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# ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

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Education	Shafiq Khan
Farm	Chris Fernandes
Fund-raising	Gloria Stephens
Maintenance	Bobby Fernandes

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If education in general is accepted by society as being of utmost importance, then surely the quality of the education of our own children must be at the top of our list of priorities in life. This was the motivation of the group of men, 51 years ago, who were the Founders of the St. Stanislaus College Association. Even today, the main function of the Association remains the same, to assist in the solving of the many problems that occur in the day-to-day administration of the College. At the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and Representatives of the College Staff, the Association is made aware of the needs of the College. As a result of these meetings, plans are formulated to try to cater for these needs.

Ever since the Government took over the School in 1976, the burden of the general upkeep and maintenance of St. Stanislaus has gradually shifted from the Ministry of Education towards the College Association. Today, the Association must raise approximately one (1) million dollars every year, just to keep the College afloat. As staggering as this amount seems, this level of funding may best be termed as subsistence, and is far from adequate for the proper education of our children. The adoption of St. Stanislaus in 1979 by Guyana Stores Limited was truly the answer to the Association's Prayers. The generosity of their policy of matching any funds spent on the upkeep of the College by the Association, has reduced our burden to manageable proportions. In fact hadn't it been for this partnership between the College Association and Guyana Stores Limited, St. Stanislaus might now be just another set of decaying buildings at the end of Brickdam.

Fifty years ago, when the first St. Stanislaus Magazine was published, there was an atmosphere of hope that better days were ahead. Today, in the present Association we have gone one step further. We have both hope and faith, that charity cannot be far behind. On this the Golden Anniversary of the "Saints" Magazine, it is indeed my privilege to salute not only the Founders of the St. Stanislaus College Association, but all the countless, unselfish people that have quietly kept up the good work of the Association over the years. These people, may be without even realizing it, have shown us the true meaning of our School Motto:

***"Aeterna Non Caduca - Not for this Life only, but for Eternity".***

**Bobby Fernandes  
President  
St. Stanislaus College Association**

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## Presidents of the College Association

1942-3	John Fernandes	1969	Bernard A.Fernandes
1944	Caesar De Freitas	1970	Patrick Brummell
1945	Celestine De Freitas	1971	Jules De Cambra
1946	Hector Steele	1972	Lindsay Collins
1947	Herman De Freitas	1973	Rafiq Khan
1948	Francis De Caires	1974	Rafiq Khan
1949	Jules B. Gonsalves	1975	Joe Castanheiro
1950	Edward H.Gomses	1976	Peter Fernandes
1951	Francis Brazoo	1977	Peter Fernandes
1952	Cecil De Caires	1978	Ben Carter
1953	Jerome DeFreitas	1979	Ben Carter
1954	John Fernandes Snr.	1980	Mrs. Christobel Hughes
1955	Celestine DeFreitas	1981	Mrs. Christobel Hughes
1956	Cecil DeCaires	1982	Mr. John Lewis
1957	John Fernandes.Jnr.	1983	Chris Fernandes
1958	Joycelyn D'Oliveira	1984	Chris Fernandes
1959	Joseph Mahangar	1985	Chris Fernandes
1960	Alfred De Freitas	1986	Shafiq Khan
1961	Reginald Hill	1987	Shafiq Khan
1962	Mancel Da Silva	1988	Chris Fernandes
1963	Paterson Aloysius Thompson	1989	Chris Fernandes
1964	Walter Harrison	1990	Peter Fraser
1965	Clement Da Silva	1991	Peter Fraser
1966	John Fernandes Snr.	1992	Shafiq Khan
1967	Mervyn Matthews	1993	Bobby Fernandes
1968	Stanley I. Seymour		

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## COLLEGE STAFF 1992 - 1993



L to R J. Morris, G. Leigh, M. Soloman, C. Laing, J. Dolphin, C. Gravesande, E. Thomas,  
 Back Row M. Forde, C. Moses, S. Glasgow, E. Dewsbury, P. Williams.  
 Middle Row J. Clarke, A. Chancellor, R. Barratt, M. James, K. Jacobs, D. Davidson, M. Hinds,  
 K. France, L. Meertins, D. Wharton, J. Texiera, A. Bristol.  
 Seating S. Smith, J. Yussuff, Z. Singh, F. Parris, E. Seecharran.

Name	Qualifications / Title	Name	Qualifications / Title
Mrs. Zohora Singh,	B.A., Dip. Ed, / H.M.	Mr. John Morris,	Graduate
Mrs. Lurine Meertins,	B.A. Dip Ed, / D.H.M. Ag	Mr. Frederick Parris	B.A. Dip., Ed.
Miss Euis Anthony,	Undergraduate	Miss June Pieters	Trained Grade I Class I
Miss Amanda Bristol	Trained Grade I Class I	Mr. Russell Barratt	B. Eng. Hons.
Mr. John Dolphin,	Trained Grade I Class I	Mr. Amir Salim	Trained Grade I Class I
Miss Margaret Ferrel,	Trained Grade I Class I	Mr. Stewart Smith	B.Sc.
Mrs. Margot Forde,	B.A. Dip Ed.	Mr. Malcolm Solomon	Undergraduate
Miss Kathleen France	B.A. Dip Ed.	Mr. Earl Thomas	Trained Grade I Class I
Mr. Sydwell Glasgow	Trained Grade I Class I	Mr. Orin Tross	B.S.A. Parts I & II; Diploma
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Mrs. Bhanumattie Hemraj,	Trained Grade I Class I	Mr. Paul Williams	B.A.
Miss Marlene Hinds,	6 G.C.E. 'O' levels	Mrs. Gentian Wilson-Miller	Undergraduate
Miss Karyon Jacobs,	B. Ed.	Mrs. Joan Yussuff	B. Soc. Sc. Dip. Ed.
Miss Michelle James,	Trained Grade I Class I		

## Part-Time Teachers

NAME	QUALIFICATIONS
Mr. Irwin Abrigo Mr. Rudolph Deoraj Dr. Colin Dye Miss Felicia De Santos Mr. Gavin Ferreira Mr. Keith Haynes Miss Odetta King Mr. Godfrey Leigh Miss Karen Mc Kenzie Mr. Colin Moses Miss Aloma Ramlall Miss Alertha Stacia Mr. Nikita Singh Mr. Shawn Wills Mr. Rawle Franklin	PhD. Chemistry  B.Sc. P.H. SP Hons.

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Librarian:	Mrs. Cheryl Laing
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# The College Association

## FIFTY YEARS ON

Fifty years ago, St. Stanislaus College was in dire financial straits. It was receiving no grant from Government - in sharp contrast to Queen's College which, at this time, was receiving \$30,000 annually. Hence, the College relied on fees to keep afloat. The fees were low -\$15.22 per term for the Upper Forms - but so were the salaries of the lay staff, and the deficit was growing year by year. Fr. Francis Smith, the Headmaster, submitted an application to Government for a subsidy and, at the same time, he asked the boys to pray for a special intention, but without telling them what that intention was. The answer to their prayers was one of the surprises which God sometimes gives us: the Government turned down the application, but a group of Old Boys who had been working with Fr. Gill to raise funds for the newly-acquired Sports Ground at Thomas lands came up with a suggestion: let's form a College Association so that the College can survive.

So, on the 21st September 1942, an inaugural meeting was held at the Ursuline Convent and the decision was taken to launch the College Association. Its aims were: to help the College financially, and to bring together Old Boys to keep them in sympathy with their Alma Mater, the school which had formed them. John Fernandes Snr. was chosen to be the first President of the Association, assisted by C. N. Delph and C. P. DeFreitas as Vice-Presidents, C. F. DeCaires as the Secretary, Jorge Jardin as the Treasurer and C. C. De Freitas as the Assistant Secretary. Other members of the Committee of Management were: P. F. De Caires, F. I. De Caires, J. R. Tranquada, R. J. Fitt, A. A. Abraham and J. B. Gonsalves.

The first Annual General Meeting was held in February 1943, by which time the number of members had risen to 182. It was decided to publish a Magazine to serve the interests of both the College and the Association, and the first number of St. Stanislaus College Magazine came out in April 1943. At first, the Magazine appeared at half-yearly intervals but from 1946 it was issued once a year.

The Fund-Raising Committee settled down to work straightaway. Two dances were held, in February and July 1943, raising \$724.88, and on September 4th of that same year 'Wonderland', a glorified version of the annual fair which had once been held, brought in the astonishing sum of \$6,396.81. Considering the value of the dollar fifty years ago, that was a magnificent effort. In that first year, the College Association wiped out the College deficit and was able to put almost \$5,000 into the College Extension Fund, as well as providing bonuses for the poorly-paid lay members of the Staff who, like Stanny Marques, willingly sacrificed higher earnings elsewhere for the sake of the boys they taught.

There were social and cultural events in those early years: debates, dances, lantern lectures, as well as the Annual Dinner, the first of which was held in the Guild Hall on 12th November 1943. Members of the Association took a lively interest in the

Magazine and contributed many interesting articles to make up the Association Section which remained a feature until the early 1960s.

Membership of the Association grew year by year:

1944 - 240.

1945 - 268.

1954 - 381.

1960 - 407.

The Association, provided its first scholarship to support a student in 1944, guaranteeing free education for five years. The first recipient being Marcellus Fielden Singh. In the years to follow Leslie Cummings, John Choy, Gerry Jekir and Pat Derrell were among those that benefited from Association Scholarships.

The debt was cleared from the new playing fields, and in, 1952, the long-awaited New Building was opened, providing an Assembly Hall and much needed classrooms. That was also the year when, thanks to the Honourable John Fernandes making his appeal in Legco, a grant was at last made to the College \$5,000, annually.

But it would be wrong to think that all went smoothly in those early years. There were constant appeals in the Magazine for more Old Boys to join the Association and for those already members to become more active in their support of the College. Then, as now, the brunt of the work was carried by the few. There was, even then, the problem of emigration of members. The departure of one stalwart provoked the following lament: "Like so many Guyanese who have contracted the Canada-itch, he has taken up, residence "way up there". That was written in 1953.

Each year new demands were made of the Association. Laboratories were needed if the students were to compete with other leading schools so the Association provided them. More scholarships were set up, provided by firms and by individuals. One notable foundation was the Stannie Marques Scholarship, set up when that legendary figure retired in 1962 after forty years at the College, as student and then teacher.

The General Strike in 1963 led to more emigration, bringing the membership down to 268. The following year, the tragic death of Arthur Abraham and seven of his children, including Desmond and Arthur who were students at the College shocked the nation. Arthur had been a founder-member of the Association and a much-respected figure.

But the Association survived those dark days. In 1966, the College celebrated its Centenary, and John Fernandes was elected as President for a third term. The following year, Pat Thompson as President committed to print his thoughts on the larger role of the Association: thinking through and helping to implement the future structure and organisation of the College. Another wing was needed as numbers grew and this was begun in the final year of Fr. John Hopkinson as Headmaster. In 1972, the new wing, named the Hopkinson Wing, was opened and the new Headmaster, Kenneth Khan, launched the College on a new course, bringing in agriculture and technology on a large scale. It was the Association, led by men like Noel Gonsalves, Peter Fernandes, Rafiq

Khan, John Fernandes, Jnr., Ben Carter and many others, who made possible the establishment of the College Farm at Sophia and the workshop on the Brickdam site. Fr Khan spoke of 1973 as "the Year of the Association". Rafiq Khan was so deeply involved in the implementation of the plans that he was elected to serve a second term as President in 1974.

The Association became more involved in College activities, playing the students at football and cricket and presenting trophies for both these sports. Then came the Government takeover in 1976, giving the Association a new role and a wider intake. By this time, girls were part of the student body and so the membership of the Association, was now widened to include mothers and female guardians of students. In 1980, history was made when Mrs Christobel Hughes was elected as the first lady President. It was in that same year that the Jesuits finally pulled out from teaching at the College, thus ending 114 years of teaching and 38 years of working closely with the Association.

The worsening financial condition of the country made the fund raising role of the Association more vital and the response was not lacking. The School farm and the College premises were maintained by the Association. In 1979, St. Stanislaus was adopted by Guyana Stores limited, and at last the Association had someone to share the burden of providing the up-keep of the College. Their first joint project was the levelling and grading of the sports ground on the sea-wall and the construction of a new pavilion, Guyana Stores also assists with the College Farm and in 1983 a Dairy Unit was set up which has resulted in the farm being able in 1993 to make a considerable monthly contribution of about \$20,000 towards the up-keep of the College.

In 1991, the College celebrated its 125th Anniversary. By this time the College Magazine had ceased to appear regularly due to financial and other constraints, so the Association brought out a special supplement in the Stabroek News, tracing the history of St. Stanislaus from 1866. The Association's contributions continued and in 1992 a Computer laboratory was established at the college, thanks to the joint efforts of the Marsha Phoenix Foundation of the U.K., the Guyana Connection and the College Association General maintenance, including the repainting of the College buildings has also been undertaken by the Association.

In the foreword of the first number of the St. Stanislaus Magazine published in 1943, the first President of the Association, John Fernandes Snr., ended his remarks by saying:

*"My sincerest hope is that your children and mine will become members of this Association and continue to support it long after we have passed on".*

Especially insofar as John's family is concerned, his hope has been fulfilled. Thanks to him and other stalwarts who have stood by the College through thick and thin, the College still exists fifty years later, in 1993, and so does the College Association.

**FATHER F. RIGBY S.J.**

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## NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS

One of the functions of the St. Stanislaus Magazine is not only to keep the College Alumni abreast of the progress of their Alma Mater but also to attempt to keep track of old school pupils and classmates both in Guyana and overseas. In an effort to do this, we have compiled some "News of Old Students".

<p><b>Jules De Cambra A.A. (1932)</b></p>	<p>Retired at the end of 1992 as director of Secretary of the New Building Society, after serving in the Organisation for 38 years. He initiated the project for the Society to erect the Hall of Residence costing \$36 Million at the University of Guyana. In April of this year he was elected the Chairman of the Society's Board of Directors.</p>
<p><b>Stanley Greaves (1946)</b></p>	<p>Now lives in Barbados where he works full time on his Art. He has made his mark on the Barbadian Art scene by winning the Premier National Award for Art, a record three years consecutively, for his paintings and sculpture. Recently resigned as Assistant Chief Examiner for CXC Arts and Craft after twelve years service. Currently Art Director of the Dorothy Taitt Foundation of Guyana.</p>
<p><b>J. D. Simmons A.A. (1946)</b></p>	<p>Has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Guyana Bank for Trade and Industry for the sixth consecutive year.</p>
<p><b>Benedict Singh (1947)</b></p>	<p>Bishop of Georgetown, was awarded the Cacique Crown of Honour (C.C.H.) in this year's National Honour Awards.</p>
<p><b>Desmond Burch-Smith (1956)</b></p>	<p>Was appointed a High Court Judge in August 1989.</p>
<p><b>Arthur Veerasammy (1959)</b></p>	<p>Was elected District Governor of Lions International District A-7 in Metro-Toronto, Canada, for the fiscal year 1991-92. He is one of the few lions from the Caribbean to have been afforded that honour in a Metropolitan Country.</p>
<p><b>Paul Chan-A-Sue A.A. (1962)</b></p>	<p>After serving for 14 years as the Honorary Treasurer, and 10 years as Vice-president, he was elected the President of the Georgetown Cricket Club in 1992.</p>
<p><b>Mark McWatt (1966)</b></p>	<p>Is presently the head of the English Department at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill-Campus, Barbados. A poet and literary critic who is about to publish his second volume of poems.</p>

<b>Charles (Bonnie) Ramson (1968)</b>	Has been appointed a Member of the Public Service Appellate Tribunal.
<b>Deep Ford (1969)</b>	Is now an associate professor at the Vermont State University. He is attached to the Department of Agricultural Economics, and is the Coordinator of the International Development Programme. A former Secretary of the Association, he is still very much involved with the Saints Farm and is presently one of the moving forces behind the Dairy Training Facility that was established in August, 1993
<b>Alfred Bhulai (1972)</b>	Former head of the Science Department at "Saints" and editor of the college magazine. Alfred spent six years at the Technical University of Berlin, where he graduated as an engineer in food (SUGAR) technology and wind power machines. He returned to Guyana in 1992 and is presently lecturing at U.G. in Astronomy and Gravitation, Chemistry and Environmental Science.
<b>Dr. Keith Carter (1973)</b>	<p>Former Physics teacher at "Saints", Keith graduated in 1984 from the University of Havana as a Doctor of Medicine. He subsequently specialised in Malariology, Environmental Sanitation in 1985 at the University of CARABOBO in Venezuela.</p> <p>Worked several years as Head of the Vector Control Service of the Ministry of Health. After a short appointment with PAHO in La Pas Bolivia, he graduated from the Central University of Venezuela in 1992 as an Epidemiologist. He is now a short term consultant with PAHO in Guyana in the field of Communicable Diseases (AIDS, MALARIA). He married in 1985 and has a daughter.</p>
<b>Robert Mc Rae (1973)</b>	<p>Graduated in 1986 from the Brooklyn College of New York with a BSc (Hons.) in Accounting. He also successfully completed his C.P.A Exam.</p> <p>Robert returned to Guyana in 1992 and is presently a partner in the accounting firm Christopher L. Ram and Company. He is happily married with two children. We are very pleased to welcome him back.</p>

<p><b>Mark Da Silva (1977)</b></p>	<p>A former Jnr., Victor Ludorum of the College, Mark migrated to Toronto in 1977 where at the under 14 and under 16 levels, he represented Ontario at soccer. He graduated in 1986 with a B.A. in Commerce at the University of Toronto. Returning home in 1992 he is presently the General Manager of the Laparkan Automotive Division. Mark is also President of the GMR &amp; SC.</p>
<p><b>Gavin Ferreira (1977)</b></p>	<p>After undergoing medical treatment for a very rare form of Paralysis in both England and Canada, in 1982, Gavin had the honour of being named "Ontario, Scholar" when he wrote the Canadian University entrance exam. He entered York University while still an outpatient, and graduated with a B.Sc. with specialised honours in Physics. Gavin returned to Guyana in 1992, where he spent a year teaching at U.G. and St. Stanislaus. The teachers and students would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to Gavin, and wish him and his family much. Success in the future.</p>
<p><b>Charles Quail (1977)</b></p>	<p>After completing his "A" levels in England, he qualified as a Dentist. He is now married to a Guyanese, Shivamini Singh and they have two children. Charles lives in England but practices in Germany.</p>
<p><b>Dexter Allen (1979)</b></p>	<p>Qualified as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from the University of Havana, Cuba, in 1990. He is now the ranch Manager, of the Ebini Ranch, of the livestock Development Company limited (LIDCO).</p>
<p><b>Brian Jardim (1979)</b></p>	<p>Graduated in 1982 from Ryerson College in Canada with a diploma in Accounting. He attended the University of Florida (GAINSVILLE) where he gained his B.Sc., in Accounting in 1983 and MSc. in International Taxation in 1984. He was successful at the C.P.A. Exam in 1986 and is presently Senior Vice-President of the Sandals Resorts in Jamaica. Brian is happily married with two children.</p>
<p><b>Clive Lee (1979)</b></p>	<p>Clive attended the Polytechnique of Central London (now the University of Westminster) in England. In 1981, he completed his HND in computer studies with distinction. Returning to Guyana, he started his own company, by the name of Professional Computer Services Limited. He provided valuable expertise to "Saints" when the Computer laboratory project was being set up in 1992.</p>

<b>Tony Mansel (1979)</b>	Tony has formed a Mining Company with another old boy Andrew I. Waldyk who lives in the U.S.A. Their Company received a grant from the Caribbean Development Bank for a Geological Survey, which has been successfully completed. Negotiations with foreign investors are presently in progress. We wish them both much success in the future.
<b>Brian Chin (1980)</b>	Graduated with a B.A. in Economics from Syracuse University. Spent five years in the United States Marine Corps, acquiring the rank of Captain. Re migrated in March 1993 and is presently a Plant Supervisor with Esso Standard Oil.
<b>Dr. Karen Gordon (1980)</b>	She was among the first batch of girls to attend St. Stanislaus. She won a Guyana 'Scholarship and went to Russia to pursue her medical studies. Graduated in 1990 from the Patrice Lumumba University as a Medical Practitioner. Is presently attached to the Public Hospital Georgetown (P.H.G) in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
<b>Andy Gouveia (1980)</b>	Opposition Member of Parliament established Andy's' Parlour Snackett in 1981. Has recently expanded into one of the leading Fast Food outlets in Guyana.
<b>Nigel Hughes (1980)</b>	Graduated in 1985 from the University College of London with his L.L.B. and in 1986 his L.L.M. Called to the English Bar in 1987. He is a member of the Inner Temple. He was admitted to the Guyana Bar in 1988. Founded the Hadfield Foundation in 1990, and is also the proprietor of Fine Art Framers and the Hotel Ariantze.
<b>Kamal Ramnauth (1981)</b>	Started the Kojac Marketing Agency in 1985. This establishment has developed into one of the leading Stationery and Office Supply Businesses in Guyana.
<b>Dean Whitehead (1981)</b>	Graduated with a diploma in Mechanical Engineering in 1985. This year he qualified for his Commercial Aircraft Pilot's license and is presently a pilot for Trans Guyana Aviation Limited.
<b>Linden Branche (1982).</b>	Graduated in 1989 from the University of Guyana with a BSc. in Mechanical Engineering. Presently holds the position of Plant Engineer at DOCOL.

<b>Colin Dye (1982)</b>	Graduated in 1986 from the University of Guyana with a BSc. in Chemistry and in 1991 from the University of Reading, England with a PhD. in Soil Chemistry. He returned home in 1992 and is presently attached to the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) as a Research Scientist.
<b>Linden Morrison (1982)</b>	Pursued his studies in Professional Accountancy in London and completed the Chartered Institute of Management Accounts Exam in 1991. Is presently attached to the Accounts Department of the Bank of Guyana.
<b>Dr. Marcia Chung (1983)</b>	Graduated in 1990 from the University of Havana Cuba, as a Medical Practitioner. Is presently attached to the Public Hospital, Georgetown (P.H.G.) in the Department of Anaesthesia.
<b>Steve Patterson (1983)</b>	Presently pursuing his A.C.C.A. and holds the position of Assistant Accountant, Demerara Tobacco Company.
<b>Saeed Alii (1984)</b>	Started the "Kwality Centre" Variety Store and Gift Shop in 1989. This establishment has developed into one of the leading suppliers of Electrical Appliances in Guyana.
<b>Dr. Ikram Husain (1984)</b>	Graduated in 1992 from the University of Guyana Medical School with a M.B.B.S. degree with distinction. Is presently working as the District Medical Officer at the Skeldon Hospital.
<b>Andrew Insanally (1984)</b>	Was awarded a Guyana Scholarship in 1984. Graduated from the University of Calgary in 1989 with a BSc in Computer Science. Presently attached to SAPIL as a Computer Systems Analyst.
<b>Gayatri Sharma (1984)</b>	Graduated from the Imperial College London in 1988 with an Honours degree in Biology. Worked with PAHO for two (2) years in Guyana. Relocated to Cambridge England in 1991. Presently pursuing an Open University Course – "Living with Technology".
<b>Dr. Narine Singh (1984)</b>	Graduated in 1993 from the University of Guyana Medical School with M.B.B.S. Degree. Presently working at the public Hospital Georgetown ( P.H.G.) as a GMO attached to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

<b>Alan Fernandes (1986)</b>	Graduated in 1992 with distinction in Bachelors of Engineering from the University of Guelph, Ontario Canada. Is presently pursuing post graduate studies in Miami Florida. Alan also took part in the 1991 Pan American Games in Cuba as a member of the National Hockey team.
<b>Anna Lisa Fraser (1986)</b>	Graduated in 1993 from Ryerson Polytechnic University in Canada, with a B.A. in Food, Nutrition, Family and Consumer Studies.
<b>Stuart Hughes (1987)</b>	Graduated in 1990 from the University College of London with a B.Eng.(HONS.) in Civil Engineering. Graduated from the same University in 1991 with MSc. Eng. and his D.I.C. Graduated in 1992 from the University of Paris Sorbonne with a diploma in French Language and Civilization. Returned home in 1992 and is presently attached to the firm David Klautky and Associates.
<b>Rhiana Bobb (1988)</b>	Was "Best Graduate" 1991 at the University of Guyana, where she gained a B.Sc in Chemistry. Presently lecturing in Chemistry at U.G., but hopes to further her studies shortly.
<b>Mark Rodrigues (1989)</b>	After winning several prizes in Motor Rallies sponsored by the GRMSC, is presently pursuing studies in Mechanical Engineering at the Polytechnic University of New York.
<b>Ramon Chan-A-Sue (1990)</b>	Presently majoring in Economics at McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario. Ramon is a member of the University Squash team and while back home for the summer he represented Guyana at the recently concluded Senior Caribbean Squash Championships in Trinidad.
<b>Yale Holder (1990)</b>	Presently pursuing his studies in Computer Engineering at McMaster University Ontario, Canada.
<b>Amanda King (1990)</b>	Presently studying Business Administration at Queens University, Kingston Ontario Canada.

## SPORTS

<p><b>Mark King (1987)</b>  <b>Philip Fernandes (1989)</b>  <b>(Capt.)</b>  <b>Riaz Mohamed (1990)</b>  <b>Rene Edwards (1991 )</b>  <b>Steven Fernandes (1991)</b>  <b>Rupert Washington (1991)</b>  <b>Timothy Mackintosh(1992)</b>  <b>(Vice Capt.)</b>  <b>Anthony Solomon (1993)</b></p>	<p>In 1992 the Guyana Notional Under 21 Hockey Team won the Gold Medal in the Junior Central American and Caribbean Championships held in Venezuela.          No less than eight past and present "Saints" boys were on that team.</p> <p>They are as follows:          Philip Fernandes (Capt.), Timothy Mackintosh (Vice Capt.), Rene Edwards, Steven Fernandes, Mark King, Riaz Mohamed, Anthony Solomon and Rupert Washington.</p>
<p><b>Paul Archer (1979)</b></p>	<p>Represented Guyana as a goal- keeper with the Notional Hockey Team which took part. In Guyana, Paul is also the only International Field Hockey Umpire to be certified by the International Hockey Federation (F.I.H.).</p>
<p><b>Sydney Christophe (1980)</b></p>	<p>National Mens Table Tennis Champion for the last seven years. Presently Caribbean Men's Singles Champion and Sportsman of the year for 1992.</p>
<p><b>David Fernandes (1982).</b></p>	<p>Was a member of the Guyana National Hockey Team that took part in the 1991 Pan Am. Games in Cuba.</p>
<p><b>Luke Fraser (1991)</b></p>	<p>Represents Guyana at Squash at both the Junior and Senior levels. Currently the Caribbean Under 19 Squash Champion.</p>
<p><b>Rohan Sarjoo (1992)</b></p>	<p>A member of the Guyana team that won the Northern Telecoms Youth Cricket Tournament in 1992 and 1993. In this year's competition he scored a century.</p>

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## MARRIAGES

Dean Whitenead (1981)	- Karan Chan-A-Sue (1984)	- 1 st December, 1990
David Fernandes (1982)	- Juanita Alphonso	- 23rd December, 1990
Paul Archer(1979)	- Deborah Philips	- 20th October, 1990
Johnathon Yearwood (1979)	- Paula Gildharry	- 31st August, 1990
Nadia Bhulai (1980)	- John Finnegan	- 23rd January, 1993
Andy Gouveia (1980)	- Diana West	- 22nd July, 1988
Nigel Hughes (1980)	- Kathy Cholmondiry	- 21st August, 1993
Linden Branche(1982)	- Gerilisa McMillan	- 22nd December, 1991
Saeed Alii (1984)	- Carol Bishun	- 16th February, 1993
Dr. Ikram Husain (1984)	- Dr. Randy Choo-Shee-Nam	- 24th June, 1990
Komal Ramnauth (1981)	- Jacqueline Mackintosh	- 21st January, 1989
Richard Carter (1982)	- Theresa De Groot	- 11th March, 1989
Colin Dye (1982)	- Audrey Benfield	- 25th June, 1988
Christopher Fraser (1973)	- Jacqueline Reis	- 3rd July, 1973
Mark Phang (1975)	- Maxine Baburam	- 3rd July, 1973

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF THE JESUITS AT ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE



Fr. John Hopkinson, S.J.

**Fr. John Hynes**, arrived in BG in 1826, later he was made Bishop. For many desperate years he made a valiant effort to attract sufficient priests to minister to his diocese. Malaria and other diseases depleted the number of his priests. He tried to nurse his limited numbers by sending them for a period of recuperation in Barbados. Finally he appealed to the Pope, who asked the Jesuits to take over the Mission. Fr. Etheridge was chosen and in 1857 he set to work to face many problems: poverty, disease ridden people, lack of good administration, and low morale.

Very early in 1866 he saw an urgent need to start a school. Fr. Langton opened a Catholic Grammar School, but after one year contracted yellow fever. It was not until 1880 that the School really got going under Fr. Barraud.

To this great pioneer we owe the School hymn to St. Stanislaus - "Saint of our Youth..", and in his honour the statue of the "Saint" which graces our outside gallery, was donated. "Saints" was on its way. After the 20 years of Barraud there were Frs.. Pollen and Lander, then Fr. Besant for 7 years. The 1914 war intervened then Fr. Miller 4 years. Fr. Mc Gowan ill after one year. Fr. Weld in his 8 years he built the first wing. After Fr. Marrion held the post 1930-1941. The College was now on its feet. Fr. Smith followed 1941-49, and in his second year the **Association** was born.

The second world war delayed further aid to the Mission, but in 1949 Fr. Scannell became head master. So in a short space of time we had Fr. Guilly who was to become Bishop, Fr. Scannell, Fr. Lynch, Fr. Feeny and Fr. Earle. Not only numbers, but qualified men to fill specialised teaching posts. In 1952 a new wing was built; in 1954 new science labs were added. In 1957 the Mission enjoyed its Centenary, and the College could now boast a well-equipped college and a well-qualified staff. We could now offer at sixth form level, Physics, Chemistry, applied and pure Maths, English, French, History and Geography. Not only that, but our students were winning University Scholarships. The next stage was the introduction of mechanical engineering (theoretical).

A new block of classrooms along Brickdam, a hall with stage, and rooms for technical teaching, were completed by 1972, and already the 15 acres for a school farm had been bought..

By now Fr. Kenneth Khan had taken over as Principal from myself. In 1976 the College Farm was officially opened. A decision had been taken to make the School Co-educational.

It is ironical that at the stage when "Saints" had reached, the peak of its achievements, and realising our most ambitious plans, we were robbed of our initiative, robbed of our school!.

## REMINISCENCES

As I sit here in Blackpool, the sun for a change shines through my window. So I naturally dream of past warm days in Brickdam.

Higgledy-piggledy memories popup:-"

- **Fr. Sidney Boase** in his book-office primly seated, and smiling benignly, unassuming, and as always, helpful.
- Upstairs, **Stannie Marques** is shepherding the youngsters with paternal authority into their classrooms.
- Downstairs behind his lab windows **Fr. Feeny** can be seen preparing the labs for morning classes.
- In the office above, a young lad is having his bruised knee cleaned and plastered by our kindly Secretary, **Mrs. Choo-Shee-Nam**.
- There's a huddle of Masters in the Staff-room, **Jekir, Derrell and Lynch** arguing about ..... sport of course!

(My-happy day-dreams are saddened when ...)

- I see **Fr. Bernard Darke**, puffing his pipe. He is loved by all the boys. They know the kindness behind the gruff face. He is the Scout-master par excellence, and a Trojan of a worker."

What a tragedy that his voluntary freelance photography led to his martyrdom!

## R.I.P.

**Fr. Byrne**. Charlie was a gifted teacher. We lost him to the Seminary. He is now chaplain to the Ursulines in Wimbledon. And of course we remember **Fr. Bridges**. He also was sent to the seminary. He has been of a bit of an invalid, but that has not prevented him from publishing four books on the history of the Church in Guyana, and is now writing a fifth, Bravo!

After a stint as head, **Fr. Marrion** returned to England, only to come back to help us out with Advanced level Chemistry. Then, incredibly, to take over St. John's School. 'They were giants in those days'.

**Fr. Scannell** loves to chat about "Saints." He is now very much an invalid. He was one of the team who came to the rescue after the long delay caused by the 1939 war. It was he who triggered off the advancement of "Saints" and was the Architect. He was a great

headmaster, much loved and worked himself to death. He accompanied Fr. Marques back to England and he needed to recuperate.

**Fr. Earle** was a close friend of Brian and worked well with him. He was 'a man for all seasons'. He could never say no. Always available - a good and well liked teacher. He had a great talent for dramatics and for production of plays. He served the College well. He is now resident at the College at Osterley, where he is still on the Staff. A great man to work with.

**Fr. Maxwell** - who can forget this maverick teacher -unusual, but with an uncanny way of getting through to even the most disinterested boy!

**Fr. Fred Rigby** is much more than a happy memory. He is now the Superior, and as ever, the College future is close to his heart. Who was it who dared to threaten our cricket by infiltrating 'rugger',

**Paddy Connors** comes the chorused reply. He had his supporters, but **Fr. Lynch** was not to be moved. Paddy is now working with exiled Guyanese in Venezuela.

I'm beginning to nod off, but I would like to greet all those old boys who may read this special number of the magazine, your number is legion, but we are proud of you all, and know that 'Saints' will always be your 'alma mater'. God bless all of you! And on behalf of "Saints", let me thank the **Lay Members of the Staff for their loyalty over the years**. "Saints" still needs and values your allegiance!

As a consequence of the Government's take-over of all Schools and Colleges in 1976, we, the Jesuits, have ceased to be Members of the teaching staff of St. Stanislaus College, though the College property remains ours.

Through the College Association, there is a line of continuity, and the College Motto "**Aeterna non Caduca**" is retained and honoured. I see in the Association an unbroken tradition to maintain and promote the intellectual and moral upbringing of our Youth with respect for God's PRIMACY.

We have every confidence that the College authorities, and the Association will honour this promise, and preserve our traditions. The publication of the St. Stanislaus Magazine on the 50th Anniversary of its first appearance, after many years absence, is happy proof that the spirit and loyalty of "Saints" still lives on in the College Association.

Congratulations to the present **St. Stanislaus College Association** on a job well done.

Fr. John Hopkinson SJ

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## STANLEY ANSELMO MARQUES (Teaching Years 1927 -1962)



**Marco**

12 and 13 year old boys to the disciplines of Latin and French.

Stanley Anselmo Marques, was truly a teaching legend at St. Stanislaus College, in his own lifetime. To literally generations of Saints Boys, who had the privilege of experiencing his special brand of teaching, he was simply known as "Marco". A Saints Boy himself, having attended the College from 1922 to 1927 he began his teaching career as soon as he left school. Having just come through the ranks at Saints, he was familiar with the teaching system and all its loop-holes. These he immediately set about correcting, much to the chagrin of the Students.

"Marco" was given the unenviable task of introducing unruly

Long before the time came for me to enter the first form, I had already heard all about "Marco" from my four older brothers who had attended Saints before me. They would terrorise myself and my twin brother Billy with warnings that "Marco" was awaiting us with all sorts of ingenious methods of punishment that neither of us had ever heard of before. At last the fateful day arrived in 1959, my first day at St. Stanislaus. Imagine my anxiety when I discovered that "Marco" was to be our Form Master in 1B. Much to my surprise my fears all seemed unnecessary, as before the class stood, a kind looking Portuguese man, with a soft smile, who welcomed us to Saints by gently asking us our names. On the College teaching staff at that time, there were more Priests than Lay Masters, so some of the boys understandably thought he was a Priest. After our first Latin Lesson a small boy named Bassoo, sitting next to me, thought he was God. Because, he quite rightly reasoned, that only God could understand this "thing" that they were calling Latin.

It didn't take long for me to appreciate the warnings my brothers had given me. In my second week at School in Latin period, I got a close up view of "Marco" in full cry. My friend Lopes, sitting just in front of me, was asked by "Marco" to recite the principle parts of the Latin verb GUBERNO. He began hesitantly, "GUBER-Y-NO". Now, "Marco" was not in a good mood, as the first four boys had already said it wrong, and I noticed his cheeks were becoming slightly flushed. He said "Listen Boy! the word is GUBERNO, now get on". Lopes made another try "GUBER-Y-NO". "Marco" came down the aisle with deceptive quickness, taking up a position a little behind the boy, and so directly in front of me. "Don't play with me, boy!" he said, "I am a busy man, the word is GUBERNO". Poor Lopes all he could do was simply repeat a feeble "GUBER-Y-NO". It happened so fast that I was nearly swiped in the face by his back swing, as "Marco" brought his open palm into contact with Lopes contracted bottom in two lightning strokes.

His hand seemed to be in some pain as he said "Lopes, your damn bottom must be lined with zinc".

But it was as a Games Master that "Marco" had no equal. Games were compulsory at Saints in those days, and "Marco's" much feared P.T. Sessions could motivate even the fattest of boys. He was Housemaster of Etheridge, and this house dominated most of the sporting activities during my six years spent at the College. This was largely due to "Marco's" ingenious methods as a talent scout. By questioning Students already at the School he was able to learn of the sporting potential of their relatives that were about to enter the first form and so make sure that they were put into Etheridge House.

The secret of "Marco's" success as a teacher, was that he was concerned not only with those that were gifted academically and athletically but with every boy that came under his care. In fact, the boys that were weak in class, and the "fat boys" on the playing field, got his special attention. You see "Marco's" favourite quotation was "As you sow, so shall you reap"; and all he asked of any boy, was to give everything that he had inside himself.

On behalf of the hundreds of "Marco's" boys who never thought of saying it during their days at school - Thanks for everything Mr. Marques.

**BOBBY FERNANDES (1965)**

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Mr. Stanley Marques is 82 years old and now lives with his wife Agnes in peaceful, well-earned retirement in Manchester, England.

*Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.*

CHARLES COLTON

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## DAYS TO REMEMBER

Reminiscences are peculiar and important things. This article is about my own reminiscences concerned with an institution that has had some lasting influences on my personal development. The mere fact that I still reminisce about it, shows how lasting indeed were those influences.

There is something about the first day at a new school, that leaves a profound mark on our minds. First of all is the confrontation with new spaces. There is the playing field full of promises of games to be played, witnessed by our immediate neighbours in the police barracks. One has to learn to take orders from captains and to expect immediate censure, ridicule or acclaim for ones actions. The school building itself was three stories high, with individual classrooms, what a luxury. An even greater luxury was the command over individual desks and chairs, indicated by names or initials illegally carved.

The first ritual of first day in the first classroom was to choose your space ... mad rush for a window seat of course. The next ritual of a more traumatic nature was the first meeting with Mr. Marques ... later known to us as "Marco", but not to his face of course. It was like being inducted into the army. We were made aware of the statutory requirements of a pupil attending ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE. Behavioural actions for school and the road and especially for the weekly walk to the Brickdam Cathedral for Benediction were spelt out. It was our first encounter with the real working power of traditions.

St. Stanislaus, secure in his position in the other world, became a person and not merely a name. One felt that he was certainly kept very busy keeping watch over our total development ... spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical. His team of experts were already in place to guide us through the relevant exercises. One thing that fascinated us was the fact that just as we were new boys to the institution, we also witnessed the arrival of other "new boys" ... Fr. Scannell, Fr. Lynch, Fr. Feeney and perhaps one or two others I cannot remember. We wondered if Mr. Marques also had to spell out things for them, seeing that they were not only new to the school but also new to the country. Another category of "new boys", "new old boys" really were returnees like Fr. Marion, a former head of the school, and Fr. Marques, an even more fearsome character whose reputation preceded him. Close proximity to such a character was assiduously avoided especially when we learnt that he was brother to Mr. Marques.

At the time the only building on the compound was the old wing, while the playing field accommodated a football and two cricket pitches. There was no seawall ground. Prefects ensured that we did not walk on the pitches when it rained. Another character, not as obtrusive as the Marques brothers was Das ... not Mr., just plain Das ... a very silent polite individual until he had had a drink at weekends when he was encouraged by those of us who played cricket to talk about school history, meaning gossip of course. He was a three-in-one man occupying the positions of caretaker, groundsman

and timekeeper. Keeping time meant that he emerged from his room every 40 minutes with a large hand bell rung with slow deliberate strokes to announce the change of periods. Das lived in a room on the ground floor with his wife Mai ... just called Mai and not Mrs. Das ... who provided certain delicacies like, mittai, poloroui and dhalpouri at break and lunchtime.

At the far end of the building beside the lattice work Jordan ... never called anything else ... reigned supreme. It seems to me now that the lack of a title gave a clear indication of one's position in the school society. Jordan had a tray containing mainly fruits and sweets, and seemed to know all things about all men ... meaning us. She had a sharp tongue and could spot the saints from the sinners a mile off. One did not attempt to play tricks on Jordan, like buying things on trust not intending to pay later on believing that she would have extreme difficulty in recognising us. Our uniforms, all grey and white with badges, some of us felt was an adequate disguise. This notion did not last very long. You were addressed as "Mister man, yes ah mean you ... whey me money!" It was a statement not a question, with special emphasis on the "Mister". Jordan would then give an accurate reckoning without consulting a note book. This was sometimes an embarrassing introduction to the rules of gentlemanly conduct in social contracts.

Somehow the three characters I described did not seem to have first names or titles but this did not bother us unduly, seeing that it made them more accessible to us. We all felt nonetheless that they were institutions in their own right.

In the playing field were two saman trees, the older of which occupied a spot which would now be about the center of the south wing. The boys of my class gravitated to this tree which became our head quarters and was defended against allcomers. Only rainy days and holidays of any kind kept us away from the tree. One disadvantage of having an 'official' headquarters, was that prefects knew where to find those of us who broke laws written and unwritten. Its major feature was a sloping trunk with easy footholds that allowed us to sit on it. In addition there was a generous root system on which we would sit to do a multitude of things including homework, accounts of escapades, and generally testing strength of character by bestowing false names and recounting to an appreciative audience the embarrassing things one might have experienced in the classroom. Fights some times broke out when things got particularly rough. It was not until we were well into our Latin studies ... Caesar's Gallic Wars ... that the name forum romanorum, the meeting place of the Roman senate, was bestowed on the tree.

Years later when I became a teacher at "Saints" I always felt that the Forum should have been spared when the south wing was built. That tree represented a kind of welcoming atmosphere, a home from home, a sanctuary from the reach of those seeking to make life miserable for us. Not seeing it there any longer represented for me the kind of loss that diminished you in some way.

It took us a little while to realize that classroom discipline was maintained through the intellectual rigour of the subjects taught and not by a rattan cane or "wild cane" as it

was called in primary schools. Corporal punishment was administered instead by an instrument whose presence in the school was known through the sharp distinctive sound it made as it came into contact with the palm of the hand. Of course we also had a graphic description of the whole process from those who had experienced its power. Those who hadn't, tried to imagine the sensation of receiving strokes from a thing made of leather bearing resemblance to an elongated shoe sole. The mysterious instrument was called a ferula, but for us it was The Ferula.

Punishment was not administered immediately in the classroom as we were accustomed to in primary schools. The master would write your name down in his note book and would later transfer it to the punishment book which was kept in the Ferula Room. While several of us had to share a classroom, the ferula had a room to itself, that to us was real power. You never knew if your name had been entered until a prefect came to summon you to the room. The interval of waiting was nerve racking, and was often worse than the actual strokes received ... six was the statutory number, nine or twelve for more serious offences.

Just as lessons followed a timetable our informal games had marbles, rubber band, powered paper projectiles, softball cricket, and volleyball, and a particularly boisterous form of football called "Labass". The main object of the game was to kick anyone attempting to kick the ball, you could even "legitimately" kick someone who was attempting to kick the person attempting to kick the ball. Groups of boys standing around minding their own business would scatter like the wind when the ball suddenly arrived in their midst. It was great spectator sport to our neighbours, the policemen in their barracks.

During the tenureship of Fr. John Smith as Headmaster, overcast of rainy days took on a particular significance. If it rained heavily in the morning we would be given an extra period and have the rest of the day off. If the day was very overcast, Fr. Smith would be in and out of his office frequently to check the weather conditions. If he felt it was going to rain, whether it did or not, he would emerge from his room with a special card marked HALF DAY and pin it to the notice board. One day the prefects or some of them 'at least decided to create a half day holiday because some film they had wanted to see was being shown at 1:30 p.m. They came back very early after lunch and herded all of the returning junior boys among some banana trees at the back of the school. Fr. Smith arriving at school seeing the place significantly devoid of pupils duly declared a half day. On receiving the news there was a mad dash for the school gates before he could change his mind. If my memory serves me right, some of the prefects were suspended from duty for a period of time.

One could go on and on, but for myself it is pleasant from time to time to think about the personalities of my class. The qualities that separated the one from the other were revealed in many instances by false names which I still remember but will remain unstated ... Terence De Abreu, Michael Comacho, Leslie Cummings, Frank Delph, Bunnie Fernandes, Ferreira, Jerry Gouveia, John I. Gomes, J. C. Gomes, Stanley Gonsalves, Christopher Gravesande, Roy Gunby, John Joaquin, Jimmy Kranenburg, Carl Marques, Dave Martins, Anthony Michael, Raymond Pancham, Ramsaywack, Bing Serrao, Harry Shepherd, Frank Small, Alexander Sue-Ping and others ..

CLASS OF '46 WHERE ARE YOU NOW.

**STANLEY GREAVES,  
MAY (1946)**

*Proud father, looking at son's report card with all A's, to wife:*

*"Dear, this boy has my brains",*

*Wife replies: 'He must have dear, because I still have mine",*

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## **Fr. AIDEN GILL, S.J.**

### **Teaching Years (1937 -1956 and 1959 -1961)**

The teacher who made the most lasting impression on me at St. Stanislaus College was Fr. Gill alias "the Red Fox" or "the Fox". The nickname, I may sdy, was descriptive rather than derisory, and stemmed no doubt from his peppery and clipped method of speech which belied his Yorkshire (am I right?) birth; his small stature and high colour. Maybe his lifelong involvement with French language and perhaps culture accounted for his manner, but it was certainly more Gallic than north of England.

French was his forte. His efforts to make us pronounce correctly the French "tu" (thou) was particularly memorable. "Now Joe", he would say, "say 'tu'". "Too". "No, no, not 'too', 'tu'!" "Oh, 'tee'". "No, no, not 'tee' either, 'tu, tu, tu'". Finally, like Eliza Doolittle, I think I got it, and to this day can "tutoyer" with the best.

Sometimes, when about to give "une petite dictee" he would preface it with: "eh bien, alors, courage et confiance". You then knew you were in for a real stinker.

Being of a chatty disposition (I did become a barrister) I was often talking in class. The Fox would then fix me with his beady eye and say: "Keeng, stop that gossiping and gate on with some work, now gate on, gate on!" I invariably did.

Fr. Gill could make the French language live. His sonorous recitation of Racine's "Andromaque" and the force he would put into the first few lines of La Fontaine's "La peste": "Un mal que repond la terreur .... la peste", are with me to this day.

The end result for me - a Distinction in French at A levels in 19... (no I won't say what year). Jocelyn D'Oliveira and I always swore that when the Fox had finished with us we were well on the way to B.A. level French!

Fr. Gill was at one time Games Master and took his duties seriously. One day a new boy came into the class - 5th Form I think - and Fr. Gill immediately started to tap him for the cricket team. "Do you bowl or bat?" he asked. "Both" said the boy. "Leg or off spin?" said Fr. Gill. "Both leg and half" replied the aspiring Sobers. Suppressed laughter from the class. I don't think he made the team, too clever by half.

My lasting impression of Fr. Gill is of a great French teacher and a fine and decent man. May his soul rest in peace.

**J.A. KING**

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## ST. STANISLAUS FARM ON THE MOVE

The St. Stanislaus College Farm was established in 1975 as a practical training facility for students in Agriculture. For the first five years it served primarily to assist in the preparation of high school students sitting exams in the Agricultural Sciences. In the past ten years the farm has operated as a commercial entity financing its own existence while considerably broadening its training activities. Today the farm serves as a dairy training centre for students, farmers, agricultural extensionists and live-stock technicians throughout Guyana. Very significantly, the successful commercial operations of the farm subsidizes the general education of students attending the College.

The farm has become famous for its dairy model which is being promoted not only among farmers in Guyana but also in Suriname and the wider Caribbean. In 1982 with the collapse of the poultry industry in Guyana the College Association experienced great difficulty in funding the farm's current expenditure which up to then was being done with the revenue earned from its broiler and egg production. This coincided with the arrival in Guyana of Dr. Hector Munoz to work with the International Institute for Co-operation in Agriculture (IICA). Dr. Munoz who is a live-stock production specialist from Costa Rica was approached by Dr. Deep Forde the then Chairman of the Farm Committee and he willingly put forward a plan to develop the sixteen acre plot of land at the farm to house a dairy unit using simple and appropriate technology. The dairy at the time consisted of just three milking cows, two heifers, three calves, a cow and calf pen and twelve acres of bush and busi busi which constituted the pasture for grazing.

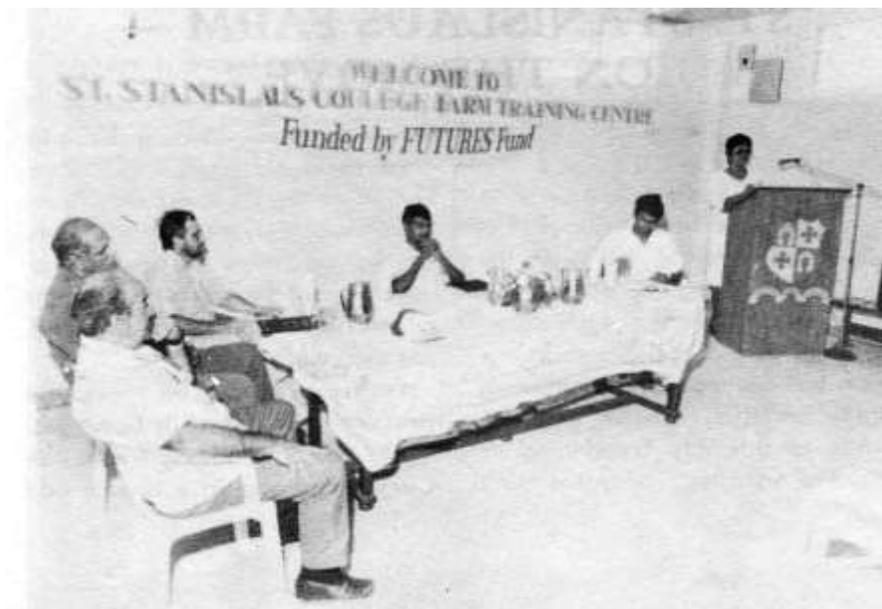


NEW FARM TRAINING CENTRE BUILDING

The pasture was developed with the cultivation of antelope grass. This was divided into twenty-eight paddocks using electric fencing powered very economically with a solar unit. These paddocks provided rotational grazing for the cows and heifers and a four acre plot was reserved for the calves and the afternoon grazing of the milking herd. The cows were milked twice daily with the use of a portable milking machine and at the time of milking were each fed two pounds of rice bran or wheat midling.

The milk production at the farm has increased from a mere two thousand four hundred and thirty liters to a total of fifty thousand four hundred and nine in 1993. So successful has been the model it is commonly referred to in dairy circles as the "Munoz model". It is for this reason that the training facilities at the farm have, recently been up-graded to provide a new laboratory as well as dormitory, kitchen and dining facilities to accommodate students from outside of Georgetown and dairy farmers and technicians from the Caribbean region as well. The new facility has been funded by Futures Fund and supporting audio-visual equipment and training material by the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) and the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS).

### Official Opening of Project



L-R: Dr. H. Munoz (I.I.C.A.), C. Fernandes (Farm Committee), M. Alarie (Futures Fund), Dr. S. Surijballi (N.D.D.P.), P. Fraser (Farm Committee), Z. Singh (Headmistress).

The facility was declared open on Friday, August 20, 1993, by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud and the ribbon cut by Mr. Maurice

Alarie of the Futures Fund. Following the formal opening a Dairy Production Workshop was held.

It is hoped that this facility would further enhance the level of training conducted and would be fully utilised by the Ministry of Education and other agencies in Guyana.

**CHRIS FERNANDES**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**College Farm Committee**

*Man is probably the only animal which even attempts to have anything to do with its half grown young.*

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## ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Since it was founded in 1942, the St. Stanislaus College Association has always stood close by, ready to provide assistance, at the many crucial moments in the history of the College, or it struggles to maintain the levels of excellence set by its founders, the Jesuits.

Over the years the Association has tried to ensure the continuity of College traditions by the observance and celebration of the various Anniversaries of St Stanislaus. In the centenary year of 1966, these celebrations took the form of an Association Dinner and of sporting encounters in Cricket and Football, between the College and teams representing the Association. The celebrations were similar in 1991 for the 125th Anniversary of the College, with the high point being a visit from Father John Hopkinson S.J., who served as principal of St. Stanislaus for 1959-1972 and graciously accepted the College Association's invitation to be guest of honour at the week long festivities. Father Hopkinson was a judge of the inter-house debating competition and attended a special school concert that was organised in his honour. He was also guest speaker at the Association Dinner at which tributes were paid to both himself and the Jesuits in general.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Father Hopkinson who undertook a long and tiring journey to be with us and the Jesuits for sponsoring his visit.



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ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TORONTO

A long standing wish of many St. Stanislaus College Alumni was the formation of an association in Canada. The purpose of the organisation would be to return to the College, in the form of tangible assistance, fruits of the education, training and discipline received from the College.

To this end, a number of those who had expressed interest met in December 1992. A letter from Mr. Robert Fernandes, President of the St. Stanislaus College Association in Guyana, was presented at this meeting. This letter served to spur activity towards formation of the Group. It was bad enough that the traditions seemed to be fading into the sunset, but Bobby reported that termites were attacking the very foundations of the school. Action was prompted!

A focus group was formed and officially sanctioned by the parent organisation in Guyana. Over the next few months several more meetings were held. Issues related to purpose, organisational structure and constitution of the organisation, the identification and location of potential members and fund raising were debated.

A constitution was developed and elections were held. In keeping with the goals and objectives outlined in the constitution the following "mission statement" was adopted.

*In the best traditions of St. Stanislaus College, to provide a vehicle for alumni, staff and friends to gather and rekindle the spirit ... To raise funds for the benefit of the College and any charitable purpose connected therewith.*

On May 28, 1993, the first function, "Inaugural Dinner Meeting (Recruitment Drive)" was held at the Golden Star Restaurant in Scarborough, Ontario. The event was a tremendous success!

About 150 former staff and students of St. Stanislaus College who attended the college in the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, turned up for the function. They mingled and renewed acquaintances, told 'tall' stories, made more funny or exaggerated by the passage of time, while sharing a few drinks and a wonderful meal. It was interesting to note the reaction of "old boys" from the 60's and earlier marvelling at the new dimensions that the introduction of co-education had brought. This was typified by the group of bright, articulate "old girls" present at the function.

Mr. Rupert De Castro, President of the Steering Committee, served as master of ceremonies for the formal proceedings. A number of those present were recognised including Mrs. Cho Chee Nam, a former secretary of St. Stanislaus and Mr. Compton Singh, a former student and teacher at the College. Mr. Singh addressed the group briefly outlining some of his experiences at the College.

All too soon the evening was over, leaving though, a strong sense of purpose to build the organisation and carry on towards achieving the goals and objectives identified.

**STEERING COMMITTEE ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE  
Alumni Association -Toronto**

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

To date a newsletter and a number of other fund raising activities were held by the Toronto Association, and the proceeds were sent to the St. Stanislaus Association in Guyana. The first project that was identified for these funds was the payment of the school's outstanding Termite Eradication Bill. Other projects have been earmarked for assistance, and it is hoped that working together, the two Associations can gradually upgrade the school facilities and help restore St. Stanislaus College to its former position of a leading educational institution in Guyana.

The absent are never without fault, and the present without excuse.

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