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President



Mr. Joe Castanheiro
1975 President of the Association

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EDITORIAL

Thirty-six little girls have made history at Saints. Twelve in each class in the First Form, they are the vanguard of the co-educational wave which will soon surge throughout the school, changing a century-old tradition of 'Boys only'. It will take us some time to remember to say 'students' where for so long we have said 'boys', but we offer a most sincere welcome to these young girls and to those older ones who have joined our Upper School. May their school career be happy and successful, and may their presence deepen in all our students that courtesy and gentleness which are the hallmarks of a refined education.

Our new girls have come to a school which is familiar with the new. The Workshop was officially opened in December 1974, the Farm in September of this year, two projects radically changing the shape of education at Saints and a lasting sign of the vigour of the College Association, National Service is now established in the school, and it is symbolic that a Jesuit scholastic was one of the first Teacher/Officers. The sports programme has been expanded to cover a wider range of activities than at any time in the school's history, and the appointment of a full-time Sports Master was a necessary corollary,

The cost has been not only in cash but also in time. What the students and staff feel about the addition of an extra period to each day is easy to tell, but the introduction of the new Guyana Time softened the blow. Of course, we have to face the hard facts squarely; extended facilities, new projects, free text-books will all be unless there is a spirit of dedicated work in all those who make up the College. For over a hundred years St Stanislaus' has produced students of high calibre and we are confident that today's students, boys and girls, will live up to those standards, so that in the years to come, we will be able to record their achievements as we have been proud until now to record in the Magazine those of our Old Boys.

1976 is Education Year. Education is not a task for just one year, it is for life. But it is also for each day, with the frustrations and disappointments which we all encounter in the daily round of school life. If we combine a noble vision of the future with a determined effort to cope with the day's problems, we will develop our students, our school and our country to that true greatness which God has planned for us.

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NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

The past students whose names appear in these columns represent nearly seventy years of the history of St. Stanislaus College. Their achievements, their occupations and their joys are an encouragement and an inspiration to the present students of the College and a glimpse into the past for all of us. We are always anxious to hear of our past students so that we can print their news here, with the year in which they left the college.

Three distinguished sons of the College were honoured by the nation on Republic Day 1975 when it was announced that they had each been awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement. We heartily congratulate them in the name of the College.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

RUPERT BERCHMANS CRAIG (1907)	received his award "for long and dedicated service of a consistently high standard as a civil engineer in the public service and in the municipality of Georgetown". More about Rupert appears elsewhere in the Magazine.
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JOSEPH RUDOLPH VIEIRA (1936)

was decorated "for his work in the development of the sugar Industry of Guyana" and he is the first person in the Industry to be given such an award. As well as holding the post of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Houston Estates Ltd. and Versailles Estate Ltd, Joseph is a Director of many other concerns and is active on the Diocesan Finance Committee of the Catholic Church. Some of his sons were students at Saints and three of them are working in the Sugar Industry



STANLEY JOSEPH GREAVES (1951)

won his A.A. "for outstanding achievement of exceptional nature in the field of Art". Stanley is at present Art Master of Queen's College. We knew him at Saints as a teacher of Art and English from 1957 to 1962 when he left to study at the Edinburgh School of Art. At present he is one of Guyana's leading artists.

W. P. (WILLIE) D'ANDRADE (1936)

has retired as Governor of the Bank of Guyana after serving in that capacity for seven years. His career in the Public Sector spanned thirty-eight years.

ADRIAN THOMPSON (1931)

botanist and mountaineer and a key man in the 1973 Roraima Expedition, was awarded the A.A. in 1973 and has recently won the Ness Award of the Royal Geographic Society "for botanical and other surveys in Guyana". He is the first Guyanese to be honoured in this way.

KENNETH A. JORDAN (1960)

was recently married to Miss Elizabeth Harrison and is now a resident doctor at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. After working at the Ministry of Agriculture for three years, he proceeded to Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated as a doctor in 1969. Last year he was elected to membership of the Royal College of Physicians.



NOEL O. GONSALVES (1952)

has been appointed an Executive Chairman in the Guystac Group of Companies, with responsibility for the development of the Guyana National Trading Corporation. In 1975 he was re-elected President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and was also appointed to the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Investment Corporation. Despite his many commitments, he still finds time to be very active as Chairman of the College Workshop Committee.

KENNETH HAHNFELD (1956)	graduated in 1974 as a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers.
ANTHONY (TONY) CRAWFORD (1948)	has successfully completed the Intermediate examination of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators,
PETER FERNANDES (1965)	has been confirmed in his appointment as Principal Agricultural Officer (Veterinary & Livestock Science), Ministry of Agriculture,
CHRIS FERNANDES (1962)	is now Secretary of the Georgetown Football Club, and also Secretary of the Guyana Hockey Board of Control.
M. J. (MANNIE) DaSILVA (1943)	has been re-elected President of the GFC for the fourth consecutive year.
EDMUND (BONNIE) YING (1944)	is the Vice-President of the GFC,
HAROLD ST, CLAIR RAMPERSAUD (1952)	is at present the Senior Registrar for Obstetrics and Gynaecology for the Government of St. Vincent. He obtained his B,Sc, in Philosophy in the States, and his M.B., B.S. from London. He is married and the father of three girls and a boy.
ARTHUR BELGRAVE (1940)	is now Chairman of the Insurance Association of Guyana,
CECIL FITT (1944)	is the Secretary treasurer of the same Association.
PHILIP LI (1962)	of Barclay's Bank has been promoted to be Manager's Assistant, Banco Popular Antilliano NV, Willemstad, Curacao, He joined Barclay's on leaving school and has occupied posts in St. Kitts & Nevis, Anguilla, Antigua, Barbados and Guyana. He is married and the father of two children,
JOHN LEWIS (1959)	captained Guyana in the MacGregor Rugby series in 1974. He has represented Guyana at Rugby since 1970. He won a UWI scholarship to Trinidad and is now an engineer with the firm of Hack & Lewis.
CLEMENT DA SILVA (1938)	has been re-elected Vice-Chairman of the New Building Society,
JULES DE CAMBRA (1933)	is now Director/Secretary /Manager of that Society.

WILFRED I. CARR (1957),	assistant Secretary Accountant of the New Building Society and, since 1969, Secretary of the College Association, has been awarded the university prize for the commonwealth at the Final Examination of the Building Societies Institute Associateship of England.
DONALD (NED) McDAVID (1939)	has been appointed Administrative Assistant in the Personnel Department of Bookers Sugar Estates. A former Civil Servant, he worked with the Government for 35 years, for the most part as Principal Training Officer in the Public Affairs Ministry At the time of his retirement, he was First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Until recently he was Administrator of the David Rose Centre and he still works there on a voluntary basis.
RAYMOND PERSAUD (1958)	has been appointed Accountant at Barclay's High Street branch.
THEODORE (TEDDY) BOYCE (1956)	is the new President of the Central Demerara Lions Club.
EDDIE DA SILVA (1958)	has been appointed Manager of Barclay's Bank, Main Street branch.
LESLIE FERNANDES (1955)	is the new tennis captain at the GCC.
PAUL CHAN-A-SUE (1962)	copped the GCC's batting prize.
PETER HARRISON (1971)	was awarded the Joe Ali Memorial Trophy. Peter is now working in England.
LIONEL KERRY (1960)	worked for one year with Civil Aviation after leaving school and then studied at Aberdeen University where he graduated with a B.Se. In Engineering in 1970. At present he is working with the Aberdeen City Council as an assistant engineer in highways. He is married and the father of two girls,
ROBIN LOGAN (1962)	has been appointed Administration Manager of the Eastern Caribbean head office of Barclays Bank International in Barbados
EON DOS RAMOS (1965)	is Managing Director of Stokes & Bynoe (Guyana) Ltd.



M. MOHAMED (1973)

was Captain of the Guyana side which emerged champions in this year's Benson & Hedges Youth Series for cricket. His century in the final game against Barbados went a far way in clinching the championship, and he followed that up with another century in the second innings to become the first player in the competition to accomplish this feat.

**DONALD
CALENDAR
(1965)**

has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Georgetown branch of the Chase Manhattan bank. He is also an active member of the Ogle Cricket Club.

**DESMOND
THOMPSON
(1944)**

has been appointed Senior Executive Officer of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

**LIONEL
KANOASAMMY
(1971) &
CARL SINGH
(1968)**

- employees of Demico House, were presented cheques by Managing Director Peter D' Aguiar for "showing courage and devotion to the Company beyond the call of duty". They had chased and apprehended a confidence trickster who hoodwinked the cashier by tendering a forged cheque and collected goods to the value of \$1,244.90 from the Retail Liquor Store.

**MICHAEL VANIER
(1959)**

is now Relief Manager, Barclay's Bank.

**MICHAEL ASGAR-
DEEN
(1970)**

graduated with a B.Sc. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from Queen Mary College, University of London, and then did three months training in Hydro-Electric power engineering with the Electrical Power Development Company of Japan. At present he is the electrical engineer for the Hydro-Power Division, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources.

**PETER DE ABREU
(1967)**

has been appointed Assistant Accountant of the Plymouth branch of Barclay's Bank, Montserrat. He started as a clerk in the Water Street, branch, and his most recent post was that of sub-Manager of the Georgetown sub-branch, St. Vincent.

**SHRIDAT NARAIN
(1969)**

has been appointed Internal Auditor, Bookers Central Services. He left Guyana in 1970 to pursue studies in accountancy in England at the South West London College where he obtained his A.C.C.A. in 1974. In December of that year he returned to Guyana and joined Barcellos & Co. as an auditor before going over to Bookers.

<p>WILFRED PIERRE (1964)</p>	<p>believes he is the first Guyanese to be successful in completing the associateship of the Canadian Institute of Bankers, and he is now working towards the Fellowship.</p>
 <p>GORDON OLIVER DANIELS (1954)</p>	<p>is now a Major in the Guyana Defense Force. There is more about him elsewhere in the Magazine.</p>
<p>W. J. (BILL) DRIVER (1968)</p>	<p>has been appointed an Assistant Accountant at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Guyana.</p>
<p>MARK BELFAST (1970)</p>	<p>graduated from the Mon Repos Agricultural School this year and recently took Miss Elizabeth Harrison as his wife.</p>
<p>JOHN VAN SLUYTMAN (1962)</p>	<p>was married to Zalima Deen on 19 December 1974.</p>
<p>WARREN MANSELL (1972)</p>	<p>was married to Donna Samuel in the same month.</p>
<p>COMPTON COLLINS (1969)</p>	<p>was married to Bernadette Deebrah in April of this year. Our congratulations to these couples and our prayers that their married lives may bring them much joy and peace.</p>
<p>KUMAR SINGH (1962)</p>	<p>hopes to graduate from Loughborough University in 1976 with his degree in Electrical Engineering. He obtained a diploma of Industrial Studies after completing one year of training at a nuclear power station in Somerset, England.</p>
<p>DEREK MAHANGER (1969),</p>	<p>son of Joseph and Juliet Mahanger, has received his B.A. in political science, economics and business at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, He plans to attend Drake University law and business schools in Des Moines, Iowa, for his Master's degree.</p>
<p>JOHN (DEEP) FORD (1969)</p>	<p>has gone to Purdue University, La Fayette, Indiana to pursue a course in Agricultural Economics, leading to the Ph.D.</p>
<p>PETER DRIVER (1972)</p>	<p>has obtained a degree in Control Engineering at Leeds University,</p>
<p>JEFF ROGERS (1972)</p>	<p>graduated with B.A. in English at Toronto University. He is now studying law at the Windsor Law School, Ontario.</p>

KIM KISSOON (1970)	graduated from Magill University with a First Class degree in Economics. He is now at the London School of Economics where he is studying Economic History and Development
ALEC MacANDREW (1971)	obtained his B.Sc. in Physics from London University in 1974. This year he successfully completed his Master's degree.
ART WILLIAMS (1970)	is studying Electrical Engineering at U.N.B. and hopes to graduate in 1976.
PATRICK (TONY) FARNUM (1970)	has started a 4-year course in Computer Science at Queens' University, Ontario.
CHARLES STULL (1968)	is attending McGill University where he is studying psychology.
NORBERT LEE (1971)	has left the Universidad Catolica Andres Bello in Caracas where he was studying business administration, and is now in Canada.
GORDON HOLDER (1971)	is studying for his B.Sc. in Agriculture at the University of the West Indies.
SAILESH PATRY (1973)	is in the second year of his studies for a B.A. in Business Administration, Marketing and Management Concentration in California.
JOHN GONSALVES (1974)	is studying electronics in Toronto.
PRESTON PIETERS (1964)	worked with the Ministry of Agriculture before going to California where he is now studying data processing and computer science at the California State University. His brother Ronald, a Jesuit novice, is at present teaching on the College staff.
PHILLIP FERNANDES (1967)	has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent Mines Maintenance Department of GUYBAU. He holds the B. Sc, in Mechanical Engineering and joined the Company in 1970. Last year he was promoted to Senior Engineer in the Primary Stripping Department.
DEREK FUNG (1969),	also with GUYBAU has been promoted to Senior Production Engineer in the Primary Stripping Department. Derek graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Canada, with the B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering and also studied Mining Engineering in Canada, He is a Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and of the Association of Professional Engineers in the Province of New Brunswick.

BERNARD AROKIU (1970)	has been awarded a GUYBAU Cadetship in Accounting and Finance Management and will study at Newcastle-on-Tyne Polytechnic, U.K.
MICHAEL SEAFORTH (1974)	has won a Cadetship and will study Electrical Engineering at Queen's University, Canada.
J. A. 'JIMMY' KRANENBURG (1951)	Was seconded to Bermine from Guybau as Deputy Plant Manager and has now been promoted to Plant Manager.
JONATHAN WILKINS (1964)	has become established as a free-lance photographer. It was in this capacity that he accompanied the 1973 Roraima Expedition. He is now married and the father of a baby girl. Two of his photos appear in this Magazine.
BRIAN D. FUNG (1969)	has been appointed Agricultural Superintendent at Wales Estate. While at Saints he was champion athlete in 1969, and during his studies in Agriculture at U.W.I. he was captain of the cricket team and a member of the football team. This year he graduated with a B.Sc. in Agriculture
J.D. SIMMONS (1946)	is now acting as Principal Assistant Secretary (Budget) in the Ministry of Finance.
KENNETH ASGAR- DEEN (1967)	has proceeded to Southern Alberta Institute of Technology to read for a Degree in Air Conditioning Engineering.
LLOYD HOUSTON (1952)	who was recently promoted a Superintendent of Police, successfully completed a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry (with Honours). He completed the 4 year course in a little over two years, and is now working towards the M.Sc. in Forensic Science.
EVAN PHILLIPS (1969)	has obtained an M.A. in English from the University of Tulsa in the U.S.A. and is now teaching at Lodge School, Barbados. He has recently published a book of poems entitled "A 'Voice from the Trees", and he is lawn tennis champion of Barbados and the Virgin Islands
GEOFFREY MOORE (1952)	is now Manager of the Colonial Fire & General Insurance Company.
OVID MARKS (1940)	has been appointed Secretary, Mines' Assistance Advisory Committee.
N.A. JORDAN (1959)	recently gained the M.L.C.E. Since graduating from Aberdeen University in 1964 with a BSc in Electrical Engineering, he has worked with DEMBA (1964-66), then with George Wimpey & Company in Edinburgh and subsequently with the Aberdeen County Council as a Civil Engineer.

<p>PASCHAL JORDAN (1961)</p>	<p>of the Abbey of Mount St. Benedict Trinidad, is the younger brother of Neville. In 1969 he was awarded a Bursary at the Catholic University of Paris where he studied Liturgical Music. In 1971 he graduated with Honours and is now considered a Caribbean Consultant in Liturgical music. He was back in Guyana recently to give the help of his expertise at a Church Music Seminar.</p>
<p>PAUL KING (1968)</p>	<p>a former teacher at Saints, has recently obtained his Diploma in Education from the University of Guyana with a Distinction in the Theory of Education.</p>

That brings to an end our News of Old Boys and we hope that memories have been stirred and past friendships recalled.

"Il est etonnant le nombre de choses impossibles que les gens resoluus parviennent a executer. Il faut etre de cette equipe-la"

- Raoul Plus

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FOR LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE



At Guyana House in May 1975, President Arthur Chung decorated with the Golden Arrow of Achievement a tall soldierly man, upright and dignified despite his almost eighty years. That man was Rupert Berchmans Craig, an Old Boy of Saints and one of whom we are particularly proud.

Born in 1897, he came to Saints in 1907 when Fr Pollen was Principal. It was the year when the College was transferred to the corner of Brickdam and Manget Place.

Rupert was a keen sportsman and participated in rowing, boxing, fencing with the sabre-sword, running and, of course cricket and football. Even today, nearly seventy years later, he paces out a measured mile twice a week,

In those early days, Saint Stanislaus College had no Scout Troop and Rupert belonged to Queen's College Troop 1, under Sergeant-Major Manley. But when Fr Robinson began the St Stanislaus Troop 4 in 1910, Rupert changed his allegiance and became the Patrol Leader of the College Troop. Among the Old Boys who were his companions at school, he particularly remembers Robert Evan Wong, Jenks Jardim, Hernan Andrade and Fr Anselmo Marques SJ.

It was the new Principal, Fr Besant, who suggested to Rupert a career in Civil Engineering, and so began a lifetime of service. Rupert came from a great line of sugar engineers and his great-grandfather, Mr. Skekel, built the Georgetown Town Hall and started the Demerara Foundry. After a month with Sprostons on leaving school in 1913, Rupert entered the Public Service. When he retired from it in 1952, he had served all over the country and had the distinction of being the first Guyanese District Engineer and, later, Director of Public Works.

During the First World War, he enlisted and served in Palestine. As Sergeant-Major Craig, he was mentioned in Despatches, and when he made a triumphal return to his old school in 1919, he made a little speech to the boys which was enthusiastically received - for it won them a holiday!

Among his memories as a civil engineer, as well as his work on the Denham Bridge on the Bartica-Potaro Road, there stands out the time in 1934 when one mile of seawall broke away at Nogeens near Lusignan. He was responsible for the rebuilding. Work went on at frantic speed, against the tides; all the concrete had to be mixed by hand; but in eight months the job was completed. He remembers wryly the cost of construction in those days: \$14 a foot. Today the cost is \$600 a foot.

Retirement from the Public Service did not mean the end of work for Rupert Craig. As busy as ever, he is a partner of Aubrey Barker Associates, the firm of consulting civil engineers. Nor does the award of the Arrow of Achievement "for long and dedicated service of a consistently high standard as a civil engineer in the public service and in the municipality of Georgetown" mean that Rupert's service to his country is ended. The upright carriage, the twinkle in the eye and the decisive tone show that the Craig tradition of service will continue.

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OLD BOYS OF THE 40's AND 50's



Mr. Rafiq Khan, President of the St. Stanislaus College Association in 1973 and 1974, researched among the College Magazines to find the roots of the College Association, founded on September 21, 1942. The results of his research formed the basis of his Presidential Speech at the Annual Association Dinner in November 1974. With his permission, we reproduce part of that speech in which he treats us to pen-pictures of Old Boys who are well-known characters of Guyanese society.

I set out on an exploration to find the roots of the Association but, let me confess that, having opened the first magazine, I found it immensely difficult to stick to my purpose. In fact, I allowed myself to be side-tracked into reliving my own college days and in savouring delightful memories of many of you who were at school in the 40's and 50's.

It was for instance in the 1952 edition of the Magazine that one learnt that Noel Gonsalves made both the football and the cricket First Eleven, and there was this pointed pen picture of his cricketing abilities:

N. Gonsalves bowls off-breaks. He has made good runs, though he rarely plays' a stroke in the correct way. He is a safe field when his attention is not distracted.

We shall draw a veil of silence over Noel's distractions who were all animate and charming. 1952 was also the year when a Fifth Former named Hamilton Green swept through the Athletic events on Sports Day, and emerged Senior Champion. His forte was sprinting and he also liked to jump the hurdles. And while Hammy Green was holding sway among the seniors, another youngster, with a surname that no one (even the magazine Editor) could spell correctly, was lording it over the Juniors. Joe Castanheiro was to become one of the most versatile sportsmen in College history, shining in Athletics, Football and Cricket. But Joe had his trying moments too, and his cricket captain gave him this back-handed compliment in 1954:

A rather serious minded youngster and a good attacking batsman when set, but who gets out too early in an inning; before getting set.

And, as if to prove the point, one reads accounts like these:

Jacob Cup Semi-Final, 1954: Castanheiro went in, only to be run out almost immediately.

Jacob Cup Semi-Final, 1955: Castanheiro went out and was promptly bowled by Archer.

Then, with relief, one reads these immortal lines about the Jacob Cup Final versus Berbice High School:

Only one boy knew what had to be done and had it not been for Castanheiro that innings would have been the most disastrous and ignominious one ever played by College batsmen. Castanheiro took the bowling by the neck and, in one over from Moore, slammed two sixes and two fours - twenty glorious runs.

We lost that match, but Castanheiro had redeemed himself.

Those old College Association magazines were very strong on humour, but sometimes they strained very hard for the funny line. Take these examples from news about old boys:

1947: Arthur Belgrave decided to take through life happy memories of his army daze (spelt: D.A.Z.E.), in the person of Mavis Pimento, former Sergeant of the A.T.S.

1950: Samuel Blair, with an eye for the eye, graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. His membership in the Under-graduate Council of Ethics is ample proof of his desire to see eye to eye with his clients.

1950. Again: Lindsay Collins, who is in England, shows no thirst for the hard stuff, yet he is hoping to be called to the bar.

And so on and so forth in 1950, the year that Cecil Glasgow broke the 440 yards record.

But the most poignant insertion I came across was in the 1948 edition. That was the year when this area became a silent zone for traffic and a long-suffering student floated this forlorn kite in the magazine. He said:

Now that the College has been put in the silent zone of the city it is rumoured that the use of the ferula has been abolished.

1948 was the year when a bushy-headed youngster named Rafiq Khan - the only non-Catholic in his form - caused great consternation among the Roman Catholic hierarchy by walking off with the Religious Doctrine prize. It was perhaps only coincidental that from that year Rafiq Khan began losing his hair rapidly.

It was in the 1949-50 list of prize winners that a little fellow named Kenneth Khan first made his appearance, winning the 3A class prize, but failing badly to win the religious doctrine prize. On the other hand, fifth former Compton Meerabux was showing clearer evidence of his calling: he was busy writing odes to the Rosary and deadly earnest biographies about St. Stanislaus Kostka. But to get back to Kenneth Khan. In 1955 we read this item:

K. Khan was awarded a U. W.I. Exhibition but he relinquished it, as he was already half-way across the Atlantic to a Jesuit Seminary by the time the results were made known.

How like Fr. Khan to go tearing off in some new direction even before the dust had settled on his previous effort. Though his frenetic pace does not often take him these days into the Atlantic Ocean, I suspect he now and then finds himself up a creek.

And that's where the Association comes in. One is led, however, to speculate on what would have been the position today with the College and the Association if Kenneth Khan in 1955 had taken up that U.W.I. Exhibition. For one thing, life would have been a lot more peaceful for us. For another thing, it would have been infinitely less satisfying. And so back in time to 1946 when we come across a profound bit of writing by a sixth former entitled: The World of Today. He began:

The world seems to be getting into confusion. We hear of sudden revolts and bloodshed. Everywhere we see men of but little worth fighting to become political leaders of the world. The clamour for wealth is all too common and the atmosphere around us is filled with a mad search for luxuries and pleasures.

And so that sixth former went on and on, sonorously indicting the world of 1946, in words that could well describe the world of 1974. And what was his solution? Let's quote his last paragraph:

If we realise the great debt we owe to God and sought daily at all times and in all places to please Him more and more, I am confident that we would have a world far better than what it is today.

And who was that youngster who showed such mature insight? Well, he went on to put his words into action and to become a shining example of piety. For the sixth former who wrote that article in 1946 was G. Benedict Singh.

Which reminds me of another story. Did you know that in the old days the Association used to finance five-year scholarships at the College for deserving, boys? And the first Association scholarship went in 1944 to a student of St. Anthony's R.C. School, Friendship, by the name of Marcellus Fielden Singh.

For what Fielden Singh is today the Association can therefore share in the credit - or the blame.

- RAFIQ KHAN

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TEACHER AND SCIENTIST



DAVID BUNBURY

David Bunbury left St. Stanislaus' College in 1948 at the age of fourteen with his School Certificate - but with no scientific background. Despite that, he is now Professor of the Department of Chemistry at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

The following article appeared recently in a Canadian newspaper and we reprint it as an interesting estimation of a Guyanese and one of our Old Boys, whose character and intellect are enhancing the reputation of his country and his school. David is now 42, married and the father of four children.

Seldom is the image of the typical scientist so fulfilled as in the case of Professor David L. Bunbury of the department of chemistry: friendly, happy, outgoing and even a bit eccentric as he jumps atop the lecture table to afford the class a better look at some demonstration! For with Dr. Bunbury, there's no stuffed-shirt overly dignified presentation which render many professors hopelessly unapproachable. A keen sense of chemistry and an authentic liking for his students characterise Dr. Bunbury's classes.

Dr. Bunbury was born and received his early education in Guyana. His first formal training in chemistry was received at Berea College, in Kentucky. From there, he began graduate work at Notre Dame University in Indiana, specialising in the chemistry of reactions initiated by light, or "photochemistry". His Ph.D. thesis concerned the photochemistry of ethyl iodide. He worked for two years as a post-doctorate researcher at the University of Colorado and then joined the faculty of St. F.X. in 1958. Presently, his research work concerns the photochemical reactions of ketones. He has participated in the faculty of science for sixteen years now, teaching introductory organic chemistry and biochemistry.

When asked what part of his course did he enjoy most, he replied the laboratory periods with his students. Dr. Bunbury feels that these lab periods afford participation of the professor and students together, and much more personal contact can be had than if the courses were strictly classroom oriented. Dr. Bunbury's objectives in his courses, are that the students will be able to read the scientific literature with some expertise and that they will have a firm grasp on the principles of organic and biochemistry, to form a good basis for further study. The greatest unhappiness caused to him is when a student earnestly works but doesn't catch on, he says. This is truly believable when one considers his total dedication to teaching, as evidenced by the preparation he does for each class and the trouble he puts himself through to present class demonstrations which make "chemistry" believable and (to stretch a point) even interesting.

When we leave for our summer vacation, His work continues, on the professional scientific level, and at that time of year, his other interest (among many) flares up: gardening. His green thumb is in evidence at the science building as all the labs ordinarily occupied by students take on the look of a jungle, complete with potted vines and tomatoes. I believe he's considered the local tomato expert in the town of Antigonish.

A more well-rounded scientist one might never find. And as far as students are concerned, he says emphatically: "The folks I've taught are almost always hard workingand nice people. It's good to be here!"

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CONVERSATION TREE

Limer:

*It's a long time you've been
standing here, alone, by the Wall.
Many sights you must have seen, Tell
me now, I've time on my hands, and
I hear you're a great talker.*

Conversation Tree:

*I felt cold fresh wind race through my burdened branches
I felt the sting of rain upon my leaves,
I felt the scorching sun sear my tender bark.
And then I heard the scraping boat-sounds on the sand,
The splash of tide, the clank of chains, the crack of whip.
My cool and shady branches sheltered slave and master,
I heard each bargain and each bid.*

*I felt the cold fresh wind race through my burdened branches,
I felt the sting of rain upon my leaves,
I felt the scorching sun sear my sturdy bark.
And then I heard the cry of death.
I heard the tramp of soldiers and felt the fear of hunted men,
Whose whispering talk was still of
hope and freedom
I heard the secrets of young lovers.*

*I felt the cold fresh wind race through my burdened branches,
I felt the sting of rain upon my leaves,
I felt the scorching sun sear my aging bark.*

*I smelt the salty air sieving through my branches,
I saw the sharpened axes disfigure my sturdy trunk,
I saw my spreaded branches break upon the ground,
I saw my leafy tapestry torn.*

*I still feel the cold wind as it races through my growing branches,
I still feel the scorching sun as it warps my fragile bark.
I still feel the sting of rain as it beats upon my leaves,
I still feel the strength of eternal spirit,
And now I feel the tremor of the New Guyana.*

Derek Tiam-Fook

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THIS IS GUYANA



John Daniels Falls on the Ikarak River.

In June of this year, Bobby Fernandes (1965) exhibited a Collection of his Photographs of the Interior, called "This Is Guyana" The exhibition attracted large numbers and had to be held over for an extra week. We print below an appreciation of the exhibition, written by another Old Boy, JOHN AGARD (1968) who has already published a book of poetry and at Present is on the staff of the DAILY CHRONICLE.

Waist-high in the waters of the Rupununi River, misty mountain ranges squatting like animal humps in the distance, a rugged young man, who moves with the lumbering ease of a bear, gazes through the eye of a camera at a spider clinging in webbed peace to a gnarled takouba. The shutter snaps, and Bobby Fernandes has just captured on film yet another slice of hinterland life, which inspires his photographic essay, "This is Guyana"

Bobby, 28, with his twin brother Billy, is the youngest of fourteen children of indefatigable business stalwart "Honest John" Fernandes Snr., and helps the old man with his poultry and pig farm at Tirnehri. An Old Boy of St. Stanislaus College, Bobby played football for his school and later represented the country.

This energy and love of outdoor life impelled him, after leaving school, to go on hunting trips in the intermediate savannahs. But for Bobby, whether they caught anything or not wasn't important. He just enjoyed being among nature.

Wishing to see more of Guyana's hinterland splendour, he got himself a specially adapted aluminium canoe from Canada. This 16-foot long 120-pound baby with special shallow draft 9.5 horse power engine, enables adventurous Bobby to travel in extremely shallow places, and has the added advantage of being much lighter than the normal Amerindian corial. With his canoe strapped in a rack on top of his jeep, Bobby journeys as far as is feasible by land. Then he sets out in his canoe to explore the hidden falls and rapids, travelling from early morning until evening, when he slings his hammock on the banks of the river and sleeps peacefully.

The bearded nature lover, who abstains from cigarettes and alcohol, feels that too often the interior is projected as a sort of "Tarzan jungle". In his experience, he says he has hardly come across snakes, and his only weapon is a handy Canonett 28 camera. Recalling his longest and most memorable trip, Bobby spoke of the one earlier this year when he went to the Rupununi, covering 300-odd miles by jeep and 200 odd miles in his aluminium canoe. Still vivid in his memory is the feel of fish, strapped in pools beneath the rapids, brushing past his feet.

Once while pulling his canoe in the Ireng River, bordering Guyana and Brazil, he recalls a giant porpoise that must have been anything around twelve feet, suddenly swishing from nowhere and skating past the canoe as if intent on tearing the thing in two. Imagine' a porpoise more than twice the size of a man in just six inches of water, and maybe you'll understand why Bobby's feet felt like needles, as he himself puts it.

While all of nature captivates his spirit, his particular love is going after waterfalls, some of which are little known and not even on the map. Three such falls - John Daniels Falls. Ginger Falls and Bad'oman Falls - are to be found along the Ikarak River, a tributary of the Potaro above Kaieteur.

However, lending his perceptive eye to the recording eye of the camera, Bobby Fernandes manages to offer those of us who have never gone beyond the coastland a glimpse into the interior's untamed beauty. His photographic essay, "This is Guyana", is immediate in its visual appeal and possesses an energy and a natural grandeur that belittle the striving of the human ego.

Particularly exciting to me are those pieces with an 'abstract' effect, such as "Rock Face." "Foam" and "Swamp". In "Rock Face", for instance a moss-spattered craggy surface becomes a jelly-like mass of biological matter, while in "Foam" the froth-laced face of the river becomes an evanescent mirror of foaming geometrical patterns.

What is even more remarkable is that Bobby Fernandes admits knowing very little of the mechanics of a camera. He can neither develop nor print, but for sheer instinct and feel for the interior, he has the uncanny eye of a creature whose true home lies somewhere among the remote rivers and unknown waterfalls.

JOHN AGARD

WANTING TO BE ALONE

*Wanting to be alone for a few moments.
Not wanting to be disturbed by friends.
Laughing in wonderment and curiosity
about a leaf.
He tries to be happy
all by himself.
Wants to keep his mind
peaceful and not thumping,
Living a life without many
adventures.*

ALLAN GRIFFITH (2C)

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CHRIS, YOUNGEST PILOT IN THE G.D.F.

Christopher Cameron left St. Stanislaus College in 1972 and is now a G.D.F. pilot. We reproduce an article about him which recently appeared in the Sunday Chronicle.

Private Christopher Cameron is one of Guyana's youths who has demonstrated what determination and hard work can achieve. At 19 Chris is a qualified pilot after spending six months at the Burnside Ott Aviation Training Centre in Miami. There at his first examination his grades were so outstanding that he was awarded one hour of free flying, worth a lot to any trainee pilot, since every minute spent at the controls of an aeroplane has got to be paid for.

Chris, in a totally shy manner which is belied by his appearance, explained that he was always interested in flying, always wanting to accept the challenge of handling an aircraft. Now, just a little over two years after leaving St. Stanislaus College, he is the youngest pilot in the Guyana Defence Force Air Corps.

Private Cameron said the military life is the roughest, but the time spent flying over Guyana makes it worthwhile. Flying in Guyana he said, has a peculiar challenge, for you are doing so on your own personal skill, since the field of aviation is not very developed, and navigation aids are few and scattered around.

Chris, whose ambition is to become an international airline pilot, explained that this was his training ground not only in aviation but in discipline and many other aspects of life. As a private in the army (lowest in rank) one has to perform many other chores that might not be particularly appealing, but which have got to be done, he added.

His type of job also gives him an opportunity to see many beautiful parts of the country and perform emergency flights which could be terribly exciting.

TOMORROW

Today is on, today shall be gone,
Tomorrow will come and things
will go all around,
You are in the middle of a circle
that goes round and round,
Your mind is the centre of life,
And for life, you shall use your mind,
Think that tomorrow, for you, shall
come.

FERNANDO VALLENAS (2C)

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I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

Gordon Oliver Daniels (1954), a Major in the GDF, is married and has three children. He still plays a little cricket and enjoys seeing a good game of football and volley ball. He is an avid reader and a devout Catholic. We asked him to tell us something about his career.

After spending six memorable years at Saints, I successfully completed my Ordinary Levels G.C.E . Examinations in 1954. While at College, I participated in athletics, football and cricket. In my last year at school, I was fortunate to represent the College in the Jacob Cup Final against Queen's College, captained by Leroy Jackman. I say fortunate, because the side was a star-studded one with such talented players as Charlie Stayers, who later represented Guyana and the West Indies, Brian Patoir our Captain, Ivor Mendonca, Neville Thomas, all of whom later played for Guyana, and Ossie Gibson.

After leaving College, I taught there for a term, as many Old Boys do, under the Principalship of Fr Scannell. I then spent four years teaching in Primary Schools - St John's R.C. Plaisance, St. Peter's R.C. Beterverwagting, and at Charity, Pomeroun, From there I entered the Public Service as a Class II Clerk and was attached to the then Lands & Mines Department until my departure for England in 1963.

During my seven years stay in the U.K., I did my Advanced Levels and later read for a degree in History at the University of Liverpool, which I completed In 1968, with second class Honours.

On my return to Guyana, I re-entered the Public Service as an Administrative Cadet, and later was Inspecting Officer at the Archives. A year ago, I enlisted in the Guyana Defence Force, was commissioned a Major and assigned the duties of Education Officer with the responsibility for the publication of the Army's periodicals: **The Green Beret** and **The Scarlet Beret**. The Library and Photographic sections also fall within the portfolio of the Education Corps. My other duties include helping the soldier to become aware of and understand Government's policy, at the same time ensuring that the public is kept abreast of what the People's Army is contributing in terms of economic growth and' development.

I feel that the G.D.F. is one of the most important organisations in terms of bringing about social and economic growth in the development of Guyana, and that the Army must be in the vanguard of developmental change, particularly in the fields of agriculture and the hinterland development.

The Army, or for that matter the Uniformed Services, have not up to now attracted many Old Boys from Saints. They have preferred the more traditional fields of commerce, banking, medicine, engineering, law and the Public Service. As far as I am aware, only two other Saints boys - the late Rennie Caleb and now also Michael Chan-A-Sue, have been commissioned with the rank of Major, and I sincerely look forward to many others making a career in the Army.

GORDON 'DANNY' DANIELS

"Sans quelque gout du risque, tu ne feras jamais rien dans la vie"

- F. Donayre

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A NEW ROLE FOR SAINTS

Guyana is on the verge of a new and exciting political experience which will have repercussions on its social and cultural framework. St. Stanislaus College must play a role in that new experience.

Saints, for generations, has produced young men who have contributed in no insignificant way to the growth and development of Guyana. Now that the country is about to embark on a new era of adventure, Saints must continue to provide the human resources and contribute intelligently to the Nation's growth. This country's future should not be left in the hands of opportunists who will join any bandwagon to satisfy their personal ambitions, for if it is, they will destroy it.

Socialism has been identified as the ideology to catapult Guyana from a poor, underdeveloped ex-colony into a vibrant young nation with a real voice in international affairs. Socialism has been identified as the system by which the Nation's wealth will be transferred from the hands of foreign owners and local capitalists to the masses of our people. Socialism has been identified as the means through which there will be equal opportunity for all. There are some who will argue that the objective of implementing a Socialist philosophy in Guyana is wrong. There are some who will cry out! But these are people who have exploited labour, amassed personal profits and existed at a standard of living far above those whom they exploited. Saints must be sure that within the walls of its classrooms and on its playing fields are cultivated young men (and now young women) whose concern will be not simply their own personal gain but the benefit of this nation and its people as a whole.

Saints must insist that on its curriculum is placed the subject "Socialism" in order that students may learn precisely what it means and understand its implications and application to the Guyana situation. In fact, Saints must insist that the Government provides suitable reading material and lectures to teach properly the students of this school.

Socialism as a philosophy embraced by all is not an answer in itself. It is the application of Socialism to the life of the individual and the State that can result in a progressive society. Saints must therefore imbue its students with the political will to make Socialism work.

There are many obstacles to, the successful implementation of a Socialist State in Guyana. One of them is the bogey of 'race.' St. Stanislaus College must work assiduously for the eradication of racial animosity in Guyana. That will not be achieved by saying that a racial problem does not exist - only fools believe that problems are wished away. The problem of race must be tackled by education about the races, cultures and religions that exist in Guyana. The snobbery which has been encouraged in Saints about Roman Catholicism must end. While we must steadfastly pursue our own beliefs, we must also free our minds to accept that other religions do exist and we must be able to co-exist with those religions in frank and honest understanding.

Each man is equal to the other - a tenet of Christianity. This must also be a tenet of Socialism in Guyana, and as we have taught the tenets of Catholicism in Saints in the past, so must we now teach the tenets of Socialism.

St. Stanislaus College has been in the forefront of education in Guyana for years. Saints must accept no other role in the new developments in Guyana. When a vibrant Socialist State exists in Guyana, Saints must be able to claim that it was in the vanguard of its development.

JOSEPH REIS.

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GOLDEN JUBILARIANS



FR. H. FEENY

We offer our congratulations to two Jesuit priests, Fr. Herbert Feeny and Fr. John King, on reaching their Golden Jubilee in the Society of Jesus, It was on September 7, 1925 that they joined that group of companions founded by St. Ignatius in 1540.

Fr. Feeny is well-known to hundreds of Saints boys, past and present. He retired from the College staff in 1970 after twenty-four years as a teacher of Physics and Chemistry and left behind him a very high standard of work and behaviour in the labs. In 1970 he became Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese, and his present work at Bishop's House involves him in many dealings with the Ministry of Education in connection with teachers in the Interior.

Fr. King was a boy at St. Stanislaus, leaving in 1925 to become a Jesuit. After his Ordination as a priest, he returned to Guyana in 1939 and taught at the College for a

short period. Then he moved on to parish work and he is still busy in that field. Many of his years have been spent in out-of-town areas. At present he is parish priest at Matthew's Ridge.

Both priests are still active, working hard in their respective tasks. We wish them many years of health, strength and peace in the Lord's service.

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AWAY FROM THE WORLD

In the pasture or field, there are green grass
and trees;
There is a touch of loneliness. People go there,
to rest
A way from the world, away from everybody.
Not sleeping, but just thought-less.
In the pasture or field, there is always a place
you can be
Away from the world.

LYNDON HAYNES (2C)

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OBITUARY



GREGORY WILSON

On December 18, 1974 we were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Gregory Wilson, after a very brief illness.

When the Christmas holidays began, less than a week previously, no-one had any idea that Gregory would never return to school where, in his four years and one term he had made so many friends. We offer our deepest sympathy to his parents and his brother. One of his classmates, Paul Correia, has contributed the following tribute to Gregory:

Gregory was a friend of everyone and I had come to know him very well. We boys of 5A had become drawn together and knew and liked each other very much. When Gregory went it was really felt.

Of all the masters who taught him few came to know him well but many liked him and all were shocked at his sudden death. I will always remember his and our favourite class, the English period. At this class there were always light hearted arguments and disagreements, Gregory being the chief contributor to them. With Father Keane as our English Master he always had something to disagree on or to argue about, and Gregory was all the time putting forward his own ideas. Many were sensible and relevant and always accepted but sometimes the dictionary turned out to be the only referee. And so as it was he added something to the class and any day, if he hadn't something to savor suggest, it meant he just was not at school:

He was quite a bright student, placed 3rd in his last school term and now someone talented is being missed and 5A class is not quite the same. He really showed promise of a great future. Out of classes he was as active as in classes. He played almost every game that was offered by St. Stanislaus, badminton and chess being his favourites. It was quite interesting to watch a badminton game between one of the 5A boys and him. The battle usually was tremendous with Gregory trying harder to make up should a point be lost. So it was not surprising that he turned out to be one of the best badminton players in 5A and even in the school. With chess he had the same determination to win and so you would find him playing chess all the time during morning and lunch breaks in and out of the classroom. On weekends, there was usually cricket and everyone always saw Gregory at the sea wall ground as he often helped out as a Scorer and jubilant spectator and cricket fan.

He was in every way a friend to me and we did a lot of things together, especially playing the guitar. Many a time we would arrange a day when Gregory, a couple of other classmates and I would come together and with two big tape recorders available at our little recording station would roll out many fantastic songs. We enjoyed it while it lasted and never got tired as there were always new songs to be learnt and played.

So his sudden death was truly a sad loss and brought deep sorrow to everyone. His funeral mass took place at the Sacred Heart church and his classmates and masters of the college attended it. To his parents and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

God bless him and may he rest in peace.



ANTHONY DeSOUZA

Anthony de Souza, well-known city lawyer and former senior Magistrate, died in a motor car mishap in Georgetown on December 17, 1974.

Tony went to kindergarten school at Charlestown Convent and then to St. Stanislaus College from 1934 to 1939. He left from Form 2 at the age of 13 and went first to Loyola College, then to Regiopolis College, Ontario, both run by the Jesuit Fathers.

After graduating, he studied law at the Inner Temple, London, and was called to the Bar in 1951. He later returned home and went into private practice and was appointed magistrate five years later. He served on the Bench for about ten years and then returned to private practice.

May he Rest in Peace.

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THIS IS A DARK TIME, MY LOVE

*This is a dark time, my love,
It is the season of sorrows
and tears
For a loved one is lost.*

*This is a dark time, my love
For the sun is hidden
in the sky
With flowers bending their heads
in depression.*

*See, too, where he lies, my love.
He is the shadow of death,
Watching you cry,
And hearing you say:
"I have lost my love".*

RONALD PERSAUD (2C)

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THE COLLEGE PREFECTS 1975-76



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Vice-Captains	Philip Baldeo & Sivindra Mangru

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STAFF CHANGES

It is always sad to say farewell, more so to friends and colleagues who have shared the heat and burden of the day. The cycle of change brings regrets and hope, and this year is no exception. At end of August Term, we lost five members of staff, and were able to welcome five new faces.

A signal loss to Saints was the departure of Mrs. V. Howell earlier this year. Generations of boys were "broken in under her firm yet kind tutelage, and her warm-hearted and generous personality endeared her to Staff and students alike. The Staff Room is a much emptier place without her. We wish her the best, while welcoming Mrs. E, Steven who took her place and has coped admirably with the introduction classes.

Popular George Vanderwood whose contribution to the successful formation of the National Service Cadet Corps has enabled us to score a number of significant firsts, leaves us to study Theology in preparation for the priesthood. Brother Dennis Greaves is now engaged on parish work after giving much help on the musical Side. We will also sorely miss Mrs. Patricia Khan and Mrs. Heather Yong, more so now that Saints has gone co-educational. We wish Patricia all the best in her new role at Linden, and bid adieu to Heather as she takes up residence in Canada.

During the course of the year, the Science Department lost Mr. M. Singh who had worked very hard to build up the Nuffield Chemistry Course. Mr. D. Ramphir joined the Staff as his replacement, and has continued the good work. The Industrial Arts Department was considerably strengthened by the addition of Mr. R. Welch and Miss C. Cameron in February, and the Science Department was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. K. Lall as the third Laboratory Technician.

Mr. Keith Carter has left us after one year, during which time he not only ably contributed to the work of the Physics Department, but also left his mark on College Dramatics. We wish him success in his new career with the Booker Group of Companies.

And finally, we were sorry to lose the services of our Assistant Secretary, Miss Ramona Williams; the place has been taken by popular Miss D. Temaul. To all who left us during the past year, we bid a sad adieu.

A warm welcome to Miss P. Singh who has just graduated from U.G. and is a welcome addition to the Mathematics Department. We are very pleased to have three Old Boys, Mr. R. Rai, Mr. A. Bhulai and Mr. V. Ramnarain, among Our Staff, and the National Service Cadet Corps will be strengthened by the addition of Mr. R. Pieters, whose experience with the Queen's College Cadet Corps has equipped him to assist us in this field.

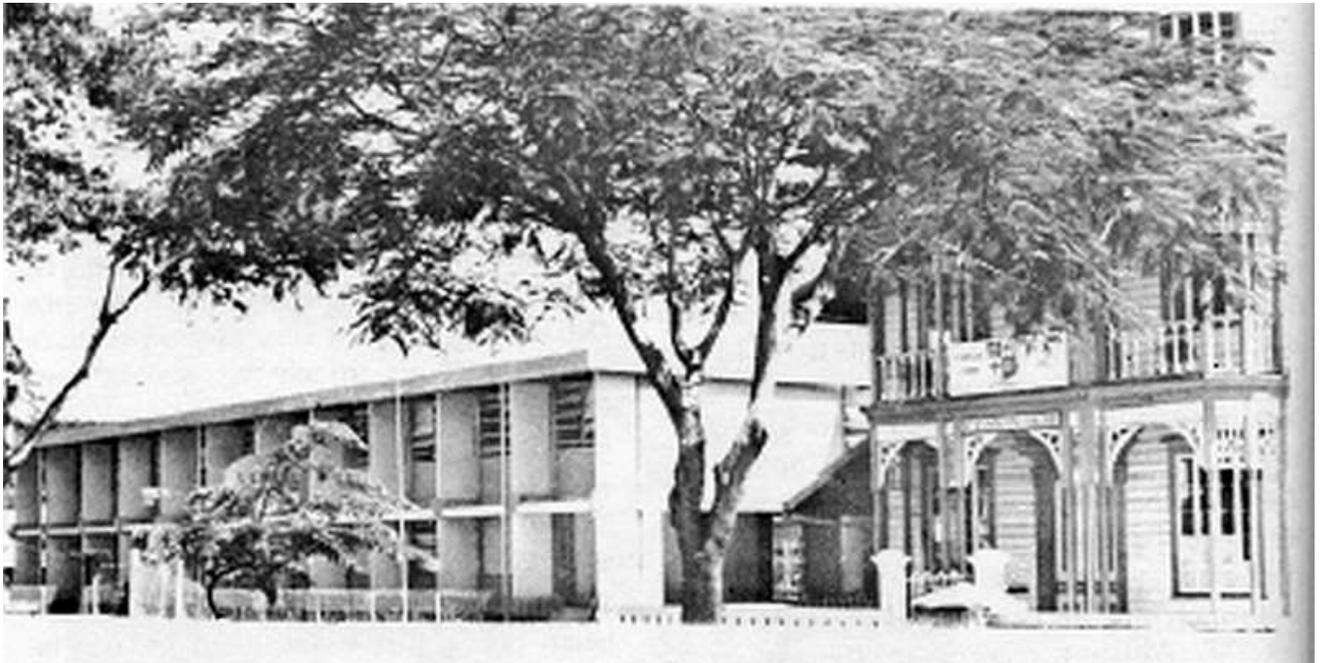
Our efficient and helpful Librarian., Mrs J. deMendonca, has now also taken on teaching responsibilities. Under her watchful eye, the Library and the Bookshop have

become revitalized areas of the school and we are very glad to see her active in yet more areas.

Once more, our best wishes to all who have left. We hope that their future will be a happy one. They carry with them our sincere thanks for their dedicated service and hard work at Saints. We look ahead, confident that the new team that has been formed, will be able to face the challenge of the coming year with determination, vigour and resourcefulness.

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COLLEGE DIARY 1974-75



CHRISTMAS TERM 1974	
Sept. 16 th	School re-opens with the loss of six members of staff, and with ten new members. We now have three streams up to Form 5, including a special Form 5C for boys who wish to repeat, especially in Science. The Farm and Workshop are now ready for use, and the new school hours, the Canteen and tables, and the minibus are in operation.
Sept. 18 th	School Mass in the Cathedral to usher in the new academic year.
Sept. 27 th	Informal Social Evening for parents of new boys.

Oct. 9 th	P.T.A. for Forms 2 and 3 on the College Cadet Corps. It will be restricted initially to volunteers from Forms 3 and 4, and discussion was on problems facing these classes. A very large turn-out. Representatives of the National Service Secretariat explained the aims of the Cadet Corps
Oct. 16 th	Staff meeting with representatives of the National Service Secretariat .on the Cadet Corps,
Oct. 18 th	P.T.A. for Forms 3 and 4 to meet representatives of the N.S. Secretariat.
Oct. 23 rd	Final P.T.A. for parents of students in Forms 3 and 4 to seek clarification about the proposed College Cadet Corps.
Oct. 24 th	United Nations Day: National Holiday
Oct. 26 th	Heats for Sports.
Oct. 31 th	Progress Report I distributed.
Nov. 2 nd	Heats for Sports cancelled because of bad weather.
Nov. 8 th	Sports Day at G.C.C. A great success, with good weather.
Nov. 11 th	Rally at G.C.C. with Saints represented by Forms 3, 4 and 5.
Nov. 12 th	Holiday for Sports Day.
Nov. 13 th	Feast of Saint Stanislaus. Dewali: National Holiday,
Nov. 15 th	Celebration of the feast of St. Stanislaus. College Patron. Mass in the Cathedral with sermon preached by the Jesuit Superior, Fr. Robert Barrow. Holiday afterwards,
Nov. 21 st	P.T.A. for Forms 4, 5 and 6.
Nov. 29 th	Bingo in aid of the College Farm Project. A very successful evening.

Dec. 1 st	College Association v. Present Students Cricket Match. The Association won comfortably, showing they are still a vigorous organization! Good crowd,
Dec. 2 nd	Written Examinations begin.
Dec. 4 th	Official Opening of the College Workshop by Dr. Ptolemy Reid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development. The culmination of herculean efforts by the College Association and their helpers.
Dec. 6 th	Written examinations end. Students allowed home to give the Staff time to mark papers and prepare Reports.
Dec. 13 th	Examination Report I distributed. End of schools.
Dec. 18 th	The sudden death of Gregory Wilson, a Form 5 student. This came as a great shock to his classmates and the entire school, and we offer deep sympathy to his family at their loss. R.I.P,

EASTER TERM 1975	
Jan 7 th	Re-opening of schools
Jan 8 th	Mrs. E, Stephen takes on supply teaching for Mrs. V, Howell who is hospitalized.
Jan 9 th	Requiem Mass in the Cathedral for Gregory Wilson, R.I.P. A very sad occasion for all, This school Mass was also offered to usher in the New Year.
Jan 16 th	P.T.A. on the proposed re-organization of all Sports and games into Clubs. A very good turn-out and a lively discussion.
Feb 2 nd	Cricket Match - Fathers v. Sons, at the Sea Wall ground. The Sons won by a very narrow margin. Many families spent a happy afternoon with us .
Feb 12 th	Ash Wednesday Service at the Sacred Heart Church. A penance Service, at which we were joined by St. John's College.
Feb 13 th	P.T.A. for Forms 3 and 4 on the College Cadet Corps. It began well but ended on a somewhat inconclusive note with parents asking for certain reassurances,

Feb.14th	Elocution Competition final, with some good performances.
Feb.17th	Another P.T.A. on the College Cadet Corps, with the final working-out of conditions for entry. A good meeting. The Cadet Corps can now begin.
Feb.20th	Republic Week Service On the hard surface, with Cde, Desmond Hoyte, Minister of Economic Development, as Guest Speaker. The Prize-Giving ceremony began at 5.30 p.m. and Sister Hazel Campayne, Headmistress of St. Rose's, gave the Feature Address.
Feb.21st	Children's Rally at the National Park, with Form 1 representing Saints. Basketball Match: Staff v, Boys. The boys won. Half-day holiday for the Rally,
Feb 23 rd	(Sunday) Republic Day.
Feb 24 th	National Holiday for Republic Day.
Feb 25 th & 26 th	Prize Day Holidays.
Mar 6 th	Saints wins Mashramani Football Cup - quite a national event. Half-day holiday to celebrate the occasion.
Mar12th	P.T.A. for all parents on Games, National Service and Fund-raising.
May17th	G.C.E. Trials begin.
Mar 19 th to 24 th	GAPE Exhibition at Sophia, at which Saints for the first time made an entry and Won 3rd Prize for the Secondary School section, with a Cup and a cash prize. A very encouraging boost to the Workshop.
Mar 26 th	Cricket Match: Staff v: Form 5C. An enjoyable game, with the Staff emerging as victors on their First Innings performance,
Mar 26 th - 31 st	Long weekend holiday to celebrate Youman Nabi, Phaqwah, Good Friday and Easter Monday.
April 1 st	Classes resume after the long Easter weekend. Half-holiday for Cricket series and to enable Staff to complete Reports.
April 4 th	Distribution of Progress Report II and GCE Trial Report. End of schools.

April 9 th - 12 th	College Play at St. Rose's: 'The Imaginary Invalid' by Moliere, in aid of the College Farm Project. A very enjoyable and entertaining series of performances with the auditorium filled every night. Our tradition in Dramatics is still a very rich one.
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AUGUST TERM 1975	
April 21 st	School re-opens.
May 1 st	Labour Day: National Holiday. Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.
May 2 nd - 3 rd	Education Conference at Queen's College, attended by many members of Staff. No schools on Friday 2nd Mayo
May 8 th	P.T.A. for Forms 4, 5 and 6 on Co-education, etc.
May 15 th	P.T.A. for forms 1, 2 and 3 on Co-education and the problems facing those forms, including GCE options for Form 3 and streaming at the end of Form 2.
May 16 th	Children's Rally at G.C.C. for Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana. Saints were represented by Form 1.
May 26 th - 22 nd	Youth Week exhibition by Saints at Sophia in Agriculture, Social Studies and Technology.
May 26 th	Independence Day. Children's Rally at National Park, with Saints represented by Form 3. Cavalcade of Sports in the afternoon for the rest of the school,
Jun 3 rd	2ND: G.C.E. examinations begin.

Jun 5 th	Progress Report III distributed.
Jun 10 th	Staff Meeting to discuss Co-education in September 1975.
Jul 3 ^d	Presentation of the St. Stanislaus Association 'Footballer of the Year' trophy to Trevor Gibbs. French & Spanish Concert put on in the Forum by Forms 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Jul 4 th	End of Year examinations begin.
Jul 7 th	Caricom Day: National Holiday.
Jul 10 th	Presentation of Caricom Cup to the College - a great distinction. End of exams. End of classes. Boys allowed home while exams are corrected and Reports filled in. In the evening, a very successful Bingo was held in aid of the College Farm Project.
Jul 18 th	Reading of Marks. Reports will be posted or given to parents. not distributed to the students. The Staff celebrated the end of the year with a Conference and a buffet lunch. A sad farewell to those boys and staff who are leaving us,

"Ouvrez vos yeux sur vos vies. Prenez conscience de vos joies. Elles sont plus nombreuses que vous ne pensez"

- Chevignard

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OPENING OF COLLEGE FARM



Cde. Gavin Kennard, Minister of Agriculture, declares the College Farm officially open.

25th September 1975. It is four o'clock on Thursday afternoon and we are waiting for the official opening of the College Farm. Around us in the huge marquee erected between the chicken pens are the green uniforms of the College National Service boys, the grey and blue uniforms of the new College girls, the familiar grey of the boys. Parents, friends, V.I.Ps take their seats. At four-thirty, the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Cde, G. B. Kennard, C.C.H., M.P., arrives and tours the farm, the animal pens, the growing cane. The ceremony begins, broadcast over Radio Demerara.

From Dr. Peter Fernandes, we hear the moving story of the Farm, a story of ideals, vigour, frustration, new hope, of friends in need, of self-sacrifice. Fr. K. Khan, the Headmaster from whose idea the Farm takes its origin, gives us new optimism with his tale of involvement, of the parents and friends of the College who gave up their Sunday mornings to build the chicken-pen. But from the Minister, we hear good news, proud news: that St. Stanislaus College Farm is the best school farm in Guyana, that it will serve as a model for the many which will follow its example, that the Ministry of Agriculture pledges its support and its technicians for the development of the Farm in the months ahead.

Fr. J. McCluskey invites us to bless the Lord in thanksgiving for His goodness; boys from the Third Form carry in the tools and fruits of the Farm, including a live lamb who seems most content to be centre of attraction. And among a rich array of wise

agricultural thoughts read to us, we hear a Chinese proverb: "If you want to be happy for a night, then get drunk; for a week, marry a wife; but for a lifetime, then be a farmer."

The Hymn to St. Stanislaus rings out from the marquee. Yes, that is the new St. Stanislaus College on the Farm. God is good. "Bless Yahweh, my soul. Yahweh my God, how great you are. You make fresh grass grow for cattle and those plants made use of by man, for them to get food from the soil." The Farm is officially open.



First Formers bring in the first crop of rice from the College Farm.

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FARM and WORKSHOP PROJECT: FUTURE TRENDS

COLLEGE FARM

An idea has no national frontiers, for it cannot be fettered or destroyed, and woe betides the man who tries to suppress the power of the human mind. He will eventually destroy himself.

The idea of a School Farm where students can be taught certain basic skills and be given an orientation in life that will enrich their entire personality, came to me one

day in 1973 when I had to come to Sophia to evict squatters. Yes, many might find this amusing, but the entire Farm area of some 16 acres had been pegged out by squatters who put to me one simple statement: if this is your land, and you do not intend to use it, then it belongs to US, and we intend to take it. Along a coastline that is densely populated, such a statement carried a ring of sincerity, and I must admit that I felt some measure of sympathy for their motive, although I could not agree with their actions. At the time, the land consisted of a large expanse of water-logged, marshy, muddy terrain overgrown with grasses and weeds, the prey to marauding cattle and other animals, and the victims of unscrupulous landowners who stole our earth to fill up their backyards. If the College did not seriously intend to use this land which had been acquired some twelve years ago as the proposed site of the new College after the sale of the Brickdam precincts - a sale that never materialised, then it should hand it over to the Nation. Unproductive land is a crime that cries to heaven for vengeance!

The sight of these squatters on the 16 acres College Farm, gave me much food for thought. And it was about this time that the College Association for a long time a great asset to the College in fund-raising with its activities culminating in the Annual Dinner, elected a new President. This was none other than Mr. Rafiq Khan. Rafiq came at just the right time, an answer to our prayers, a man with magic in his fingers as he conjured up committees that worked night and day to bring into existence a host of new structures. Our litany of thanks is a very long one, and we cannot tire you with a long list of names, but it was surely Rafiq Khan whose name will head the list.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The Workshop Committee, headed by Mr. Noel Gonsalves, designed, constructed and equipped the workshop in record time, and we owe a vote of thanks to Mr. Maurice Dumont who designed it, Mr. Leo Yansen who supervised its construction, and the many benefactors who assisted us with materials, cash and moral support. Dr. Ptolemy Reid, our Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Development, declared the Workshop officially opened on December 4, 1974 and this marked the first phase of this Project. The task of teaching Industrial Arts, and of orienting all our students towards a technical perspective, a unity of theory and practice that would pervade every subject and affect their entire personality, such a task has now begun. It will require a dedicated staff, a sympathetic and helpful community and the active support of our parents, if it is to succeed. But it is not an impossible one.

THE FARM COMMITTEE

The Farm Committee, headed by Dr. Peter Fernandes, had a much more difficult task. Out of a 16 acre swamp, it had to erect a modern model school farm. No one, looking at the mud and weeds and murky expanse of water, could have envisaged the sight that now fills our eyes. The Committee met for many months, sometimes weekly, and hammered into shape an impressive dossier that became our blueprint for future development. While the fund-raising Committee, headed by Mr. John Fernandes Jnr.,

set about raising the fantastic sums required, the Farm Committee went ahead with its discussions and eventually secured a meeting with Dr. Ptolemy Reid, at the time Hon, Minister of Agriculture and National Development. The support of Dr. Reid has meant a great deal to the College, not only his physical presence at our Workshop opening and his visits to the College, but the tremendous moral support he has given us. In fact, we must record, with deep appreciation, the assistance at many levels, of the various Government Ministries, and especially the Ministries of Agriculture and Education.



Mr. Sherlock Hudson instructs boys from 1C.

In a dual project that has national significance and is meant to support our FCH programme, we must surely work together in harmony and assist one another, No man is an island, and no school can go ahead by itself; as part of a national system of secondary education, we see our very continuation as a grant-aided College within the context of our young developing nation. But it is our sincere hope that the energies that have been channelled into these projects, will continue to be available as we move ahead and try to be faithful to the ideal and vision that Dr. Ptolemy Reid so admirably referred to as "Education for SERVICE". It is this intention of serving the nation, and being alive and responsive to its needs that has prompted the double thrusts into agricultural and technical education.



Headmaster, Staff and Association Members lend a hand on the Farm.

The work of the Farm Committee is one that seems to have no end. The empoldering, fencing, digging of drains, construction of a caretaker's house, laboratory, chicken pens, and animal pens, as well as the planting of rice, sugar cane and a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, not to mention fish culture, these have been going on and will continue for some time to come. One of the most encouraging aspects of the Farm Project, and one that augurs well for the future, has been the self-help that has been forthcoming. Every Sunday since the first Sunday of May, has brought together at the farm, dozens of parents and students, old boys, friends and supporters who have worked in the blazing sun or drenching rain so as to construct chicken pen No. 2. and the animal pen. This represents not only a saving of cash, but the involvement of the Guyanese community in a project with which they are proud to be associated. Involvement breeds further involvement, and we hope and pray that this self-help will continue for many years to come, and so transform the entire face of our Nation. For we sincerely believe that our Co-operative Republic, based on the principle of working and sharing and building together - one people, one nation, one destiny - will eventually confound its critics who seem to preach nothing but failure and discontent.

FUTURE TRENDS

At this point, we need to pause and ponder. Is St. Stanislaus College becoming an Agricultural College or a Technical College? Where is it heading? So many new dimensions have been opened out in the past three years and so many opportunities offered to our students, that there is a real danger of our becoming bogged down with the rapidity of change and left hopelessly confined.

We have introduced agricultural and technical education, changed the school hours and erected a canteen, introduced a flourishing National Service Cadet Corps, extended the school day by an extra period every day, and are now bringing in co-education at the level of Forms I, V and VI. We have had a co-educational Form VI for some time now, but the admittance of girls into Forms I and V is a further development. I can hear the groans of some of our old boys, as they look at what has become of their Alma Mater, for so long a male bastion! Further changes are bound to follow, as we try to assimilate what has taken place and to anticipate the needs of our society. Amid all this flurry of activity, we again ask the question: what is the goal of such an institution as Saints? What are our ideals, and how do these thrusts and developments fit into our objectives?

In our Prospectus, we state quite emphatically that we are a Christian institution that aims at imparting both intellectual and technical skills and at forming citizens of Guyana who are imbued with a reverence for God, a love for their religion and a spirit of service to their country; we offer an education that stresses academic excellence and respect for manual labour, and is based on a philosophy of co-operation, a spirit of sharing and working together for the good of all. These ideals have not changed, rather they are fast becoming a reality as we feel impelled by an inner dynamism to move ahead in pursuit of these objectives.

The College Motto is "Aeterna, non caduca", i.e, eternal, not perishable, and this is again a reminder to us that while our feet are firmly planted on mother earth, we are ourselves committed to the building up of a society where peace and justice can prevail, and where there can flourish spiritual values, respect for the religious traditions of all, inculcation of the ideal of SERVICE and love of God and our neighbours.

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