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THIS SPECIAL INCARNATION OF 'LIVING THE GREY SHIRT' FEATURES A RARE INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF SPORT, ANIL ROBERTS AND PROFILES OF HIS TWO BROTHERS, RONALD AND SHASTRI. THEY HAVE ALL STRIVED AND CONQUERED, MAKING FATIMA COLLEGE PROUD!

Living the Grey Shirt – Minister of Sport, Anil Roberts

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HONOURABLE ANIL ROBERTS WHO WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MONDAY MAY 24, 2010 AS THE MEMBER FOR D'ABADIE /O'MEARA. HE WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS ON MAY 29, 2010, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE MINISTER OF SPORT FROM JUNE 27, 2011 TO PRESENT.

Q What is your best memory of Fatima College?

A One of my greatest memories is actually before I entered Fatima. I entered in 1980 but in 1979, Fatima won the North Intercol Championship and the National Intercol Title. My brother, Ronald Roberts entered in 1979. Fatima played three men in defense long before the world understood this diamond-shaped playing. Fatima did it with Garnet Craig, Graham Rodriguez, Corneal, the Netto Brothers, Kenwin "Bum" Nancoo...it was incredible. The game had to be played over three times. The first one, Fatima lost in the Oval 2 - 1 but the referee had played too much time, then they went to CIC ground and they were leading 3 - 1 but John D managed to come back in the last 20 mins to draw the match 3 - 3. Eventually we overcame them 2 - 0, and then beat St. Augustine in the national final 2 - 1.

That was one of the greatest memories. Obviously getting into Fatima on the first day was a great memory. Within the first week, I had a good fight with Scott Rodriguez who has since become my number one friend and the godfather of my daughter.

Q How many children do you have?

A Two: Rebecca-Marie and Adam Martin Roberts who is now at Fatima.

Q Were Fatima days the best days?

A Best days! Greatest days! The greatest friendships! The best attributes that I have, came from Fatima. I do not reach late for anything. If I am late, I will call you ahead and let you know that I will be 7 ½ minutes late or 8 minutes late. That came from 1987, when we were playing for the first eleven and Scott Rodriguez and I were striking. Colin Murray was the coach and we were about to win the



Anil Roberts with Olympic Gold Medalist, Keshorn Walcott

North Zone with three games to spare and we had a big game on Fatima ground against Mucurapo Senior Comp. I was sick that day and I called my mother who was an attorney and she said that she will come home and bring me. I said "listen, Colin Murray don't like people reaching late so I would travel". She insisted that she would come...to cut a long story short, I reached 13 minutes late and ran into the form six block where the team meets before going across for home game. Of course, I apologized, "Colin! Coach Coach, I sorry!" and I had started to dress and put on my boots.

He started to write the team from the goalkeeper come up. So he wrote Christopher Saga, come up...Sean Ramdoo was our captain, through the midfield. He went to the forwards and he put S. Rodriguez and then after I expected to see A. Roberts. I saw an 'A'

and I relaxed and continued to fix my boots, but by the time I looked up, I saw A. John. So, I was walking across to the field. The students lined the driveway, straight across the road and I walking across the field with one boot tied and one boot untied, one shin pad on, one shin pad off in a state of total amazement that in this major game this coach had the audacity to bench me. There were students shouting to me "Roberts we want two today!" They didn't know that I got benched. They started the game and I stood up. I didn't sit on the bench.

Mucurapo were playing all around us. I think they went up 1 – 0 before the half. When the team was in the changing room, I went in but did not sit down. I was jogging and sweating, hoping that the coach, having made his point would see that I was ready. After the 15-minute break, he decided that he was going back out the same way. He benched me again. The crowd was saying, "put on Roberts" and of course I was encouraging them to shout and say it. This Colin Murray...madman, with the team down 1 – 0 and the first North Zone title at stake since 1979 refused to put me on with the time ticking down. Eventually, with 12 minutes to go, he told me to warm up. I retorted, "I warm!" He put me on. The ball was gone and it was a throw-in on the riverside (east side). As they put me on, I sprinted across and won the ball, knocked it to Scott and he knocked it back. He screamed out, "Don't Shoot!"

In my mind, I remembered that clearly and I thought that he had to be mad. I let go one bullet, straight up in the 'V'. One-all. I picked up the ball and put it back. With 6 minutes to go, Scott Rodriguez crossed the ball to me and I headed it straight into the corner, 2 – 1; we won. I scored those two goals within 12 minutes. When that final whistle blew, I ran across by Colin Murray to rub it in his face, "look boy, you can't bench me...look what happen! I am the man!" When I was done, Colin Murray looked at me very calmly and said, "you shall never be late in your life again" and so said, so done.

Q Did you play any other sports at Fatima?

A Table-tennis, swimming. I was on the National Swimming team. Mr. Harry Ramdass could tell you about the major fights he had with my mother. I used to have to go football practice from 3 o'clock to about 5.30 and then do swimming from 5.30 or 6 o'clock to 8

pm. That lady would sit down in her sari and watch me train and if I lapsed, slowed down, missed a repetition, there would be no more football. Sometimes I would have cramp in both legs but I'd just keep going because I would refuse to let that lady say no more football. She would argue with the under-14 football coach, Mr. Ramdass and say in her Malaysian accent, "If my son get injured, I would deal with you."

Q How instrumental was Fatima in creating the person you are today?

A Absolutely! Whatever good there is in me came from Fatima – the passion that we know, the caring about people, the willingness to help. I think the maxim, to whom much is given, much is expected, comes out of Fatima. The brotherhood and the camaraderie are absolutely phenomenal.

Q What did you pursue after leaving Fatima?

A I left Fatima in 1985, went and did A' Levels in Millfield School, Somerset, England, then returned in '87 to do Form 6, where I took another A' Level, Accounts and repeated Economics and played football. My parents were trying to save my swimming career in England and I ended up being the only athlete that ever swam for the first team at Millfield School and played football. I ended up giving up the swimming and playing football out there, then returned to Fatima because I had missed out on two years of playing First Eleven.

Q How did your mother feel about you not going forward with swimming?

A Well, even though I was in swimming, I had my passion for football. Eventually, after my mom saw that Fatima football went well, and that I was really passionate about it, she accepted that. I ended up getting a scholarship for football, playing for the National U-19 team. Same thing with law...I eventually stopped doing law after pursuing my first degree and decided to become the first professional swimming coach in the English speaking Caribbean. She obviously thought I was mad, because swim coaching had no money in it but eventually after a lot of fighting, she said that if you are doing that, you have to become the most qualified and the best in the world. So, in 1995, I got a level 5 Senior World Swim Coaches Association accreditation and an American Swim Coaches Association Level Five Senior accreditation, becoming the first English-speaking coach in the Caribbean to get that. My mother was the kind of person who will fight you but if you

going to do something; she will support you 100%.

Q Did you pursue anymore academic qualifications?

A I did my Masters in Business Administration from Herriot-Watt University, which is another funny story. My mother had signed me up for this through SBCS in about 1998 and we had a big fall out because I wanted to know why she spent her money when I insisted that I was not going to do it. Quite funnily, some years later I was on radio and TV doing Spalk, on Power 102 and writing for the Guardian when I decided that I wanted to do a little extra. I went quietly and signed up to do my MBA and when she found out, you saw the pride and happiness she got. It was a good decision to do it, because being a Minister and a Member of Parliament now it is very useful. I would say that I finished and graduated right on time. I had my graduation ceremony in April, when Manning called election. By May 25th, I was an MP and by May 28th, I was the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs.

Q Were there any teachers that impacted you in Fatima?

A Plenty! Harry Ramdass...he sent me for licks three times in five minutes in Form 3. He was there with me in Football and Cricket. I didn't play cricket much but when Lara was training and we finished training for football, he would call us over to help us bowl at Brian. Brian would stay in the nets 4 hours straight. Normally, Harry would usually say to the cricketers to bat 6 overs and come out but Lara was coming out only if you out him. He would bat whole evening. Harry would let us pelt the ball at him and all without bowling action. It was madness.

Mr. Romero...I think I still have the record. He beat me three times in five minutes when Harry sent me. My hand was burning so much, I had to open the metal door handle with my elbow because I couldn't grasp it. We were the second year of streaming in form 3 and I think that because of us Mr. Moore was considering stopping it. Every report card I received from Form 1 to Form 5, every teacher would write that I was too talkative or a bit too talkative. Well I could tell you that the talking really helped me out. If I couldn't talk, I wouldn't have been doing so well on radio, Spalk and even in Parliament. They tried to get me to shut up but they still haven't succeeded up to now.

Other teachers that impacted me are

Mr. Sunderji, Mr. Garcia, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Marin, Mr. Roach, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Camps, Mr. Niles, Mr. Marquez (Coach), Mr. Moore as principal and Mr. Pantin. Mr. Pantin's legacy was very powerful at the school even though he had already retired.

Q What is your proudest moment (both at Fatima and period)?

A My proudest moment was completing my MBA in record time and Olympic 2004 Bronze medal for George Bovell.

My proudest moment in Fatima... hmm...I could tell you the most disappointing moment. It was after destroying Dwight Yorke and Colvin Hutchinson at Shaw Park in Tobago, 1987 in the big seven and then only requiring a draw against St. Mary's College who were last in the big seven while we were at the top. After 5 games, with only one game to play, after beating Signal Hill 2 – 0 in Tobago, where the Tobagonians ended up shouting "Fatima" and singing our song because we really performed. Over-confidence took over throughout our team. We went out on St. Mary's grounds and Kona Hislop proceeded to pound four on us and Barry Roach scored the fifth. We lost 5 – 0, handing the National Big Seven Title to Dwight Yorke and Signal Hill, who beat us by one point.

Q As you mentioned those harsh memories, are there any unfinished items on your bucket list?

A Plenty...Olympic Gold...not for me as an athlete but as the coach. Every few months, I still have a little niggling desire to go and do the Law. It doesn't hit me all the time but once every quarter, so one of these times I might do it because I know that would really please my mother.

Q What is your typical day like?

A Get up at 4 o' clock, coach George Bovell, 5 – 7 am when he is here. Hit the office; go through all these files (pointing towards a large stack of files on his desk) with Mr. Keller, my adviser. I have countless meetings... as you found out; sometimes I have to keep people waiting. I would like to have a little exercise started back and take a sweat with the boys three times for the week. I try to go to the constituency every Tuesday to meet constituents. We might meet about 128 of them every Tuesday, then every Saturday, I try to take a walk-about to ensure the projects are going

and so on. I have my cabinet duties on Thursdays and Parliament on Fridays. Of course, I love the Parliamentary debates. I think Fatima prepared us very well for debating.

Q What led you to getting involved in politics?

A I was born into it. Law and politics are always intrinsically linked. My parents were involved, whether it was the Tapia movement of the 70s or PNM. My father was a PNM and my mother was originally a Tapia who converted to PNM and just before her death in 2008, she was on the verge of converting to my party, the COP. My father, Al Roberts and my mother, Patricia Roberts were two brilliant attorneys, then my older brother Ronald and my younger brother, Shastri are also lawyers. If you sat down in our porch at home with them and were unable to debate and present a point-of-view, it was best you went to sleep, because debates used to be furious, fast; point after point you had to have evidence and be factual. No ole-talk. We used to discuss things into the wee hours of the morning...all 3 o'clock 4 o'clock in Newbury Hill debating.

Q Where did you grow up?

A I grew up first in Maracas Valley from 1972 to 1980 but when we came down to Fatima, to ensure that we could do our morning training, we moved to Newbury Hill in Glencoe, Pt. Cumana. Coming down from the East had become a bit too much.

Q What is your vision for your current portfolio and how are you going to make positive change in our beloved country?

A We would do the infrastructure development. In my opinion, that is very easy and basic, although nobody has done it. We have the aquatic centre, the cycling velodrome, the tennis centre; we are going to put an auto sport facility, continue to improve the regional centres: there are nine that are going to be completed in the next fourteen months. We have one hundred and five recreation grounds. That is the easy part. That is the infrastructural works.

The legacy I would like to leave is (1), the Life Sport programme, a crime-fighting initiative which captures the young people who were not captured by the Fatimas and the Primary Schools and Secondary Schools. It is aimed to bring them from the



Ronald, Shastri & Anil
@ Shastri's wedding, 2007

Profile – Shastri Roberts

SHASTRI ROBERTS ATTENDED UNIVERSITY SCHOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD FROM 1977 TO 1982. HE PASSED COMMON ENTRANCE FOR FATIMA COLLEGE AND ENTERED IN 1983.

At Fatima, Shastri not only excelled academically, but also in sport, especially swimming. He served on the National Swim Team from 1982 – 1991 and performed exceptionally at many international swimming competitions as detailed in the article, "Student in Focus" from the 1986/87 issue of Fatima College 'Inside the Grey Shirt' Annual.

Shastri left Fatima in Form 4 and completed High School in arguably the top swim school in the United States as a Boarder at Bolles High School, where Trinidadian born Surinamese Anthony Nesty also attended. His departure was prompted by the inadequate swimming facilities within Trinidad.

He was a member of the Florida State Championship team for two years as well as the relay team that broke the Florida State record in the 4 x 100 freestyle.

In 1990, he left for Auburn University, Alabama where he was on the Division I Varsity Swim team, which swam at the South Eastern Conference. At Auburn, he obtained his first degree in Sociology.

He then decided to pursue Law through the University of London in 1995 and was eventually called to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago in 2000. In 2007, he successfully completed a Post Graduate Certificate in

outskirts into mainstream society and make them productive. I must commend the Prime Minister and Larry Howai for seeing the benefits and pumping the funds through the Sport Company and Life Sport Committee to ensure that that leaves a long-lasting legacy for Trinidad and Tobago.

The second thing is to improve the intellectual capital of the country in Sport, in coaching, psychology, sports medicine, sports science, sports management. We only have to hope that a great Fatima athlete comes up; that a Brian Lara comes from Santa Cruz, and through Fatima as the world's greatest, that Ato Boldon comes from Fatima and

gets four Olympic medals and a World Championship gold, that George Bovell went to Fatima. You knew George Bovell went to Fatima? Yes, passed common entrance for Fatima and after Form two, he left and went abroad. We have to stop hoping that by parents and by fluke, Trinidad and Tobago can get success. We need to have the coaches at different growth and maturational stages who know how to identify talent, develop it correctly and ensure that children can fulfill their dreams. We are moving to certify coaches across the board, working with both Public and Private Sector.

We would also like to diversify the economy. You would notice that for the first time sport was mentioned as a critical area in the budget. That's like where in Couva, we are creating a growth pole, where we have the Balmain cricket centre, the Ato Boldon track and field and football stadium. We are putting the aquatic centre, the cycling velodrome and the auto sport facility right there. That will engender the private sector to invest and put hotels, restaurants, banking facilities. It will develop the area and provide opportunities. There's also Sport Tourism. We would like for there to be Sport Fishing in Tobago for example. We would expect that sport would be able to contribute at least 2% to the GDP within 5 – 10 years.

Q What have been your major challenges since being in office?

A Oh gosh, plenty! Dutch disease because of oil and gas. Lack of value for money. Sometimes it would seem like I'm having a fight with one or two of the associations. It is not a fight. Once everybody follows the rules, procedures, account properly for funds and can show that the development programmes are working, that the money is being spent properly...simple. Another challenge is the way the wheels turn slowly. We are solving the

problems though. We have some good people around the Ministry and the Sport Company now. We have accountability. We have the audit reports done now, the AGM. All these things weren't done. The last audit before this Gov't came in was done in 2005. We just recently completed the audit reports from 2005 to 2010. 2011 is coming. There weren't AGMs. There weren't Articles of Association. It was absolutely ridiculous. We are very happy we are doing this now so that we can account for people's money. Another thing Fatima has taught us is to never play the fool with what is not yours and tax payers dollars are not ours, therefore there is no friend in dealing with the people's money...not with Anil Roberts. You must be able to account for the people's money.

Q Do you miss Spalk?

A Boy, I miss it. I wish I could do it right now but they say you could only be a Minister. Anyway, I don't plan to start it back but I'm looking for somebody who could start it up because I expect this Gov't to be in power for 25 years. Maybe I'll do Grandpa Spalk.

Q Does the Fatima motto inspire you when you are having your challenges?

A Of course! That is what we are about. We don't ever give up. Anytime you think about giving up, you suck it up and be a man and move forward. You always have your friends and your support system and listen to people. That's a thing you learned in Fatima. You don't ever know everything. As a coach, even though I have achieved great success, I do not know everything. I will listen and learn from anybody, even the most junior athlete or a young child. Whoever says something, if it makes sense, you move to suit.

Q Any closing comments?

A No! Fatima is the greatest! ■

Profile – Shastri Roberts (continued)

Corporate & Commercial Law at UWI, St. Augustine.

Mr. Shastri Roberts now operates as an Attorney at Law in private practice mainly engaging in civil litigation as both Instructing Attorney & Advocate at High Court and Court of Appeal.

Throughout his career, he has achieved many awards including the following:

1991 - GREGG PRATT AWARD for Academic and Athletic achievement at Auburn University

1987 & 1991 - Nominated for Sportsman of the year in swimming in Trinidad & Tobago.

1990 - Earned Bolles High School Lifetime Varsity Letter Award

1987 - Geddes Grant Youth Achievement award

1983 to 1989 – Regional Swimming standout ■



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Profile - Ronald Roberts

RONALD SURESH ROBERTS WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND ON THE 17TH FEBRUARY, 1968. HE ATTENDED UWI PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND THEN FATIMA COLLEGE, AND WAS IN FACT A MEMBER OF THE TRINIDAD NATIONAL SWIM TEAM.

He received a national island scholarship in 1986 and is a graduate of **Balliol College, Oxford University**, and **Harvard Law School** where he did his Masters. In fact at Harvard Law School he was a schoolmate of current U.S. President, Barack Obama. Shortly after his graduation from Harvard, he joined the prestigious Wall Street law firm of **Winthrop, Stimson, Putman & Roberts** (no relation).

In addition, in 1994 Winthrop Stimson funded Ronald on a Fellowship enabling him to coordinate an election monitoring delegation of 85 lawyers from 13 countries who arrived in South Africa to monitor the country's first democratic election, from which Nelson Mandela emerged as President. Ronald then decided to remain in South Africa to contribute to the emerging legal (including constitutional) reform processes. He began advising the South African government on privatisation, antitrust and other legal reforms. A Report on Privatisation published by him in 1995 assessed the strengths and weaknesses of various sorts of public-private partnerships and gave pointers towards the design of such partnerships for the maximization of public benefit. This Report had a defining impact on the democratic South Africa's subsequent policy path concerning public-private Partnerships.

His first book, **Clarence Thomas and the Tough Love Crowd: Counterfeit Heroes & Unhappy Truths** is described as a devastating critique of public neo-conservative figures, including V.S. Naipaul. Interestingly enough, the book evolved from his Master's Thesis at Harvard, entitled the *Wrongheadedness of Truth*.

Ronald then co-authored (with Kader Asmal and Louise Asmal) **Reconciliation**

Through Truth: A Reckoning of Apartheid's Criminal Governance. The foreword was done by none other than Mr. Nelson Mandela, himself.

By the end of the decade his work as policy advisor in the revision of South Africa's National Water Act and its Water Services Act was globally recognized when Kader Asmal, the Water Affairs Minister to whom Ronald served as policy and strategy advisor during the relevant reforms of 1996 through 1999, was honoured by the award of the Stockholm Water Prize, received at the hand of the King of Sweden and after a banquet in at the Stockholm Castle (which Ronald attended), the venue where the Nobel Prize is annually dispensed.

At present, Ronald still resides in Cape Town, South Africa. He has since written his third book, a biography/literary critique of South Africa's Nobel Laureate, Nadine Gordimer. To this end, he was selected earlier in 2003 to be part of the exclusive Residency Program of the Lannan Foundation, Marfa, Texas.

Ronald in June 2007 launched his fourth book, **Fit to Govern**, an authorized biography of Mr. Thabo Mbeki, the President of South Africa.

Roberts is now engaged in more commercially related activities as he is a shareholder and executive member of a consultant company that assists multi-national stakeholders resolve the data gap that large investors, property developers, retailers, brands and developmental agencies of all kinds experience in growth markets (throughout Africa), where the locations and lifestyles (earning and spending patterns) of people are insufficiently understood and scarcely quantifiable. ■

A Night of Flamenco and Classical Guitar and Dance

On Saturday 22nd September 2012, Stefan Roach presented a Night of Classical and Flamenco Guitar before a packed and appreciative audience at Fiesta Plaza, Movie Towne. It was the Month of the Guitar.

Stefan was the lead guitarist in a band of six consisting of two other Fatima Old Boys, Jelani Shaw on Cajon (percussions) and Francesco Emmanuel (rhythm guitar). Incidentally, Fatima parent, Heathcliff West, who also organizes the entertainment for the Fatima Mayfair, coordinates these shows at Fiesta Plaza.

This was Stefan's first major production, having studied classical guitar with Graham Newling for over ten years. His focus is now on mastering flamenco guitar.

The beautiful dancers from Rhythmika School of Rhythmic Gymnastics enhanced the production; their movements choreographed by Ruth Jodhan – de Gannes, Head Coach of Rhythmika.

Patrons certainly appreciated a show that highlighted aspects of Spanish culture with lively, riveting music and dances, led by our talented Fatima Old Boys.

Congrats to Stefan Roach, flamenco guitarist on a very successful production.





Salt and Pepper XII

BY STEFAN ROACH

“GANGLAMB STYLE”, “SUPER PREMIUM VAT FREE CHICKEN”, “U ENT C? SOMETHING FISHY IN THE PEOPLE’S POT”, “EVERYTHING AT STEAK”. THESE WERE SOME OF THE CREATIVE AND HUMOUROUS NAMES GIVEN TO THE DISHES AT FATIMA’S SALT AND PEPPER 2012.

Patrons were subjected to many “VAT Free”, “Section 34” and “Premium” choices, these being the hot topics in the air. Remember the “SOE” and “Diesel” dishes of 2011? The amusing names of dishes however are but a minor aspect of what guests anticipate for Fatima’s Cookout.

Loyal old boys seized the opportunity to support their alma mater on Saturday 20th October 2012. As usual, the dinner was well attended and the school compound was bustling with activity, spread from the Form 6 Block and Hall across the car-park to the main cafeteria.

On entering the compound, guests were greeted with a sample of Deckie’s Sorrel Liqueur, strong but very tasty, sure to be a hit over the Christmas season. Principal Fr. Gregory started proceedings with a prayer and guests were then invited to dine. The food was delicious. Choices ranged from wild meat to chicken to seafood and of course the basic staples. Seafood lovers had no shortage of shrimp dishes to try – Crawfish too, “Oh My Craw’d!”. There were so many pork and rib dishes presented, guests gambled with their choices. Conrad

Aleong wooed them to the “Conrad Aleong Ribs” and not in vain. They aced the taste test! Guests that wanted their pork to hold deep significance chose “Geero Pork (In Honour of Fr. Girod)”. For the more adventurous, there were two rabbit dishes and possibly the most original, muffins filled with meat.

Professor Philmore performed a soothing pan set, entertaining throughout dinner, the highlight of the night. A choice of cake and ice cream was offered for dessert. The DJ guided guests throughout the rest of the night, with short interruptions for drawing door prizes and then a raffle. Patrons savoured the time, catching up with one another, but some nostalgia lingered over the absence of karaoke, a crowd-pleaser in previous years.

Overall, patrons left Fatima Salt & Pepper XII smiling. Quite an enjoyable evening spent with friends and family! Quite a dinner!

Pictures from the Cookout taken by Stephen Broadbridge can be viewed on the website and on the FOBA facebook page. ■



Class of 1982 30-Year Reunion

ON FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2012 ALL ROADS LED TO THE FIESTA PLAZA AT MOVIE TOWNE, PORT OF SPAIN AS THE FATIMA CLASS OF 1982 GOT TOGETHER FOR THE START OF THEIR 30 YEAR REUNION WEEKEND.

On Saturday night the venue for part 2 of the reunion was the VIP Lounge of the Club Zen. A beach lime was scheduled for Sunday but a landslide on the Maracas Road caused a huge traffic pile up forcing the cancellation of the beach lime.

Pictures of the reunion can be viewed on the FOBA website. ■



What's happening in Sports

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Fatima's Camilio Carimbocas was named 'Cricketer of the Year' and 'Individual of the Year' at the awards ceremony of the North Zone of the Secondary School Cricket League at City Hall, on Sunday 14 October 2012. Despite the bad weather over 300 students, teachers, parents, administrators and guests turned out for the ceremony labelled: 'Live The Passion, Share The Dream—Go For Gold.'

Fatima was named School of the Year, while Tranquillity was Team of the Year. Special commendation went to Clint Charles, who coached the victorious North Zone InterZone Champion Under-17 team.

Chairman of the zone, Kelvin Nancoo, in his address, thanked the sponsors Powergen for their involvement over the last 16 years. "Sixteen years is not 16 days," said Nancoo. He praised the performances of Fatima and Tranquillity.

HONOUR ROLL

Cricketer of the Year - Camillo Carimbocas
School of the Year - Fatima College
Individual of the Year - Camillo Carimbocas

POWERGEN: WINNERS

U13 : Queen's Royal College
U14: St Mary's College
U16: Fatima College
U19: Tranquillity Secondary
Highest Team Score - Fatima College

KNOCK OUT WINNERS

U13: QRC
U14: Fatima
U15: QRC/Fatima (Joint Winners)
U17: Diego North/ Fatima (Joint Winners)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

U15: CIC/Fatima
U17: Diego North/Fatima
U19: Tranquillity Sec ■



Giving Back

FOBA RECENTLY COMPLETED RENOVATIONS OF THE PAVILION ON THE SCHOOL SPORTS GROUND.

This project included the outfitting of a fitness centre at a total cost of TT \$190,000.00. Many thanks go out to the following sponsors and major contributors, without whom this project would not have been possible.

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Full pictures of the completed project can be viewed on the FOBA website. ■



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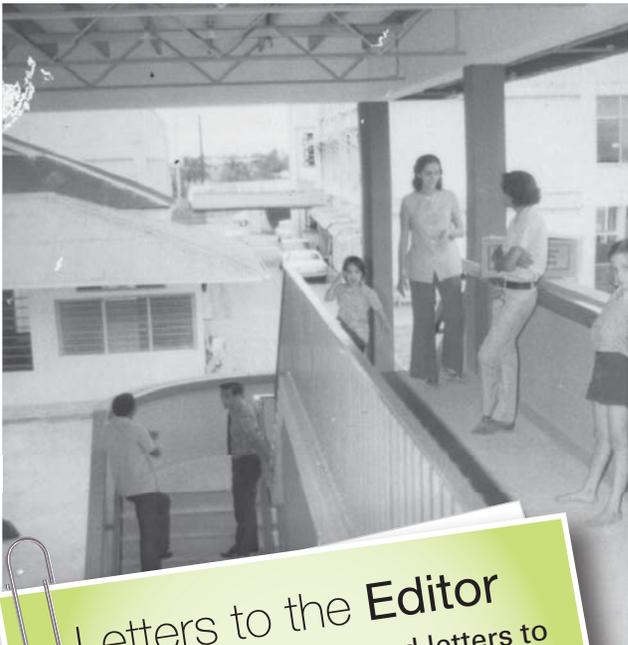
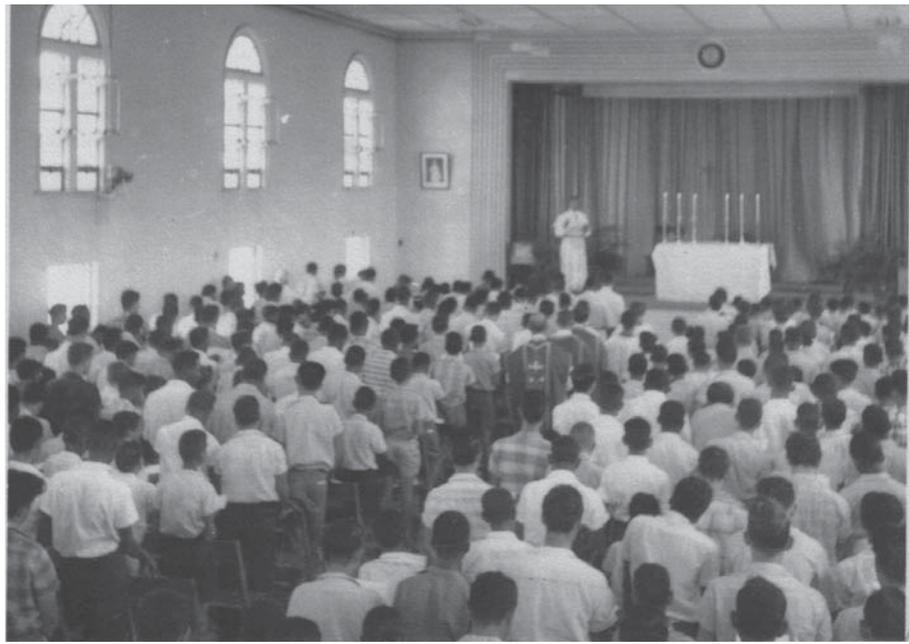


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