in the Cricket Ground. The function was a wonderful amalgamation of sports activities, music and drama. Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" delighted the audience as the young actors portrayed the characters near to perfection.

In the 2005 the auspicious ceremony was organized in the Scanlon Hall due to the prevailing security situation in the country. The event then comprised skits, cultural shows and speeches by best orators, which was followed by annual prize distribution.

The year 2016 saw revival of the past traditions and once again the Parents' Day ceremony was held in the Hockey Ground after 11 years of indoor events. The spectacular display of Gymnastics, Judo & Karate and PT won the hearts of everyone. Organized at a short notice of less than three weeks the mega event was managed by the Adjutant, an old Hallian, Major Kaleem Abbas and his team of PTIs and selected faculty members. Enormous help from PMA, Army PT School and Baloch Regimental Center commanded by another senior Hallian, Brigadier Khalid Jadoon, made it a success, thus, paving way towards even better performance in all the coming years ahead. College horse riders escorting the Chief Guest, Lieutenant General Tariq Khan, (Retired), who is also a Pride of Burn Hall attracted wide appreciation. This was followed by a grand PT show, gymnastics, karate and cultural dances by the young hallians and then followed the traditional club exhibition after the awards distribution ceremony by the guest of honour.

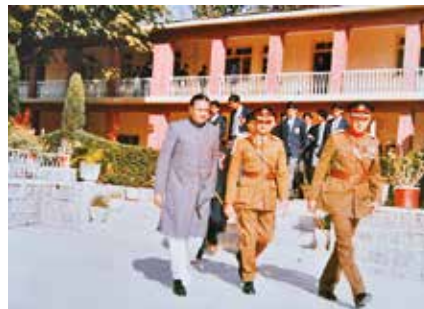


Annual Award Distribution (1956-1976)



Parents Day (1977-2007)







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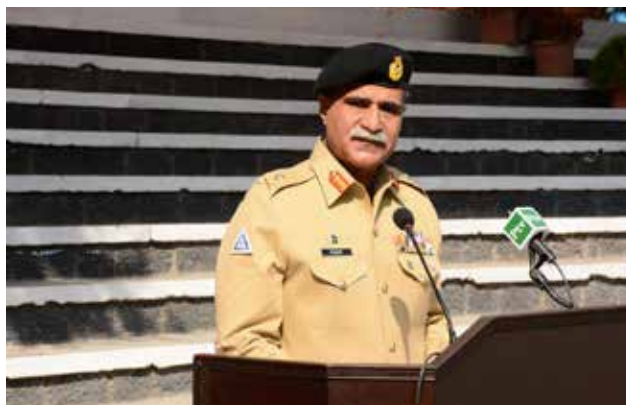


Award Distribution Ceremony (Scanlon Hall)



Parents Day Once again in the Field 2016 Onwards







MILITARY TRAINING

Burn Hall College is not only famous for academic uplift but it is also esteemed high for infusing military leadership qualities in the Hallians. The reflection of NCC really impacted on the conduct of Hallians, both in civil and military domains in the past. Military training is said to be now contiguous part of modern age, as in current scenario familiarity with conventional used weapons, low level war tactics and survival techniques in dire circumstances are the essentials to be known by everyone, so as to effectively meet any challenges. Keeping in view all these aspects the College Administration has re-initiated the modified military training programme on the lines of ISSB. This motive not only improved the academic strength of Hallians but also invigorated military leadership in them, which focuses on discipline, truthfulness, integrity and courage.





DINNER NIGHTS

Army Burn Hall College for Boys puts a lot of emphasis on the wholesome personality development of its students. For this purpose a host of activities has been organized among them are Dinner Nights. These nights are arranged on regular basis in the Main Mess. These nights provide opportunities to Hallians to socialize with their peers, faculty members and guests in a formal manners. They are not only trained in etiquettes through these dinners, but Hallians also develop a sense of refinement in their social behaviour.





All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation

Oratory is an art of public speaking. Public speaking is commonly understood as formal, face-to-face speaking of a single person to a group of listeners. All the great leaders were eloquent orators. Command over public speaking adds to one's personality and leadership capabilities. Apart from curricular activities, Burn Hall stresses upon and provides the best platform to the students to groom their oratory. Thus, apart from inter-House declamation contest since 1997, every year Burn Hall conducts an All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest in which students from renowned educational institutions participate. Bilingual was first time introduced in 1997. It was a brainchild of Brig M. Irshad, the then Principal Army Burn Hall College for Boys Abbottabad. Below is a brief history about All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest.

The 1st All Pakistan Inter-Collegiate Declamation Contest was held in 1997, in which contestants from all over the country were invited to participate. Some well-known institutions which participated were Atchison College Lahore, Pakistan Military Academy Kakul, Ayub Medical College Abbottabad, Army Medical College Rawalpindi and numerous other institutions. Subsequently, other institutions like Cadet College Kohat, Cadet College Hasan Abdal, Military College of Signals, Military College of Engineering, PAF Academy Risalpur and Government College Lahore joined the contest and now the event is considered most cherished occasion of Burn Hall.





REUNIONS

To arise the feelings of kinship, the Alumni of Burn Hall have been organizing reunions and get togethers of Old Hallians over the years. The network of GTG prevails across national and international borders. These events establish an unending chain of relationship and friendship which passes from generation to generation. To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Burn Hall, a reunion was organized in 1994 at the College Campus. In 1997, another reunion was organized. Chapter-wise reunions and get together, were also held at various cities of Pakistan like Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi.

However, to organize and arrange the events centrally in the college campus has always been the earnest desire of the old Hallians. The College Administration has now embarked upon organizing the Old Boys Association and managing the annual reunions at least once a year and is looking forward to its alumni to suggest, coordinate and assist in the manifestation through a code of conduct and constitution of the Alumni Association.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



GET TOGETHER RAWALPINDI CHAPTER



GATHERING ABROAD



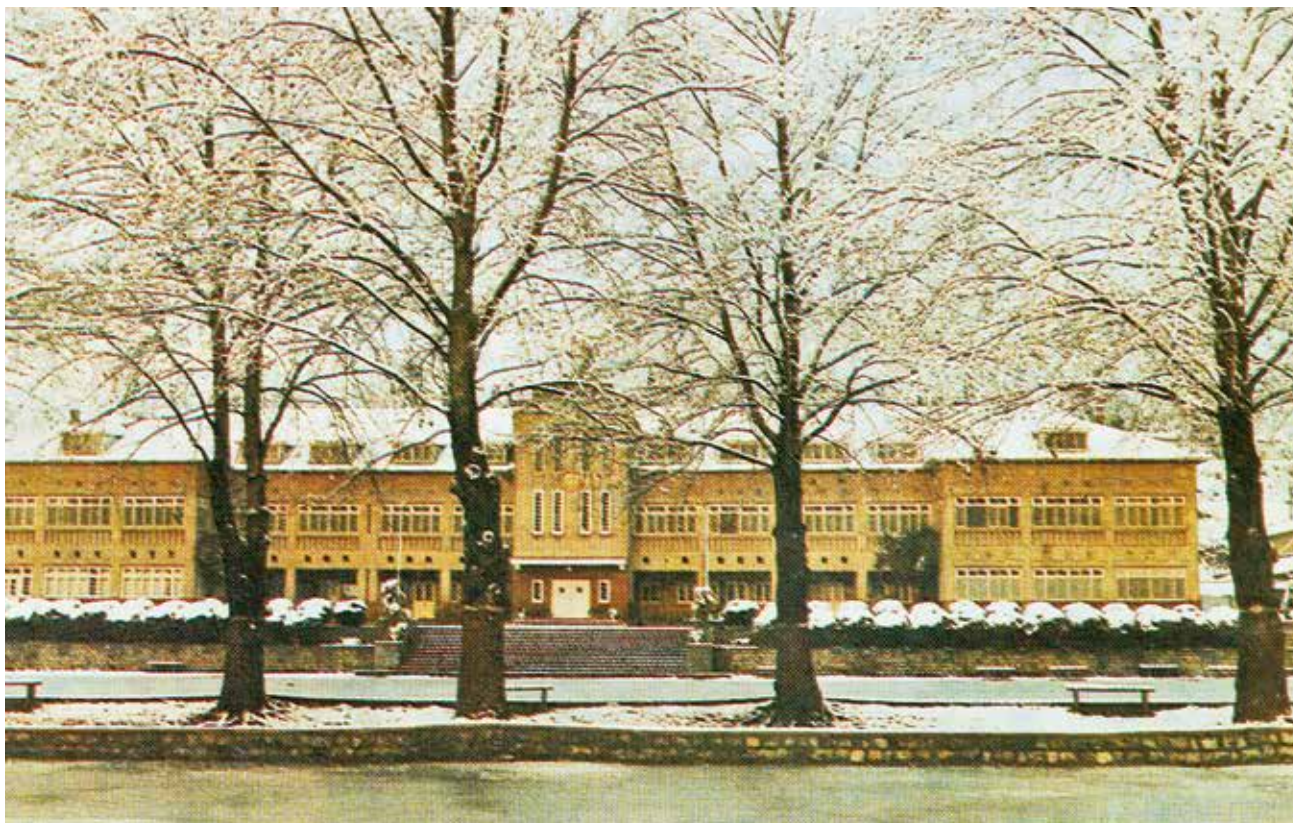


AN EVENING WITH LAHORE CHAPTER



AN EVENING WITH ABBOTTABAD CHAPTER





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50 GOLDEN YEARS

There is an old saying that the Army salutes everything that moves and paints everything that doesn't. On October 27 & 28, 1993, the besieged town of Abbottabad had a new coat of paint and saluted the arrival of approximately 600 members of the alumni. I write these lines to share the experience with those who could not be there and in the hope that it create a resolve to be present at the next reunion.

Like in any big event we saw both peaks and troughs, ups and downs, cordial agreements and vocal dissent, loud ayes and vociferous nays. In short we had everything. In the end, however, when it was time to say goodbye there were only peaks and only ayes, for each and every one of us was here because of one common denominator Burn Hall. We had spent the last 56 hours in a sort of twilight zone meeting friends after a quarter of a century in a place where we had once shared everything from a tooth paste to a severe reprimand.

I have always found it difficult to describe emotion or sentiment but in this case I must make an attempt to do so, omitting emotions would mean not describing half of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

I travelled to Islamabad in distinguished company, Kamal Chinoy, the President of the encyclopedic Secretary. Having said that, let me tell you it is not easy travelling with the who's who for between the three of us we had in excess of 200 kilograms of luggage in the form of alumni directories, newsletters, alumni ties, etc. the hostess checking us in glanced at the scale and politely made us aware of the fact that we would need to part company with some money if we wanted the baggage to accompany us this memorable trip. It was now time for Kamal Chinoy to get into his "Charm mode" which he instantly did and in no time we were being handed over our tags and boarding passes at no extra cost to The Alumni Association and a marginal loss to the national carrier. The drive from Islamabad to Abbottabad was fairly uneventful except for the occasional contact of the silencer with the road reminding us of the load we were carrying in the boot.

The huge welcome banners across Mansehra Road were the first sign that something was going on. Indeed something as Brig. Irfan Malik, the principal of Army Burn Hall College gave us a warm reception and continued to brief us on the events that had been scheduled for the weekend. As one would expect from our men in uniform, everything had been planned in painstaking detail rounded off to the nearest minute. From the side of the alumni the organizational effort was spread headed by no less a personality than that of Lt. Col Farooq Sabir, our illustrations President of the Abbottabad Chapter

ably assisted by a most congenial and gracious character in the shape of Azmarai Fakhruddin.

Our experience in Abbottabad could be easily segmented into two distinct parts. One being the attendance of scheduled events and two the unofficial and personal hospitality extended by the likes of Adil Shah, Sardar Moazzam and sundry. Try say that we were looked after in a befitting manner would probably be a gross understatement and those fortunate enough to be amongst the guests would find it difficult to contradict my feelings. Members of the alumni were housed at various locations. The Pakistan Military Academy, under the command of Maj. Gen. Saleem Malik, opened its facilities, both residential and banquet, to the 'old boys' (and girls). Furnished villas and local hotels offered comfortable accommodations and attractive discounts. Hallians living in Abbottabad opened their houses and their hearts and it was like the whole town was saying "welcome Back".

The first event scheduled was the registration.



The alumni started pouring in at about 2 pm. On Thursday afternoon and continued intermittently till Friday morning. A registration tent was set up just outside the dining hall and the Abbottabad chapter had arranged for laminated ID cards to be given to every registering member. All the chapter and put up their stalls, adjacent to the dining hall and were selling/giving away different items, associated with the school. The Karachi Chapter lead from the front by distributing free directories and copies of the newsletter and offering for sale silk ties designed exclusively by Amir Adnan for the alumni. Car stickers, tee shirts, key chains and memo pads were other fast sellers. This was followed by the general body meeting, the importance of which cannot be understated for on the agenda was the acceptance or rejection of the constitution. The meeting started with the chapter heads giving their brief comments on the constitutions and how a consensus document was arrived at followed by various members of the General body coming on the stage and offering their opinions and suggestions. Finally, through a show of hands, the constitution was adopted. I must make a comment on the impressive turnout of the 'Old Girls' (no offense meant) and following the General

Body meeting these girls met on their own and nominated Mrs. Riffat Akbar Swati (BH 1950-59) to represent them on the Managing Committee which subsequently met to elect Kamal Chinoy as President, Prince Barkat as Vice President and Iftikhar Ghulam Ally as General Secretary.

An hour later, the sound of the trumpets heralded the arrival of the then President Of Pakistan, Mr. Wasim Sajjad. He was at the school to witness a fireworks display (courtesy Abbottabad Chapter) arranged in the cricket ground. As the fireworks subsided, we made our way to the Pakistan Military Academy where the "Bara Khana" had been arranged in the main mess hall. Members of the alumni were there in full strength along with their families and as expected, there was standing room only. Speeches were made by the Principal of Army Burn Hall College, President of Pakistan. Shields were also presented to both the senior and junior schools by different chapters. The dinner was followed by an evening of entertainment featuring Farooq Qaiser and his "Uncle Sargam" team. The event was managed to the extent that attendance exceeded all expectations and the infrastructure was not adequately geared. However, after some initial hiccups and some testing moments for our friends from the Abbottabad chapter, things settled down and the show got underway.

The next morning we started collecting at the school. Different levels of consciousness depending on the type of night they had earlier had. The occasion was the traditional cricket match between the school team (led by the principal himself) and the alumni under the able

command of its president. The match was won by the school team although some members of the alumni did later complain of hall tampering and seam picking: the umpire however, rejected this objection on the grounds that it was the average age of the alumni more than anything else that was the main reason why ball and bat were not making contact.

The reprimand for playing well was instant and came at the hands of commentator Mr Azhar Piracha who made sure that no player escaped humiliation on this walk back on the pavilion. The cricket match was followed by a farewell lunch hosted at he junior school, now called 'Army Burn Hall & Girls College. It was the time to say our good- byes and make our way back. The dream was set in motion by the uniting efforts of the school and the Abbottabad Chapter was now drawing to a close. The success of the show was due to, in no small measures, to the commitment and the drive of both the school administrator and the alumni. If this was a prelude to further effort, I rest assured that 1997 will be another memorable reunion.

BETHERE!

..... Azara Jamil

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THROUGH THE MIST OF MEMORIES

While leafing through the school ties golden Jubilee issue the bold letters of the editors note caught attention. This contradicted the usual complaint of men against women; i.e., they were actually asking us to speak more than we usually do. Sure rare opportunities can hardly be ignored, so I set out to shuffle my memory and the name that my mind singled out, after a lot of wondering down the memory lane was of our English teacher - Mrs. Bilquis Manzoor and why not? Mrs. Manzoor, English and Burn Hall are synonymous to as (girls specially) this is not being said based on any sort of prejudice but because of the fact that she was the class teacher of the first ever separate girls section & remained so for four years continuously!

The irrevocable image that my mind beholds is of her immaculate dress – up, impeccable manners and gently checking us for even the smallest unholy like behaviour, and of course, the spectacles and her hair always neatly intact in a bun. Also a packet of peanuts and a bottle of 7 up were always there (with apologies to Madam, I just couldn't resist mentioning this last reference, because it was strictly forbidden for the students to eat in the class room, but watching her we couldn't help filling up our geometry boxes. And Ah! Eating has ever been more wonderful. (Or more embarrassing as I dare to think about it now).

We would be in constant dread lest she should hear us speaking in Urdu & as a fine to forfeit our much savoured chocolates. Through the greatest dread of all was to be seated on the same, bench next to an alien species – Boys of Course!

Mrs. Manzoor also served as the acting Principal of Army Burn Hall School in 1983 and was made the Principal in 1984. For the remainder of her career in this institution (that was raised to the college level for girls in 1991), she was the vice principal till her retirement in 1993.

Presently, she is working as the Vice principal of private College in Abbottabad. The past brings with itself a haunting and mysterious era of memories. Haunting because it is impossible to part with it. Something so far away yet so near as if you could just reach out and grasp it, A sojourn extending into eternity.

I met Mrs. Manzoor in the cordial atmosphere of her. Though, she welcomed me with that well-remembered graceful smile of hers accompanied by a warm hand-shake as always. Time has hardly changed her.

Afterwards, I request her to open the door to the priceless treasure of her memories and to let us step with her into that escalated world. A world expanding over a whole good decades, almost as old as Burn Hall itself!

Q Madam, what was the exact duration of your association with Burn Hall?

Ans I joined Burn Hall in 1956 and after 37 years of service, retired on 7th January, 1993.

Q Would you please tell us something about your student life?

Ans I did my schooling from Queen Mary's Delhi which was one of the pioneers of Kinaird College, Lahore, I proceeded to Cardiff, England (1966 -1967), where I was post graduate English student and it was then I saw English literature in its real perspective.

Q What inspired you to become a teacher?

Ans I think teaching is our blood. I came from family educationists. My father and many close relatives have been in this noble profession, especially my in laws, among whom there are many eminent professors and directors of Education.

Q How, would you compare your days as a student to that being a teacher?

Ans My days as a student were free of cares or worries the moment I become a teacher I had to shoulder many responsibilities.

Q Please do share with us some of your fondest memories regarding Burn Hall?

Ans My lifetime at Burn Hall is so full of memories that even to record the fondest of them I need a small booklet. Through she recalled that even during the 1965 war the only deviation from the normal school routine was that there were trenches built to which the students were put in on the onset of the siren, otherwise the school carried on with its schedule.

Q What, in your opinion, is the major difference between the Burn Hall governed by the fathers and then by the army?

Ans It is a very delicate question and needs to be handled diplomatically. The number of students in every class has gone up considerably so that the close relationship between the teacher and the taught that existed in fathers time is not possible.

Q What is your criterion of judging a good student and a good teacher?

Ans A good student should be intelligent, hard working, obedient and well-behaved and a good teacher is the one who knows and prepares her lessons well. She should be conscientious, obliging, pleasant and well behaved, she should be a good disciplinarian also, and otherwise she could never her students.

Q Did you experience any change teaching as junior and then as a senior school teacher (after the girls section addition)?

Ans Teaching juniors is fun if you know the correct method of approaching and instructing them. But teaching senior class is more enjoyable because there is more academic involvement in it. With the seniors it is almost like, "To what heights can we not rise!"

Q It must have been hard to part with something to which you gave as many years of your life. Would you please tell us something about your feelings at those moments?

Ans Burn Hall has been a second home to me. Parting with it wasn't one bit easy and it took me very long to persuade myself to look at the world that existed outside Burn Hall.

Q How does it feel to see the ones whom you taught as children and meet them as grown ups now?

Ans It is always a pleasant surprise to meet my old students. It's only when grey haired gentlemen (ladies have their tricks, you know!) Come up and tell me the years they were what me, I realize how old we have grown.

Q Any message for your ex-students?

Ans The message for my ex-students is that they must be upright in all their dealings. They should never stop studying because, "Reading makes a full man." The secret of success lies in work, work and work! As consistent hard work can help us to "Rise-high".

I'm grateful to her for sharing her thoughts and memories and helping me realize how hard it is to confine to a few words to infinite vastness of the life that we all led at some time or the order in the lush green beauty of this valley amidst the snow-clad mountains, dotted with all tall evergreen pines.

(Courtesy: Miss Saima Altaf of Abbottabad Chapter)

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EXCERPT FROM: “A PASSAGE THROUGH PAKISTAN”

Author Mr. Orville F. Linck



(Mrs. Linck's Student at lower Burn Hall School, Abbottabad, "The Elton of Pakistan")

Period; 1956 – 1957

QUOTE “ And along the Mansehra Road, which heads across the floor to the snow-topped peaks of the Kaghan Valley and Azad Kashmir are the increasing number of big Bungalows built by the well-to-do who find Abbottabad a pleasant place to retire or spend summers in. These large establishments show that not everybody in Pakistan is poor. Another reminder of this fact is the presence, a few miles out of town, on Mansehra Road, of upper Burn Hall, where the older brothers of the lads of Lower Burn Hall go to school under their English Dutch Catholic teachers. Burn Hall, taken together, is often referred to as “The Eton of Pakistan” it is attended by the Pakistani sons of privilege, by a scattering of pupils from such distant places; as THAILAND AND Iran and by an associated English American boy whose parents are residents of Pakistan. Burn hall has established its reputation in Pakistan by its success in preparing its students for the standard Cambridge examinations (sometime like our “College boards”) the passing of which is one of gaining entrance to Pakistani and British universities and colleges. Its graduates can speak and write English relatively well, an accomplishment which is still important in Pakistan for both career and snob reasons.

The Eton-Harrow character of Burn Hall is further illustrated by its emphasis on sports. The Institution's cricket pitch, hockey field, basket Ball court, tennis courts and swimming pool are all as the Pakistanis would say- quite “up to mark”.
UNIQUE

Courtesy: Maj. (Rtd) Richard Francis.



KARACHI CHAPTER REUNIONS

The 30-Grey house, Clifton & Kamal Chinoy: now Synonymous with the Burn Hall Alumni, hosted yet another, (ninth to be precise), reunion of the alumni on May 5, 1996.

The get-together retained its atmosphere of fervour and excitement. For the second time running the "better halves" participated, although we haven't yet gauged the "comfort ability" aspect! The show also marked the election of the new committee. Needless to say the outgoing committee truly laid solid foundations for the alumni's future.

The participants were as always enthralled with the exciting raffle prizes ranging from tickets to Dubai and numerous electronic appliances, not to forget the special gift for all the ladies.



A serious moment
(Mustafa Chinoy and Zal Nousherwani)



("The Bold & The Beautiful")
(Shaheen Niazi Malik & Capt. Imran Aziz)



(At their Best Behaviour")



(Mr. Mazharullah's daughter Farzana, Representing the ladies. Manzoor Khan taking notes)



("You Get What You Pay for")
(Siraj Kassam Tell registering with Mansoor Qudus and Brian Janjua)



(Staying Away from Evil
Col. Babar, Hussain Haroon)



("Blind leading the Blind")
(The President with Hussain Ali Tayyab & Brian Janjua)



(A Word of Advice
Hussain Haroon with Kamal Chinoy)



(Potential Recipients of The Patience and Endurance Award)



GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION



("Adding Colour to Life")



**("Look Out Henry Blofeld")
(Azhar Parach in the commentary box)**



("This is What its All About")



(The Annual General Meeting)



("Many will Come and Many will go but I shall Wait here forever")



("The Cricket Teams")



**("Graying a little, Balding a little, Gaining a little")
(Azam Jamil, Rizwan-ul-Abdeen and Nasir Abbas)**



IN ABBOTTABAD 1993



("The New Breed")



("Getting back to where we once Belonged")
("Sardar Farrukh Hayat Khan, Nawabzada Saleem with friends)



("Let there be Music")



("Engrossed in serious discussion at the Formal Dinner")
(Kamal Chinoy, Lt Gen Iftikhar Ali Khan and others)



(Waseem Sajjad (then President of Pakistan) and Chief Guest alongwith Mrs. Sajjad)



("The Alumnus mainframe computer Ifti Ghulam Ally with
Talat Irfan Beg")



("Its Yesterday Once More")



REUNION IN NATHIA GALI GREENS HOTEL

Amidst the Pines

On September 21st, 1995, 'Greens' witnessed yet another reunion of Hallians at this picturesque hill resort of Nathia Gali. As always the most unassuming, Adil Shah and his charming wife, had chalked out the minutest details to ensure that the 50-odd Hallians and their families experienced a memorable get-together.

Believe me, memorable indeed was the whole affair. The sumptuous food, flute playing at the bonfire and particularly the heart throbbing music played by 'wet metals' ensured that all those young at did not truck-in till the early hours of the following day.



The Islamabad Chapter members for whom Adil had arranged this reunion very reluctantly left 'Greens' the next time evening with heavy hearts. Some of the veterans, who had taken to the stage the previous night left with sore feet but found memories. Sore feet or sore heats, the Islamabad Chapter is already looking forward to Adil's next bash in September 1996.

Special mention should made here for the contribution and hard work put in by Shaukat Janjua, Saleem Bashir Liang, Ejaz Butt and Javed Janjua for making this event a most wonderful and fabulous one.

(Tariq Ali Khan)



(Sitting Left to Right: Yaqoob Shah, Farooq Ali, Abdul Ghani, Bunyad, Samiullah, Noor Ahmed, Murtaza Shah
(Standing left to Right: Shukat Janjua, Tasleem Adam, Farooq, Saleem Akhter, Malik Saeed, Saeed Akter, Javed Janjua, Moazzam



DOWN MEMORY LANE

The pictures above are from the special collection of slides belonging to Father N. Turner. We are, in particular, grateful to Father Bill Naylor who was at the junior School in 1961 and it is he who inherited these slides after the passing away of Father Turner. Father Naylor made a special effort of finding the alumni and ensuring that this remarkable collection was passed on to us. Needless to say, we will always treasure them and here they are printed in School Ties for all to enjoy.

— Azam Jamil

Note: With un-ending help from Iftikhar Ghulam Ally, we have made a valiant effort to identify those we could. A dash appears against the one who escaped recognition. If you are able to offer any help it would be greatly appreciated.



Left to Right : Zahid Nazir _____ Munawwar, Khurshid, Asif Rehman, Masud, Ghaffar Mohammad, Shaukat Mandviwala, _____ Tariq Manzoor, _____ and _____.



Standing Left to Right: Mr Mohammad Yahya, Dildar Hussain, Ahmed Zeb Saifullah, Mehboob, Jehangir, Mirza Ahmed Hussain
Sitting Left to Right: _____ Bunyad Shah, Rashid, _____ Brian Janjua.



Left to Right: Father Johnson, Father Schagen, _____, Father Nizen



"In the Beginning"



Standing Left to Right: Brian Brooks, Hadi Afshar, Aziz Ahmed, Zafar Naeem Ahmed, Nadeem Khan.

Sitting Left to Right: Jamil Ahmed, Joe, Nasrullah Baloch, _____ Masood Shah.



Standing Left to Right : PT Master, Ghulam Safdar, Abdul Latif, Naeem, _____.

Setting Left to Right: Hadi Afshar, Joe, Talat Irfan Beg.



Left to Right: Father Schagen, Father Endover, Father Schrader



Standing Left to Right: Father Schagen, _____, _____ Clifford Safdar, Sharyar, Rafiullah, _____ P.T Master
Sitting Left to Right : _____, Habibullah Shaikh, _____ Sher Mohammad, Ali Anwar.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

It was towards the end of Ramzan that Kamal Chinoy Called meeting of School Ties Committee to seek input for the forthcoming issue of the newsletter. It was collectively decided that our nervous issues had carried old photographs of the school and since a sizable majority of the alumni had not had the opportunity to return to Burn Hall, it may be a good idea to have an article highlighting what Burn Hall is today and what changes the institution and undergone since we had left. This enviable assignment was handed over to me and in retrospect I am delighted that it was returning to school 23 years later was an overwhelming experience and I would like to take some of your time to share it with you. I left Rawalpindi on a cold wet day hoping that by the time. I got to Abbottabad the weather would case but mother nature was determined to test my driving skills all the way to my destination. As I turned off G.T. Road after Hassan Abdal, I could hardly believe the beauty and the lush green fields that were before me. I had little recollection of these probably because one was in a state of depression going back to school and for us Karachites, natural beauty has always had more value than our colleagues living up north. The drive to Abbottabad, though slow, was uneventful and I entered the town at 9 a.m. in the morning. There is always a price to pay for development and nowhere was it more evident than on the road from town to School. Burn Hall was once situated just outside of Abbottabad, No more, The eucalyptus trees on either side of Mansehra Road were gone giving way to commercial activity in the form of shopping plaza, restaurants, schools and hotels which continued endless till you were at the main gate of the School.

I was promptly waved to stop by a guard who seemed to appear from a guard room built adjacent to the gate. He inquired about the purpose of my visit and subsequently produced a register seeking the usual information i.e. Time in,

Person intending to meet Address, etc. I had heard that the School was being run by the army. Now I was sure!

The success, or the lack of it, of any institution depends greatly on the person assigned to head it and I held this belief firmly as I waited to meet a gentleman in the name and style of Brig. Irfan Aziz Malik, the Principal of the College (as it is commonly known). I must confess that as I was ushered in the guest waiting room,



The School Bell Relocated

I wondered what to expect when I was finally called in. Was it proper to salute without headgear? Would I be facing a strict disciplinarian in uniform. It was perfectly normal to live in the extremity of fear when one was waiting to see Fr. Scanlon but this was two decades later, I was 39 years old and I was on an official visit to my old school. There was no reason, I thought to be nervous.

Hardly five minutes elapsed when the orderly walked in and asked me to follow him to see the Chief Instructor, Col Saleem Iqbal. Though this title was totally alien to me, I was to discover later that C.I was to the second in command or if one was to derive an equivalent, deputy headmaster would be a fair bet. Col Iqbal and I spoke for about 15 minutes and I found him to be a pleasant and hospitable person. If this was indicative of what was to follow, I was in good shape. The C.I's office was the

beginning of my trip to nostalgia for he sat in the very room that we used as the senior Cambridge class in 1970. 23 years ago I had sat here much colder (yes there was a heater now) and facing the other way.

Brig. Irfan Aziz Malik returned to his office and in no time the C.I and I were on our way. I entered his room with caution and the man who got up and walked around his table to receive me was nothing I had imagined a quarter of an hour ago. Instead, a beaming personality of a man in an immaculate dark suit stood there with a smile you would associate with a public relations man rather than someone who had come off the assembly line at Kakul. Over the next half hour Brig. Malik proceeded to give me an overview of the College and the changes that had taken place over the years, I asked him some leading questions on the admission policies of the college. Did he receive "telephone calls" that required him to compromise his criteria. The answer was an emphatic no. Brig. Malik, as Principal, reported to the chairman of Board of Governors and was not obliged to take instruction from any other authority. I then asked him as to why he was not in uniform for a sure way to command respect was to display the quantity of brass that rested on your shoulders. His answer was simple and impressive. He had asked the entire male faculty of the college to come in a tie and suitably attired they tend to emulate the example thus set. It was now time to go for my rounds and a member of the faculty Mr. Mohammad Aslam was deputed to take me on my rounds. Mr. Aslam was man of many talents and his murals and calligraphic creations were proudly displayed in many areas of the college.

For the next hour and a half I explored the college in detail. My Nikon clicking away at what had changed along with numerous aspects that withstood the test of time. There was a sparkling new hostel just commissioned behind the kitchen with



common rooms and dormitories on the upper floor. A fully equipped dispensary complete with doctor and medicines.

know it. I glanced at the Prefect's listing for St. Michael's saw my name and did well to fight the hint of moisture I felt in

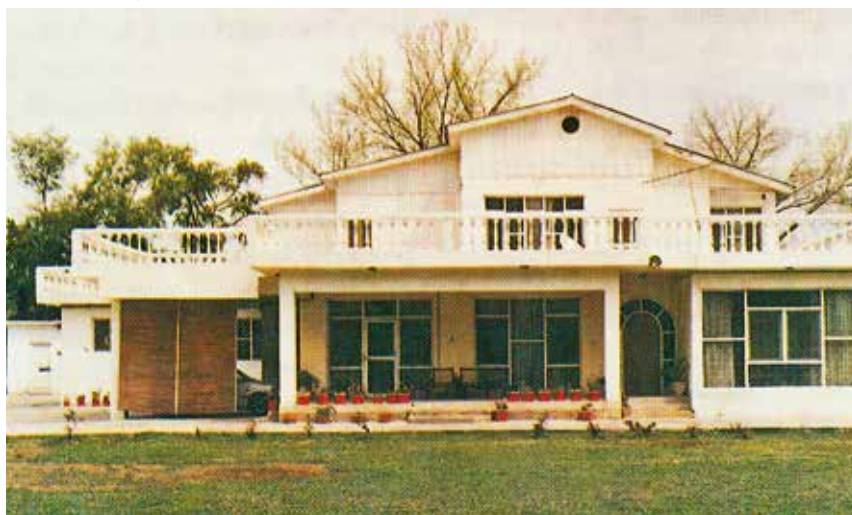
have in our times other than the fact that the Rev. Fathers were always. The senior dormitories of what was once St. Michael's



SPARKLING NEW HOSTEL BLOCK

(Before this students had to be taken to CMH for even the lightest of ailment which apart from being inconvenient was expensive too). Across the new hostel, in solitary splendour, stood the Principal's residence. An imposing But well designed structure with a lovely lawn. Adjacent to the swimming pool was the new addition

my eyes, The dining hall block which, if you recall was "L" shaped in our times in now "U" shaped with the addition of an academic block. It would not be out of Place to mention that all new structures added to the college are in conformity with the original architecture and do not compromise overall aesthetics in any way.



THE PRINCIPAL'S RESIDENCE IMPOSING & WELL DESIGNED

of the squash courts. Besides practice courts there was championship court complete with glass back and seating for spectators. The pond (in the pond garden) was in the process of being transformed into a fountain with lights that would be an aesthetic welcome for all visitors. The dining hall had virtually remained unchanged and you could have been standing there in 1963 and not

Across on the other side the tennis courts next to the canteen have been replaced by a library and labs. The old cafeteria has also given way to a new structure but you can still use the cement tables on the hill. A welcome addition to the college is staff accommodation. I would imagine if the faculty lives on the premises, the students would have access to them even after school hours, a luxury that we did not



THE LIBRARY-BLENDS WITH THE MOOD

were now classrooms. The St. Gabriel's side was unchanged but the students were making preparation to move into



THE STAFF ACCOMMODATION - A WELCOME ADDITION

the new hostel. The common rooms and the house master's offices on both sides were totally empty.

I was told that they would be put to some use in the future plans materialized. I returned to the Principal's office for more discussion over biscuits and a coke. The next round of the school was scheduled with Brig. Malik himself. When we left his office, I discovered that a "break" period was in progress and all the students were engaged in some sort of sport. I was explained that this period was introduced to enable the students to get involved in some physical activity in between their academic pursuits for the day. As we approached the cricket ground. I saw number of students involved in PT under the watchful supervision of army physical trainers. The sight of students jumping in synchronized manner at 11 a.m. in the morning at first did not appeal to me but was promptly explained that these were the day scholars who were being put to the test. It made sense did it not? In the good old days when the boarders were woken up at the crack of dawn to the sound of a bugle the day scholars were nicely tucked up in bed. No more did



the inequality exist. If the day scholars could not join the boarders for PT they would required to do their share in mid-morning. After all there was no clause in the school rules that said " Only the

Brig. Malik, with a comforting assurance that I would always be welcome at Burn Hall as would any other member of the alumni who chose to visit Abbottabad. A wonderful first was coming to an end.

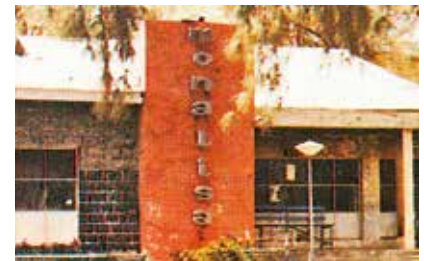
can we let you go without having lunch with us today?" Out came the tiffins and I had a superb meal. I thought this was a lovely way to end this trip and I thanked them profusely for their hospitality.



THE DAY SCHOLARS - AT WORK

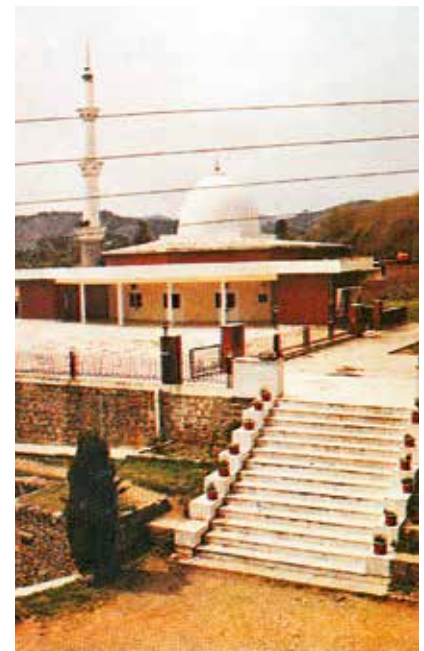
boarders are to be able bodied". Another thing that impressed me greatly was the vertical interaction amongst the students that was being encouraged by Brig. Malik. In our days an SC and 7th class student had nothing in common except the fact that both were in the same institution. Things were certainly different today. Activity groups have been formed with representation from each class with wide ranging interests from debating to computers and even drama. The group would get together in the activity period and under the Supervision of a faculty member an SC student would be interacting with his junior school fellow under a common banner of activity. We then walked around towards the canteen and right by it stands a very impressive mosque. I do not know if the students were required to pray five times a day though I had meant to ask Brig. Malik. Somehow with all those questions this particular one eluded me. I was, however, disappointed in one particular area. The grounds, in my opinion could have been much better maintained. One expects that the army would be very particular in this area and the grass on cricket and football grounds would be immaculately manicured. It was not. I was seen off by

I had looked forward to this for a long time and in a space of a few hours it was over. As I entered Town on my way back, I parked my car across from Mona Lisa and started clicking away. Almost instantly, two men emerged from the inside of restaurant and demanded to know what I was doing, It then struck me that what I had photographed was no longer a restaurant but an office of some sort. The way these men had reacted it seemed that our nuclear options were being researched within the four walls. Apologetically I explained to them that a quarter of century ago I used to come here to experience a gourmet's delight in the shape of a Monte Carlo Sandwich. Totally unimpressed with my explanation they asked me to come out of the car and follow them inside. I was new certain that Kamal Chinoy would have to post my bail or if this was an strategic army intelligence setup then Brig. Malik would have to prevent a possible court martial. Once inside they took me to their supervisor and introduced me as someone who used to come here to during his student days at Burn Hall. The supervisor looked me in the eye and instinctively remarked in Urdu "If you ate here 25 years ago how



GOOD OLD MONA LISA - NO MORE MONTE CARLO SANDWICHES

For those us who have not seen the school in a lone time, my advice would be to make a trip. It will be a rewarding experience made even more pleasurable by people who manage this institution.



THE MOSQUE - A WELCOME ADDITION

A pure silk tie specially designed for the Burn Hall Alumni Association by Amir Adnan is on sale. Individuals interested should contact Iftikhar Ghulam Ally on 2561170 or School Ties mailing address.

PICTORIAL MEMORIES



The Chinoys -
Neutralizing the
House Master



The Boss



The old "Old Boys"



Who's who?

Burn Hall Dramatic Society

PRESENTS

'TEN LITTLE NIGGERS'



IN HONOUR OF

The Old Boys' Association

1966

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

(IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE)

Rogers	<i>Sheryar Aziz</i>	Sheryar Aziz
Narrator	<i>Zal Noshirwani</i>	Zal Noshirwani
Mrs. Rogers	<i>Shahid Khan</i>	Shahid Khan
Vera Claythorne	<i>Michael Cliff</i>	Michael Cliff
Philip Lombard	<i>Kamal Chinoy</i>	Kamal Chinoy
Anthony Marston	<i>Shahid Doha</i>	Shahid Doha
William Blot	<i>Moazzam Hyat</i>	Moazzam Hyat
General Mackenzie	<i>S. M. Ali Raza</i>	S. M. Ali Raza
Emily Brent	<i>M. Aslam</i>	M. Aslam
Sir Lawrence Wargrave	<i>Nasiruddin</i>	Nasiruddin
Dr. Armstrong	<i>Abbas Hassan</i>	Abbas Hassan

5th Nov. 66

Stage Managers: Toriq Manzoor, Salman Aziz



Students at Play




L to R Shahid Khan, Zal Noshirwani, Michael Cliff, Shahid Doha, Kamal Chinoy, Moazzam Hayat, Abbas Hassan, M. Aslam, Nasiruddin, Sheryar Aziz, S.M Ali Raza



COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BURN HALL




PAKISTAN POST  **1993-9**

**50 YEARS OF BURN HALL INSTITUTIONS ABBOTTABAD
(1943-1993)
COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP
OCTOBER 28, 1993**

SALIENT FEATURES

Size of stamp	: 34 x 28.65 mm
Size of print	: 30 x 24.50 mm
Perforation	: 13C
Number of stamps in a sheet	: 45 stamps (9 x 5 rows)
Process of printing	: Litho Offset
Denomination	: Rs. 7/-
Colour	: Multi colour
Quantity	: One million
Paper	: 102 gsm dual purpose coated PVA gum
Designer	: Ilyas Jilani (PSPC)
Printers	: Pakistan Security Printing Corporation





A CHAT WITH Mr. F.X. KHAN

AN INTERVIEW BY SHABBIR G. LOTIA & CAPT. ZAKI.

The name F.X. Khan is virtually synonymous with Burn Hall and almost every Hallian has had some association with him. With a teaching career at Burn Hall spanning three and a half decades, it is difficult to recall old memories of the school without a reference to Sir Khan. We went to his D'silva Town address only to find that he spends his summers at Belevue apartments and it was here that we caught him up.



Sir, we are here to record your feelings/thoughts regarding your career in Burn Hall.

I am glad to have you here & I recognize you Mr. Lotia.

Q. What does F.X. Khan stand for ?

A. Francis Xavier Khan, with a smile.

Q. Sir, how long were you in Burn Hall & which place do you belong to ?

A. I don't remember the name of my village, but it is somewhere around Nowshera. I joined Burn Hall in 1948 and left in 1982.

Q. Sir, what are your oldest memories?

A. I remember the shifting from Bara Mula and that Bishop Hattinga was offered Rs. 200,000/- for Burn Hall. Senior Burn Hall was allotted at Rs. 500/- per acre. I vaguely recall Brig. Saeed and Lodhi brothers as the beginners.

Q. Sir, where did you study?

A. I studied at St. Joseph's Bara Mula and also at the Aligarh University for a while.

Q. What do you think about the missionaries?

A. It was a very good experience, just like a family for over 34 years of my life. The fathers were men of principles and took good care of the children.

Q. How did you feel when Burn Hall was handed over to Pakistan Army?

A. It came as surprise for all of us, but every one adjusted well after sometime.

Q. Sir, thank you very much, do you have any message for your ex-students?

A. I wish them the best in life and would welcome anyone to join me for a meal.

Sir, thank you once again for the tea & your time.

Khuda Hafiz & God bless you my sons. Do come again.



THE ABBOTTABAD CHAPTER GET-TOGETHER

A SENTIMENTAL SOJOURN – FAROOQ SABIR

The hall was filled to capacity. The occasion: Burn Hall Alumni Association Abbottabad Chapter's meeting. It was treasured experience to see such a mixed gathering, the old faculty interspersed with our younger generation. The meeting started with the deepest regret to condole the death of Mrs. Sarwar (Miss Shuja) and Maj (R) Tariq Saeed, a die-hard Hallian. The minutes of the inaugural meeting were read out by the secretary in less than three minutes, where the actual proceedings had taken more than three hours. So much for diligence. Father Sehrader graced the occasion in spite of his commitments. Qazi Munir and Mrs Manzoor recounted fond memories and chided some grey haired students of yester-years for their vague connotation of punctuality. The writer prescribed "Laughter the Best Medicine" by goading Dr Karim Saeed to the rostrum, who had humour in uniform as a ready retort. The new affable principal Brig Irfan Aziz could not disguise his entry through the back door, because of his towering height. Hearing the rambling of the Alumni with a bemused smile, he startled to hear his name being called for a chit-chat. The girls with a fairly large representation ensured an invitation to the Golden Jubilee for their spouses. At the conclusion, all had a first class meal in the dining hall. And so it came to the end of a perfect day, we then chatted for a while and hoped to see each other at the Golden Jubilee reunion. Picture





NOSTALGIA

Fr. Michael Conroy



I sit here in the silence and dream of days gone by
 When we were young together, my Burn
 Hall friends and I
 I call to mind the laughter, the tears, the summer joys.
 The jokes we played together when we
 Were Burn Hall boys
 We conquered many summits, with sturdy limbs
 And strong
 We crossed a hundred rivers
 We sang a marching song
 We came home in the twilight as shadows
 Crept around
 And saw the bright lights beckon
 Across familiar ground
 Now motionless the waters where once
 The lilies grew
 The dams we built lie broken, their ramparts
 All askew
 The tennis courts stand silent, the players all asleep.
 And by the grass-grown pathway the
 Wilting willows weep
 I dream a little sadly of battles lost and won
 Who thought these games would finish, these
 Knightly deeds be done?
 St. Garbriel's heroes vanished, St. Michael's
 Giants now dust
 And silver shields and medals all tarnished
 Now with rust
 They walk these slopes no longer those
 Friends of former days
 They come not back from roaming, all lost in time's
 Dark maze
 Yet ghost-like faces haunt me and ghostly Voices
 Call, Come climb again beside me the green hills of
 Burn Hall.

KARACHI GALA

It was balmy April evening that saw a gathering of eager Alumni at Grey House for the 1993 Karachi Reunion. This was the sixth consecutive annual get together in Karachi and the committee deserves a mention for being consistent. The first reunion was October 1988 and since then a get together has been organized every year without fail. This time there were about 90 "boys" and since no special entertainment was arranged, it gave a chance to all for greater interaction. Adil Shah came from Peshawar and enlightened us on the activities taking place in the Frontier. Naseeruddin Qureshi who was visiting from the US was also there and met a lot of old pals after decades.

Kamal Chinoy mentioned his plans for printing a new directory and this galvanized the crowd to pledge funds for the project. As the pledging was started by Mustapha Chinoy, KCs claim that he has not "coached"



his brother was hard to swallow! Anyhow the Picture crowds generosity shone through and Rs. 35,000/- were pledged that night. A quick word about the 92 Reunion at Karachi, which has no far gone unreported. A new committee was elected as the last one's term of 3 years was up. The committee is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

A free raffle had been organized to induce greater attendance. The lucky winners are noted below, specially designed Burn Hall T-Shirts were arranged by the courtesy of Jamil Shah and sponsored by Mazda.

Special thanks to the following for their efforts in arranging the functions: M/S Brain Janjua (Convenor), Iqbal Qamar, Arslan Adam, Qaiser Abrar, Ifthkhar Ghulam Ally and Kamal Chinoy.





PESHAWAR REUNION

The annual reunion of the Burn Hall Alumni Association NWFP was held at Greens Hotel Peshawar. Burn Hall was well represented by the Chief Instructor Col. Saleem Iqbal, Mrs. Rabia Ishaque, Ms. Zahida Abbasi and two students, Akhtar Mehmood and Zafar Durrani. Amongst the various important decisions taken was the election of Mr. Masud Shah IGP as President and Ajmal Khan, Adil Shah, Naseer Ali Khan as members of the executive committee. Official matters were followed by a sumptuous dinner (courtesy Adil Shah) and a musical evening with performance by Qamar Gula and Aziza.



KAMAL CHINOY PRESENTING THE CHEQUE FOR Rs 25000 TO BURN HALL AS A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE SCHOOL LABORATORY





REUNION WITH A DIFFERENCE

*Extracted from Syed Fareed Ali's report in the "Nation".
July 4, 1991*

Most reunions are usually formal affairs, where Alumni gather at some hotel or restaurant and talk about old times. Rarely do these meetings include a visit to the Old Institution.



(Zafar Qureshi, Farooq Ahmed, Lt. Gen. Farrakh Khan, Tariq Afridi, seen at the 1991 Abbottabad Reunion)

This year's Reunion, beginning on the 13th June, 1991, and spread over the weekend at Army Burn Hall College, was totally different. The afternoon saw Alumni from all over Pakistan descend upon the quiet and sleepy town of Abbottabad, their ultimate destination being their old School, where an elaborate programme had been chalked out, and a warm welcome was accorded to each and every one of the Old Boys.

The formal proceedings started with afternoon tea and registration of participants, who numbered over three hundred.

There followed a General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association, during which the following office-bearers were elected: President - M. Kamal Chinoy - Vice President - Prince Barkat Ali, Secretary - Col. Farooq Sabir, Joint Secretary - Azmarai Fakhruddin Khan.



* Taken from A Publication of the Burn Hall Alumni Association, Karachi Chapter, First Quarter 1992



One minute's silence was observed for those associated with Burn Hall who are no longer with us, and the loyalty to the old School was fully evident when a retired P.T Instructor was called to the dais, receiving a standing ovation for a full five minutes. The reunion dinner was held in the Cricket Ground, and a concert performed by the Army School of Music (of which Col. Sabir is the Head) provided fantastic entertainment for this very sentimental gathering.

The next morning showered friendly skies for a pleasant cricket match, in which the youthful College team, un-awed by presence of Generals, Ambassadors, and IGs among the ranks of their opponents, came through by 14 runs.

Lunch by the swimming pool brought back more old memories for the Alumni, but better was to follow. Afternoon tea had been arranged at the Army Burn Hall School (The Junior Section), with captivating entertainment provided by the School Band, made up of children not more than ten years old.

Kamal Chinoy, the new President, was so moved by this warm hospitality that, as a gesture of goodwill, he announced a donation of Rs 25,000 on behalf of the Alumni towards the construction of a laboratory in the School.

When at last it came for everyone to say their good-byes cheering students of the College lined the School drive-way and bade farewell to the Alumni, many of whom were misty eyed, their lives pleasantly interrupted by fond memories.



(B.H alumni, spanning four decades, pictured at the general body meeting, 1991 reunion, Abbottabad.)



(The colourful and impressive pipe band, Army Burn Hall School, performs for participants, at the 1991 reunion)



The teaching staff take a breather – picnic at Dadar, 1969 (L to R) Brian Janjua, Mr Hamdani, Mrs Khan, Mrs Ishaque, Mr. Badshah, Mrs Daultana, Fr Clark, Mr Waheed



BASANT IN LAHORE

Zahid Nazir fills School Ties in on a Reunion in Lahore, at long last!

A reunion of Burn Hall Alumni was held on the 7th February, 1991, in Lahore, after a lapse of several years. About fifty Old boys, many from out of town, gathered for Tea at the Menage Restaurant, and concluded business as well by way of nominating and electing for President Zahid Nazir (1959-1947). The following were elected as Executive Committee members: Zarar Kitchlew (62-67) Secretary: Col. Nasir (1945-53), Mansoor Ali (1966-76), Nasir Habib Khan (1961-70) and Farid Ali (1978-85).

The meeting resolved to endeavour to make the Reunion an annual feature. Enthusiastic participation by Alumni in the Basant Festivities ensured that all those present, and more, would return for the 1992 reunion!



Naeem Hussain
1944-50



Yousaf Kemal
(1944-52)



Col. Nasir Abbas
(1945-53)



Zahid Nazir
(1959-67)



(Group Photograph of Basant revellers at the Menage Restaurant, reunion 1991, Lahore)



(Happy faces from times past and present – all participants of the Karachi reunion pose for a group photograph)

KARACHI



(L to R) Juzar Hatim, Imran Ahmed, Mansoor Idrees, Sarfaraz Kakhani,



"No Highway" by Neville Shute - literary and (Karachi Reunion).



Everyone's attention is elsewhere during

The tradition continued as March '91 saw another reunion at Kamal Chinoy's house. A large gathering enjoyed each other's company, refreshments and a delicious dinner. There was plenty of back slapping and telling of old stories. Laughter and gaiety abounded as is wont to do in such gatherings. There was also a variety show



CARNIVAL



Lakhani, Zia-ur-Rehman, Zarak Khan, Yousuf Lakhani



and poetic entertainment after dinner



pre-dinner speeches (Karachi reunion)

after dinner and the Old Boys were treated to an exciting evening of song and dance. Yunus Bengali, Iftikhar Ghulam Ally and Qaiser Abrar deserve special mention for their untiring efforts. Ashfaq Khattak not only arranged the photographer, but was also the compare for the evening.

ISLAMABAD REUNION

Barkat Ali mentions the Janjua Brothers (Javed and Shaukat) and Akhter Ali for their hard work in organizing the annual reunion in Islamabad.

The venue was once again, the Holiday Inn which provided a most picturesque Shamiana and sumptuous dinner to go with the military band which remained in attendance throughout the evening.

There was an exceptionally large attendance of Alumni, prominent among them being Generals – Imranullah, Farrakh Khan and Durrani, Brig. Zahur Ahmed, Principal Army Burn Hall College, also attended and addressed the gathering.

The high point of the evening was an appearance by Ghulam Masih (the former Peon at the School), who thanked the organizers for the invitation as also the gift presented to him on the occasion.



(Part of the large gathering at the Holiday Inn, Islamabad, during the 2nd annual reunion)



(L to R) Dr. Karim, Mohd. Ali, KC, Maj (R) Tariq Saeed, Brig Saeed



(L to R) Sardar Wasimuddin, Sq. Ldr Ehteshamzeb Raja, Samad Afzal, Salim Sethi, Dr. Wasif Ali Khan, Qasim Tiwana



(Ghulam Masih receives a gift from Islamabad alumni, presented by the oldest student at the reunion.)



The Strike at Burn Hall

How "Aloo Gosht" Launched Azam Jamil's Trade Union Career!

It was in year 1969.

Difficult though it may be to believe, but yes, it was in the Autumn of 1969 when the first (and possibly the last) strike was staged at Burn Hall. The momentous issue was the quality of the food served.

For those who were present during the ordeal, this may be a piece of nostalgia; for those who had earlier graduated, or are too young to comprehend the event, this is a lesson on how emotion can creep over the thin line, entering the realm of stupidity.

The Plot

It all began one September night, during that always fateful post-dinner period. We had just emerged from a Main Course which had an identity crisis. Metro, our untiring bearer, had bragged that it was "Aloo Gosht". Many of us had faced considerable trouble in finding the "gosht" some had looked in uncharted depths for the "aloos" and some deprived souls had found neither.

The SC class of 1969 (which consisted of some all-time greats!) decided that something needed to be done about the quality of the food. Enough was enough! After all, we were growing children this exercise in malnutrition could not be tolerated any further!

I remember someone mentioning the word "Strike" for the first time, and though most of us pretended to know exactly what the word meant, in our hearts it was evident that we would all be seeking Fr. Johnson's assistance the next morning. At Burn Hall, speaking English was one thing, understating it was another.

And so the discussions started. The "safety-in-numbers" technique was occasionally mentioned ("after all, they can't expel all of us") and I have to confess that, at the time, this approach did give us temporary

comfort. Many other methods of dissent were discussed: some idiot even suggested that a delegation visit Fr. Scanlon's office, actually expecting volunteers for such a "death mission". With our courage levels, we would not have made it past Ghulam, leave alone venture into the Corner Office.

At Burn Hall, when one made the transition from Pre SC to SC, one entered a sort of twilight zone where one's intelligence increased manifold, and one separated oneself from the rest of the commoners who inhabited the same school. It was with a spark of enlightenment from this twilight zone that suggestion emanated, to wit, that the strike be led by the Pre SC class.

There has, of course, never been a shortage of suckers at Burn Hall, and it was with a sense of bravado that our Pre SC class agreed to lead the marching columns. Enter the scene yours truly and several others, sensible and mature! We decided that, during dinner, I would give a signal and we should



simply walk out of the dining Hall, thereby registering our protest and opening the doors for negotiations between the oppressor and the oppressed.

The next few days were spent in mustering support for our historic move, and we even stooped low enough to threaten students. VI and JC students with excruciating consequences if they failed to comply.

THE EXECUTION

Once the stage was set, only the Day remained to be decided, and the High Command picked the most prestigious of

them all – Sunday. I was to be the first to walk out, hopefully to be followed by everyone else.

The fateful day, we were in our Sunday best. Clean shirts, neatly knotted ties, both socks belonging to the same pair.... the works!

As God is my witness, when I sat down to eat, the vision of "Scally's" fist momentarily blurred my vision. Everything else was lost in a haze. I decided right then that there was no way I was going to initiate such a suicidal mission.

As with all great things, the strike began by accident. A friend (and nightmare) Nisar, who always carried a six-inch ruler in his pocket, dug this instrument into his curry dish, managed to extract what may once have been a dubious part of a goat, and using the ruler as a sort of sling, sent the piece of meat hurtling across four tables.

Although the projectile was not meant for any specific target, as luck would have it, it landed square on my chest, smothering the better part of my tie, the accompanying curry taking care of my shirt. Almost impulsively, I stood up to be excused, and after getting the traditional nod from Fr. Scanlon, left the dining area with the sole purpose of doing repair work on my attire.

Seeing me leave sent a wave of excitement through the premises – the strike had accidentally begun! I looked back to see at least 50% of the Dining Hall walk out behind me. It had started. I knew that we were in thick pea-soup and that there was no way out other than Majeed dropping us off at the Pindi-Hazara Depot.

The fathers went into a post-dinner Emergency Meeting, while the canteen on the Hill bore close resemblance to the National Assembly cafeteria. The optimists amongst us thought that a long-drawn Test Match had started, and we were batting first. It would be necessary to put our heads down and show patience and application. In retrospect, it turned out to be a One-day International with no ambiguity about the result!

PICTORIAL MEMORIES



*The Old Boys (& Staff) Cricket XI, Nov 1961
(Standing L to R) Hashim, Nawabzada Salim Mansoor Maqbool,
Yusuf Kamal, Farrokh Hayat.
(Sitting L To R) Fr. Scanlon, Andrew, Durrani, Khaliq Hayani,
Iftikhar Ghulam Aly, Fr. Doyle*



*The Old Boys (& Staff) Cricket XI, Nov 1991
(Standing L to R) Iqbal Shafiq, Usmani, Ralph Cross,
Gul Motiwala, Mustafa Kamal, Maj Aftab, Haibat Ali, Salim Sethi,
Nawabzada Salim
(Sitting L To R) Zahid Nazir, Kamal Chinoy, Iftikhar Ghulam Aly,
Zalmai Tahimuddin Khan*



Jr. Burn Hall – an elegant and striking pose by teachers



Miss Flanagan with Teachers and students Jr. Burn Hall.



*(L to R) Father Clarken, Schrader, Johnson and Turner photographed
during the early years of Sr. Burn Hall.*



Sr. Burn Hall 1957 – the Dining Hall Block

**BURN HALL OF
TODAY**



Burn Hall of Today

College at Present

The hallmark of Army Burn Hall College is that it has been able to maintain continuity and steady progress in all aspects. The life at College is full of activities and healthy pursuits, full of fun and enjoyment as well. No effort is spared by the management and the faculty to provide students with the best environment to partake in various activities. The ensuing pages are a reflection of various activities of the College for the last 6-7 months.

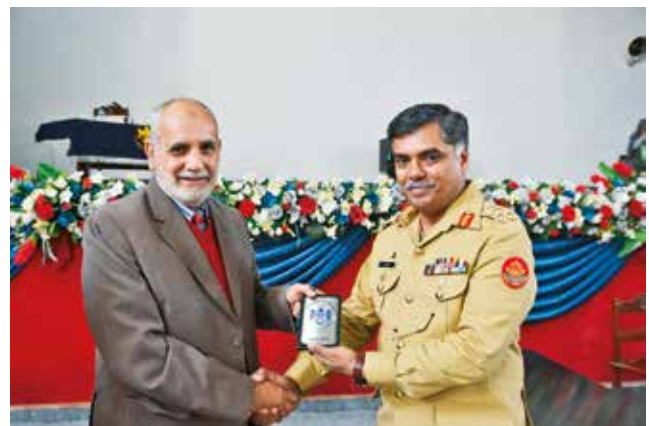
Teachers' Training Workshop

For the improvement of teaching methodology, a two weeks 'Teachers Training Workshop' was organized at ABHC for Boys from February 20 to March 03, 2017. 180 teachers had participated in the workshop. Among them was a contingent of 40 teachers from Frontier Corps KPK, and seven teachers from Quaid Public School, PMA, Kakul. Many resource persons contributed through their presentations towards the training of the teachers. The resource persons included, besides the College Faculty, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq Director Curriculum and Teachers' Training, Abbottabad, Prof. Muhammad Farooq Principal Elementary College, Haripur, Prof. Dr. Habib ur Rehman from IIUI; Mrs Yasmeen, Mrs Ayesha Khawar from Oxford System, Maj Dr. Shaq-PMA, and Mr. Ishaq Khan from Lawrence College Ghora Gali, Murree.

In the opening ceremony, the Principal welcomed all the guests of PMA, Kakul. He highlighted the importance of multi-dimensional challenges in the teaching profession for shaping up the personalities of students. In the closing ceremony, the resource persons and the participants of the workshop were awarded shields and certificates.



Prof Habib ur Rehman of IIUI receiving
College Souvenir



Prof Khan Gul Jadoon, Director COMSATS Atd is being
presented with the College Shield



FC KPK Teachers with the Principal and CI



Participants of Teachers Training Workshop with the Principal and CI



Winter Camp

The Winter Camp, a useful practice of past for board classes, has been restarted. Extreme cold in Abbottabad now welcomes students and we have exclusive academic sessions for all board classes. The participants of the Winter-Camp, who have enjoyed the pleasant warmth of the Winter in plains, find themselves at odds in this contrast. The College staff puts in strenuous efforts so that the students get set to studies according to a comprehensively chalked out program. The well-knit preparation schedule take a logical conclusion till. The boys of the Board and O-Level Classes are well-prepared for the Board Exams.

Major deviation from past practices is that Winter Camp now comprises trouble-shooting, engaging struggling students through extra couching , series of tests, attempting past Board papers and conduct of re and re-send ups, thereby, allowing students to put their hearts and soul in preparation.

Leadership Cadre

A two weeks ISSB Leadership Cadre was organized for the outgoing 2nd Year Class in order to help them prepare for Inter Services Selection Board. The Senior Faculty of the College contributed a lot to nurture the capabilities of young Hallians in the right direction and to enhance their leadership qualities. Individual as well as group activities and discussions on different topics are part and parcel of the workshop. Hallians are, indeed, exceptionally fortunate to have been gifted by nature with such an enviable environment, which ideally suits their wholesome grooming, physical strength, cognitive skills and quick response to different situations.



Many resource persons from the different focused fields also benefited the Hallians with their knowledge and experiences. For their physical training the Hallians are taken to the Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul, for practising different field exercises.

Excursion Trips

Hallians are now visiting cities and towns as part of study tours and excursion trips, besides sports fixtures. The trips are arranged, keeping in view the two-fold purpose i.e. providing students with an opportunity for entertainment and also giving them exposure to the culture of the capital city. The trips are an effort to break the monotonous routine of daily grind. It provides a chance to the young Hallians to get them prepared for upcoming exams and is an incentive for high achievers in each class.



Pakistan Day Parade at Islamabad

Attending a Joint Services Parade is a unique experience. Students always feel happy and thrilled to watch the smartly turned out soldiers marching gracefully. The breath-taking performance of the pilots of PAF, swaying in skies as if by magic, arouse the feelings of awe and inspiration among the spectators. Free-fall of the valiant skydivers, consisting of the personnel of PAF, Navy and Army filled the young Hallians, amongst a mammoth gathering, with pleasure, pride and amazement. Attending the Pakistan Day Parade is a novel experience of the young Hallians, because they seldom get such a never got an opportunity to attend such a magnificent event of national importance.





Interaction with the College Alumni

The College campus has now been opened up for old boys to visit their Alma Mater. Last year response was quite encouraging. A group of College Alumni, headed by the Nawab of Junagarh, Nawab Muhammad Jahangir, a boarder of St. Gabriel House, visited Burn Hall on November 27, 2016, in order to revive the old memories of the College. They were received by the Principal, visited the Campus and cherished the old memories and the rich history of Burn Hall. Many old Hallians also visited their Alma Mater. Among these were Gen Tariq Khan, Gen Munir Hafeez and Azmaria Khan.



Interaction with Old Hallians at Lahore

City chapter are seeing encounter for local get together. This year a contingent of 50 old Hallians arranged a get-together on Jan 23, 2017 at Monal Restaurant Liberty, Lahore. Their gesture was well-appreciated by the Principal, who graciously spared time out of a hectic routine. In a lively chitchat they shared their feelings, attachment to the institution and glorious days at the Campus. The Principal gave them guidelines, suggestions and pieces of advice for competing in this challenging world for reaching the zenith of glory. At the end, the Principal gave them souvenirs as a token of affection.





Visit of Delegation from National Institute of Management

A contingent of 12 civil officers of BPS-19 from various groups of the 21 National Institute of Management, visited Burn Hall on May 23, 2017 between 1130-1330 hours. They were received by SI, Lt Col Safdar, briefed about the College functioning in the Conference room and were presented the College souvenirs and shields. The Inland Study Tour (IST) was headed by Mr. Tariq Javed, the Coordinating Director Staff. The purpose was to know about the role, functions and academic aspects of the institution, which is an important segment of their curriculum of the course.



Renovation and Upgradation at the Campus

During the period from Jan till June 2017, the a number of projects were undertaken in order to bring improvement in different administrative and academic areas. Special attention was paid to the improvement of quality living in Campus. The



The Scanlon Hall

provision of multi-media projector and new sound system, the renovation of its corridors and entrance with portraits, pictures and dry flower arrangements, added to the glory of the Scanlon Hall.



The renovation of Mosque was carried out meticulously. The provision of new curtains, and Arabic calligraphy i.e. Quranic verses with translation on walls arouse the feelings of inspiration and enhance its sacredness.

To bring the architectural and aesthetic proportion to all the College houses, a series of projects were carried out. Among these were renovation of dorms, installation of LEDs, provision of electrical appliances, procurement of furniture, curtains, blankets, beds and bed sheets. The aim is to improve the quality of life for the boarding students.



Establishment of Language Lab through provision of interactive board and computers in all the Sections of the College was another landmark. They are fully equipped and can provide assistance to the Hallians and the Faculty.



Another project was the renovation of the College's staffroom. New furniture and wall decorations added to its beauty.

Special emphasis was also laid on the renovation of the College Mess. It was provided with new crockery, blinds, honor boards, curtains, lights etc. The new mess has become eye-catching after its renovation. Provision of newly constructed washroom was part of the plan.



An exclusive mess for Shah Ismail Shaheed with a capacity of 300 students' dining at a time was considered more of a necessity. Shah Ismail Shaheed House's old mess was extended and new Mess Hall was constructed with better facilities and appearance.

Many facilities were extended to suit and fulfil the needs of the Hallians and the Faculty. Among these were Cobbler Shop, Stationery Shop, Tailor Shop, Photography Shop, and Book Shop.

Students' cafeteria remained in limelight, starting from its expansion till the procurement of new furniture and its extension. The project was thoroughly carried out and it is providing better services to the students and the Faculty.



Uplift of Academic Standards

Special attention has been given to the uplift plan of academic standards. The College administration, with the active participation of each and every member of the Faculty, introduced Academic Quiz Competition for the first time. All HODs, with the assistance of their teachers, prepare Quiz questions, ranging from 250-350. Now its part and parcel of all the internal exams and the best aid in Board Exams too, besides scoring for over all championship.

The system of Graded Terminal Exams has been introduced, in order to keep students conscious of their performance in all the Monthly Tests and Terminal Exams. The waitage assigned to various exams is: Two Terms, each consists of 50 marks (15 Monthly Test, 25 Terminal Exam and 10 marks for Notebooks and Assignments). The waitage for Send-up / Final Exam is minimum 60% marks for sending admission in the Board while minimum 75% marks in internal Final Exam. It is mandatory for all the students to get minimum 50% aggregate marks for promotion to next Class or sending admission in the Board.

To get the maximum benefit from the experiences of senior Faculty members & for giving training to the junior Faculty members, the system of result analysis has been introduced. It helps in keeping the track of improvement in the performance of students and timely measures to tackle the problematic areas. Hopefully, all these measures will prove beneficial in raising the standard of not only the students but also the teachers.

Establishment of 'Students' Guidance and Counselling Cell' is another step to help students to overcome their learning problems, social adjustment and disciplinary issues, besides providing them guidance in selection of scheme of studies and, thereby, professions which should suit to their genius and aptitude. In this regard, an informal interaction over dinners is also arranged to get to know them frankly. The Incharge SGCC, Begum Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, alongwith the Section Heads and the Lady Doctor, discuss and share different matters of concern with the Boarders.

Renovation of the Library

Special attention has been paid to the renovation and up-gradation of library, its extension, major renovation, provisioning of exclusive areas for research work, net surfing, faculty consultation room and option of a coffee counter totally transformed it into a new appropriate place for soothing our thoughts and minds. The provision of new furniture, new computers and addition of new books was done by Mr. Shabahat with his two team members: Qazi Adnan and Mir Bahadur, who also completed the task of digitization of the library successfully. The renovated Library is named after the first Pakistani Principal, Brig B.A. Malik as 'B.A



Malik Library'. The former Principal Brig Mukhtiar Muhammad (R) was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the renovated library on March 29, 2017. Now it is in the service of Hallians from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs daily and open on weekends.

The Combined Assembly



The combined assembly is organized periodically in a solemn and dignified manner. All students of three sections and the Faculty are present on the occasion. Students are motivated to reach the top rung of the ladder by sheer hard work and dedication. Emphasis is laid on their conduct, personality development, personal hygiene and demeanour to infuse pride and style. These assemblies are generally addressed by The Principal himself.



Social Nights

A social night is an event in which the members of group or organization meet informally to enjoy themselves. The objective of Social Nights is to entertain and provide a platform to the students for socialization, which is successfully achieved by these events. The active participation of all the Houses made the events memorable. Kalam-i-Iqbal, National songs, Folk songs, Folk dance, Skits, Tableaus, Speeches and singing of English songs add to the glory of the functions.



Interior Economy Competition

An attempt is made to improve quality of life and make the boarders conscious of it. Inter House economy trophy competition has re-commenced.

Farewell to Outgoing 2nd Year & A-2 Level

Keeping up the glorious tradition of giving a befitting send-off to the outgoing 2nd Year and A-2 Level, a grand farewell was arranged on Thursday May 25, 2017. The festivities of the day started with a friendly match between the Faculty and the students of out-going Classes. The match was witnessed by the Faculty and 2nd Year Class. After a nail-biting competition it was won by the Hallians. Both the



teams got the presents of branded shirts for putting up a spectacular show.

After the match, a function was held at 1700 hrs in Scanlon Hall. The Cambridge Prefect, Abdullah Wahdan, expressed his views on behalf of A2 Level, while the College Prefect, Muhammad Yasir, in his farewell speech, was highly appreciative of the



considerable improvements in the College. He also paid rich tribute to the Principal for devising ways and means for the boys' academic excellence. He also appreciated the selfless services of the staff, especially the teaching-staff, who devotedly focused on the boys' academic excellence.

The Principal, in his address, appreciated the continued hard work of the outgoing Classes during the harsh Winter, especially in Winter-Camp and expressed the hope that they would produce very good results. The Principal also appreciated the magnificent role of the Faculty members in the academic enrichment of the pupils. The Principal advised the outgoing Classes to keep up the name and fame of their institution by exhibiting the highest moral standards and strength of character that the College had inculcated in them. He said that they were the ambassadors of Army Burn Hall College, one of the supreme institutions of the Sub-Continent. The Principal drew the boys' attention to the difficulties / problems in practical life that they would confront and expressed the hope that they would triumphantly face the trials and tribulations of life by adhering to the College Motto, 'Quo Non Ascendam'. He advised the new appointment holders to follow their footsteps. The festivities of the day reached its zenith by playing of national and folk tunes by the Orchestra of Army Band. In the end, the Principal wished the outgoing Classes, the best of luck and Godspeed in their future life.



Send off to Outgoing Faculty Members

A grand farewell dinner was arranged in the honour of the outgoing faculty members. The sumptuous dinner, attended by the students of outgoing Classes and all the Faculty, representatives of administrative staff, the Principal and the guests. On this occasion, the teachers like Mr. Tashfeen Abbasi (HOD English Deptt), Mr & Mrs Askar Zaman (Chemistry & Maths Deptt), who had left the College, were also among the guests and were presented the



College souvenirs and gifts.



The last but not the least was the musical night which added to the richness of the day. The famous singer of KPK, Humayun Khan, performed on the stage and won the hearts of the audience. The function continued till late at night and became a memorable event in the hearts and minds of the outgoing Hallians.



Oath-Taking Ceremony, 2017

The Oath-Taking Ceremony, 2017 was held in the Scanlon Hall on May 25, 2017. The Principal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He gave away appointments to the selected Hallians, who did well in the field of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Adjutant, Maj Abid Ali, took oath from the Appointment Holders. In his address, the Principal acknowledged the services of the outgoing Headboy and Prefects. He praised their services and gentlemanly behaviour. He told the boys that they should follow the footsteps of their predecessors. They established the culture of sobriety that should be followed. They were the true example of leadership. They all were considerate, passionate, cultured, amiable, friendly and caring in their approach. The Principal said that these boys did not demand respect but earned it. He congratulated the new Appointment Holders and expected that the high standard set by their predecessors, would be maintained by the new Prefects. He wished them the best of luck for future.



GLIMPSES OF COLLEGE LIFE



Warming up



Strolling towards the College



Push ups



Morning Assembly



Hallians Attending Lecture



Young Eaglets Finishing their Assignment



Lab Lecture



“Reading makes a man - the man.” Bacon



Principal Shaking Hands with the Players



Enjoying the Victory



Enjoying the Swimming



At Basketball Court



The Winners of Inter House Cricket Competition



The Winners



A View of the Volleyball Match



Inter House Hockey Match



Cleaving the Way Through



A Scene from Football Match



Football at its best



Make the Call



Military Training Staff



Well done! Keep it up!



The Principal Giving Away the Gold Medal



The Chief Instructor Giving the Certificate of Merit



CI Presenting College Shield to the Superintendent Exams



Group Photo with Examiner



A Scene from Pakistan Day's Celebrations



Unity, Faith and Discipline



Young Hallians Showing their Love for Pakistan



Leaving the Auditorium



Reverence for National Anthem



Parnets' Day Squad



Outgoing Adjt presents a memento to the College



Ex-Principal visiting College after retirement



Brigadier Mukhtar, Ex-Principal with the College Management



Inauguration B.A. Malik Library



More than satisfied with the Successors



Great Achievement, Well Done Boy!



Oathtaking Ceremony of the Appointments of Junior Campus



The Head Boys with SI, Lt Col Safdar Abbas



Very Well Done!



Group Photo of Junior Campus Appointment Holders



A Scene from Musical Gala



Rhythms of Music



The College Prefect Receiving the College Badge from the Principal



Dinner Time



Night Study

TOWARDS ORGANIZING OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION



THE CONCEPT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Spirit of Alumni Associations in Educational Institutions:

- a. *Alumni Associations in educational institutions are formed with two-fold; one, to provide a platform to former students to interact with each other and their juniors and share experience with each other; two, to interact with the College Management and faculty and give suggestions for improvement of the institutions.*
- b. *Alumni Associations also reflect the collective stature, social maturity and a sense of responsibility of former student.*
- c. *These associations also provide an interface between College Management / faculty and the public at large.*
- d. *These associations are required to be strictly apolitical, free from all sorts of negative prejudices and trends and they never act as pressure groups to advance their personal interest.*

Formation of Alumni Associations:

- a. *Principally, they should have a well articulated code of conduct / constitutions, agreed upon by all or most of its members.*
- b. *There should be centrally elected body and provincial chapters.*
- c. *There should be 'Steering Committees' for different activities.*
- d. *There should be Alumni Council with a wider representation of Alumni.*
- e. *All expenditures pertaining to activities of Alumni are borne by the Alumni and they maintain proper accounts in this regard.*

The Role of the Alma Mater:

- a. *The Principal of the Institution is always the Patron-in-Chief of the College by virtue of his appointment.*
- b. *The College Management and Alumni Association remaining contact with each other and organize various activities with mutual consultation.*
- c. *The college management keeps a critical eye on the activities of the Associations to promote healthy trends and control and curb negative trends, so that the name of the institution and its image is always promoted.*
- d. *The College provides a venue and administrative support for organizing various activities within the campus.*



Address of Principal on Reunion 2017

Good evening and very Warm Welcome home to all my dearest Hallians.

It is a breath taking moment and a distinct pride for me to host this wonderful evening. I was told that this re-union is taking place after two decades, and even if that be the case, still we are lucky to have started it. I rather feel privileged to be part of you all gentlemen.



My dear fellow Hallians!

Organizing an old boys association is an idea long awaited, ever since I joined Burn Hall. It was scattered over different chapters, which from now onwards is expected to be organized centrally to strengthen the bonding further. Though, the association has to function outside the campus, with the class representatives from different years, but for the sole purpose of unity and offering it impetus; I decided to take a lead. Your faculty members and especially the Hallian Teachers have started it and it is expected that henceforth the Association would steer it further. Details in this regard may be sought subsequently towards organizing the Old Boys' Association, managing finances, initiating welfare measures, planning and organizing local get-to-gathers and above all planning to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Burn Hall in 2018, In Sha Allah.

Gentlemen!

In your Burn Hall, I have endeavored to revitalize all that looked best to me of the past. My philosophy in this regard is "if we cannot bring back the fathers, who established it, we must endeavor to infuse the spirit behind it." My faculty and staff have helped me a lot in this regard and sooner you shall be listening very good news from your Alma Mater. Culture of sports, field events, Swimming Gala, fixtures, adventure training, drama and music, debates and declamations, in fact, every facet of individual personality is being touched upon, so that you start feeling proud of your institution and the younger Hallians. To an extent, I am planning Riding, Para Gliding through Army PT School, College Band through Army Music School, Military Training preparation through PMA and IISB Staff and career advisory sessions through NUST, COMSAT and other renowned Institutions of the country shall form part of our curriculum, towards crafting the future of our future generation.

Towards academics, each department is geared up and Allamdolillah their effort of last six months have earned us results better than past five years. The efforts are continuing to get the best out of faculty and the students.

The college, its Alumni and the legacy is my pride. We shall together, make it a success by reviving its past glory with pride and dignity. I wish you all the best of luck.



RE-UNION OF HALLIANS ON THE EVE OF COMPLETING 60 YEARS OF SENIOR BURN HALL

Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, commonly known as 'Senior Burn Hall' organized Alumni's Reunion on 8-9 July 2017 at the College campus. This reunion was arranged after decades. The concept of Alumni Association in academic institution, particularly in Colleges and Universities, is well known all over the world. Alumni associations provide:

- An Interface between the Alma Mater and the public at large.
- A platform to the former students for socialization, mutual friendships and opportunities for helping each other in career advancement and mutual assistance programs.
- Consultation forum to furnish well considered research input and suggestions to the management of Alma Mater for incessant improvement in various fields.
- A fund-raising forum for the alma mater to initiate infrastructure development projects, welfare schemes for the faculty and the staff, and sponsorship programs for talented but financially weak students.
- A network of national and international ambassadors to project the positive image of their alma mater.
- A wider interactive network of present and Ex-College Principals, officials teachers and students, both the former as well as the present ones.
- Role models for coming generations of students and, thereby, attracting talented students to join their former educational institutions.
- They have, however, hardly any role to serve as a so called 'Watchdog' or Monitoring Body's to have a check on the Principal or the faculty of academic institutions. If that happens Alumni Associations would turn into parallel managements and would do more harm than good to the academic institutions.

The activities of alumni associations generally encompass:

- Alumni Re-Union Programs, within their Alma Mater or outside.
- Fund-raising programs for Re-unions, welfare of members of Association or the faculty, staff or sponsorship of talented students. However, all fund-raising activities have to be transparent, with strict oversight of the management of the Alma Mater i.e. College or University concerned.
- Motivating talented students to join their alma mater.
- Maintaining contact with the alma mater, with a view to remaining informed/updated about study programs, quality of education and results, in order to share the same within their own circles as well as the public at large.
- Rebutting unnecessary and negative criticism/ media reports against the Alma Mater, in order to save its image and helping the College Managements/faculty to focus on their tasks, instead of engaging in tirades.

ASSOCIATION OF ARMY BURN HALL COLLEGES

The College Management made strenuous efforts to update the data of Alumni. The Principal met chapter heads of existing Alumni Association. It was in consultation with them that Alumni's Reunion on completion of sixty years of Senior Burn Hall was arranged. However, it was experienced that there in



no coherent body of alumni and maximum former students have no membership in existing chapters of alumni. These were the views of maximum participants, who honored the call of the College Faculty and who came to participate in Alumni's Reunions, arranged after decades at the College campus, on 8-9 July 2017. The concept paper of Alumni Association was prepared and shared with the alumni on their arrival. The concept paper is reproduced as under:-

The reunion activity was spread over two days. All the events were scheduled by the Administration of Burn Hall. The College, especially houses, was given high level attention so that it may give visitors a familiar and pleasant sight. Pictures of old events such as dramas, games, social nights and pictures fathers were placed on the walls, which became matter of extreme delight and interest for guest Hallians. The registration process continued for a long time. It was started around 15 days earlier than the actual commencement of reunion. On the 8th July, 2017 registration on the spot ended at 1100 hours.

Proceedings of Day - 1 (July 8th, 2017)

Right after registration, Hallians started visiting their respected houses, classes and teachers. Old students, almost from every decade visited the institution. They went to their dorms, found out the beds, where once they had been, laid down for a while to revive their past. They entered the dorms with laughter but soon there were tears in their eyes as they realized the pace of time, which seemed flown away like bird, the bird that has to not come again. It seemed as Burn Hall was once their house.

A boy of 4 to 5 years, when he even does not know how to walk, walked to a school where he had to spend his 10 to 15 years in boarding, where he had to spend the most important decade of his life, can't contrast if the school is his real house or the building where his parents live. This was the actual situation which was found in the behavior and return of guest Hallians. They were excited, happy, and sad. Some were hiding their emotions; some other could not and burst into tears. May be it is not possible for a poet or writer to depict such feelings in words and a painter would never be able to paint such height of emotions and feelings.

It was a great event that Hallians ever wished for. They expressed their views about the event and the life they have had at Burn Hall. There had been different sessions to exchange information by visitors. Alumni members had been with them to guide and help them. They had a big session with Principal when there was a cricket match between College Faculty team and team of Visitors Hallians.

The guest Hallians started visiting the campus on 1130 hours. The lunch was served on 1300 hours in the main mess. That was also a great source of rejoice and delight for guest Hallians as well as for administration. The start of lunch was in the traditional way by ringing Burn Hall traditional bell of Fathers' time. The bell was rung for more than the usual time, as it is rung to raise the nostalgic feelings in the hearts of guest Hallians. There had been great fun, amusement and joy in the mess and the feeling of fear and melancholy.

The Hallians were eager to take selfies, snapshots with Principal, CI and their teachers. They had mixed feelings of excitement and gloom, as they were at a place where once they were small children and now they are fathers of children and grand children. It was for some of them about two generations' gap, when they meet in the same place

Soon after the lunch, a cricket match between Guest Hallians and College Faculty team was started on 1430 hrs which lasted up to 1600 hrs. There had been a tough competition between the teams. Faculty team decided to bat first. The Faculty team made 59 scores and gave a target of 60 scores on 60 balls. It seemed as



the guest Hallians would easily win the match but marvellous balling of the Faculty could not let the guest Hallians win the match and they were all out on 55.

After the match, the Principal Burn Hall distributed souvenirs among both the teams. The Principal Burn Hall and CI along with section heads had been exchanging views with old Hallians during all the time, while young guest Hallians played cricket match with college faculty team. The host 2nd year of the Burn Hall had been the supporter of both the teams. There were other honorable guests who witnessed the glimpses of the match. The next event of the reunion was Maghreb Fall-in. The Fall-in was also taken in the same way as once it was done during their time. All the Hallians lined up house-wise and went to the mosque with teachers.

At 2000 hours dinner was served to the guest Hallians. This dinner became another source of enjoyment and excitement for guest Hallians. The dinner reached to its culmination when the Principal rose to his address.

After the dinner, the band of Army Musical School was waiting for the guests outside the mess that is also a tradition of Burn Hall, which got its existence after Burn Hall was handed over to Army. This event took every person to the heights of pleasure and joy. The old guest Hallians had been dancing on the music up to 2130 hrs. They were requested time and again to move to hill area where a fire work and a social night were organized and finally they moved towards the hill area.

In fact, entire college was decorated with lights but the hill area was given special attention. A large no of chairs were placed for guest Hallians and there were arrangements for families. As soon as Principal and CI Burn Hall reached in front of SKS house, the fireworks were started. There had been fire works for about 6 to 7 minutes. The sky was brightened, there had been a fire play in the sky, different formation with fireworks were displayed in the sky, audience might have enjoyed such a marvellous, well managed and organized firework.

The fireworks had won the heart of every participant. The children were shouting and the adults were watching the sight with wonder and delight. The fireworks imprinted everlasting impact in the memory of visitor guests.

Fireworks followed a musical programme which been a great source of amusement for every person present in the night. A well known Musical Group 'Nescafe' performed on the stage and amused the audience. The musical programme continued till late night. About 2400 hours audience left for rest. Some guests went out to hotels where they had to stay and some stayed in their respective houses, as once they were in the houses as students.

Proceedings of Day - 2 (July 9th, 2017)

On 9th July, 2017, the guests had their breakfast, followed by the traditional morning assembly. The assembly was in the same way, as it is organized daily at the College in the morning. Old Hallians were directed to stand in the places, house-wise, as once they used to stand once they were students. It was a sight of glory and excitement. Old guest Hallians now standing as students with new young teachers and PTIs. To make the assembly more remarkable and memorable, the Principal called the late comers to stand away from the assembly and also announced to give them yellow slips and parents call.

With these late comers, some teachers were also late; the Principal asked them too, to stand away from the assembly where the late comers stood with PTIs. It was a mesmerizing touch by the Principal of Burn Hall, given to old boys.. After sometime, the Principal asked late comers to join the assembly.



As soon as later comers joined the assembly, college photographer had taken snapshots of the assembly. The principal thanked the participation of the guest Hallians and requested them to encourage others Hallians to visit their Alma Mater. He finally, concluded his morning assembly speech with a request to move to Scanlon Hall, where extensive session to discuss future plan was arranged.

Before moving to the Scanlon Hall, a group photo of entire Faculty with guest Hallians was arranged. After photo session, the guest Hallians and the teachers moved to Scanlon Hall where there had been discussion for constituting the Steering Committee of Alumni, for organizing next Reunion. A light refreshment was served to Hallians after the Alumni meeting. The guest Hallians started departing the campus with a hope to come again next year, more organized and in a better way to celebrate 60 years celebration of Senior Burn Hall and 70 years of Junior Burn Hall next year.

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION







CRICKET MATCH AND SWIMMING GALA







TEA BREAK AND LUNCH





LEISURE TIME





Celebrating 60 Years of Army Burn Hall College for Boys







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DINNER





MUSICAL PROGRAMME







MORNING ASSEMBLY







ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING





REMINISCENCES OF SOME ALUMNI

Fazal Hadi – 1981 – 1986 (SIS House). As he reached the second floor of SAS house, he talked about Table Tennis. He told that Table Tennis was placed in lobby. He further communicated that there were 6 Tables of Tennis. He talked about the boundary wall. He told there had been no such boundary wall as today Burn Hall Has. Brig B. A. Malik was the Principal during his time. He told that it was a tough and well disciplined institution in his time. They used to bring eatables from our side. He told that they used to throw money wrapped in cloth alongwith stone outside, where a bearer would be standing to bring the things. He also gave the names of a few teachers like F X Khan, Hasham Din, English, Miss Zahida Abbasi, Biology, Miss Helda, Physics and Chemistry, Miss Minto. Miss Minto could almost teach every subject. He further apprised that she had come from Srinagar to Burn Hall; she was the oldest and senior most teacher of Burn Hall in their time. Sir Hasham Din, who was teacher of English, according to his views, he had the best teaching methodology. Mr. Hasham Din was also a body builder. Mr. Saeed Ullah, a History teacher, was also Football and Basket Ball Coach. He felt very proud to be Hallian. He told that Fazal e Haq was the person through whom he had got the admission in Burn Hall.

Yasin Soofi – 1980 -1991 (SAS House) He talked about the boundary wall and told that in his time there had been wall to only one side and it was not a proper wall. SAS and SIS both were in the same building. Brig Abdul Sattar and Brig Zahur Ahmad by then were principals. Teachers were; Sir Yamin, English and Akhtar, English, Javed Iqbal, Maths and Mazhar Ullah Khan, Islamic Studies. He told about Mazhar Ullah Khan that he was a very tough person. There were no bathrooms present in the houses and they used to go outside for taking bath. There had been only one toilet inside the house. There was no warm water and the students had to use cold water. In case of getting warm water, there used to a procedure to get a bucket to a place, where it was heated.

Nawabzada Sallahuddin Saeed Khan 'Nawab of Amb State'. He also visited SAS house building. He is the one of the oldest Hallians who visited Burn Hall. He told that his father was also Hallian. He started his education in Prep Class. He considered Burn Hall as his first home. He shared great information with the Principal and the CI during the cricket match. He seemed delighted throughout the time. He also told about the water and bathing condition during time.

Zeeshan Bakhat – 1979 – 1986 (SIS). He told that in his time House Master was Syed Tahir Mansoor Gillani, who was teacher of Maths. The names of teachers he counted were: Umme Ammara, Urdu, Helda. Zeeshan Bakhat was the class fellow of Fazal Hadi, Babar Ali, Ali Nawaz, Sikander Ghafoor, Tahir Kaleem, Naveed Dar, Habib, he works in Insurance Company and is a General Manager, Lahore. He told that in his time there had been no boundary wall, no SKS house. He told that one of their class fellows got martyrdom in Kargal War; his name was Maj Tarique Anees. Zulfiqar Naheem, Asad Dar, Ahmad Shah, Fazal Mehmood were also his class fellows.

Tahir Nawaz – 1971 – 1982 – From SAS. Tahir Nawaz was the class fellow of Aftab Ahmad, Saeed and Fazal Hadi. They told that Brig B. A. Malik was the Principal of Senior Burn Hall during their time. Mr. F. X Khan, History, Helda, Chemistry, Mr. Abdul Sattar, Maths, Mr. Bashir Ahmad Soz, Urdu, Miss Imtiaz Minto, Maths, Mrs Aziz, Geography and Mr. Mazhar Ullah Khan, were the teachers during their time. He told that there had been no boundary wall around the Burn Hall. Maj Saeed narrated the entire story of Fazal Hadi, how he got admission and how he arrived at the college. He told that when Fazal Hadi came. He told that in their time, admission was given due to good family background. In those days Burn Hall was one of the leading colleges. Other leading colleges such as Aitcheson, Lawrence, and may be APS, but he told that Burn Hall was joined only by landlords and rich persons.



THROUGH THE LENS OF PRESS



Parents day at Burn Hall college

ABBOTTABAD, Oct. 31: The parents day and annual prize distribution ceremony of the army burn hall college were held here this morning.

Maj Gen R.D. Bhatti, Inspector General, Training and Evaluation, was the chief guest on the occasion. He gave away the prizes to the students who had attained distinctions and awarded trophies to houses for their collective outstanding performance in various fields.

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While addressing the ceremony Maj Gen R.D. Bhatti said the importance of knowledge has increased manifold in the present-day world and that no nation could progress without advancement in the educational field. He added that the army burn hall college was playing a vital role in imparting education in accordance with the national aspirations. While lauding the efforts of the college staff, he emphasised that mere bookish knowledge was not enough. Requested attention towards the character building of the students is more essential, he added.

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The function was largely attended by senior civil and military officers and parents of the students. —APP



Maj-Gen. R.D. Bhatti, Inspector-General Training and Evaluation, awarding COAS Trophy to Syed Ahmed Shaheed House, during prize distribution ceremony at Army Burn Hall College, Abbottabad on Sunday.

Army Burn Hall College day Syed Ahmed Shaheed House bags COAS Trophy

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Kamal's advice to students

Inculcate discipline, perseverance

ABBOTTABAD—Lieut-General Ahmed Kamal Khan, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, has called upon the students to inculcate the quality of discipline, imbibe the spirit of moderation, tolerance, perseverance and self possession, as these qualities would shape them into balanced human beings, to face the challenges of life, says a Press release.

He was addressing the annual prize distribution ceremony and Parents Day function of the Army Burn Hall College here on Tuesday.

Lieut-General Ahmed Kamal Khan advised the students to work hard both at their studies and in the play ground and be a symbol of sportsmanship — fight to the end regardless of victory or defeat.

"Give utmost respect to your parents and teachers as also love your country and safeguard its ideology," he added.

Khan, while expressing his satisfaction over the performance of the college said that skillful administration and missionary zeal of staff members had made it a unique and renowned institution. It had not only upheld and maintained its glorious traditions but has also earned fresh laurels, he further added.

On arrival at the parade ground Lieut-General Ahmed Kamal Khan reviewed the parade and took the salute from a contingent of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) which belonged to the college.

Earlier, Brigadier Zahoor Ahmed, the College Principal presented his annual report wherein he threw light on various activities of the college.

Soon after his arrival, the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff saw an exhibition arranged by the students and members of the staff.

Computer, electronics equipment,

photographs, paintings and other articles were displayed in the exhibition. Other programmes of the day included march past by the NCC students, PT, Karate, Gymnastics and other glimpses of college activities.

Later, Lieut-General Ahmed Kamal Khan distributed the prizes amongst the students who had shown outstanding performance in curricular and co-curricular activities during the year.

Chief of the Army Staff Gold Medal was awarded to Haidar Ali Bhatti and Zahid Farooq Bait for standing first in PSC Pre-Engineering and Pre-Medical groups respectively. Chief of the Army Staff's Champion's Trophy for overall champion house on the basis of all types of Inter House competition was awarded to Shah Ismail Shaheed House.—ISPR



Character building of students thru education stressed

By Our Correspondent

ABBOTTABAD: Education should be used for character building and enhancing leadership qualities of students, said Lt-Gen (ret'd) Tariq Khan, while speaking as chief guest at the parent-day function at the Army Burn Hall College for Boys here on Monday.

A large number of parents and citizens attended the ceremony where students performed in a PT show, gymnastics, karate and other co-curricular activities, receiving applause from the audience.

Tariq Khan, who is an ex-Hafiz, said the faculty had to take the challenge to produce stalwarts while students had to avail the best-ever learning facilities in the college to become an asset for the country.

He said the Burn Hall was a unique institution which had produced 'the golden pearls' as Hafiz who excelled in every field of life.

Gen Tariq asked the college administration to leave no stone unturned in main-

taining the pride and honour of the college by keeping up its objective 'to what height can I not rise'.

College Principal Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha said a grand reunion of the old boys of Burn Hall was planned in Jan 2017. He said the students had showed exemplary results in higher secondary and Cambridge level examinations. He said the students had won a bi-lingual contest held in different parts of the country.

He said this year the Hafizian decided to organise the event in the open air after about 11 years to send a message that the college was all set to reinvigorate all facets of education and training to help students develop balanced personalities.

The Chief of Army Staff Overall Championship Trophy was awarded to Sher Khan Shaheed House, while Chief of Army Staff Gold Medal went to Sajawal Sharif for getting first position in PSC second year examination. Chairman Board of Governors, Gold Medal was given to Muhammad Hamza Abdullah Khan on attaining first position in matriculation



STUDENTS perform gymnastics at Army Burn Hall College, Abbottabad, on Monday. — Dawn

exam. The student was also awarded Capt Akash Shaheed Award cash prize.

Dr Waqarullah Memorial Sports Trophy was won by Syed Ahmed Shaheed House and Brig AB Malik Co-Curricular Trophy went to Shah Ismail Shaheed House.



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Major Gen Imtiaz Shabeen, Commandant Pakistan Military Academy, distributes prizes among the winners of Urdu and English debate competition held at the Army Burn Hall College in Abbottabad on Friday.

Declamation contest in Burn Hall College

ABBOTTABAD: Inter House Urdu and English Debate competitions were held on the subjects of "Pakistani youth is not optimistic about its future" and "Kashmir by bullet not ballot" here in Army Burn Hall College, says an ISPR press release.

Major General Imtiaz Shabeen, Commandant, Pakistan Military Academy was the chief guest on the occasion. He praised principal of the College Brigadier Rafi Butt and other faculty members for maintaining such a high standard of education of the institution, and encouraging healthy extra curricular activities.

Later, he distributed prizes among the winners. Rao Shahzad, Junaid Bakht and Oran Idrees were declared first, second and third in Urdu debate, while Ahsan, Sattar Junaid and Saqib clinched first, second and third position in English debate competition.

THE NEWS

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Parents' Day function held at Army Burn Hall College

Our correspondent

ABBOTTABAD: Lt-Gen (R) Tariq Khan on Monday urged the young Hallians to work hard and keep the banner of the Army Burn Hall College high.

Addressing as chief guest at annual parents day of the Army Burn Hall College for Boys, he appreciated the institution for producing leaders in various fields of life.

Earlier, the chief guest visited Science, Computer and Arts Clubs and appreciated the projects undertaken by the students.

The Annual Parents' Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony is an event in which the Hallians display achievements of the preceding year in front of their parents and other guests.

This year the Hallians decided to organise the event in an open air after a period of about 11 years as it is located in a scenic natural landscape.

A large number of parents and prominent citizens attended the ceremony.

The ceremony started with the entry of beautifully attired young Hallians in colourful dresses, exuding with vigour, confidence and enthusiasm, interspersed with melodious sounds and beats of Baloch Regimental Centre band.

Earlier, principal of the college Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha presented an overview of the college's achievements during the preceding year and paid tribute to his predecessor Brigadier Mukhtar Muhammad, who was instrumental in bringing about positive changes in the college.

Awarded and medals were distributed amongst the distinguished students and houses.

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Teachers training workshop conclude at Burn Hall College

Teaching is passion not profession

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ABBOTTABAD

Army Burn Hall College for Boys, has organized a two weeks teachers' training workshop. The workshop commenced on 20 Feb 2017 and would culminate on 3 Mar 2017. The Principal Army Burn Hall College, Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, was the chief guest at closing ceremony here Friday Brigadier Qayyum speaking on the occasion said that the aim of the workshop was to afford the teachers an opportunity to refresh their knowledge on various aspects of learning and teaching, including education philosophy, psychology, teaching methodologies and share the best pedagogical practices.

Director COMSATS Gul Khan Jadoon addressing the last session said that as there

are lot of changes occurred in the teaching methodology and we had to bring at par our system of studies with developing countries and need of the hour is to adopt the new techniques. During training, main topics of the discussion were the teaching is a life-long learning and teaching is a passion not profession, it is a chartered journey, not a wayward march and it should be 'Students Centered' for positive results.

Total 185 teachers, including teachers of Frontier Corps KP and 7 teachers of Quaid Public School, Kakul, participated in the workshop. Army Burn Hall College has engaged professional trainers as resource persons from different educational set-ups which includes Chief Instructor Army Burn Hall College, Senior Faculty Members, besides some renowned educationists including Dr Habib

ur Rehman Asim from International Islamic University, Khan Gul Jadoon, Director COMSATS University Abbottabad, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, Additional Director Assessment & Evaluation KPK, Mr. Zafar Arbab Abbasi, EDO, Mansehra, Major Dr Muhammad Shafiq from PMA, Mrs. Tahira Yasmeen & Mrs. Ayesha Khawar from Oxford University Press and Prof. Muhammad Farooq, Principal Right College Haripur.

It is worth mentioning that it was the first kind of workshop, spanning two weeks, organized in the last 15-20 years at Army Burn Hall College. The College management is committed to make all out efforts to bring about a marked improvement in learning / teaching environment of the College and this workshop was a step in that direction.



INTERNATIONAL THE NEWS

Saturday

March 4, 2017

Teachers training concludes at Burn Hall College

Syed Kosar Naqvi

ABBOTTABAD: A two-week extensive Teachers Training Workshop concluded at the Army Burn Hall College for Boys here on Friday.

More than 185 teachers of various schools from all over the country participated in the event, which commenced on February 20. About 42 teachers from Frontier Corps Public Schools (FCPS) of Peshawar, Bara, Bajaur, Landikotal, Miranshah and Chitral, seven teachers of Quaid Public School, Kakul and 125 from other educational institutions from all over the country at-

tended the training.

Army Burn Hall College Principal Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha, who has initiated a number of educational reforms in the institution including training workshop for teachers, was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony as he distributed certificates and souvenirs amongst the participants.

The aim of the workshop was to provide the teachers an opportunity to refresh their knowledge on various aspects of learning and teaching, including education philosophy, psychology, teaching methodologies and share the best ped-

agogical practices.

The Army Burn Hall College has engaged professional trainers as resource persons from different educational institutions. The resource persons included chief instructor Army Burn Hall College, senior faculty members, besides some renowned educationists.

The workshop discussed theories of education, psychology, education methodology, communication skills, theories of motivation, concept teaching in mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology, computer-assisted teaching, guidance and counselling, assessment, exams and feedback

system, assignments, notebooks, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha appreciated the participants for showing interest in different sessions of the workshop.

Earlier, Col. Manzoor Abbassi, organiser of the workshop, briefed the participants about the aim and objectives of the workshop. He said it was an opportunity for the participants to refresh their knowledge for the best teaching practices and generate interest among teachers in educational philosophy, theories of learning, and teachers methodology.

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MARCH 4, 2017

Training workshop for teachers concludes

By Our Correspondent

ABBOTTABAD: A two-week-long training workshop for teachers organised by the Army Burn Hall College for Boys, Abbottabad, concluded here on Friday.

The college principal Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha was the chief guest at the closing session.

Speaking on the occasion, Brig Paracha said the aim of the workshop was to afford the teachers an opportunity to refresh their knowledge on various aspects of learning and teaching, including education philosophy, psychology and

teaching methodologies.

Addressing the session, Director Comsats Gul Khan Jadoon stressed the need for adopting the new techniques being introduced in the teaching methodology to improve quality of education.

During the workshop, the teachers were trained on the topics such as teaching was a life-long learning, it was a passion not a profession and that it should be students centered for getting positive results. A total 185 teachers participated in the workshop. The Army Burn Hall College engaged professional trainers as resource persons from colleges and universities across the country.



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ABHC organizes two days Alumni reunion

ABBOTTABAD (APP): On completion of 60 years of Senior Army Burn Hall College (ABHC) Abbottabad, the ABHC for Boys organized Alumni's Reunion at the college campus was held on July 8-9.

ABHC organized reunion after decades which also provided an opportunity to former students (Alumni) and the present lot to interact with each other. It is pertinent that ABHC students include prominent names, who rose to the distinguished positions like Gohar Ayub former Foreign Minister and Speaker National Assembly, Wasim Sajjad former Chairman Senate, Akbar S. Ahmed, the director 'Jinnah

Movie' and Chairman of Ibne Khuldun Chair Washington University, Ch Nisar Ali Khan Interior Minister.

Admiral Noman Bashir, Salman Bashir former Foreign Secretary, Retired Generals, Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul, Maj Gen Mahmud Durrani, Lt Gen Ayyaz Saleem Rana, Lt Gen Muneer Hafeez, Lt Gen Tariq Khan, Nawab Jahangir of Junagarh, Nawab Salauddin Saeed, the last Nawab of Amb State, Yousaf Ayub, Umer Ayub, a large number of MNAs, MPAs and former senior military and civilian bureaucrats went through the portals of Burn Hall still introduce them-

selves as proud 'Hallians'.

The colourful college reunion encompasses a host of activities, including cricket match, sports activities, formal dinner, musical program by famous Nescafe Basement Group and an extensive alumni council meeting with the college management.

The College has also planned to come up with a special publication on completion of 60 years of ABHC. Principal of the College Brigadier Wajid Qayyum Paracha and all faculty remained present in all activities and mingled with former students, recollecting and rejoicing their memories of the College.

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'Character-building of students duty of teachers'

By Our Correspondent

ABBOTTABAD: Commandant of Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul, Major General Abdullah Dogar has said that character-building and personality development of students should be the top priority of the academia.

He was speaking as chief guest at the annual parents' day and prize distribution ceremony of the Army Burn Hall School and College here on Saturday. He said that renowned educational institutions played a pivotal role in development of the country.

On this occasion, Chief of the Army Staff Overall Championship Trophy was awarded to Syed Ahmed Shahzad House, while a newly-introduced award of "Pride of Burn Hall" was given to Saud Ahsan Khan and Mohammad Hamza Abdullah. COAS Gold Medals were awarded to Danish Ali Khan and Abdullah Wahdan Yahya.

Ahmed Munawar and Salman Khattak secured the Chairman Board of Governors' Gold Medals.

Commandant PMA Kakul Gold Medals were awarded to Iqbalullah Khan and Mohammad Aqeel Jadoon.

The college principal, Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha, earlier presented the annual report and said that the Army Burn Hall College had gradually turned into a modern English-medium college. He said that the school, initially founded by missionary Fathers in Srinagar in India-held Kashmir, was later shifted to Abbottabad in 1948 and it was being run by the Pakistan Army since 1977.

This year, the college has shown remarkable results in the FSc, while in the SCC exams 118 of the 167 students got A+ and A.

Mr Paracha said that the Burn Hall students brought laurels in the inter-collegiate declamation contests held in different institutions while it had also won fixtures against Military College Jhelum, Cadet College Kohat and Cadet College Batra.

The chief guest and parents visited different clubs of the college and appreciated the projects done by them.



STUDENTS show gymnastic skills during parents day functions at Army Burn Hall School and College in Abbottabad. — Dawn photo



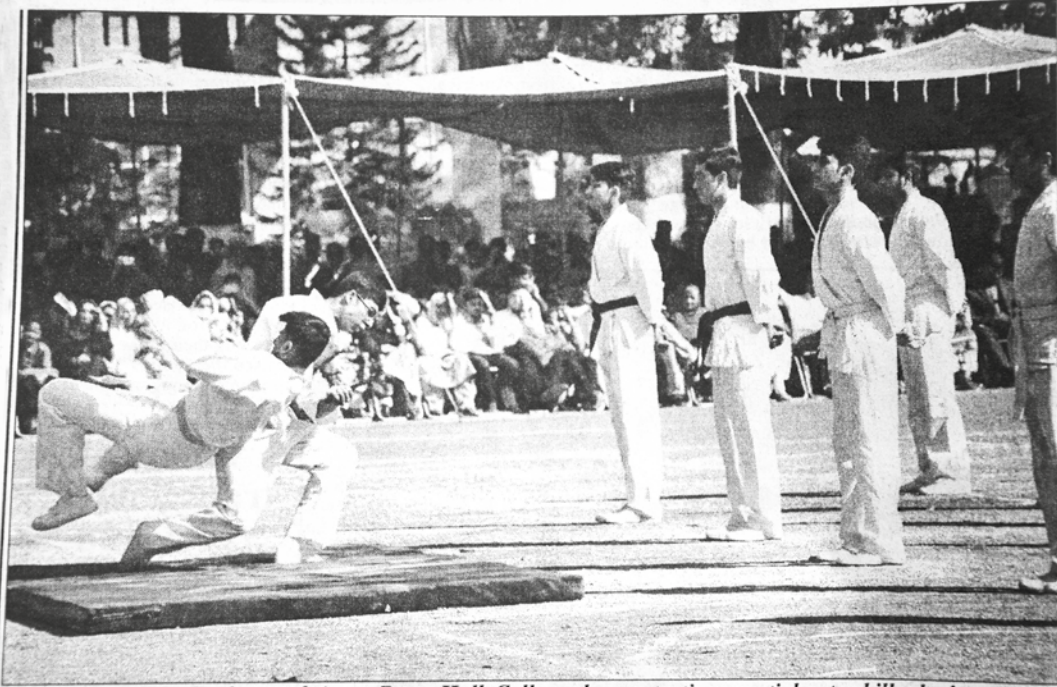
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ABBOTTABAD: Students of Army Burn Hall College demonstrating martial arts skills during annual parents day. — Online photo

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Setting directions

Teachers build characters of nations: Lt Gen Dogar

OUR CORRESPONDENT
ABBOTTABAD

Teachers are responsible for the character building of the students they teach, PMA Kakul Commandant and Corps Commander Multan Lieutenant General Abdullah Dogar said.

"Character building and personality development should be the top priority of the academia, as they

have to groom the youth who are future of the country and thus the destiny of the nation rests on the shoulders of teachers," he said addressing the Annual Parents Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony of Army Burn Hall College held recently.

Laying stress on inculcating positive thinking in the young minds, he reminded the academia of their role

"Army Burn Hall College is one of the great legacies of the British

Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha

in the development of the country.

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Gold Medals were awarded to Iqbal Ullah Khan and Muhammad Aqeel Jadoon. Earlier principal of the college Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha presenting the annual report said that Army Burn Hall College is one of the great legacies that the British missionaries left behind. Tableaus, gymnastic and other co-curricular activities were presented by the students of the college.



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Army Burn Hall College parents day Students urged to contribute to nation-building

Syed Kosar Naqvi

ABBOTTABAD: Pakistan Military Academy Kakul Commandant Major General Abdullah Dogar said on Saturday that Army Burn Hall College for Boys was playing a pivotal role in the character-building and grooming of the students.

Addressing the annual parents day and prize distribution ceremony as chief guest, he highlighted the role of the college in nation-building.

He urged the students to contribute to nation-building and come up to the expectations of their parents through hard work. He congratulated the students, who won awards and medals.

He also extended felicitation to Army Burn Hall College Principal Brig Wajid Qayyum Paracha for the creative changes made for uplifting the college in general and academic standards in particular.

The annual parents day is an important event of the Army

Burn Hall College for Boys. The event is organised every year to award the achievers and review overall performance of the college. It also provides an opportunity to interact with the parents of students, former principals, faculty members and alumni.

Presenting the annual report, Brig Wajid said the college was contributing to the country's development and its performance remained extraordinary over the years.

He also talked about the training activities that are carried out in the college round the year and highlighted the achievements of the students in academics and sports.

A large number of army officials and civil servants also attended the event.

The participants and the parents appreciated the display of gymnastics, karate and the variety show. The chief guest also visited various clubs.

Earlier, the chief guest gave away shields and trophies to the position holders.



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سکول کے عمارتیں پہلی دفعہ آٹن پک کی علامت بن گئیں

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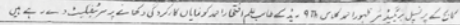
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سلاطین نے نامور کھلاڑی قمر زمان کو اعزاز میں استقبالیہ

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اولڈ بوائز ایسوسی ایشن کی
دوروزہ تقریبات ختم ہو گئیں

ایبٹ آباد (نامہ نگار سٹریٹس) آری برن ہال کا ایبٹ آباد
میں اولڈ ہوائی ایبٹ ایئر کی دوڑہ تقریب آری جوئیر برن ہال
میں مکمل میں افتتاح ہوئی جس میں آری برن ہال کا ایبٹ آباد
کا فارغ التحصیل علماء کی بڑی تعداد نے ہر ایک کے
شرکت کی جس میں کانپور لیفٹننٹ جنرل عمران خان لیفٹننٹ
جنرل رفیع خان (ایئر کونٹرول ایس سوبہ ایبٹ آباد) مسعود شاہ سردار
علی خان سابقہ کمرہ بریڈی آری برن ہال کا علی آبنہ "میداعا
شاہ کے علاوہ اعلیٰ سول و فوجی حکام اور سب سے اہم شخصیات نے
شرکت کی۔ پہلے روز اولڈ ہوائی ایئر کی آمد کے بعد آری
انتخاب کی گئی جوئے کے پہل پر بریڈی خود آری برن ہال
مختاری تک گیا تھا اور کمرہ سابقہ سول کا ترتیب دہندہ
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دور جدید میں کمپیوٹر گیمز، موبائل اور انٹرنیٹ کے استعمال نے انسان کو مائل پسند بنا دیا ہے

نوجوان نسل میں صحت، لگن، نظم و ضبط اور سپورٹس میں سپرٹ پیدا کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں

ایبٹ آباد (سے پی) آری برن ہال کالج کے پرنسپل بریگیڈیئر واجد تقیوم پراچہ تھے۔ جنہوں نے کالج کی سرگرمیوں میں شخصیت سازی میں کردار ادا کرتی ہیں۔ دور جدید میں کمپیوٹر گیمز، موبائل اور انٹرنیٹ کے استعمال نے انسان کو مائل پسند بنا دیا ہے۔ نوجوان نسل میں صحت، لگن، نظم و ضبط اور سپورٹس میں سپرٹ پیدا کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں۔ آری برن ہال کالج فار بوائز نے کئی سالوں کے بعد کھیلوں کے نوجوان نسل میں صحت، لگن، نظم و ضبط اور سپورٹس میں سپرٹ پیدا کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں۔ آری برن ہال کالج فار بوائز نے کئی سالوں کے بعد کھیلوں کے نوجوان نسل میں صحت، لگن، نظم و ضبط اور سپورٹس میں سپرٹ پیدا کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں۔



ایبٹ آباد کالج میں کھیلوں کی سرگرمیوں میں شرکت کرنے والے طلبہ اور اساتذہ کی تصویر





VIEWS OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
30 Oct 88	Maj Gen R.D. Bhatti	G.H.Q.	I feel greatly honoured to be amongst you. It is very heartening to see the achievements of the College in various fields. Best wishes. Bhatti Maj Gen.

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
22 Oct 90	Maj Gen Leharasab Khar	Comdt PMA	I wish this Institution best of luck and Success in their endeavours to groom the future leaders of a new and more dynamic Pakistan. M Khar



Name	Address	Remarks
Lt Gen Farrakh Khan	GHQ	Very impressive function. College is in good shape Nostalgic memories of Burn Hall. Hope to see you again J. Farrakh Lt Gen

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
21 Feb/92.	Jonathan Drori	BBC television, London	If I manage to capture half of the mood, the atmosphere and the tradition of the college on film, it will be very impressive indeed Thank you for your patience

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
13 Jun 93	Maj Gen Mohammad Nazki 12th Cavalry, FF	Commandant, PMA	It has been my personal privilege and honour to have been associated with this elite institution both as a father and President, Executive Committee. As a father, I am indebted to you and as the chairman, I am most pleased to see you progressing in the right direction. I wish you all the very best of luck. M. Nazki



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
5. 8. 1993	Brig Mohammad Khan	Commandant Army Medical Corps Centre	<p>I have been associated with this elite seat of learning as member of the Governing Body & saw it budding day by day & spreading the flame of learning so unique to it. A success which it enjoys amongst the educational institutions, will be further thrust under the able and dynamic guidance of Brig Irfan & his team & I wish them all, 'bon voyage'.</p> <p><u>Mohammad Khan</u> Brig</p>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
15 Oct 99	Lt Gen (Retd) Aji Kuli Khan	10, Fort Road, Peshawar	<p>A great pleasure to be at Army Burn Hall School for Boys. I am very pleased to see the great progress that this great institution has made in the last few years under the Principalship of Brig Irfan. I pray for the well being of all Hallians.</p> <p><u>Aji Kuli Khan</u></p>



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23 October 1994	Lt Gen Mumtaz Gul	Comd II Corps i: Staff for the good work. I wish Burn Hall the very best. May Allah be with you all. Thank you for inviting me. Mumtaz Gul	It has been a great honour and source of happiness to be back in my School which I left in 1956. I am very happy and delighted to see the institution in excellent shape, and would like to express my gratitude to the Principal and his
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Date	Name	Address	Remarks
26 May 2000	Maj Gen Brahmind Hameed, Comdt PMA.		On my first visit to the college. I am impressed by the infrastructure available in the college. The systems are well set and the traditions are strong. The present management is putting in a lot to improve the academic and administrative aspects. I wish them the best of luck. Hameed



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
24 Oct 00	W Gen Jamshaid Gulzar	Comd 10 Corps	May Army Burn Hall College for Boys continue on its road towards excellence. <i>Amrinder</i>
4 Sep 2001	LT Gen Munir Hakeem	Comd 34 Corps	Being an old Hakeem it

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
4 Nov 2001	LT GEN SYED ARIK HANAN	HQ 10 CORPS	My first visit and am delighted to see the good work going on and the high stds, expected, being maint. Well done and keep it up. <i>Vinod Kumar</i>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
22 April 2000	Maj Gen Munir Hakeem	Dir Gen Mil Training C.H.Q. Rawalpindi	What a pleasure it is to visit my school - the best! It brings back fond memories and is good to see the present lot of students & Teachers. I am glad to see the school doing so well. I wish them continued success in all future undertakings. <i>Munir Hakeem</i>



15 th May 2002	Mrs. Maj. Gen. Hamid Rabrawaz.	PMA Kakul.	<p>Visitors Address</p> <p>A memorable visit indeed! The Grandeur of the College structure and the brilliance on the face of the Students most certainly predicts many more successful and eventful years ahead for this</p>
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Date	Name	Address	Remarks
23-10-2003	Zobaida Jalal	M, Ministers Enclave Islamabad.	<p>No words can express my impressions - Its wonderful to see such young boys doing so well academically as well as physically by/sports -</p> <p>The credit naturally will go to the Head and his Staff, the faculty and their teams -</p> <p>May GOD Bless You All for the mission you all are carrying towards achieving an enlightened, healthy nation for Pakistan.</p> <p>I wish you all the best and all out support - Skalooh.</p>



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
24 Oct 2001	Lt Gen Tanjin Zia	IGTSE GAO	It has been a unique experience to be with the 'Hallians'. What a wonderful show put up by the Faculty and the Students. The radiant and confident faces of the entire staff and students reflect a congenial and relaxed atmosphere. The credit must go to the Principal. Thanks for inviting me. God be with you all. Tanjim Zia

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
8 Nov 2001	Maj Gen Jamal Rab Nawaz	PMA	Having watched the 'Burn Hall' from the outside many times, I have had the privilege to finally enter it now! Most impressed by the small environment that prevails here. The ABHC has a very important responsibility to the nation that it must fulfil conscientiously. My best wishes to ABHC for the future. Jamal Rab Nawaz



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
2/9/03	Prof Nazim Elmal	Principal Ayub Medical College Peshawar	It was a great pleasure to be in a place so well organized and well kept. The discipline and standard of the function was exceptional. I wish the institution to prosper and improve its educational height to the whole country. Rafiqul Haque

Date	Name	Address
14 Oct, 2008	BRIG (R) BASHIR AHMAD MALIK Ex-Principal Burn Hall (1977-1983)	It was a great pleasure for me to see the institution so beautifully and so thoughtfully planned and developed in physical and academic facilities. All progress and good wishes for the institution and its dynamic Principal Brigadier Bashir Ahmad Malik. Brig (R)



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
29 June 04	Mr. Gec Asst. Prof. Purnoy Kayam	Mr. 10 cgs.	Just met as Chairman Board of Governors. Greeting & see lot of expression and some good work going on. TO 29 June 04

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
Oct. 3, 2005	Prof. Dr. A.J. Khan	Frontier Medical College Abbottabad.	It is a great experience to have come here and seen the academic, sports and extracurricular activities of the students, which are most impressive. The School, its premises, grounds, building are superb and extremely well maintained. I congratulate the Principal Brigadier H. Akif and his staff for their achievements and sustainable development. I thank them for providing me an opportunity for this visit.



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
12 Jan 09	Maj Gen Raheel Sharif	Comdt PMA	<p>It has been a pleasure visiting Army Burn Hall College. It's a great institution with rich traditions. I am pleased to see that it is progressing well in all fields. Credit goes to Brig Raheel and his team.</p> <p>Well done - Keep it up!</p> <p>May Allah Almighty help you in your future endeavours.</p>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
30 March 09	Maj Gen Ghulam Dastagir	DGHRD GHQ	<p>Pleasure to visit a GREAT institution with rich history and world class ranking/heritage.</p> <p>Allah be with 'it' and its pillars "Teachers & Children".</p> <p>Hallion must preserve and protect both.</p>



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
25 Nov 11	Lt Gen Khalid Nawaz Khan, Comd 10 Corps		<p>An excellent visit to Burn Hall College on occasion of Annual Parents Day Ceremony. As an ex Hallian, my prayers, best wishes and support will always be with you. May the Institution always prosper, and may the Hallians rise to assume the mantle of Leadership in all spheres of life. Always remember the motto, 'To what Heights can I not rise'! You can and you will! Inshallah!</p> <p>May Allah Almighty Be with you, always,</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i></p>

31 May 2012	Lt Gen (R) Mahmud Ali Durraani	10 Golf Rd, Rawalpindi	<p>It is a great honour and a joy to be back in Burn Hall. I joined Burn Hall in Srinagar in '47 and then rejoined in Allahabad. I am thrilled at the progress. Good luck, may Allah guide you. Ameen.</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i></p>
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Date	Name	Address	Remarks
3 Sep 2012	Maj Gen Sadiq Ali Comdt PMA	PMA, Kakul	<p>I was really pleased to visit the College today and happy to see the state of affair in a satisfactory condition. I expect each one of you to serve the noble Cause in a befitting manner.</p> <p>I am sure each one of you realizes the purpose and vision of the prestigious institution and carry the tradition forward.</p> <p>Best of Luck.</p> <p>So again.</p>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
16 Nov 2016	Lt Gen (Retd) Tariq Khan	D-1-Ichan Cantt.	<p>Returned to the School after many years. I can see it improving from the past. I feel the School has the potential to become a national asset. It for the faculty to recognize their place in this challenge and it for the students to go forward and contribute as men and women of substance.</p> <p>Quo Non Ascendamus 'Til when not I cannot ascend</p> <p>Tariq Khan</p>



Date	Name	Address	Remarks
14 September '17	Lt Gen Muntaz Goul	1- Shami Road Peshawar	<p>I would like to thank Brig Wajid Baryeem for providing me this wonderful opportunity of visiting 'Burn Hall' which I was fortunate to join in 1948. For me today's visit was not only a great honour but a source of immense pleasure and happiness. I was delighted to see this great seat of learning, not only growing in a big way, but in excellent shape. My one hour interaction with the students was most rewarding. I would like to express my gratitude to the Principal and his staff for the good work, and for more success and glory in the future.</p> <p>May Allah bless you all and 'Burn Hall' with ^{the} Very Best, Ameen.</p> <p><i>Muntaz Goul</i></p>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
12 Oct 17	Maj Gen Khalid Saeed	Comdt School of Arty	<p>It's pleasure visiting Army Burn College. I am extremely please very high standard of traditions, education and extra curricular activities under the unparalleled leadership of its dynamic Commandant. I wish ^{from} success, glory and exalted position for the college in years ahead. May Allah Almighty be your Guide and Protector. Ameen.</p> <p><i>Khalid Saeed</i> Maj Gen</p>



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Date	Name	Address	Remarks
21 st Dec 2017	Major General Abdulhak Dogra Dr. M. A.		<p>It was a pleasure being with the future of Pakistan on his special day. I received very high level of motivation, pride, and inspiration for which I am happy, and the Faculty members are proud. With his best wishes for the best of luck, and God speed.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

Date	Name	Address	Remarks
24 Oct 2017	Major General KP Wickremesinghe Sri Lanka Army Director National Cadet Corps	15 Dutugamunu Street Rahimulla, Colombo Sri Lanka	<p>I am very grateful to the ^(Principal) for the warm welcome given to myself and the delegation and hospitality offered to us during our short stay. Also I was highly impressed about the high standards maintained in this prestigious school by the ^(Principal) and the staff developing young students whom will be future Pakistan leaders. I consider it a national duty.</p> <p>Finally I wish ^(Principal) health, staff, and the students all the very best for their future endeavours.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Major General KP Wickremesinghe</p>

Souvenirs, Shields, Trophies & Medals



COAS Overall Champions Trophy



Sports Champions Trophy



Academics Trophy



English Declamation Trophy



English Debates Trophy



Urdu Declamation Trophy



Urdu Debates Trophy



Quiz Trophy



Qiraat - Naat Trophy



August Celebration Trophy



Senior Athletics Trophy



Junior Athletics Trophy



Seniors Cricket Trophy



Juniors Cricket Trophy



Basketball



Seniors Football Trophy



Juniors Football Trophy



Seniors Hockey Trophy



Juniors Hockey Trophy



Seniors Cross Country Shield



Juniors Cross Country Shield



Seniors Squash Trophy



Juniors Squash Trophy



Seniors Tennis Trophy



Juniors Tennis Trophy



Juniors Swimming Trophy



Seniors Swimming Trophy



Old Cross Country Shield



Old Cups



Basketball- 3rd National
Integration Game 2008



College Shield



College Shield



College Cup



Gold Medal



College Shield



The College Shield



Juniors' College Tie



The College Shield
Celebrating 60 Years of Senior Burn Hall



The College Icon



The College Shield



The College Coin



The College Track Suit



Eagle on Rostrum



The College Key Chain



The College Tie Pin



The College Tie



The College Seniors' Tie



The College Shield



The College Coin



The College Cup



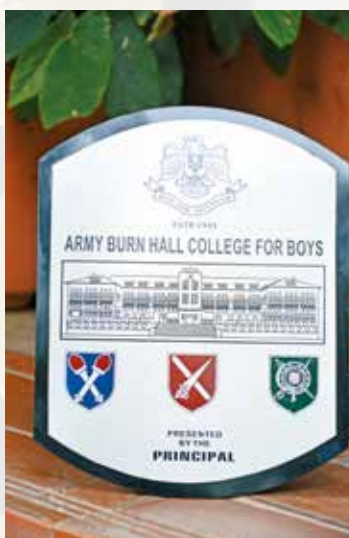
The College Cap



The College Cap



The College Track Suit



The College Shield



The College Old Shields