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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2022-2023

Of the students, by the students, for the students!



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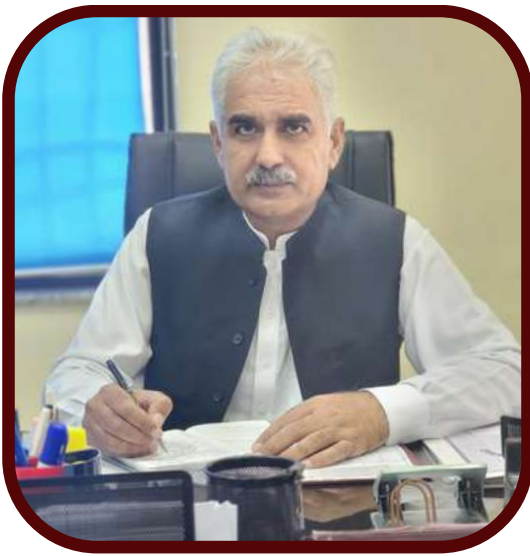
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Learners!

To cope with challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis, the University of Peshawar had to fortify its resilience, adaptability, and sense of unity, learning valuable lessons along the way. It is time to rejoice in successfully navigating this journey together.

The unwavering commitment of the students from the Department of International Relations stands as a shining example of our dedication. They continue to not only contribute significantly to the realm of academia but also explore diverse avenues through which they can make a positive impact. The innovative initiatives of the Mosaic Journal and Newsletter serve as remarkable instruments to enhance our contributions in these various domains.

Our unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the cultivation of this ethos within our students remains our topmost priority.

Students and the teaching faculty are on the front line in achieving this goal. I wish them the best of luck as they persistently work towards achieving this noble goal.

Warm Regards,
Prof. Dr. Johar Ali
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Peshawar.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the fourth edition of the Mosaic Newsletter. As we recap the academic year of 2022-2023, it becomes evident that it was a productive one, filled with educational as well as recreational activities. This is a testament to the Department's caliber and its commitment to striking a balance between studies and extra-curriculars. A special thanks to the IRSA team, whose efforts made that possible.

Appreciation is also due for my Editorial and Newsletter team, the driving force behind The Mosaic. Congratulations on another successful launch!

As we look ahead to the coming year, I believe that we have even greater opportunities to explore, new horizons to reach, and more milestones to achieve. Together, we shall persist in our pursuit of excellence.

Up and onwards!

Prof. Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi
Editor in Chief, The Mosaic.
Chairman, Department of International Relations
University of Peshawar.

ABOUT THE MOSAIC

The Mosaic Journal and Newsletter, reestablished in November 2021, showcases a remarkable commitment to academic involvement. This dual-platform publication serves a dual purpose, enabling students to contribute articles covering diverse topics, with a focus on international relations and politics. The Newsletter complements the Journal by summarizing the year's academic efforts, including seminars, webinars, book reviews, and celebratory events.

The revival of The Mosaic Journal and Newsletter after a sixteen-year hiatus is a significant achievement, spearheaded by Dr. Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi and his team members, notably Ms. Umaima Zia. Originating in 1994 and reinvigorated in 2021, this literary platform owes its renaissance to Dr. Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi's visionary leadership. He successfully transformed The Mosaic into a vibrant blend of a newsletter and scholarly journal, reigniting academic discourse.

IRDC

31 December, 2021

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5 October, 2022

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13 & 14 June, 2023

Monica Davis Visit

26 June, 2023

Australian High commissioner Visit

13 July, 2023



**THE MOSAIC TEAM
2023-24**

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The Mosaic Launch

THE MOSAIC LAUNCH

In its mission of academic excellence, the Department revived its Mosaic Journal and Newsletter from a 16-year-long hiatus in November 2021. Persisting in this strife, a second edition was successfully launched in an official ceremony on May 24th, 2023- a testament to Mosaic being a space for students, their ideas, activities, and accomplishments. As its motto goes: 'of the students, for the students, by the students.'

The auspicious event was graced by prominent attendees including the esteemed Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Idrees and Department Heads.

It began with Huma Fazal, the Assistant Editor, welcoming the audience and highlighting the purpose of the launching ceremony. After recitation of verses from the Quran by Uzair Ahmad, the Mosaic's Editor spoke on behalf of the Team, appreciating the diligent work they put into compiling the Journal and Newsletter, and praising the Editorial Board's resolve in getting the Journal and Newsletter off the ground.



THE MOSAIC LAUNCH

The Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, delivered a stimulating speech congratulating Team Mosaic on a successful launch. He described the Mosaic in detail, with the Journal as an outlet for intellectual thought, and the Newsletter as an expression of activities outside the classroom. This was followed by a documentary, courtesy of the Documentarian Jahan Wali, visualizing the journey of Team Mosaic.

The Chairman and Vice Chancellor commenced the official launch by presenting the Journal and Newsletter before the audience. Shields and certificates were awarded to members of Team Mosaic as tokens of appreciation.

The ceremony concluded with Vice Chancellor Mohammad Idrees appreciating the team's efforts and the Department's persistence in taking such initiatives.

A photo session preceded the refreshment tea for the guests.



GUEST VISITS

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR



The Department of International Relations hosted the High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan, Mr. Neil Hawkins, on 13th July, 2023, Mr. Hawkins was greeted with a cordial reception by our esteemed Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, followed by a dialogue on Pakistan-Australia relations. The country's education sector was also discussed. The high commissioner also shared valuable insights about the lifestyle of diplomats.

This was followed by a meeting with the department's teaching faculty. In his session with the students afterward, Mr. Hawkins outlined scholarship opportunities in Australia, promising to facilitate exchange programs that help enhance cultural inter-mixing and harmony, whilst reiterating Australia's commitment to cementing ties with Pakistan.

In a graceful conclusion of the visit, the High Commissioner was presented with a shield by the Chairman as a souvenir.



A DAY WITH MS. MONICA DAVIS AT DEPARTMENT OF IR

The Department of International Relations hosted Ms. Monica Davis, Public Affairs Officer for the US Consulate, on June 26, 2023. From her visit, students learned about internships, scholarships, and exchange program opportunities provided by the US government for students.

She highlighted the specific interests of the US in the South Asian region, as well as the role of students in social development and transformation.

Chairman of the Department, Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwardi, also graced the occasion accompanied by faculty members as well as students from various semesters.



A Q&A session was held, during which the students asked questions related to their future career plans.

The Chairman then expressed his appreciation by presenting a shield to Miss Monica Davis.

Miss Davis concluded the visit after a photo session with the staff and students.



VISIT TO GARRISON RECREATIONAL CENTER



On the occasion of "Youm-e-Shuhada," students from the Department of International Relations visited GRC Peshawar to pay homage to the valiant martyrs of the land. The audience comprised members of the martyrs' families, students, and representatives of various social organizations.

Before the ceremony started, the Corps Commander personally greeted those in attendance. After reciting the National Anthem and verses from the Holy Quran, flowers were laid on the monument. The audience had also the opportunity to approach the memorial and pay tributes at the end.

After refreshments, the event concluded with closing remarks from the Corps Commander Peshawar wherein he thanked the audience, expressed his condolences, and paid tribute to the victims' families.





IRDC

International Relations Debating Club



DEBATE COMPETITION

'For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate' -Margaret Heffernan.

The Department of International Relations has always encouraged notions of innovation, discourse, and proactivity in its students. In the same spirit, the International Relations Debating Club organised its first-ever Inter-departmental Declamation Contest on behalf of the department on December 31, 2021, at Khyber Law College. Main motto? **'Let your voice be heard.'**

The Chairman Prof. Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi inaugurated the event. He vocally appreciated the efforts of students from the session 2020-2024 who formed an active cabinet of IRDC, for taking such an initiative on their own. Contestants from different departments of the University of Peshawar participated in the debate with enthusiasm.

Mr. Mufti Asad Gul, President of the Pakistan Debating Society; Ms. Sobia & Ms. Kiran from Khyber Law College, and Mr. Bilal Afridi, Director of the Institute of Professional Sciences, added a glimpse to the event as worthy guests. Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal from the Department Of English, Islamia College University; Dr. Arif from the Department Of English, University of Peshawar; and Mr. Tariq Shah, CEO of 'Mirror of Society' served as esteemed judges.





DEBATE COMPETITION

The two topics to choose from were **"The Man of East is a Man in No Man's Land"** and **"Freedom of the Individual is a Myth"**; both thought-provoking and profound subject matters. All contestants placed their arguments on the discussion table respectfully and competently, allowing the IRDC motto to ring true of letting every voice be heard.

The contest resulted in Muhammad Suleman; Department of Psychology, winning the first position while Noor e Haram; Department of Disaster Preparedness and Management, came in second earning shields and certificates.



The event concluded with the President of IRDC, Nabiha Ahad, along with her Co-Founders of IRDC, Muhammad Mohsin Khan, Muhammad Talha Mujahid and Miraj Khalid; and Media Secretary, Abu Hurairah, being honoured with certificates.



Seminars

SEMINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH

The Department of International Relations not only produces students with good academic results but also develops an environment of peace and stable mental health for students. On 4th March '2023 Mental Health Seminar conducted by the department of International relations to highlight the importance of thinking and keeping charge of one's own emotions. This seminar started with Tilawat by one of the senior student of the department.

The Moderator of this seminar was Abdullah Amjad Ali, one of talented students of department of IR. Two clinical psychologists were the speakers namely Nayab Gul and Raheela Kanwal.

The clinical psychologists interacted with the students starting from their daily routine based works and then suggesting tips for both academic and personal excellence in life. Towards the end of the session, Chairman of the Department Sir Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi exchanged few words with the students and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Department for sparing valuable time from their schedules for the students.



THALASSEMIA AWARENESS DAY

A seemingly minor donation of your blood can save a life- a message of the Blood Heroes team (Peshawar) at their latest stop: the Department of International Relations, where they held a Thalassemia Awareness Day in collaboration with IRSA on 2nd June 2023.

Beginning with a recitation from the Quran, the team enlightened the students about relative blood characteristics, Thalassemia plight, and subsequent need for blood donation, clearing up popular misconceptions and elucidating the dos and don'ts of donating blood.

They highlighted the increasing demand for blood donations in Pakistan, particularly for Thalassemia patients who need regular blood transfusions due to insufficient haemoglobin production in their bodies.

Appealing to our collective moral responsibility, the team made a point about how people tend to be dismissive of cases where those in need of help are unfamiliar to us, when tomorrow it might just be our loved ones, or ourselves in that position. Everyone fit and able should donate blood, regardless of their blood type.

On a more cheerful note, the Blood Heroes team held an entertainment segment featuring a quiz with a bar of chocolate as the prize for the winner.

Finally, a call for student ambassadors was made to raise awareness and help with blood donation campaigns and other operations around Peshawar. Students Wasiya Azam and Farooq Iqbal were selected for the University of Peshawar.

The event ended with feedback and a photo session of the Blood Heroes team with members of IRSA.



“ACE THE COMPETITIVE EXAMS” SEMINAR

The Department of International Relations on Monday, 29th May, arranged a much-anticipated orientation session “Ace the Competitive Exams” for students to guide them. Organized by IRSA, and chaired by Ibrar Ahmed Wazir, a CSS veteran, currently allocated as Additional Collector in Swat, drawing insight from his experiences to give students practical tips on a career in civil services. Participation was healthy, as students from all semesters attended, in person as well as online.



Mr. Ibrar gave them key pointers on developing a strategy that delivers, laying emphasis on time and stress management as essential skills to practice throughout the preparation and examination process.

He specifically addressed the infamous, more dreaded part of the exam: The Essay and how to pen a good one in an easy-going and comprehensible writing style, with diverse but relevant content. He stressed that the latter requires a rich reserve of knowledge, for which volumes of

books must be devoured, and then proceeded to provide book recommendations for each subject.

It concluded with ending remarks from the department's Coordinator, Mr. Zia Ur Rahman, and Chairman, Prof. Dr Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, adding their useful tips on evidence-based writing and such. Most in the audience were already expecting to take the exam in the future and hence, benefited much from the session.



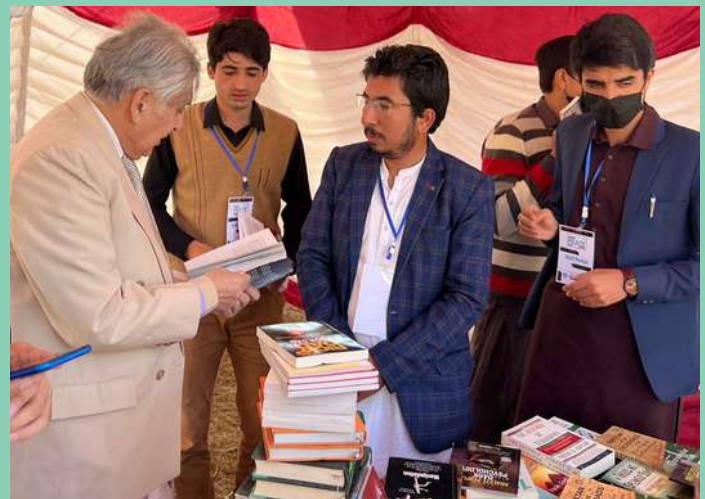
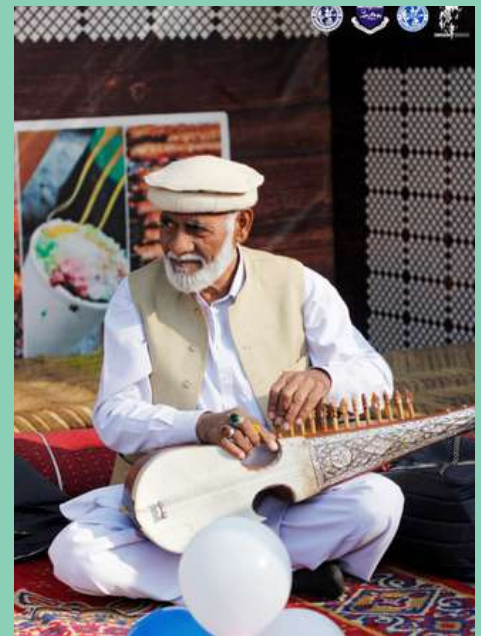


GRAND PEACE FAIR 2022

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FAIR 2022**

The 'Grand Peace Fair' was a two-day mega event organized by the IRSA team, on 13th and 14th December, 2022 near the Administration Block, University of Peshawar. In collaboration with organizations like the Al-Hayat Group of Enterprises and the Directorate of Youth Affairs, the fair was a hit garnering a massive turnout, making it a highlight of the Department.

Upon the invitation of the Chairman of the IR department, Prof. Dr. Hussain Shaheed Shoharwordi, Barrister Muhammad Saif, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Idrees also graced the event with their presence. The primary objective of this Peace Fair was to foster cultural integration within and beyond the walls of the university. Pashtun, Baloch, Sindh, and Punjabi cultures were represented in displays of dedicated stalls. Various kiosks, including those offering food, games, books, traditional attire, jewelry and fresh juices, were set up for the attendees of to relish.



**GRAND
PEACE
FAIR 2022**

The students also performed some dances traditional to their cultures. The International Relations students also organized an academic session for the benefit of students. A crowd of about three thousand people showed up, making the first day a resounding success. The next day, the same booths were set up again, with the participants having a great time making the second day of the event an equal hit.

Students from the International Relations Department conducted another seminar this time on discussing and highlighting the problems faced by the newly merged districts and solutions to overcome them.

They were addressed by the department's head, Prof. Dr Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, along with many of the prominent guest speakers including journalist Mushtaq Yousafzai, Department head of Political Stability and Associate Professor of Political Science, Dr. Abida Bano, Associate Professor of International Relations, Dr. Sami Raza and retired DIG Syed Akhter Ali Shah.



The event was commended by the many departments of the university and the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Idrees. It was also given exclusive coverage by renowned media networks including Dawn, The News, and Hum News, demonstrating the Peace Fair's success. The event proved a memorable celebration of cultural diversity, ending with high praise from all fronts.



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TEACHERS` DAY

TEACHERS' DAY AT DEPARTMENT OF I.R



The IRSA team organised a celebration of Teachers' Day in the department on 5th October 2022, which was attended by over a hundred people, including students and faculty members. It commenced with a recitation of Quranic verses, followed by poems and speeches in appreciation of our esteemed educators. Students spoke on the importance of, and challenges in the way of education, as well as a teachers' strife to overcome them. The oration brought forth the quote "A good teacher is like a candle-it consumes itself to light the way for others".

The day was a homage to the efforts rendered by teachers to their students and what a significant contribution that is to society as a whole, evoking a sense of reflection among attendees.

Overall, the event was a positive experience, fostering a sense of community in the department. It facilitated deeper understanding between students, who got the opportunity to voice their admiration for their mentors, and teachers, who felt acknowledged for their hard work, cherishing the thoughtfulness of their pupils.

The event ended with a round of pictures of students with their teachers





THE BOOK OF KINDNESS

THE BOOK OF KINDNESS

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . The man who never reads lives only one."

{George R.R. Martin}



IRSA, giving the concept of a Wall of Kindness its spin, took the unique initiative to hold a two-day Book of Kindness event in the department on the 13 and 14th of June, whereby students could bring and exchange one of their favorite books with others. The campaign was based on voluntary donations, in the spirit of communal harmony and reflecting the Department's unwavering commitment to social responsibility.

It commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the department's lecturers Dr. Khurshaid Ahmad, Dr. Sami Raza, and Ma'am Saima Gul, accompanied by the President of IRSA, Ahmad Ali Khan. The lecturers spoke on the power of books and how they can be life-changing and encouraged the simple yet brilliant habit of reading.

The event's first exchange session began at 09:30 in the morning, drawing students from all departments. The air was abuzz as students scanned through the exhibitions, checking different books out. The toil was fruitful and was winded up by around 01:30 in the afternoon.



THE BOOK OF KINDNESS



Day two witnessed a similar bustle, with Chairman Prof. Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soharwordi's promotion of the book donation drive being a high point. IRSA managed to collect around 1,000 volumes, which were then divided among the teachers and students and also donated to nearby libraries.

The Head of the Department, Dr. Prof. Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, gave the closing comments at 2 PM, formally ending the two-day campaign, lauding the efforts of IRSA and participating students. He expressed his gratitude for the quality books that had been donated, which made the event possible.

Overall, the Book of Kindness had a good turnout, giving students the chance to partake in an extra-curricular that was simultaneously fun and productive. It was a treat for the bookworms. The event's success suggests that it is likely to be replicated in the future.





RECREATIONAL TRIPS

4TH SEMESTER (EVENING)

Students of the evening section of 4th semester (batch 2021-2025) took a semester trip to Nathia gali, under the chaperoneship of visiting faculty member Ma'am Saba on 8th June 2023.

With a hike to Mushkpuri top as the main destination on their itinerary, the group started its journey early, making frequent refreshments en route to the starting point of the trail. Students took the strenuous hike, stopping by a small tea shop on the way, and were rewarded with magnificent, scenic views at the top.



They reveled in the beauty and clicked pictures before making their descent.

On the way back, they stopped by Harnoi to enjoy the rides and attractions there, before finally returning to Peshawar with good memories.



4TH SEMESTER (MORNING)

The students of 4th Semester's morning section (batch 2021-2025), under the supervision of Sir Sherzada, took a day trip to Thandiani to relieve exam stress, on 4th June 2023.

The first stop was Kalapani, where the students had lunch and hung around at a nearby stream, enjoying the cool water and clicking pictures.

Resuming their journey, the students made an uphill trek to Thandiani hill station, where a spectacular view awed them. They climbed the 114 stairs to the top and back, also exploring the beaten paths nearby. The experience became even more memorable as it started hailing, much to the students' delight, who looked on from the safety of their bus.

Spirits still high, the students proceeded to Harnoi, enjoying amusement rides and a cup of tea before concluding their trip and returning to Peshawar.





6TH SEMESTER (EVENING)

On 12th October 2022, students of the 6th semester (batch 2020-2024) with their teacher, Sir Furad Ali, took a one-day trip to Mushkpuri Top.

Leaving Peshawar early in the morning, the first stop came at Baragali Campus for a quick detour to refresh the students. The scenery and snacks charged them for their next, primary destination; Mushkpuri top- the second-highest peak in the Galiyat.

With a breathtaking view of lush, green pastures on one side and neighbouring mountains on the other, it was a rewarding hike for the students who clicked away on their cameras.

Back down, the students had lunch at Donga Gali, hungry after their laborious trek.

On their way back, the students also stopped at Hernoi, rushing towards the exciting rides and food stalls, and relishing the last moments of their trip before reaching Peshawar and bringing the trip to its end.





PARTIES

WELCOME PARTY 2023



As the tradition goes, freshmen at the Department were welcomed with a party hosted by their senior Class of 2025 at PUTA Hall on 28th February 2023. It allowed students to socialize, connect, and get to know one another, with faculty members in attendance as well. The Chairman, Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soharwardi, also took time out to welcome the new batch.

Commenced by Saman Rehman and Aqib Amin, various hosting pairs led entertaining segments to delight the audience, beginning with a humorous skit that left the crowd in fits of laughter. Afterward, musicians performed live music, to which students danced the traditional Pashtun dance, Attan. The party raged on.

In the most awaited segment, Muhammad Haris was crowned 'Lad of the Day' and Rida Daud 'Lady of the Day'.

In closing remarks, the Chairman urged the newcomers to pursue excellence in their studies and make the most of their time at the Department.

Lunch was then served, followed by a photo session of freshmen and their seniors, bringing the party to a spectacular end.



EID MILAN PARTY

The Department of International Relations believes in a future-forward attitude while staying grounded in one's roots, and keeping traditions alive. As such, students were given a day to celebrate Eid festivities in a classic Eid Milan Party on 17th May, 2023 at the department.

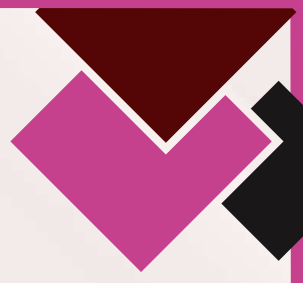
Students of different semesters participated in this vibrant affair by holding a one-dish party in their respective batches and sections, making use of their cooking skills (perhaps their mothers') and sharing homemade food. Faculty members chimed in too, socialising with the students and just having a good time. Memories were made.



The party was supervised by the department's Chairman, Professor Dr. Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, himself to ensure there were no hiccups along the way.

He stressed the necessity of such events to give students and faculty a break from potential academic stress and create a harmonious environment in the department. The Party was followed by an annual picture ceremony for the 8th semester students where the soon-to-graduate batch of 2019-2023 took a group photo with the Chairman of the Department and teaching faculty, as memorabilia of their time in the university.





FAREWELL CLASS '23

ANNUAL DINNER

IRSA hosted an annual dinner for the outgoing batch on June 12th at Foreign Faculty Guest House to reminisce about the achievements, memories, and friendships the outgoing batch made during their academic tenure.

The event treated the guests to an evening of fine dining and conversation, with string lights illuminating the outdoor setting.

The host for the event, Maham Khan commenced the occasion by formally welcoming the students and faculty members. The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guest of the evening Dr. Mohammad Idress, the Chairman Prof. Dr. Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi and the Coordinator of IRSA Sir Khurshid then took the stage and shared the highs and lows of their professional life, inspiring the



young audience to persist in their pursuit of professional excellence in the future. After the riveting speeches, members of IRSA and Team Mosaic were awarded certificates and shields, as recognition of their pivotal role in building a reputation of brilliance for the Department.

Dinner was served soon after, with the DJ playing complementary background music to ease the crowd. After dinner, students clicked pictures with their teachers and the Chairman, and to end on a high note, the event concluded with an energetic performance of the Attan dance by students. A pleasant and memorable night indeed.



GRADUATION TRIP FOR BATCH 2019-2023



As new beginnings coincided with bidding farewell to the university that had become a second home, things were bittersweet for the graduating batch. As a final cheer, a graduation trip to the North was organized for the students of the final semester session 2019-2023. With much anticipation, the bus set out for its journey on 9th June.

The first stop was Nathia Gali, where a cool breeze and lunch welcomed the students, giving them that energy kick for their next destination, Mushkpuri the ideal hiking experience. Students enjoyed a challenging climb to be rewarded with a spectacular vista at the summit.

Finally, they treated themselves dinner at Gloria Jeans, before returning to Peshawar thus concluding their mini vacation.

It was a memorable trip, symbolic of a four-year journey and all the laughs and challenges in it. With their academic program coming to an end, the next adventure begins.





FAREWELL PARTY

With the 2019-2023 batch's four-year journey coming to an end, the Class of 2024 threw a farewell party for their seniors on 31st May at PUTA Hall. Although it was a bittersweet time of parting ways, the hosting batch brought everyone together for an absolute bash. A masquerade theme set by the hosting team added an element of playfulness and mystique, with attendees wearing alluring masks to the party.

As hosts, Malaika Rehman and Malaika Waqar extended a warm welcome to their seniors. The party started with a spectacular dance performance by the boys, uplifting the mood and warming up the audience. Next came a series of entertaining segments including an Attan dance, live music and singing performance, and a Pashto poetry recital. Most fun of all was the titles and game segments led by multiple hosting pairs.





FAREWELL PARTY

After Urooj and Taimur Risan were voted for the "Lady of the Evening " and "Lad of the Evening" titles, a heartwarming video compilation of the 8th semester's memorable moments was screened, evoking nostalgia for the good old days.

For closing remarks, the Chairman Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi wished the seniors good luck for their future endeavors. A lavish dinner was served afterward.

And so, the outgoing batch was seen off with good memories to begin the next chapter in their careers.



Student's Creative Quill

Friendship Bound in Pages: A Poem of Solace

Holding book in my hands
 Reading under the sky
 While darkness made me Afraid
 I asked myself why?
 Suddenly a voice comforted me
 It wasn't of the wind
 Nor of the night
 But the pages of book
 Asking me to reply
 In my company who you are to be afraid
 Tell me
 Aren't I am the one, who was with you
 When nobody appeared.
 I'm not the evil or sapien who
 From whom you become agitate
 Not I am someone to kill
 Nor to aggravate
 These are the humans who lack humanity
 Cruelties the never dismay
 I am not discriminative
 Nor shall I discriminate
 You might have friends or enemy
 I have none
 I am just a sincere friend To everyone
 And I show my true face
 Leave me or read me
 I shall never hate
 Judge me or ridicule me
 I shall never condemn.
 I Am here just to
 Damage ignorance
 Just to be there
 For you
 Whenever you will need be
 I will always be there.

Hafsa Zaib
 7th semester (M)

Sovereignty Redefined: Advancing a New Era of Global Order Amid Anarchy

Once upon a time, there existed an era in which humanity lived in a state devoid of rules, ethics, and institutions. Within this state, the safety of human lives and possessions remained uncertain, and a perpetual state of war of all against all, as Hobbes describes, persisted. This state of human beings is known as the State of Nature. As human civilization progressed, a solution emerged – the idea of ceding a portion of their sovereignty to a figure who would safeguard their lives and belongings. This idea came to be known as the Social Contract Theory.

Yet, the problems of international conflicts continued to puzzle humanity. The International System remained rooted in anarchy. Across the ages, human beings tirelessly sought answers to the mystery of wars and disputes, but their endeavors faltered. From the records of ancient Greece to the contemporary era, humankind remained stuck in the grip of structural violence. From the earliest recorded battle between Sumer and Elam in Mesopotamia around 2700 BCE, to the World Wars and ongoing conflicts, the toll ranged from 150 million to 1 billion lives lost. The residents of Earth-1218, as referenced in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), suffered from these disputes.

Enters Javeria, a curious young lady who awoke one day to find herself in an alternate reality. This new world resembled her own one – the people were similar, the buildings recognizable, though subtly advanced, and even the cars exhibited minimal differences. She stood overwhelmed by this marvelous sight. Amazement gave way to curiosity as she slowly comprehended that the differences extended beyond the material realm to the social fabric. Driven by her curiosity, she embarked on a quest to unravel the mystery behind her dislocation. (Actually, this was caused by a glitch in the fabric of Time-Space that links diverse parallel worlds).

Hours turned into a day, yet her confusion persisted. Exhausted from her contemplation and in search of shelter on the wintry eve, she sought refuge in a nearby library, a place of great admiration. There she picked a book, one of the seven volumes, titled "Ethical Quantum Nexus: Unveiling ASQUAG's Legacy" resembling some kind of institution. As she delved into the preface, she collected insights about the residents of this new realm, Earth-2937. They had conquered global issues as well.

In Earth-2937, every nation had handed over a portion of its sovereignty (quite equal to the sovereignty given up by the inhabitants of the Earth-1218 to their States) to a computer entity called Astrum Quanta Governor (ASQUAG), powered by an advanced AI housed within a Super Quantum Computer. A team of highly intelligent engineers and scientists came together to design the computer. Its inner workings, the software, were crafted by a diverse group of scientists, including natural and social experts, philosophers, logicians, and ethicists.

This team represented people from all corners of the globe. Inside the computer, an extraordinary array of 386 trillion parameters collaborate to make it function efficiently. Among ASQUAG's functions, it had been implanted with a complete ethical framework encompassing morality, law, nature, and the spectrum of human ethics. It functioned unbiasedly, lacking racial, geographical, linguistic, ethnic, gender, or class biases, and its decisions were executed with justice. International conflicts were imaginary under its governance, eliminating genocides like the Holocaust, controlling the north-south disparities, and eliminating experimentation with international norms.

Within the pages of the book, Javeria discovered the history of ASQUAG's evolution and accomplishments. Meanwhile, as she was indulged in reading the book, her clock's alarm rang, signaling the midnight hours, she sought a break in a guesthouse designated for exhausted travelers. Being tired, she settled into a bed and drifted to rest. Upon awakening, she realized she had returned to her original world. For a moment, thoughts of the parallel reality's peacefulness and conflict control danced in her mind. She desired to cross once more into that world of peace, but alas, nothing remained.

And thus, Javeria's journey concluded, leaving her with memories of a world where harmony prevailed over contention and the echoes of her wish for her own world to echo with the same serenity.

Anab Khan
8th semester (M)

The Virgin Bride

Kaka was missing an ear. The city's slum hadn't been kind to him. He had starved there for seven years; his ribs embossed his skin and next year he would die. But Kaka was just a dog. How was he to know that?

Tonight there was a wedding; the third of the Kochi's son was getting married. They were 7 kids in total- how the family managed to live in a 3-marla house was a wonder to all. Cheap Iranian sweets were being distributed among the kids; the rich aroma of Kabuli pulao and lamb stew made the air sweat. Inside the house, girls danced the attarn to Hips Don't Lie. In one corner, a young bride wept under her veil. The party raged on.

Nobody slept hungry that night. Kaka was lucky he found scraps in the nearby plot, probably leftovers from the guests' thaals. And kitchen scraps. Definitely, judging by the plastic shopper they were in, the contents within had collected gradually. Odd however, considering such things were usually reserved for the gundwala's donkey. In the dim of the night, Kaka couldn't see what he was munching on. Whatever it was, it was delectable, the texture much like that of a soft-boiled egg. The yolk still runny, the white perfectly tender...

But Kaka was just a dog. How was he to know that? In carefree delight, he ate the fetus.

Originally on Medium, I wrote this and other sketches in 2020 and never published them. Oh well. Kochais are Pashtun nomads from Afghanistan, a good number of which have settled in Peshawar. Attarn is a folk dance conducted by Pashtuns...hardly something you'd perform to Hips Don't Lie. And about Kabuli pulao: do try

Aisha Elahi

7th semester (E)



The Convergence of Blades and Olive Branches

(Scene: A mythical realm where War and Peace meet under the twilight sky.)

War: (With an aura of intensity) Peace, do you not tire of your endless endeavors? Your efforts to mend wounds that I inflict seem futile.

Peace: (Calmly) War, I may not quell the tempest of conflict entirely, but I find solace in the moments of harmony that blossom after your storms.

War: (Skeptical) Harmony? A fleeting respite, quickly engulfed by my relentless tide of chaos.

Peace: (Gently) Yet it is within those fleeting moments that hope takes root and compassion flourishes. A glimmer of light in the darkest of times.

War: (Defiant) Light, you say? It blinds the warriors on the battlefield, leaving them vulnerable.

Peace: (Serene) It is not the light that blinds them, but the fear that dwells within their hearts. Fear drives them to unspeakable acts, and it is my embrace they seek to escape their own darkness.

War: (Somber) I understand now. Your presence serves as a reminder of what could be, but seldom is.

Peace: (Nods) True. But even in the face of devastation, hope endures. I offer the potential for a better tomorrow, where swords may be turned into plowshares.

War: (Reflective) Plowshares, turning swords into tools of prosperity. A novel concept indeed.

Peace: (Smiling) Novel to those who seek retribution, but a timeless notion for those who yearn for harmony.

War: (Pauses) And yet, your efforts alone are not enough to silence the drums of conflict.

Peace: (Assured) No, they are not. Just as your fury is countered by the yearning for tranquility, it is in balance that we find true understanding.

War: (Contemplative) Balance, a delicate dance between rage and serenity.

Peace: (Nods) Precisely. A dance that has echoed through the ages, shaping the destinies of nations and souls.

War: (Softly) Perhaps there is a wisdom in your persistence. A wisdom that lies in the hearts of those who dare to dream of a world without strife.

Peace: (Warmly) Indeed, for it is in the dreams of such visionaries that our realms converge, where we acknowledge each other's existence and find common ground.

War: (Resolute) Then let us engage in this dance, Peace. A dance that weaves threads of hope and resolution, for the sake of all who yearn for a brighter future.

Peace: (Extends hand) Agreed, War. Together, we shall compose an epic tale of the eternal dialogue between our realms.

Abubakar
8th semester (M)

Me, My Bird And The Chaotic World

The theme of the poem :

Pessimism is not the solution to problems.

OR

Optimism is half of the achievement of the destination.

**A little my luck wasn't good, it's the fault of my destiny
and somewhere also the fault of this chaotic world
Here people have cut the wings of my innocent bird
Some people have put the cloak on my ignominy
And some are trying to disesteem me as my enemy
Now how will the innocent bird fly in this orchard
So I complain about the atrocious people o my lord
You must give a sentence of their deeds to the ninny.**

**Shh! A sturdy man can never complain nor disappoint
Oh! God be with me in the arduous situation of life
Give courage to the bird that he may fly again and again
I should not worry, my zeal and zest may reunite
I shouldn't sigh even if I travel in a way like a sharp knife
I'll be strong that no one can stop me even if it's wind or rain.**

**Muazzam Inam
2nd semester (Evening-B)**

Story: Shadows Of Suspicion: The Mysterious Disappearance of Muhibbi's Book

It was a sunny morning on January 13, 2023. Meet our main character, a friend we'll call "Muhibbi". Muhibbi was on a mission, at the lively market to find a book called "Trek to Pakistan." His teacher had recommended it, so off he went, armed with determination and some pocket money (let's say Rs. 400) to buy this book. This was a big deal—it was Muhibbi's very first book purchase ever! Pretty cool, right? The Quest was successful and He bought his Beloved Book.

Muhibbi was so excited about his new book that he held it close to his chest like it was a precious gem. He wouldn't let anyone even get a glimpse of it, not even a bird! He scurried down the street, playing hide-and-seek with everyone he saw, until he finally made it to class. He was so proud of himself for protecting his new book. Muhibbi managed to Successfully bring the Book to the Class to show to the Teacher as a Show OFF. He wouldn't even allow his Closest friend/Cousin to even have a look at the Book.

But here's where it gets wild. Muhibbi wanted to go Out of the Classroom to refresh for Next class. Muhibbi faced a tough choice: select seat in the front row and let the book be on the seat so that no else sit on the Seat in his absence OR keep his Book buddy close to him and Sacrifice his Front row Seat. It was like a superhero deciding which wire to snip on a bomb!

Believe it or not, front-row fever won, and with a heavy heart, Muhibbi left his book on a Seat. A sad goodbye followed, like saying farewell to an old friend, while leaving for outside Round. At that time, the universe took a twist. Here comes the big moment—the spotlight on our villain, the book bandit, the crafty "SOMEONE." A mix of badness: a THIEF, a sneaky Burglar, a Stealer, even a Muggur (if that's a thing) appeared. This thief was after words, a Poacher of paragraphs, a Robber of reads—you get the idea. Muhibbi's book was the target, and this sneaky fiend had it in his sights! As so as Muhibbi left The Thief took the Book and Fled the Scene.

Muhibbi came back, ready to dive into his book, but... Hold on! His book had done a disappearing act! Cue the drama! Muhibbi was furious when He saw the book, disappeared. Took out his phone and immediately sent a voice message to his classmates, demanding answers. "Why MY book?" he shouted, wondering why the thief picked his precious "Trek to Pakistan." He even mentioned that the thief was a real pro, stealing his pen too!

Things got sad. Muhibbi was so upset, and we all need to have a quick 5-second silence to remember his lost book. Shhh...

But wait, there's a hero too! Muhibbi's buddy, let's call him "Bayazid," led a mission to find the stolen treasure. But the thief was a master of disappearing acts, like a typo in a proofread paper. Despite their best efforts, the treasure stayed hidden and The beloved Book was Gone for Forever leaving Muhibbi in bewilderment.

Many friends even wanted to collect donations but Muhibbi's pride did not allow that, even though he wanted money for New copy of the Book but was not willing to accept.

This misadventure left a footprint on Muhibbi's life larger than Bigfoot's. Once a merry protagonist, he transformed into an enigma himself, second-guessing friends and strangers alike. His once-bright spirit dimmed, replaced by the shadow of suspicion. Yet, hope glimmers like the last-minute rescue in a comedy climax – that someday Muhibbi will find his own unique closure, that the thief will grasp the moral of the story and pivot toward the straight and narrow.

Here's the funny part: Muhibbi learned a lesson from this crazy adventure. He decided, "If you can't beat them, 'borrow' from them!" He borrowed books, but sometimes forgot to give them back. Trust faded, pages went unread. His angry message became famous, haunting him like a digital ghost for the rest of his life.

So here's the deal: remember this story of the stolen book—Muhibbi's wild tale of thievery, tears, and titles. Maybe the thief will learn something from the story as He swipe though this Story. And maybe Muhibbi will find peace, learning lessons and sharing laughs.

And with those words, our story wraps up. But don't worry, life's full of more laughs, lessons, and tons of adventures!

Moral of the Story:

"Value friendships over possessions, for trust is the greatest treasure. Suspicion tarnishes connections; honesty and empathy shine bright. In the tapestry of life, the threads of trust are woven with care. AND do not steal."

Saeed Anwar
2nd semester (Evn - B)

A Passionate Piece

"It is true, life really is generous to those who pursue their destiny."

"And what's the universe's greatest lie?" asked the puzzling yet diligent girl.

"It is; when we lose the power of what is happening around us, we withdraw things as they are and call it "KISMET", said the greybeard man standing in the peculiar street. She was amazed by his reply.

After hearing the old man, she was even more dedicated to realising her destiny. Saying goodbye to that old man who seemed mysterious and started walking towards the bus station. Rational yet restless girl, Celina was irritated by the daily grind of her college life. Persuaded by few personalities she had heard of, she desired to be a Fighter Pilot and called it the purpose of her life.

"There are millions of disciplines out there, yet you are crazy for aviation, seriously Cel?" her mom asked exasperatedly.

"C'mon, Mom! Millions... but I'm passionate about this only. Flying is my pure passion and desire. I want to prove to the world that women can fly to the highest skies and you'll see Mom. I'll succeed in my aim one day", she replied confidently.

It was a family dinner; all the family members, relatives, and other guests were sitting at the long round table. One of Celina's male cousins, Mark, said, "Huh! Girls are just so weak they can't do anything. There was this one girl in our school who came to me saying," Oh! Could you please uncap this bottle?" I asked why she couldn't do it herself? She was so fragile that she started crying. Hahaha. How rubbish!" he said. Celina was already glaring at Mark. She calmed her mind, rationalized her emotions and spoke, "You don't know Mark, what women are capable of doing. I'll prove to you that Women are truly the strongest creatures on this planet.

Mark scoffed at her reply and mumbled 'We'll see then.

Everyone at the table was gossiping and having fun, but Celina's father praised her for this retort. She knew it. She knew her father was her most prominent supporter of all time. A Role Model for her.

After Dinner, Celina went to her little room after a long tiring day. Two walls of her room were decorated entirely with fighter jets, sketches and quotes. I'm so grateful to have everything, she thought, looking at those blue fairy lights that were shining above her. Looking at the sizeable drawing of the F-15 Eagle, she mumbled, "So beautiful...". Celina's eyes held the unyielding and ruthless emotions of achieving her goals. "I'll watch you more closely one day, and at that moment, we'll be excellent buddies for infinity, having the best bond ever yayyy", she added while squealing with delight. "This is the dream of many but destination of few... I'll make it happen, making Mamma Papa proud of me."

Celina daily tells her mother that she wants to join an academy for combat sports, League of Legends. She wants to make herself physically strong. She was also learning to drive a car, which she had started one week ago after her brother unexpectedly gave her the car. She's being told by her friends and closerelatives that a girl shouldn't do such things, but Celina is exceptionally determined to break the stereotypes of the male-dominated society. She believed that whatever men can do, women can also do so.

Cloudy day, birds chirping everywhere in the flashy thick green trees, Celina says to her mom, "Wish me the best of luck, Mom; I'll one day become Fighter Pilot."

"Hmm... We'll see about that." Celina wasn't satisfied with her mother's answer. But deep down, she was confident that when her mom saw her working hard, she'll also stand by her decision, and that's what happened.

"Drink this milk. You are working really hard for it. Do you want it that much?" Celina's mom asked her to put the cup on the table.

"More than your imagination, Mom. Serving on the front lines is adventurous and thrilling."

The years went by, not stopping for anyone. The world never relenting in it "To which extent you can go for it?" Mom asked.

"Any extent, Mom. This is the ultimate and I can't just leave it like that." Celina's mother's eyes brimmed with tears. She kissed her daughter's forehead and whispered to her, "Then go for it, my child. I'll always be on your back" That moment was indeed precious for Celina. She was delighted and kissed her Mom's left cheek. mumbling 'Thank you'. Celina devoted her energy and time solely while returning to studying and learning new things from her surroundings. And as it is said, The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

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s difference to mankind, she endured all that the universe threw in her path. The moment when she was going to have her first solo flight in F-15 Eagle. She glanced at her instructor and touched the edges of the jet, goosebumps enveloping her skin. "I was born to fly", she thought. Those were the most incredible and fascinating moments for Celina as she was thousands of feet above the sky alone, living her dream. She was satisfied with her soul. And her soul was, is, and will forever be in the skies.

Passion is what consumes our hearts and minds entirely. The purpose is how concretely we use that passion. Celina was now aware of the past version of herself. She was a more unconquerable, fiercer than ever. Her confidence shone through brighter than any sun. Celina was indeed the innovator of her spirit, and her journey led her to her destiny. That's it. That's the end. What would you strive for if you had no fear?

Shezal Misbah
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Monsters

I was scared of them,
I ran away so they wouldn't find me Away from the
world,
But i heard their voices, right behind me
Forming a lump in my throat
I ran till i reacged a big mirror; in the forest,
I looked at it with gleamy eyes
But when i removed the veil from it,
My heart stopped beating
Because i saw the monster i dreaded
Right in front of me.
Looking me in the eyes
Was no one other than myself

Alizay
7th semester (E)

Life at IR



















END NOTE

It is with great pride and honour that we present the first-ever digital edition of the Mosaic Newsletter before you. The eventful years of 2022 and 2023 have been a pleasure to cover indeed.

As embodied in this edition, the department prides itself on taking initiatives that grow the wings of its students and strengthening their soft skills. Despite a backdrop of political insecurity, internal troubles of the university, and other obstacles, this edition is a reminder that with perseverance, nothing can stand in the way of success.

We sincerely thank everyone for their valuable contribution and hope to see the same zeal in the future as well. Until the next issue!

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Cabinet of 2023-2024



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