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## LAST LAP LIME – ARE WE AT A CROSSROAD?

This is the problem: we spent \$59,074 in Operating Expenses for the Lime this year. This is the cost to put on the event; the tents cost over \$12,000; the rental of the grounds was \$9,000; the electrician alone cost \$2,700; entertainment was over \$8,000; security was over \$7,000; the portable washrooms were nearly \$5,000; and all this after stringent rules had been applied to keep the cost of these items to a minimum. The Lime is unsustainable at this rate.

But even with the above expenses, if we placed 6,000 paying patrons in the grounds, our Net Profit will exceed \$100,000. But where are the patrons? Attendance at the Lime has hovered between 3,000-4,000 per year for the last several years. The Lime provides incentives to maximizing ticket sales. Any of the five Associations selling 1,000 tickets will yield \$10,000 in commissions before one patron comes through the gate. None of the Associations reached that goal. In fact, only one Association sold the 500 tickets allotted to them, and the other four had to pay the Lime for the 500 tickets they guaranteed to sell.

Operating Expenses of \$59,000 are unsustainable. We must change. To what? Let's compare: any one of the five Associations can hold a dinner/dance attracting 300-500 patrons and walk away with a Net Profit of \$6,000-\$9,000. To run the Lime takes a whole year of planning, requiring some 50+ volunteers for set-up on Sunday, the Lime on

Monday, and tear down on Tuesday, all this to end up with a net profit of between \$8,000-\$9,000 for each Association. Of course, we want our supporters to have a great time. Great effort is expended to achieve this goal. But, as a fund-raiser, the Lime falls somewhat short of being an effective method.

Greed and selfishness are also beginning to creep in. The dictionary defines a volunteer as "one who enters into or offers himself for a service of his own free will." Some people volunteer at the Lime and spend as much as 100 hours, expecting nothing in return, while some expect a free ticket (\$15), a meal voucher, a free t-shirt, free parking, and/or a combination of these items for very little work. This, my friends, is how the Net Profit disappears. We are indeed at the crossroad. Do we continue on our present course with expected lower Net Profit each year or do we cut our overhead of \$59,000+ to enhance the Net Profit?

These are questions which we want YOU to consider. Any suggestions that you may have for improving the enjoyment of our patrons and which also increases the number of patrons and thus the "Bottom Line" are welcomed.

Where do we go from here?

*A. Rupert De Castro CMA, Budget Chief, Last Lap Lime President, SSCAAT*

## TORONTO ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Future Events of Note

We hold many annual fund-raising events of which you doubtlessly are well aware. Immediately forthcoming is our **Fall Dinner/Dance in October**. Next year, we shall continue to hold a Spring Dinner/Dance, the Golf Tournament, the Caribjam Dance, the Last Lap Lime, and finally the Fall Dinner/Dance. There are also two unique events for which we are planning in the next year.

In 2013, the Toronto Association will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence. To honour the occasion, we shall be holding a **Gala Banquet and Dance** at the Spirale Banquet Hall on Don Mills Road (between Eglinton and Barber Green). It will be a formal affair with a served four-course dinner and a ceremony to commemorate the founding of the Association, followed by a dance. This will be an "all-inclusive" event (all drinks are included in the price of attendance), and will take place in May. More information will be provided as the details are finalized, but get your tickets early as there will be limited seating at this event.

As a continuation of the Association's celebrations in 2013, we are working with the Guyana Association to organize a **Reunion at the College** in late August. Get in contact with your former school-mates now and arrange your holidays to meet up with them at the reunion. More details will be provided as the plans are finalized.

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### '79 JUNIOR AND SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAMS OF YESTERYEAR

*By Ras Abdalla Tafari Wadada*

It is arguably the period that best underlined the rich football pedigree of St Stanislaus College – the 70s.

The decade was graced with football success yet to be matched and, more importantly, a number of significant, if not historical, changes were made to one of Guyana's elite High Schools owned and controlled by the Catholic Order of Jesuits since 1867. New opportunities were added to the school's curriculum – Agricultural Science and a Farm, a Technical Workshop catering for Masonry, Carpentry, Metal Works, and Technical Drawing, a student Steelband, and the admission of females to the previously all-boys school. More importantly, the then Principal Fr. Kenneth Khan, a past student, was removed in 1980 from the position he held since 1972. Fr Khan was very supportive of our footballing exploits, if not proud of the achievements.

-side tournaments. The 'magnificent seven' that prevailed on 7<sup>th</sup> July from among the 20 Club teams from the City was led by Malcolm Barrington and included Paul Correia, Stevewright Benjamin, Wayne Austin, Mark Rodrigues, Stephen Boodhoo, and "Player of the Tournament" Redvers 'Bertie' Lampkin.

It was less than four months previously that Saints triumphed 1-0 over Chatham High School in a final replay to stamp their authority and superiority among the high schools in capturing the John Fernandes Cup.

In the latter half of the 70s, Saints provided not only a suitable venue for inter-schools football but also lots of players to the Georgetown District Junior and Senior teams playing in the Guyana Teachers Association annual Inter-branch Tournaments. Goalkeepers Chris Woodroffe, Owen Wilkinson, Nigel Hughes, Luke Abraham, and Steve Benjamin all represented the City, as well as Peter Correia, Robert Scotland, James Henry, Mark DaSilva, and yours truly.

The climaxing of the decade reached unprecedented heights when both the Junior and Senior teams qualified for the Georgetown Inter-schools finals in 1979. Only South Georgetown Secondary, which did likewise the year before, can boast also of such an enviable record.

The Senior team of '79 was blessed with the guidance and direction of former students, Wayne 'Beamah' Austin and Malcolm Barrington. The journey to the Championship began in a spirit of unity, and training sessions were well attended. The team had a touch of International flavour with the likes of James Henry (England) and Edmundo Vallenias (Peru) who both played for the Junior team as well, and Antiguan Robert Scotland who was named the 1979 'Footballer of the Year'.

Another past student who extended a helping hand was Chris Fernandes whose idea for a fund-raiser kick-started the dream. The event was a Dance at the College's auditorium on Brickdam, and the proceeds went towards purchasing new uniforms. Gone was the traditional white shorts, and in came a navy blue. The jersey remained the same sky blue, trimmed with navy blue around the 'V' neck and sleeves. The socks were also navy blue and, suddenly, there was a new sense of attitude and the team was bubbling with confidence and passion like never before.

We did not disappoint in the Preliminaries as we disposed of all opponents on our way to the finals. Christ Church Secondary was our first victim as they were brushed aside 5-2, followed by the humiliation of St. James the Less 13-1, David Rose Community High 5-0, old rivals Queen's College 2-0, and Lodge Community High 2-1, only to stumble at the final hurdle.



Rear L to R: Wayne Austin, Paul Correia, Redvers Lampkin, Mark Rodrigues

Front L to R: Stevewright Benjamin, Malcolm Barrington (Capt), Stephen Boodhoo

During the various transformations at St Stanislaus in the 70s, a number of football talents proved their abilities and worth to the extent that the College fielded an under-16 team in the Georgetown inter-club tournaments and it performed admirably. The high-point year must be 1975 when there was double delight – winning the Georgetown Inter-High Schools and the inaugural Caricom Day seven-a

**'79 Junior and Senior Football Teams of Yesteryear**

*(continued from page 2)*

On that fateful Wednesday afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1979, the GFC ground was almost crammed to capacity with mostly school children from all over. Our school's Steelband was in attendance, so too were many of our colleagues and a few teachers to gave us some needed support but, at the blast of the final whistle, we were all left with our heads bowed low and writhing in the agony of defeat.

The Juniors, coached by then Games Master Mark Braithwaite, also had an unbeaten run to the finals only to go under 1-4 to Lodge Community High in the opening game, a commendable effort by captain Bill Browne and his forces. Browne, Henry, Cardon Pompey, and Roderic Bishop suited up afterwards for the Seniors.

It was then our turn to change the tide of defeat against the might of Sophia Training Center, inclusive of seven Junior nationals. We held our own for the first twenty minutes, then disaster struck. An awkward bounce in the penalty area of the North Road end struck my hand and the referee Charles Daniels, without delay, pointed to the spot. It was a position from which we never recovered and, as Captain

and key midfielder my play became more circumspect. Two early goals in the second period and the contest was over, though Peter Correia pulled back one from the spot after Scotland was brought down in the penalty area mid-



**The 1979 Senior Football Team**

way into the half. Although the battle was lost, the team stood strong and competed honourably to the end.

It was a disappointing end to an otherwise sweet journey, and I am sure it still remains bitter in the minds of all who played and, to some extent, those who supported our efforts. For me, it was expectations of glory turned into agony, but I will hold forever those memories very close to

my heart and locked away in my trinket of treasured memories.



**The 1979 Junior Football Team**

*Rear L to R:* M. Affonso, M. Hohenkirk, U. Kazan, R. Dyett, N. Hughes, J. Henry, W. Brown, A. La Rose

*Middle L to R:* J. Browne, M. Shaw, S. Harewood, J. Yearwood, R. Scotland, E. Vallenias

*Front L to R:* T. Isaacs, D. Evelyn, S. Chan-A-Sue, L. Abraham, K. Thompson, N. Chin, R. Bishop

### MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2012. The names in *italics* are alumni who have paid since the last issue of the newsletter was published.

<b>CANADA (123)</b>	Andre De Peana <sup>4</sup>	Aubrey Kellawan	Albert Smith <sup>1</sup>	<b>U.K. (5)</b>
Lance Alexander	Frank Delph	Greg Kellawan	Winston Sparrock <sup>2</sup>	Christopher Cho-Young <sup>4</sup>
Terry Angoy	<i>Vyvyan Deryck</i>	<i>John King</i>	Albert Sweetnam <sup>2</sup>	Richard DeCaires
<i>Glenmore Armogan<sup>1</sup></i>	Roger Devers <sup>1</sup>	<i>William Lall</i>	Michael Teixeira	Julio Faria
Bernard Austin	Terry Devers <sup>1</sup>	Vibert Lampkin <sup>7</sup>	Walter Tiam-fook	Tony Gomes <sup>5</sup>
<i>Gregory Badley</i>	Neville Devonish <sup>2</sup>	John Lopes <sup>1</sup>	<i>Beverly Vandeyar</i>	Neville Jordan <sup>2</sup>
Malcolm Barrington <sup>3</sup>	Frederick Dias <sup>5</sup>	Geoffrey Luck <sup>4</sup>	Arthur Veerasammy <sup>2</sup>	
Gerard Bayley	Ronald Dias	Dereck Mahanger <sup>4</sup>	Vibert Vieira <sup>1</sup>	<b>U.S.A. (23)</b>
Rene Bayley <sup>1</sup>	Jerome D'Oliveira	<i>Gerard Martins</i>	John Vincent <sup>1</sup>	Anthony Bollers
Randy Bradford <sup>3</sup>	Terry D'Ornellas	Michael Mendes de Franca <sup>1</sup>	Howard Welshman <sup>2</sup>	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-sue
Ian Camacho <sup>5</sup>	<i>Edward Driver</i>	Vincent Mendes de Franca <sup>5</sup>	David Wong <sup>5</sup>	Ronald Chanderbhan <sup>5</sup>
Paul Camacho	Paul Duarte	Richard Miller <sup>2</sup>	Raymond Wong <sup>2</sup>	Brian Chin <sup>2</sup>
Wilfred Carr	Carlton Faria <sup>5</sup>	Perry Mittelholzer <sup>2</sup>	Gerry Yaw	Lawrence Correia <sup>1</sup>
Joseph Castanheiro	Joe Faria <sup>9</sup>	<i>Stan Niccols</i>	Brian Yhap <sup>1</sup>	Peter Fernandes <sup>1</sup>
Antony Chapman	Raymond Fernandes <sup>2</sup>	<i>Clarence Nichols<sup>3</sup></i>	John Yip	Bernard Friemann
<i>Errol Chapman</i>	<i>Nigel Fisher<sup>4</sup></i>	Anthony O'Dowd <sup>2</sup>	<b>AUSTRALIA (2)</b>	Vic Gonsalves
Vernon Chaves <sup>1</sup>	Keith Fletcher	Malcolm Pequenezza	Michael Wight	Guy Goveia <sup>2</sup>
Bob Chee-a-tow	Sonny Francis	Leslie Pereira	Lennox Yhap <sup>2</sup>	Edward Gouveia <sup>1</sup>
Ivor Chee-a-tow	Leslie Fung <sup>2</sup>	Desmond Perreira <sup>1</sup>	<b>BARBADOS (1)</b>	Philip Greatehead
Sydney Chin	Richard Gomes	Michael Persaud <sup>2</sup>	Geoff De Caires <sup>1</sup>	John Grenardo <sup>2</sup>
Ivan Choo <sup>1</sup>	Trevor Gomes	Bunty Phillips	<b>BERMUDA (1)</b>	Michael Heydon <sup>2</sup>
Tony Clarke <sup>2</sup>	Neil Gonsalves <sup>2</sup>	<i>Carl Ramalho</i>	Francis Grenardo <sup>2</sup>	Edwin Jack <sup>8</sup>
Paul Crum-Ewing	<i>Alfred Goveia</i>	<i>Marcelline Ramcharan</i>	<b>BRAZIL (1)</b>	Kenneth Jordan <sup>6</sup>
<i>Ken Cumberbatch<sup>4</sup></i>	Orlando Goveia <sup>3</sup>	Linden Ramdeholl <sup>3</sup>	Stephen De Castro	Jolyon King <sup>4</sup>
Vivian D'Andrade	Ken Hahnfeld <sup>5</sup>	Harold Rampersaud	<b>DOM. REP. (1)</b>	Carl Marx <sup>4</sup>
Clive Da Silva	Brian Hall-Stevenson	Cecil Ramraj	Deep Ford <sup>4</sup>	Brian Ramphal <sup>4</sup>
<i>Edward Da Silva</i>	Albert Hamilton <sup>1</sup>	<i>Mary Rayman</i>	<b>TRIN. &amp; TOB. (3)</b>	Peter Rodrigues
Ivor Da Silva	Hugh Hazlewood <sup>1</sup>	<i>Ramon Rego</i>	John Jardim	Evan Phillips <sup>4</sup>
<i>Jerry Da Silva<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Paul Hazlewood</i>	Herman Reid <sup>3</sup>	<i>Richard Harford<sup>4</sup></i>	John Sparrock <sup>1</sup>
Terry De Abreu <sup>1</sup>	Jocelyn Heydorn	Joe Reis <sup>1</sup>	<i>Ronald Harford<sup>4</sup></i>	Leyland Thomas <sup>8</sup>
Tyrone De Abreu	Desmond Hill	Romeo Resaul <sup>2</sup>		Horace Walcott <sup>3</sup>
<i>Dennis De Cambra</i>	<i>Ivan Holder</i>	Bryan Rodrigues		<b>VENEZUELA (1)</b>
Benedict De Castro <sup>1</sup>	Andrew Insanally <sup>2</sup>	Philip Rodrigues <sup>2</sup>		Michael Chin-a-loy
Gabriel De Castro <sup>1</sup>	Richard James <sup>5</sup>	Raphael Rodrigues		
Gregory De Castro	Des Jardine	Peter St. Aubyn <sup>4</sup>		
Rupert De Castro	Clayton Jeffrey <sup>2</sup>			
Peter De Freitas	<i>Anthony Jekir</i>			

Of the 161 paid-up members, 132 are renewals from last year.

Notes to Membership List :

1. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2013.
2. These (25) alumni have paid in advance through 2014.
3. These (7) alumni have paid in advance through 2015.
4. These (15) alumni has paid in advance through 2016.
5. These (9) alumni has paid in advance through 2017.
6. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2018.
7. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2019.
8. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2020.
9. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2022.

## 2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Marcelline Ramcharan

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni (Guyana) Society held its annual golf tournament on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2012. at the Glen Eagle Golf Course, 15731 Regional Road 50, Bolton, ON L7E 3H9, Canada ([http://www.gleneagle.ca/golf\\_bolton.html](http://www.gleneagle.ca/golf_bolton.html)) amidst an early morning thunderstorm with torrential rainfall, thunder, and lightning which caused play to be temporarily suspended for approximately 30 minutes.

Over 115 golfers registered to play and were ready to tee off at 7:45 a.m. They played an 18-hole game which lasted well over 4 hours – partly due to the weather delay. Before the start of the game, volunteers were selling 50/50 raffle tickets and, throughout the game, they sold prize raffle tickets, took stunning photo, and organized the after-game ceremony.

Players then trickled in the dining room for a feast of a scrumptious lunch, and the Master-of-Ceremony thanked our sponsors, the players, the club, and the volunteers for their continued support in making the event a success. Prizes were awarded to the most honest foursome, the men's longest drive, and the women's longest drive, among others.

There was also a slide show of the players on the course, foursomes, signs, and sponsors.

At the end of the day's event, everyone enjoyed a great game and the delicious lunch, and they were happy with

their winnings...and they are looking forward to the 2013 tournament. Stay tuned to [www.torontosaints.org](http://www.torontosaints.org) for updated information on the 2013 tournament.

100% of the monies raised at the tournament will be sent to St. Stanislaus College to assist with the infrastructural repairs and maintenance as well as for students' prizes for various competitions – e.g. essay writing, and for scholarships.

Last year, over \$10,000 was raised which was used for teaching awards at the end of the Christmas Term (2011).

Each year, we depend on the sponsors, players, and volunteers to make the tournament a success, and we look forward to your support in 2013.

Donations can be made in the form of hole sponsorship, foursome prize donations, raffle prize sponsorship, foursome participation, and monetary donations.

The 50/50 raffle netted \$580, and the prize raffle netted \$1,235.

This year's tournament netted approximately \$7,000 which is about \$3,000 less than in 2011.

In 2013, with your help, we hope to raise \$15,000 which will be used to do major work on the School Farm and in the area of sports.

Thanks to all the players, sponsors, volunteers, and organizers for contributing to St. Stanislaus College. The future lies in the hands of the children at the school.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Can you remember the anticipation you felt after you had completed your final primary school examinations in preparation to entering a secondary school? There was still the summer holiday of the month of August to get through before you could experience the excitement of the first day at a new school with the “big” kids.

In my case (in the distant past), I had attended St. Mary's R.C. (“Brickdam”) School and had sat the County Scholarship Examination (basically, the entrance exam to secondary school) in the hope of winning a scholarship to attend Saints. At that time, secondary education was not free, but scholarships were available to those who did well in the Examination. There were three levels of success in the Examination which were (in decreasing importance) County Scholarships (scores of 90+), General Scholarships (scores of 70 to 89), and the Qualifiers (50 - 69). Needless to say, all the girls in my “scholarship class” at Brickdam school won General Scholarships! I scored highest among the boys with a score of 69, the top of the qualifying list, which enabled me to win a Blair Scholarship (offered to the highest qualifier).

One of my friends, David Menezes, who had attended Sacred Heart (“Main St.”) R.C. School, also passed and would be attending Saints with me. His older brother, Gilbert, was already attending Saints, so we spent the next month getting as much information from him about what to expect.

I have no idea about what was involved in applying to attend Saints and in receiving and using the scholarship. I assume that my parents made all the arrangements and filled out and signed all the relevant documents. I know only that I was not involved in the process though I vaguely remember that I may have visited the College with my mother and may have been interviewed by the Principal, Fr. B. Scannell S.J.

My first truly memorable contact with the College was arriving at the school on the first Monday of the school year and gathering with the other students who had come from Brickdam School. We had no idea where to go or what to do. This was a far cry from what happens today. The College now hosts an orientation program for new students and their parents, an example of which is included also in this issue.

*L. A. (Bunty) Phillips*

## OBITUARIES

\* *Hugh Cholmondeley* died at age 73 on Fri. 10 August, 2012, of lung cancer in New York. He was the brother of Colin and **alumnus Keith**.

\* *Noreen Joan Gomes* (born on 31 July, 1930) died on Friday 20 July, 2012 while surrounded by her family. She was the wife of **Neville (Alumnus '45 – '50)** and devoted mother of Anne-Marie, John, and Suzanne, and loving

grandmother to Amanda, Johnathon, Rachel, and Ryan. She was the sister of Carmen, Celis, Anthony, Lena, Mena, Rose (deceased) and Basti.

\* **Alumnus Carl Marx** died on 12 June, 2012, in Costa Rica after suffering a cardiac arrest from which he could not recover.

### REMEMBERING VIVIAN LEE (by *Godfrey Whyte*)

**Alumnus Vivian Lee**, well known Guyanese entrepreneur in the world of entertainment, advertising, and broadcasting, passed away on 16 August, 2012, in Richmond, B.C. He was the son of Lee Yew, an immigrant from Canton, China, and the former Adelaide De Freitas. He leaves behind his wife Isabelle, seven children, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grand-children.

After attending St. Angela's Primary school, St. Mary's R.C. school, and St. Stanislaus College, he worked at the B.G. Pawnbrokery before joining the Civil Service.

In sports, he was a right-winger for a number of football teams, including the Charlton Gunners which he had helped to found. As a member of the B.G. National Team, he scored against Surinam in competition and against Brazil in a friendly match. His exploits on the football field, in tandem with Alvin Rodrigues, are legendary.

At the outbreak of WWII, he travelled to Trinidad where he served as a Lieutenant in the Auxiliary Services. On his return, he opened the first independent Advertising Agency in Guyana but was soon bound for the U.S. where he studied all aspects of broadcasting. On his return, his name quickly became a household word as he went on to produce a plethora of radio programs and variety stage shows, including *Ovaltine Kids*, the *Gong Show*, *Let's Have a Party*, and the popular *XM Hit Parade*.

His major contribution to the music industry was undoubtedly the creation of *Ace Records Ltd.* which included the record store at Robb and King Streets. The first person to record the *Mighty Sparrow* ("Jean and Dinah"), Vivian also wrote, produced, and recorded the very popular "Princess Margaret", sung by Lord Canary. This hit was presented to the Princess at a public ceremony during her 1959 state visit to the then British Guiana. He also discovered, managed, and recorded *Johnny Braff* ("It Burns Inside"), the first Guyanese pop star.

In 1972, he was asked to organize, promote, produce, and emcee a week-long concert and show at the National Park for the first *CARIFESTA*. This task involved organising and programming acts from over 30 Caribbean countries, and was truly a memorable event.

"If Wishes were Horses", the first Guyanese film, was also written by Vivian who was responsible for casting, scouting locations, producing, and directing it. *Habeeb Khan*,

who played the central character in the movie, has recorded how eternally grateful he is to Vivian for recognising certain "commercial talents" in him, and mentions the two years of planning that Vivian had put into the project. It was a true Guyanese production since only the soundman and the cameraman were foreign. *Habeeb* also was the star of "Laffarama", a series of shows and tours which included



*Isabelle and Vivian Lee with the late Olga Lopes-Seale taken in Barbados in July 2010 (pix by Guyanese Online)*

songs and scripts written by Vivian.

Even after Vivian moved to Canada in 1985, his enterprise and creativity knew no bounds. He got involved in the formation of the Guyanese Canadian Association of British Columbia, which raises funds for Guyanese Charities. He developed, produced, and marketed "Flying High", an award-winning board game, and also earned a B.A. in English from the University of British Columbia. In 2005, he published a book, "Super Seniors - Beyond 65 and fully Alive", an anthology of 28 real-life stories of Canadian Seniors living exemplary lives (mostly written by 14 members of the Professional Writers Association of Canada). Vivian himself wrote seven of the stories that exemplify "living over 65 and being fully alive". In 2001, he was awarded the Wordsworth McAndrew Award for Outstanding Contribution to Guyana's Culture and Heritage. To say that he had a full life is a major understatement.

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION AT SAINTS – 2012**

The 2012 Level Seven Orientation Programme was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. It commenced in the Marion Forum at 10:00 a.m. with the official welcome by Mrs. Merell, the College’s Acting Principal. She invited the parents and students to say a silent prayer after which members of the Head Table were introduced. They were Mr. Chris Fernandes, Chairman of the School Board, Mrs. Bâ, the Chair of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), and Mr. Kashier Khan, a member of the SSC Old Students Association.

In her address to the gathering, Mrs. Merell welcomed the new students and asked them to note that “both males sitting at the Head table were once students of this institution and have, since then, maintained their genuine support, commitment, and allegiance to us.” She further stated that the College “has imparted to them the foundation of the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that have enabled them to function effectively in this rapidly changing world and has contributed to their own development and to our society as a whole” and that they were testimony of what the College’s Mission Statement was all about.

Mrs. Merell concluded after pointing out the various strengths of the College and the success of its students at the CXC, CSEC, and Cape Examinations, and encouraging the parents to take an active part in the PTA in which they automatically now have membership.

Ms. Vaunda Wayne, Senior Mistress, presented the Rules of the School after which she managed a question-and-answer segment about the Rules.

Mrs. Bâ shared some brief remarks on the PTA and the importance of parents’ involvement with the school.

Mrs. Daniels, Acting Deputy Principal, introduced the various teachers who were present.

Mr. Chris Fernandes, Chairman of the School Board, addressed his remarks to the audience after which Mr. Kashier Khan gave the Charge to the students. Mrs. Merell then shared Twelve Points for Positive Parenting with the parents. Finally, the national Anthem was sung by all, and Mr. Adonis read out the names of the students entering the three Form 1 classes.



*The Head Table at Orientation*



*New students and their parents at Orientation*

A tour of the school was then conducted by the teachers of the Form 1 classes during which the students were able to ask pertinent questions concerning their new school. A hockey game was demonstrated by the College’s Hockey Club, and the Saints’ Scout Group proudly displayed their exhibits to the curious First Formers.

Thus another successful Orientation Exercise for Level Seven was completed.

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Sat. 20 Apr., 2013	Spring Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	tba
Fri. 10 May, 2013	Gala Banquet and Dance	Spirale Banquet Hall, 888 Don Mills Rd.	tba
Sat. 6 Jul., 2013	Golf Tournament	Glen Eagle Golf Club, Hwy 50, Palgrave	tba
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