

JAMAICA COLLEGE



"FERVET OPUS IN CAMPIS"

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With the completion of this year's Yearbook, I would like to take the time out to acknowledge and thank several persons for their contribution to the success of yet an other copy of *The Griffin*.

We are grateful and would like to express our sincere gratitude to the individuals and companies who assisted us financially by placing advertisements and greetings. We are also grateful for the assistance of the committee members who served unselfishly to guarantee the publication of another year's magazine.

Additionally, we are also very appreciative of the efforts of our photographer, Mr. Allison, Mr Reeves for accommodating us often at short notice and the students and members of staff who offered their contributions of articles, reports, form listings and in one way or another aided in the completion of the magazine.

We would like to thank Mrs. Francis-Walcott for her invaluable assistance in our fund-raising ventures. Thanks also to our staff advisors, Mrs. K. Powell and Ms. E. Smith who worked along with us to see the publication of the magazine. Most importantly, thanks to our Heavenly Father who strengthened us to continue this venture.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Wayne Thorpe

With the compliments of Or Jeffrey Weeks & Staff



EDITORIAL

This is yet another milestone year in Jamaica College when we celebrate its two hundred and fourteenth birthday. Jamaica College has come a long way and will forever thrive. I am pleased to say that we have grown, along with school traditions. Jamaica College has and will forever be the place where we make our transitions from immature, naive, carefree boys, to well-rounded mature young men looking to face this harsh world.

As long as Jamaica College exists we will excel. However what needs to be realized is that brilliance and excellence cannot be seen if there is no work to create an end product. We as Jamaica College men must recognize the value of hard work and the fact that we have been given an opportunity that many want. The Jamaica College of yesteryear originally catered for the privileged classes of society but it has evolved from being the school for "whites" and now caters to the needs of a developing society and many who are under -privileged. We as a school need to build on the traditions of excellence that have been created by our Old Boys who continue to be exemplary contributors and builders of the nation. What is needed now more than ever is a new thrust among us the 'now' generation, to create a new history of which we can be proud.

Jamaica College has always excelled in many spheres of activities, both in academics and athletics. I must encourage the present students of Jamaica College to once again raise the academic bar of Jamaica College and live out the true meaning of our motto: 'Fervet Opus In Campis', with the level of determination, focus and drive. Together we must work to reclaim our legacy, re-invent ourselves and stand proudly in our 'blue suit' to face critical society. We are always prepared to take on almost any challenge or adventure and this is truly something to be proud of .

Our challenge as present students of Jamaica College is to showcase the abilities and talents with which the Lord has blessed us. Words to the wise-"don't wait for your boat of success to come in, row out to meet it."

We have achieved much as a school and should strive to improve our standards. It is now time for us to pick up where past generations have left off and chart a positive course for our school and nation at large. I hope that reading about Old boys, Dr Peter Phillips and Dr. McDowell will prove to be an inspiration to all and that in reading about those among us who are not sighted will motivate us to become the hard workers and visionaries that they are.

Teamwork and dedication will be necessary to achieve excellence. All stakeholders must unite to confront the ills that plague us as a school and as a society. If we love J.C as much as we claim we will all work unselfishly for the benefit of the school above self. I quote the words of a former School Captain; "If we harness the school spirit exhibited annually at Boys' Champs there is no reason for us to fail elsewhere". Let us at least endeavor to succeed, because Jamaica College is our own, Jamaica is our home, and we are the ones who will suffer if we do not hold our banner high.

FERVET OPUS IN CAMPIS

Wayne Thorpe Editor

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



~Fervet~
Stuart Reeves
Principal

Heartiest congratulations to the committee for the commitment, dedication and passion to produce this magazine. Thanks are also extended to everyone who contributed their time and effort in supporting the work of the committee and especially to those who have contributed articles for publication.

The school has made gains in many areas during the last year; we congratulate everyone who has contributed time, energy and dedication. There is much more to be accomplished, it is now for everyone at the school and in the wider family to rededicate themselves to the effort and so ensure there will be many more success and achievements to record next year.



Tim Akpeti *Vice Principal*



PTA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year 2003/2004 has been a most eventful year for Jamaica College. We have experienced many successes and have been faced with many challenges. The year can be characterized as a watershed year for the school. The schools' Trust "stepped up to the plate" and approved financial resources for a number of programmes designed to upgrade the physical plant of the school. These allocations were unprecedented in the school's history. The Old Boys' Association and the Parent Teachers' Association also contributed to the upgrade in a tangible way, most notably in the areas of the school library and the canteen.

The Parent Teachers' Association would like to congratulate the School Administration, Heads of Departments, Year Supervisors, other Teachers, Dean of Discipline, Guidance Counselors, School Nurse, Sports Programme Administrators, Head of the Music Department- Mr. R. Campbell, Head of the Cadet Force, the Ancillary Staff and particularly the students for the successes enjoyed by the school in the year 2003/2004.

The year can be characterized as one of outstanding leadership and we are truly proud of Jermaine Whyte, School Captain and Captain of the Debating Society; Jean-Mark Wright and Sheldon Graham, Vice-Captains; Layton Shaw, President of the Students' Council; David Williams, President of the Jamaica College Key Club; Dwayne Hibbert, President of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme; Jermaine Muschette, President of the Interact Club; Andre Edwards, leader of the Cultural Drummers, and the members of the Chapel Choir. These young men have put on display their skills and talents and have demonstrated that the five to seven years spent at Jamaica College can be meaningful and rewarding.

It was a year in which the PTA recognized and honoured eleven teachers for achieving in excess of seventy percent pass rate for students at the CXC level. In the History Department, Mrs. Grant-Barrett, Ms. N. Wright, Ms. S. Barnett, Ms. K. Hawthorne; Biology, Mrs. Gordon-Meggoe; in Principles of Accounts Ms. N. Smith and Mr. D. Lawrence Office Procedures, Mrs. Sterling;

Principles of Business, Mrs. Graham-Morris; English, Mrs. K. Powell; and in Information Technology, Mrs. Cousins-Roache.

It was a year that we can feel truly proud of: our athletes who performed well at the recently held Champs, in Basketball, Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Football recording finishes in the top three for the most part. All these activities ignited the spirits of all "JCites" and speaks to the power of sports in the schools curriculum. Our debating society who were surely winners, accorded the second place among well over eighty schools. Our Cadet Force, which swelled in numbers and received the Commanding Officers Shield in the 1st Battalion round inspection, a first for Jamaica College.

Upon being elected in mid June 2003, the newly elected PTA executive sought to hit the ground running and embarked on a fact-finding mission. Its first task was a complete assessment of the physical environment of the school. Photographs were taken of the key areas and along with the Old Boys' Association and the School Administration prepared a document "A CALL TO ACTION' which was presented to the schools' Trust along with the catalogue of photographs of all areas of the school campus.

The document sought to make the link between poor physical environment and academic performance as well as student and teacher morale. The presentation was well received by the Trust and the rest was history. Bathrooms, grills, the Principal's offices, teachers' offices, windows, classrooms, electrical installations were all upgraded. All classrooms were equipped with thirty-eight desks and chairs and were repainted. Two new Vice-Principals' offices and teachers' offices were created to complete the decentralization process of the School Administration. A small computer room was also created for use by the 6th Formers (not yet equipped) and the book room was relocated to the Scotland Building.

The PTA provided support to the school by contributing:

- Three CD players for the Modern Language Department
- CXC Past Papers and syllabuses for all subjects and several other text books to the School Library.
- An SBA/CXC Manual/Guide for 4th and 5th Formers
- A CD player and Drum to the Music Department
- Assistance to the JC Key Club
- Assistance to the Cadet Force
- Towards a function for the recognition of teachers on Teachers' Day.

- Towards end of year 2003 prizes and surprises assembled for teachers, administrators and ancillary workers.
- Guest artists for selected Friday morning assemblies.
- Basic supplies which were sourced from The Food for the Poor to assist the welfare programme
- Free lunches for twenty five young men on a daily basis
- Two ancillary workers to assist with the cleaning of the school's bathrooms through out the day and to assist periodically with the cleaning of the school campus.

Finally we would like to extend our condolences to all members of the JC Fraternity who suffered the loss of loved ones and the challenges of illnesses. To our own Mr. Alphonso Williams, School caretaker, we wish a speedy recovery.

To those young men who are leaving us, we wish you every success in the new phase of your life. To those who remain, make use of every moment in enriching your mind and improving your self-development. Make your years at Jamaica College some of the best years of your life.

We look forward to a new and exciting school year as we pursue our quest for excellence. With God's guidance and unity, together we can achieve our goals.

Claudette Chin,

President, PTA

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Message from the Jamaica College Old Boys Association

It is good to see that the efforts of a group motivated of young men at Jamaica College has again borne fruit in the form of a school magazine for 2004. Having been a past editor for a school magazine myself, I know the many challenges that present themselves, and commend the committee for its work.

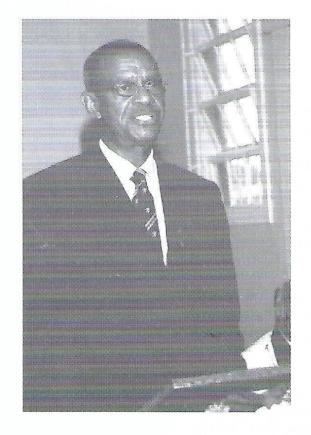
As the new millennium gets a little older, the increasing need for a highly educated population becomes greater. In this global world, countries that do not focus on their schools will get left behind.

This national drive for an improved educational system creates individual responsibilities in students who must focus and apply themselves, if they are to make good the opportunity they have at Jamaica College. The competitive and increasingly changing marketplace in Jamaica, gives the best options for employment to the brightest and most educated.

We, the Jamaica College Old Boys Association, lend our assistance by way of donations to the library, the sports development fund and the welfare fund, as well as to maintain and improve the structure of the school by many projects and initiatives. Through the work of individual old boys we give of our time by coaching and helping individual sports teams, mentoring boys and generally trying to improve our presence at the school both on the ground and at the board level.

However, the efforts of Old Boys, Board, P.T.A, Administration and teachers will all be wasted if you, the students, don't collectively demand discipline and hard work from each other. Our best message to you is to be your brother's keeper, and insist on a disciplined atmosphere for learning from your colleagues. Help the administration get rid of those attitudes and elements that are not only bringing the school into disrepute, but keeping you back from making the best use of your time at Jamaica College.

"Carpe Diem" - That day is now. Daid Minnott, President JCOBA



Public Defender and J.C. Old Boy Mr. Howard Hamilton Q.C. Guest Speaker at 2004 Sixth Form (Valedictory Service)

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 hard 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.

THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This has been a rather successful year. We have had many challenges, we have been to many mountain tops, and we most certainly won't forget the ditches. Jamaica College has produced; we are producing and will always produce influential persons or icons in our society.

Many changes were made. Thanks to the efforts of 'the PTA, Old Boys Association, the School Board, Trust and Administration, Jamaica College took on a new look. I've always been of the belief, that showing respect is the most fundamental step towards great leadership and as Captains, we earned this not only from the Administration and colleagues, but most importantly, the young men who allowed us to lead them and to represent them.

Jamaica College was under close scrutiny, but we pressed on. There are many persons, who played instrumental roles in maintaining and uplifting this image, both in sports and academia. There are many persons we want to thank, for without them our leadership, our skills and our authority could not have been executed or even asserted. We the Captains knew that without our most Omnipotent and Heavenly Father, nothing would be possible. Jamaica College has made several strides, we had many successes and this was quite evident in the Basketball final match between IC and Wolmers, they couldn't stop us. They couldn't stop us in Cricket, when our team took home the trophy, in Volleyball, in Champs (although we came third) and Debating. For the first time ever in Jamaica College's history we went to the finals of the National Schools Debate.

We proved that something that starts well could end well. Most of our successes as leaders were secured by the effort and support of our Principal Mr. Reeves who, through his mentorship, made us better equipped to face challenges of any magnitude. Our Dean of Discipline, Mr. Keith Patterson (Phantom) who we knew always had our interests at heart was always supportive. He helped to give us the confidence to face any situation. Our Guidance Counselors helped us keep our sanity, by always giving sound advice. There were many other persons who I have not named but helped to make our tenure a success, and I couldn't have asked for anything better.

In short, this academic year was wonderful due to many factors. Thanks to the Prefect Body and members of Staff. Thanks Sheldon, thanks Jean-Mark.

Fervert Opus in Campis, "Work is burning in the field.

Nuff Blessings **Jermaine H.C. Whyte**



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THE HONOURABLE DR. PETER PHILLIPS – MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND J.C. OLD BOY

It was a cool Wednesday morning when representatives of The Griffin were invited into the offices of the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Dr. Peter Phillips. He welcomed us and from there, it was an enlightening and good-natured discourse.

Dr. Peter Phillips came to Jamaica College in 1962 as a second former. He was placed in Two Hardie. Previously he had attended school in

Britain where his father had reading been for his Doctorate. Dr. Peter Phillips stated that he found the experience intimidating, as despite the fact that he came as a second former, he got his share of 'singing'. experience, he reflects was not unpleasant but helped to shape him and he especially values the benefits that boarding brought. Boarding helped to foster a sense of collegiality and selfconfidence.

The Minister asserts that he enjoyed his JC experience and it provided the platform for lasting friendships.

Among the friends and acquaintances the Minister named were: Dr. Jeffery Pyne, Michael Coore, Joe Matalon, Pat Bellafonte, Paul Robertson, Ambassador Richard Bernal, Leslie Chang and Senator Bruce Golding, who was School Captain. For him, leaving JC was to an extent traumatic, as it signaled the end of a period of his life and meant saying goodbye to a number of individuals he would never see again. He remembers the overwhelming sense of sadness as he took a final tour of the school and committed to memory JC, and the time he spent here.

When we inquired about the extent to which the JC year had influenced his career choice, the Minister revealed that the decision to pursue

active politics was actually taken at UWI. Despite this, he concedes that at JC, he was kept aware of the social issues of his day, as the sixties into the seventies was a period of great social and political ferment. Hence, he had the constant reminder of the role he had to play in the society. There was great social and political consciousness during the years when Dr. Phillips was a JC student. He recalls two incidents. The first concerns then Head Master Harvey Enever who



was also the Chairman of the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation (JBC). At one point, Dr. Phillips tells The Griffin, there was a strike at JBC and the workers marched through JC chanting 'choose, JC or JBC'. This incident, he recalls generated a lot of debates and political consciousness among students. On another occasion, while in Sixth Form, he and a group of friends went; to visit David Coore to offer to involve themselves in the 1967 election campaign, for the PNP; an example of how politically conscious they were as students.

The Minister shares that Masters like Jimmy Carnegie, Herbie Edwards and K.B. Donaldson further enlightened his consciousness of the

social and political issues of the day. He says that the teachers encouraged debate, discussion and enquiry into topics. These men, according to the Minister, were mentors who demanded not just excellence but also self-awareness. The Minister laughingly recalls one master- Mr. Sparks who on the occasion of the assassination of United States President John F. Kennedy, woke the members of his dorm at about midnight. He was asked to name the other US presidents who had been assassinated and had to research the answer that night! He also fondly recalls that conflicts were always worked out within the school and made mention of boys being given boxing gloves to settle disputes.

JC was also a place that encouraged rigorous learning and many teachers had 'quaint' ideas of discipline. One such individual, he asserts, was Rev'd K.D Carnegie a proponent of self-discipline who often sent students to the gate to count cars as punishment! This of course was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. He also recalls this gentleman setting exam papers and then leaving the boys in the room as he felt that they should always be committed to honour and truth. All these experiences the Minister stresses, helped to shape character. In addition there was a call to leadership at all levels of the school, a call that is even echoed in the School Prayer. In light of this, the Minister takes the view that the Jamaica College experience should challenge young men to excel. Dr. Phillips summarized the JC experiences as wholesome and enjoyable. Among the things he recalls fondly are the' Hash, roast beef, mince and pie, cheer at school events; the bougainvillaea plants which formed the cave and where he often studied; St Dunstan's Chapel and the sports. He cites that it was requirement that one do a sport and recalls the days of 'Standards and Specials' where every student, even the least athletically inclined had to participate in races and each student was ranked against the 'special' or 'standard' time. This, along with the emphasis on extra-curricular activities, helped to burn the youthful energy.

Among his concerns is the fact that too many young people seem bent on making excuses rather than an effort. He declares that Jamaica College men should see themselves as talented,

skilled men, who are a credit to family, self and society. The JC man should offer leadership without arrogance and brutality. He should be a man who recognises his obligation to himself and society and live by a code, reminiscent of the School Prayer. He also calls on the youth to reject the "victim mentality" and to become proactive in taking their future into their own hands. He also bemoans the messages of excessive individualism and self-gratification which bombard the youth through the media; music videos in particular. He also believes that TV reinforces the negative message that the measure of the man is in what he has, and that there are not enough messages being sent to counter this. He also wishes to remind all that drugs are a scourge and only bring degradation, sickness and death and that we cannot be in pursuit of what titillate the senses while destroying the potential for talent.

Dr Phillips reiterates that there are no quick solutions to some of the societal problems but that we can start by ensuring the transmission of positive values and create an opportunity for dialogue. He also believes that as a society, we need to treasure life, care for each other and pass on the message that the full meaning of life is not in the accumulation of material things and that we should strive to improve the value of life while in it.

Fervet Opus in Campis.

ONE LOOK @ LOVE

By Wayne Thorpe 6B Arts

One look at loveAnd you may see It weaves a webOf mystery

So blind to the world You cannot see Where there is peace Your heart is free

Whispering words A sigh of love Like water that falls From up above

Look and see You may find love And if it should leave Seek help from above.

FIRST FORM PHOTOS



1A

Front Row: Left to right Tijani Christian, J. Gordon, J Rowe, S. Lee, A Thomas, R. Norton, K. Headman, O. Dowie, J. Powell

2nd Row: J. Miller, R. Blake, T. Williams, J. Adams, K. Peralto, R. Ford, R. Brown, F. Ellington,

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Fourth row: A. Wray, J Johnson, R. Knight, I. Shaw, O. Robinson, J. Smith, J. Watson,



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Back Row L- R: Jermaine Williams, Nicholas Mitchell, Kamaro Rodney, Roshane Richards, Jevaughn Brown, Neco Pagon, Kimani Clahar, Davion Edwards

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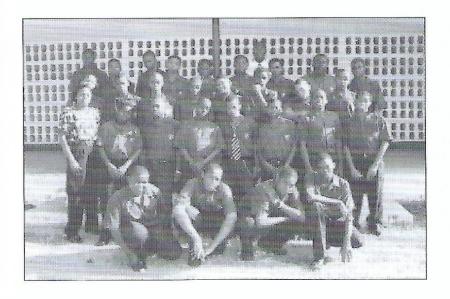
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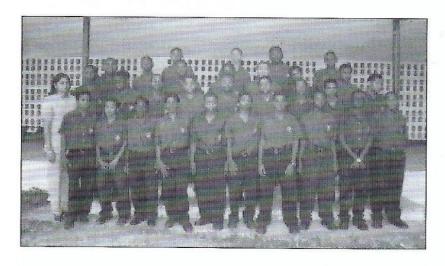
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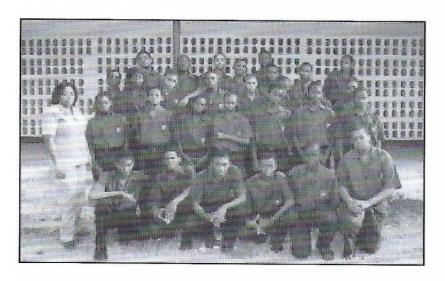
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R. Clue, K. Davis

2nd Row L-R: R.Wallace, R. Adamson, S. Ferguson, T.Wilson, A Byfield, W. Williams, R.Bailey, C. Bernard, J.Davis

3rd Row L-R K. Thompson, A. Brown, L. Lindsay, I. Brown, D McAnuff, A. Baugh, S.Hall

(4th Row L-R) Form Teacher: Mrs. K. Brown –Clarke J. Gabbidon, O.Banton, D.Warriene, C. Higgins



2 E

Ist Row L-R: Damion Clarke, Roger Mais, Theodore Mullings, Clifton Henry, Paul Walker, Nathaniel Wright, Fabian Canaan

2nd Row: Navar Blair, Jahson Brown, Andre Dixon, Kevron Graham, Leonard Robinson, Tari Madourie, Jameel Stephenson, Delroy Green, Mickhail Wynter

3rd Row: Mrs S. Kettle (Form Teacher), Andre Williams, Travell Shelton, Nkruma Lewis, David McNeish, Sheldon Brown, Lushane South, Kamaal Mason, Sean Thorne, Durran Brown, George Smart, Damion Scott, Rodrick Reid, Darion Tucker



2 F

Ist Row L-R K'Don Samuels, Darren Ingram, Norre Stephenson, Andrew Marshall, Kareem Weathers, Mario Craddock, Kori Brown, Martin Welsh, Miguel McFarlane

2nd Row L-R Mrs J. Johnson (Form Teacher), Kamar Rhoomes, Cavar Grant, Alexander Davis, Renauldo Moore, Deron Williams, Jonathan Okoye, Yanique Hutchinson, Reynard Leveridge

3rd Row: Swayne Campbell, Chad-Rick Huslin, Vaughn Patterson, Errol Miller, Jamiel Benson, Kemar Edwards, Ramon Dillon, Carlyle Moxam

Back Row L-R: Christopher Sterling, Jason McCook, Russel Battick, Tajae Jackson, Andre Williams, Nicoli Edwards, Andre Paul, Adrian Christian

Absent: Garfield McKenzie, Nichollis Rose, Tamoy Shirley, Anthony Henry

SECOND FORM PHOTOS



2G

Ist Row L-R: Lamar Reynolds, Massekik Cooke, Kordan Williamson, Kemar Watson, Orane Watson, Jomo Dennis

2nd Row L-R: Tajae Collington, Nicardo Mothersill, Ramon Scott, Luke-Ben Brown, Corey Denis, Adrian Clarke, Ricardo Brown, Marlon Wigg, Mrs K, Vaughn-Black (Form Teacher)

3rd Row L-R: Ricardo Edwards, Andre Perry, Everett Mosly, Warren Gordon, Jameel Parkinson, Alexander Howel, Dorian Whyte

(Back Row) Jerome Cowan, Stephen Ellis, Michael Chow, Da'Vid Nnacheta, CheVaughn Davis, Nicquain Tomlin, Fred Hook, Rahan Williams, Jhanan Thomas

Missing: Orlando Grant, Alex Hayden, Rory Higgins, Shane Phillips, Robert Williams

THIRD FORM PHOTOS



3B

Ist Row L-R: S.Reid, J.Bernard, R.Morgon, J.Bent, D. Stewart, O. McFarquhar, A.Newman, H.Delisser, M.Newell, R.Carter

2nd Row L-R J.Howell, P.Hall, K. Beadle, D.Burton, K.Allen S. Rowe, J. Meghie C.Wright, R. Hunter

3rd Row L-R: K.Adams, A.Robinson, R.Leach, S.Morgan, A.Weir, D.Constantine, T.Mason, R.Allen, J.King, H.Davis



3C

Ist Row L-R: Christopher Kinlocke, Fitzerald Hosine, Shawn Clarke, Rushhea Watson, Hasani Williams, Gavin Gordon, Jameel Fearon, Andrew Morris, Delrado May, Jermaine Campbell

2nd Row L-R: Christopher Lenard, Delroy Payton, Desi Grant, Shawn Ming, Orane Cunningham, Ramon Williams, Ricardo Bailey, Paul Henry, Rohan Hewitt, Neil Carnegie

3rd Row L-R: Tyrone Salmon, Christopher McLaren, Duscan Bent, Mickel Slowley, Delroy Blake, Michael White, Collin Clarke, Peter Silvera, Khareem Medwynter, Ramon Cooper, Marlon Sparks

THIRD FORM PHOTOS



3D

Ist Row L-R: Omar Bennett, Gregory Buckley, Jamal Kong, Ramon McNally, Daryl Tyrell, Sean Austin

2nd Row L-R): Leon Petrie, Chevhorn Wallace, Earl Rodgers, Khary Cammock, Jamal Buchanan, Roushay Higgins

3rd Row L-R: Kerron Walker, Roxcosmo Thomas, Andy Adlam, Carlton Nugent, Omar Marsh, Donahue Morris, Mikhail Reid



3E

1st Row L-R: Jason Edwards, Wolesoyinkai Harriott, Kristina Tapper, Pedro Whyte, Roxroy Melean, Okeano Brown, Courtney Witter, Fabian Allen.

2nd Row L-R: Oniel Davis, Amoah Ried, Jawlyn Ward, Aundrian Stone, Fabiann Pennicot, Chadwyck Chinsue, Jerome Patterson

3rd Row L- R: Micheal Duval, Neal Beckford, Oshane Brown, Vernon Douglas, Milton Trowers, Byron Pierce

Back Row L-R: Jermaine Deacon, Kevroy Adams, Jonathon Hamilton, Simon Dickens, Giovani Hyde, Leon Richards, Collin Morrison



3F

Front Row L- R: J. Cordero, R. Jones, A. Henry, L. Henry, A. Smart, M. Robinson, R. Bryan, C. Pedlor, A. Green

2nd Row L-R: O. Hall, M. Brown, A. Pagon, T. Clarke, R. Morris, J. Murphy, J. Evans, O. Williams, J. Forbes, R. Murray, R. Mckenzie.

3rd Row L-R: C. Gordon (Form Captain), N. Beckford, G. Davis, C. Eldemire, D. Hunter, S. Ellis, J. Jones, R. Bishop, D. Shakespeare

4th Row L-R: D. Nation, D. Scott, M. Elliston, S. Wynter, M. Dwyer

THIRD FORM PHOTOS



3G

Ist Row L-R: O. Bramwell, A. Blackwood, D. Davis, A.Longmore, J. Brooks, D. Comrie, W. Walker, S. Barrett

2nd Row: R. Daley, C. Scott, G.Gordon, J. Hutchinson, C. Hin, M. Lee, K. Bolton, L. Grandison

3rd Row L-R: O. Gordon, G.Walters, S. Page, D.Webster, M.Lyn, E.Lue, K.Williams, D.Wong

FOURTH FORM PHOTOS



4 C

Ist Row L-R: Kadian Bradshaw, Jermaine Harrison, Bengallo Morrison, Roshane Miller, Mr Udeagha (Form Teacher), Richard Dean Anderson, Shavar Mitchell, Ocarye Morris, Demar Graham

2nd Row:L-R Alvin Pitter, Lennox James, Franchet Thomas, Jason-Dean Hunter, Andre Ewart, Jermaine Smith, Peter Wisdom, Jevan Edwards, Kemar White, Jermaine Heron, Jomo Karenga, Norbert Sterling, Shane Stewart, Shelando Walters

Missing: Roger Bevan, Sean Carroll, Alex Campbell, Micheal Brown, Bryan Smith, Carlson Smith, Matthew Gilles, Dane Hylton, Orane Phillips, Omar Reid, Geoffery Reid, Anthony Francis, Davian Henry



4D

Ist Row L-R: Phillip Grant, Romel Wilson, Colin Chin, Gavin Jones, Jason Hewitt, Ramour Forrester, Kyle Samuels, Matthew Smith

2nd Row:L-R Andre Johnson, Daniel Dixon, Justin Lopez, Stephan Spleen, Alexandes Edwards, Micheal Turnbull, Lemar Grant, Glenville Walker, Romaine Walton, Robert Clarke, Brandon Breary, Ryan Chin, Kevin Bent, Andre Corrie

FOURTH FORM PHOTOS



4F

(First Row L-R): Jermaine Berger, Manair Cobham, Clinton Walcott, Orlando Brooks, Miss K. Williams (Form Teacher), O'Brian Mohan, Mark Chislom, Jason Jordon, Yuri Withelock

(2nd Row L-R): Raldo Spence, Alisten Thompson, Dwayne Williams, Shannon Hill, Andre –Paul Wright, Olav Pinnock, Alexander Karjorn, Kenroy Campbell, Garnett Briscoe, Pierce Saddler, Dwyane Richards, Akeem Francis, Omar Wolfe, Clayton Hyatt, Andre Lamont, Khleel Simpson

Missing: Damarlie Smith



4G

(Ist Row L-R) Kuabena McInnis , Bevon Lewis, Micheal O'Reggio, Rajean Roaden, Seymour Phillips, Leighton Smith, Gavin Blake, Duane Allen, Andrew Cawley, Rushane Walker, Fabian Oliver , Raeshawn Gordon, Romaine Williams, Richard Boland, Jeremy Bryan

(2nd Row L-R) Conray Brown, Nicholai Marstan, Andre Issaac, Winston White, Edward Daley, Daundre Russell, Kevin Dilworth, Yanikee Azan-Smith, Jason Williamson, Sean MacDonal, Dimardo Dean, Gladstone Parkinson, Sean Brown, Ticoan Myrie, Micheal Dixon, Jevan Walker, Oshane Vaughn, Orlando Duffus, Kimani Thomas



YEAR 4 MIXED GROUP

Seated L-R: Odane Adam 4D, Jeremy Bennett 4B, Brian Smith 4C, Romaine Williams 4G, Shannon Williams 4E, Javed Senior 4E

Middle Row L-R: Colin Chin 4D,Dane Hylton 4F, Kemar Aarons 4A, Christopher Hanson 4B, Andre Lamont 4F, Mario Darby 4D, Daniel Dickson 4D, Denny Merchant 4E

Back Row L-R: Reano Young 4B, Fabio Samuels 4E, Omar Barton 4A, Geoffery Reid 4C, Romaine Gordon 4E, Stefan Melalle 4E, Kamal Bedward 4B, Elroy Sevor 4E, Oneil Barr 4A

FEATURE

VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOYS OF J.C.

What do Michael Fairman, Damain Simpson and Robert Williams have in common? Apart from the fact that all three are students at Jamaica College, all three young men are visually impaired. Like the famed Blind Boys Of Alabama, these blind boys of JC have their own story to tell.

Michael Anthony Fairman lost his sight when he was nine years old and he just had to accept it. He was in primary school at the time and the school did not have the facility or expertise to deal with his challenge, so he was forced to discontinue school. He stayed home for about two years before he learnt of The Salvation Army



School For The Blind. He wanted an education so he proceeded there. He spent four years preparing himself for further education and learning Braille, among other things. He entered Jamaica College at age fourteen in first form. Among his weaknesses here was a spelling problem. Despite this he has done well. As a sixth former he has to his credit six CXC and two A level passes. He cites among his negative experiences the selfishness, teasing and cruelty of those who do not understand that blindness is not a choice. He expresses sincere thanks to those who enabled him, especially at Jamaica College. His motivation has been his personal desire for learning. Among his role models he lists, Senator Floyd Morris. When Michael is not studying you'll find him writing lyrics and working on his computer. He aims to be a journalist or a lawyer. He moves to his goal as he embraces the words of Sizzla, "You can't keep a good man down..."

Damain Simpson is twenty years old. He entered Jamaica College in 2000 as a second form student. Prior to this he had spent five years at The Salvation Army School For The Blind on Manning's Hill Road. He had gone there on the recommendation of a friend- Fitzwell Douglas.



There he entered grade four and with the loving tutelage of his excellent teacher Mrs. McLean made his transition to JC. By January of 2003 Damain was promoted to third form. In his words, "JC made accommodation and teachers and administration made you feel welcome." He too met those who teased and were unwilling to help but he is motivated by the fact that he wants to be the one in his family to excel. He has already tasted of this excellence. He has five CXC

passes and one A level. He remembers also the kindness of those who enabled. Among these persons he names, Miss Sherine Gordon, Rev. Buchanan, Mr. Akpeti, Mr. Reeves and all his teachers and readers who assisted throughout the years. He has as his mentor, Mr. Rayon Campbell a JC old boy who also visually impaired left with seven subjects. Damain aspires to become a teacher of History. He enjoys cricket and football-formatted for the visually impaired of course. Damain's final words are that people who are blind have the same potential as those who are sighted. "Mi blin' but mi naa watch di situation..'cause side a mi, mi fada an mada stan' up strong" These are the words of 'Robbie G' aspiring entertainer and businessman. Robert Williams is a second form student at Jamaica College. He would have you know that blindness is not contagious and it doesn't take anything to help a blind person. In fact, it has benefits. It sharpens the helper's skills and knowledge and helps to build character.

Robert was a grade six student at the Spanish Tow Primary School when his sight deteriorated. Robert has grown a cataract that can be removed but is a costly affair. His blindness was gradual so he had time to develop auditory acuity and develop skills that could assist him as a blind person. He transferred to



The Salvation Army School For The Blind where he repeated grade six. He learnt Braille in four months and went on to top his GSAT class. JC was his next stop. Here he continues to aim for the highest. His personal motto is 'Every downfall is an opportunity'. Those who have gone before him motivate him. He wishes that he had a laptop, as this would greatly assist him. At present he uses the JAWS (job assistance with speech) a screen reading computer programme to study. He hopes that this can be installed here at JC. He thanks classmates, sixth formers and Mr. and Mrs. Smith who read for him on a regular basis. He believes that those who are reluctant to help need to be educated about blind people.

The Griffin wishes Michael, Damain and Robert continued success and credit them with being among the pioneers where the visually impaired are concerned at Jamaica College. Continue to heed the call.

'Fervet Opus in Campis'.

FIFTH FORM PHOTOS

FORM 5A



Nikaro Barrett



Nicholas Cardoza



Kilmarley Elvey



David Macko



Steve Allen



Troy Bennett



Andrae Cunningham



Ricardo Henry



Duane Rankine



Andre Allison



Chadan Boothe



Jerome Edwards



Toreon Kong



Christopher Barrett



Chevaughn Cameron



Lindon Edwards



Jermaine Linton

FORM 5B





Dwayne Frame

Daniel Griffiths

Dwayne Grigg







Leon Laing

Melvin Lawrence

Khadoy Lynda

Sean Marriott









Craig McHayle

Kayode Ramsay

Gavin Reid

Dwayne Robinson









Shane Sharpe

Joseph Spence Joseph Singh









Tarek Spence

Jordache Sutherland

Kevin Thomas

Micheal Thomas



Kemar Tyrell



Omar Blake



Conrad Cunningham



Andre Hamilton



Rickardo James

FORM 5C



Fabian Cawley



Ricardo Dallen



Nacquanne Harrison



Shane Jones



Shannon Anderson



Gerry Clarke



Carlton Ellis



Andrew Henney



Quincy Johnson



Anthony Benbow



Luis Cordero



Jessi-Mar Ewart



Tiege Jackson



Kemar Lee



O'keave McDonald



Cedric Morris



Wayne Pickersgill



Omar Reid



Romaine Reid



Nigel Richards



Kemar Rose



Roldonov Sinclair



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FORM



Oraine Thomas





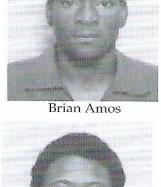
Jerome Blake



Conroy Brown



Alphonso Burke



Edward Chin



Andrew Daviss



Marlon Dennis



Peter Evans



Craig Francis



Garfield Golgen



Kilmarley Hamilton



Juvorn Henry



Marcus Hewitt



Enroy Johnson



Conroy Lewis



Ramaine Lewis

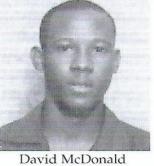
FORM

5E



Roman Lewis







David Beaufort



Jadeek Clarke



Romano Henry





Anthony Laing



Jason Lawrence



Keno Levy



Stephn Mckenley



Julian Nugent



Lachano Plummer



Rayon Powis

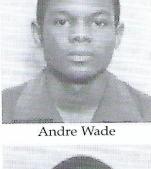


Andre Shaw

FORM

5F









Andre Johnson



Stephen Maxwell



Fabian Miller



Mario Miller



Peobo Millwood



Davin Mitchell



Kemar Murray



Davion Myrie



Andre Thompson



Mark Wellington



Ian Williams

FORM 5G



Giovanni Clarke



Courtney Farquharson



Omar Genas



Troy Johnson



Kevin Bailey



Dorian Cregg



Adam Francis



Brian Grant



Andrew Lawrence



Kimani Campbell



Povell Cobrie



Jermaine Francis



Gary Gray



Fabian Lee



Deron Carless



Dino-Carl Escoffery



Kwesi Francis



Nicholi Hessen



Carlton Lyn



Brian Macko



Kirk Morris



Dave Oakley



Odane Peters



Kemol Pagon



Andre Parris



Andre Pratt



Ramone Richardson



Layton Shaw



Demar Tracey



Carlton Williams



David Williams



Ifidel Williams

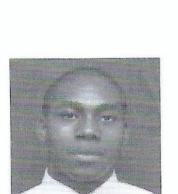
WHAT IS LOVE?

Ralston Dickson

Love is an unsolved mystery waiting every day to be revealed
Love is like a flamboyant flower nurtured in an untouched field
Love is a priceless and undisruptive gift
Love fulfils every wish. Love gives no harm
Love keeps you warm

Love brings laughter now and ever after
To receive love you have to give love
Love is a beautiful sight Love soars the highest height
Love gives you joy:
Love cannot be compared to a simple toy





David Brown



Ralston Dickson



Kevon Elliott



Ferron Hanse



Lorenzo Blagrove



Jermaine Canaan



Lorn Dwyer



Michael Fairman



Andre Latchman



Anwar Brown



Franz Clarke



Nigel Edwards



Tariq Forrest



Michael Mitchell



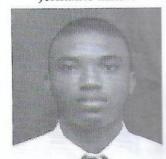
Christopher Brown



Andral Dawkins



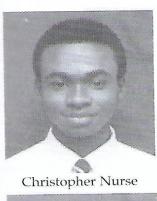
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Jermaine Grant



Dayne Morrison





Lascelles Page



Andrew Philips



Audley Reid



William Richards



Jermaine Scarlett



Joseph Shaw



Damain Simpson



Taffar Simpson



U-Shane Taylor



Mario Tibby



Wayne Thorpe



Richard Walker



Maurice Whittingham



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REFLECTIONS

DR. DERRICK McDOWELL -- J C OLD BOY

Dr. Derrick McDowell, Orthopedic Surgeon, entered Jamaica College in September 1974 and left in 1981. He describes his overall JC experience as 'great', both academically and socially. The fact that he had the opportunity to leave in lower six but opted to finish his six form years speaks to the love he has for the school and the value he places on his time here.

Dr. McDowell describes his first days at JC as initially intimidating as there were seniors who looked very adult

and drove fear in his then little heart. He remembers that lower school students had utmost respect for the seniors despite the fact that these were the same seniors who would 'sing' or 'tune' them. He recalls that he had older brothers at JC, that fact did not spare him, ensured that got his share of ragging. He describes himself as a talkative, mischievous student who enjoyed giving wise cracks.

After promotion to 2 Hardie, he finally got his chance to help to 'sing' the new students. He recalls that he didn't get to do any candle greasing because by then it was outlawed. Dr. McDowell recalls that in third form he was involved in various co-curricular activities, the strangest of which was a tropical fish club. By now he was active in MUMA, the Musgrave, Underworld, Mafia, Association led by Maurice Campbell. recalls that one day some members of MUMA were skipping classes and loitering under a tree at the front of Simms. His form teacher Ms. Heron saw them and

was on her way to apprehend them. A member of staff delayed her so the wily boys used the opportunity to climb the tree and hide. Ms. Heron came under the tree and was at her wit's end to determine where 'the boys', as she referred to them, had disappeared. Just as they thought that they were successful in tricking her, one boy fell out of the tree and landed at her feet.

He recalls that by some strange set of circumstances he had Ms. Heron as a form teacher from first to sixth form. By then she knew them inside out. He has since then found out that this was her special request as she saw in

them qualities could be honed and developed with her guidance. He credits the late Mrs. Heron with allowing them to explore and grow as individuals while learning the leadership and social skills necessary to be good citizens. He has humorous memories of his lunchtime boxing exploits. There was one day when he had an opponent floored and what he thought to be cheering, turned out to be warning shouts that a teacher was in the room. Dr. McDowell informed The Griffin that his fourth form group was the first to do two O' Levels at fourth form. Year five was memorable because he got passes in five O' Levels and matriculated to sixth form.

His sixth form years were his most memorable years. He was involved in SFA, Schools' Challenge and he was

> a prefect. He recalls his graduation ball when for the first time he had a formal date with a young lady. Ms. Heron instructed them in etiquette and his date taught him to dance. Incidentally his date, who was his brother's co-worker was twentythree and he was fifteen.

> Dr. McDowell shares with The Griffin the fact that it was a classmate who helped him to think seriously about his career choice by having him focus in the sciences. In addition he recalls there were invaluable career talks organized by the school. On the note of talks, Dr. McDowell shares that Old Boys like Michael Burke would pass by and talk to boys helping to instill school pride. In fact he describes Mr. Burke as a JC legend. By year six he recalls all had a sense of purpose. He fondly recalls boys like Peter Melhado the School Captain Owen McMaster, Paul Wynter, Maurice Campbell and Ricardo Forbes.

> Dr. McDowell encourages boys to have a sense of purpose and direction and get the best out of school in

the school years. He also encourages them to do futuristic planning and work with the end in view. The era during which he was a student was one of social turmoil and economic difficulties but he like others never used this as an excuse but as a means of motivation. With this in mind he charges the students of today to remember that the JC man is called to honour the motto *'Fervet Opus In Campis'* and that students must become involved in all aspects of school live if they are to succeed.





Jeffrey Brown: Alias 'Beenie Man'

and gave Beenie his voice to make up for his small body. Beenie is always being told to be quiet by Mrs. Powell because he is being heard downstairs. His loud arguments has resulted in him being almost pushed through a window or almost pushing his opponent through the window! Beenie, my advice is to stay 'grounded' and avoid saying things that may infuriate people.

Interest: Football, Loud Arguments Ambition: To avenge the "panning"

Destiny: To be 'panned'.

Favourite Expression: Lick Mi Nuh!!!



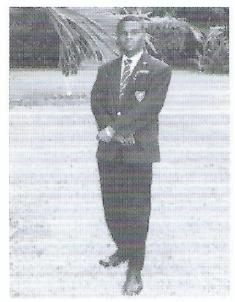
Fabian Howell: "Smunkey"

Smunks is the only sixth former who has to go on tiptoes in an effort to see his face in the bathroom mirror. Don't allow his size to fool you because he is the oldest student here and has voted in two General Elections. Smunkey can always be counted on to spice up any situation. Don't allow him to know your business because he will heckle you and bring you to tears. Smunks compensates for his lack of height and good looks with his ability to taunt others.

Interests: Ridiculing others

Ambition: To grow at least one foot in height and 1800 in looks Destiny: Will forever be an identical image of a certain Lord of the Rings character

Favourite Expression: Yuh nuh 'ave no girl can gi mi?



Sheldon Graham: "Gramps"

Gramps is the perfect sixth former. He is disciplined, honest, and modest. Is he for real? He is the only sixth former trusted by the canteen staff. Needless to say we all admire him. Sometimes we wonder if he has teenage problems like wanting to rebel against authority.

Ambition: To become Colonel in the JDF and wear pants with back pockets

Interests: Cadet, JDF Destiny: Cub Scout Leader. Favourite Expression: Ay Sah!





Dwayne McLeod: "Poochie"

Poochie is the best example of mouth bad man. On hearing Poochie rant and rave, all would shake but his bark is worse than bite. He will go down in history as the only person to be dissed by Muschette.

Interests: Tough chat Ambition: To enter the Dojo Destiny: To be a doormat

Favourite Expression: Yow a whe yuh a do?



Dale Pinnock: "Victor"

We don't get it. We just don't. The girls usually seem attracted to this young man but he still can't seem to get them! We can't explain it, but he always seems to have the girls lose interest in him. We hope that one-day, Victor capitalizes on the opportunities he allows to pass.

Interests: 'Cma'

Ambition: To have more than one girl

Destiny: To be single

Favourite Expression: Me a go a Maxfield



Michael Reid: "Reidy"

Reidy is one of the few people on the planet earth who has faith in the West Indies Cricket team He is always explaining the "hows" and "whys" of the W.I loss or expressing his belief that they can win. We know he believes in miracles. Reidy we're glad you are leaving school, it broke our hearts to watch you bat for 3- 4 hours every match and never score over 14 runs. Thank the Lord you're moving on.

Interest: Cricket Ambition: To play for the WI

Destiny: Will carry water for the Melbourne Cricket club. Favourite Expressions: I could a win yu nuh! U don't

know nutting bout cricket!!!!



Tyrone Wilson: Mr. T, Carl Thomas

Mr.T is a bit on the soft side. Yeah, we know, he looks and acts tough but he is really a mushy fellow. Watch what you say around him because he easily gets emotional; hence, "Carl Thomas". People please leave Mr. T alone, forget his "mistakes" and let's move on. And for the last time, leave his 'activities' alone!

Interests: "Brina" and Music Ambition: To toughen up

Destiny: Will Always be a softie Favourite Expressions: Nuh deal wid mi! Stop call

mi name



Kevon Roberts: Para, Square Head

Para always has \$25 no matter what he buys for lunch. No one can ever remember getting anything from him. He always looks hungry. He claims that financial constraints are responsible for his steady diet of twists and bag juice, but on the contrary we believe it is more a result of his miserly ways.

Interests: Twists and Bag Juice Ambition: To improve his diet Destiny: To feed on twists and bag juices Favourite Expression: Beg yuh a mek up nuh?



Zeiko Wisdom: Zeeks

Zeeks has taught Fargo all he knows. They are father and son. He claims to be a Don Juan however many believe that this claim is just another of his scams.

Interests: Representing JC at anything Ambition: To prove his status as a girls man Destiny: To forever be doubted

Favourite. Expression: Yow yu hear weh mi a she ...?



Omar A Williams: "Fargo"

Fargo is the biggest con man ever to grace the school compound. Ironically people are fooled by his feigned innocence. Fargo always has a sad story to tell the gullible victims. The blue shirts rejoice in knowing that the "big nose boy" and his penguin-looking friend will not be around next September. Praise God!

Interests: Hustling, Selling Ambition: To be made an honest man Destiny: To sing Jail House Rock Favourite Expression: Buy it from mi nuh!

THE FINAL GOODBYE

There goes my fantasy
Here comes a new page
Thank you Lord for helping
me to become
Free single and disengaged

Now I can look at my life and My body as a living sacrifice The one for which someone really special Will have to pay the price.

Now I see the person that I really am
For now I feel like I am a man
Now don't come running like a sick
puppy, When I have moved on.
For I already gave you the chance
I told you that you were the one.

I won't see you as my goddess any more
After all you, have already
shut the door.
Now I am the one being the god.
The angel who you will soon want

The angel who you will soon want Even though you have already broken his gentle heart

I see myself as pure blessing
The one in no disguise
My lost love, I really did love you
Believe me I really did.
But now I have left that love lagging
behind, with you.

Ralston Dickson



Franklyn Anderson: Ugly top t'ick man, Zuttupeck, Zulu King

Franklyn has a really muscular body that usually attracts the women, however after all the work his muscles does, as face drives them away. If Franklyn had a face that was sewer friendly he would be an extremely lucky guy. Franklyn, dude I don't want to disappoint you, but the truth sond even Michael Jackson's plastic surgeons can help out.

Interests: Weights

Ambition: To improve his looks

Destiny: To be forever considered facially challenged.

Favourite Expression: Mi ah go down a gym.



Albert Brown: Chu, Widower

This young man is like a book with a dull cover and so never gets read. In other words very little is known about Mr. Brown. May be it is because of his face, his boring personality or because he is the only one who can communicate with Muschette.

interests: only God Knows

Ambition: To become an interesting individual

Destiny: To remain unknown

Favourite Expression: (was never heard)

VALLETTES



Elijio Austen:

Elijio fled Hydel and came to JC. He probably should not have done so. Elijio reports to school every other week. When asked why a slow, boring, muted voice replies "mi 'ave back problem". When at school he insists on playing chess only to be beaten. Give up!

Interests: Chess, Checkers, Avoiding school Ambition: To attend a full week of school

Destiny: To be an absentee student and be beaten

at chess
Favourite Expression: Mi can beat yuh!



Winston Brown: WB

Mom always said, when and if you have nothing good to say, don't say a thing. We won't speak about WB.

Interests: 2:40 pm Ambition: To ?????? Destiny:????????

Favourite Expression: (Silence)



Christopher Bhalai: Chris, Crimson Chin.

When he's not at school he is at second home "studying" Sixth form is so important to him, that he doesn't ever know him doesn't even know his timetable. Teachers Administrators, his parents and blue shirts have been continually fooled by his appearance for seven years and think that he is a responsible and dedicated student.

Interest: Anything not found in a book Ambitions: To live up to his studious appearance Destiny: To fail

Favourite Expression: Yow mi gone yu nuh; which class we have now?



Aaron Chin: Chin

Chin Is always lending his money out to people but car never get repaid. He is not our typical normal student and it is obvious that in the future Chin will become a successful scientist. He always has either his Biology o Chemistry textbook open and has failed for two years to socialise at SFA.The only sure thing sure about Chir is that his social life is in critical condition at the KPH intensive care unit.

Interests: Chess, atoms

Ambition: To collect all his money from his debtors and

purchase a girlfriend

Destiny: To be forever owed and single Favourite Expression: Can you pay me now?



Miguel didn't attend our noble institution prior to sixth form. Unfortunately he attended STATHS. Those five years scarred this young man for life. Miguel has proved himself to possess low reasoning ability with a minute IQ. He has spent his two years failing every Accounts test and arguing endlessly to prove his insane points, but no one is ever stupid enough to agree with him. We have tried to rehabilitate him but we only had two years and it would take a lifetime. Case closed.

Interests: Arguing
Ambition: To be considered intelligent
Destiny: To be told that he's otherwise
Favourite Expression: No man Yuh WRONG!!! What
level of dunceness mi wrong or mi right?



Roger Desouza: Hotrice

At first sight he seems like an overdeveloped child who is extremely smart, but when he speaks or rather when he attempts to speak, you realize he falls far from intelligent. He speaks as if something hot is in his mouth and succeeds in confusing himself and all others. If one day you are at school and Roger is the only one here, go home.

Interests: Wrestling, Discuss, Shotput,
Ambition: To be an eloquent speaker
Destiny: To forever mutter and not make sense
Favourite Expression: Yu yu yu Know what? I'm smart.
Yu yu yu are the one who is stupid.



Kayron Crosdale: Jump fence

Jump fence is a migrant from a Spanish Town based school and he also hails from the old capital and has maintained the language of his parents' Maroon tribe. It is obvious that he has a speech impediment but it's not a lisp or a stutter, it's not English so we call it 'Mutler'. We didn't get to know him because he can't speak.

Ambition: To speak fluently Destiny: Will always be muttering Favourite Expression: (unrecognizable mutterings)



Odane Forrester: Spike, Bubbles

Spike has a love for cars stronger than Romeo's love for Juliet. Spike can tell anyone about every part and accessory in a motor vehicle but knows nothing in a textbook or the opposite sex. There are two loves in his life, cars and of course play station 2. I just hope his parents don't set themselves up for a great disappointment by expecting him to supply them with grandchildren.

Interests: Fast Cars

Ambition: To drive a rally car

Destiny: To have a bicycle as his only means of transportation.

Favourite Expression: Yow di ting can move!!!



Rohan Cruise: Cruiser

Cruiser is always at the back of a room with open books fooling everyone that he is studying. However what he was actually doing is waiting on any group of students to come and talk so he can listen and whenever he has heard enough, a loud laugh comes from him and then he moves to another room. Crusier is always near to hear other peoples' business and we know none of his.

Interests: People's business, basketball

Ambition: To actually study

Destiny: Forever "accidentally" eavesdropping Favourite Expression: Woi! A dat really a gwaan?(laugh-

ina)



Dwayne Hibbert: Hibbert

Hibbert has played schoolboy cricket for all his life an has not improved at all. It is just too bad that Hibbert school days have come to an end just as he begato peak.

Interests: Cadet, Cricket.

Ambition: To carry over his recent achievements into the

working world

Destiny: Will go back to his underachieving ways

Favourite Expression: Yow mi a get betta



Dennis Howell: Uncle Bob, Short man,

reject from Ardenne High who has hid himself among be scientists of sixth form. He is by far the oldest looking former; this is because of his Renato Adams style sses and uncontrollable facial hair.

merest: Chess

mbition: To have Chin formulate a serum to stop facial hair growth

iny: To become a Wilmot Perkins look-alike Favourite Expression: Onoo need fi 'ave nuff girls like how me 'ave nuff.



Rickardo Smith: Ricky, Smithy

of the few legally married young men at sixth form comes to school everyday with a huge bag that has books. Contents? Cd's. If you want a new game song mythm, check Ricky. Some days he has his CPU and woofer. Basically he is a walking entertainment stem. Sorry a married walking entertainment system Menever he is not on campus he is either gone on an and for 'wifey' or gone to buy a gift for her.

merests: Computers, Music, 'Wifey' Ambition: To lobby for the legalisation of software piracy stiny: Will be arrested for selling bootleg Cd's

Favourite Expression: By tomorrow mi burn it.



Jahnoi Kelly: Blacks

Blacks is a runaway from Oberlin High and the rural hills of St Andrew. He is one of the strongest members of the 6th form with arms the size of a cricket bat. He says he doesn't pump iron. Then why is he so strong? His friends say it's because he has to carry water in the mornings and the end result is strong arms and poor punctuality record for school. Interestingly when he gets here he is always tired.

Interests: Arm Wrestling

Ambition: To become the MP for his constituency and

give the people piped water

Destiny: To get stronger arms and be late throughout his

Favourite Expression: Bwoy mi tired!!!



Jermaine Whyte: Capo, Tail Whyte is always within 6 ft of J-M.W hence the name Head and Tail. Tail is usually at the Principal's office trying to discipline a blue shirt or quieting a noisy bunch of 6A boys with his Mr. Reeves impersonation. He looks and sounds like an intelligent individual, but do not be deluded by his eloquence and thick glasses. His grades can't seem to swim or float they are always below C- Level. Despite the failing grades Capo studies daily and attends extras regularly. He will be successful in life only if he is judged by his looks.

Interests: Being a good School Captain

Ambition: To pass a test Destiny: Get E's And U's

Favourite Expression: Keep down the noise gents!

I need to study



Jermaine Muschette: Muschette

Muschette has been wearing braces from Jesus was a boy and he still has them even as Jesus prepares to return. We would love to tell you which planet he is from but we do not know. Everyone beats him up and his is the only person who pays to use the bathroom. To say that he is weird would be an understatement and to have a conversation with him would be virtually impossible. This is because he is still using the language, i.e. gibberish, of his native planet.

Interests: Avoid getting beat up by ZW and blue shirts Ambition: To remove his braces and keep his lunch

money

Destiny: To finally accept that he is an alien and return

from whence he came

Favourite Expression: My yout' leave mi alone nuh!



Andre Williams: Fishy, Dre

Fishy is a misguided gentleman. Someone told him the he is just like LeBron James. It was meant that he is a bi hype off court but his playing ability is less than expected Dre thought it was a compliment. We hope that someda soon our two-time basketball champion will realize that h is not King James.

Interest Basketball.

Ambition: To play shooting guard alongside Lebron. Destiny: Will Be a Cleveland Cavaliers towel boy Favourite Expression: Onoo nuh know mi levels yet.



Omar P. Williams: John, Big John

This holiday student is only here for one purpose-to provide Reidy with a listening ear for his cricket arguments. He is a half-day student because he stays home and watches the WI cricket matches. He is the captain of the most successful JC cricket team in years and for that accomplishment we say congrats!!!

Interests: Cricket

Ambition: To live long enough to see W.I win a series

Destiny: To be disappointed

Favourite Expression: Me ago watch match



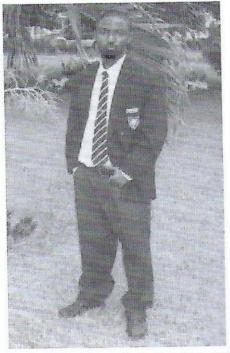
Wilson Willocks: Elmo, Puddle

This young man is a look alike of the Sesame Street puppet; however less sought after and girls do not find him cute and cuddly. Mr. Willocks is quite a clueless character and is deemed stupid. N.B. He never tries to prove otherwise. What else can we say?

Interests: Basketball

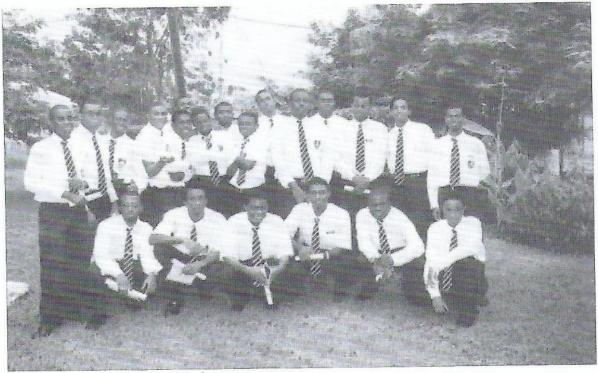
Ambition: Only God knows...We hope

Destiny: ??????



Jean-Mark Wright: Head, Headmaster, Wayne head We thought that by now Jean-Mark's body would grow to match the oversized globe on his neck but we guess it will never happen. He was just born to look like a walkin lollipop. When you see him do not make fun of his hug body part. He can always be found around two people Taland the Headmaster. He's always to found at the Headmaster's office and mistakenly thinks he's next in line. This is too bad because he needs to realise that huge head does not a good headmaster make.

Interests: Mr. Reeves' digital camera
Ambition: To be Headmaster
Destiny: To be the Headmaster's water boy
Favourite Expression: Check mi later I'm going up
Mr Reeves now.



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SHELDON GRAHAM-

THE MILITARY MAN

The Griffin speaks to a young man with military bearing, he exemplifies control and composure; he is Sheldon Graham. Sheldon the First Vice-Captain of Jamaica College. Sheldon is well respected by all; Students Teachers and

Administrators. He is known for his quiet discipline and cooperative nature.

This is his seventh year at JC and he understands fully well the challenge of the school's motto. For Sheldon, work has been burning since he entered the school in 1997. The fearful first former who tried to stay out of trouble and negative situations has grown up. He remembers being put on a desk by his seniors to blow out a light bulb and laughs as he remembers the respect he had for these older boys. At this point he reflects that students of the sixth form need to be more assertive and involved.

As Sheldon reflects on Jamaica College today, he concedes that what happens in the society will be reflected in the school. Hence the negative behaviours which encroach on the school. He sees the boys as, at times, irrational but they can also be fun loving and positive. He cites among his most memorable moments-Champs 2000, attaining seven subjects at the end of year five and matriculating to sixth form. Sheldon credits Jamaica College with steering him in a positive direction toward his career choice- that of a military officer. The school's cadet unit has deposed him to the customs and traditions of the JDF. The cadet force has also reinforced his home training to be disciplined and well mannered.

Sheldon's involvement in the Jamaica College cadet unit is more than cursory. As a new student in

1997 the Principal - Mr. Reeves introduced him to the concept of an extra-curricular activity. Owing to the fact that he was a Scout in primary school he chose the Cadet Unit. By 1998, Recruit Sheldon Graham was now Corporal Graham and in

charge of the JC Cadet Unit, he was only a second former. He had to overcome numerous challenges, but throughout the years he held the unit together. In the Inspections of 2003, the Jamaica College Unit achieved first place. Sheldon Major names Graham, Lt. Gordon, Lt Vassal, Corporals Williams and Peterkin with the continued success of this unit.

Sheldon spends his free time playing volleyball, dominoes board and games. He did his share of mischief, football in class, football money even involvement in a water war. He loves a good party. How did he strike a balance with his academic work? He sacrificed sleep and learned to manage his time. He recognized that a position of responsibility demanded a lot from the Jamaica college man. In Sheldon's words

'The Jamaica College man is a gentleman who is conscious of what is happening in society, and who can pioneer or encourage positive change'. He credits his own growth and enlightenment to his mother-Pauline McFarlane, family, Mr. Sean Vaughan and mentors from the cadet corps-Major Graham, Lt. Vassal and Corporals Williams and Peterkin.

As you go Sergeant Graham, *The Griffin* bids you go find your dream.

Fervet Opus in Campis.

CADET REPORT

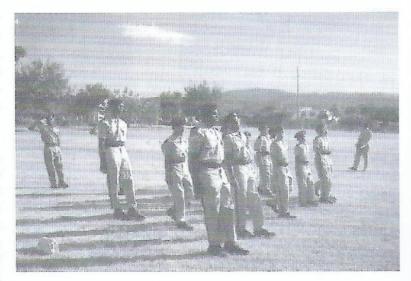
The year started off with a bang, as it was the year the College shone in extra curricular activities. First the basketball team took home the K.F.C./ISSA under nineteen-basketball trophy, followed by the successful hockey team, then the under nineteen-cricket team which took home the Grace Shield, the first time in 20 years.

It was now our time to shine and so we did. The annual preliminary round inspection of the Battalion got on the way and ours was schedule for February 2nd 2004. We topped the First Battalion ahead of Trench Town and Wolmer's, which were the favorites. In last year's edition of the Jamaica College School Magazine, it was said that the unit could accredit itself with several historical accomplishments. This year we continued that



trend when we went down in record as the first unit to win the Commanding Officer's Shield. The Robert 'Bob Allen Shield was once the award given to the victorious unit but it was retired last year to make way for the brand new Commanding Officers Shield.

It therefore fell on the shoulders of the Jamaica College Cadet unit to represent the First Battalion for the all-island competition-ship. The date set was March 25th 2004 being the day before Friday champs. I can only say that it was a divine intervention, as the rain didn't, fell it poured. The inspecting team therefore decided to postpone the inspection because they wanted us to have the same fair chance as the other Units in the final round. The new date was March 29th 2004 and it was



superb because it fell on a day champs had ended. We were placed third in Boy's champs and we went out on that sunny day with fire in our eye's to compensate for not winning the Boy's Champs.

At the time of this report headquarters had not published the results, but we are anticipating a good result. Mention must be made of the other accomplishments of the Unit. In November of last year of last year, sixty boys stepped up to the challenge and approximately forty passed the Recruits test, making us having the highest turn out for the Battalion. In the recent Star exams six cadets namely; Cdt. Graham S, Cdt. Hayden A, Cdt. Reid O, Cdt. Rowe A, Cdt. Sinclair A and Cdt. Thompson J were awarded the Star One Badge. Earlier Cdt. Limmoth G, Cdt. Mosley E, and Cdt. Davis D were also awarded the Star One Badge and L/Cpl. Hibbert D with the Star Two badge and promoted to



Corporal. For the persons involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Sgt. Graham S, Cpl. Hibbert D and Cpl. Wallace N completed the Gold Level and are awaiting the award from his Royal Highness Prince Phillip- The Duke of Edinburgh, while Cadet Griffiths G completed the Silver level. Special thanks goes out to Major Cletus Graham- Officer commanding the Bravo Company, who spear headed the revitalization of the Unit's Drum Corp. Lieutenant Outeou Gordon- Officer Commanding the Unit must also be thanked for the relentless work he put in for the success of both the preliminary and final round inspection.

Finally it was all in all a good year and to put the icing on the cake, Sgt Graham S was awarded the Best Instructor in the final round inspection and awarded for distinguished service to the Jamaica College Community and Cadet Sinclair awarded the Best Recruit for the year and Best-dressed Cadet on parade.



The Jamaica College Cultural Drummers

The cultural drummers of Jamaica College started out of the sheer need of a group second, third and fourth form student to express themselves through drums. A few boys approached me and with the help of our PTA president Mr.s Claudette Chin and the Chairman of the School Board, funding was provided to purchase drums and percussion, totalling close to sixty thousand dollars. We have congo, ketteh, djmbeh, tubano, and bass drums along with percussion instruments. The drummers had little time to get acquainted with each other but did so quickly and have been doing well together. Last year they entered the ICDC's annual Music Festival where they gained a certificate of merit in the regional finals, missing out on going on to the National Finals by twelve points.

The group rehearses three times per week and currently attempts are being made to have the group perform gigs in the hotels on the North Coast. Some members of the group will be accompanying the school choir on their tour of Antigua later in 2004. Members of the group are: Andre Edwards, Troy Banton, Colin Blair-Year Four Christopher Pinto, Phillip Rickets, Jason Freeman, Matthew Foster-Year Three Donavan Smith-Year One and David McNeish Year Two.

Randall Campbell Director

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THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society is headed by debating coordinators: Mrs. Blake-Williams, Mr. Coore, Ms. E. Smith and Ms. T. Bigby. The society is comprised of members of the Sixth Form body and the lower school. All persons played a crucial role in contributing to the major accomplishment made by the Debating Team... achieving 2nd place at the National Schools' Debating Society.

One line sums up the 2004 debating team. ... One big headed youth, one blind youth, one country youth... Quite contrary to the perceptions that the line will conjure up in your minds dear readers... the truth behind is quite the opposite. The "Blind Youth" on

the Debating Team turned out to be a very sighted person in terms of perspective, vision and is no one but Iermaine Whyte, the 1st Speaker of .The 2nd speaker, Jean-Mark Wright, the "big headed youth" is remembered for his quite simple, quite plain, quite feasible



arguments. The "country man", Ralston Dixon (3rd speaker) was the quintessential persuader. On listening to his arguments, you had no choice but to be completely compelled to say "yes, yes, yes" and be in total agreement. And by the time you could decipher anything he had said he would be touching another point which left you no choice but to move on and continue to be in total agreement. He is a new comer to Jamaica College Debating but we forgot that when he managed to use his "convincing nature" to be awarded Best Speaker numerous times.

In our journey to the top we had to defeat The Institute of Higher Learning, then on to the second round where we defeated Alpha Academy Schools for Girls. The third round saw us meeting and defeating "the great" Ardenne who rumored that we stole that match. This of course is absurd, as their premise was as firm as the page on which we are writing.

Then on to the fourth round where we met and demolished the renown St. Catherine High School. In quarter finals we expected to meet Glenmuir, but with a bizarre twist of events we instead met Ferncourt High School.

All other schools proved to be mere distractions in our quest to move on and then it was time for Hampton (left), sweet, sweet Hampton... Camille Donnette and Nakita. A lovely match or should I say loving match in which we Nakita, Donnette & emerged victorious.



Camille(Hampton)

In the final match... We faced Cornwall College where we opposed the moot, "There must always be the poor". This we did quite superbly but as the saying goes "you win some, you lose some" However controversial, we got second place. In a synopsis this was a great year for the Jamaica College Debating Society... a year in which we have made many friendships, created countless bonds and inspired hope and pride in many a Jamaica College students. We are pleased with such an achievement and we hope that our successors and the next generation will carry on the baton and make the college proud as we did our best to do.

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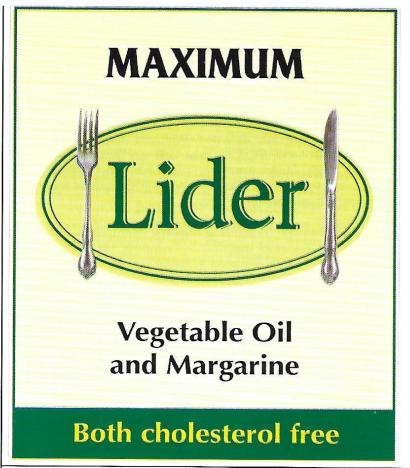


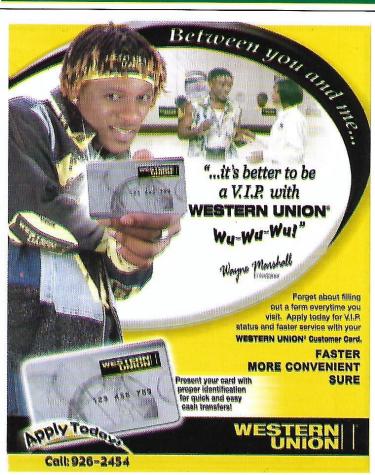
Ralston Dixon, Jean-Mark Wright, Jermaine Whyte

THE SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE QUIZ REPORT

Preparations for the 2004 season got underway in the summer of 2003 at our annual Quiz/Choir retreat at Munro College. This year we were faced with an uphill task of preparing a team none of which had any previous experience. The team was eventually selected and composition of the team was Pedro Whyte, a third former, St. Patrick Dunbar, a fourth former, Brian Grant, a fifth former and Jermaine Grant - a Lower 6th former who was the captain. Over firstmatch was against Camperdown High who had an all 6th Form team and had as many as 3 of their members with previous experience.

The match was close as at the end of section I, the scores were IC-7, Camperdown-7. At the end of Section II - JC 21, Camperdown 23. In the 3rd section, the buzzer section, we attempted 5 questions and got all correct moving us to 31 points. On the other hand Camperdown attempted 9 questions getting 7 correct and 2 incorrect moving them to 33 points: a very close match. The team is to be commended for a gritty performance considering the inexperience both in age and appearances. We look forward to an improved performance for the 2005 season.





Tennis Report

The Jamaica College Tennis teams (Under 14 and 16), was not as successful this year as we were last year when we participated in the Cable and Wireless Secondary Schools' Tennis Tournament.

Our Under 14 team won three of six matches in the regional division. We defeated Wolmers Boys' High, Calabar High, and St. George's College, but lost to Ardenne High, Hillel Academy and Campion College. We also lost to Munro College in the quarterfinals of the All Island Championships.

Our Under 16 team, defending regional champions, did better in the regional division by winning six of our seven matches. We defeated Calabar High, Norman Manley High, St. George's College, Ardenne High, Wolmers Boys' High and Hillel Academy, but lost to our archrivals Campion College. This team had similar results to that of the under 14 team, as we lost our quarterfinal match to Munro College.

At the end of the tournament, the Under 16 team walked away with the runner-up trophy for the regional division.

Andrew Lawrence Captain (Under 16)

The Environmental Club

The Environmental Club previously on a two-year hiatus is now fully revived and under new leadership. Due to the late re-start, not many projects were done this academic year. Despite this however, we are hoping to begin our projects at the start of the upcoming academic year, 2004 -2005. Projects to be undertaken during the next academic year are, the planting of trees along the perimeter of the football field, beautifying the garden in the vicinity of the school's infirmary and planting several food crops behind the World Bank Building. All these projects will be undertaken with the permission and supervision of the Principal.

The Environmental Club still needs more members, so if you are interested in becoming an Environmentalist, meetings are held every Wednesday at 3 p.m in the 5D form room. So come and join the club and assist in the beautification of Jamaica College.

Andre Latchman President

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The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award

The programme was first introduced in the United Kingdom in 1956 as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It was a means of encouraging and motivating young people over the age of fourteen to become involved in a balanced programme of voluntary self-development activities. It is a programme of cultural, practical and adventurous activities covering four areas: Service, Expedition, Skills and Physical recreation. There are three levels of award: bronze for those over fourteen, silver for those over fifteen and gold for those over sixteen. It must be noted that participants cannot exceed the age twenty-five years. In the year 1996, Mr. Sean Vaughn, Guidance Counsellor introduced the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme as part of the extra-curricular activities of Jamaica College. school year commenced with only a handful of boys joining, however, enrollment has since grown significantly. The unit now has one adult volunteer (Administration), two senior leaders and two new leaders along with 44 participants.

The Jamaica Annual National Expedition (JANE) was held from the 2nd-20th of July 2003. A number of Jamaica College youngsters attended this camp and had the opportunity to socialize with participants while exploring the Blue Mountain range. We hope to continue this strong showing this year at JANE 2004.

Each year, the programme hosts an annual Caribbean Award Scheme Council (CASC) Expedition in the territory. Last year it was hosted by St. Vincent. The Jamaica College unit had the most representatives at this camp. This year we are working very hard to send as many participants to Grenada where the next CASC will be held.

On January 17th, two tents were donated to the unit by the supportive parents. They have been of tremendous benefit to the participants on camp, since most of them were without tents. These tents were 'christened' at a camp held February 20-22, 2004. This camp accommodated over five units consisting of over one hundred participants and leaders. This camp was code named "COLOUR BLUE" and was hosted in the Blue Mountain range. We look forward to attending the other expeditions during the rest of the year. Approximately seven persons were given either silver or bronze awards at the ceremony held at Le Meridian Pegasus Hotel in February of this year. Well-deserved accolades.

We look forward to the continued growth of the programme and the positive impact that involvement has on lives of the young men of the school.

FERVET OPUS IN CAMPIS

Dwayne Hibbert President

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Chapel Choir

The choir's annual Christmas recital series 2003 - 2004 was a great success. This year we had a record four performances instead of the usual two or three. We started out in Port Antonio at the Parish Church, and this was well received. From there we journeyed to Clark's Town, Trelawny, where we performed at the St. Michael's Anglican Church. Our third performance was at the St. James Parish Church in Montego Bay and our final concert took place in Kingston at the Saxthorpe Methodist Church.

For our final concert we had the pleasure of having one of Jamaica's leading sopranos, Carole Reid as special guest soloist. This concert was well received and was of a high standard as confirmed by the Daily Gleaner critic, Michael Reckord. Our accompanists for the season were Paul Bickwell, Livingston Burnet and Audley Davidson. The choir's major work for the series of concerts was Haydn's "Te Deum" in C.

We are now in the process of preparing our fourth overseas tour, this time to Antigua. We will be making a five day tour of Antigua where we will be giving a recital at the St. John's Cathedral, participating in the Sung Eucharist while touring the beautiful island. We toured Grand Cayman last year and our first North American tour comes up next year when we will visit Toronto, Canada. The choir comprises present students and devoted Old Boys who continue to give invaluable service to the choir.

Randall Campbell Director

Basketball Report

The Jamaica College Basketball Team had a successful year. Under the leadership of Coach Jason James and Captain Rohan Cruise, We regained the championship after beating Wolmers' 2-1 in the best of three finals. The first game was played at Mico, in Wolmers' backyard and was heavily supported. Although Andre Williams and Dwayne McLeod proved a strong defence Wolmers won by 19 points.

We were not discouraged and rebounded for game two. Game three was a decisive one and was held at the National Stadium which was transformed into a sea of blue and white and maroon and gold. The road was never easy but J.C fought hard and as a result was crowned champions. Rohan Cruise was awarded MVP of the tournament.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW (L - R) Shavar Thompson, Evon Hutchinson, Michael Elliston, Devarro Whittaker

BACK ROW (L - R)
Romell Carter,
Maynard Clarke,
Jermaine Canaan,
Dale Pinnock,
Christopher Bhalai,
Livingston James (Coach)





The Jamaica College Cricket Report for 2004

"If God allows, next year Jamaica College willsend a warning to all other schools that we will be a very serious contender in all the cricket competitions."

What you have just read is an extract from the cricket report in the J.C 2003 School magazine. Let's give God the Glory! Jamaica College finally won a cricket title for the first time in more than 20 years.

The senior team beat Meadowbrook in a close encounter to have its name printed on the first Global trophy. The senior team remained unbeaten in the preliminary stages of the competition and their success has to be attributed to an all round raised level of team performance.

The promotion to the premier league was one of the main ambitions of Philip Robinson an myself and this was achieved by virtue of winning the "A" league. Jamaica College'ssenior team narrowly missed contesting another final, because of drawing two games in the semi-final stage but losing first innings points in our matches against St. Catherine and Jonathan Grant. The senior boys had three victories in the limited overs knockout competition, but lost in the quarter-final to St. Jago.

The Colts under 16 did us proud by making it to the semi-final stage but lost to Waterford in a nail-biting finish. At the time of this article the under 14 competition has just begun and our youngsters will do more than just compete.

The success of the Cricket program can be attributed to the discipline of the whole team and the willingness to take advice and to train very hard. The entire cricket fraternity would not have been able to function without Philip



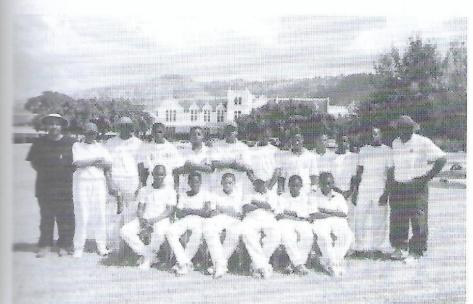
Captain Omar Williams and Oliver Walker at Melbourne Oval start the innings for JC in finals vs. Meadowbrook High School

Robinson who had input in all decision making. I have to thank strong leadership of Omar Williams, Glenmore Hall and Mark Robinson for assisting and instilling my type of discipline throughout the season. As a rule I never mention individual players because small performances can win matches but I must bend my rule and offer congratulations to Oliver Oscar Walker for his first century (110), against Waterford, which further elevated the standard of J.C's Cricket. We say cheerio to Omar Williams and Dwayne Hibbert as they graduate our institution and take steps to make their mark on the world at large.

CRICKET TEAMS

Captain Marc Robinson spins the toss.





UNDER 16

STANDING (L-R) Mr. Philip Robinson (Manager), Andrew Jackson, Geoffrey Reid, Gavin Jackson, Delarno McCleod, Everton Tyghter, Delano Mullings, Carlyle Moxam, Lushane South, Kadian Bradshaw, David Robertson (Coach)

SITTING (L-R) Ricardo Harris, Peter Leveridge, Marc Robinson (*Captain*) Stephan James, Kemar Blackwood, Jeffrey Laing

UNDER 19

- STANDING (L-R) Andre Corrie, Andre Green, Wer Walker, Elvis Watson, Kemar Dixon, Wan Campbell, Mr. Philip Robinson (*Manager*)
- STTING(L-R) Davian Johnson, Fabian Thompson, Genmore Hall (Vice-Captain),
- Mr David Robertson (Coach),
- Omar Williams (Captain), Maurice Spence,
- Dwayne Hibbert.



Hockey Team



The U-19 team made it to the semi-finals where they were defeated on sudden death penalty by Munro College. They finished the competition in 4th place.

The U-16 team was defeated by Munro College in the semi-finals and they went on to defeat Wolmers Boys' High 3 - 0 to finish in 3rd overall.

FRONT ROW (L - R) Ricardo Edwards, Rushaine Walker, Leighton Smith, Troy Banton

BACK ROW (L - R) Mr. O. Charlton (*Coach*), Orlando Brooks, Yannick Azan-Smith, Oshane Vaughn, Geovanni Gordon



Track & Field Report

This year's track and field season can be viewed as an impressive, despite the many challenges faced throughout the season. Chief among the challenges was the limited number of athletes representing the school at Boys Champs. The early part of the season started off slowly as the turnout to training was not considered good. During the first major trackmeet held on J.C. grounds (Swizzle Invitational), we were faced with our first disappointment as we not able to maintain our usual dominance at this meet. This was the first time in the meet's history that we were not able to do such.

Additionally, disaster struck as one our top class three athlete, Tomoy Shirley, broke his leg on the first day of the Champs week. This dampened the spirit of our athletes; especially those of class three, as we learned about the potential seriousness the injury carried. We even had one of our hardest working athletes, Andre Pratt (class 1), sustaining a hamstring injury while running the 400 metre finals. These were just some of the mishaps faced by our athletes.

Despite our many struggles however, the 'great blue team' still continued with great fortitude. This led to a number of outstanding performances by our athletes including a record-breaking performance by our class two athlete Sharif Small in the discuss throw This feat obliterated the previous champs record with a throw of 48.77 metres. Our very own Winston Barnes, just entering class two after a record-breaking performance in dass three, was able to secure the silver medal at the 100 and 200 metres finals. There were also Ramone Birch who secured the gold in the class two shot put finals, Romane Gordon, who successfully defended the gold in

the class two 110 metres hurdles, Orlando Dufus who attained silver in the class two High Jump, Bengallo Morrison and myself, who won gold for the class two 1500 metres and Pole Vault (open) respectively. This is just to name of the talents produced this year. Despite the low media coverage of the team this year and the prediction of us coming at most fifth place at Boys Champs, the 'great blue team' ignored and continued to thrust forward discrediting all predictions. This even saw us having the lead on Friday, an accomplishment which was said to have never happened in well over fifteen years. With the continued guidance and dedication of the head coach, John Mair and assistant coaches, Mr. Martel, Mr. Mullings, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Henry as well as Old Boys, we were able to secure third place despite the odds. In other words with only a small contingent of 32 boys we were able to secure third place behind KC's 65 boys, Calabar's 76 boys but ahead of St. Jago's 56 boys.

This just goes to show the capability and determination of the athletes of this great institution. So let us continue to show the world the power and strength of our track team (whether big or small) as they have seen numerous times in the past. Remember these famous saying; "only our best is good enough" and "success comes in the disguise of hard work". Additionally, there were a few athletes whose top performances enabled them to represent the country at the Carifta games held in April. This included Ramone Birch, Bengallo Morrison, Winston Barnes, and myself who all represented the country well.

Fervet Opus In Campis Franklyn Anderson

TRACK TEAM 2004

FRONT ROW (L - R) Ramone Berch, remaine Deacon, Okeave McDonald, Nevron Graham, Fitzroy Reynolds, Alexander Howell, Romaine Gordon, Rodrick Reid

STANDING (I. - R) Brian Jackson, Andre Collins, Simon Dickens, Greg Palmer, Marlon Richards, Steven James, Winston Barnes, Andre Pratt, Roger Desouza, George Smart, Darrel Simpson, Ramon Cooper



BACK ROW (L - R) Colin Gallimore, Omar Barnes, Omar Williams, Rickardo James, Teron Luke, Kevoy Biggs, Ricardo Henry, Kwabena McInnis, Orlando Duffus, Jerome Blake, Franklyn Anderson, David Powell

First Admiration

I had just entered a completely new surrounding, feeling totally alien to the people around me. I had so many things running through my head such as "how can I triumph with so many men around me?" "I mean not a single female student's face to look at!" "Can this be real?" I questioned. All this time I was standing at Mr. Akpeti's office awaiting his arrival. My next thought was that I was no longer in the country. This was confirmed when asked a fellow student about the Vice-principal's delay and he replied with a 'townie accent' and a smiling face. "Him soon come man." That was the first thing that I admired, the sense of being welcomed. The second yet one of the most amazing thing that I admired was the female teachers. " My God they look good!" I remember asking one of my colleagues if good looks were a part of Mr. Reeves' criteria for the female teachers to become employed at J.C. " for Jah know them look good!"Thus far I have established two things I first admired at the school, (1) the feeling of acceptance (2) the exquisite looks of the female teachers but it seems as though my admirations were not just about to stop.

I admired seeing how democratic the school was in all sense of the word; "Equal rights and Justice for all man" (as Miss Morris my History teacher would say) was displayed. The physically challenged students did not seem to be treated like less that the others nor were they treated with any more sympathy than the other students. They too, always had something to add to every conversation. Students actually campaigned to be elected. This was totally fascinating to me. All they needed to make it complete was Mr. Danville Walker himself".

After settling down in classes I got to realize that this school was "full a Vibes!" Dayne would sing like Vybz Kartel in the mornings, Franz would jokingly diss you to the max (mek yuh even waah bawl), Nurse accompanied by Tafar would make some loud laughs, Page

would say anything that arrives to his mouth evoking laughter and good energy, and good vibrations would just flow naturally. But apart from all these other admirations the one that stood out most prominently was the dedication of the teachers and the discipline of the students (I know it sounds sarcastic but that's not intended). Teachers literally drive students to complete assignments and I must make mention of Mrs. Leveridge.

Blue shirts respected the sixth formers. They called them Sirs; they stood up whenever a "white shirt" entered a room etc. The principal and staff worked hand in hand to see that they produced young male Progresso's of Jamaica.

In short, Jamaica College is an institution that can overcome whatever problem, it tackles, be it disappointments or indiscipline. As a new student on the block, I can see that each individual in the J.C body has a role of prime significance in the quest of reaping success.

J.C FOREVER Ralston O. Dickson

SUCCESS By Roger Harpaul Form 1D

Success comes like a floating light, Like a dancing beetle, Like a flowing dance

Success comes not once but twice But eternally like a song of hope Or a tear of joy, unending like a continued sermon

Success comes like a merciless cry, Like a sorrowful grunt, An everlasting pain too hard to bear

Success comes like a faint smile, A meaning laugh, a cheerful squeal

Success comes with a glimmer And a "glammer", a titter and a tatter and a bang!









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See Answers on page 56

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SCQ, A BIGGER COMPETITION?

To the Editor:

I am writing this after being terribly disturbed by the utterly discouraging level and nature of work and effort put into the published article on the National Schools' Debating Competition when compared to the articles done on the Schools' Challenge Quiz Competition. I must first state clearly that I do understand that "The" Schools' Challenge Quiz Competition boasts a bold tradition and does span way back into history! To not recognize this is to be blind.

However, the articles done on the finals of the Debating Competition are all deeply biased and of a parochial nature in terms of coverage, interviews, and information on and from both sides. This is very much unlike the SCQ articles where much time and space was spent (quite obviously) commenting and repeating information obtained from both sides. One could clearly see that much media time, effort and journalists' concentration of skill was spent putting together wonderful and extremely commendable articles containing information on both teams. Excellent work guys!

As for the Debating Competition, one reading the article would be of the view that it was possibly a one team final. So small, a picture was squeezed in of the second place team and the first runner up... but was it that space was not abundant enough to at least include the names of the players? Why omit something as basic as the players' names? On the other hand all members of the winning team had their space in the column to voice their opinions however conservative, conceited or commendable. There was not even one line however to include a response from the second place team, not even a line to express their thoughts or feelings on the match.

One would think that a final match included two teams that had to fight their way to the top, hence both teams should have been granted some privilege of being featured, but not so. Is it that the only team that spent hours on research and gathering information was the winning team? Was the only team that spent intense hours to formulate airtight premises for speech upon speech in their journey to

the top, the winning team? Is it that the only team that fought long enough, researched earnestly enough, presented intelligently enough, the winning team? Is it that the only team that had the qualities worthy of recognition, the winning team?

Is it that the Youth Link, "a proud sponsor" of the National Schools Debate was just Sponsor enough to include information solely on the winning team? As their sponsorship obviously didn't "rub off" on the second place team! Furthermore, no efforts were made by the press to obtain the thoughts of the second placed team... not even to acquire the names of the players. This, a fact which I think is unexplainable, unacceptable and unforgivable.

I am however proud to openly admit that I wrote this article with much ignorance or rather much lack of formal knowledge of the subject and area of Journalism, so I am definitely not here to dictate what journalists should do in covering their articles and how they should approach it. Many might argue that sponsors are the ultimate dictators of how much space and media time is allotted to any one news item, however economizing would tell me that I must do my best with whatever space that has been allotted, "using my discretion" tells me that I need to consider all the relevant details, identify the most important ones, put them first, and then find creative ways to include all the relevant information on the remaining areas.

Everyone knows that SCQ is bigger in the sense it boasts more sponsors, therefore it follows there will be more media space allotted, media time etc. but must it also be the same in terms of journalist dedication and concentration of skill. This is all very discouraging to lookers on and even potential Debaters. Unrecognized effort, futile fighting, biased coverage, insufficient appreciation is a dangerous border that has (we hope) unnoticeably been crossed. However I think must be drawn. We now know SCQ is a bigger competition, thanks for the reminder!

Yours truly, Jean-Mark Wright

Funny Stuff

THE BOSS

A man goes into a pet shop to buy a parrot. The shop owner points to three identical looking parrots on a perch and says, "the parrot on the left costs 5500." "Why does that parrot cost so much?" asks the man. The shop owner says, "Well, the parrot knows how to use a computer." The man then asks about the next parrot only to be told that this one cost \$1000 dollars because it can do everything the other parrot can do plus it knows to use the UNIX operating system. Naturally, the increasingly startled man asks about the third parrot to be told that it costs 52000 dollars. Needless to say this begs the question, "What does this one do?" To which the shop owner replies, to be honest I have never seen it do anything, but the other two call him BOSS!"

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THE PARROT

A lady was walking down the street to work and she saw a parrot on a perch in front of a pet store. The parrot said to her "Hey lady, you are really ugly". The lady is furious and stormed her way to pass the store to work. On her way home she saw the same parrot and it said to her "Hey lady, you are really really ugly" She was incredibly ticked off by now. The next day the same parrot again said to her "Hey lady, you are terribly ugly". The lady was so ticked that she went into the store and said that she would sue the store and kill the bird. The store manager replied, "That's not good," and promised he wouldn't say it again. When the lady walked past the store that day after work the parrot called to her, "Hey lady" she paused and said, "Yes?" The bird said..." You know."

POEMS

THE ONE!

Of all the years I've been on this earth, All the girls I've met so far had a particular dearth. Whether love or simply care, Or just everything else so rare. I'd often wonder why isn't there a girl for this special guy.

But then came one with eyes so gleaming and lips so steamy, Am I dreaming or is this reality? Her body so voluptuous, her mind so mysterious, She drives me crazy; I'm so damn serious. Whenever she draws me near she has all that I want to hear. Even the heavens stand still to hear what she has to instill.

Where did she come from I'll never know, Is this the one, I really hope so.
I feel truly blessed,
More than the rest,
To have someone like you in my heart,
Oh please don't depart.

She is the one, I'm sure of it now,
The one sent from above whose love I can't do without.
The next thing I see is me and this beauty,
Exchanging vows in holy matrimony.

WHY GOD MADE THEE!

God made you just for me,
Just for my blessed eyes to see,
He answered my prayers and heard my shouts,
Even my cries at nights, as well as my doubts.
He created you just for me,
Just to take away the loneliness from thee.
He placed in you all I want and all that I need,
He made you the perfect one indeed.

He created in you that sweet bright smile that drives me wild, Those perfect lips I love to kiss, Those beautiful eyes I could stare in all day, He couldn't have made you better in any way.

When God made you he was thinking of me, Thinking about how our life should be. He sent you, immaculate angel in my life, Just so that you can be my wife.

Answers to Guess who from page 53

A. - Mrs M. Thompson -Francis

B. - Jermaine Whyte

C. - Mr. Patterson

D. - Ms. K. Sterling

E. - Ms. T. Bigby

F. - Ms. E.Smith

G. - Ms.Y. Murrray

Depression is a negative word that only leads to destruction, But if you take away a few letters it becomes a positive one. The few letters form the deadliest thing,

As this is what can happen when there are many mood swings,

The letters I am talking are 'D-I-E'.

Clearly you should see what these letters read.

However, without the "DIE" in depression.

It can only mean one thing and that is to "PRESS ON",

As that's what you should do when you are going through one of your sessions.

So whenever things are bad,

You're down on your luck.

Remember to keep your head up.

Don't DIE! Just PRESS ON!!!

Franklyn Anderson

MY NARROW ESCAPE FROM THE BEAST

I was at home sitting on the verandah thinking about school. Then, I remembered that I did not finish my assignments. I rushed inside to see what I had to do. While searching through my books, I found that I had homework for every subject and seven different assignments for Technical Drawing alone. It was Sunday and school was the next day, I began to panic, sweating suddenly occurred, my heart was palpitating. The amount of work I had to do was getting to me, in addition , I could not find anything to start my work. Then I fell.

While I was unconsciousness, I dreamt that I was being chased by big fat 'F's. They chanted 'fail, fail, fail!' Suddenly, a blue figure came out of nowhere and saved me. He said to me, "don't worry you will not fail".

I then woke up and got started with my work, and even though I did not finish everything, the teachers gave me an extra day to finish up. I did not fail. I passed with flying colours.

Shane Phillips 2G

