

The Griffin 2003



Fervet Opus In Campis

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Thanks to God.

Magazine Committee

MESSAGE FROM THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT

With unceasing perseverance every difficulty must be overcome. This has been the motto of the Jamaica College Magazine Committee. In spite of the many obstacles and difficulties which we encountered thanks be to God we were able to successfully resurrect the school magazine. I do hope that this tradition will remain alive and that every Jamaica College student will deem it a privilege and an honour to contribute to the success of the Jamaica College School Magazine - "The Griffin."

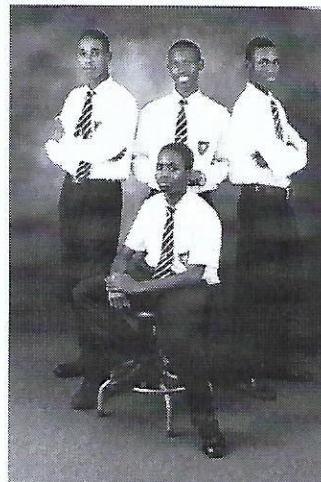
I must use this opportunity to encourage each student to aim for success. In spite of whatever difficulties you may encounter during your studies at school, never give up, for 'the heights of great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept were toiling upward through the night.' The true Jamaica College student should strive for excellence and be diligent, hardworking, determined, and disciplined as great characters are formed by little acts and efforts. The discipline that you now portray will determine the type of man you will become.

The greatest want of the Jamaican society is the want of men. Men who cannot be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as a needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall and men who will walk in the footsteps of Christ. All Jamaican men should aim to be an independent, educated Christian gentleman this will enable us to have a better society and nation.

If each Jamaican man should aim to become an independent, educated Christian gentleman the Jamaican society would be a better place. This would enable us to have more hardworking and disciplined men who will make invaluable contributions to the social, political and economic development of our country. With men being transformed by the power of Christ there would be a significant reduction in the rate of crime and violence, and less single parent homes as these men would take full responsibilities for their actions and be exemplary positive role models in their communities. Furthermore, these Christian gentlemen would know how to truly love, honour and appreciate a woman as the Bible dictates and thus there would be an elimination of domestic violence.

May I challenge all Jamaican men especially the Jamaica College student to follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ a true gentleman and become men of honour, principle, integrity and discipline. Leaders who will lead our women and children and the nation to prosperity and upliftment through Christ who strengthens us.

Terrence Cunningham.
President



L-R: Leo Watson,
(Editor)
Terrence Cunningham,
(President)
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(Sport Coordinator)
Jermaine Muschette
(Vice-president) (Seated)

Missing
Albert Brown

EDITOR'S REPORT

Throughout the ceaseless ages the evolution of man has produced remarkable and memorable creations that go on to leave a permanent mark in history. Likewise today we stand witness to another incredible development in history; the resurrection of the of the Jamaica College School Magazine. Once more our young scholars will have available to them an avenue for expression, a means by which to capture the spirit of J.C and its purpose, a showcase of our success and a source of inspiration.

As I analyse carefully each line and curve employed to construct the image of the great Griffin its structure brings to my mind the words: POWER, PERSEVERANCE, EXCELLENCE and AUTHORITY. We as a body of students have a legacy to be proud of, one we should aspire to surpass.

On a sorrowful note, let's look at the words as said by the British writer William Somerset Maugham: the greatest tragedy of life is not that men perish, but that they cease to love. Though this may appear paradoxical, we as a body grieve not only the lack of love in our society but also the demise of our fellow peers particularly young Deron who died at the hands of evil men.

Let us honour their memory by not just seeking material wealth, but by being someone of value to society. Let us take back our school and our society from the hands of those who seek to destroy and not to build. Let us remember our Creator, let us remember our School Prayer and let us live as if we understand the implications of our motto, *Fervet Opus In Campis*.

Leo Watson
Editor

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

I am pleased to see a return to the publication of the School Magazine after an absence of some years. This effort serves two main purposes. Firstly, it challenges the initiative of our students, and provides an outlet for their creative work and students also learn how to work together towards a common objective.

Secondly, it preserves the memories of school days, the students with whom we shared that experience, and acts as a historical reference. This will be so important to us in the years ahead and will keep that spirit of Jamaica College going. Congratulations on this effort.

James S. Moss-Solomon
CHAIRMAN - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A WORD TO THE WISE

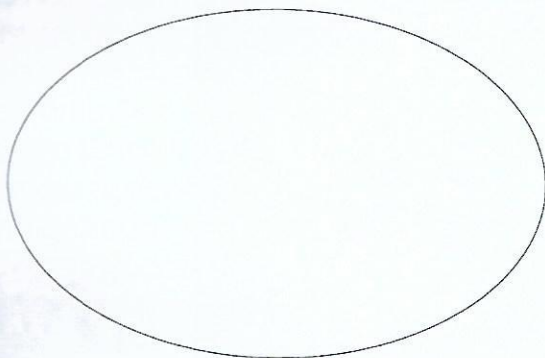
∴ Don't wait for your boat of success to come in, row out to meet it.

∴ Impossibilities are mere challenges.

∴ No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

∴ All growth depends on activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort; and effort means work. Work is not a curse it is the prerogative of intelligence, the only means to manhood and the measure of civilization.

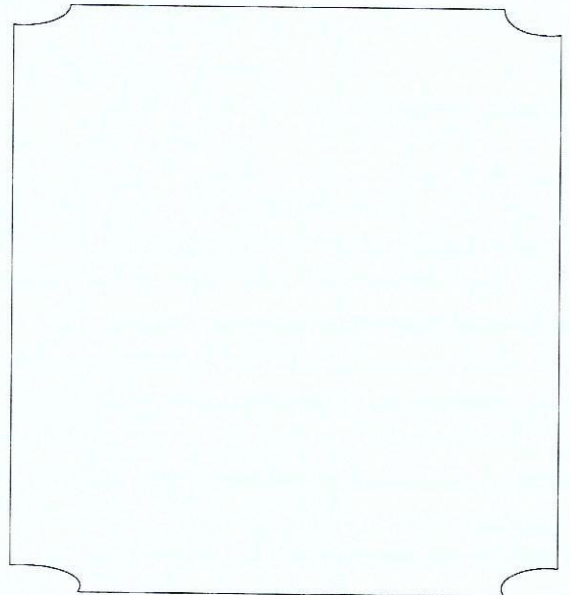
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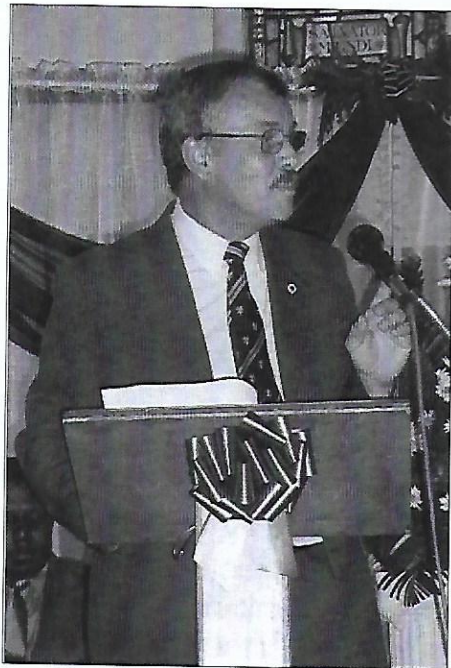
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Principal's Message



It is a great pleasure for me to compose a message for the Jamaica College Magazine. The ability of the Sixth Form Committee with the leadership of Mrs. Powell and Miss E. Smith to resurrect the magazine is a testament of their

commitment to their school. The resolve to produce the magazine despite the associated difficulties and challenges says much for our senior students.

It is my sincere hope that the magazine will serve to focus attention on the accomplishments of our boys and the school. The determination to succeed in class, on the field or court, in competition or club activity is testimony to the dedication they have to being successful in life.

A WORD TO THE WISE

∴ He who will not command his thought will soon lose command of his actions.

∴ How high I aim
How much I see
How far I reach
Depends on me.

∴ The man who finds himself behind in the race of life must run twice as fast as the man in front to get ahead.

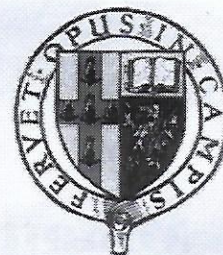
Our Old Boys have paved the way with their accomplishments and also the continued and most valued contribution made to the school. Many aspects of our programmes would be beyond our reach if it were not for the support they give. I would wish to express the thanks and appreciation of the school to all the Old Boys at home and abroad. I must also extend this expression of gratitude to the Parent Teachers' Association for the significant contribution they have made.

Once more, my congratulations to the Committee for a job well done. I challenge the boys to take the school motto ~Fervet Opus In Campis~ to heart and with this issue of the magazine set for themselves the challenge to prepare for the next issue by rededicating themselves to the highest of standards in all of their endeavours. Each day becomes the history; let the history record our accomplishments.



Mr. Tim Akpeti (V.P. Senior School)
Mrs Jean Bramwell (V.P. Lower School)

Stuart Reeves
Principal



The School Captain's Reflections

The Jamaica College Sixth Form experience is one, which will never be forgotten. Through the ills of misfortune and the glee of memorable moments many lessons have been taught and equally such have been learnt. Irrespective of those questionable times, it is the indisputable truth that yet remains, it proved to be a challenge but no different from others in our school life and as such we rose to the occasion.

The past two years have left many founded with newly formed bonds through new friendships made and the previously existing ones the more strengthened. Members of our company have left prematurely but only for the reasons of fulfilling their calls of their life's destined greatness. The experience has been nothing short of great, even with all the negatives considered. If at any point in my school life serious bonds and the love for this prestigious noble institution were achieved, then it would have been now.

Both academic and social aims have been achieved and even more than that which we expected. Our recently former Year Supervisor Mrs. Christa Benfield through her efforts has given us the opportunity of being the first group to initiate what from then onward has become an added annual tradition being carried on by Mrs. Powell, The Jamaica College Sixth Form Dinner. The leadership seminars held prior to our nominations as Prefects were of much significance to our development.

These leadership abilities were tested in August 2002 when members of the Prefect Executive and other Sixth Form students actively participated in another historical moment when we hosted Jamaica College's first boot camp acting under the supervision of Mrs. Blake Williams, project co-coordinator. This was aimed at redirecting some seventy misled lower school students. The camp was successful.

I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the greatest minds that the world will ever come across; Frank McCook and Jermaine Williams, two exceptional young men from all of whom some key attributes can be taken to enhance even my own character. From the very astute in the areas of Physics and Mathematics, to the very analytic minds at even leisurely activities, a more rounded set of charismatic and determined young men cannot be found.

Knowing all that we came to our various temporary offices to do, it can be stated that a significant contribution on our part has been done to the advancement of the entire Jamaica College community. Physically we leave this our place of educational advancement, to continue on this our various roads of greatness to which Jamaica College has led, but forever etched within our memories will be the laughter shared, the secrets told, and the occasions of 'blue shirts' on the blocks. The walls no more will tolerate these our songs and diverse conversations, nor the laughter of friendships.

Jamaica College has what is needed to survive and rise as a phoenix out of the ashes, let our love for the institution lead us those with its experiences to share such with the world which is lacking in well rounded and socially capable young men as ourselves, let our achievements speak for themselves, let the Jamaica College Experience speak for us as we take on the work burning in the fields.

As School Captain, it can never ever be denied that a job well done could have always be done better which is the point to be emphasised. I am happy that although not all of our goals were realised and the tangibility of our influence on this institution and the young men who look up to us is not obvious much

The School Captain's Reflections

has been accomplished. We are hoping that all others like us, who will walk through the corridors of this block, will enjoy the experience as we have while also making their contribution. It is never up to one person to make a great change, but for all of us to contribute continuously in the advancement of our institution.

Many more youngsters will enter first form and hold you our Sixth Formers as the epitome of the ideal Jamaica College Student; many more days will come when the fate of our school's reputation hangs in the balance with Sixth Formers being the determinant factor. If you, those who come afterwards, fail to be the inspiration of those our younger minds, then Jamaica College would have failed their expectations, you would have failed them.

To the Principal who allowed me to become the first 5th Form Student to write General Paper along with Sixth Form students I publicly say thank you for the opportunity, I believe the grade attained reflects the importance of the favour.

To Mr. Tim Akpeti, who has made an indelible mark on the institution and my life, may you be favoured by our Lord always.

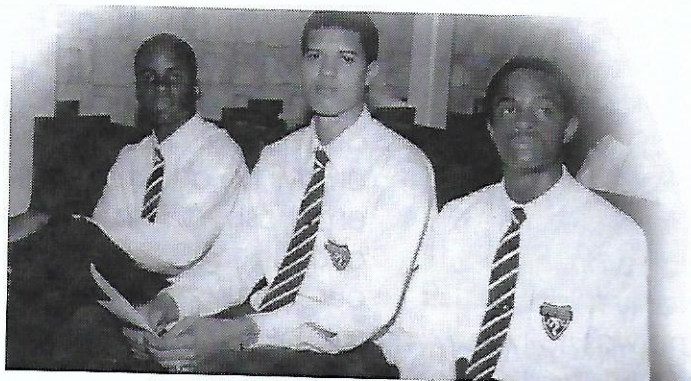
Mrs. Jean Bramwell to whom we taught the log-on, keep smiling. Your etiquette sessions did us well.

My experience would never have been the same without two very special members of the ancillary staff which always looked out for me, let it be documented that these two women help in solidifying and sharing years of knowledge of the school, Miss Vita, Miss. Black. You will always be remembered.

I take time to say thank you on the behalf of Sixth Form to every member of the Ancillary Staff and Administrative Staff. And thanks especially to the Student Body. A mind is a terrible thing to waste; especially the minds which have been temporarily employed to the Jamaica College learning experience. To our Teachers I say thank you. The same energy and effort used in enforcing discipline to yield students like us, capable and rounded young men who are conscious, I also ask that you show a little bit more of that so that these young men who come after us will be able to harness the full potential of their God given right, to learn and excel, to be all that they can be.

Jamaica College was here before us. We came, we sought, we conquered and in its grandeur shall remain after us. Never will we forget the lessons learnt, never will we forget the friendships made. *Fervet Opus In Campis.*

Mark Scott
School Captain



L-R Mark Scott
(School Captain)
Frank McCook
(First Vice Captain)
Jermaine Williams
(Second Vice Captain)

Message from the Jamaica College Old Boys' Association

A school magazine is the historical footprint of a generation at a school. It is therefore with some amount of enthusiasm that we commend the young men behind this magazine, especially given its absence for many years.

It is a refreshing endeavour from students who are part of a community and country under attack from societal forces of indiscipline at worst and nonchalance at best. This has not deterred this Magazine Committee and you are to be applauded for our determination and hard work. It is the commitment to higher ideals and achievement to which we would encourage all students to aspire.

In a fast changing and 'global' Jamaica, education is the most important tool in your pursuit of personal achievement. It is only by making a commitment to discipline and a focus on hard work, despite the distractions that present themselves, that you will climb the difficult ladder to professional success.

This magazine also comes at a time when influences from outside the school and from other schools specifically, would encourage or cause you to behave improperly. We must resist these temptations and encourage other College men to do the same. You should not do anything to jeopardise your school career or bring the school's name into disrepute.

Despite the difficulties, Jamaica College still provides a great opportunity for students to get a sound education and good qualifications for tertiary education. Use this opportunity well. J.C. has also done well at sports this year and we encourage and support those students who have excelled in the sports area. We encourage all students however, to keep focused on scholastic excellence and hope that the men at Jamaica College will continue to strive for academic and personal success.

The Jamaica College Old Boys Association

LIPS (For Ladies Only)

Some big, some small
I wish to have them all.
Some thin, some fat
Oh my! Look at that!

Sensuous and kissable
Sweet and inviting
Luscious and touchable
Lips are so exciting!

You think I'm crazy,
I think so too.
But the lips I'm talking about
Are the lips on you!

Leo My Ranks



Old Boy Revd. Dr. Peter Morgan Speaker at
the year 6 Valedictory Service

Message From The P.T.A.

On behalf of the Executive of the Parent Teachers Association, I wish to extend congratulations to the Magazine Committee for the sterling effort in the successful publication of this magazine.

To the graduating class of 2003, the coming year will be one of new opportunities and challenges. It is my sincere wish that you will all find yourselves well poised to grasp these new opportunities. Success should not only be measured by your academic achievements but very importantly by the person you become. Therefore, it is my sincere wish that you will achieve excellent academic results as well as become good citizens wherever you may choose as your domicile.

Let me remind you that your teachers have worked hard in preparing and guiding you for the future, always remember those principles, values and attitudes that will stand you in good stead for life's challenges.

Remember always to maintain integrity and honesty in all your undertakings and never forget to help the less fortunate among us. Always remember to plan purposefully, prepare prayerfully and proceed positively, for today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievements.

Finally, pledge yourselves to remain faithful to you alma mater, the civic duties you owe to your country and very importantly let me charge you to excel in all your honorable undertakings.

Good luck and divine guidance,
"Fervet Opus In Campis"

Lorraine H. Drysdale
President Jamaica College Parent Teachers Association

DAMN YOU FAILURE

It was a cold night within and without
It was a sad night, devoid of love.
I felt like cursing with no intention to cease
I felt like screaming, my soul had no peace.

Failures exist for many purposes.
They remind us of our mortality and add to our crosses
We whine, cry, and regret our existence
But we need to realise, the pain requires reverence

We are able to become reflective
To break the chains of limitations by becoming assertive
Living beyond the moment and for the future
Being bold and persevering in the face of failure.

Leo My Ranks

Longing

I long for the days of innocence,
The days when love was true.
When my cares never mattered
And I loved only you.

My intentions have always been noble
My soul alive and bold
But the passing years have taken that away
And left me dirt-stone cold.

I am no longer protected by my youth
Every side I turn I see only pain and tear.
I long for the days of innocence,
The days when love was true.

The Iceman

Jamaica College

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Jamaica College Administrative staff Pictures



(L-R): Mrs. Young (Bursar), Mrs. McLawrence, Miss May, Miss McPherson, Mr. Boswell, Mr. P. Hall

REFLECTIONS OF A SECOND FORMER

The bright clear sky which ushered in our first day at Jamaica College reflected the joy that some of us felt as we entered the gates of the school. For many of us this first morning was quite exciting, but for some, it was one of anxiety and fear. When the Principal addressed us as gentlemen and not mere boys it became clear to most of us that we were no longer in primary or preparatory school and that with the title of gentlemen we were to act accordingly.

The official start of the year got off to a rough start as we had initial problems with our timetables. These problems were however quickly and efficiently addressed. We were not assessed and placed in forms according to our abilities, but we were just placed in a form.

We entered the school and I saw clean, freshly painted walls, but by the end of the first term these walls became the portrait of some of the students' warped minds. They wrote about students and even teachers. By year-end some of us had been to the 'Dean of Gluteus Maximus' known more commonly by her trademark fingernails and the sounds of her 'boomerang' shoes as she marches along the corridor. Boys who felt her wrath had their gluteus maximus set on fire,

melted and rebuilt. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if you don't know how to pull up your socks; she will be more than pleased to be of assistance.

Despite all of the above mentioned, first form served as an appetizer and we anticipate the rest of the course to be served on a silver platter. To all our first year teachers, thank you in a special way. Teachers we know you sometimes feel discouraged, but please don't give up on us. We may not all make it to the top but we want to make you proud of us. Thank you.

Now that we are in second form we have been placed according to our academic performance and behaviour. Some of us I'm afraid to say, even after a year at J.C, have not found ourselves. The friends we keep and our conduct show this. Some of us are still not living up to our abilities and we continue to waste time. Time is slipping through our hands like sand. One of our teachers has told us that he has seen rich children coming to school and wasting their time, and the poor parents spending so much money on them that they themselves become poor. Some of us, despite all the teaching and counselling, have still not developed that positive attitude towards work. We need to put more efforts in all subject areas including P.E, Math, English and Drama.

In closing I would like to remind us all that everyday we write a chapter in the book called Life by what we do, what we say and the friends we keep. We need to ensure that what we write makes for interesting and positive reading.

Charles Gordon
Second Form

A WORD TO THE WISE

∴ The only place you will find success before work is in the dictionary.

∴ No man ever learnt time keeping by watching the clock.



JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE

FEATURE ON COLONEL SAUNDERS OF THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE



It came to pass in those days that The Griffin, seeking to confer with men of renown, sought audience with Jamaica College Old Boy- Colonel S. E. Saunders. Verily, we were ushered to Head Quarters, Jamaica Defence Force, Up Park Camp. Of a truth we looked and yea, we saw from a distance The White

House. Verily I say unto you and I lie not, within the walls of that building sat the second in command of the nation's military. The Colonel, from the tribe of Saunders is in charge of General Staff at the J.D.F. He is in charge of planning and developing policies for the entire force, liaisons with Foreign Missions in the country, among other tasks. He is one rank away from Major General.

Truly it was with this eminent person that The Griffin was to speak. It was indeed an honour. Selah.

PIECES OF THE PAST

The Colonel entered Jamaica College as a student of form 1A in 1966. He was a boarder until about 1968 when boarding ended. The Colonel asserts that boarding taught key survival skills, engendered independence, fostered leadership skills and promoted responsibility. This is underscored by the fact that during his tenure at JC he explored the range of student leadership. He was, at different times, form monitor, prefect and Student Councillor. Of special note is the fact that he was School Captain and Sergeant Major of the Jamaica College cadet unit. He was also involved in football and cricket in both of which he represented the school. All this foreshadowed his present involvement.

When the Colonel was a student, the

headmaster, Mr. Middleton, lived in the rooms that are currently Mr. Reeves' office. In the latter years of his tenure, Mr. Taylor was principal. He is aware of old grammar school status of the Jamaica College of his day. Colonel Saunders cites that in his latter years, there was a shift in this standard. It was out of this environment that he embarked on a career in the military. Mr. Taylor, Headmaster and Chemistry Master advocated the sciences. Mr. Jimmy Carnegie (well known sports writer) was Vice Principal and History Master. These gentlemen were very open-minded and encouraged the mix of arts and sciences.

Colonel Saunders reminded The Griffin of the educational policies of the Michael Manley led 70's. He put forward the thought that 'free education' changed things, not only in the area of career options but even with regard to school spirit.

Prior to the new educational policies of the 70's, the Colonel remembers the school population as being small and close knit. Subsequent to the new policies, the numbers grew to the point where evening school was implemented, along with the day school to accommodate the population boom. As a result the student - teacher ratio went awry. This led to deterioration in general discipline.

The Colonel has fond memories of JC and especially his boarding days. He remembers the grubbing, which left one open for a 'crack toe' or getting some candle grease. Lights out for boarders was at 10pm. Twice per week [Friday and Saturday] boarders got to watch television. He recalls the spirited cheering at competitions. If one got in trouble with a prefect, one could get some 'persistents'. These were up to a hundred lines, which read; ***Persistent perversity provokes the patient pedagogue, providing particularly painful punishment.***

Colonel Saunders is also very proud of the fact that it was during his senior years at JC that the students lobbied for a change of uniform. As a result JC men wear their unique blue suits.

The Colonel shared the fact that his academic aspirations did not begin at the military. Of interest is the fact that he was accepted to the Cave Hill campus of the U.W.I. to read for a degree in law. Shortly after, he went to the selection board for the J.D.F. He opted for the army and has had no regrets. In fact, in his capacity as a Military Officer, he has proven that excellence can be personified. He is quick to cite other old boys of the late 60's, early 70's who have also distinguished themselves. Among these are, Hon. Douglas Saunders, The Hon. Dr. Peter Phillips, Mr Howard Hamilton Q.C., Mr. James Moss-Solomon, and Dr. Peter Weller.

It is against this background that The Colonel leaves with current students the following thought, which *The Griffin* will paraphrase. Life is not necessarily what you see at present. Focus on what you want to achieve. Decipher right from wrong; do not take the popular route. Society demands a lot from you for nation building. Hence you need to focus or condemn yourself to a doomsday type scenario. As you decide what kind of country you want, put your education first.

A WORD TO THE WISE

- ∴ Hard work equals success.
- ∴ The first thing to make your dreams come true is to wake up.
- ∴ If you must kill time, work it to death.
- ∴ Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.
- ∴ We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, therefore,
is not an act, but a force of habit.

A sage once said that great institutions do not make great men, but great men make great institutions. Men like Colonel Saunders lend truth to this statement. It was a privilege for the Griffin to have interacted with him.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jamaica College students used to wear khaki tunics! In those days the khaki was a hard to manage material. Mothers in particular, complained constantly about this material. All this happened in an era when JC was doing well both academically and in sports. JC students felt special. These factors combined to push students to lobby for a change of uniform. The stakeholders wanted material that was cost effective and easy to maintain. The idea of using the school colours resulted in the selection of royal blue and navy blue for years 1 - 5. The white of JC's blue and white was to be worn by prefects and sixth formers. The sixth formers had the choice of wearing their white shirts or light blue bush jackets. Sixth formers also wore badges. Colonel Saunders maintains that students of his day revolutionized school dress.



Colonel S.E. Saunder
During interview

INTERVIEW WITH GLEN 'TITUS' CAMPBELL



The Griffin: Tell us a little about yourself.

Glen Campbell: Glenroy Campbell, Actor/ Public Relations Practitioner/ Communication Consultant.

The Griffin: When were you a student at Jamaica College?

Glen Campbell: I entered the school in 1975 (1 Murray) I was not a boarder, because by then boarding had stopped at JC.

The Griffin: What was life like then?

Glen Campbell: It was a new experience. I had just come from England in 1972; the whole school experience was different.

The Griffin: Did the violence of the 70's affect your school experience?

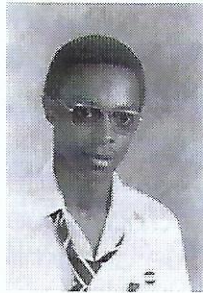
Glen Campbell: I was not fully aware of the violence until the 1976 election. I lived in Hermitage, which was a hot spot, but all this did not affect study.

The Griffin: What are your most poignant memories of your JC days?

Glen Campbell: How I got the nickname 'Goatie'.

One teacher was explaining the difference between Jamaican goats and what I would have known in England as sheep.

He explained that sheep made the sound 'baa' and goats said 'may'. I was instructed to make the goat sound.



Just as I said 'may', some goats which were passing the classroom stopped. It was said that I communicated with goats. The name 'Goatie' stuck.

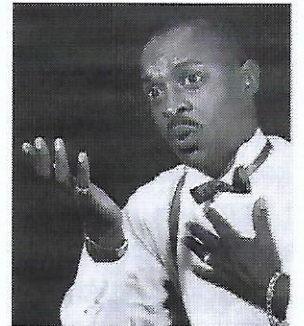
The Griffin: What JC tradition were you most proud of?

Glen Campbell: The school spirit during competitions. We used to walk to the National Stadium from the school during 'Champs' or other games. Back then, the worse thing that could happen at Champs was an orange war. All this was done in good spirit.

There was also the grubbing of new students.

The Griffin: JC is seen primarily as a grammar school, how did you leave from that environment to theatre?

Glen Campbell: I was very involved in the Drama club. One of my English teachers, Mrs. Mayme sent me to my first audition with Louis Marriott (himself an old boy). I was employed for a part in a musical revue. Here my theatre career started. Prior to this, I had thought about law and veterinary medicine.



The Griffin: Who do you meet in your travels and how do they react to your career pursuits?

Glen Campbell: Among the people who I meet are JC old boys Who are also in theatre. These include; Louis Marriott, Alwyn Scott, Carl Davis and Munair Zacca. All these old boys bring to the profession a respect for time, discipline and hard work.

The Griffin: In what ways did JC contribute to your social development?

Glen Campbell: JC helped me to develop my talent because of the discipline, through the teachers and the opportunity to lead. I was prefect and drama club president.



The principal then was Mr. Ruel Taylor. The teacher- student rapport was good. Excellence was always encouraged.

The Griffin: In retrospect, what would you have done differently in your JC days?

Glen Campbell: I would definitely have paid more attention to my sixth form years. I got so involved in the arts that I don't think I capitalized on those years.

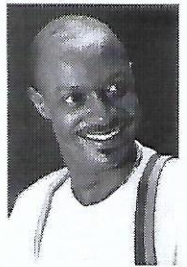
The Griffin: As you look at the school today, is there anything that alienates you.?



Glen Campbell: Well, there is the general indiscipline, the misbehaving in public. In my day no JC student would be seen with shirt out of pants. We were accused of being 'show offs'. We walked with an air because of how we felt about being Jamaica College students. There is a slow decay in society that is reaching the school. Present students will not realize this decay because this is their reality. The healing must begin with our society, values appreciation must be taught. Above all, commitment and dedication to causes and institutions must be instilled.

The Griffin: What word would you leave for present students?

Glen Campbell: There is a time for everything. Now is the time for your education. Focus on your academics. There will be time for other things. I speak from experience. I know what it feels like to juggle work and study. Find your niche and work hard.



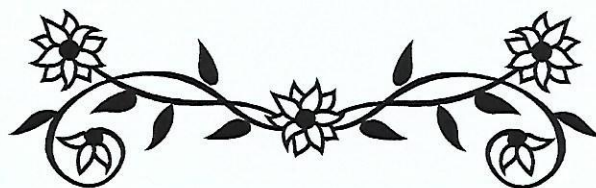
The Griffin: Thank you Mr. Campbell.

Glen Campbell: The pleasure was mine.

Specially Made

Your countenance is specially made
 Only God himself could
 Carve such beauty:
 With such design and expense
 Making admirers gaze tactlessly,
 Every moment shared is praised;
 Liberating steams send
 tremors through my pores,
 Piercing my heart boundlessly,
 Ebbd in your passion by faith,
 Irritating my soul perennially,
 Kissing me in clean colors,
 So tender, could demolish
 As I lay beside my love
 in everlasting fondness

Dane Hylton
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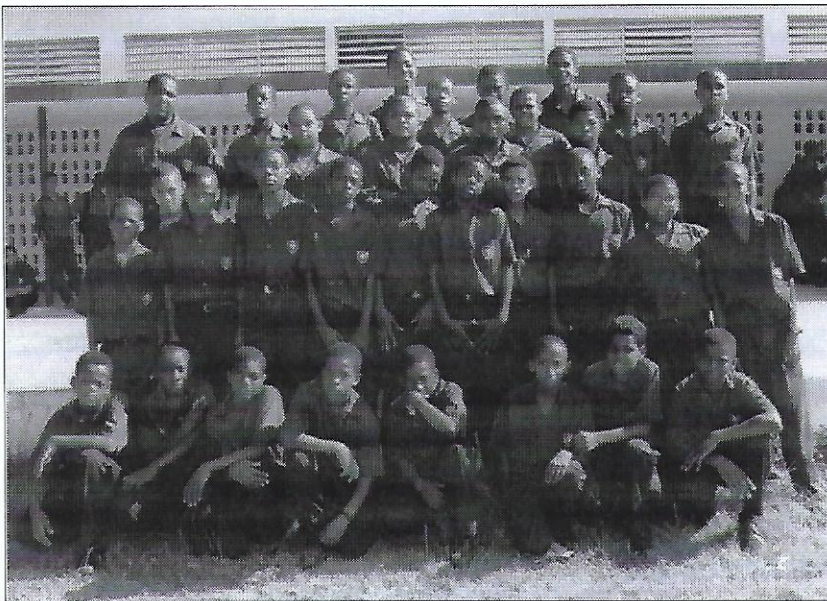


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2nd Row (L-R): R. Hupburn, R. Bailey, K. Peart, D. Samuels, I. Brown, M. Hanson, A. Thompson.
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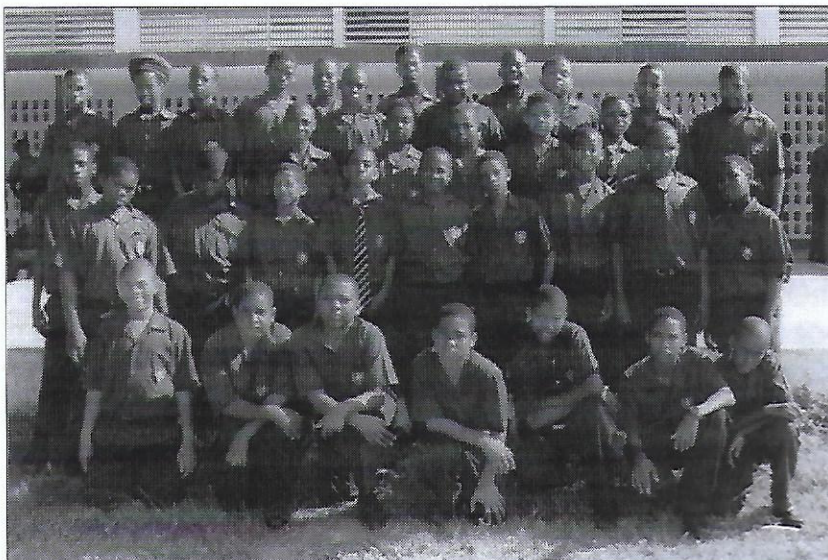
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3rd Row (L-R): D. Warren, D. Tucker, D. Clarke, M. Cooke, L. Phillips.

4th Row (L-R): D. Campbell, R. Wallace, D. Davis, N. Stephenson, R. Stewart, P. Walker.
5th Row (L-R): J. McCook, A-G. Williams, A. Christian.

absent: C. Sterling.



1C

Front Row (L-R): L. Robinson, T. Wilson, J. Jerrigon, E. Moo, O. Banton, O. Robinson, J. Stevenson.

2nd Row (L-R): L. Linsay, D. Johnson, T. Parague, R. Suckram, M. Wigg, D. Myers, J. Parkinson, O. Walker, Vaughn Bonner.

3rd Row (L-R): G. Menzie, A. Gordon, D. Johnson, A. Hibbert, J. Okoie, A. James.
4th Row (L-R): A. Marriott, J. Brown, R. Adamson, Tyghter, J. McGowan, K. Rhoomas, D. Brown, R. Maize, D. McAnuff, F. Hook, A. Byfield.

FIRST FORM PHOTOS



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2nd Row (L-R): C. Grant, A. Davis, J. Sejree, J. Watson-Rowe, M. Lorne, B. McGregor, A. Harriott, K. Burgess.

3rd Row (L-R): J. Cowan, W. Belnavis, L. Reynolds, G. Wilson, R. Rawger, D. Hall,

4th Row (L-R): M. Jonas, D. Graham, R. Clarke, J. Patterson, K. Watson, B. Bouford, J. Brown, N. Morgan, C. McKenzie

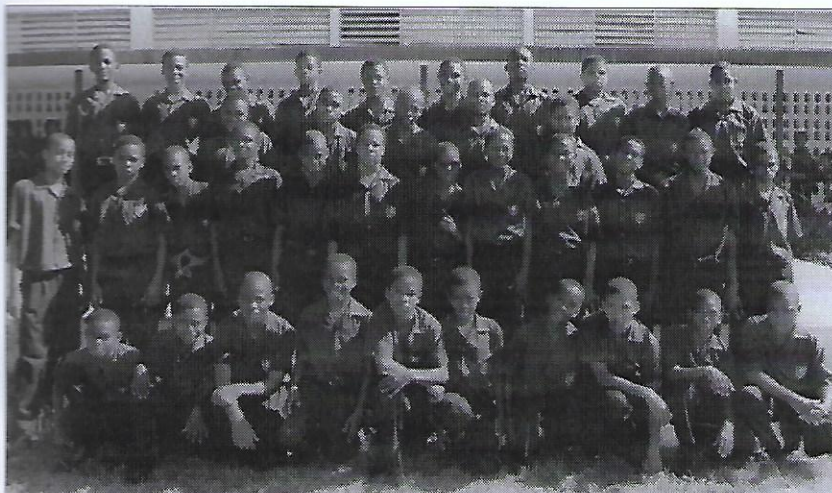


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2nd Row (L-R): A. Baugh, O. Watson, O. Grant, S. O'Connor, R. Williams, T. Madourie, M. Wynter, J. Davis, M. Green.

3rd Row (L-R): N. Tomlin, D. Fagram, A. Hayden, S. S. Brown, C. Gregory.
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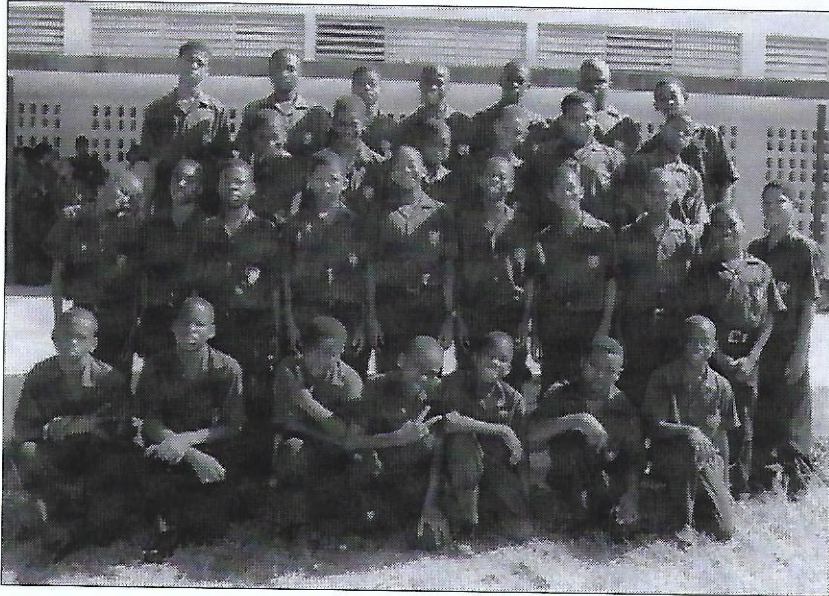
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3rd Row (L-R): T. Campbell, C. Watters, J. Smellie, P. Nelson, P. West.

4th Row (L-R): A. Wright, P. Jacas, K. Graham, M. Braithwaite, S. Hall, J. Thomas, J. Dennis K. Edwards, S. Eccleston, R. Williams (1c).

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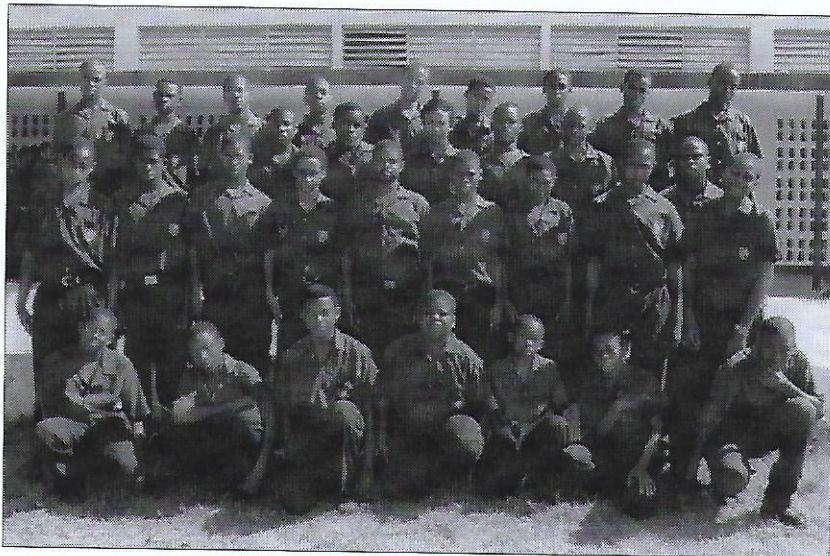
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Second Row (L-R) Nicoli Edwards, Adrian Johnstone, Paul Walker, Gerg McFarlane, Javneel Raye, Adrian Clarke, Russel Magnus

Third Row (L-R) Reynard Leveridge, Ricardo Watson, George Lynch, Danyielle Donaldson, Orville Weir, Jason Gabbidon.

Fourth Row (L-R) Ramone Robinson, Carli Campbell, Chevaughn Davis, Steven James, Donavon McCarthy, Kingsley Rose, Darrel Simpson.

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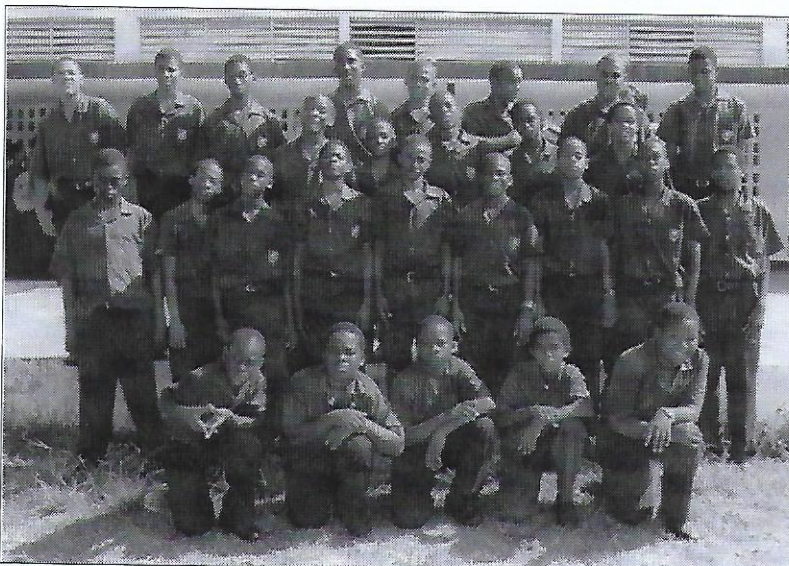
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3rd Row (L-R): C. Russell, L. Mullings, R. Mykoo, O. Hall, K. Gayle, A. Thomas.

4th Row (L-R): T. Cephas, V. Thompson, S. Cooper, D. Blydgen, S. Thomas, R. Bryan, A. Bryan, B. Jackson, C. Clayton.



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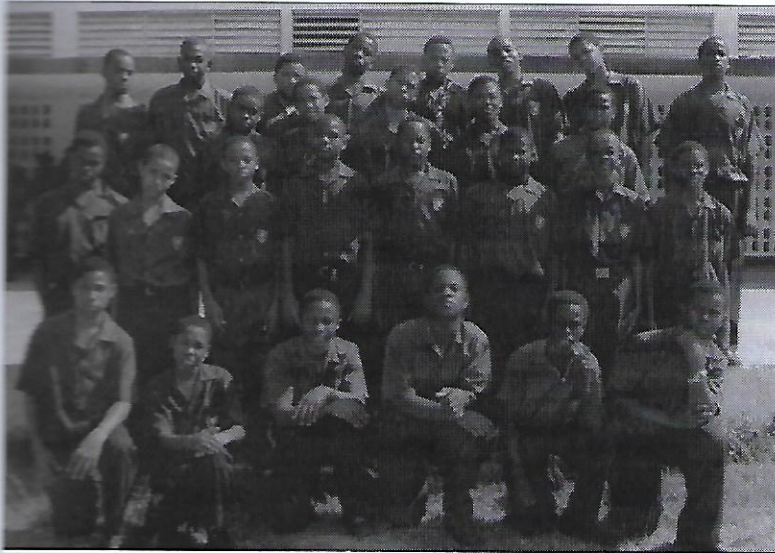
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SECOND FORM PHOTOS



2C

Front Row (L-R): K. Medwynter, S. Ming, D. Mullings, D. Payton, D. May, A. Rookwoof

2nd Row (L-R): K. Adams, F. Hosine, J. Fearon, T. Williams, R. Watson, R. Leach, S. Clarke, C. Leach

3rd Row (L-R): R. Ramsay, A. Robinson, C. Clarke, R. Mitchell, R. Malcolm

4th Row (L-R): D. Bent, S. Salmon, M. Slowley, M. Richards, M. White, M. Sparks.



2D

Front Row (L-R): K. Walker, J. Coke, J. Mighie, A. Stone, O. Bennett, D. Tyrell.

2nd Row (L-R): N. Ennis, J. Porter-Jackson, G. Buckley, K. Tapper, S. Rowe, D. Grant, E. Rogers.

3rd Row (L-R): P. Ricketts, C. Archer, M. Simon, C. Pinto, A. Newman

4th Row (L-R): D. Morris, O. Thompson, J. Freeman, R. Thomas, R. Staines, W. Barnes, M. Reid.



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Front Row (L-R): S. Austin, J. Patterson, C. Chinsu, C. Morrison, K. Barnett.

2nd Row (L-R): J. Fisher, W. Walker, J. Jenny, M. Daval, V. Douglas, O. Gordon.

3rd Row (L-R): D. Hunter, O. Davis, J. Hamilton, J. Deacon, O. Brown.

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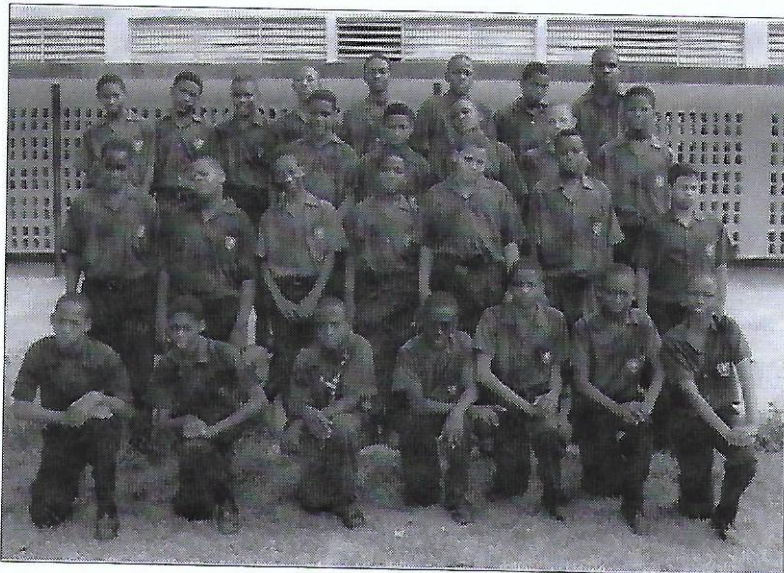


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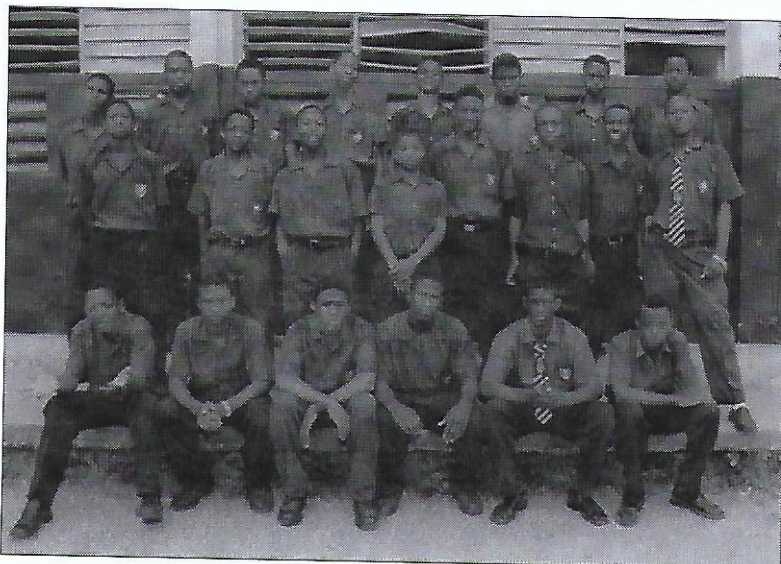
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4th Row (L-R): R. Cooper, D. Blake, O. Bramwell, B. Pearce, W. Hinds, E. Perrier, P. Johnson, M. Trowers.

THIRD FORM



3A

Back (L-R) P. Wallace, K. Jacas, O. Banton, J. Johnson, N. Williams, D. Brown, D. Cato, O. Barr.

2nd row (L-R) K. Bowlyn, D. Smith, K. Thomas, A. Martin, K. Aarons, R. Edwards, C. Heslop, J. Francis.

Front (L-R) C. -----, R. Channer, A. Clunis, R. Turner, G. Palmer, Z. Kinglocke.

THIRD FORM PHOTOS



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Back (L-R) K. Bedward, D. Lowe-Chin, J. Williams, K. Anderson, G. Limmoth, R. Ellison, R. Francis, M. Walters, H. Forbes, A. Blackwood

Front (L-R) K. Powell, T. Brown, A. Barrett, J. Sutherland, C. Hanson, R. Young, O. Tibby.



3C

Back (L-R) L. James, B. Parkes, J. Harrison, J. Smith, K. White, J. Karinga, A. Pitter, C. Thompson, S. Thomas, C. Smith, R. Miller, M. Gillis, J. Heron, J. Edwards, S. Stewart, N. Sterling, G. Reid, O. Phillips.

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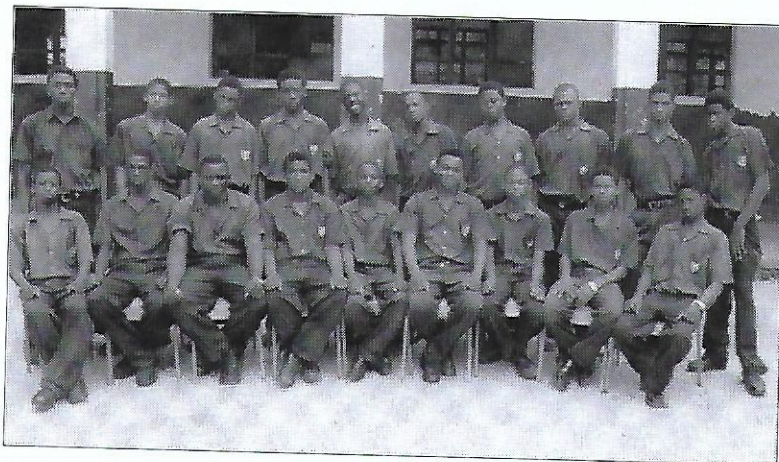
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2nd Row (L-R) C. Reid, N. Myrie, B. Breary, P. Grant, D. Hayles, R. Wilson, O. Adams, K. Bent, C. Chin, L. Grant.

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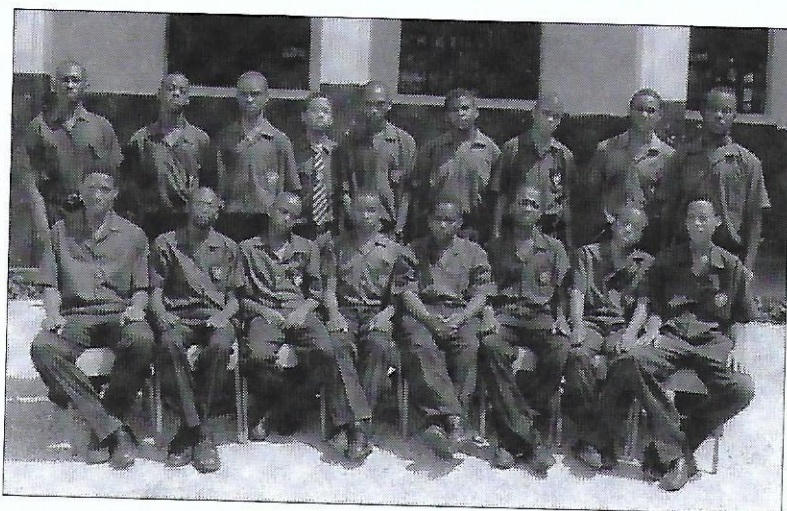
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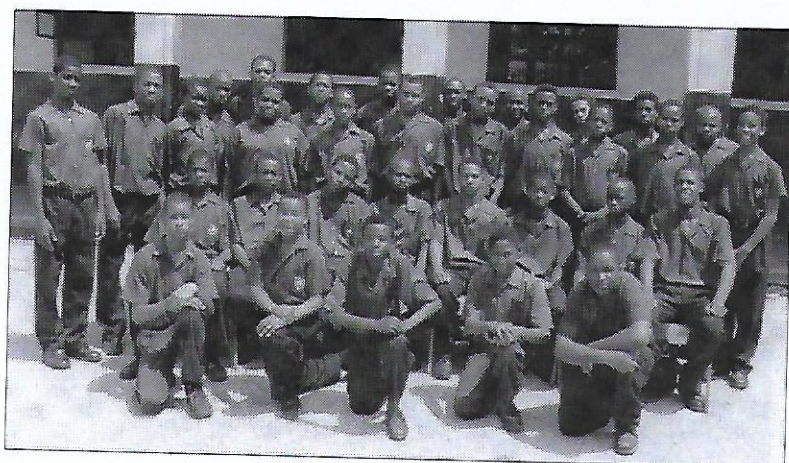
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First Row (L-R): G. Briscoe, R. Douglas, J. Jordan, C. Walcott, Y. Whitelocke, A. Lamont, M. Taffe, A. Gaynor



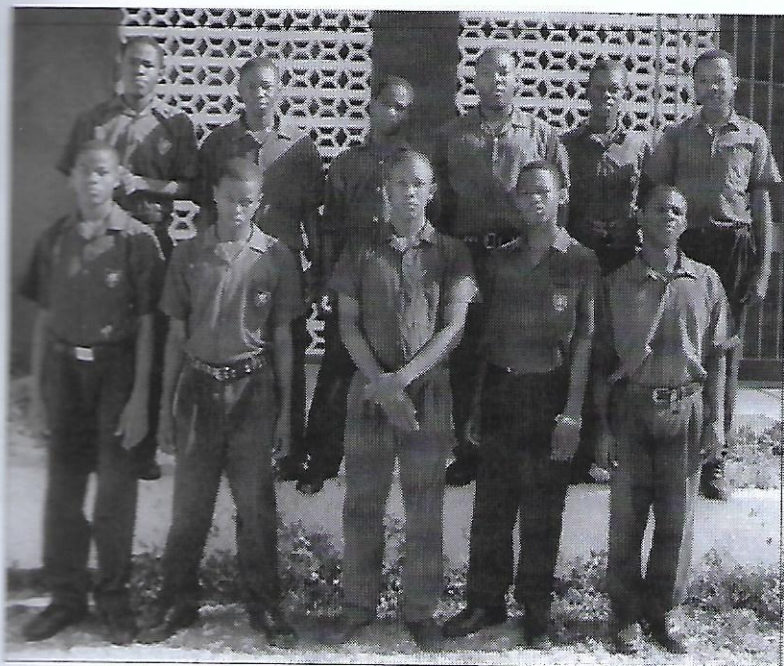
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Seated: S. McDonald, O. Vaughn, M. Hudson, G. Blake, A. Grandville, R. Rhoden, K. Thomas, C. Blair.

Front Row: D. Allen, A. Cavley, D. Lewis, A. Williams, A. Issacs

FOURTH FORM PHOTOS



4A

Back Row (L-R): Conroy Brown, Gavin Reid, Craig McHace, Fidel Williams, Courtney Richards

Front Row (L-R): Samora Whyte, Carton Ellis, Tarek Spence, Shawn Ellis, Karl Escoffery, Motarie Thompson

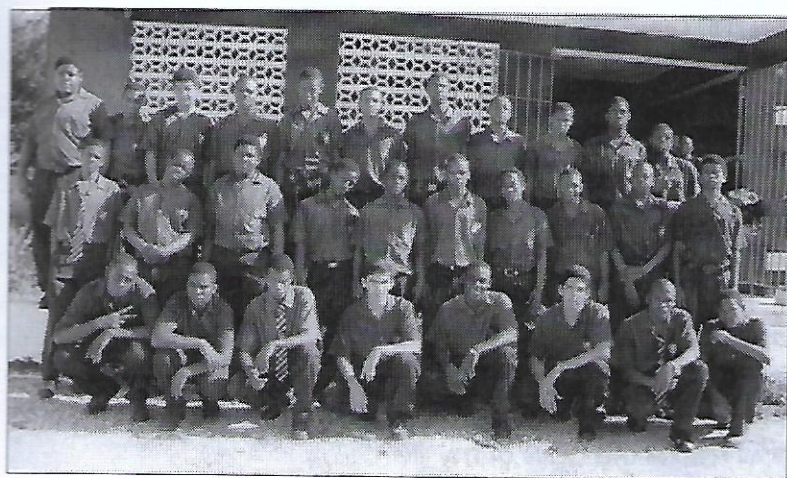


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Back Row (L-R): B. Amos, E. Chin, C. Medwynter, M. McLeod, C. Boothe, D. Tracey, O. McDonald, O. Virgo, N. Maxwell, Joel Spencer.

Middle Row (L-R): Miss N. Kerr (Form Teacher) W. Pickergill, R. Lewis, I. Williams, Y. Peters, D. Oakley, A. Paris, D. Griffiths, D. Bonner.

Front Row (L-R): O. Blake, N. Richards, D. Mitchell, S. Marriot, F. Miller, A. Thompson, Missing: S. Parke, K. Gentles, O. Brian, N. Harrison, B. Grant, R. Hammond, A. Henney, J. Nugent, O. Reid, C. Powell, K. Thomas, O. Skeen, J. Hunt, P. Evans



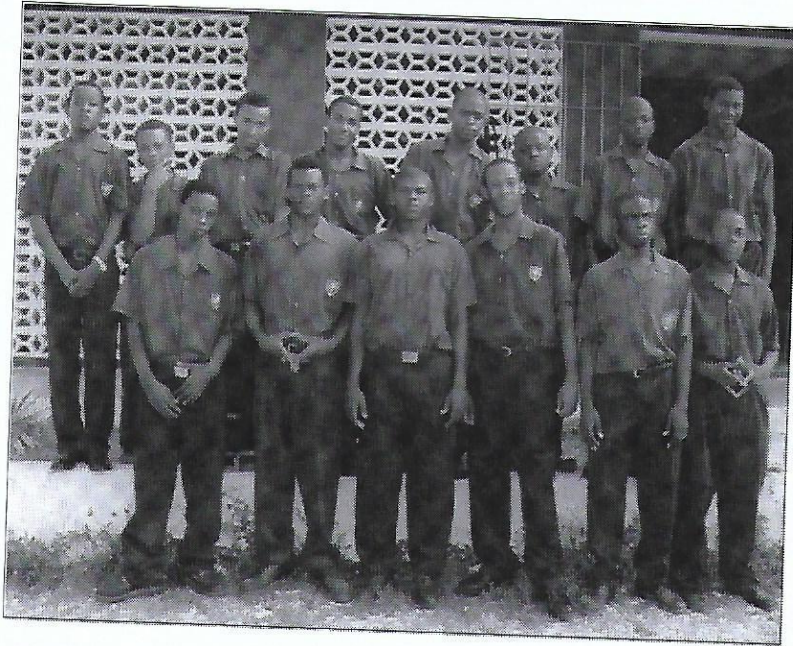
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Middle Row (L-R): B. Anthony, G. Dwayne, C. Gerry, C. Fabian, R. Orlan, M. Cedric, D. Ricards, E. Deino-Karl, C. Deron, P. Kemal

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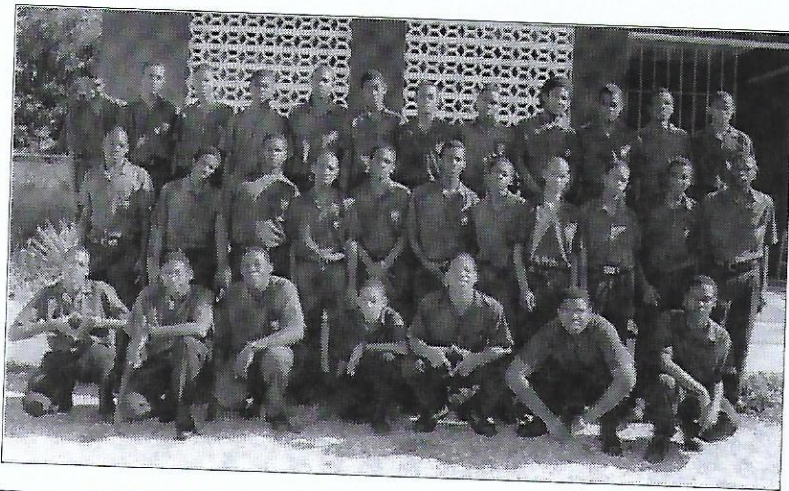
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4E

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Front Row (L-R): J. Hunt, N. Bailey, D. Johnson, D. McDonald, J. Ellis, A. Laing.



4G

Front Row (L-R): F. Lee, J. Lovelace, L. Shaw, B. Macko, A. Lawrence, Q. Johnson, A. Lyn

Second Row (L-R) S. Anderson, C. Ford, K. Murray, J. Sutherland, C. Francis A. Pratt, R. Sinclair, O. Peters, D. Williams, K. Morris

Third Row (L-R) C. Williams, L. Laing, M. Parker, K. Lee, R. Campbell, J. Francis, P. Coubrie, A. Hamilton, S. Hurd, S. Jones, R. Reid, S. Whyte

The Student's Psalm

The Lord is my homework-helper, I shall not want.
 He maketh me to sit down in quiet libraries and study.
 He leadeth me to the right books and websites
 He restoreth my strength after studying in the nights.
 He leadeth me in the path of success for his name sake.
 Yea though I walk through the valley of
 the CXC, A'Level GCE and SAT
 I will fear no exam
 For thou art with me Thy words and Thy hymns of praise comfort me.
 Thou preparast an exam in the presence of my classmates,
 Thou anointest my head with knowledge, analysis,
 interpretation and understanding
 My cup runneth over. Surely success and
 good health shall follow me all the days of my life
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever Amen.

Feature on Mr. Patterson

Mr. Patterson "The Phantom"

Preliminary Information:

Name: Mr. Keith Patterson

Hobbies: Judo, Karate, Photography

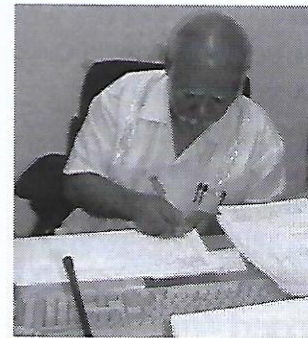
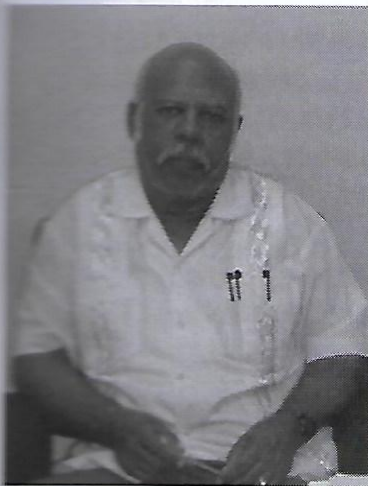
Marital Status: Married with 2 children

Alma Mata: Calabar High School,
Excelsior High School

Year entered Jamaica College: 1979

Years spent at Jamaica College up to
date: 23 years

Office: Dean of Discipline



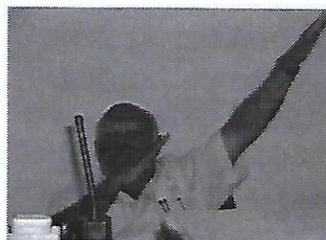
All the students of Jamaica College respect you despite what area they are from. How do you explain this level of respect that has been established with the absence of words?

Two things, I try to live for what I stand for which is discipline. I will not pass a boy with his shirt out and not say to him put it in, if he is doing something I am going to question him... there is a consistency.

There was a case that happened a few years ago, a young man did something and he came to me and said sir something happened but I want you to investigate no matter the outcome. In my investigation I found out that he was the culprit and I called him in and I said "you are the culprit" and he said, "yes sir." I outlined the consequence and he said he had no problem because he was satisfied that the outcome was fair.

Why have you stuck with the job all these years?

What I think you must realise, is that the discipline deteriorates with society but in spite of it there are more good boys in the school than there are bad boys so you can't abandon the many good for the few who are bad. And this has been my reason for sticking with the job for all these years.



How do you approach the challenges or how do you describe your attitude to the problems that you face or have to deal with on a daily basis?

Well I have to approach it as a third party, one who is impartial. I take statements from each person, weigh the pros and the cons then I make my decision.

Why are you called The Phantom?

As a teacher in lower school I was regarded highly by the young men for my discipline. And one of the things they said I always moved quietly, they said I'd be at one side of the campus and all of a sudden I'd be right behind them saying don't move boy. That's how I got the name PHANTOM. Then I had a little plastic pointer, that I'd use when I'm teaching to point on the board, but it acted as a little strap... So when the boys misbehaved I'd crack them on their knuckles or in the middle of their hands. And at the time there was this cartoon called the 'PHANTOM FINK', so I got the name 'THE PHANTOM' and my plastic pointer 'Sludgy'... The name has changed from time to time.

Describe for us your job as The Dean of Discipline.

A typical day I come in and put some data on the computer but these days there is a constant bombardment of problems that are of disciplinary nature. All these things I have had to deal with on a daily basis. The problem is everybody wants his or her problem to be solved NOW. When administering punishment, investigations are carried out so as to be to be as fair as possible.

What do you do when you cannot reach a conclusion to a case?

I can conclude ANY case!!! Boys are not as smart as they think. When they believe that they will get away with something and they continue to do it until they make a fatal mistake, and that fatal mistake is when I come in and 'fatalize them'

Describe a typical day at Jamaica College (Now as opposed to then)

Then:

Typical day you come to school, mark the register. The boys would line up outside the classroom, wait for the teacher to come, the teacher will come, the boys will file in and the teacher would carry on the lesson.

Now:

Nowadays things have changed somewhat but this is a chronic problem not only in J.C but also in the entire society.

What was your most challenging event?

Two events have really brought me under extreme emotional stress and a lot of concern about the job was the conflict between Mona students and J.C students some years ago. It distracted us from the work of the school and it took up a very great deal of time which could have been utilized elsewhere. The other incident that was very challenging was when the four boys drowned. I think that was the most traumatic experience in all my years at J.C. I spoke to a young man in the morning and I said okay son behave yourself... And you hear of the incident that they drowned and you hope that it's not so... You arrive on the scene and they say yes there are four boys out there... And you say oh they've possibly gone diving... And these thoughts pass through because you don't want to deal with the reality that they're really gone... So you sit down there and hope that they went down the coast, came in and were simply walking back up.

That evening I was called to identify the first body they found, that in itself was traumatic. The other part was when you had to tell the parents that their son had drowned. The headmaster, the teachers who were close to them and I had many sleepless nights. Out of it I got strength from one of the parents who lost his only son. Our Guidance Counsellor visited him, and regardless of what was said he was in a jovial mood. He said 'Jesus gave his life to save the world from sin, so who am I to question that when he says its time for my son to go? And this statement that I heard gave me a great deal of strength

What is your proudest moment?

I have several proud moments, one of these proud moments is meeting my past student down the road and asking what are you now and they'd say a doctor, sir, or an engineer sir, or a lawyer. And my mind flashes back and you see the mischief-makers they were and then you realize they've grown; you see the growth, you see the progress. These are the proud moments I have. There is joy knowing that you had a part in their success. It makes you feel proud, and no government can pay a teacher for the way he feels. ... that feeling is priceless.

Give one phrase to describe your years at J.C?

Mixed

How many more years do you anticipate you will be spending here?

According to my physical and medical standards I have about ten years left in me, but who knows?

Jermaine Whyte and Jean-Mark Wright

Feature on Mrs. Vita

"Miss V."

Miss Vita Dennis affectionately called 'Miss V' or 'Mama V' was born at Barbican Road on April 9, 1936. She grew up in the parish of St. Andrew and was reared by her Aunt and Uncle-in-Law. She attended the Providence Methodist Primary School and at age thirteen began working at the Morrison's Drug Store located at 1 Heywood Street, downtown Kingston. She worked faithfully at this store, serving as an assistant for twelve years. At the age of 28 years she delivered her only child - a bouncing baby girl, Vivine Evans. After this successful birth she decided that it was once again time to work, and thus she accepted the challenge to work at Jamaica College.

In 1962 Miss Vita was invited by her sister-Edna Phillip, to work at Jamaica College as a member of the ancillary staff. She accepted the challenge and has been working at this institution for the past 42 years. When asked what has kept her here for such a long time, she replies "her love for J.C."

Miss V Reflects

Miss Vita remembers that during the 1960's Jamaica College was quite different from what it now is. During the 1960's Jamaica College was a boarding institution while there were other students who came for day classes. The present Sixth Form Block located on the Simms Building and the Hardie Block were used as dormitories. The present staff room was used as a library and the drama room was used as the assembly hall. The Carlton Alexander Block -Third form block - was used as a classroom. The St. Dunstan's Chapel was used to host wedding ceremonies, funerals and church services for the members of the Mona and Standpipe Communities. The School Chapel was also used by the school population (approximately 450) for church services, which members of the community also attended. During these church services the school Chaplin led out and the senior boys who served as deacons and altar boys assisted him.

During the service the entire school community including teachers, student and the head -master lifted their heart in praise to God for merciful kindness and loving care.

During the era of the 1960's, the Headmaster was Mr. Harvey Fenevah and the Vice Principals were Mr. Edwards and Mr. Scotland. She remembers Mr. Harvey Fenevah as a kind and courteous man but firm as a rock and a stickler for principle and discipline. He ensured that the students were well mannered and that their speech and decorum were exemplary. He also maintained a healthy relationship with the student and members of the academic and ancillary staff. During this period, Mrs. Vita was responsible for the cleaning of the dormitories and classrooms. The uniform that was worn by the students was khaki and the blue uniform we now know, was introduced in 1972. The uniforms, bed linen and clothes for the entire school population - (except socks, shirts underwear and t-shirts which were washed by the helpers) were brought to a Laundromat located in Papine.

The school population consisted mostly of whites who boarded while there was a combination of black and white student who entered and attended classes held during the day. The school day commenced at 6 a.m. with the ringing of the large school bell located at the front of Scotland Building. At 6 a.m. the students were commissioned to do the finishing touches on their assignments. A well-balanced meal was served at 7:10 a.m. after which the students went to their classrooms for roll call. The general assembly that was held in the assembly hall commenced at 8 a.m. and lasted for 10 minutes. The students then attended classes, which commenced at 8:15 a.m. To free the mind from a stressful day at work, the students were engaged in games and other means of extra- curricular activities at 4 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. Supper was served.

All students had to commence their assignment at 7:10 p.m. This was also known as prep time. The students are given time to complete their assignments based on the amount of work they were given. At 8:30 p.m., first form was expected to stop their assignment, second, third, and fourth form at 8:45 p.m. and fifth form at 9 p.m. This timetable ensured that students worked assiduously at their academics in an effort to be successful.

Closing Thoughts

Miss Vita longs for the days when students were more disciplined and focused. She also yearns for the return of self-respect, respect for teachers, ancillary staff and members of the public. Miss Vita's dream is to see students and staff become more united and that students return to the point where they focus on their academics as this is of primary importance.

Terrence Cunningham

The Tragedy

I sat on the yellow couch in the blue painted living room. Two empty cola bottles were on the shiny polished brown table beside the sofa on which I was sitting. Two partially opened windows; one behind me and one to my right gave me the view of the peaceful neighborhood. I was anticipating the beginning of my favourite television show.

Then the telephone rang. My mother got to it before I could.

"Hello! Speaking?"

I watched her, curious for a few seconds, amazed as her happy face changed to one of shock. I realized that whatever the person had to say to her had a devastating effect. After a minute of conversation she hung up.

"We're going to the hospital," she said hastily. "Get dressed"

"Why?" I asked.

"I'll explain on the way," she said.

In the car I learnt my father was involved in a serious car crash. I was stunned. I told myself continuously that everything would turn out all right and tried to comfort my mother throughout the journey.

Her face was paler than usual and she had a slight frown. Her usually happy, light gray eyes seemed to have gotten dark and gloomy. Last month she had lost her brother in

a car accident in the United States of America. She was just recovering from the shock and now this. I had barely known Uncle Jimmy as the last time we met I was three. Now with my father hospitalised no wonder she was taking this harder than I was.

"Here at last", I said.

A few steps took us from the clean, fresh air outside into the sickly, sweet odour of disinfectant and other scents.

After a few minutes we were in a waiting room with some other people waiting to hear the doctor's report.

Suddenly a man in a white overall entered the room and called my mother's name. We stood up.

"Is - is he okay?" she asked.

The man was silent for a few seconds.

"I'm very sorry... I'm afraid... he didn't make it."

We were devastated. My mother fainted on the spot. At that moment I felt I would have given up my life if it could have made a difference.

Christopher Brown

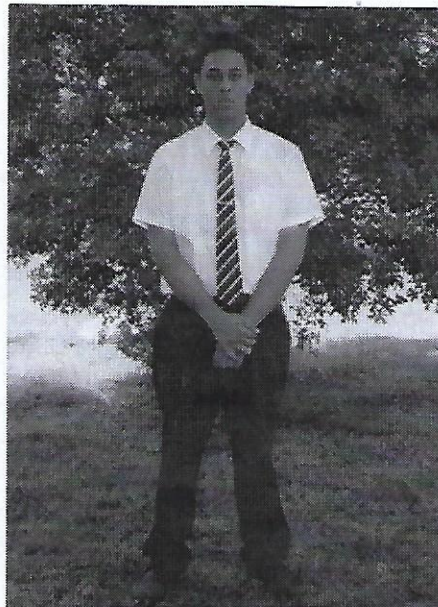
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Franklyn Anderson: Alias 'Mr. Z'

This student is known for his seemingly super-human strength. He could often be seen pulling three pole vault bags, across the schoolyard. The brave one, even though obviously straining under the weight perceived, not wanting to lose his reputation as "Zulu King".

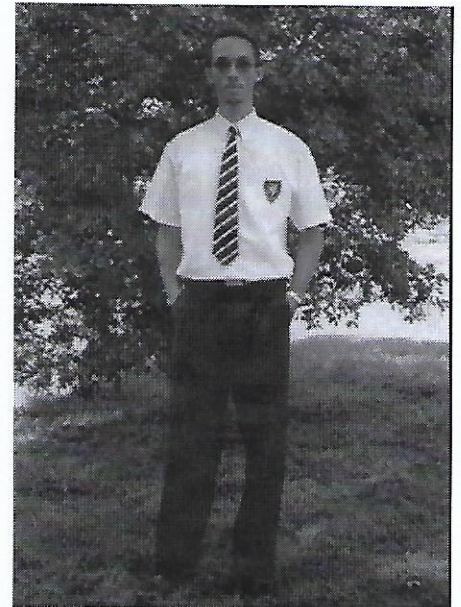
Interest: Pole Vaulting
Favourite Line: "Easy Yute"
Ambition: To be good looking
Destiny: To work with O.P.E.C.



Jonathan Archie: Alias 'Archibol'

This student has a knack for using 'Patwish'. Archie yearns to be accepted by all so that he works unremittingly to shed his middle class orientation. The result of this is a battle between English and Patois for supremacy. Word to Archie; you didn't have to try so hard you would have been accepted anyway.

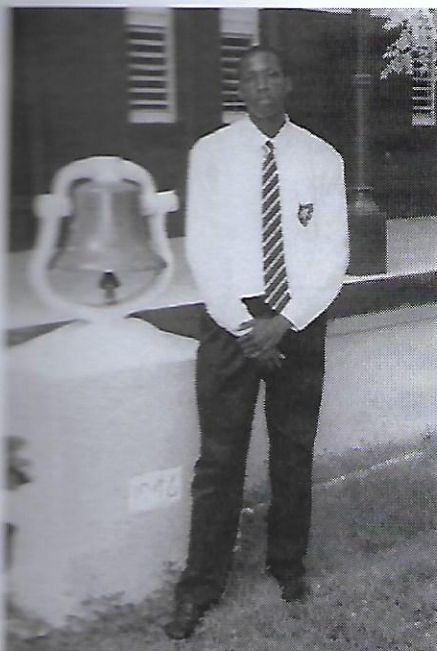
Interest: Pool
Favourite Line: Whaapen my yute?
Ambition: To be a black man.
Destiny: To remain yellow and confused.



Jason Binns: Alias 'Binno'

This glasses wearing, pole-vaulting skateboarding phenomenon is rarely seen without his books. He has the uncanny likeness to Dexter physically and in nature.

Interest: Skateboarding
Favourite Line: Exactly! Exactly!
Ambition: Rocket Scientist
Destiny: To skateboard on the Moon.



Neville Anderson: Alias 'Neville'

Neville's keen interest in the spiritual realm has resulted in his need to often find a place where he could meditate and reflect on the meaning of life. His place of refuge; the place where all go to deposit bodily refuse.

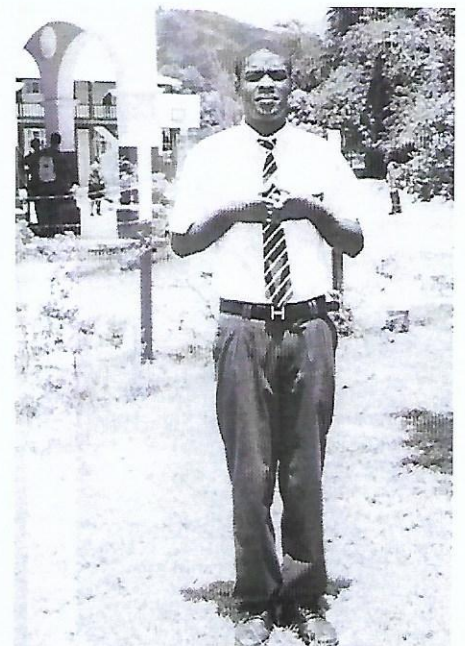
Interest: Toilet paper (lots of it)
Favourite Line: "Yu tink a fren' ting?"
Ambition: To be a Gastroenterologist
Destiny: To use the bathroom less often.



Matthew Bennett: Alias 'Big Budduh'

The only sixth former who is connected with JC's underworld. Matthew has yet to differentiate between "thug life" and the real world and because of this confusion, poor Phillipa has been scarred for life.

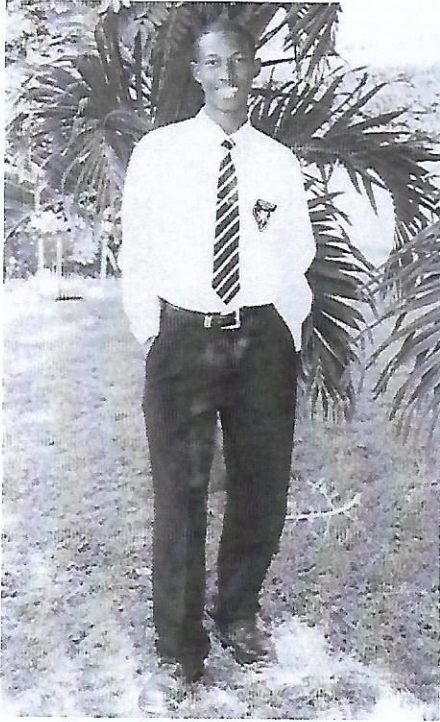
Interest: Football
Favourite Line: Wo-Wow
Ambition: To become an area leader
Destiny: To be the leader of a Boys' Scout troop.



Michael Clarke: Alias 'Bread'

This voracious eater is a living testimony to the law of diminishing marginal utility. The theory states that the more of a good you consume, the less satisfaction you get. Bread's need to nyam, nyam, nyam may be the result of his quest to satisfy his appetite. He can always be seen begging for food. He ought to forgo a career in basketball and instead, open and operate his own bakery.

Interest: Food/basketball
Favourite Line: Beg yu sumtin'/Whey di food deh?
Ambition: To be finally able to satisfy his appetite
Destiny: To beg for food



Terrence Cunningham: Alias 'Courage'

Despite the fact that Courage fears and worries about everything, he always be seen giving motivational speeches and encouraging others to be brave and resolute. Ironically the sight of Mr. Hutchie was enough to have him forget what he preaches and sent him into a fit.

Interest: Church

Favourite Line: Me Sir? Oh God Sir!

Ambition: To be a motivational speaker.

Destiny: To finally practise what he preaches



Vincent Dwyer: Alias 'Horsie'

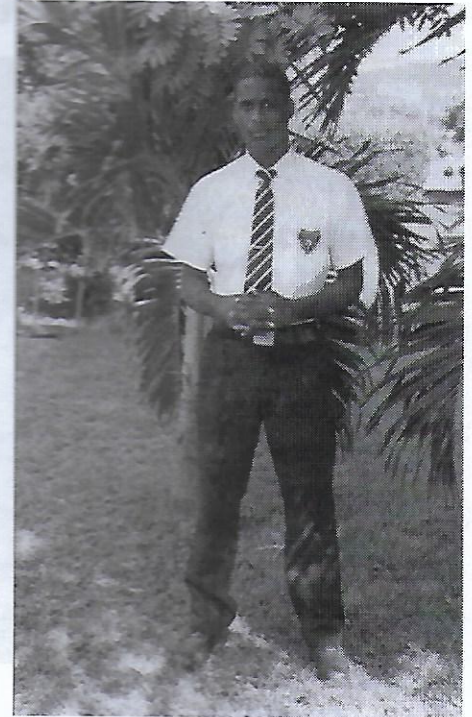
Horsie has an obsession with females and the desire to get to the finishing line. He is known for always bragging about his imaginary rendezvous with these unfortunate females. We hope that one day his dreams will become a reality.

Interest: Scoring

Favourite Line: Wah Gwaan Tom?

Ambition: To get the fastest time at Caymanas Park

Destiny: To be a late non-starter.



Logan Gayle: Alias 'Logie'

Did somebody say anger management? We wonder if this influenced Bruce and Carlos' decision to leave J.C and never to return.

Interest: D.J

Favourite Line: Whey mi money deh?

Ambition: To replace Bounty Killa.

Destiny: To be bottled at Sting.



Lynford Davis: Alias 'Lynton'

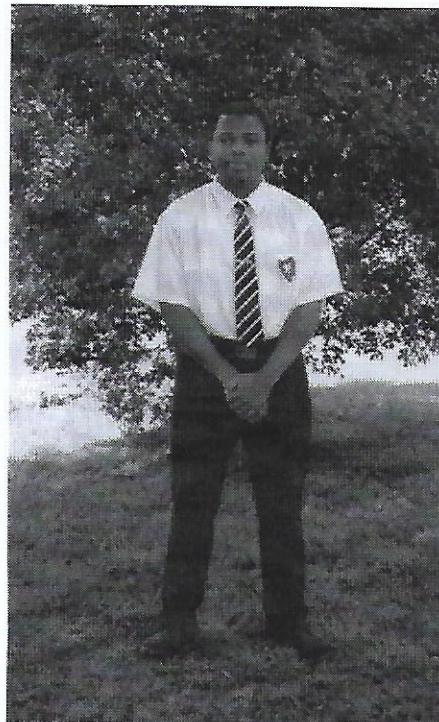
The only Sixth Former who did not capitalise on the opportunity to socialise with the girls. Lynford obviously did not know that sixth form also allowed for interaction with members of the opposite sex and not just books.

Interest: Movies

Favourite Line: Len mi yu shoes brush

Ambition: To finally have a companion besides his book

Destiny: To be a hermit/Book worm



Emmanuel Ezenne: Alias 'Mmmighty!'

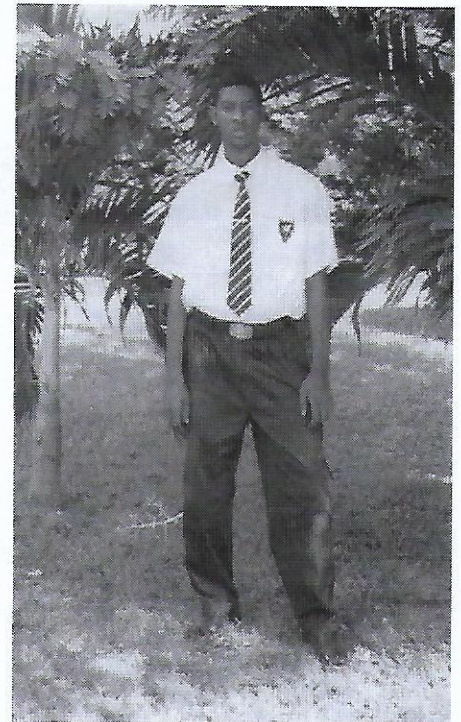
This African extract was transplanted to our country to sow his royal oats. Because he is gifted in the cerebral region he has great difficulty passing through doorways. Despite this set back he has gained notoriety for using his enormous head to k/o a fellow student. Note to Ezenne; use your head to attain academic excellence and not as a weapon.

Interest: Video games

Favourite Line: Calm down!

Ambition: To get a smaller head.

Destiny: To make a mean rat stew.



Kirk Gordon Alias 'Boxer'

A seemingly quiet, calm student who is known to transform quite quickly into a lethal weapon. Do not touch his person or his property or this time bomb will explode. Dr. Jekyll; Mr. Hyde?

Interest: Cars

Favourite Line: Whey yu sey?

Ambition: To control his mood swings.

Destiny: To be Mike Tyson#2.

VALLETTES



Glendon Johnson: Alias 'Glen-Dawg'

Glendon knows everyone business, and he is quick to use this information to publicly ridicule others. All this is to detract others from his flaws. Only one female member of staff think the Dawg is perfect, we know better.

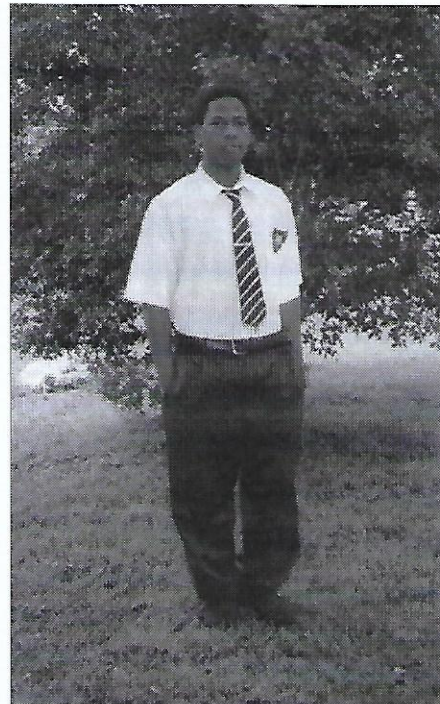
*Interest: Everybody's Business
Favourite Line: Balance up yusef.
Ambition: To be a Private Investigator.
Destiny: Extortionist.*



Hanniff Miller: Alias 'Neifo', 'Steel Brain'

Hanniff thought that wearing the school blazer could transform him into a knowledgeable, functional member of the School Challenge Team. Likewise, he also felt that this could miraculously change his voice into something melodious. Mr. Campbell has had the misfortune of trying to make something out of this nothing, in French, Music and Quiz.

*Interest: Singing Opera
Favourite Line: *****
Ambition: To excel at Accounts, French and Music.
Destiny: To hopefully get a brain*



Roneiph Lawrence Alias 'Rola/Dutty Pork'

Rola is obsessed with gaining and maintaining figure. The obsession has resulted in a steady diet of slim fast and numerous trips to the gym all in an effort to differentiate the one pack by integrating it into a six-pack.

*Interest: Slim Fast
Favourite Line: Hi Guys
Ambition: To be like Hulk
Destiny: To be forever on the diet roller coaster*



Vivian Malcolm: Alias 'Baller'

He seems to know the art of magic both on and off the football field. This may account for his passing grade in Accounting during the lower six year. This defied all logics and still baffles us all. Obviously the admiration that one person has for his skills on the football field was overwhelming.

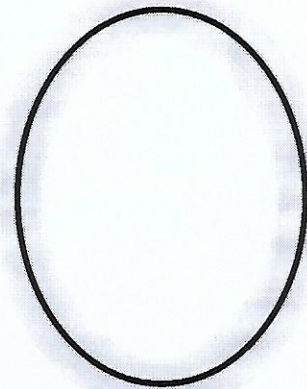
*Interest: Football
Favourite Line: Waapen B?
Ambition: To be greater than Pele*



Andre Moore: 'Andre Theodore-Wit-Moore'

The President of Interact Club who thought that his sole presidential duty was advocating for a beach trip. We dare ask, whom did he want to see in swimwear?

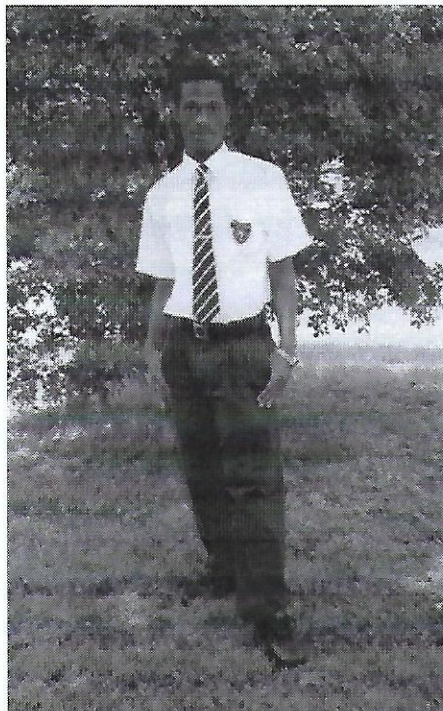
*Interest: To put on a beach trip
Favourite Line: Yo di man dem tek care a dem self
Ambition: To become a preacher
Destiny: To preach to the rocks*



Dennis Lee: Alias 'Happy Grove/ Snuffly'

Not much can be said about this country bumpkin whose sighting at school, is as rare an occurrence as Halley's comet.

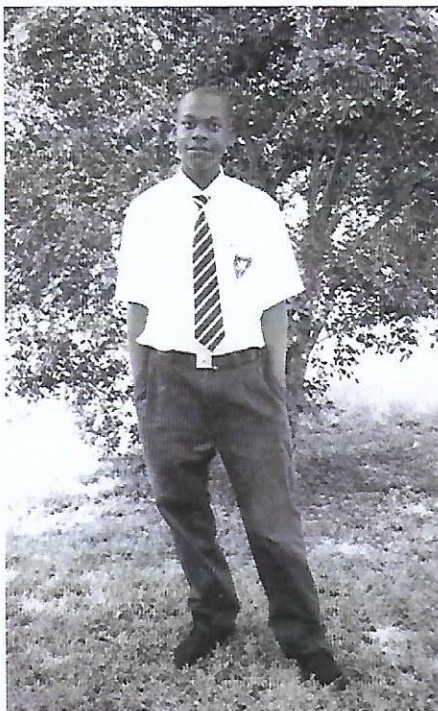
*Interest: Roaming Favourite Line: Mi a go home
Ambition: To find a home
Destiny: To move from country and get a town girl*



Gerald Lawrence: Sizzla

This guy seeks as his sole purpose the need to convince everyone of the virtues of the king. Hope one day all will be convinced.

Interest: Football
Favourite Line: Di king a di best
Ambition: To immortalise Sizzla



Martin Nesbeth: Alias 'Tyrese'

Poor fellow suffers from delusions and thinks that he has the same attributes and potential as model, actor and singer Tyrese. He needs a reality check and should look in the mirror more often.

Interest: 20% Per Annum
Favourite Line: Damn Stupid
Ambition: To be like Tyrese
Destiny: To do a face-lift and get a body transplant



Sheldon Schooler: Alias 'Saspie'

The magnitude of his intellectual capacity far exceeds his simple rugged appearance. He is often mistaken for parent or a member of staff, but he has the knack of using this to his advantage. Saspie is renowned for using "er" on most words while charming his way into a female's heart. His major life challenge lies in following the Holy Book and shunning the "forbidden fruit".

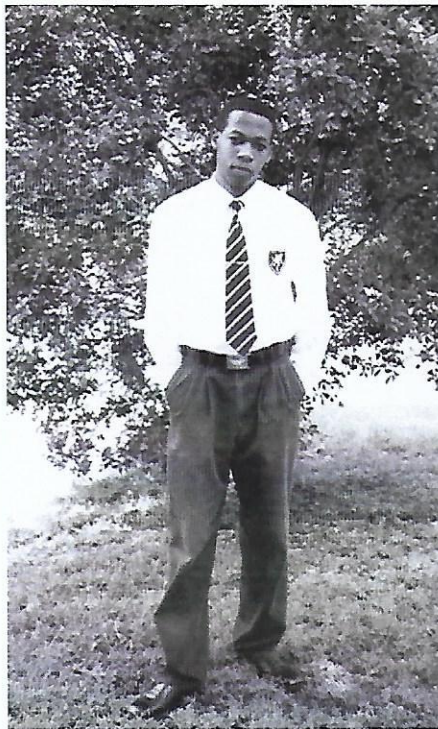
Interest: Jesus Christ
Favourite Line: No badda widd slackness
Ambition: To become a Christian
Destiny: Only God knows



Frank McCook: Alias 'Snatch, Sweetie British'

Jack of all sports, king of ??? One thing for sure he loves all things sweet. Snatching is not confined to the basketball court but has proven handy especially when he has the craving for sweets.

Interest: Confectionary
Favourite Line: Brown dawg!
Ambition: To open up a Sweet Factory in London, England.
Destiny: To find another rolling partner other than Diggy Dog



Corey Nugent: Alias 'Den Den / Nuge'

His extracurricular duties include working part-time, picking up the kids and thinking of ingenious ways of keeping his family afloat. Pity he did not listen to the advice to wait until the time is right and that two is better than too many.

Interest: 17% per annum
Favourite Line: My yute
Ambition: To be rich
Destiny: To marry a rich girl!



Mark Scott: Alias 'Popeye'

When on J.C. campus this student is respected and revered. He mistakenly thought that his influence could transcend these walls and open the gates of Campion College, however Saddam was not easily impressed and as he put it "You could be a Bill Clinton!"

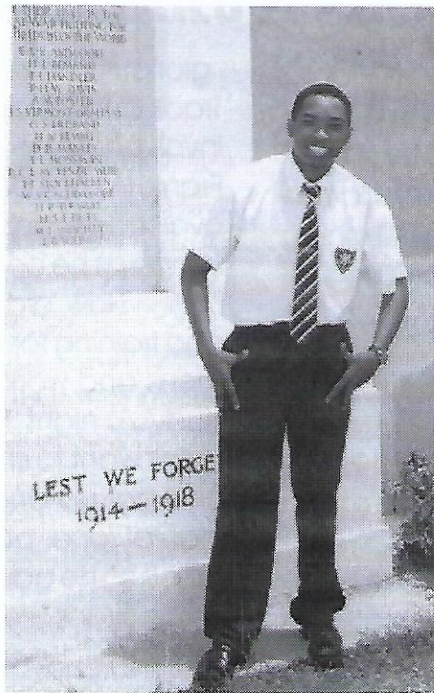
Interest: Debate
Favourite Line: Talks too damn much so he doesn't have one
Ambition: To do A levels in two weeks
Destiny: To fail



Omar Thomas: Alias 'Duck man'

This duckman has the misconception that he is the only intelligent, perfect being to grace this earth. He thinks he would score 1600 in the SAT, but he needs to finally accept the fact that he has the IQ of turkey and the memory of a fish.

Interest: Video Games
Favourite Line: 'Ya a e d i a t'
Ambition: To get an IQ higher than 169, sss...
Destiny: To build a bullet proof steel cage for duck season



Raphael Wilks: Alias: 'Mr. Cool'

This student has taken on as his personal motto the words of the song: "I'm leaving on a jet plane" However, "nah lef'yah" seems more appropriate. Since lower sixth he has said goodbye countless times, but alas to be seen the next day. We have resigned ourselves to the fact that Wilk's migration will be confined to his trips to the airport.

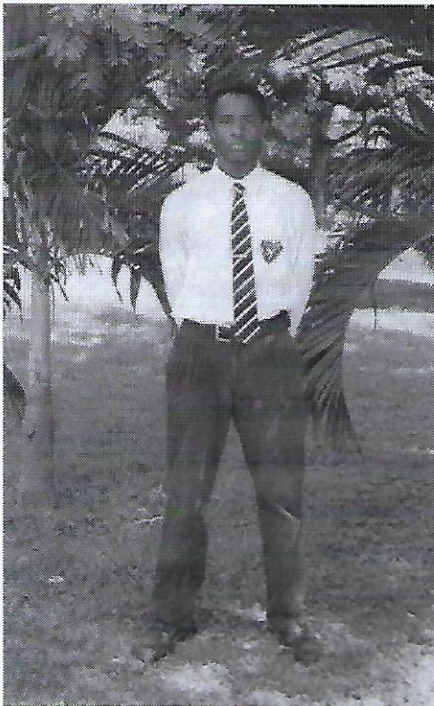
Interest: Cell Phones
Favourite Expression: 'Mek mi si yu phone?'
Ambition: To live in foreign.
Destiny: To work at the Norman Manley International Airport (closest place to foreign)



Leo Watson: Alias 'Leo My Ranks'

This flirtatious individual has the ability to woo and enthrall all female with whom he comes in contact. The Ranks often feminizes females and when they seek to accept his offering he backs out and says he only needs a friend. He can often be seen lifting heavy stuff to relieve the tension and like Joseph, running away to preserve his chastity for marriage.

Interest: Girls
Favourite Expression: 'Roar!!'
Ambition: To get married and lose his virginity
Destiny: To reside at Bellevue



Jermaine Williams Alias: 'Mr. Mature', 'Dribbla', 'Digi-dawg', 'O.T', 'Razor'.

Digi-dawg needs a scratching pole to make taking care of his compulsive scratching urges easier. Malapropisms seems to be his past time, and he thinks baffling the teachers with B.S will fool them into thinking that he is an intellectual.

Interest: Words
Favourite Expression: You are so dogmatic.
Ambition: To allow the exuberance of his verbosity to finally impress some one
Destiny: To learn how to use a word in the right context

THANK YOU

They sat directly behind me
 Their bodies I could not see.
 They sat directly behind me,
 As beautiful as can be.

Queens of my heart,
 It's also the name of their
 school.

Heavenly jewels, With
 angelic smiles too.
 Awesome beings whose
 existence is a blessing.

Nice to be alive!
 They make life worth the
 living.

Leo My Ranks



A WORD TO THE WISE

∴ Success lies not in
 achieving what you aim at,
 but in aiming at what you
 ought to achieve.

∴ The trouble with life in the
 fast lane is that you get to the
 end in an awful hurry.

∴ Genius begins great works;
 labour alone finishes them.

FRANK McCOOK - A JAMAICA COLLEGE MAN



As *The Griffin* sits with Frank, it is clear that he is in a pensive mood. He seems like a calm young man who is ready to take on any challenge. Frank is an upper Sixth Form student and is the first Vice-Captain of JC's prefect body. He is known by everyone and exudes an aura of calm self-assurance. This young man is also known for his politeness to all whether student, academic staff, administrative staff or

ancillary staff. He is truly Mr. Congeniality.

Frank says that in lower school, he was shy and socially awkward. In his Sixth Form years, he has matured, developed a sense of responsibility and has learnt to express himself. He has moved from a place where he looked up to senior students to a place where he is now the senior student. Frank cites that JC has helped him to mature. It taught him to give respect to others and has brought him to a place where that respect is given back to him. To him, being viewed with respect is really a responsibility. He never forgets this and as he interacts with his peers, he does so in such a manner that they will not lose respect for him.

When Frank started JC in 1995, it was a requirement that all boys be involved in a sport. He chose football. He says Mr. R. Gayle was a very encouraging coach so he never dropped the sport. In third form, after being told that he had the right height, he started basketball training. He represented his house each year on Sports Day and after a little encouragement he also started track training. Frank maintains that his involvement in sports is fundamental to what he calls 'his dramatic maturity'. He says sports challenged him, gave him a sense of purpose and gave him opportunities for travel. Since his lower school days Frank has played football and basketball for the school. He has also played on the Jamaica Under 17-Basketball team. His most

glorious moment was representing Jamaica in Track and Field at the 2002 CARIFTA Games. The involvement in sports has opened other doors for Frank. He has been introduced to coaches of overseas schools, and this has given him more scope as he contemplates a college education.

How did he balance his academic work and training for all these sports? Frank says he kept focus and worked out a strategy for training and study. At night, he tells us, when he was tired and didn't want to study, he remembered his life goals and got up and studied. Interestingly, he tells us that at one point the workload was really too much so he gave up basketball for a while.

Frank is definitely no wonder boy who did it by himself. He cites the support of the school and his friends, who encouraged and cheered, as being important. Of greater importance is his family who gave him advice, helped him to balance when he was doing too much and gave their unconditional support.

Frank is in love with accounts and computing and wants to become a computer engineer. He hopes to get a scholarship to continue his studies.

It bothers Frank that some of his schoolmates don't seem interested in their learning or how they are viewed by the wider society. He is concerned about the growing indiscipline and the negative impact this has on teacher-student rapport. Despite this he deems it as an honour to have attended a school with such a rich history. He wants to be remembered as one who added to the Jamaica College tradition of excellence. He advises his fellow students

"Take time to look at your life, where it is going. Have a plan, be focused and stop idling and following negative friends. Use me as an example, I was involved in many things and I had a social life. There were the girlfriends, I went to a few parties- I had fun. Despite all this, I knew where my focus ought to be - I did my academic work. Let the JC tradition live on. *Fervet Opus In Campis.*"

The Griffin is also honoured to have spoken with Frank and we wish him all the best in his endeavours.

Basketball Report 2002-2003

Despite the twenty-year drought, last year Jamaica College was able to reach the semifinals. We were outclassed by Dunoon Technical High School with their full court press defense. The most important task that was given to the team was going up against Champion College and needing 70 clear points to win. Jamaica College was able to do so.

Coach Jason James decided that enough was enough and it was our time to be crowned champions. The team was a well-rounded team with most of the players from last season. The team included Frank Mc Cook, Michael Clarke, Omar Barnes the Trash Man, Kirk Gordon and Glendon Johnson among others. At the opening ceremony we faced the defending champions Camperdown, but we were not intimidated. The team was quite anxious to get out there on the court and send them back to the drawing board. The results of this match served as a wake up call for all the other teams. Jamaica College also went up against the mighty and feared St Catherine High. Both teams showed great skill with the ball but JC was on a mission and silenced St Catherine in the fourth quarter. Jamaica College also went up against St Georges College where they too were outclassed. The first round ended and JC came out on top winning all their matches.

In the second round St Jago and STATHS put up a fight but were unable to withstand JC's offence and defence. Then came the finals against the resilient Wolmers. We were aware that the champions would be crowned at the end of the best of three games. Coach had no intention of going to a game three and that was the sentiment of the entire team. The first game for JC was a very difficult game but we triumphed. Game two at Mico Teachers College saw us leading the series 1-0 but Wolmers were not impressed and so JC had to expend much energy chasing them in the scorching heat. In the fourth quarter Rhoan Cruise, Michael Clarke, Omar Barnes and Frank

McCook turned up the heat to make our opponents think twice. Wolmers' dreams of going to a game three was shattered by Omar Barnes' two three pointers that led JC to victory. Coach and his team were very happy to see that the trophy had returned to 189 Old Hope Road after 20 years and it was returned in fine style after going through the competition and having not lost a game.

Next it was the All Island Competition where JC showed off their class to the rural schools but their unbeaten record was broken in the last game against St. Catherine who played us three times and just managed to beat us once. JC was knocked out of the competition after playing three games and only losing one. Omar Barnes was named MVP. Omar Barnes, Micheal Clarke, Rohan Cruise and Frank McCook were named to the national team.

The Basketball Team would like to thank our teachers who supported us throughout the competition. Thanks to Mr. Gayle who helped us in the fitness and kept us focused. Thanks to all the fans for their support. Thanks to our sponsors such as ISSA and Kentucky Fried Chicken and above all things we like to thank God who was in the midst of all these happenings.

Fervet Opus in Campis

Glendon Johnson
Sports Editor



Hockey 2003

Jamaica College entered teams in three divisions of the Inter-Secondary School's Hockey Competition. The Under 19 team reached the semifinals where they lost to Wolmers. The Division One Under 16 team showed promise and dispatched all opponents in their preliminary rounds, to reach to the semifinals. The team, however, failed to maintain their unbeaten run and like the Under 19 they were left watching from the sidelines.

Last but definitely not least, the Under 16 Division Two team totally outplayed the opponents to reach the finals. The finals however proved to be a challenging one against Munro College who scored in the first half to lead the game 1-0; Yannick Azan-Smith scored to level the game at 1-1 with less than two minutes to go. The game went into sudden death and was deadlocked until leading goal scorer Leighton Smith scored, and by so doing gave the team its well-deserved title as Division Two champions for 2003.

Special awards were presented to Colin Blair for most outstanding goalkeeper in Division One and Captain Norman Parague for leading goal scorer in Division Two. In Division Two Leighton Smith was named leading goal scorer and Ricardo Edwards, most outstanding goalkeeper.

**Glendon Johnson
Sports Editor**



Manning Cup 2002-2003

The ISSA Manning Cup for the season 2002 to 2003 was yet another promising year for Jamaica College. Training, under the direction of dedicated coach Mr Bobby Laing, began in early July.

During the summer the players trained very hard and this was still evident even towards the end. Whatever problems the players had, whether physical or psychological,

they were fully supported by the Old Boys of Jamaica College whose blood is truly blue. Jamaica College was placed in group one with defending champions Spanish Town, Clan Carty, long time rival Donald Quarrie and Hailie Sellasie along with new comers Penwood and Inwood.

Jamaica College went on a nine game winning streak which included chalking up a score of 7-1 win over Penwood. This was Penwood's welcome to the big league. In this game Jelgarth Williams picked up his hat trick. At the end of round one Jamaica College emerged as group winners after winning 11 matches and drawing only one. With this wonderful performance the team qualified for the Walker Cup where they went up against Spanish Town High and was defeated 2-1.

We went into the second round trying to rebuild the standard of the early part of the competition. The first match was against Wolmers and after scoring first Jamaica College faltered and in the end Wolmers was victorious 5-1. The team however, kept its head up winning the last two games in round two and qualified for the semis where it defeated Dunoon Technical 2-1. St. Jago was defeated 4-0 by Jamaica College. The season came to an end and Captain Logan Gayle collected a trophy on behalf of the team for being group winners in round one.

**Glendon Johnson
Sports Editor**



Colts Report 2002-2003

It was, by any stretch of the imagination, a poor season for the under 16 team. Of the full slate of the six matches in the preliminary round, the team actually played two. Our first match against Innswood Comprehensive ended in a disappointing draw with Jamaica College scrambling to retain a point in the last minute. Jamaica College dominated the exchange. We missed our second match due to poor communication between the bus company and the students' affairs office.

Spanish Town Comprehensive was allowed to share the points as poor goal keeping let us down. No referee turned up for the final match. Three schools, in our zone, dropped out of the competition making it impossible for our team to have a second chance of advancing.

While we congratulate St. Georges College for winning the league, we are assured that we have the best team in the competition. I am encouraged by the fact that this potential championship team will now enter the senior league. However, their exit from this competition will see Manning Cup, Walker Cup and Olivier Shield residing at 189 Old Hope Road.

**Mr R. Gayle
Coach**



Tennis Report

The Jamaica College Under 14 and Under 16 teams had mixed fortunes during the 2002-2003 season. Both teams played six games in the regional level of the Cable and Wireless (C&W) Inter-Secondary Schools' Tournament.

The under 14 team won three of the six games they played, and were able to advance to the All Island Tournament. They were unable to advance beyond the first round, after losing to Ocho Rios High.

The under 16 team was a bit more successful. The team won five of the six matches they played at the regional level. This secured a place at the All Island Tournament where they were placed second to Ocho Rios High.

Despite not securing first place, the season was a remarkable one as we were able to beat our archrivals Champion College and Wolmer's Boys School. All this could not have been possible without the able leadership of Mr. Greene, to whom we say thanks.

Andrew Lawrence



Track Team Report

This track and field season could be considered a most outstanding one. Under the direction of a the new head coach, Olympian and Old Boy, John Mair, the team was able to successfully secure a second place position at the 2003 VMBS Boy's and Girl's Athletics Championships.

The start of this year preparation focused on rebuilding the team's morale brought about by its poor performance in recent years. A part of this process was the drive to improve the physical infrastructure of our training area. With the financial aid of the Old Boys, we saw the transformation of the dilapidated building behind the Third Form block, into a state of the art gym and changing area.

The Blue Team was dominant early season, capturing the winning trophies in the boy's category in the J.C/ Swizzle Invitational Meet and the Morant Bay Relays. Champs 2003 saw a number of outstanding performances. Jamaica College made its mark on the record books, when Winston Barnes set a new record of 10.99 secs. in the 100m. Marlon Richards was successful in medalling in the 100m, 200m,

Track Team Report cont'd

and 400m; a huge accomplishment for one so young. In class 2, Romaine Gordon reinforced the dominance he showed throughout the season by copping the gold in the 110m hurdles. Also of mention, was the inclusion of Romaine Gordon, Andre Pratt and Sheriff Small in the team, which represented Jamaica at the Carifta Games, held in April.

Overall, the new programme spearheaded by the new coach John Mair and the assistant coach Kingsley Martel, speaks well for Jamaica College in the future especially given the continued support of the dedicated Old Boys. A special thanks to Mr. Warren Williams, Mr. A. Beckford, Mr. Mullings, Mr. Levine and all the other Old Boys who continue to give their unconditional support.

Let us continue to blaze across the track and on the fields so that all will see and recognise us. Fervet Opus In Campis.

Nevaldo Anderson
Team Captain



Under 14 Football Report

In September 2002, Jamaica College entered the ISSA Under 13 Competition with a very inexperienced team. On realising this, the decision was made by coach Mr Francis and Manager Mr Robinson to start training during the summer. Slowly but surely a very spirited and organised team developed.

The first match was played against Papine High School and during this match JC demonstrated a style and quality that was to become its trademark during the season. Jamaica College was able to make it to the finals without losing a match.

The finals against Wolmers' Boys School was a match of very high standard and at the end of regulation time neither team had scored. Unfortunately JC lost during penalty shoot out and had to settle for second place. Overall it was a successful season and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Jamaica College Family for the support they offered the team.

Marc Robinson
Vice Captain



Back Row: David Nacheta, Tamoy Shirley, Chevaugn Davis, Dale McCanuff, Ronardo Stewart, Darrell Simpson, Adrian Christian, Terefe Mason, George Smart.

Front Row: Roxroy McLean, Kemar Douglas, Stephen Ellis, Ramone Andy, Marc Robinson (Vice Captain), Shea-Shavor Brown.

Goalkeepers: Geovanni Gordon (**Captain**)
Orville Weir.

Absent: Sean Thorne, Orlando Grant, Kamar Campbell, Adrian Weir, Reynard Leveridge, Jerome Bent, Everton Tyghter, Dane Johnson, Anthony Byfield.

Cricket Report

I know it was the work of God to be involved with such an intelligent and talented group of youngsters. To have young men give their life to Jesus Christ as a result of the cricket programme means it was a tremendous success.

There were very few disappointments one being Clayon Grey, a gifted left arm spinner, and Tajeme Atkinson a hard-hitting batsman withdrawing their services at a critical time. There is so much talent at Jamaica College with numerous future Jamaican cricketers waiting to get their names in the record books. We must also recognise the leadership qualities of Omar Williams and Glenmore Hall.

As a policy I try not to highlight individual performances so I will have to recognise the efforts of everyone who represented the school in cricket this year and recorded his personal best in one way or another. After winning five of six first round engagements, the team made it to the quarter-finals but lost to a competent Kingston College side. If God allows, next year Jamaica College will send a warning to all other schools that we will be a very serious contender in all the cricket competitions.

I conclude by saying that the training sessions started in December 2002 and ended in March 2003. We trained five days a week with the guidance of the Coach, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Phillip Robinson, Manager and Selector.

Thanks to Mr. Reeves for taking all the late calls and fulfilling our requests. Thanks to the other members of the team; Miss McPherson, Mr. Hall and Mrs. Young. Thanks Phillip. Fervet Opus In Campis

David A. Robertson
Director of Cricket

Gadet Report

Jamaica College Cadet Unit (J.C.C.U) was one of the first, if not the very first, to be formed in the island of Jamaica. The J.C.C.U establishment is

able to house approximately 90 cadets. However, Our numbers have fallen over the years as we presently have 30. Our recent recruitment drive saw 20 persons stepping to the challenge, but only 11 were successful.

Most of the activities undertaken by the unit are external as the necessary equipment and facilities are not available or appropriate by law to be done at schools. Some of these activities are Air Training, Coast Guard, Rappelling and Rifle Training. The unit is one of the best in the Kingston and St. Andrew area. At present we are the only school in the First Battalion which has a Drum Corp. In fact, every year the Drum Corp. provides entertainment for the spectators at Champs and other sporting activities of the school.

Finally, there is a lot of history surrounding the unit. The first Officer's course within the entire force was held here. The Most Honourable Norman Manley and Michael Manley were a part of this unit whilst they were at this prestigious institution.

During the year 2002 - 2003 The following activities were undertaken.

- (1) Weapon Training at J.D.F
- (2) Visit to the Coast Guard in Port Royal
- (3) Visit to Kings House and Jamaica House
- (4) Hike to Clysdale, Hollywell and Blue Mountain
- (5) Visit to the Air Wing/Flight over Kingston and St. Andrew
- (6) Annual Inspection at Jamaica College
- (7) Company Camp at Mavis Bank with Meadow Brook and Edith Dalton James (Christmas Break)
- (8) Battalion Camp at Mavis Bank in the summer with these schools: Ardenne, Wolmers (Girls/Boys), Merlgrove, Kingston Comprehensive High School, Trench Town Comprehensive High School and Calabar High School.
- (9) Participation in the Hugo Chambers Track Meet at Jamaica College
- (10) Marshalled and participated in the open day of the World Junior Games at the National Stadium

Sheldon Graham

The Jamaica College Chapel Choir Report

The Jamaica College Chapel Choir had fair success this year. We continue to minister to a wide cross section of the population across the length and breadth of Jamaica. Our repertoire spans Classical, Gospel and Negro Spiritual music.

Our main focus each year is our annual Christmas concerts across the island. Last year our featured work was "Mozart's Coronation Mass in C" along with anthems and carols. A special feature was having four of Jamaica's top soloist in the persons of Carole Reid - Soprano, Marlyn Bryce-McDonald-Contralto, Carl Bliss-Tenor and Maurice Wilson-Bass, performing with the choir. Our accompanist was Livingston Burnet.

Another major event was our tour of Grand Cayman, which has been happening for the past three years. We were well received in Grand Cayman and are now looking forward to our fourth trip to that country this year.

We hope that we will continue to carry our flag high and also continue to be one of the top school choirs in the country. I would like to mention the Old Boys who continue to give yeoman service to the group. I know that without them our work would have been twice as difficult.

Randall Campbell
Director



Chapel Choir

The School's Challenge Quiz Report

The Jamaica College School's Challenge Quiz Team achieve two milestones that previous team in the last three years had not done. They achieve the highest points of 61 in the competition and the team progressed to the second round. Prior to that the team had not gone past the first round since 1998.

We defeated Meadowbrook High in a "nail biting" match 61-59, arguably one of the better matches of the competition. Preparation began in summer 2001 with a camp in Mandeville at Church Teachers' College, Mandeville. We entered round two and our opponents were Manchester High.

This was keenly contest match but in the end Manchester hung on to secure a score of 30-26 points victory. Preparations for 2003 had already begun and currently the 2003 team surpassed the 2002 team by reaching round three - the last 16. Our opponents will be, Guess whom? Manchester High again. We are hoping that we can turn the table around and match into the quarterfinal round (the last eight) for the first time since 1998. The members of the 2002 team were Shawn Ebanks - Captain, Euan Walters, Kurt Francis, Hanniff Miller and Omar Thomas.

The members of the 2003 team were Omar Thomas - Captain, Hanniff Miller, Janhoi Kelly, Lynford Davis and Jermaine Whyte.

Randall Campbell Coach

Editor's Note: The Team exited the 2003 competition after losing to Manchester High.



School's Challenge Quiz 2003

Interact Club

Motto

Four way test

Of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Relationship**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

The Jamaica College Interact Club (JCIC) was founded in October of the year 2000 after Mr. Shileto a Rotarian and a Jamaica College Old Boy made contact with the school. Kurt Francis and Ewan Walters were elected President and Vice President respectively. I was elected Director of Games and Socials. Our current President is Andre Moore.

Initially, the club had about fifteen members who were mostly Sixth formers. Presently the club has over forty (registered) members, with over twenty-five members in attendance at every meeting. Meetings are held in the Biology Lab on Tuesdays at 3pm.

The Rotary Club of Kingston is our sponsoring Rotarian Club. Our present Rotarian Advisor is Mr. L. Anthony Robinson, J.C Old Boy and General Manager of International Communications Ltd. A Rotarian Advisor is assigned to the club to oversee the activities of the club and assist when the need arises. The Rotarian and staff advisor are responsible for overseeing projects and other events undertaken by the club. At least one of the advisors is present at every meeting.

Interact Club is a service club. The aim of the club is to build a better environment for everyone, assist the destitute and show love to all. While showing love we hope and pray that others will see and feel the love from us and that the love will be reciprocated. The Club has adopted the National Children's Home. We assist whenever the need arises and from time to time we give motivational talks to the children and interact with them. The club has also established a homework

programme where we help the children with their homework and rap with them. We try our very best with the slow learners and we have gradually seen improvement.

Last Christmas, with the assistance of the members of the Holy Childhood Club, we gave the children at the home a treat where gifts were presented and videos were shown. A few schools we interact with are Queens' High, Mona High, Ardenne High, St. Jago High, Champion College and St. Hugh's High.

A project within the school community is our library project. This constitutes sitting in for the Librarian during the lunch hours, re-shelving, labeling books and cutting out newspaper clippings that students could find helpful in their studies.

The Club is achieving its goals and each and every member is playing his part. The members are working hard to better the club and to make our endeavours even more successful. We hope to continue to grow at Jamaica College and to impact positively on the school community and the immediate surroundings.



S. Nicholas Schooler
Vice President

*V.P. Nicholas Schooler
presenting Gift to Mrs.
Tomlinson at 2002
Christmas treat*



The Rededication of the Herbert Edwards Resource Centre

"There is a liturgical basis for recommitment and renewal," Mrs. Bramwell declared with a glance at the Right Revd. Cannon Mullings, Dean of the Liguanea Cure. That afternoon, however, Cannon Mullings was with us not as Dean, but as Chaplain Of Jamaica College. He had come to bless us and guide us in a ceremony that signaled the revival of the Library as a centre of learning.

The P.T.A., the Old Boys, Library Committee and Friends of Jamaica College gave their unstinting support and after months of hard work we were now ready to mark a new beginning.

It seems as if nature was smiling in our efforts. The sun shone pleasantly, a gentle breeze fanned our guests who had grouped themselves on the lawn for a friendly chat. Flawlessly uniformed students ushered them on to the Fifth form landing that had been transformed into an attractive foyer. And the Library! The floors gleamed, the plants glowed with health and portraits of the School's heroes graced the walls.

Mr Stuart Reeves, Principal, and First Vice Principal Mr. Tim Akpeti, made our visitors welcome. Also present were close friends who had contributed to the reality of the event: Mrs M. Taylor, Mrs F. Lightbourne, Mr J. Moss-Solomon Chairman of the School Board, Mr. R. Taylor (Past Principal), Mr Danny Williams O.J, Mr Howard Hamilton Q.C, and Mr James Carnegie, Past Vice Principal and member of the School Board.

There was a short, entertaining programme following Cannon's prayers. Yet another instance of our Old Boys' generosity was witnessed as Mr Lue-Fung donated a State of the Art Copier to the Library. Canon's solemn blessing was a fitting end to a rewarding evening.

Music

There are many different types of music worldwide. Some forms are more popular than others. Different people listen to different types of music.

Rap is a very entertaining type of music today. It is the number one type of music for most young people. The rap industry earns more money than any other music industry. Almost anywhere you go you can hear people playing rap music. The most rated rapper is Marshall Mathers, or you may know him better as "Eminem". Hip Hop is also a very entertaining type of music. According to the dictionary Hip Hop is a combination of rap music, graffiti art and break dancing. Michael Jackson is recognized as the king of Hip Hop.

R&B to most people is the music of romance. The R is for rhythm and the B is for the blues, so basically R&B is a combination of rhythm and blues. This industry also earns a lot of money. There are many R&B artistes such as R Kelly, Luther Vandross and many others.

Rock and Roll, also known as the white man's music is a popular dance music, which originated in the 1950s with a heavy beat and often a blues element. In my opinion rock and roll is not music, it's just noise. Sometimes I wonder how people listen to this so-called music. Believe it or not a lot of people love rock and roll.

Reggae music, the real Jamaican music or should I say the Rasta man's music is usually a conscious type of music. A Rasta man once told me there is nothing like listening to Reggae music and smoking. He said it was the best way of meditating. Bob Marley, although dead, is still recognised as the greatest Reggae artist.

Country music is a type of folk music that was originated by whites in the southern region of the United States. As the name suggests this music is popular in the rural areas. Some of this type of music can be very entertaining at times.

If music be the food of love, play on.

**Roger Bevan
Form: 3C**

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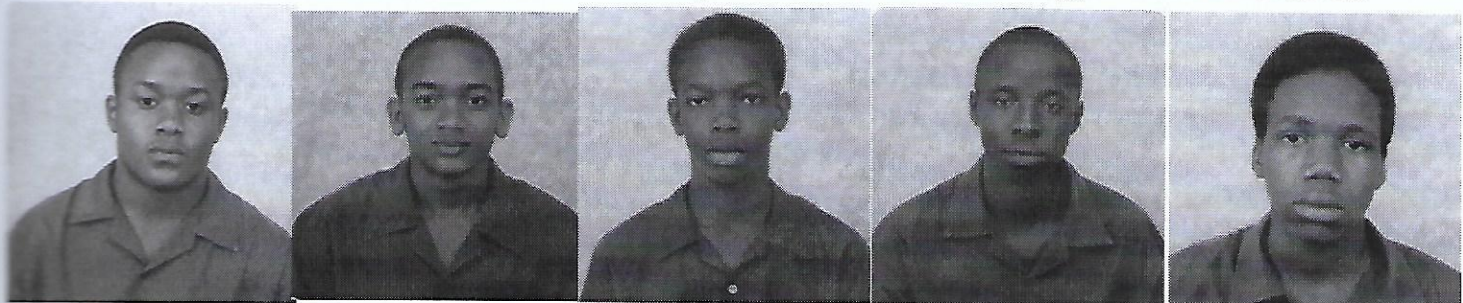


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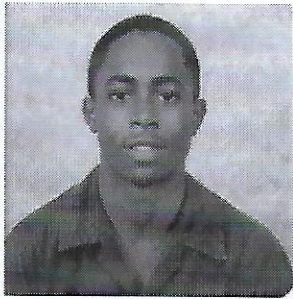
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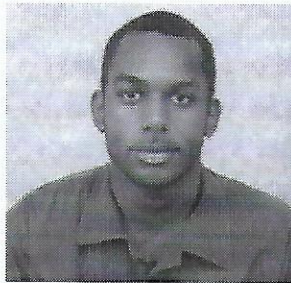


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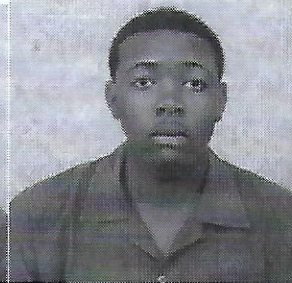


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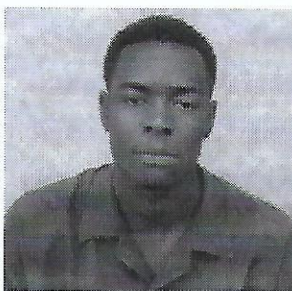
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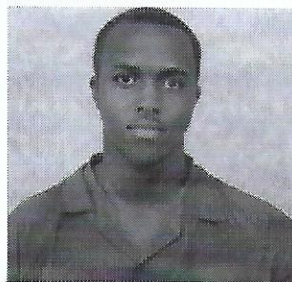
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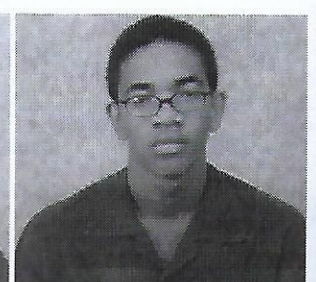
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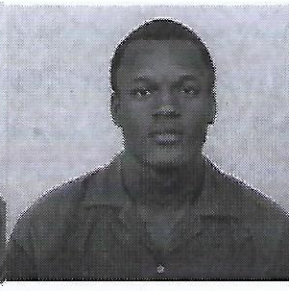
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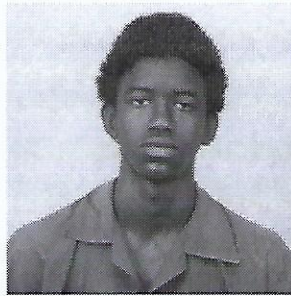


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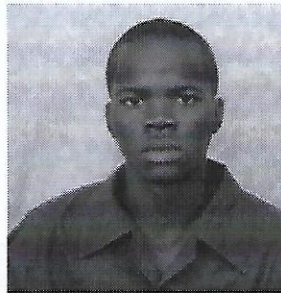
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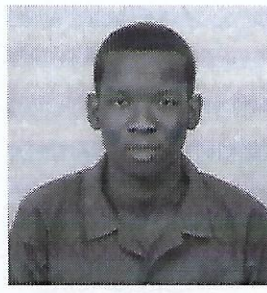
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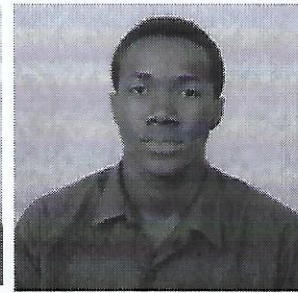
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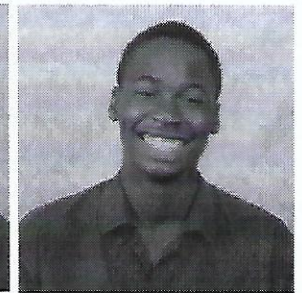
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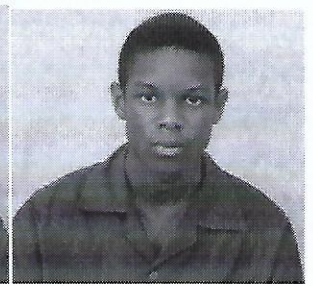
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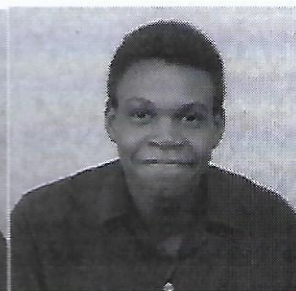
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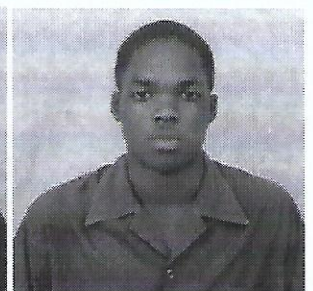
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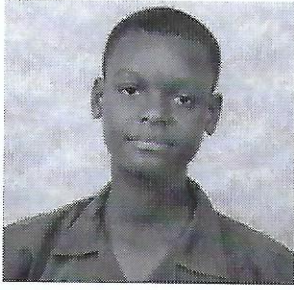
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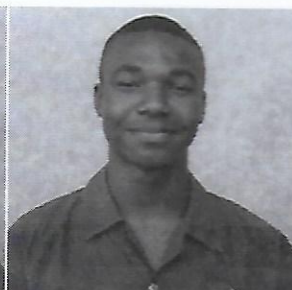
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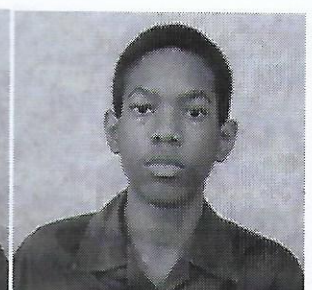
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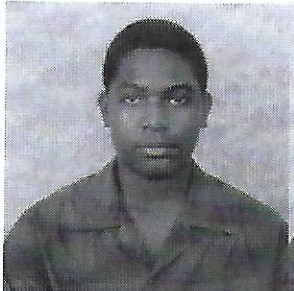
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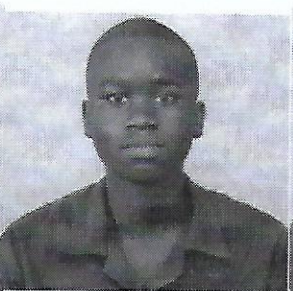
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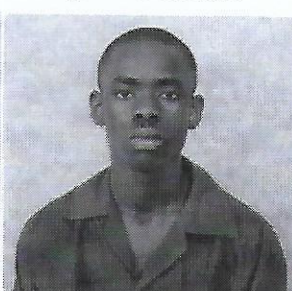
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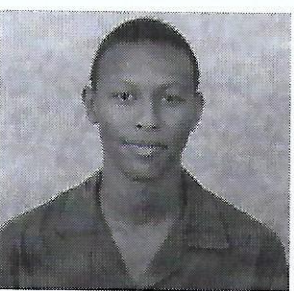
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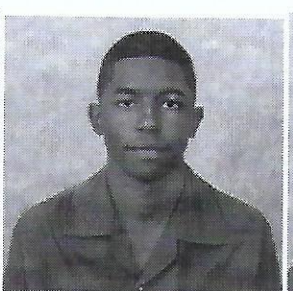
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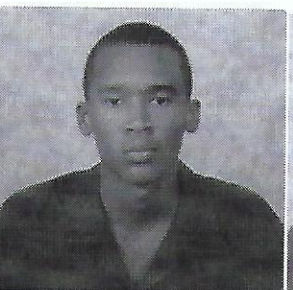
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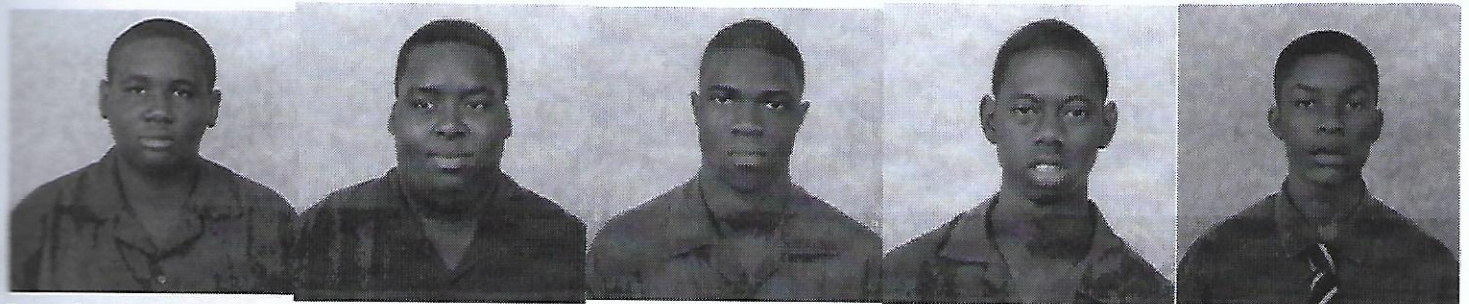
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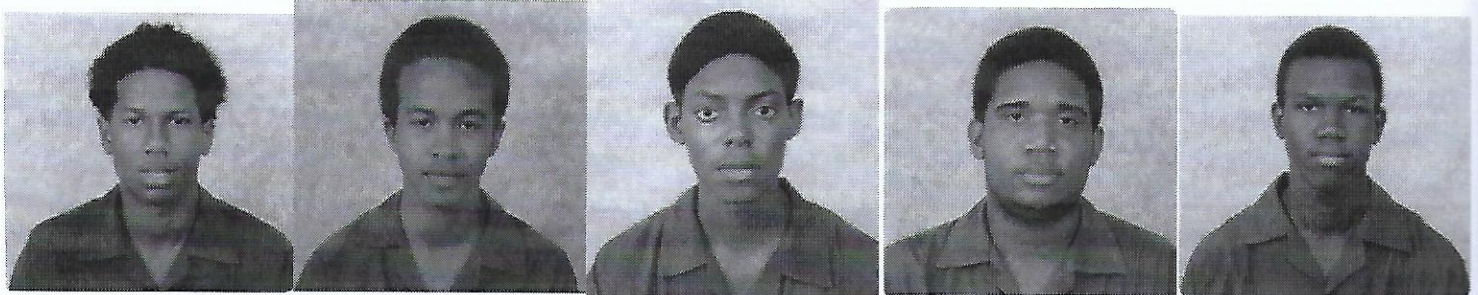
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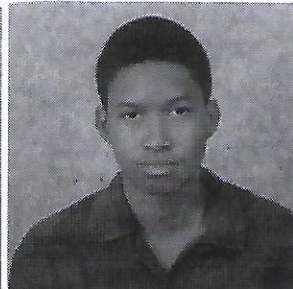
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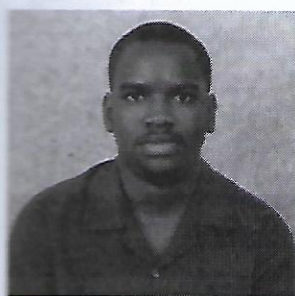
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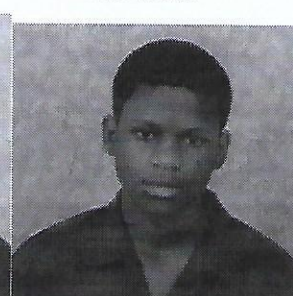
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The National Pledge

Before God and all mankind, I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart, the wisdom and courage of my mind, the strength and vigor of my body in the service of my fellow citizen
I promise to stand up for Justice,
Brotherhood and Peace,
to work diligently and creatively,
to think generously and honestly,
so that Jamaica may under God increase
In beauty, fellowship and prosperity, and play her
Part in advancing the welfare of the Human race.

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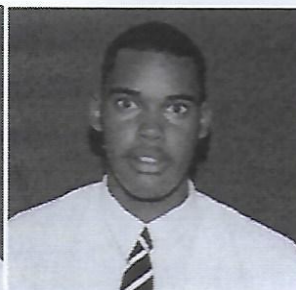
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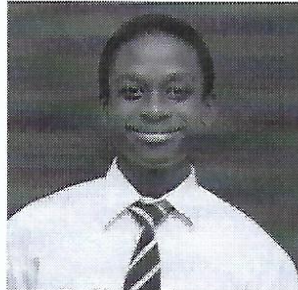
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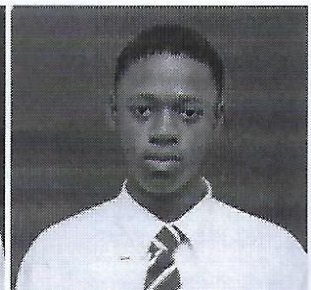
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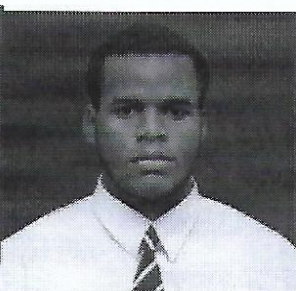
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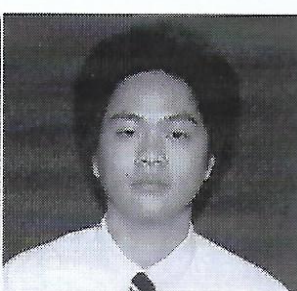
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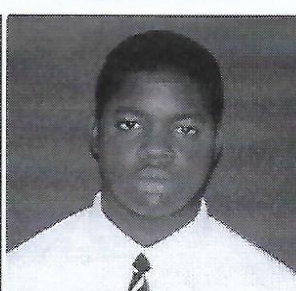
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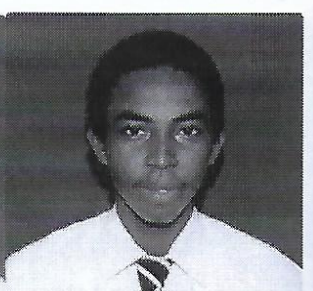
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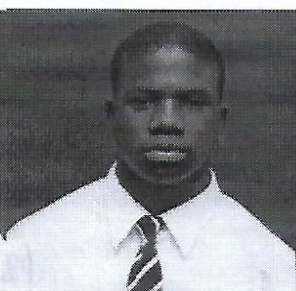
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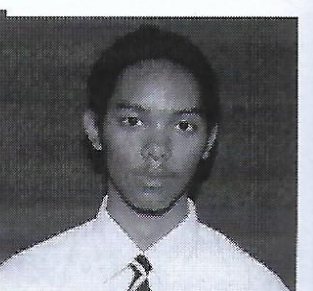
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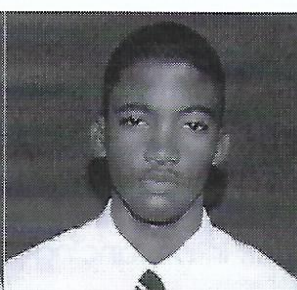
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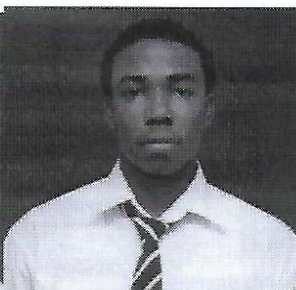
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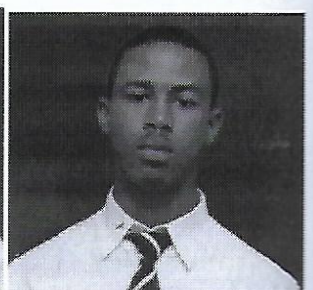
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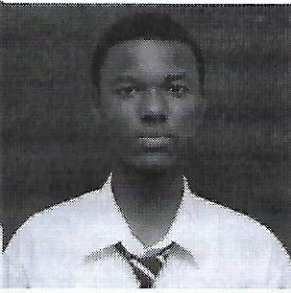


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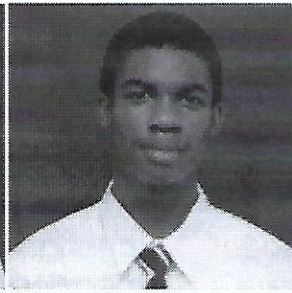
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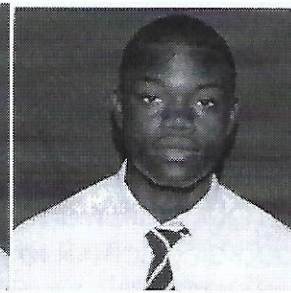
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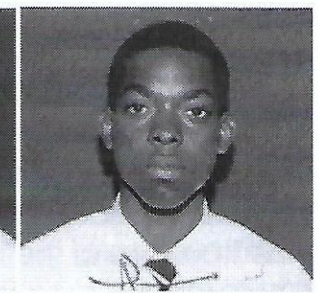
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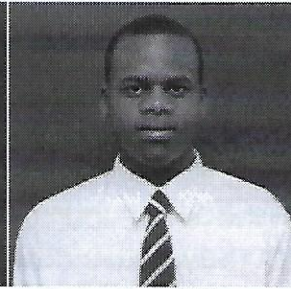
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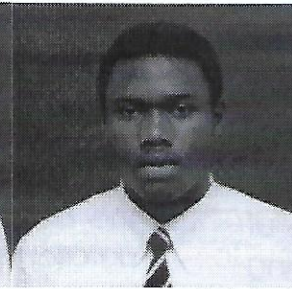
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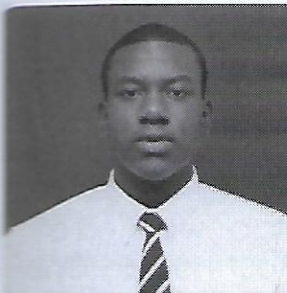
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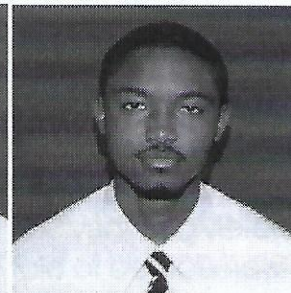
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THE SCHOOL PRAYER

Bless O Lord this College
 Create among us a spirit of
 Comradeship and loyalty to one another
 When we are called to obey, let us obey
 with willingness.

When we are called to serve,
 make us serve with gladness;
 When we are called to rule, make us rule
 with justice.

Drive away from us all ignorance
 and hardness of heart,
 All things dishonourable and unclean;
 And build us up in body, mind and spirit;
 Until we come to the stature of that
 perfect man
 Jesus Christ Our Lord
 Amen.

Traditions and Myths of Jamaica College

Over the years Jamaica College has developed rich, unique traditions that have helped to make its prestigious name. The problem in writing this article, however, is the fact that it is difficult to get information on some of the traditions of the boarding school to that of more recent times. This article will be dealing with those traditions that have evolved over the years or disappeared and the new traditions formed. In addition, it will be covering the various myths of the school that has emerged over the years.

Jamaica College is over 200 years old, however, it was in the latter years that many of these traditions developed. The boarding school was one of the first structures in place. It brought forth a lot of traditions including its own unique slang. Some of them were 'buff book', which meant studying hard, 'chipping out', which meant leaving school, 'slurping up', which meant groveling to a teacher or a classmate, and 'tooshie', which meant toilet. If ever one was in trouble he was said to be 'dark'. In addition, if one was disrespectful he was said to be a 'funny man' (not homosexual). A person was said to be homosexual if he was ever caught wearing earrings or if he was seen on somebody's bed, while another was on it.

Besides the slangs, JC had traditions detailing how the fledglings of the school were treated. Those just enrolled had to endure a lot from the older boys. They were forced to sing songs that were based off the popular song of that era. In addition, they were given about twenty-five cents and coerced to buy food, for example, a cocoa bread and orange juice, which were obviously more costly. To add insult to injury, they were even told to bring back the Change. Perhaps the most brutal traditions were the 'gauntlet' and the 'crack toe'. The gauntlet is where younger boys had to run through the dorm while the older boys would

Perform atrocious acts such as hitting them across their backs with sacks filled with things like track shoes and other such objects. The crack toe, not sounding less severe usually occurred at the end of term. This is where the older boys would walk around and 'wack' the younger boys on their toes with a big stick.

With the termination of the boarding school in 1967, the character of the school changed. It created more opportunity for people to enter this great college, however, the discipline plummeted but that is not for this article. The end of boarding school saw the rise of new traditions as well as the end of some of the old ones.

Some of the new traditions emerged were the 'duck quack', 'the blow leaf', 'the blow out of the bulb', 'the shout out of the sun' and the notorious punsey. These new traditions were not as gruesome as some of the old traditions; however, they were a lot more frivolous. The duck quack, perhaps one of the most frivolous of the traditions, involved students (usually a first former) walking around the football field and quacking like a duck, much to the amusement of the older boys. Alternatively, they were given a leaf, almost torn completely and they had to blow the rest off. If not they were forced to blow out the bulb. One could see their 'puffed up' cheeks with all their efforts trying to blow out the light bulb. Everyone knew that this was impossible. Boys were seen with tears running down their faces as they were held against their will to blow out a light bulb. An alternative to blow out the light bulb was to shoot out the sun, where you had to aim your finger at the sun and pretend as if you were trying to shoot out the sun.

Last but certainly not the least was the tradition of Punsey. This can be considered as the most popular traditions of recent times. It is even known to the public to the point where, if ever this particular tradition was mentioned to the public, one would have already heard about it. Appeared in the 90's, this tradition was about an enormous tree given the name Punsey. It involved a younger boy being ganged by a group of older boys and forced to dance on a

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tree. The tree had a big deep hole at the bottom and sometimes the head of the younger boys were forced into this hole with even algae growing inside it. At the beginning of the school year, this large group of boys gathered under the tree stalking those young callow boys passing by and placing them on a tree to perform all sorts of acts. If even a younger boy was caught by an older boy and they were not in close proximity to the tree, a picture was drawn of a female on the wall and younger boys had to dance on the picture.

Of the evolved traditions, included was the Gauntlet. However, it was not known as the gauntlet anymore as well as the process was not the same. Instead of the older boys using filled sacks, their hands were used instead. They would form two lines and the younger boys had to walk in between while being 'smacked' on the top of their heads. The singing procedure was not much different however, in addition to the popular songs of the time, the new comers had to deejay ingredients from a box juice of any such related things. Lastly, boys were still given paltry funds and coerced to buy food, obviously more expensive. The Griffin, the symbol of the school is in itself a myth. The Griffin, with the body of a lion, the wings of an eagle and tail of a dragon is derived from Greek mythology thousands of years ago. It

Of the Griffin located on the top of the Simms building would come alive. These stroke a lot of fears in the minds of the students. Many of them were completely distraught to be at school whenever the night crept up, not knowing what these ghastly creatures would have done if they were to ever come alive. The Simms building was also believed to have been haunted by some of the 'grimmest looking ghosts'. Students even reported that they saw the ghost of William Cowper and Hugo Chambers certain nights whenever they stayed late at school.

Sadly to say, almost all the traditions we have come to know (both new and evolved) seemed to have disappeared. One can understand the reason for the termination of certain traditions like the tradition of giving a boy small amount of money to buy a large quantity of food. This is similar to an act of extortion. There are some however that should have been kept alive as they fostered tolerance, a spirit of camaraderie and were really good fun.

Ziggy Marley asked, 'Tomorrow people where is your past? / Tomorrow people how long will you last? / Don't know your past, won't know your future.' Let us seek to know our traditions that distinguish us as Jamaica College men and let the positive live on

Franklin Anderson

Editor's note: Thanks to Old Boys Mr Michael Burke and Revd. Dr. Peter Morgan for their contribution to this article

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Eternal Father, bless our land,
Guide us with Thy mighty hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless
hours.

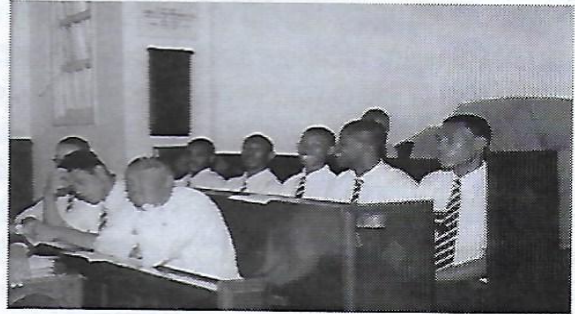
To our Leader Great defender,
Grant true wisdom from above,
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica land we love
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Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish,
Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above.
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*Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Peter Morgan
Receiving a gift basket from Miss K. Brown*



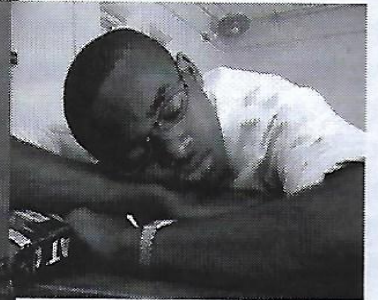
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