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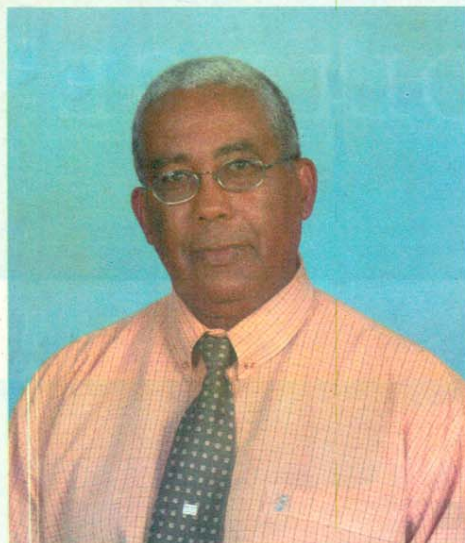
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Message from Principal



Mr Anthony Garcia
Principal

Sixty years of existence of Fatima College have left their mark on Trinidad and Tobago and the world. Our graduates can be found in all committees, making their contribution as they were taught to do at the College. There is no doubt that what started out as an appendage to St. Mary's College, now stands mightily on its own, strong and proud.

The traditions, which the founding fathers were at pains to instill, have stood the test of time and have grown to the extent that one can easily spot a Fatima boy, whose actions are proscribed by his strong foundation.

It is difficult not to notice Fatima

Boys. The sixty years have seen Fatima graduates in all fields of endeavour. They are found in industry and commerce, in sports, education, politics and in religious life. Much tribute must be paid to those whose vision sixty years ago, set the tone for what has followed.

That the students who experience Fatima, wear their badges with pride, says much for what goes on in the College and is a further tribute to all those who have contributed in making Fatima College the premier boys educational institution in this country.

Sixty years is a long time by any standard, but it also brings us to a

point where we must evaluate and adapt. The times are changing at such a rapid pace, that we need to be careful that we are not carried along with it and put our traditions in jeopardy.

The onus is therefore, on those who are carrying the torch at this time to be very vigilant that while we recognize changes in our environment, we hold on to those traditions that make Fatima College what it is and that we never compromise on the value that have built our traditions.

This is not as difficult as it may seem, once we remember always that "Fatima Boys are good boys".

Message From The Board of Management

On behalf of the community of Holy Ghost Fathers in Trinidad and Tobago, I take great pleasure in sending heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Principal, staff, students, and religious community at Fatima College on the occasion of your diamond jubilee celebrations.

A diamond jubilee in any field of human endeavor is a significant achievement indeed, and I am immensely proud of what Fatima has come to mean and the contribution it has made over the years to secondary education in Trinidad and Tobago.

As the younger sibling of the much older St. Mary's College, Fatima was once regarded almost as an afterthought. How times have changed! Fatima today

has its own enviable record.

It has earned its place as a leader among the best schools in the country.

It has its own staunch supporters, including countless parents who want their children to study nowhere else.

Catholic education today is at a significant crossroad. Questions are being raised everywhere in the Catholic world of the meaning of Catholic identity in the twenty-first century.

These concerns inevitably affect Catholic education.

Fatima must commit itself to its own deep and comprehensive internal review, bringing its philosophy of education up to higher standards to meet the needs of the coming era.

Our fundamental aim must still be the education of the whole person, but we must also take care to integrate new dimensions to our schools' curricula, e.g. a deeper sense of commitment to social justice in all students passing through our halls.

Anniversaries are an occasion of a double focus. First, they are occasions for thanksgiving.

We have much to thank the Lord for, much to thank our dedicated Staff for, our dedicated parents, and the many priests who are no longer with us, but whose memory remains fresh in the hearts of those who knew them— Fr. Brett, Fr. Corcoran, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Power. Secondly, they are occasions for recommitment.

You must recommit yourselves to the great task entrusted to you by God, of contributing indispensibly to our country's future with a continuing tradition of fine education.

May the God who has led you thus far richly bless you on this wonderful occasion, and may his Blessed Mother guard your dreams in her heart and help you always and everywhere to bring them to fruition.

Rev. Father Herbert Charles,
C.S.Sp Chairman of the Board of
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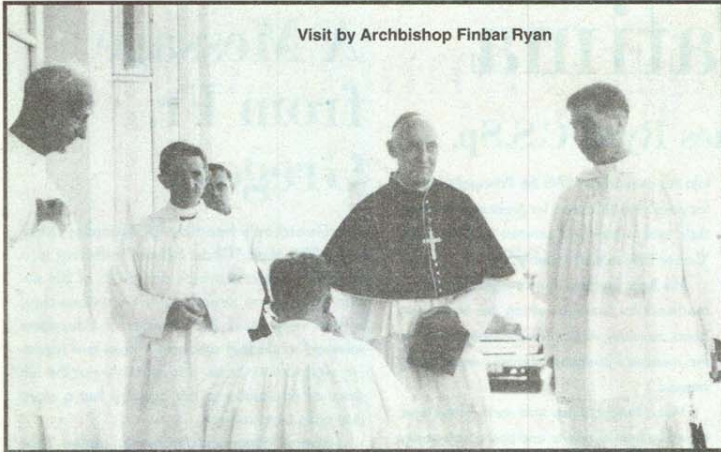
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Visit by Archbishop Finbar Ryan

Our Lady of Fatima College The Beginning

Fr. Andrew Cockburn, C.S.Sp

After many meetings and correspondence, and disagreeing and agreeing and frustrations - with the Archbishop Ryan, Dr. Meenan, Principal of C.I.C. Fr. J. Byrne, CSSp, Fr. Flavin, O.P., P.P. of St. Theresa's Parish, and the CSSp Generalate in Paris, it was finally agreed that the Holy Ghost Fathers would be entrusted with the direction of the New Secondary School in the Woodbrook - Mucurapo area.

In deference to the Archbishop who had a great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, it was to be called "Our Lady of Fatima College."

The new College opened on Monday 29th January 1945 in temporary quarters at St. Theresa's. It was a small two-room building with a partition dividing the two classrooms. There were 2 classes of 30 boys each. The staff was Fr. J. Byrne, CSSp, and Principal, who spent most of his days at the new building site on Mucurapo Road. He took the last class in the day.

The other members of staff - two in number - were Michael Mc Carthy, an Irish Holy Ghost Seminarian, and Andrew Cockburn - the first lay Teacher of the

School.

It was on Monday 10th September, 1945 that Fr. Byrne transferred his boys to the New College where two classrooms were occupied. I had just completed my studies at St. Mary's and the Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers, Dr. Meenan, Principal of C.I.C., asked me to teach at the New School. This was January 1945.

The first batch of boys numbered 60. Thirty in a classroom. The two of us teachers, Mc Carthy and myself switched classrooms during the day at the end of each period of class. We taught all subjects except Physics and Chemistry (No Labs). There were no such subjects as P.O.B., POX, Computer, and Technical Drawing. They just did not exist.

Towards the end of 1945 I was to leave Trinidad for Canada to join the Holy Ghost Fathers.

It was on 14th October that the Archbishop formally blessed the new School - "Our Lady of Fatima College."

The "mustard seed" was sown. And it was to flourish to what it is today.

O Lady of Fatima Hail O Pray for us help us today, the hope of the human race.

The College of Our Lady of Fatima Traditions

(By Nigel Cooper, Teacher and Past Pupil, Fatima College)

Collins English Gems very simply defines the word "Tradition" as an unwritten body of beliefs, facts, etc. handed down from generation to generation. What then are the most important simple beliefs that have survived at Fatima College since 1945 that are still relevant today?

What is common between a Fatima College student of one generation and that of another?

Our Catholic Tradition

In April, 1966, Fr. James Ryan (Fatima's second Principal) spelt out the role of Fatima College like this:

"This is a Catholic School. That is its salient feature, its first and most obvious characteristic; the majority of applicants here are children whose parents have asked for this school especially because it is Catholic..." ("History of Fatima College", Glen Roach)

In 1983, our fourth Principal, Mr. Mervyn Moore, stressed:

"Students who leave these portals must be aware of the teachings of Christ and of their responsibilities. They must be motivated by Christian love..." (History of Fatima College", Glen Roach)

Each of these Principals identified in plain terms the way Fatima has, since its inception in 1945, organized its daily activities. Each boy is given ample opportunity to develop in the Catholic faith and in its customs. How do we see this?

- "Holy Mass - Two masses are offered daily in our chapel. On special occasions there are masses to accommodate each year group.
- "Availability of priests to hear confession"
- "Daily community prayer - Every day the Morning Offering ("Oh my God, I offer you..."); the Grace before Meals; the prayer

after lunch ("Oh God of Truth..."); and the closing prayer ("We fly to thy patronage...") are entered into by all students and teachers.

- "Emphasis on community service - Boys regularly visit children at the nearby Princess Elizabeth Centre.

Our Family Tradition

The Family plays a major role in any culture. It provides a person with a sense of belonging and purpose.

Here at Fatima College, we have maintained that family spirit by ensuring that we model the Holy Family (Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph). The family spirit manifests itself in several ways.

- "All functions are organized with the participation of teachers, students, parents, and past students.
- "Form VI students assist younger students with their schoolwork and in the organization of extra-curricular activities.
- "In the classroom, teachers encourage "stronger" students to help those boys who are not doing so well in the subject.
- "An all - round education is a must. All boys are exposed to prayer, music, graphic art, sports, photography, and audio/video production.

The result of Fatima's family spirit is summed up by a past pupil's quote that may be found in Fr. De Verteuil's "The History of the Holy Ghost Fathers". Fr. De Verteuil quotes the past pupil as saying,

"In Fatima College we seemed, despite (or because of) our second rate status as regards scholarships and intercol honours, to have more fun - there was more love."

The words of this past pupil seem to capture the soul of the College of Our Lady of Fatima. Here, the student is nurtured and grows in stature and in truth. He gains a strong sense of self - discipline that will later serve him well in carrying out the duties associated with the God - given vocation he has been called to.

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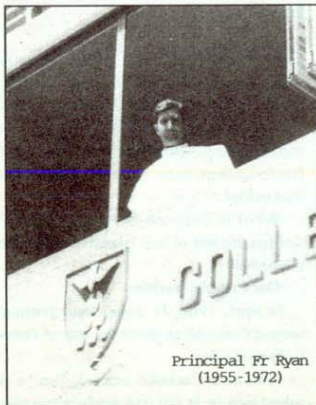
The Rajah of Fatima

An appreciation to Father James Haynes Ryan C.S.Sp.

James Ryan has the advantage of being born into a large, happy and highly talented family. His attachment to his home was evident in the warm and glowing term in which he spoke to his sisters and brothers, and in the filial affection and devotion he manifested towards his father and mother.

The annals of Fr. Ryan's history have been chronicled and hymned elsewhere. He was appointed to Fatima in 1949 and from that day until he left us in 1979, his life, as Dean of Studies, Senior Master and Principal, was one of uninterrupted and unceasing service, of devoted sacrifice and committed involvement in the affairs of the young College. It was his joy to host her Silver Jubilee in 1967.

His office was run on efficiency; and while he had a tight schedule his vision was all the while scanning new horizons. With him at the



Principal Fr. Ryan
(1955-1972)

helm, Fatima steered into uncharted waters as the school became the first in the territory to introduce West Indian History and Commerce

into the curriculum. With the Principal's interest for preparing his alumni for greater proficiency, they took a personal interest in the weekly 'Career Talks in the Assembly Hall.'

His light burning late at night became a landmark for travelers along the Mucurapo Road, as many required recommendations for the morrow's business interview were being penned.

Not a liturgist, in the strict sense of this term, he was a man of prayer and had a noteworthy devotion to the Patroness of the College, Our Lady of Fatima. The 13th of the month is associated with the Fatima observances and it is no slight coincidence that this son of Our Lady was professed on the 13th of October, assumed duties in Trinidad on October 13th, 1944 and died on August 13th and was laid to rest on the feast of Her Assumption.

A Message from Fr. Gregory

The Guardian's headline of Saturday May 14, 2005 read "Ghost School" referring to a school in Arima at which only 50% of the student population turned out the previous day. In that very week the Minister of Education referred to student arsonists. These are haunting signs of our times; it is certainly not the full story of education in our country but a story that calls us to reflect.

Fatima College celebrates its Jubilee Year and we too are reflecting on our history and our roots. Jubilee is a time of stock-taking. What then have the present concerns to do with us? Are we shielded or more privileged? Is the Fatima boy of a different stock from others?

think not. We are all cut from the same fabric of this nation; we must take account of our sacred responsibilities to our brothers and sisters particularly the very young, the aged and the most vulnerable. We must ensure that the minds and hearts of our young people are molded in a fashion that makes them critically aware of the challenges of our time and their Christian responsibility of compassion and social action.

The Founding Fathers responded to the call in a time of great transition 1944 - 45 which marked the end of the Second World War.

There was an increased demand for secondary education. The fathers said a clear yes to this need. We too, sixty years later, must say a clear yes to the demands of our time. Our faith tells us that the crises that we face will indeed be overcome, for by striving we will conquer.

The Valuable Role Of The Legion Of Mary

By Ultra Ramla

"We can indeed say devotion to the heart of Jesus, and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary have been important parts of "sensus fidei" of the people of God during recent centuries. These devotions though distinct they are interrelated by reason of the enduring relation of love that exist between the Son and his Mother" (Pope John Paul II)

At Fatima College we have kept the eligibility and commitment to the duties of active membership of the Legion. Over the years we have

been blessed with dedicated spiritual directors who continued to motivate the students to persevere and grow in personal holiness bringing them to the place of Mary in the plan of God to gather them into unity with his son and her son. Even though we live in an age where there are many attacks on the unity of faith that reappear in different, slightly nuanced guises we have tried to maintain that fidelity and interest to our spiritual goals.

In spite of the lures of materialism that attempts to blot out the spiritual, we are able to stand strong due to the "motivating spirit" and hard

work of the legacy left by our spiritual directors, especially Fr. Martin O'Dwyer, C.S.Sp. who was also a serving officer in the Jubilee Year of 1984. He worked tirelessly and had time for everyone. His qualities of warmth and kindness grew stronger as the years went on. He truly inspired members to astounding apostolic activity and would be truly remembered in the history of our school as well as the spiritual growth of the Legion of Mary. We thank God for all those who were spiritual directors and members who served the school and the church under the banner of the Legion of Mary.

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HISTORY OF FATIMA COLLEGE

By Glen Roach

The College of Our Lady of Fatima began under very humble circumstances on the compound of St. Theresa's Intermediate School in January 1945. The pioneering members of staff were Fr. John Byrne, Michael Mc Carthy (prefect) and Mr. Andy Cockburn, layman now a priest.

The association with St. Theresa began with Parish Priest Fr. Francis Flavin, O.P., who first recognized the need for an additional Catholic College in North Trinidad. His immense foresight led to the establishment of this great educational institution.

Work on the present site began in February under the astute supervision of Fr. Byrne. He even recruited labour from the islands as many locals toiled for the yankee dollar. In September classes shifted from St. Theresa and on December 1st, Archbishop Ryan formally blessed and opened this new College dedicated to our Lady of Fatima. The College was designed to create an atmosphere of intimacy and community.

Fr. Byrne retired in 1955 after overseeing the building of the Eastern and Western wings, the division of the Maraval River to accommodate the Assembly Hall, the construction of the chapel and three classrooms.

Fr. James Ryan succeeded him and developed the academic structures and systems of the College. Quietly and efficiently, he guided Fatima through the fifties and sixties when a new government came into power with revolutionary plans for education.

In the sixties, Fatima got its own uniform, held its own sports meeting, defeated C.I.C. to win its first Inter Col final in 1965 with the inspirational Gally Cummings and launched its own Old Boys Union. Fr. Girod joined Fatima in 1965, took charge of the Scouts and organized the first Mayfair in 1966. Fatima College had come of age.

The seventies witnessed many social changes in the country. Fatima led the way with the almost inevitable transfer from clerical to lay control with

1972. Fr. Farfan, local Holy Ghost Father, was appointed Vice Principal, and these two dynamic individuals directed Fatima through the seventies with many novel changes. The production of a well-rounded individual dominated Fatima's philosophy.

The period was characterized by the building of the Audio-Visual Centre, Library, New Classrooms, Cafeteria, Workshops and curriculum and class changes. Streaming was abandoned in the lower forms and students were now placed in alphabetical order. The concept of free choice of subjects was introduced from Form Four. The curriculum was diversified to include Art, Physical Education, Industrial Art, Technical Drawing, Accounts and Commerce.

Daphne Heywood and Jeanette Zakour joined the staff in 1973, heralding the entrance of women in a male dominated institution. Fatima won Inter Col for the second time in 1979 whilst Eugene Joseph and Roger Hernandez became our first Island Scholars in 1976. Fatima was now definitely ranked as one of the leading institutions in the country, a model of academic and sporting prowess, catering for the needs of every pupil.

Clive Pantin retired in 1981, having served Fatima as Dean, Senior Dean, Senior Lay Master, Cricket and Football Coach, Vice Principal, Principal. He was succeeded by Mervyn Moore who joined the staff in 1959. He recognized the work of his staff and allowed them the freedom to use their initiative.

Just about every individual was assigned some responsibility and brought into the organizational structure at the school.

At the function to welcome him as the new Principal, Mr. Moor declared his priorities - the Catholic identity of the school, the rise in academic standards, the fostering of the family spirit and the continued production of well-rounded individuals.

Music was introduced to the curriculum with the arrival of Myrtle Cumberbatch. Fatima published its first Annual in 1982, Kieron James won the President's Medal in the same year, a first for

Fatima. Kyle Rudden repeated the feat in 1984.

In the eighties and nineties, the lay teachers got more involved in the teaching of Religion with the departure of many priests who had served Fatima faithfully throughout the years.

The nineties saw the addition of two new faces to the administration of the school - Bernard Tappin as Vice Principal in 1991 and Fr. Gregory Augustine, Fatima product, as manager in 1992. The dress uniform was reintroduced in 1995 to coincide with our fiftieth Anniversary celebrations. The Support Group Fatima and Friends 2000 was formed to give way to a more broad based Parent Support Group a few years later.

Fatima boys are now excelling in a wide range of activities - Chess, Scrabble, Math Olympiad, Public Speaking, Essay Writing Competitions, Poetry, Model United Nations, Junior Soca Monarch, RBT Young Leaders and Swimming. Our choir is a source of pride whilst our Form Six boys undertake social projects with the Credo Centre and the Princess Elizabeth Home. Our Scout Troop is on its way to be ranked once more amongst the best in the Country.

The leadership mantle has been handed over to Mr. Anthony Garcia. He is working very closely with Vice-Principal, Mrs. Anne Gomes-Phillips and the Manager, Fr. Gregory Augustine in the shaping of Fatima's future. They have inherited a highly professional staff, very committed to Fatima.

They have sought to build on Fatima's strength and improve on any areas of weaknesses. Plans for the future involve the enhancement and expansion of the physical facilities and increase of Form Six intake. These are costly ventures requiring time, effort and proper planning.

Fatima's future is indeed very bright. All the ingredients are there for Fatima to remain a foremost educational institution - solid foundation, visionary leadership, committed staff, meaningful structures, supportive parents and Old Boys, rich culture and traditions, and most of all, the spiritual at the core of all our activities.

Fatima College - Dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.

This school is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three Portuguese children on the 13th of every month from May to October, 1917. Her message and appeal for conversion, prayer, and penance by all people to avert Almighty God's wrath, and to restore peace to the world are as urgent today as they were then. Recent apparitions in Nicaragua and Yugoslavia have repeated the appeal and the warning.

Everyone connected with Fatima College, students and staff, past and present, is reminded of this obligation to work and pray for the peace of the world by personal conversion, daily prayer, penance, fasting, and loving one another. This is the best way that we can show that we come from the College of Our Lady of Fatima.

COLLEGE CREST AND MOTTO

CREST.


This was selected by the first principal, Fr. Byrne, and placed on the Fatima flag, which was officially blessed by His Grace, the Archbishop Count Finbar Ryan O.P. on May 13th 1947.

The Holy Ghost, represented by the dove, is the emblem of the congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers. The six white roses represent the six apparitions of Our Lady to the children at Fatima, Portugal. Blue and Gold are traditionally Our Lady's colours.

MOTTO

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THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS

- BY Anthony De Verteuil (edited for publication)
Congregatio Sancti Spiritus - C.S.Sp.

Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers was founded in France in 1703 by Father Claude Francois Poullart des Places, a young man only 30 years old. In 1848 the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (founded in France in 1842 by Venerable Francis Libermann, a convert Jew) was joined to it by a decree of His Holiness Pape Pius IX.

Thus, the official title of the congregation now is Congregation of the Holy Ghost under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The special aim of the Congregation is to undertake the more difficult works of apostleship and education, especially in missionary lands, and for which the Church less easily finds apostolic workers. The Holy Ghost Fathers were established in Trinidad in 1863 when St. Mary's College was founded. Fatima College was started in 1944 and St Anthony's by Father Gerard Pantin, a Holy Ghost Father, 1969.

Holy Ghost Personnel, Fatima College
The Fatima College Community was officially

established on Christmas Day 1947, with 4 priests and 2 prefects.

Priests (* Trinidadian)			
John Byrne	1945-1955	1st Principal	
James Murray	1946-1948		
James H. Ryan	1948-1956		
	1956-1973	2nd Principal	
Vincent De Oca	1946-1951		
Michael Finnegan	1949-1950		
Timothy Corcoran	1951-1975		
Thomas Curtin	1949-1976		
Ivan Fitzwilliam	1951-1966		
Michael Harkins	1956-		
Kevin Power	1955-1988		
David Keegan	1957-1966		
Anthony Pantin *	1959-1964		
James Brett	1961-1983		
Gerard Farfan *	1963-1976		
Albert Clarke *	1965-		
Gervase Girod *	1965-1990		
Anthony de Verteuil	1966-1968		
Herbert Charles *	1972-1977		
Reginald DeFour *	1983-1989		
Lennox McPhillip *	1982-1989	1991-1998	
Martin O Dwyer	1976-1995		
Carlyle Guiseppi *	1999-2002		
Gregory Augustine *	1992- present		



Left to Right: Fr. J. Ryan, Fr. T. Corcoran, Fr. D. Keegan, Fr. G. Farfan, Fr. K. Power, John Mahon (Prefect), L. Cassidy (Prefect), Fr. J. Brett, Fr. A. Pantin, Fr. J. Curtin, Fr. I. Fitzwilliam, J. Eagan (Prefect), Liam Bolger (Prefect).



Fr Kelvin Power

Fatima College Diamond Jubilee 1945 - 2005

By CLIVE PANTIN

Fatima College—60 years Old Unbelievable!

It has brought back so many memories for me that I have become emotional.

You see, I first started teaching there in 1950 - I was sixteen years old. I taught for seven months, January to July 1950 - then I left to go to Canada and then Ireland to study with the intention of becoming a priest. I returned to Trinidad in 1954, did not pursue my studies for the priesthood, but continued to teach at Fatima College from 1954 - 1981.

They were undoubtedly the happiest days of my life, and it was my privilege to see Fatima progress from "another school" to which you sent your son if he did not get into CIC to the No. 1 school in Trinidad and Tobago. The College simply grew from strength to strength with some wonderful principals and teachers to

become the school that it is today.

I remember with fondness and admiration, Fr. J.E. Byrne, Fr. Ryan (the "Rai"), all those splendid priest and prefects who taught at Fatima along with some great lay teachers such as Mr. Carlton Craigwell (later to be principal at Belmont Intermediate) and Mr. Van Stewart (later to be Principal of QRC).

Our great motto "Nitendo Vinces" and our school song ideally give the story of Fatima College.

The final thought I would like to share is that "Fatima Boys never give up!" We learnt this from the many years we tried to win an Intercol until we eventually broke through in a memorable victory. There was no stopping Fatima after that.

Congratulations, Fatima! May you continue to uphold the wonderful tradition you have had and remember always "Come answer to your call."

AD MULTOS ANNOS

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Service before self

On the 25th Anniversary of Fatima College Fr. Tim Corcoran wrote "the Hand of God and the Guidance of Our Lady have not been wanting in the rough journey over the past "25" years. We pray that they will be with those who are called by Divine Providence to direct the affairs of the College for the next "25" years and for as long as the College stands as a testimonial to those who provided it for the education of youth".

One of those who were called and who fought the good fight for the last 19 years, is Mervyn Anthony Moore. Mervyn was born on December 7th, 1939 at Lockhart Lane in Belmont. From infancy he revealed character traits that were to remain with him to this day - his stubbornness and thirst for knowledge.

So the clock has now stopped but the time Mervyn has spent with us these 41 years will live in the annals of Fatima as the most successful academic period of the college's life to date. Up to 1981 when Mervyn became Principal, Fatima had only won a total of 6 scholarships. In 1982 there were 7 scholarships and we have averaged 5 scholarships per year since then, including 2 Presidents Medals for Mathematics.

But Fatima has never been in the business only of Academic Achievement; Mervyn Moore has continued the tradition of his predecessors Byrne, Ryan and Pantin and has fostered a culture of caring and understanding that have given Fatima its unique quality.

Despite the fact that Mervyn is the longest serving Principal of a Holy Ghost College in the living memory he has been a remarkably misunderstood leader. His leadership was not the outgoing public friendly kind characterized by Clive Pantin, or the highly organized and spiritually tailored one of James Ryan. It had a humble, self-effacing quality. It was often egalitarian to the extent that staff felt he was listening more to parents and students than to them. In the long run however, his staff learned to understand his style and developed their own, with-out fear or intimidation.

They grew close in a way that few other staffs



Ato Boldon and Mervyn Moore

have. Sure there were times when Mervyn would drive you to distraction by refusing to listen, by "shutting off". I guess in his own peculiar wisdom he knew that everything would eventually sort itself out. Perhaps we were living in the Voltarian Best of all possible worlds without knowing it.

Now, Sadly, too late perhaps we do. In the words of the Gospel today and in those of Anne. Gomes-Phillips, his leadership was of the Shepherd, shepherding his flock along the path of justice and fairplay.

Fatima today ranks among the six top boys colleges in Trinidad & Tobago From our objective point of view, Fatima is number one and I can say without fear of contradiction that there is no school anywhere, where staff and students have felt more at home.

Thank you Mervyn Moore, and know that you are always welcome to come and get that old clock working again.

**MAURICE BRASH
MEMBER OF STAFF
OF FATIMA COLLEGE**



Left to right Fr O Dwyer and Fr J Brett

Just call me Freddie

In 1950, three young men set out in search of employment. They decided to approach the priests in Fatima College and were hired. One worked a half-day, left for lunch and never returned.

Another worked one day and then gave up but one man soldiered on and remained at Fatima for thirty-six years.

He is Ronald Aban, known affectionately as Freddie.

Former national sportsman Alvin Corneal has this to say about Freddie "He was not merely the groundsman at Fatima, he was a friend to us all, a father-figure."

Freddie was a reliable and competent groundsman, a cheerful, tireless, dependable worker, a simple, humble, respectable man, utterly loyal and faithful to Fatima. According to teacher Ian des Vignes, "he was an institution within and institution".

Mary, the Mother of Fatima

Mary Abdul worked in Fatima for a short while and impressed Fr Thomas Curtin with her simple, cheerful, uncomplaining nature. She was offered a permanent job and remained in Fatima for twenty-nine years.

The kitchen was a pivotal point in Fatima. Teachers vicariously enjoyed Mary's well-prepared dishes on our way to classes. We would stop off to chat, sip a cup of tea, unburden our problems and seek her advice.

It is in the kitchen that Mary functioned as cook, narrator, historian, confidante, counsellor, nurse to ailing students, dean to errant ones. Many teachers reported to the kitchen upon arrival and signed off on departure.

Mary retired on Carnival Friday 1987 and was presented with a fan and a recliner. She lived in Quamina Street in "the house where they make the moon" in reference to Mary's participation in Hosay celebrations. She died in February 1997.

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Swimming

Fatima College's swim team recorded 342 points to defeat St Mary's College (CIC) for the first time ever, in the National Secondary Schools' swim Meeting, hosted by Tidalo Wave Aquatics at the Jao Havelang Center of Excellence, Macoya, last Sunday.

At the half way stage, CIC looked like maintaining its beaten run as it held a 3.5 point lead, but coach Kenny Francis gave a quick pep talk to his boys, which spurred them to success.

CIC was second with 319.5 points and St Anthony's was third.

Fatima swimmer Sean Garica topped the Boys' 15 and Over non-competitive age group, with team mates Jarryd Gregoire second in the Boys' 15 and Over competitive age group, Mattheus Otero third in the Bpys' 13-14 non competitive section and Rory Yearwood third in the Boys' Competitive Bracket.

Vice Principal Comments

Anne Gomes-Phillips

Before proclaiming our Jubilee Year at a special assembly on Monday 3rd January, 2005 the Fatima College community paused in silence for the hundreds of thousands of people who lost their lives in the tsunami devastation in South East Asia. The human family was still coming to terms with this tragedy which brought our world to a virtual standstill. There were heart-rending stories of the loss of family, friends and relatives. Relationships were ruptured and many came to an abrupt end. Families were torn apart and separated; the grief and shock had taken its toll on the human heart and spirit. Our world was in mourning.

It is this same family and community spirit that our Founding Fathers made a deliberate choice to foster, nurture and strengthen here at Fatima College in 1945.

Sixty years later, we are faced with a collapse of a family and community spirit in our country and our world. We are confronted and reminded of this reality on a daily basis as we go about our duties in our beloved College. The challenge is before us all, as a Fatima family to refocus, to rebuild, to restore relationships and community.

The late John Paul II has reminded us that our greatest task as educators, particularly in the light of educational reform that is sweeping our world and our own coun-

try, is the forging of relationships with our students, the building of a family and community spirit.

No curriculum, no building, no upgrading of facilities, while it has its place, can ever replace the personal relationship that is at the heart of teaching. In our Catholic tradition, a Jubilee Year is a sacred year. It is a time of home-coming and stock-taking.

We celebrate our roots, our founders and we are all invited to respond to the call for right and just living. As we engage in reflection, let us also respond courageously to the challenges that face us so that together we can do our part "to heal and strengthen our land."

Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth!



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In Celebration of 60th Anniversary

Sing, Fatima, Sing...



Fatima in Concert

The choir was started by Fr. Timothy Corcoran in 1951 and was originally called the Dominic Savio Choir after an Italian martyr. The choir became the top boys' choir in the island.

It later became the Fatima College Choir to avoid confusion with the Dominic Savio School. They were the Music Festival winners for many years.

The choir was also noted for its annual performances like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Tom Sawyer, Trial by

Jury, Their Gentle Voices, The Braemen Town Musicians. They also won the Folk Category with items like Iere Cherie and the Stuttering Pastor.

With the death of Fr. Corcoran in 1975, the Senior Choir fell away singing at mainly religious functions. The Junior Choir survived and sang in every festival from 1977.

Thanks to Maurice Brash and Myrtle Cumberbatch, both choirs are once again a musical force. We salute a symbol of excellence in Fatima College - The Fatima Choir.



Earl Harris

Attended Fatima College from January 1954 to March 1959. Participated in Football and Athletics.

Won Victor Ludorum and Best Athlete trophies at the St. Mary's/Fatima sports meeting in March 1959.

- Won the:
- 100 yards
 - 220 yards
 - 110 yards high hurdles
 - long jump.

He anchored the relay team to victory at that meeting. Was the holder of the 110 yards Junior B record 11.1 sec. (1956). Was also the holder of the Junior B long jump record 19 feet 8 inches (1956)

BASKETBALL

Fatima College is an institution that has a long heritage of success in the field of sports. The school's basketball team is no different. Unlike both the football and cricket teams, it is common for the work done by the basketballers to go unnoticed. However during the last two seasons Fatima has earned great respect for the potency of its basketball team.

The proudest moment in Fatima

basketball however came that same season when Jason Sharpe, the inspirational captain and top scorer in the league, was one of only three Trinidad students to win basketball scholarships to the USA.

He now plays for the Military Academy University and he is living evidence of how great Fatima is in terms of basketball. For the 2005 season the under 20 team, missing most of

players did not do so well but the under 15 team qualified for the big four competition of the north zone tournament. Credit must be given to this young side that were seriously lacking in terms of experience and preparation. It is hoped that this team would be even more successful and carry on the tradition of winning that has come to be synonymous with Fatima basketball.

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KFC celebrates with the students and alumni of Fatima College in recognition of the contribution they have made to the greater society through education.





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RUGBY

Fatima's Rugby Team has historically been the most prestigious and dominating team in the league. We have set an example for other teams to emulate. These past two years have been no different. With great fervour we have procured near undefeated records, winning nearly every game we played. We could have asked for little more.

This year has brought changes to our coaching staff. Dale Trotman (aka Beast) has taken over the reins of Fatima's Rugby team. The guidance of our coach of nine years, Graham Chin, will be sorely missed. The team may certainly die of thirst without him. However, we are truly grateful for the experiences that Dale brings to the team.

His technique is not as subtle as Graham's (e.g. running across the field during a game to subtly share his concerns with the referee). It is also relaxing to know that your coach has a playing style that gave him the nickname "Beast."

We are grateful for the unique techniques we have learnt from them both as

many players have used these techniques to reach both the Club and National levels. With the continued assistance of our coaches and supporters we will continue to develop into an undefeatable team. Special thanks go out to Dale Trotman, Graham Chin, Clyde, Mr. AQUI and Mr. MacLean for their support.

We could not exist without your help. As a team we must take the bad with the good. Last year we had a serious injury where a player broke his ankle.

He has recovered remarkably. It was also unfortunate that over the last two years Fatima had to relinquish the Carib Rugby Seven's Title twice. We were forced to settle for silver. These losses could easily be blamed on injured players, poor referee calls and ambiguous try lines. However, the team takes responsibility for their losses and dedicate themselves to better results next season.

All in all, it has been an exciting two years. Be proud of your rugby team for their many successes.

HOCKEY

By far not the most popular and least promoted sport in our educational institution, the development of Fatima has transformed us from so called "whipping boys" to true national competitors.

Under the tremendous stewardship of our coaches Derek Lee and Nathalie Nieves we have seen a comprehensive development

in our team's abilities and skills. In all aspects of the game, we have seen the immense transformation due to hard work and determination.

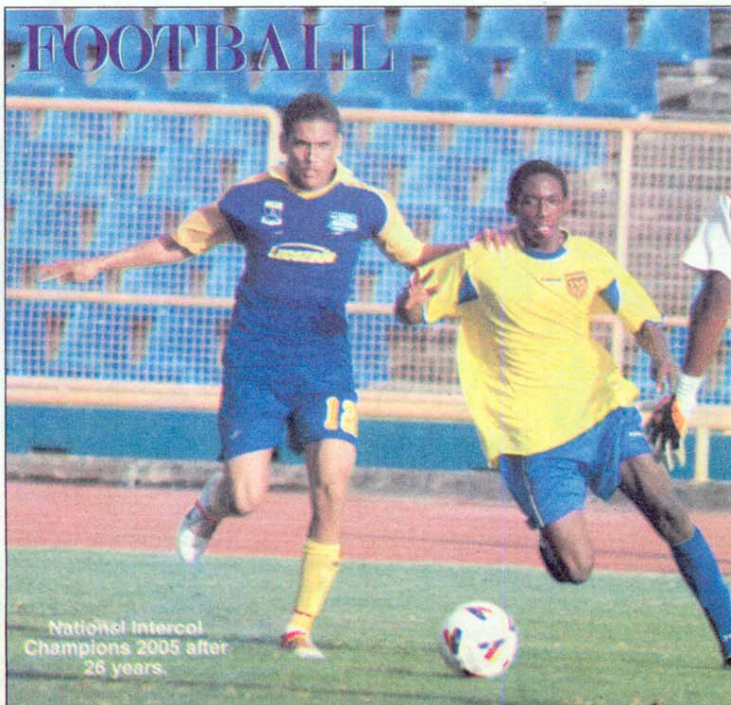
The balance is splendid and the role of each individual is well defined coming together to form the melting pot which is Fatima College Hockey. Under the Fatima

College Club's futuristic program many young players have graduated from it adding great skills and I believe that Fatima hockey is in good hands.

Many of our students have gone on to represent the club's men's team and one of our players represented the club recently in an tournament in Barbados. Two of our students even had the privilege of training with our national team for the Pan-American Games.

In conclusion, I pray for the support of the entire school community in our sporting avenue, adding to the development of our game to continue bringing glory to our school and us.

FOOTBALL



National Intercol Champions 2005 after 26 years.

CRICKET



1987 Cricket Champions with Brain Lara front row third from left.

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In Celebration of 60th Anniversary

How Great Thou Art Sports

Sport always plays an important part of any youth's development. Fatima College having recognized that has always stressed the importance of producing balanced students. While the academics are important so are the spiritual and physical aspects.

Fatima College over the years has produced many fine sportsmen - both on the field of play and administrators. We have done well in all sporting disciplines at the national and international level. During my time at college Jan 1962 to June 1968 I witnessed the college doing reasonably well in all aspects of sport:

Basketball - many of us may remember the battle between Fatima College and Tranquility at the Woodbrook Youth Center for the championship - we went under unfortunately. The sport has continued to be played at the college with some measure of success. Jason Sharpe was granted a scholarship in the Fort Union Military Academy in Virginia, USA. Jason played four seasons with Fatima and led them to two North Zone Open Division finals in the Secondary Schools Basketball League.

Cricket - Joey Carew represented Trinidad and Tobago, eventually being appointed captain and serving us with distinction, he was selected to tour England in 1963, together with Willie Rodriguez and Derrick Murray. He did very well later on at tour to Australia. Joey represented the college in football in 1955 and played alongside Alvin Corneal. Alvin was a gifted cricketer and footballer who represented Trinidad in both disciplines and had he continued with the game of cricket could have represented the West Indies.

Noel Robinson also represented Trinidad and also managed the Trinidad and Tobago cricket team. The Prince... what more can we say about Brian Charles Lara that has not been already said - the ultimate cricketer, the Prince of Port of Spain. He was destined to greatness from his early days at Fatima College, he later lead the Trinidad and Tobago Youth team to many victories. The numbers 375, 400 and 500 are all familiar to us. Mention must be made of Ralph Gosein an international and well respected cricket umpire who served the game with distinction.

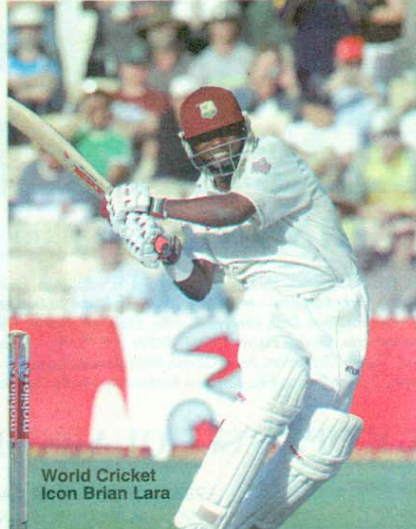
Michael Roberts was another gifted batsmen who was unfortunate not to be selected for the 1975 youth tournament, although in the 1974 his aggregate was over 600 runs.

Swimming - the 60th anniversary celebrations has really the student population to excellence in 2005...this year being the first that Fatima College was able to defeat St.Mary's college at swimming - this in itself is a great achievement.

Football - I always remark that when old boys meet me in the road the first question they would ask "you think we have a good side this year?". Strangely enough no one asks about scholarships, cricket or any sport, but they are mostly interested in football. Fatima played its first intercol match in 1952 against CIC and lost.

2 - 0. It was not until 1965 that we won our first North Final beating QRC 4 - 2 in the finals. In the first match we were down 2 - 0 with 2 minutes to go....we equalized. Special honour must be paid to the 1965 Intercol team for breaking our 12-year drought. We were also National Winners then. It was not until 1979 that we won again beating St. Augustine 2 - 1 at the Queen's Oval. This year we repeated the victory beating St. Augustine by a similar margin...the road to the top was tough literally getting past Mucurapo Snr Comprehensive and Naparima "at the death", and on penalties. Although we have produced many very good footballers, Intercol always seemed to elude us, notwithstanding some memorable performances. The college has produced some very good footballers in - Alvin Corneal, Dick Rodriguez, Conrad Aleong, Herman Young, Everard "Gally" Cummings, Richard Stewart, Roger Duprey, Garnet Craig, Anton Corneal, Garnet Craig, Earl Fough, Jean Mouttet, Martin Bourne, Bobby Banfield, Graeme Rodriguez, Dennis Cuthbert, just to name a few.

Lawn Tennis - Alan Price was lawn tennis champion of Trinidad and Tobago for many years



World Cricket Icon Brian Lara

and ruled the roost with the Valdez brothers.

Table Tennis - Stanley Hunte is the President of the Trinidad and Tobago Table Tennis Association and has continued to serve the sport well.

Cycling - Hayden Moore represented Trinidad and Tobago in the sport and was around the same time that Roger Gibbon ruled the roost in cycling. Hayden was an excellent cyclist; those of us who followed the sport closely would have remembered the many wonderful victories by Hayden. Ian Nivet was a very good cyclist and later a coach. Ian remembers the early days when the St. Mary's and Fatima College sports were held together at St Mary's grounds. One of his greatest achievements was winning the Victor Ludorum almost single handedly, he remembers being carried shoulder high by his schoolmates from St Mary's ground to the college.

Athletics - Golden Bolden - Ato though not winning a Gold medal at the Olympics has won more medals, four, at that level than any other local athlete. As a Junior he won the 100 and 200

meters race in South Korea - unprecedented in the sport. Ato is only one of six men ever to run sub 10 secs and 20 secs in the 100 and 200 meters respectively. Ato also became the second person to run a sub 10 for the 100m and sub 20 in the 200m in the same day. With his commitment dedication and commitment Ato has represented the spirit and ideals of Fatima.

We cannot forget **Carver King** who left Fatima College in December 1962, a member of the Mannie Dookie School of athletics he represented Trinidad and Tobago with pride, in the 800 and 1500 meters distances. He received a scholarship to attend university in Maryland, USA where he and his family still resides. Carver was the first Fatima College student to be awarded athletics scholarship.

Gerard Clarke was one of the most promising middle distance runners in the 60's and 70's he broke the 800m record and was literally unbeatable in his pet distances in the 800 and 1500 meters distances. Gavyn Jerome Nero - 14 year old Garvyn won the country's first silver medal at the Carifra Games in 2005 which were held in Tobago, he also won gold in the 3000 metres event. He represented T & T in the triathlon, duathlon, aquathlon. Gavyn has his

His sights set in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Rugby - the college has also participated in the sport of rugby. It was a proud Mathew Johnson who captained the Trinidad and Tobago under 19 Rugby team in the West Indies Under 19 Championships held in Guadeloupe in June 2001.

Hockey - At one time we ruled the roost in college's league, out of this, the Fatima Hockey Club was formed and has participated in the Hockey championship division for many years. Players like Dean Nieves have represented Trinidad and Tobago with pride and glory.

Squash - the 2005 Queen's Park Cricket Club Sportsman of the Year is a 15-year-old Fatima College student - Justin Sanguinette. Young Justin is to be certainly congratulated on his achievement at such a tender age - but that is the spirit of the Fatima College student.

Keith J A Simpson

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PRINCIPAL'S CUP WINNERS

- 1951 RONALD MADRAY
- 1952 HOLLIS WHITEHEAD
- 1953 RICARDO INNIS
- 1954 CHARLES W. BOBB SEMPLE
- 1955 VLAD KACAL
- 1956 HORACE NG SHUN
- 1957 MELVILLE BAIRD
- 1958 IRWIN LETT
- 1959 ESMUND CHUN TAITE
- 1960 KRISHWA JEELAL
- 1961 EDDIE CHUN TAITE
- 1962 RAMOND PANTIN
- 1963 RAMON MANSOOR
- 1964 ELDON BRATHWAITE
- 1965 TERENCE EDWARDS
- 1966 ERROL CARMINO
- 1967 PASTOR GASCON
- 1968 GERRY CHUN TAITE
- 1969 JEROME VINCENTE
- 1970 GILBERT CHUN TAITE
- 1971 KEITH WILLIAMS
- 1972 LEARIE PARRIS
- 1973 MARK CARMINO
- 1974 STEPHEN SALTER
- 1975 DENNIS RAMDEEN
- 1976 PAUL DE GANNES
- 1977 GERARD CHAPMAN
- 1978 SURENDRA ARJOON
- 1979 WINZEY DOTTIN - 'Rest In Peace'
- 1980 LARRY EDGHILL
- 1981 VALDER BELGRAVE
- 1982 IAN BENJAMIN
- 1983 DEREK AQUI
- 1984 PATRICK BORELY
- 1985 PAUL HEE HOUNG
- 1986 ALAN GOODING
- 1987 NIGEL HARRISON
- 1988 ROBERT WICKHAM
- 1989 ANDRU PRESCOD
- 1990 EDWIN MARTIN
- 1991 ALAN WOOLING
- 1992 NICHOLAS C.M. FULLER
- 1993 RICARDO AMBROSE
- 1994 RICHARD ROSS JOESPH
- 1995 DARREN BAIN
- 1996 NICHOLAS FERRAN
- 1997 NIGEL PILGRIM
- 1998 MARLON Mc EACHNIE
- 1999 SILVERO De SILVA
- 2000 SEWLYN MARCANO
- 2001 MATTHEW RAGBIR
- 2002 ANDREW AFFON
- 2003 ALEXANDER PADDINGTON
- 2004 ROBERT BABWAHSINGH
- 2005 ANTONIO GELLINEAL

FATIMA COLLEGE OPEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

YEAR	NAME	SUBJECT	YEAR	NAME	SUBJECT
1979	JAMES CAMACHO	Mathematics (OPEN)	1988	CHRISTOPHER CAMACHO	Science (OPEN)
1979	SELWYN ROMAIN	Modern Studies (OPEN)	1990	MARCUS BOSLAND	Mathematics (OPEN)
1980	MAXWELL JARDIM	Language (OPEN)	1991	ROGER JEROME	Business (OPEN - 1ST PLACE)
1982	IAN BENJAMIN	Modern Studies (OPEN)	1991	DESMOND DEONANAN	Mathematics - SECOND
1982	KIERON JAMES (1ST - GOLD)	Mathematics (OPEN) PRESIDENT'S MEDAL	1992	GEOFF LEE SEYON	Business (1st PLACE)
1982	ROGER PANTIN	Mathematics (OPEN)	1992	GARETH JENKINS	Business (3rd PLACE)
1982	NEIL ROXBOROUGH	Science (OPEN)	Science:		
1983	DEREK AQUI	Mathematics (OPEN - 1ST PLACE)	1993	RICARDO AMBROSE	Mathematics - (1st PLACE) (OPEN)
1983	CLIFTON RAMBARAN	Mathematics (OPEN)	1999	RYAN GOINDOO	MATHEMATICS OPEN 2ND PLACE
1984	KYLE RUDDEN (1ST - GOLD)	Mathematics (OPEN) PRESIDENT'S MEDAL	(SCIENCE)		
1984	BRIAN ALLEYNE (3RD)	Mathematics (OPEN)	2001	XAVIER MANMOHAN	OPEN GROUP OF SUBJECTS
1984	ADRIAN AUSTIN (ADDITIONAL)		2002	ANDREW AFFOO	MATHEMATICS (OPEN) 2ND PLACE (4TH in the world in Physics)
1985	WINSTON O'YOUNG	Modern Studies (OPEN)		DRA RAMBALI	BUSINESS STUDIES (OPEN) 3RD PLACE
1985	RICHARD VIERRA	Mathematics (OPEN)	2003	ALEXANDER PADDINGTON	SCIENCE -OPEN (2ND PLACE)
1986	BARRY LEE	Mathematics (OPEN)			(First in the world in Physics and second in Geography)
1987	RONALD ALLEYNE	Mathematics (OPEN)			SCIENCE (World Rank 7th Physics)
1987	NIGEL HARRISON	Mathematics (OPEN)			
1987	MARK ALCAZAR	Mathematics (OPEN)			
1988	RAVI TEWARI (OPEN 1st PLACE)	Science (OPEN)			

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