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Motto

~~AETERNA NON CADUCA~~ - *'Not for this life only, but for eternity'*

Hymn to St. Stanislaus

Saint of our youth! Thy heart to gain,
Earth spread her glittering toys in vain,
Thy spirit turned from fading things,
To seek and serve the King of Kings.

Chorus:

**Guide from thy throne of light above,
Our steps in faith and hope and love,
That we may tread where thou hast trod,
Bravely the narrow way of God**

No dull delays thy fervour knew,
But fast the busy moments flew,
And in thy dawn of light appears,
The wisdom of declining years

Chorus:

**Guide from thy throne of light above,
Our steps in faith and hope and love,
That we may tread where thou hast trod,
Bravely the narrow way of God**

Made perfect thus in little space,
God called thee to his long embrace,
Before the mists of earth could throw,
A shadow on thy robe of snow.

Chorus:

**Guide from thy throne of light above,
Our steps in faith and hope and love,
That we may tread where thou hast trod,
Bravely the narrow way of God**

Fr. Clement Barraud S.J.

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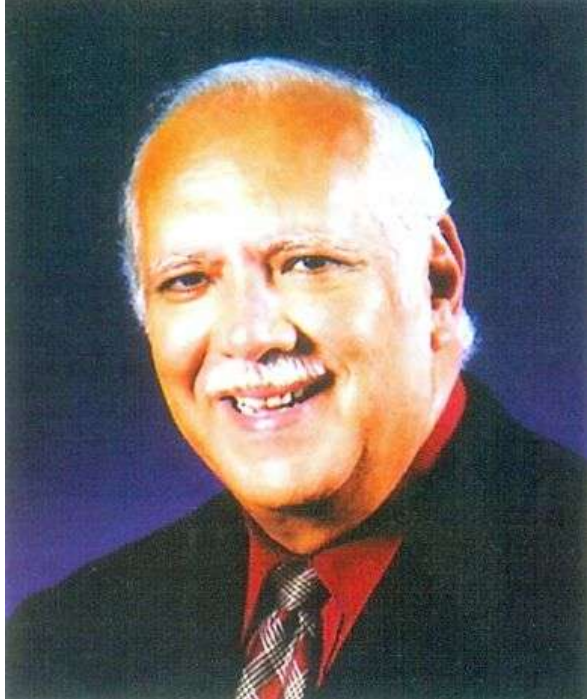
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Welcome



I consider it an honour to have been invited to serve as the first Chairman of the Board of Governors of St. Stanislaus College. In 1943 my father, John Fernandes Snr. was elected the first President of the St. Stanislaus Association and it is as a tribute to him that sixty years later I have taken up this daunting challenge.

When the members of the Board of Governors took office eighteen months ago we were unaware of the magnitude of the task to return the College to the level of excellence it has enjoyed under Jesuit management. For those of us who

have enjoyed the lifelong benefits of a St. Stanislaus education it is our opportunity not only to give back to the College but to also ensure that the present generation of students are afforded the same high quality education.

If I have one dream today it is to have the Jesuits renew their involvement in the College. This would improve both the academic and moral standard of education provided and restore many of the important school traditions that are so necessary to produce well rounded individuals.

Our job as members of the Board can be much easier since there are thousands of past students upon whom we should be able to rely as resource persons. On behalf of the St. Stanislaus Board of Governors I would like to thank those of you who support us and appeal to the others for their needed assistance to ensure the success of our task.

I am particularly pleased with the initiative taken by the Alumni in producing this magazine to mark the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the College and congratulate them on the achievement. I also take this opportunity to thank the College Association for their support of the College through the years and wish them every success for the future.

Chris Fernandes
Chairman,
Board of Governors,
St. Stanislaus College



Messages



I am indeed happy to be part of this prestigious institution for some three years now. Some of the events that were highlights of yesteryear we have re-implemented like elocution, and speech-night. We have resuscitated sport like hockey and badminton, returning such to the school's curriculum.

Every student is allowed to do computer studies; at examination they do both Information Technology and Computer Science.

We are turning out rounded students (so they can fit into society, into workspace) when they leave because we focus also on extra-curriculum activities

However, in these challenging times, it is very difficult to manage effectively because today we don't focus on the 3R's alone; the school's programme has expanded, there are a variety of subjects on the school's curriculum. Our problem is the shortage of science teachers to manage each programme of the natural sciences. The exodus of teachers from this school where we want to focus on the sciences is quite a challenge.

We now have a functioning PTA body again which has done good work and I am satisfied that parents are working to make a better environment for all.

I must compliment the newly constituted school board for all the help it has given us; it has helped to solved many problems in the school.

The local Saints Association is constantly on hand to help recently donating new furniture - the 'old' Saints type. I feel that this type of care and education that we at Saints offer will stand our students in good stead when they go our there in the wider society; they will be positive role models and they will make a difference to society.

Finally, we must always remember what our motto says:

'Not for this life, but for eternity'

and I know we are preparing our students for that purpose.

Esther Mc Garrell
Principal,
St. Stanislaus
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As past student of Saints and current president of the S.S.C.A, I've experienced the growth of this institution from different angles.

As a student, I was engulfed with the changes but on many occasions I perceived room for improvement and wished to be in a position to do something.

Now as president of SSCA, I understand that each and every concern could not be addressed simultaneously. There are moments when a goal is dependent on the implementation of smaller objectives. And it is only by seeing the whole picture – the ultimate mission of the school - that we all can appreciate the wait, the struggle and the victory.



There are many way to share the whole picture with other stakeholders. One of those ways, and the most important to date, was the college magazine. This yearbook did what a yearbook ought to do - update the school, the custodians, and the shareholders of the essential and the essence of the institution. The magazine was also a tool of inspiration. That magazine will return in all its glory and usefulness. This I promise you.

In the meanwhile, this edition of the 140th anniversary souvenir magazine will act as a transition and a fillip to get the yearbook going again. This anniversary acts as a necessary tool to look back and access the development of the college and it also acts a stimulus to the college to reach for the sky. It cannot be hidden, we have produced stars and superstars, still burning bright, adding luster to the college and the community and the world. And we will continue to produce high achievers by the cumulative efforts of the teachers and other administrators.

The SSCA formed in 1942 will continue to act as a conduit for the other extremely helpful alumni bodies namely the Barbados, the Toronto, the New York and the Antigua & Barbuda chapters.

Based on what the association has done so far and without regurgitating its achievements, I envisage a brighter future for all!

**John Lewis
President,
St. Stanislaus College
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Editorial



And Saints go marching on ... erecting landmarks after proud landmarks, lifting the benchmark each time, winning trophies and accolades, braving and overcoming challenges with experience gained by age, adopting to changes, rolling with the punches and getting better all the time.

A movement which started some 140 years ago with just two youths and one instructor has become an exemplary institution on the landscape of Guyanese education, serving with distinction the community, the country, the region and the world at large. Such an institution has produced distinguished men and women in every endeavour of life located in every corner of the globe.

All the while, St. Stanislaus Kostka, the patron saint of youth, kept watch and was a continuous source of inspiration; standing at the entrance of the college guarding against every ill wind.

The history of the college is also rich in flesh and blood efforts to make the institution a factory producing rounded men and women for service to mankind. The college bears a creditable heritage in sport especially cricket, hockey, 'labass', women cricket. The college bears a creditable heritage in scouting and a farm that is unique in operating an Integrated Fish and Duck Pond, a Dairy Products Unit, a Sheep Rearing Unit, a Hydroponics Unit and a Humus Production Unit.

Much of that history is captured, stroke by stroke, in the college magazine which was founded in 1943 and now some of those proud moments are highlighted in this special souvenir issue by reproductions of articles from previous issues. I would like to acknowledge the loan of those precious issues of the Saints Magazine courtesy of Fr. M. Rodrigues and Fr. C. Meerabux, and at this juncture, say thanks to the many who contributed to the production of this special edition.

Among a list (too lengthy to tabulate here) of Jesuit instructors, all of whom made sterling contributions to the fame and fortune of the college, the name of Fr. Darke will continue to be a guiding light.

Apart from the contribution of individuals to the success of the college, there are the collective and concerted efforts of college associations namely the local body,

the Barbados chapter, the Toronto chapter, the New York chapter and the Antigua & Barbuda chapter.

And there are more good things in store for the college and the world with the establishment of a Board of Governors.

As Saints go marching on:

“Aeterna Non caduca” - 'Not for this life only but for Eternity’.

Editorial
Petamber Persaud
May 2007



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The Saints **Magazine** **Tradition**

The birth of the Saints Magazine came a year after the St. Stanislaus College Association was founded, in 1943. It started out as a comprehensive news letter about the College, in magazine form and was published by the Association.

The Magazine eventually became an annual publication consisting of two sections. News about current events at the college, provided by the students and teachers, made up one section while the other consisted of articles contributed by the past students. There was usually an in-house photographer in the person of a Jesuit priest who was teaching at the time, like Father Maxwell or Father Darke.



These busy men would still find time to record anything of note that happened at the school and the photographic supplements were always the most popular part of the Magazine

The St. Stanislaus College Magazine was part of a rich school tradition. It afforded an opportunity for budding writers to submit poems or short articles for publication. If your piece was accepted it was a proud achievement that would be captured forever in that year's issue of the Magazine. News of past students was another popular feature of the magazine and for more years than I can remember, Mr. Stanley Seymour did an incredible job unearthing news of "Old Boys". This article would highlight the success of past students in the varying fields of Academics, Sport or even Marriage. It kept us up to date with Saints students all over the world.

This task must have taken considerable dedication and effort, as for instance the 1974 issue of the magazine reported on no less than 95 past students scattered across many countries.

As a result of it being an annual publication, the task of compiling the Saints Magazine in the past was much simpler than it is today. There was such an abundance of articles submitted that there was fierce competition for selection and this inevitably resulted in a publication of high standard. The Magazine is an historical record of some the happiest days our lives. Help us to resuscitate this important tradition.

By: Bobby Fernandes

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Life of St. Stanislaus Kostka S.J. 1550-1568

Stanislaus Kostka was born on October 28th . 1550 in Rostkovo, Poland. His father, John Kostka, was a Senator of the Kingdom of Poland, and his mother, Margaret, was the aunt of a Chancellor of Poland. Stanislaus was the second of seven children. He and his siblings were first taught at home under the care of a tutor.

In July, 1564, when Stanislaus was fourteen, he and his older brother, Paul, were sent to Vienna to attend the Jesuit College there. They were accompanied by their tutor, Bilinski, and three servants. Among the students at the college, Stanislaus was conspicuous not only for his amiability and cheerfulness, but for his religious piety.

It was at the college that he first formed the idea that he wanted to be a Jesuit. He remained at the college for three years until it was shut down. The Emperor had died, and his successor was Lutheran, so the college was forced to close. Stanislaus and his brother, along with their tutor went to live in a fashionable house in Vienna; the boys continuing their studies privately.

Stanislaus and his brother were of conflicting personalities. Paul was a man of the world, with plenty of money, and wanted to enjoy all the amusements Vienna had to offer, while Stanislaus was very religious, with a strong sense of right and wrong. This led to a battle of wills between them.

Paul constantly bullied his brother and ridiculed his piety. Stanislaus put up with the ridicule and violence, but stood by his principles. He considered Paul's way of life wrong and refused to join him.

Eventually, Stanislaus fell ill, so ill that his tutor thought he was going to die, causing Stanislaus to ask for a priest to administer the last sacraments. But by a strange twist of fate, the landlord, who was Lutheran, would not allow a priest into the house.



. One night, Stanislaus had a vision of the Virgin Mary, who spoke to him and told to become a Jesuit. In the morning, Stanislaus was found to be well. For many months Stanislaus hesitated, deliberating how to approach the matter with his family. If he mentioned it to his brother, it would bring on more jeering and bullying. In addition, because his father was a nobleman, he regarded it as a disgrace for his son to become a priest and a Jesuit.

But after his recovery he hesitated no longer and applied to the Provincial of the Jesuits asking to be admitted to the Society of Jesus. The Provincial, knowing that trouble from Stanislaus father would follow, refused to admit him unless he obtained permission from his father. However, Stanislaus was advised by a priest that the only way he could realise his ambition was to apply to Fr. Peter Canisius, the Provincial of Upper Germany, who was at Augsburg, and therefore not so close to Prince John.

On the morning of the day he left, he told his servant to notify his brother and tutor that he would not be back for dinner. He then began his journey, taking the first opportunity to exchange his gentleman's clothes for those of a beggar. When evening came and Stanislaus had not returned, his brother and tutor formed a search party and started to follow him, but were not able to catch up with him. Stanislaus walked the 300 miles from Vienna to Augsburg, where he pleaded with the provincial, Peter Canisius to allow him to enter the Society. After hearing his story, Peter Canisius agreed to accept Stanislaus into the Society. However, Stanislaus felt that he was still too close to Poland, and that his father would demand that he return home. He therefore asked to be sent to Rome, and, after a journey of a thousand miles, he arrived in Rome in October, 1567.

He was then admitted by the general of the order, Francis Borgia to the Jesuit novitiate (a period of training in religious life and prayer). According to the testimony of the master of novices, Stanislaus was a model of religious perfection. In spite of his delicate constitution, he did not spare himself the slightest penance. After ten months in the novitiate, Stanislaus became ill on August 10th 1568. At three o'clock in the morning of August 15th, he said that the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints were around him, and he quietly and happily died, a few months short of his eighteenth birthday.

Stanislaus was beatified in 1605, and canonized on December 31st 1726. St. Stanislaus is a patron saint of youth, and many religious institutions have chosen him as their patron saint. His feast day is celebrated on November 13.



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List of Principals

Name	Dates
Fr. Theobald Langton:	May 1866 to August 1866
Fr. S. Bond:	August 1866 to October 1866
Fr. C. K. Wilson:	October 1866 to September 1869
Mr. C.B. King:	September 1869 to 1872
Fr. E. Whyte:	1872 - 1873
Fr. Foxwell:	1873 - 1874
Fr. Hartnell:	1874 - 1878
Fr. Barraud:	1880 - 1900
Fr. Pollen:	1900 - 1911
Fr. Besant:	1911 - 1917
Fr. Miller	
Fr. Whiteside:	between 1918 & 1925
Fr. McCowan	
Fr. Weld:	1925 - 1932
Fr. Marrion:	1932 - 1941
Fr. Smith:	1941 - 1949
Fr. Brian Scannell:	1949 - 1958
Fr. John Hopkinson:	1958 - 1972
Fr. Kenneth Khan:	1972 - 1980
Saints became Co-Ed in 1975 and became a Govt School in 1976	
Mr. Clarence Trotz:	1980 - 1982
Mr. Dinband Khusial:	1982 - 1984
Mrs.Hazel Sargeant:	1984 - 1988
Mr. S.K.Singh:	1988 - 1990
Mr.B.Tihal:	1990 - 1992
Mrs. Zahora Singh:	1992 - 1996
Mr.Murdwaj Singh:	1996 - 1999
Mr. James Fanfair:	1999 - 2004
Ms Esther Mc Garrell	2004 - Present

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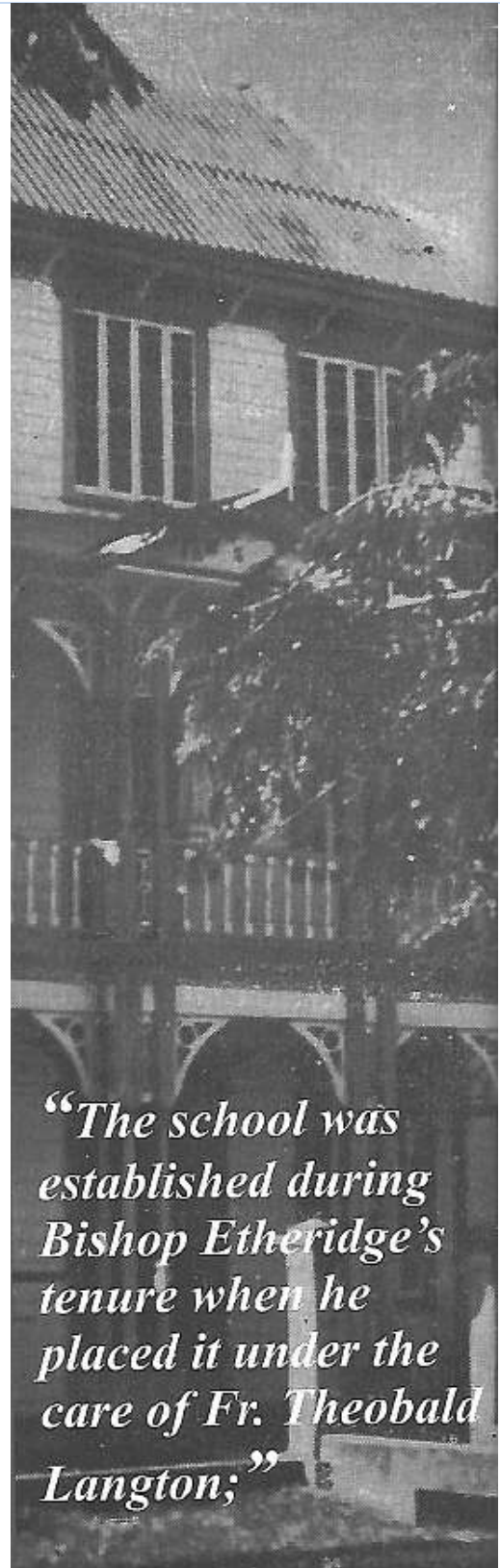
By Naomi Collins

St. Stanislaus College began as a Roman Catholic school run by the Jesuits. In fact, it was a Catholic school for one hundred and ten years, until it was taken over by the Government.

On May 1st 1866, the Catholic Grammar School was opened. It was situated in the presbytery next to the Church of the Resurrection, which was on the site of the present Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Brickdam. The school was established during Bishop Etheridge's tenure when he placed it under the care of Fr. Theobald Langton. It opened with just two boys, Marshall and Pairadeau. Fr. Langton died of Yellow Fever during the August Holidays. When the school was re-opened it was under the charge of Fr. S. Bond, with seven students, all male. Fr. C.K. Wilson took over the school in October 1866. Later the school was transferred to Sacred Heart compound on Main Street.

In January 1868, Mr. C. B. King went to the school as an assistant, and in September 1869, he took over the institution when Fr. Wilson was transferred to Victoria Parish. It was under the charge of Mr King the school moved to Waterloo Street. In 1871, the school returned to the Cathedral Presbytery. In 1872, the Vicar-General Fr. E. Whyte was in charge.

In 1873, Fr. Foxwell became Headmaster. In September 1874, Fr. Hartnell took over, and he introduced boarders to the school. This was to cater for Venezuelan boys who came to Demerara to be educated. The frequent change of Headmasters and



“The school was established during Bishop Etheridge’s tenure when he placed it under the care of Fr. Theobald Langton;”

change in locations of the school show that it was undergoing problems, and by 1878, the school was closed temporarily. Several years elapsed before Fr. Charles Wilson was selected to re-open the school in early part of 1880.

In October 1880, Fr. Barraud became Headmaster. At that time there were fifteen boys at the school, as well as an assistant master. Fr. Barraud remained as Headmaster for twenty years. The numbers of boys increased to 27, and reached 72. Fr. Barraud writes: "In those early years Mrs. Deguara wife of the assistant master, was employed to teach the small boys, while Fr. Rigby and after him Fr. Barber took the Mathematics. Somewhere about 1890 Fr. O'Donnell joined me as second master, taking charge also of the mathematical work. Meantime the Deguaras had gone to the States, and first Miss Waddell and Miss Maria de Silva, and then Miss Waddell and Mrs. Child had charge of the small fry, Mrs. Child remaining on along with Brother Reynolds, who had come from British Honduras. The school never paid its way, the income being insufficient, and so had a claim on the Government grant.

For seventeen or eighteen years our premises were on the ground floor of the Presbytery. Although so dark on a rainy day that the boys could not use their slates, they (sic) were not on the whole bad quarters. There were three classrooms, and later the Guild room was utilized. Some two or three years later before the end of my time a new school was built beyond the Cathedral chiefly with money begged for that purpose".

Around 1897, the school moved from the Presbytery to a newly built premises (located at the site of the present St. Mary's School), although the preparatory classes remained in the building near the Presbytery, and the school used the old playground until 1901. The temporary chapel alongside the Cathedral was used as the elementary school until the destruction of the Cathedral by fire . 1913.

In 1894 the Catholics of British Guiana sent a petition to the Governor, Sir Charles Cameron Lees, requesting financial help to erect a suitable building in Brickdam. The appeal failed but the school was still able to move to the present Brickdam site in 1907.

In 1907, the Catholic Grammar School became St. Stanislaus College, named for St. Stanislaus Kostka, a patron saint of youth. The buildings that stood on the eastern end of the present Brickdam site were converted to class rooms. The statue of St. Stanislaus (which had been presented to the school by the boys as a testimonial to Fr. Barraud's contribution to the institution) was moved from the Camp Street building and placed before the entrance to the new building.

Fr. Pollen was in charge of the school until 1911. Fr. Beauclerk, the Mission Superior, was in charge of the Junior School. The number of boys at the college was now about 100, and this figure remained the same until 1924. In 1911, Fr. Besant took over from Fr. Pollen, and remained until 1917.



The uniform at that time included a straw hat with a yellow hatband, and the initials S.S.C. were monogrammed in gold on a shield on the blazer pocket.

The College Scout troop was started during the time of Fr. Besant by Fr. Robinson, and the boys were very prominent in trying to control the disastrous fire which, in 1913, destroyed the Cathedral.

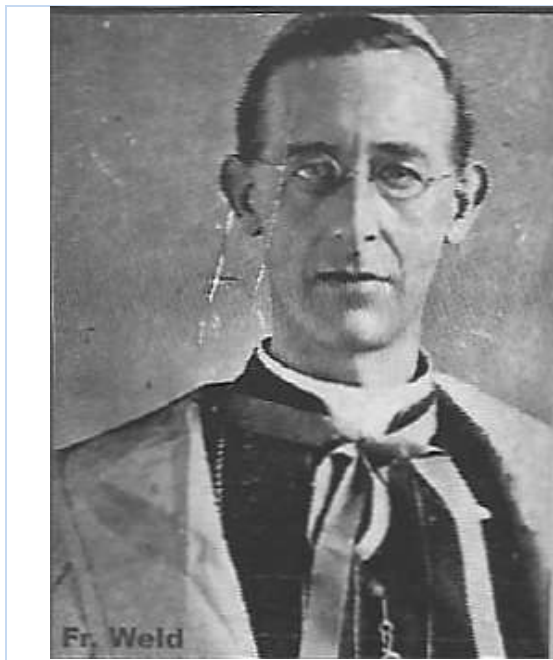
Between 1918 and 1925, there were three changes of Headmaster, Fr. Miller, Fr. Whiteside and Fr. McCowan. Fr. Weld was Headmaster from 1925 to 1932 it was in his time that the main wing of the present building was built. He was eager for the teaching of Science to begin at the college, and was instrumental in obtaining Fr. Adamson, a science graduate to do so.

The opening of the main wing (now called the Weld Wing in honour of Fr. Weld) took place in 1928. It was a very handsome building with open galleries. However, it was discovered that driving rain flooded the corridors, so blinkers were added to protect them.

The College made great strides and the academic standards improved steadily. Fr. Marrion, the next Head, developed the work started by Fr. Weld who was consecrated Bishop. The Marrion Forum is named in his honour. The science laboratories were improved, and a new playing field was obtained.

A house system was started to encourage competition in sports. The houses were called Etheridge, Butler & Galton after Bishops Etheridge, Anthony Butler, and Theodore Galton respectively. Later, in the 1980's, a fourth house was added, called

Weld after Bishop George Weld. The house colours are: Etheridge - red, Butler- blue, Galton -green, and Weld - yellow.



Fr. Smith succeeded Fr. Marrion in 1941. Fr. Brian Scannell became Headmaster in 1949. It was during his term of office that a new wing was built with six classrooms and two laboratories. This wing (now called the Scannell Wing) is an extension to the Weld Wing, and runs parallel to Hadfield Street. It was opened in the Christmas term of 1952.

Fr. Scannell retired because of ill health in 1958 and was succeeded by Fr. John Hopkinson, who introduced the grey uniform, and, among many other things formulated the plans for another wing. This wing, called the Hopkinson Wing in his honour, was completed in 1972.

The College marked its 100th anniversary in May 1966 with a week of celebrations. In 1972, Fr. Kenneth Khan became Headmaster. The Workshop was built in December 1974, and the College Farm opened in September 1975. The college became co-educational in 1975, with an enrolment of 36 girls, 12 in each first forms. In 1976, after being a Catholic institution for 110 years, the college became a government school.



In 1980, with the removal of Fr. Kenneth Khan as headmaster by the Ministry of Education, the Jesuit connection ended, and the Jesuits on the staff were assigned elsewhere. The last Jesuit on the Staff was Fr. Fred Rigby.

From 1980 to the present time, all headmasters have been appointed by the Ministry of Education. Mr. Clarence Trotz became the first non-Jesuit headmaster of the College since 1872. He served from 1980 to 1982, with Mr. Dinband Khusial serving from 1982 to 1984. Mrs. Hazel Sargeant, the first female head teacher, served from 1984 to 1988, Mr. S. K. Singh served from 1988 to 1990, and Mr. B. Tiha1 from 1990 to 1992.

In 1991, the 125th anniversary was observed. The commemoration included a mass held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, at which the chief celebrant was former headmaster Fr. J. Hopkinson. Mrs. Zohora Singh was headmistress from 1992 to 1996, Mr. Murdwaj Singh from 1996 to 1999, Mr. James E. Fanfair from 1999 to 2004 and Ms McGarrell from 2004 to the present time (2007).

The college is now run by a Board, Governors which was instituted 2005.

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Tie The Old Saints

By Bunty Phillips

The year was 1953. The British Government had just suspended the Constitution of British Guiana, the most advanced constitution it had yet awarded to any of its existing colonies.

In the ensuing mayhem, elements of the British Army and Navy were dispatched to keep order, and the current Governor, Sir Charles Woolley, had been replaced by a strong disciplinarian, Sir Alfred Savage, who was transferred from Barbados to try to live up (literally) to his name.



Bunty Phillips (at Saints: 1950- 1958)

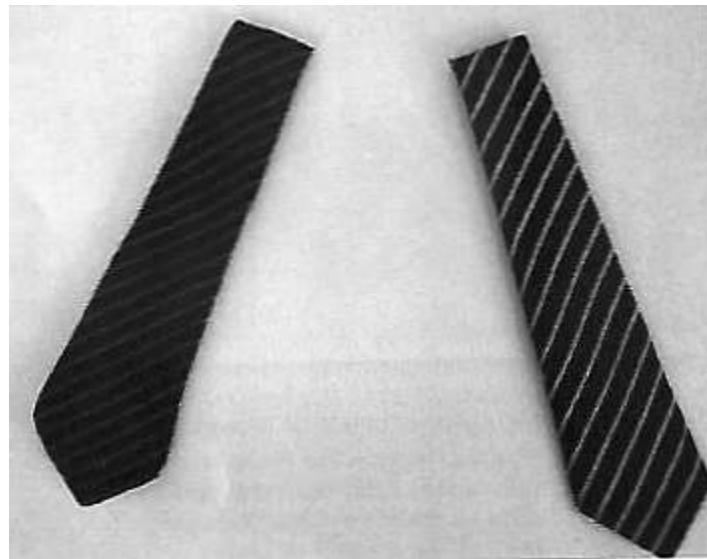
I was in Lower 4A at the time, but political upheavals were the least of my worries on my being summoned to the Headmaster's office during normal class hours in the last term of the school year (Canadian summer-time). Fr. Brian Scannell did not have a reputation of one to be feared but, after all, he was the Headmaster with whom I did not have much daily contact in the classroom so what did I do so grossly wrong that he had to get involved, and how severe would my punishment be for the yet unknown transgression?

I entered his office with great trepidation and fast-beating heart to find a welcoming and friendly smile on the face of my would-be judge. My fears quickly vanished as he set me at ease with the information that he would like me to undertake a task for him. It seems that the new Governor was trying to make a good impression on the Guianese and demonstrate that he was not completely as ruthless as he was made out to be in the local press, by holding a Government House reception for school children in honour of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Saints was invited to send a delegation of about a dozen students, and Fr. Scannell wanted me to be the leader of the group. While I was one of the academically "bright" boys in my class, up to this time I do not believe that I had demonstrated any particular qualities of leadership for him to select me for this position. I suspect that his choice was based on the fact that attendance at the reception had an age restriction

which I met, being the youngest boy in my class. All the other selected students of my age group were in lower Forms and, therefore, I had seniority of rank!

Fr. Scannell went on to advise about the dress-code for the occasion. Until then, the only Saints dress-code I knew was the daily uniform of khaki open-neck shirt and khaki pants complemented, if desired, by the choice of a school cap or a pith helmet ("bug-house") decorated with a small white-striped blue flash. In an unspoken way, I had often cast envious glances at the Queens College students who looked quite smart in their uniforms of dark or khaki pants and a white shirt with a tie (albeit of a ghastly mix of yellow and black!), However, for this momentous formal occasion, we were to wear grey pants, a white shirt, and A SCHOOL TIE! Fr Scannell showed me the tie (a "Tootal" brand made in England) which was navy blue with a white diagonal pin-stripe across it (see "The Prototype" in the accompanying photo).



In the English style, the stripes ran from the top left to the bottom right as opposed to the North American standard of top right to the bottom left. I cannot remember whether the tie was given to us or if we had to buy it, but I was now in possession of the first (to my knowledge) official Saints school tie.

On the day of the event, the Saints group (and delegations from many other schools) met at Sacred Heart ("Main Street") R.C. school where we parked our bicycles and from where we walked over to the Government House grounds where we were admitted on showing our printed invitation. We were not sure what to do next, so we just wandered around the previously forbidden territory until an official started to circulate, telling us to go upstairs in the main Government House building for the reception. There still seemed to be no urgency by any group to go inside (remember, we were all about thirteen years old or less, and very few in attendance would have had any experience with this type of occasion) so, driven by thoughts of gooey cake, cold drinks, and ice cream, I led our group as the first ones up a wide wooden staircase with low risers (it

was more comfortable to take the steps two at a time) and into a large reception room at the top of the stairs.

At the entrance to the reception room, we were greeted with a handshake by Sir Alfred and his wife, we introduced ourselves by school and individually, and were invited to enter and partake of the "goodies" laid out for us. My memory of events after that is very vague. I remember the room being very large and quite devoid of carpets or any furniture except for the tables with the food and drink (and the staff serving behind the tables). I guess that the government officials did not trust young school children to have much respect for furnishings which are used in diplomatic settings! Eventually, after everyone was in the (now crowded) room, Sir Alfred made a short speech though I cannot remember what he actually said (the refreshments were far more important than any verbal pleasantries). This was a late afternoon reception (about 4:00 or 5:00), and I remember it being already dark by the time I made my way back to Main Street school to pick up my bicycle and wend my way back home, stomach stuffed with delights.

It seems that word got back to Fr. Scannell (he told us so) that the Saints group had made a good impression on the Governor with, among other things, our "formal" attire (maybe because we were the first, and therefore memorable, group who dared to enter the "lion's den"). The die had been cast! Beginning in September for the starting term of the next academic year (1953-1954), we were required to wear the new school tie as part of our normal daily attire. However, the design of the tie was changed slightly (for some unknown reason) over the summer vacation, and the final tie (again a "Tootal" brand) incorporated a broader white stripe rather than a pin-stripe.

After a brief grace period to allow for the acquisition of a tie, any student coming to school without wearing one would "earn" a detention period after school hours. Too frequent an occurrence of this sort would result in an enforced visit to Fr. Scannell's office and/or a letter to or a call on the student's parents! Even the die-hard student rebels (including Stephen D. in my Form) eventually gave in and accepted the new order of things. The English institution of the "old school tie" was born and was there to stay at Saints!

I invite anyone who was part of the delegation to the Government House reception (and, again, I cannot remember who they were as they all were in lower Forms) to write in with their recollections of the occasion.

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Saints Farm **A Landmark** *In The Agriculture Industry*



The St. Stanislaus College Farm, located at 69 North Sophis, Greater Georgetown, Guyana, was established in the early 1970's to provide practical training for Agriculture Science Students of the St. Stanislaus College.

The Farm was the brainchild of the then headmaster, Father Kenneth Khan and it was conceptualized in response to the call of the Government of Guyana to have Agriculture introduced into the curriculum of Secondary schools.

The Farm was set up with the help of members of the St. Stanislaus College Association and with many hours of self help work by former and then current students and parents who toiled diligently to establish what was a living laboratory to be used by the students of the College.

It was officially opened by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gavin Kennard on September 25th, 1975.

The economic base of the Farm was built around a poultry unit which provided revenue from the sale of eggs and broilers; thereby helping to make the farm a financially sustainable entity.

By the end of the 1970s, the future of the Farm was in doubt. Father Khan had been transferred and there was no foreign currency available for the purchase of hatching eggs and feed ingredients. As a result the Farm was unable to access baby chicks and revenue had eroded to the extent that the entity became unsustainable.

St. Stanislaus Model

The Chairman of the Farm Committee Dr. Deep Ford, engaged the assistance of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the services of Dr. Hector Munoz, who was at the time a Livestock Specialist attached to IICA. A business plan was soon prepared to convert the Farm into a Dairy Farm using appropriate technology. Dr. Munoz supervised the establishment of pastures with a rotational grazing management system. He also used a solar unit to power the electric fences and installed a portable milking machine. With the financial assistance of Guyana Stores Ltd. a few cows were added to the two already at the farm and that signalled the beginning of the dairy model commonly referred to as the "St. Stanislaus Model" or the "Munoz" model.

This improved package of technologies, commonly referred to as the "St. Stanislaus Model", has been used to train / expose farmers as well as students from secondary schools, universities and agricultural training institutions. The model has also been exposed to farmers, technicians and students from the Caribbean.

Training

The development referred to above brought about the need for a training facility and the St. Stanislaus Training Centre was established in 1993 with the financial assistance of Futures Fund and the Agricultural Institute of Canada. The German and Netherlands Micro Project funding was also utilized for the acquisition of training equipment and materials.

Persons trained/exposed over the years include farmers, students from primary and secondary schools as well as students from the Guyana School of Agriculture, the Regional Programme for Animal Health Assistants and the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Guyana.

The St. Stanislaus Training Centre (S.S.T.C.) is in the process of acquiring its own multimedia projector and computer to better facilitate training. In addition, a new set of training modules are in the process of being prepared. Presently training is being offered in areas of Dairy Management such as clean milk production, milking procedures and sanitation, servicing of milk machines, animal health including mastitis control, animal nutrition, feeds and feeding, herd management, pasture management and record keeping; and of Poultry Production such as brooding of baby chicks, feeding regimes, general management of broilers, and poultry house design.

St Stanislaus College Farm Complex

Apart from the dairy and poultry production enterprises, the Complex now comprises: a sheep enterprise, an integrated fish and duck enterprise, a humus production unit, a compost production unit, hydroponics / organic vegetable production

unit, a biogas unit and a dairy products unit. The dairy enterprise produces an average of 45 gals. of milk per day while the farm now produces 13,000 chickens per batch for Bounty Farm Ltd. under contract on an all-in / all-out basis.

Hydroponics

The cultivation of plants without soil is a technique of crop production which is most suitable for home-owners with limited resources, including finances, land space, water, time, materials and equipment, The newest unit of the Complex is the Hydroponics Unit. This Unit was constructed in April of 2005 with financing from the S.S.C.F. and I.I.C.A.

The Unit is designed to train/expose farmers, housewives and students to the home based Hydroponics Vegetable Production System. The Complex is offering a new course in *Hydroponics Vegetable Production*. Each participant is required to register and pay a course fee and then gets a home based Hydroponics Vegetable Production Manual, 1.25 litres of liquid fertilizer and seedlings. In addition participants view a DVD on steps/procedures in Hydroponics Cultivation and are engaged in practical (hands-on) activities. An experienced instructor provides the required guidance throughout the duration of the course.



Flood Relief Donation by I.I.C.A and SSCA to Saints Farm in 2005

Agro-Tourism

The complex also offers a unique opportunity to Guyanese and visitors to tour a diversified, multi-enterprise farm and observe several day to day activities such as cows being milked, cattle grazing and compost and silage making.

A guided tour of the farm which is backed up with the viewing of a DVD has been well received by all visitors. In addition, visitors could participate in fishing for tilapia on an organized Fishing Day and this could be done while sipping freshly made liquid yogurt or flavoured milk.

Achievements

The Complex is responsible for providing formal and informal training opportunities to over 10,000 farmers, students and others. It has hosted more demonstrations on haymaking, silage making, rotational grazing, organic fertilizer production, machine milking of animals, milk cooling and the manufacture of milk products than any other location in Guyana. It is the only location in Guyana where one can witness humus production, compost production and hydroponics all on the same complex.

The achievements of St. Stanislaus College Farm is unrivalled in the annals of Guyana's agricultural history.







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The St. Stanislaus

By: Raj Singh & Suresh Singh

College Association



Some members of the St. Stanislaus College Association

The ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION (SSCA) was formed in 1942 with the principal aim of supporting the St. Stanislaus College, alma mater of the Association's members. The support of the College was, and continues to be, the *raison d'être* of the SSCA.

Supporting the College has involved giving financial assistance for the repair and maintenance of the College's physical plant, operation of the School Farm, the provision of non-teaching services such as security, support for extra-curricular activities such as scouting and the sports programmes, coordination of projects and generally liaising with the overseas chapters in Toronto, New York, Barbados and Antigua & Barbuda.

SSCA continues to be the major contributor of the annual prize-giving ceremony. Prize Day at Saints is a major affair on the College's calendar of events; a day replete with moments to cherish. The execution of these projects takes a heavy toll on the very limited finances and scarce resources. The SSCA receives an annual grant of \$500,000 from the revenue of the Farm which sum has proven to be a significant and steady source of income for the Association in the successful execution of its agenda. The other main income earner has been its fund-raising activities which continue to scale

new heights and the various activities executed provide different ways of interesting stakeholders to be part of the continued development of the College

In the past, some of the major projects undertaken in support of the College included the establishment and operation of the College Farm at Sophia, the construction of the Hopkinson Wing, the construction of the pavilion at the sports ground on Carifesta Avenue, the Home Management Department and the organization of a school cafeteria service. More recently, the physics and chemistry laboratories were refurbished; and the roofs of the Scannell and Weld Wings were replaced. In addition, a major project for the rehabilitation of the College sports ground and pavilion, rewiring of the Hopkinson Wing which houses the computer lab & installation of a dedicated transformer for this Wing were all financed and executed by the Association. The old bicycle shed was converted to be used as a canteen/home management room through the joint efforts of the SSCA and the Toronto chapter. The roof of the Industrial Arts building was also recently refurbished.



The Association has always tried to promote and maintain an appropriate school ethos. To this end it has sponsored the annual College magazine for decades and though the magazine has not been produced for a few years, the Association is

committed to making its production an annual affair. For this to become a reality the College – students, administration, and staff – will have to prioritise its production. In regard to maintaining the ethos of the institution, the Association was also very instrumental in the reintroduction of ties as part of the uniform at the College.

The Association is always prepared to support the administration of the school in various intangible but important ways. It has recently been instrumental in the establishment (by the Minister of Education) of a Board of Governors which is headed by the indomitable Chris Fernandes and is comprised of other alumni of similar ilk along with representatives of the other stakeholders.

One very significant achievement of the Board since has been the development of a closer working relationship with the Administration and staff thus effecting better efficiency and cooperation among all of the stakeholders. Several projects have also been executed since its formation with the most notable being the 2-day workshop held in 2004 charting the way forward for the College.

Saints Fest has been the signature event on the Association's calendar during the last decade and has been a very successful way of raising funds for the College whilst at the same time serving as a reunion event for both present and past students. Saints Fest started in 1999 featuring alumnus, Dave Martins and his world-renowned band, the Tradewinds and another alumnus, Ken Corsbie. The event has been a huge success and has contributed significantly to the Association's coffers over the years. The Association needs to work harder in getting this event back as a major part of its calendar.

The Wall of Fame is one of the more stimulating and edifying projects in which the Association has been involved. The Wall of Fame is one of the few projects to bring together all the alumni associations. It was a thrill and inspiration to see the plaques with names of those who contributed to the development and success of the college.

The Wall of Fame is a reminder that the success of the college was built block by block, built on the solid foundation of the Jesuits of Guyana, and was the brainchild of the Toronto chapter. This project was executed by the local Association and the surrounding fence which was built as part of this project has contributed significantly to the improved security at the College's premises.



Wall of Fame – Brainchild of Rupert DeCastro

The SSCA has continued to collaborate with the other alumni organisations in supporting the College. Heading a long list of such projects were the establishment of the College computer laboratory, the scholarship programme tenable at the University of Guyana, which covers tuition costs and provides a book allowance, supplies for the science labs, refurbishment of washrooms and the replacement of windows on the Weld Wing. These projects were all financed by the Toronto Chapter and executed by the SSCA.

There is also a very vibrant Barbados Chapter, an Antigua & Barbuda Chapter and the recently formed New York Chapter, all with the interest of the College at heart. At the local level, some of the most serious challenges facing the Association presently include the attraction of quality personnel to serve on its Executive and the expansion of its membership base.

It has always been a real problem with the continued exodus of people from Guyana. Some years ago, the SSCA had merged with the PTA in order to maximise the very scarce human resources available both at the parent and the alumni levels. This merger worked well for some time but was short-lived as some persons were not in favour of such a strategic development. There needs to be some definitive action taken on this issue with the principal focus being the development of the College whilst taking into consideration the roles of these stakeholders. Some common ground can be found for a better working relationship. Large amounts have been expended on the physical plant of the College and it is necessary that a proper maintenance programme be put in place to safeguard these huge investments.

The current executive members of the association are:

President	- John Lewis
Vice President	- Maurice Watson
Secretary	- Camille DeGroot
Treasurer	- Suresh Singh, ACCA

Members

Kashier Khan
Joanne Collins-Gonsalves
Jennifer Cipriani
Gary Mendonca
Thomas Singh
Gavin Bovell

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College Pavilion



SSCA Executives at the Farm



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History of the St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto

By: Ken Cumberbatch



Guyanese have been migrating to various parts of the world for decades now. They can be found in far away places such as Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the U.K., U.S.A. and Canada. In Canada, like most other countries, immigrants tend to gravitate toward the largest city, Toronto: the 'economic engine' of the country. Many of them are alumni of Saints. Here, many of them are able to put their sound "Saints" education to good use; becoming successful in their university studies, followed by highly successful careers in areas, such as medicine, law, dentistry, engineering, accounting, aviation, banking, government, business management, teaching and entrepreneurship. However, in spite of their successes, many of them long to contact their former class / school mates.

It was this desire to renew acquaintances with "old" friends that caused several of us, who comprised two separate groups, to meet in the Autumn of 1992 at a Community Centre in Scarborough to discuss the idea of forming an alumni association in order to 'keep in touch'. At that 'get together', it was agreed by those present (about 18 of us) that there was enough interest among the alumni to enable us to form such an organization and that we should hold a formal meeting to get it "off the ground" early in the new year. Rupert De Castro offered the use of the boardroom in his nearby office building for that meeting. It is now the Association's official address!

Thus, on a cold, wintry night in the New Year, the first formal meeting was held. It was January 20, 1993. At that meeting, the Founding Executive Committee, consisting of the following, was elected: **Rupert De Castro (P), Errol Campbell (VP), Peter De Freitas (VP), Noel Denny (VP), Ken Cumberbatch (S), Randy Bradford (T), Derek D'Oliveira (D), Stanley Gonsalves (D), and Paul Camacho (D).**

Monthly meetings followed thereafter at which were discussed and agreed matters such as; the "raison-d'etre" of the organization, constitution, incorporation, establishing bank accounts, fund raising activities, recruiting members, etc. One such activity decided upon was a Cocktail and Dinner. This was held at a nearby Guyanese restaurant on May 28, 1993. Approximately 150 former staff and students of Saints attended. Alumni of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's turned up. Two or three Alumnae from the latter decade were also present. Door prizes were presented to several categories of those present, including; the "oldest (earliest) graduate" which was won by Mr. Compton Singh, brother of the erstwhile Bishop of Georgetown, Benedict Singh. Mrs. Cho Chee Nam, former Secretary to the Principal, also attended. Everyone had a wonderful time reminiscing about their school days, uniforms, ferulae, "la-bass" and former school/class mates.

The opportunity was taken, then, to read a letter from Guyana-based alumnus, Bobby Fernandes, who had heard of the formation of the SSCAAT and had written Errol Campbell, describing the dilapidated state of our Alma Mater and requesting financial assistance to effect the necessary repairs. Upon hearing this, many of those in attendance decided or promised to become "Paid up" members. The money raised at the function was donated to the college for the repairs. Thereafter, other fund raising activities included: Caribana-weekend family picnic, which has evolved into the annual Last Lap Lime; annual Fall (autumn) dance; Christmas brunch, which has been replaced by our annual New Year's Eve (Old Year's Night) Ball; and annual Spring dance.

However our biggest fund raising activity, by far, is the "Wall of Fame" project which is still on-going, and which has raised more than CA \$45,000, to date. These funds were used to construct a secure/chain link wall around the perimeter of the College grounds and to have other necessary repairs done to the College building. Over the past 13 years, the SSCAAT has contributed in excess of CA. \$280,000 in cash, equipment (including computers, kitchen equipment for the students' new cafeteria, laboratory equipment, refrigerators), materials (hundreds of school books, uniforms, etc.) and, recently, dozens of medals for "sports day" to the College. We have paid for the refurbishing of the Industrial Arts building and the washrooms, repairing the roof and floors, painting the buildings and replacing the windows.

Additionally we have provided scholarships to teachers and students. However, our contributions have not been confined to repairing and improving the College only. After the Guyana "tsunami" floods, we donated CA\$ 5,715 to the Guyana Red Cross Society for its general relief fund. An additional CA \$5,377 was sent to the College for the rehabilitation of its farm, which had been devastated by the flood.

Now that the Government of Guyana is granting the College some autonomy under the stewardship of a very capable Board of Governors, which is headed by well known businessman, Chris Fernandes, as Chairman, in whom we have great confidence, the SSCAAT is working assiduously to raise funds to refurbish the class rooms (3 of which we have already done) and, generally, finance projects identified by

the Board of Governors in order to return the College to the premier status it once held as an educational institution in the land of our birth - beautiful Guyana!

Our new Executive Committee, which was elected at our Annual General Meeting on September 28, 2006, and which is composed as follows:

Art Veerasammy (P), Roger Devers (S), Godfrey Whyte (Asst. S), Rupert DeCastro (T), Bunty Phillips (Asst. T), Joe Castanheiro (V.P.), Errol Chapman (V.P.), Ken Cumberbatch (V.P.), Frank Delph (V.P.), Clive Devers (V.P.), Paul Camacho (D), Neville Devonish (D), Maurice Serrao (D), John Yip (D) and Des Jardine (D) Past Pres.,

will lead us to our Fourteenth Anniversary in 2007 and will continue to keep the tradition of its antecedents alive.

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The Saint Stanislaus College Alumni Association of New York was founded in by a small group of Saints alumni wanting to give back to our alma mater. The governing body comprises of alumni from varied backgrounds and ages, with shared goals for the organization: to provide a forum for alumni, friends and past teachers in the New York and surrounding areas to stay in touch and to raise funds for the school.

The Association of New York has sponsored a number of events, including meet & greets, family bowling afternoons, dinners, and dances. As a result of funds raised, we partially financed a trip to Barbados by the Saints cricket team to compete with other regional teams, where they performed extremely well. In addition, we contributed to the refurbishment of the laboratory with a donation of US \$4,000.

Over the years, there have been challenges and successes as we keep on growing and learning. However, our association is determined to continue with its efforts in supporting the standard of excellence at Saints. This year we are off to a great start with our New Year's Eve Sash, and we have a number of events planned for the spring and summer, including our annual Labor Day Jam on Friday, August 5th,

For more information the Saints Association or to keep in touch, please contact us at saintsassociation@hotmail.com or write to any of our directors listed below. We would love to hear from you!

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The St. Stanislaus College Association - Barbados, was founded in 1995. It provides alumni, former members of staff and friends of Saints, with an opportunity to assist the College, as well as occasions for them to meet at Social Evenings, Family Fun Days, the Feast Day of St. Stanislaus, and other activities that arise from time to time.

We are sad to announce that two of our founder members, Cecil de Caires and George Gomes, have passed away; our sincere condolences to their families. A tribute to Cecil de Caires is included in the present issue of the Magazine. RIP.

We have always tried to help our Alma Mater within the constraints of our limited resources. Since its inception, our Chapter has assisted by sending shipments of textbooks, donated by Harrison College, Barbados, for which we are truly grateful. Saints and Harrison College have had mutually beneficial activities. We hosted the Saints Scout Troop in 1996, providing foodstuff, transportation etc. and helped in many other ways. A return visit to Guyana by the Harrison College Scout troop in July 1999 was hosted by the Saints Scout Troop, during which the Fr. Darke Shield was awarded for outstanding performance to a Scout who met certain criteria.

This Trophy was in memory of Fr. Bernard Darke, whose contribution to Scouting at Saints and to Guyana, will long be remembered. This Trophy as well as replicas for previous years, was donated by the Barbados Chapter, which has also funded the grilling of the Scout Room doors and windows and the extension of the Scout room etc.

We donated a Computer to the Scout Troop and again in August 2001, we hosted the Saints Scout Troop, who camped at Harrison College as guests of the Harrison College Scout Troop. In 2004 we donated \$75,000 G in Sports equipment to the Scout Troop, thanks in a part to a generous donation from Myrna Espeut whose father went to Saints.

At the 10th Annual General Meeting held on October, 2005 the following were elected:

President:	- Gavin Ferreira
Vice President:	- Stanley Greaves
Secretary:	- Kenneth Khan
Treasurer:	- Jeane Forde
Asst.Sec.:	- Richard Bhola
Past President:	- Clement Derrell

This association was involved in many other projects:

WALL OF FAME:

27 members contributed \$11,745 BBD to this successful fundraiser.

FEAST OF ST. STANISLAUS on November 13th, 2005.

The annual Mass took place in Brickdam Cathedral and was well attended. Fr. Robert Barrow S.J. officiated.

We will continue assisting as a liaison with overseas Chapters as well as serving as a facilitator in ensuring various forms of assistance to our Alma Mater.

We send greetings to Alumni worldwide .

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St. Stanislaus College Association Antigua and Barbuda Chapter



In March 2006, a group of past Saints students currently residing in Antigua and meeting socially decided that they could form an Association where they would formally meet once a month at each other's homes for a drink, some old time camaraderie and at the same time discuss and implement ideas to support their alma mater. The spark came from Robin Shaw, a member of the Saints Toronto Chapter who had recently moved back to Antigua. Support and guidance from the Toronto Chapter allowed the Association to begin in earnest.

President	- Robin Shaw;
Vice President	- Paul DaSilva;
Secretary	- Dean Whitehead;
Treasurer	- Bill McDavid;
Asst Secretary	- Farrah Cheong.
Treasurer	- Farrah Cheong

Nearly one year into the formation of the group they continue to meet once a month and enjoy one another's company while having donated funds through the Toronto Chapter to the school's development. The immediate plan is to refurbish a classroom.

The current membership of 20 includes:

Necia Bagot	1999 - 2004, House: Galton.	Left Saints in 2004. Migrated to Antigua in December 2004 and now attending the Antigua State College.
Marcel Butler nee Pollard	House: Galton	Worked for Mortgage Finance Bank '84- 87 Migrated to Antigua in 91. Now married to Dean with one daughter, Hayley. Employed as the secretary for the Holberton Restoration Committee. Presently pursuing a BSc Degree in Business Management.
Stephen Comacho		Stephen has now retired from his position as President of the West Indies Cricket Board but continues to be involved in the game. Himself and wife, Allison reside in Antigua.
Christopher Cameron	1967- 1972; House: Etheridge	Represented Saints in Soccer (First eleven, Goalkeeper) and Cricket (First eleven, wicket keeper). Started flying career in 1974. Joined GDF Air Corps and served for 12 years, flying both helicopters and airplanes. Joined the LIAT in 1986 and still going strong. Present position - Chief Training Captain. Responsible for LIAT's Pilot Training Program. Married to Mandy with 2 kids.
Farah Cheong	1990 - 1995	Farah completed her training with University of Guyana worked with NBIC, moved to Antigua to live with her husband. They have a daughter.
Michael Collins		Mike is a senior Captain with LIAT and active exercise enthusiast.
Albert D'Ornellas	1949 - 54	Albert moved to Antigua in 1960. He has several business interests on the island. He is married to Andree they have 4 sons.
Paul DaSilva	1960 - 1967 House: Galton	Started flight training in Guyana in 1968, recipient of a G.A.C. Scholarship to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida in 1970 and obtained a pilot's licence. Married Stella (a St.Rose's girl) in 1974 and still happily married with 2 boys (now men). Flew for Guyana Airways from 1971 to 1977 then immigrated to Antigua, flew with Seagreen Air Transport from 1977 to 1982. Moved to the British Virgin Islands in 1982 and spent 4 years flying with Air B.V.I. Moved back to Antigua in 1986, joined LIAT and still flying for them.

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Frank DeAbreu		Worked with Royal Bank of Canada throughout the Caribbean. Married to Hazel with whom he has 4 children. Currently retired and active member of St Vincent De Paul Society.
James deFreitas	1960 - 1968; House: Butler.	Attended University of New Brunswick - 1968-1972 and received a BSc Chemistry, Minor Maths. Spent 17 years in England where was a Project Manager for the Lloyds Bank in their IT Department. Currently running the IT Department (he is the IT Department!) for the Epicurean Supermarket; also writes computer systems for Epicurean and his own company CompuTech Services Ltd. Moved to Antigua in 1995 just in time for Hurricane Luis and subsequently 6 others. Whilst in Antigua he got married to a Trini/Guyanese Cheryl Anne, between them they have 5 children.
Ken Fisher		no bio provided
Ashley Hanley		A Kittian by birth but attended Saints while his father was stationed in Georgetown. A senior captain flying with LIAT based in Antigua.
Billy McDavid		Left Saints in 1966. Moved to Antigua in 1988. Currently Senior Vice President of Bank of Antigua. Married to Nalini with whom he has a daughter, Nikita. Avid Automotive Hobbist.
Abe Reis	1969 - 1972;	Moved to Antigua in 1979. Currently Hire Purchase Manager of Harney Motors. Married to Ariana, they have 2 sons.
Bobby Reis	1966 - 1973;	Moved to Antigua in 1979. Highly involved in development and expansion of media and radio in Antigua. Currently Guyana Consul to Antigua and General Manager of Laparkan Shipping & Money Transfer and avid member of Lions Antigua. Married to Garilyn, they have 2 daughters.

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Peter Park		Left Saints in 1987, worked at National Bank of Industry & Commerce Ltd - Teller/Operations Clerk after graduating (1987-89). Kayman Sankar Aviation - Trainee Pilot (assessment) - selected but unable to secure guarantor for contract (1989 -2 months). Aircraft Consultancy & Engineering Company Ltd. - Trainee Mechanic (1981-1991). Caribbean Aviation Maintenance Services Ltd. Maintenance Technician (1991-1996). Guyana Fire Service (Compulsory National Service) - (1992 for 2 months). Caribbean Aviation Maintenance Services Ltd. - Engineer (1996-2005). Caribbean Aviation Maintenance Services Ltd. - Line Maintenance Superintendant (2000-2001). Art Williams / Harry Wendt Aeronautical Engineering School - Chief Instructor (2001-2005). Trans Guyana Airways Limited - Maintenance Coordinator (2001- 2005). Moved to Antigua in October 2005 joining Caribbean Star Airlines - Training Instructor. Not married but spoken for.
Robin M. Shaw	1964 - 1970; House: Etheridge (red house)	Migrated to Toronto in 1970, and after attending College there joined Scotiabank in 1974. Switched over to its International Division (Caribbean) in 1982, and up until 2005 visited, worked and resided in numerous countries within the Caribbean. Contentedly married to Rosanna Low (who attended Saints in the mid 80's); proud parents to Robbie Milton & Tatiana at 2 and 17 years respectively. In 2005, took early retirement after 31 + years with Scotiabank and joined Royal Bank of Canada, presently occupying the position of country manager in St. John's, Antigua
Keith Thompson	1975 - 1980; House: Etheridge.	Left Guyana for Barbados in 1981.Went up to flying school later the same year. Worked in the Turks and Caicos islands from 1984 to 1985. Joined Liat in 1985 and have been living in Antigua since then. Became a Captain in 1990. Also flew for Caribbean Star Airlines but returned to Liat in 2006, currently flying in Japan. Still single.
Dean Whitehead	1975 – 1980 Etheridge House,	On leaving Saints worked with NBS & John Fernandes Ltd, followed by an Engineering Diploma at University of Guyana. Worked at Guyana Airways in Engineering, married Karen Chan-A-Sue in 1990. Moved to Guyana School of Aviation as a Ground Instructor, trained to fly with TGA. Migrated to Antigua in 2000, and now flying command with LIAT. They have a 12yr old daughter, Kelly and 10yr old son, Kyle.

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Karen Whitehead nee Chan-A-Sue	1978 - 1983 Galton House,	First female Chan-A-Sue to attend the College, went onto Bishops to do A-Levels. Worked at the Argentine Embassy and Crown Agents before part time employment with the Aircraft Owners Association and motherhood. Joined Guyana Airways in 2000 when the new airline was formed. Moved to Antigua with husband Dean Whitehead in 2000 when he joined LIAT. Spent 3 years at home and then joined Blue Waters Hotel as Personal Assistant to the General Manager. They have a 12yr old daughter, Kelly and 10 yr old son, Kyle.
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