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EDITORIAL

The wind of change' over British Guiana is now more like the hurricane Flora, and has done untold damage to the education of our youth. St. Stanislaus has suffered immeasurably, but not irreparably, thanks to the devotion of the staff and the moral fibre of our boys. Already the new school year has demonstrated the determination of us all to buckle down to the task of making up the deficiencies brought about by the general strike and the general unrest of the summer term. The task is not beyond us. We cannot do better than follow the example of our patron, St. Stanislaus:

'tempus instanter operando redimentes', redeeming time by earnest application.

The results in the Advanced Level examinations are an indication that the example of St. Stanislaus has not been lost on our Sixth Form. The winning of two Guiana Scholarships is a tribute to their calibre.

Against the background of these successes the refusal of government to allow the winners of free places to enjoy them at St. Stanislaus is unintelligible.

We are reluctantly beginning to form the opinion that Government is not eager to promote the well-being and progress of the Aided-Secondary Schools. This view is strengthened by the recent policy of delaying financial aid on any and every technicality, and multiplying the administrative work. Add to this the broken promises to increase the government's contribution to the salaries of teachers in Aided-Secondary Schools, and it will be agreed that the Aided Schools are not enjoying a happy partnership with Government. We hope that this unfair treatment will be remedied, and that the secondary education of the majority of Guianese will reach a higher level.

The magazine this year attains its majority. The compilation of this 21st volume owes much to the industry and patience of the Assistant Editor, who is largely responsible for its appearance. We are particularly grateful to him, to all our contributors, and to our generous subscribers who advertise in our pages.

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The above Chairmen will form their own Sub-Committees from members of the Main Committee, and other members of the Association, in order to carry out the offices assigned to them.

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**Report of the Committee of Management
of the St. Stanislaus College Association
for the period 1st January, 1962, to 31st December, 1962.**

Activities

The Association held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 8th March, 1962, at 8.30 p.m. at the College. The following members were elected to office :-

President:	Mr. M. J. Da Silva.
Vice-Presidents :	Messrs. R.C. Hill and P. A. Thompson.
Secretary :	Mr. L. O. Campayne
Asst. Secretary.	Mr. P. A. Crum Ewing.
Treasurer:	Mr. John Fernandes, Jnr.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Messrs. J. L. Rawlins, L. F. Collins, I. Chee-a-Tow, Snr.,
S. A. Marques, M. E. Da Silva, B. A. Fernandes.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Rev. Fr. J. Hopkinson, S.J, and Rev. R. Pancham, S.J.

HONORARY AUDITOR:

Mr. N. Barcellos.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

The following members were elected Chairmen of the various Sub-Committee of Management

Entertainment Sub-Committee . .	Mr. M. J. Da Silva
Magazine Sub-Committee . . .	Mr. L. F. Collins
Bingo Sub-Committee. . . .	Mr. M. E. Da Silva
Dinner Sub-Committee . . .	Mr. B. A. Fernandes
Raffle Sub-Committee . . .	Mr. R. C. Hill.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a Social. On the 11th May: 1962, there was a social for members and their wives, while on the 20th July, 1962, a social at which the boys who were leaving the College were guests was held. There was another Mixed Social on the 28th September, 1962. On this occasion the parents of new boys to the College were the guests of the Association. The Annual Bingo was held on the 26th October, 1962, at the Catholic Guild Club and the Parochial Hall and was an overwhelming success. A profit of \$1,967.15 was realised. The Annual Dinner took place .on Friday, 9th November, 1962, at the Parochial Hall. There were 83 subscribers to this function. For the third year in succession permission to hold the Annual Christmas Raffle was not granted the Association.

Membership

The total membership of the Association at the close of the year 1962 was 375 comprising 8 Life members, 211 Ordinary Members, 25 Country Members, 31 Overseas Members, 48 Associate Members and 52 Honorary Members.

Magazine

The magazine made its customary appearance on the night of the Annual Dinner.

General

There has not been a great deal of activity on the part of the Association during the year under review, but it is, however, hoped that members will take a more lively interest in its affairs in the future.

Appreciation

The Committee wishes to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of the year under review.

N. S. DA SILVA

President

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Saint Stanislaus College Association held at the College, Brickdam, on Thursday, the 8th March, 1962, at 8.30 p.m.

The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. R. C. Hill.

The following members of the Committee of Management were present:-
Messrs. P. A. Thompson (Vice-President. John Fernandes, Jnr, (Treasurer), L. F. Collins, P. A. Crum Ewing, L. O. Campayne (Secretary) and Rev. Fr. J. Hopkinson, S.J. (ex-officio member).

There were 36 other members: present including Rev. Fathers O. Earle, S.J., H. Feeney, S.J., and S. Boase, S. J.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 3rd March, 1961, were read and confirmed.

Report of the Committee of Management and financial statement.

Copies of the Report of the Committee of Management for the year ending 31st December, 1961, had been distributed before the beginning of the meeting. The Report was therefore, taken as, read. The Chairman Informed members that the financial books of the Association has been audited at the end of January, 1961, and that these, as well as the three copies of the Auditor's Report, had been lost in the fire of February 16th, 1962. He further stated that a certificate concerning the auditing of the books had been nevertheless issued by the auditor, Mr. N. Barcellos. This certificate was read by the Treasurer, who also observed that the arrears' of subscriptions had increased to approximately \$600.00.

There was much discussion on the Report and on the financial position of the Association. The adoption was finally moved by Mr. W. Harrison and seconded by Mr. M. Da Silva and carried unanimously.

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARER:

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee of Management for 1962:-

President	Mr. M. J. Da Silva
Vice-Presidents	Messrs. P. A. Thompson and R. C. Hill
Secretary	Mr. L. O. Campayne
Assistant Secretary	Mr. P. A. Crum Ewing
Treasurer	Mr. J. Fernandes, .Jnr.
Members of the Committee	Messrs. J. L. Rawlins, L. F. Collins, I. Chee-a-Tow, Snr., S. A. Marques, M. E. DaSilva, B. A. Fernandes
Ex-Officio Members	Rev, Fr. J. Hopkinson; S.J., Rev. R. Pancham, S.J.
Auditor	Mr. N. Barcellos

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman asked that the Association's condolence, at the sudden death of the Very Rev. Fr. Andrew Gordon, S.J., be placed on record.

Mr. B. Fernandes expressed his disappointment at the poor quality of the fare at the last Annual Dinner, and requested that some improvement be made at future Dinners.

Mr. M. E. Da Silva suggested that in view of the increased expenses members be asked to subscribe a token amount to the cost of socials.

The out-going President then thanked members of the old Committee for their services and welcomed the newly elected Committee members. The new President, in turn, congratulated the members of the previous committee and promised to give of his best during his term of office.

The meeting concluded with a Social.

**N. S. DA SILVA,
President**

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NEWS OF OLD BOYS

We congratulate the following who have completed their degrees.

Joseph Pooran Ajodhia	B.A. (Maths) 2nd. Class Honours
Michael Terrance Da Silva	B.Sc., General 2nd Class Honours
Hilary Patrick D'Aguiar	B.Sc. (Physics) 2nd Class Honours
Dennis Preston Lee	B.Sc., Physics 2nd Class Honours
John Anthony Yip	B.Sc. General
Michael Anthony Heydon	B.Sc. General
Leyland Emerton Grant	B.Sc. General
Lawrence A. Phillips	B.Sc. General.

All the above read for their degrees at the U.W.I.

Lloyd Anthony Kwok	has qualified as a Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Illinois. He did his studies at the Medical Centre of the University of Chicago.
Hubert Rosemay	B.Sc. (Chemistry', St. Dunstan's University, Prince Edward Island, Canada.
Neville Arthur Jordan	B.Sc., Civil Engineering at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is continuing his studies at the same University.
John Percy Lewis	Congratulations to John Percy Lewis who has been awarded a Demba Scholarship in Civil Engineering to the U.W.I. (Trinidad).
Mr. Stanley Greaves	is now studying Art at Edinburgh University, It is understood Bookers are to award him a scholarship.
Elvin McDavid	is studying for his degree at Birmingham University.
Peter Fernandes	is now in the Honour Schools of Wisconsin University
Christopher David Young	writes to say that he is now in the Royal Engineer, and so too is his brother, John David Young . Andrew David Young is in the Junior Signalman's Regiment. All three are happy in the army, and hopes to return to British Guiana eventually.
Dennis Rodrigues	has gone to a University in the States along with Leslie Austin .
Geoffrey Hendricks and Brian Teixeira	have both gone to try out their vocations with the Franciscans in the States.
Donald Newman	joins the little colony of old boys in Canada
Aubrey Williams	is furthering his studies in the States.

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N. Kum and A. Woon-Sam	have gone to English schools, and Michael Sutton is at a Polytechnic in England.
G. Bagot, B. Pereira, H. Sue, B. De Castro,	have joined the local banks.
G. James	is working in the office of a local architect.
G. Morrison	after several successful fashion shows here in B.G. is hoping to develop his fashion flair in Paris..
H. A. Clarke	has gained his M.Sc. (Chemical Engineering). He is now captain of the Yorkshire Cricket Team in Toronto, and represented the Province of Ontario at the Inter-Province Cricket; He is now employed with the Ontario Water Resources Commission.
V. Ramraj	at the U.W.I., Jamaica is editing the Pelican, and the Rising Star.
Mr. Stanislaus Marques	is teaching in Manchester, and sends his greetings to his many friends. His son is reading for his degree in Engineering at Manchester University.
Michael James	is helping Fr. Bridges at the Seminary, and Ian Melville is also there beginning his studies for the priesthood.
Andrew Gonsalves	is with the Royal Navy in England, and is hopeful of getting a commission.

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HOW TO BECOME A BOOKER DIRECTOR

A SEMI-SERIOUS SPOOF WITH POINTERS FOR PROMISING PUPILS.

The truth is that becoming a Booker director is neither impossibly difficult nor shockingly simple. To start with of course putting all false modesty aside, one has to have some native talent, some share of inherent ability. It may be a flair for finance or an aptitude for administration; a technical talent or a penchant for personnel work. But you've got to start with something. These days, pre-university qualifications (G.C.E Advanced Level) are a "sine qua non" and a degree is not considered a handicap. Our local university will of course have to prove itself, but time will tell!

So you start with these basic qualifications and your assumed inherent ability. Nowadays, there are psychological selection tests which question the latter assumption but a few of our less orthodox directors have been heard to murmur about the validity of the tests themselves. Still, if you get past the 'head-shrinkers' of modern commerce, it only means that you've got your foot on the first rung of the ladder of success. The next two stages are critical and most of those who fail to make the Board, fail here. These stages can be caned adaptation plus innovation and application.

To take the first one first. Adaption means that you've got to translate all the bright theories whirring around in your brain into useful and practical ideas for the work-a-day world of commerce and industry. You may have been a mathematical marvel at College but in Industry your job will be to produce statistical analyses that are relevant if not revealing. Your chemistry capers will only suffice if they lead ultimately to better products at a cheaper price. Elegant economic exercises are all we and good for fictitious problems but a serious slip when compiling a real break-even chart can mean success or failure for a product and relative security or sudden cessation for the jobs 'of men and women. There's another real world outside the College door.

And for the really ambitious, along with adaptation goes innovation. By which I mean that though one must come down from "airy-fairy to brass tacks", this is not the same thing as an exhortation to be pedestrianly dull. Original and constructive thought has always been welcomed and never more than in our present age of the safe staid stereotype. Find a cheaper way (that keeps the-quality right; discover a shorter cut (that still gets the answer right); astonish with your flair for getting your various employees to dwell together in peace and harmony (while continuing to do their work. Of such is the true quality of innovation.

Secondly, application. I'm sorry to disappoint all of those who had fondly supposed that graduation from the Sixth Form means an end to the business of study and sacrifice. The fact of the matter is that application means hard work and there's no avoiding it. It is of course still possible for the narrowly resourceful to avoid a fair share of the heat and the burden of the day, but it is no co-incidence that in today's circumstances they are kept so busy arranging the necessary improvisations that promotion perennially passes them by.

If you clear these intermediate hurdles, there- comes the final testing stage where one has to move out of one's narrow specialisation and be able to take a broad, overall view of the modern business in its multi-faceted complexity: its ever-increasing problems of human relations, of motivation and morale; the related difficulties of industrial relations, of union negotiations, conciliation and arbitration; the mysteries of modern marketing ; the swiftly Changing face and pace of current production techniques; the special and often specialised Problems of the education and training of the personnel needed to man a continuing entity. And underpinning all these, the crucial and relentless need to be as efficient as possible, to make the best use of human and material resources, if the business is to survive. It all sounds a mouthful and it does take a bit of doing. But the ability to keep this complex picture in focus and to ensure that the underlying machinery runs smoothly is required of men aspiring to positions at the top of the ladder.

And at some if not all stages of this process, one needs a bit of luck. It does help to manage to join a company particularly needing your special aptitude just at the time; it is convenient if your immediate boss takes a fancy to Canada or England or decides on premature retirement just when your directors are thinking to themselves what a bright lad you are. But don't count on this. Start with good basic qualifications and an innate ability that shows without shouting. Put your talents to practical use, be sensibly original if you can and bravely accept the notion that hard work is good for you. I know that it will sometimes seem that fate seems destined to make an exception of you, in accepting the traditional saying that hard work never killed anyone'. But take comfort, everyone's relatives pleads complications when pressed. Cultivate the broad view of the business as a whole and be alert to the favours of Lady Luck.

If you fail after all this advice to get a seat on the Board before the actuary starts to compute your pension, I have a perfect alibi. There is a limit to the number at directors any business can have at a given time and the age analysis of the present lot may be against you. And if this really worries You, I would Suggest that you study the Booker "Family Tree" which lists all the companies and their directors, and having made discreet enquiries, give a wide berth to those Boards with rows of youthful faces. A word of caution, though. You can carry this lark too far. After all, there's a lot to be said for being a really first class Chief Clerk!

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EDUCATIONAL FACTS

Every community faces practical problems involving developments in education. These include shortage of school accommodation, shortage of teacher sand of money. In addition there are- pressures for changes in the subjects taught and in methods of teaching. The effectiveness of any school depends upon getting the proper answers to several questions. What is the job to be done? What resources can be made available? What co-operation can be achieved between those who plan, those who support, and those who control the schools. On another level of thought, there is one question-How are we in a country that is not well-off materially but has to struggle with the elemental effort to live, to find a focus in education that will lend form, purpose and order to our lives?

We need leaders who will help us to find the answers. This leadership is not a monopoly of ministers of education, chairmen at school boards and presiding officers of this or that organization. It is a function also of principals, teachers and taxpayers. Merely being elected to office or being posted to a job does not make a man a good leader. He is not simply a person who walks in front of people who know where they are going. Success in leadership depends upon a vision of what should be and upon getting others to follow towards that goal.

There are open questions in education, and these are not the result of our failure in years past, but of the scientific, mechanical and social successes which have come upon us in recent times. We have to abandon the easy thought that we can be satisfied to educate a few exceedingly well and the rest somewhat less well. The times in which we live call upon us to give maximum development to every individual at every level. When so much is disintegrating around us, we need to cling firmly to such higher standards as we can preserve. We may criticize and reform, but without such standards we have nothing against which to judge the merit of our own response to new situations, we cannot build greatness in education by talking about the need of education for survival. We should hold fast to this ideal; that in our homes, in our schools, our children shall be educated to live with others, to attain their highest individual success and happiness, and to prepare themselves for citizenship in a world society. Under these circumstances there is the greatest need for people who wm lead us in the education path we should tread. The test of our system of education is whether or not it has helped children to become fully developed human beings. We would be failing in our purpose if children merely go to school to walk the tread-mill of education. Education is not a process of filling up pupils' heads with facts and formulas. Upon graduating from any educational institution a youth should know three vital truths-where he is, where he is going, and what he had best do under these circumstances. The most important gift education will have given him is the ability to solve new problems by using the accumulated intellectual power of the human race, If then we are not to become a nation of docile minds giving carbon copy opinions, we need to provide a broad liberal education.

Some people believe that a liberal education is unrealistic in what has become a technological race for survival. The liberal subjects are not chunks of frozen facts: they

are the powerful tools and machines by which a man discovers and handles facts. They teach him to cultivate his powers of analysis and to form a sound point of view.

This is not to say that science should be ignored, It would be absurd to argue that a man could be considered liberally educated today without some comprehension of the role of science in our lives. We have to live at the level of our times, but we need to know the steps by which we arrived at this level. We need to know about the whole of life, including something about where we are going. Everyone in British Guiana has a practical stake in the direction given to our education. We need to create in groups of people a sense of mutual endeavour carefully directed toward the aim we have.

The heart of the educational system is the teacher. Our ideals for our children can be realized only if we have well-informed, well-taught, enthusiastic and dedicated teachers. Members of the profession, conscious of their social responsibility, can be leaders of the highest importance toward a better British Guiana. If a pupil's mind catches fire, it is almost invariably a teacher who lights the spark. Society has a grave responsibility to teachers. It owes them prestige, suitable payment, good working conditions and the opportunity to reach higher satisfaction by constantly broadening their horizons. The teaching profession needs dedicated men and women to whom pay is not an over-riding consideration. It goes without saying that the principal is a leader of paramount importance within a school system. He can exercise powerful influence among pupils, teachers, and parents based on their common interests. If he has a vision of greatness, a glimpse of the ideal, he is in a strategic position to communicate it in such a way as to inspire teachers to do their best. The community, through its appointed representatives, should see to it that the school principal IS not loaded down with managerial work and teaching duties to such an extent that his contribution in leading teachers and pupils becomes limited. While showing strong initiative in guiding the activities of the school, he will establish such relationship among his subordinates and between himself and his subordinates as to make them sharers in responsibility and accomplishment.

Moving away from the school, professional teachers and official boards, we reach the parents, and find that they too are leaders in education. They teach language, manners, good habits, self-control, religion, work habits, cleanliness and a host of other things basic to living. Parents can block or impede the school, but if they give constructive leadership they can facilitate and support the school. Parents are acting wisely when they ally themselves with a group of likeable people all passionately concerned in this joint enterprise.

It is evident that we are conscious of the need for widespread education. The progress of our country is made up of details in which every person is involved. The leadership stems from the people, and expresses itself through a lively, pressing and urgent public demand for excellence. Public interest needs something to sustain it, and information must be broadcast fully and freely so that the people can discuss facts and determine policies in an enlightened way. Schools have everything to gain by being frank and helpful in catering to the desire of the community for information.

Appreciation of St. Stanislaus College

In the 1962 issue of this Magazine appeared a reprint of an article which appeared in the "Campus", a Magazine published by The University of Wisconsin, U.S.A. It gave the outstanding achievement of an ex-student of St. Stanislaus College being top student in a group of 217 students, and being the first foreign student in the 76th year history of The Farm Short Course of the University of Wisconsin to be elected to do the valedictory address on behalf of the Graduates. But when you find that the old boy that did this was always in the last half of his class at Saints, and ended up with only three subjects at Ordinary Level, one wonders what happened between the time this student left College and the time he turned 19 A's and 1 B in his twenty subjects, a truly phenomenal result, so much so that the University Authorities advised him to go on and take a Course which will end up in his obtaining a B.Sc. degree at the same University, in spite of the fact that he did, not have the basic qualifications for entrance to a University.

The amusing part of the story came when the necessary form had to be filled in by the Headmaster of St. Stanislaus for his entrance to the University. He promptly put in his general remarks that Peter Fernandes was not a good scholar, This must have amused the Dean of the University because if a poor scholar was able to defeat 216 students, with such ease and with such phenomenal results as 19 A's and 1B in twenty subjects, what would have happened if British Guiana had sent up a good scholar in his place. The remark was more than justified because if his results at St. Stanislaus was a guide, he was indeed a very poor scholar according to Saints' standard.

Peter has completed his first year at University and got A in Maths., due this training at College.. In his four subjects: he got 2 A's and 2 B's and turned in an 83 % average and got himself placed on the honour grade in his first year of University studies. Why have I given you all these facts? I have done this to show that many a slow beginner may move straight out in front when he gets going.

Today, many a youngster who, because he is a slow beginner, will be denied the opportunity of ever developing into a top class student. Today, if you fail to get past the Common Entrance Exam, you are not permitted to enter St. Stanislaus College, no matter if your grandfather, followed by your father and four or five if your brothers, all passed through this fine School. Yes are doomed to go through life without the opportunity of being a late developer. In other words, you will definitely be denied a privilege which all your ancestors and your brothers before you enjoyed; the privilege of having a good Christian character being built into you at an early age. It should be obvious that passing "Common Entrance" is not all, particularly as the College do not mark the papers or have the opportunity to judge the ability of the student by seeing his work.

It is time that all members of St. Stanislaus Association realise that their Alma Mater is no longer a College primarily for Catholic students, and that in a short while it will be very difficult for our children and grandchildren to be educated in this very fine

Institution. We must begin to prepare ourselves now for when the blow falls, so that we will not be too seriously hurt; late maturing students will no longer have a chance. A youngster will either have to pass the Common Entrance exam or go under, not a very pleasant outlook for the future.

Peter was lucky that he lived before the present setup came about, or his future may have been quite different to what it is. He is grateful to Fr. Smith for having accepted him in Prep. Form and to all the Masters whose guiding hands he passed through, hands that moulded his character in such a way that today he is a credit to the College, to his parents and I hope he will also turn out to be a credit to his country. His was the good fortune to be born before the present unfortunate situation came into being, others are not so fortunate.

Mr. JOHN FERNANDES (Senior).

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OBITUARY



Fr. Richard Dea, S.J.

Father Richard Dea, S.J., died at Kitty on Tuesday, July 23, at the age of 68. He had spent 35 years in British Guiana, the last ten of which he spent at Brickdam. He was a well-known figure around the Presbytery but for much of his life he had been dogged by bad health and was unable to work in later years.

He celebrated 50 years as a Jesuit in September, 1912, and had spent the last few months of his life quietly at the Holy Rosary, Kitty, where he died peacefully on Tuesday evening after being anointed by Fr. Petry.

Many Old Boys will remember Fr. Dea when he was a master at St. Stanislaus College where among other subjects he taught Mathematics. Some of his old pupils kept in contact with him up to the time of his death.

The funeral took place from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, July 24, when a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Vey Rev. Fr. F. C. Fenn, S J. The interment took place in the Jesuit vault at la Repentir.

Fr. Dea leaves a wide circle of friends to mourn him, especially at Mahaica and Suddie where he laboured assiduously. He died worn out in the service of the Lord, having spent half of his life in British Guiana. May he rest in peace.

The death occurred on Sunday, September 15, of Clive Nobrega, St. Stanislaus College Sixth Former, following a tragic accident when he was riding his motor cycle.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Nobrega of 11 Croal Street and Sendall Place, Georgetown.

A member of the popular "Telstars Musical Group", he had been booked to play with his Band that same afternoon at the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Meeting and Concert, where the announcement was made of the accident at practically the time when Clive himself lay dying in the Public Hospital.



Clive Nobrega

Not 24 hours afterwards, St. Stanislaus College received the Advanced Level Results of the University of London examination, which showed that Clive had secured three Advanced Level subjects - Physics, Pure and .Applied Mathematics.

Clive came to the College from the Sacred Heart School, Main Street in September, 1956, on a Government Scholarship. Throughout his time at the College he showed high ability in all his subjects and might easily have been a Guiana Scholar. He was not the type to concentrate on studies to the extent of putting aside his other interests and risk disappointing his many friends. He was always good mixer, very willing, of a very easy disposition and. I think, tended always to underestimate his own ability. H had just finished a three-day Retreat under Fr. Paul Crane when he met with his accident.

The funeral took place with Requiem Mass at the Cathedral on the following Tuesday, and was largely attended by College boys and others, His classmates bore the coffin into the church, and members of his orchestra carried it out again.

Next day the College had its Requiem Mass for him at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral with the boys attending.

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