

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

PRESS RELEASE

Date: 18th September 2009
Subject: Woodstock School dedicates world-class gymnasium to former Alumni at a gala event on September 18th.

The eagerly awaited, world-class gymnasium at the Woodstock School, Mussoorie was finally unveiled to the school's students, staff, board members, alumni, and other distinguished guests at a gala event held at the gym on Friday September 18th. The multi-level building spanning over 26,000 square feet was dedicated to Win Mumby, a former student of the school.

Members of Mumby's family, including his brother Hugh, his daughter Lynn, and his nephew Marc were amongst the special guests on Friday. The Mumby family along with chief donor and board member Frederick S. Downs Jr. unfurled the Woodstock banners at the new basketball court to officially declare the gym open.

The Woodstock Band and Elementary School students greeted the chief guests as they arrived on Friday evening, and Woodstock Principal Dr. David Laurenson further extended the welcome. "This is a dream project that has finally become a reality," said Laurenson, the school's principal, "It is an especially significant day for the Mumby family."

Ajay Mark, the head of the Physical Education department, introduced the exceptional student athletes of the school, Kakivi Chishi and Anah Iqbal and the school co-presidents Aman Khanna and Jetsuen Wangmo. The students presented shawls to the members of the Mumby/Downs families, and other special guests included Sanjay Narang (Woodstock alumnus and supervisor of the gym construction project) and Woodstock Board President Thomas Chandy. Narang, Chandy, Frederick S. Downs Jr., Lynn Mumby and Hugh Mumby offered further remarks during the dedication ceremony, and a poem by Stan Brush (Win Mumby's classmate, Class of 1942) was read.. Lynn Mumby also introduced a short video about the life of Win Mumby, the Downs family, and the history of the gymnasium project. Win Mumby's brother-in-law Rev.

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Frederick S. Downs Sr. offered a prayer of dedication, after which the Woodstock flags were unveiled and the school's band entertained the guests. The students and guests were also pleasantly surprised by the visit of Woodstock's very own Tiger mascot who helped liven up the dedication ceremony!

Following the events of the afternoon, guests and members of the Woodstock family enjoyed dinner in the form of a special food court set up in the Quad area. A laser-light show and dance was held at the main basketball court of the gymnasium afterwards.

Win Mumby

Win Mumby (Woodstock Class of 1942), was an exceptional athlete who was a major figure in the promotion of sport, especially in India and Thailand. He was the son of Ted Mumby, who founded the first Physical Education College in India (Lucknow Christian College) and was a coach for the Indian Olympic Team in 1932 and the Commonwealth Games team in 1934. After graduating from Woodstock, Win Mumby served in the United States army, before returning to Mussoorie to work at Woodstock in the Physical Education department. He later joined the Coca-Cola Company in India, where he served for several productive years.

Facts about the Win Mumby Gymnasium

The gymnasium boasts several modern and world-class facilities that mark it as one of the finest school gymnasia in all of the country. Built by the generosity of funds donated to the school by its alumni, the gym features a full-size basketball court with rollaway bleachers, volleyball facility on the court, a mini basketball court, squash court, a large climbing wall room, fitness gym, table-tennis room, equipment store, new administrative offices, as well as two classrooms to teach theory or watch game tapes. The climbing wall at the gym is a particular highlight, which will help to enhance Woodstock's focus on Outdoor Education.

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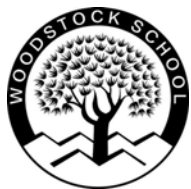
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The challenge in designing the gym was to see that the mammoth size of the structure should not stand out and dwarf the other buildings as part of the Woodstock campus. It had to offer a wide range of sporting facilities within the constraints of the flat space available on the hillside. It was ensured that these facilities were world-class, while retaining the look and feel of the ‘Woodstock character’.

Over 250 tons of structural steel was used in the construction of the gym. Many of the steel members were over 12 metres long weighing 150 kgs each. All of the steel was carried up by hand along a 3feet wide dirt path from the Tehri Road to the gym. All the stone work seen in the gym has been made using stones that were taken from the ground under the gym itself. The gym structure has been designed to withstand earthquakes up to 6.5 on the Richter scale. The need to create a larger footprint, to accommodate all the gym’s facilities, meant that the structure had to be of a unique ‘counter balanced design’ to allow for the cantilevered slabs to project over the south and west side of the mountain. To achieve this, there is more cubic volume of concrete hidden under the floor of the gym than the entire structure that is visible within the gym! The total area of the Gym structure is 26,000 square feet and was constructed within 12 months at a cost of just under US\$ 2 million.

Facilities

The facilities in the Gym include:

- 1 full size regulation Basketball Court.
- 1 practice Basketball Court
- 1 Volleyball Court
- 3 Badminton Courts
- 1 Squash Court
- Indoor Soccer
- 4 Table Tennis Tables
- 3 Climbing Walls

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- Karate, Judo, Wrestling
- Fitness Gym with fully equipped for cardio, strength and functional sports training.
- Gymnastics/Play area for Elementary School
- 2 fully equipped classrooms with Smart Board technology
- 4 locker room and restroom facilities with 24 showers, 17 WCs, 16 handwash sinks and 104 lockers.

* The Squash court flooring has been made from specially treated imported maple wood from Canada.

* The gym can accommodate 650 people for viewing of games on the main show court, and up to 1,300 people for other functions/ceremonies such as graduation etc. The retractable bleachers were imported from Irwin, USA.

* The specialized sports floorings in all areas of the gym have been imported from Mondo, Italy, who are a world leading vendor and meet with the FIBA/IHF guidelines. The Fitness Gym has been designed and installed by Nautilus, USA, with their state-of-the-art fitness equipment technology.

* The sound system for the Gym comprises of speakers from L-Acoustics, France, and has been designed for both sporting as well as other events.

* The entire lighting system of the Gym has been designed and supplied by Philips, NV. The practice and main courts lighting are fitted with asymmetrical lighting fixtures, which better recreate the effect of natural lighting, which in turn allows for a much better 'depth perception' on the playing area, as compared to conventional ceiling mounted high bay lighting.

* Uninterruptible power supply back-up has also been installed for the main show court, to ensure that in the case of power failures, the lights do not blink, until the generators takeover.

* A wireless smoke detection system automatically activates the smoke extraction fans which have been installed along the roof. These high speed fans remove 37,200 CFM of air/minute in case of smoke/fire.

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- * Special acoustic and thermal insulation has been installed as a lining along the entire roof.
- * The extensive use of stone and wood, are not only a design feature, but also serve the purpose to improve the acoustics in the Gym.
- * The entire gym has wi-fi connectivity.

A total of 13 board members were present during the festivities. Several other of Woodstock's distinguished alumni and guests that attended the event included Jane Wallbrown, Mary Downs, Susan Downs, TZ Chu, and Tenzin Nima.

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