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The Scribbler – March 2013 Edition
My term of two (2) years as President will end in April 2013; it has been an honor and privilege to have served our Association once more. I thank you all for the confidence you have entrusted to me and the continued support you have afforded to our Association.

It is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to all members of our Chapter on behalf of the Executive Committee.

We are already in spring 2013 and in the 22nd year of the founding of our Chapter. Last October we hosted the ICQC Annual Business Meeting (ABM) which was well attended by alumni from the Guyana, New York, South and Central Florida Chapters and we look forward to this year’s ABM in London to mark the UK Chapter’s 25th Anniversary.

I took up the challenge in 2011 to serve once again as President of our Chapter, and as one of the original members I am proud of our achievements over the past 21 years. Our Chapter continues to meet the two objectives it set itself in 1991, by working towards maintaining the school’s traditional high standards of excellence and by fostering a spirit of camaraderie among QC Alumni residing in Canada.

We have achieved a great deal over the past 21 years and this would not have been possible without the commitment and hard work of those dedicated and loyal members of our Chapter. However, I cannot emphasize enough that our chapter will no longer exist in 7 to 10 years if we are unable to sustain vibrant organizations. We cannot afford to be complacent. Like other associations, we are in need of more alumni, particularly the younger ones, if we are to satisfy our raison d’etre. We have embarked on a focus group with our Last Lap Lime partners to find ways to encourage our existing members to participate more in our activities, and also to get the younger alumni to join us.

We have completed the upgrading of the QC library with a computer network system, have just completed contractual arrangements for technical support, and are in the process of registering the 800-odd students to make it fully operational. We are still searching for a project manager in Guyana to start and provide local supervision for the project to install an Intercom System at the school although we have had some of the equipment and accessories for the past year.

We continue to hold and participate in several annual local fundraising and non-fundraising activities with which many of you are familiar with and support - our 12th Night Dance in collaboration with Toronto BHSAA; our Father’s Day Brunch; our Casino trip; our participation in Last Lap Lime with our four Alumni Association partners; and our annual awards of 4 Lynnette Dolphin Memorial bursaries valued $4,000 CAN. We have awarded a total of 19 bursaries since the spring of 1999. Last year the recipients of 5 of these bursaries were honored at our July 15th Awards Ceremony along with 13 alumni and supporters in recognition of their contributions to the work of our Association.

For the remainder of 2013, we have planned the following activities on the basis of being more community involved:

**Membership Drive:** to continue to encourage our inactive alumni to come out and participate in your Association, we ask that you spread the word to our alumni, both old and young, and invite them to our Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013. As indicated before, we have started a focus group to look in to ways of getting new members. Please bring one alumnus that you know to the meeting. We need you to get involved in your Association.

**Charitable Status:** We are in the process of registering a Charitable organization. This was approved by our Executive Committee. In this way we can raise more funds and give tax receipts to our donors, and we do hope we will become your favorite charity. We hope to complete this by June 2013

**Health Seminars:** There are two seminars planned, a Diabetes Seminar in May and a Heart Health Seminar in October. Our plan is to take the lead in creating a culture of health so we can achieve more and enjoy life more by holding a series of health seminars for the Guyanese and Caribbean diaspora with the involvement of other alumni associations. Alumnus Dr. Vivian Rambihar will be the lead on these seminars.

**E-mail Money Transfer:** We are in the process of completing arrangements with our Bank to accept e-mail money transfers which will make it easier for our alumni to pay their membership fees and buy tickets for our future events. You will be able to send your money directly from your bank account to the QCAA (Toronto) bank account.

Again I thank you for your continued support for the past 2 years, but I must warn that our viability and survival will be threatened unless we all work together to get more and younger alumni involved in the activities of our Association.

**EDEN GAJRAJ**  
President, QCAA (Toronto)  
Obituaries

We say VALETE to the following persons who passed away since the last issue of our Scribbler (April 2012) and convey our sincere condolences to their families and relatives.

ANNAMUNTHODO, Rupert – on October 6, 2012 at age 82 in Markham, Ontario, Canada. He attended QC in the 1940s. He had 4 brothers - Sir Harry (1939 British Guiana Scholar), P.C., H., and V. Annamunthodo - who entered QC between 1925 and 1940. He was the uncle of alumnus Michael Annamunthodo (1964-70) and former BHSAA (Toronto) President, Sharena Annamunthodo.

BAIRD, Gordon Dr. – on June 19, 2012 in New York. He attended QC from 1945-52, was a member of Weston “F” House, and a member of the QC Wight Cup cricket team of 1949 and 1950.

He qualified as a surgeon at Howard University after which he worked at the Georgetown Hospital in Guyana, was later Chief Medical Officer and Chief Surgeon at the McKenzie Hospital (now Linden Hospital, Guyana). He was regarded as one of those physicians who made sterling contributions to the health of Lindeners and whose surgical skills were second to none.

BARROW, Richard – on June 2, 2012 in Ottawa. He attended QC in the 1950s and was a member of Weston “F” House.

BENJAMIN, Olga – on May 3, 2012 at age 86 in Brooklyn, New York. She was the mother of alumnus Horace Benjamin who attended QC in the 70s, was a member of Pilgrim “E” House, and was the 1971 QC Senior Table Tennis (TT) Champion.

BISHOP, Aubrey Fitz Ronald O.R., C.C.H., B.Sc, L.L.M. – on February 6, 2013 at age 81 in Guyana. He attended QC from 1943-50, was a member of Pilgrim “E” House, and Prefect in 1949. He was a former President of the Queen’s College Old Students Association (QC-OSA).

He was appointed Chancellor of the Judiciary in 1996 after he was called to the English Bar in July 1963 and serving as a High Court Judge (1976), in the Court of Appeal (1987), and as Chief Justice (1992). After retiring from the Judiciary, he assumed a full-time Professorship of Law at the University of Guyana and was Head of Department.

Justice Bishop represented QC in cricket, soccer, hockey, and table tennis. He also represented Guyana in soccer and served as President of the Guyana Football Referees Association and as Secretary of the Guyana Olympic Association.

CARTER, Dr. Norman A. - in 2012 at age 77 in the U.S.A. He attended QC from 1950-53. He was Head of Pilgrim “E” House in 1952, and Prefect in 1951 and 1952.

CHAN, Forster – on December 8, 2012 at age 85 in Etobicoke, Toronto. He attended QC from 1938-44 and was in Percival “A” House. He was the father of alumnus Wayne Chan (1966-71). Forster was an entrepreneur who, among other ventures, established Nifty’s Soda Fountain located on Camp Street in Georgetown, Guyana.

CHOLMONDELEY, Hugh Neville James – on August 10, 2012 at age 73 in New York. Hugh attended QC in the 1950s and was a member of Percival “A” House.

He will be remembered as a prominent radio broadcaster in Guyana (GBS station) and the Caribbean and the first general manager of the Guyana Broadcasting Service (GBS) in 1968. He also worked at the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) and was the Caribbean representative for UNESCO.

See tribute by Sir Ronald Sanders at page 6.

CHUNG, Allan – on January 31, 2013 in Barbados. Allan attended QC from 1967-74 and was a member of Percival “A” House. At time of passing, Allan was working with the Caribbean Development Bank (1982-2013) and was its IT Manager since 1991.

D’ABREU, Querino Martyn – on August 16, 2012 at age 87 in Guyana. He was the father of alumni Gordon (1972-74) and Querino (73-75) D’Abreu.

FOO, Colonel (Ret’d) Perry – on April 6, 2012 at age 64 in Los Angeles, California. Perry attended QC from 1960-66, was in Austin “C” House, and an opening bowler for the Northcote Cup School team.

Perry joined the Guyana Defense Force (GDF) after leaving school and rose to the rank of Colonel. At time of passing, he was the President of the GDF Los Angeles Veterans Association.

FREDERICKS, Edwin - in October Guyana (no other information available)

GASKIN, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret’d.) Gregory – on June 20, 2012 at age 64 in Guyana. Gregory attended QC from 1959-67 and was a member of Woolley “H” House. Gregory died as a result of a biking accident at the South Dakota Circuit.

Gregory was also a former Guyana Defence Force Lieutenant Colonel, attorney and CEO of COPS Guyana security service.
GREENE, Henry – on September 7, 2012 at age 58 in Guyana. He attended QC from 1966-71, was a member of Moulder “G” House, and was a member of the QC Table Tennis and Tumbling teams and the school’s Christian Fellowship Society.

He joined the Police Force after leaving school and became its Crime Chief and Commissioner. At time of passing, Henry was President of the Guyana Table Tennis Association (GTTA). Many alumni remember him for his contributions to the 1994 and 2009 QC Reunions.

GRIFFITH, Owen Malcolm – on September 7, 2012 in Santa Clara, California. He was the older brother of alumnus (1952-59, Weston “F” House) and QCAA Toronto member Conrad Griffith.

HUSBANDS, Aubrey – on February 9, 2013 in Guyana. Aubrey attended QC in the 1950s.

ISAACS, Michael J – on October 9, 2012 in the UK. Michael attended QC from 1948-55, was a member of Raleigh “B” House, and was a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association.

JACKSON, Irona – on October 21, 2012 at age 104 in Brooklyn, NY. She was the mother of Hesley Ferris Jackson who attended QC from 1951-59 and was a member of Cunningham “K” House.

JARDINE, Winifred – on January 14, 2013 at age 85 in Georgetown. She was the mother of alumnus and QCAA Toronto member Collin Jardine who attended QC from 1951-59.

KEATES, Laurence Walter – on May 27, 2012 at age 83 in the UK. Keates - who was born in Cheadle, in Staffordshire, UK - taught Spanish and French at QC from 1955-58. He was a Life Member of the UK Chapter.

LEWIS, Laurie Leland DSM, DSS – on August 12, 2012 at age 71 in Guyana. He attended QC from 1953-61, was a member of Woolley “H” House and Prefect in 1960. He was a very active member of the Guyana Chapter (QC-OSA) of QCAA, serving for many years as its President and later as a member of its Executive Committees. He was one of the founding members of QCAA International Committee (ICQC).

Laurie (Trinculo) was a most loyal and dedicated alumnus who did his utmost to help his alma mater. In recognition of his contribution to QCAA and ICQC, the Toronto Chapter in 2008 conferred upon him its Leadership Award. He was a former Commissioner of Police in Guyana.

LOW, DR. Edward E. - on June 29, 2012 at age 86 in Riverside, CA, U.S.A.. Dr. Lowe attended QC from 1943-46, was a member of Raleigh “B” House, and had 2 others brothers, Ronald & Reginald, who were alumni. He was the uncle of alumnus and former QCAA Toronto Director, Stanley Chan Choong (1964-70, Percival “A” House).

After receiving his medical degree at the University College Hospital in London, England in 1952, he served at various hospitals in Jamaica and the U.S.A.. He practiced at the Broughton Hospital in NC, U.S.A. until 1974.

LOWE, Michael – on January 29, 2012 at age 56 in Guyana. Michael attended QC from 1968-73 and was a member of Moulder “G” House. Michael was part of the QC Tumbling Team, represented the school at swimming, and was Sargeant in the QC Cadets.


NASIR, Naeem - on October 9, 2012 at age 52 in Guyana. Naaem attended QC from 1970-75 and was a founder member of the Islamic Society at school. At time of passing, he was the owner of Bakewell and the Roti Hut in Guyana.

NEDD, Lindser Ivy – on June 27, 2012 at age 63 in Surinam. Aubrey attended QC from 1959-67 and was a member of Raleigh “B” House. Aubrey worked for some years as a Customer Service Engineer with IBM in Guyana.

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RICHARDS, Loris Oswald – on October 21, 2012 in Guyana. He attended QC from 1951-58

ROBINSON, Eileen – on September 11, 2012 at age 77 in Guyana. Eileen is the sister of alumnus (1952-59, Weston “F” House) and QCAA Toronto member Conrad Griffith.

Eileen worked at the University of Guyana Registry and was the wife of late prominent attorney and Judge Advocate, Senior Counsel Donald Robinson.

SAHAI, Dr. Richard – in Long Island, NY at age 80 on August 5, 2012. Attended QC in the 1940s. He worked at the Central Medical lab in Georgetown, Guyana, and obtained his degree in Medicine at the University of Dublin, Ireland.
Obituaries

SILLS, Elton Gregory - on July 4, 2012 at age 57 in Guyana. He attended QC from 1966 to 1971, was a member of Percival “A” House, and represented the school in soccer and hockey. Gregory also represented Guyana in hockey and, at time of passing, was the Honorary Secretary of the Guyana Hockey Board.

SINCLAIR, O’Neil – on January 4, 2013 at age 73 in Mississauga, Canada. He attended QC from 1951-56 and was a member of Moulder “G” House.

STEWART, Lawrence Howard - on January 13, 2013 at age 55 in the U.K. He attended QC from 1970-74, and was a Life Member and former Executive Committee member of the U.K. Chapter of QCAA.


VALIDEN, Dr. Charles – on Aug. 27, 2012 at age 76 in Triumph, East Coast Demerara, Guyana. Dr. Validen attended QC around 1947-52.

Dr. Validen was an obstetrician-gynecologist who had a practice in Charlotte Street and also worked as an OB/GYN Doctor at Davis Memorial Hospital – practicing his profession until a few months before his death.

VEECOCK, Ralph Percival – passed away on December 17, 2012 at age 90 in Toronto. He attended QC from 1933-40. He was the grandson of the late James Veecock, Second Master (Deputy Head) of QC from 1861 to 1872.

WICKHAM, Martin Borrett Austin – on November 16, 2012 at age 70 in Ottawa. He attended QC from 1951-59 and was a member of Austin “C” House. Martin was under-13 athletics champion 1955, twice BG junior tennis champion, and a Guyana Junior Tennis Champion. He was a great, great, great nephew of Bishop Piercy Austin, founder of Queen’s College. A Chartered Accountant, he worked in the Office of the Auditor General (Canadian Federal Government) until his retirement.

WILSON, Beryl Elaine - on May 15, 2012 at age 88 in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

She was the mother of alumnus Gordon Wilson (1959-1967, D’Urban “D” House) who is a member of QCAA NY and the current Deputy Executive Secretary of the International Committee of Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Associations (ICQC), and the grandmother of alumni Christopher, Dwayne (1984-1987, D’Urban “D” House), Camara (1998-1999) and Christian (2006-present).

Editor’s Note:
Our sympathies to the alumnus and QCAA Toronto stalwart, Conrad Griffith, who lost 2 siblings in 2012. Please let us know if we have omitted any names from our list and we will certainly include them in the next issue of “The Scribbler.”

LAST LAP LIME

Date: Monday August 5th, 2013

Location: Woodbridge Fairgrounds
100 Porter Avenue
Woodbridge, Ontario.
Kipling Avenue & Highway 7

Parking is $5
Large Parking area!!

TICKETS

Early-bird - $15.00
At the event - $25.00

QCAA TORONTO CHAPTER
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013

April 28 - Annual General Meeting

May - Health Seminar 1 (to be confirmed)

June 9 - Annual Father’s Day Brunch

August 5 - Last Lap Lime

October - Annual Casino Rama outing

October - Health Seminar 2 (to be confirmed)

Details of events will be circulated and posted on our website www.qcalumnitoronto.com
The Special Awardees Programme run by the Guyana-based Old Students Association of Queen’s College (QC-OSA) has grown since its inception in 2005. According to the October 2012 Report issued by QC-OSA, ten QC students are benefiting from the Programme. It materially assists students whose economic circumstances render them in need of such help.

Students, who meet the selection criteria, are provided with weekday lunches, textbooks, transport subsidies, and spectacles. Assistance with exam fees is also covered under the Programme, although none has been requested since December 2010.

The Programme is financed by part of the proceeds from QC-OSA sales of QC ties and pins; local donations; and cash donations from QCAA overseas chapters and individual alumni. In addition to its annual cash contributions, the Toronto Chapter has been providing backpacks filled with school and other supplies since 2009.

QC-OSA is to be commended for pursuing such a worthy cause. They would very much appreciate if more donations were forthcoming from our alumni community to help with maintaining the level of assistance that is provided by the Programme, and to do even more.

KEMAHL KHAN

Editor’s Note: To donate to the Special Awardees Programme, cheques or drafts should be made payable to QC-OSA, indicating that the donation is specifically for SAP. QC-OSA’s address is Queen’s College Old Students Association, Queen’s College, Camp Road, Georgetown, Guyana. Enquiries regarding wire transfers can be directed to this address also.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

QCAA TORONTO CHAPTER and its LLL partners, BHS, St.Rose’s, St.Joseph’s, and Saint Stanislaus Alumni Associations collaborate again, this time around, to explore ways and means of expanding their membership bases and to increase participation in their activities, especially by the younger alumni and alumnae.

To achieve these goals, a Membership Development Focus Group, consisting of the presidents and executive committee members of the five Associations, has been formed and held its first meeting on January 19th last. The “brainstorming” session identified several strategies, some of which will be pursued on a joint-basis; others to be implemented by the Associations on an individual basis. An action plan has since been drawn up to achieve the objectives set.

Over the last 20 years or more, the Associations, including our Toronto Chapter as you know, have made significant contributions to their individual alma mater to assist with maintaining the high standards of excellence for which they are renowned.

Assistance provided to the five schools in Guyana include, among others, educational books, computers, audio and musical equipment, classroom, library and office furniture, mentoring and personal support programmes. This assistance, given towards a very worthy cause, is largely the result of the unselfish and tireless efforts of a core group of die-hard, aging members of the respective associations.

Looking to the future, the Associations need more alumni to embrace the cause and to not only ensure, by their active participation, the continuation of the level of assistance to their individual alma mater, but also to assist the Associations in doing even more.

Our Toronto Chapter is grateful to our long-time members for their support over the years, encourage them to be more actively involved and, in turn, to encourage their alumni friends to join us as we strive to meet our goals. Our existing members are reminded to update their membership and remit their annual subscription. We welcome those alumni and alumnae, both young and old, who have not yet joined us to come on board. We invite them to apply for membership by completing the membership form on our Chapter’s website www.qcalumnitoronto.com

KEMAHL KHAN
Acting VP, Membership and Comms.
& Immediate Past President QCAA
(Toronto)
To say that Hugh Neville James Cholmondeley was a golden voice of broadcasting in Guyana in the 1960’s and early 1970’s is to speak a truth but not to tell the whole story. While he had a voice that commanded attention, it was his recognition that broadcasting had a key role to play in enlightening society that distinguished him.

In 1968, he became the first general manager of the Guyana Broadcasting Service (GBS). In that role, he set about two important and standard setting tasks. The first was to establish a team of outstanding broadcasters in Guyana who would extend the boundaries of radio beyond a purveyor of entertainment into the realm of debate on national issues; of investigative broadcast journalism; of reflecting the society though documentaries; and “live” coverage of national events when and as they happened. His early radio documentary series “Through the Looking Glass” was path breaking.

“Action Line” – a live, call-in programme, open to the public was an early feature of GBS which began broadcasting on October 1, 1968 to the theme song “Puppet on a String”. It was Hugh’s philosophy that GBS would be the “puppet” and the public would pull its strings. “Action Line” became the bane of many politicians’ lives, but it also served as a vehicle for change. People raised real issues that affected their daily lives in a public discourse that authorities could not ignore.

Grappling with the political issues of the post-independence period was a difficult task. GBS was government-owned, but recognising that it should not be government-controlled, Hugh established its financial independence by programming that made it profitable through advertising. He also tried to establish balance in the station’s political coverage. He initiated interrogative programmes such as “live” interviews, which he and I conducted, with the then Prime Minister Forbes Burnham and the then Opposition Leader Cheddi Jagan.

Beyond his own talent as a broadcaster, it was as a broadcast administrator that Hugh displayed consummate skill. To carry out the vision he had for GBS, he recruited what could now be regarded as a star-studded cast of broadcasters including Vic Insanally, Clairmont Taitt, Beverley-Ann Rodrigues, Matthew Allen, Wordsworth McAndrew, Terry Holder, Keith Barnwell, Christopher Deane, Carlton James, Ken Corsbie and (at the risk of being immodest) Ron Sanders. In the newsroom, Cecil Griffith led a team of experienced news and sports reporters, among whom were Reds Pereira and Bruiser Thomas.

It should be recalled that throughout this period, Guyana did not have television. Across the country, people relied on radio for information and entertainment. Further, GBS had no monopoly. It competed with Radio Demerara, headed by Rafiq Khan (one of Hugh’s mentors). To succeed and fulfill its role, GBS required a respected leader – and that Hugh undoubtedly was. We followed him willingly and joyfully.

He left GBS in early 1973 when I succeeded him as General Manager and programme Director. He moved on to concentrate on important work in regional broadcasting that he had begun in 1968. He had worked diligently to help establish the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU) to bring the region closer together through joint and shared programming by radio and television stations. Another of his path-breaking initiatives was “Horizons”, a Sunday at Noon live broadcast simultaneously by radio stations in Guyana, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

He had also been working on establishing the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) to replace Reuters as the mechanism for news exchange between Caribbean countries. For decades, Caribbean countries received news about each other from the headquarters of news agencies in London.
Farley’s QUIZ

1. In 1850, there were approximately a) 100; b) 300; c) 1000 shops in Georgetown. What is the correct number?

2. In the same year how many shops were there in New Amsterdam - a) 100; b) 300; c) 50?

3. Two remarkable discoveries were made in British Guiana in the 1870’s. What were they?

4. In what year was an international tribunal formed to arbitrate the boundary dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana?

5. What does the word “Venezuela” mean?

6. The National Assembly of Guyana consists of how many members?

7. What is the highest judicial body in Guyana called?

8. In the 1953 national elections, how many seats were won by the People’s Progressive Party (PPP)?

9. When did the rift which split the PPP occur?

10. Along with his brother Richard, he was sent by the Royal Geographical Society to explore the Rupununi region and the main rivers of Guiana. Who was he?

11. What is the name of the first Guyanese-born Head (Archbishop) of the Guyana Anglican Church?

12. Who was the first Anglican Bishop of Guiana and Primate of the West Indies?

SAVILLE A. FARLEY
Attended Q.C. 1952-1959
Austin “C” House & Cunningham “K” House

Answers on - 28

Editor’s Note: The above Tribute appeared in the Guyana Kaieteur News of Sunday, August 12, 2012. It has been reproduced here with the kind permission of its author.

Sir Ronald Michael Sanders KCMG is an international consultant, business executive, writer, former senior Caribbean diplomat, and Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies of London University (U.K). He is a Life Member of QCAA (UK Chapter).

He publishes widely on Small States in the global community. His biography and his extensive range of commentaries, lectures and interviews can be accessed on his personal website:

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New York and Paris. CANA made the links direct, and Hugh played a vital role in its conception and implementation. He has left the region the legacy of those two still surviving institutions whose potential for enhancing regional integration remain great.

He became the Caribbean representative for UNESCO and in that position, he presented projects for funding that aided communication throughout the region. His paths and mine crossed again at that time while I served on the Executive Board of UNESCO and on the Board of the International Programme for the Development of Communication. Hugh was an indefatigable champion of Caribbean communication causes at every meeting.

Eventually, he moved on to do work for the UN in Somalia at a time of grave conflict. Always fretful about Guyana, he also played a role in assisting the three CARICOM negotiators (Sonny Ramphal, Alister McIntyre and Henry Forde) when the “Herdmanston Accord” was fashioned in 1997-1998 to secure a peaceful resolution of a political conflict that followed the 1997 general elections. To his death, he remained a Guyanese patriot deeply concerned about the need and importance for official machinery that would ameliorate party political discord and set the country on the path of public peace, racial tolerance and equity of treatment of all Guyanese.

Guyana and the Caribbean have lost an outstanding son who will long be remembered by those whose lives he touched indelibly.

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Laurie Leland Lewis transitioned from this planet on August 12, 2012. He last attended QC as a student in 1961 but as they say – “he never left QC”. As he immersed himself during his adult life in efforts to support the school it would seem most appropriate to call him Mr. QC. Really, it would be difficult to find another alumnus who was as attentive to the school’s business.

It came to pass that he was called Trinculo after playing the part in the William Shakespeare’s play, The Tempest, at school. The moniker seems out of place when you consider that Trinculo was cast as a jester and a drunkard.

I invite you to review the tributes that were advanced by various alumni bodies and his other associates.

VICTOR R. MOSES

He joined Queen’s College in 1953 and never left it … Laurie later went on to become the Chairman of the Board of Directors at QC until ill-health forced him to give up the position …. He spent a substantial part of his life shepherding the youths …

CONRAD PLUMMER
Chair, QC Board

Laurie Lewis loved QC and all it stands for

The Queen’s College Old Students’ Association of Guyana expresses its profound regret at the passing of alumnus and former Commissioner of Police Laurie Leyland Lewis. Mr. Lewis attended Queen’s College from 1953 to 1961 as a member of Woolley House, and later joined the Old Students’ Association where he served as President from 1992 until 2008.

He was also appointed to the Queen’s College Board of Governors and eventually served as its chairman. Over the years he both remained and became a dear friend of many alumni of all ages in the QC alumni chapters abroad, and especially to members of the Guyana chapter.

To say that Laurie loved Queen’s College would be an understatement, as he was nicknamed “Mr. QC”.

Before his illness, Laurie spent almost every weekday visiting the school to attend meetings with the head teacher, staff, parents and students.

His zeal and love for his alma mater, the staff and student body was what drove the Old Students’ Association for many years. Laurie always gave objective advice. His heart’s desire for Queen’s College was to see its flag flown with pride and its fundamental pillars reinstituted. Most of all, he loved QC and all it stands for, and lived our motto “Faithful, Useful, Always.”

The Old Students’ Association will always remember Mr Lewis for his total dedication to Queen’s College, and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

SHARON KREUTER
for the Queen’s College Old Students Association of Guyana

Dear members of the Queen’s College of Guyana Community:

It saddens me to report that former Commissioner of Police, former Chairman of our alma mater’s Board of Directors and former President of QC-OSA, Laurie Leyland Lewis left us today for higher service after a prolonged period of illness.

It is our fervent prayer that our God will wrap Laurie’s sorrowing family in comfort and love at this difficult time.

Kindly convey to Laurie’s family, ICQC’s sincere condolences on his early departure. The Q.C. community prays that Laurie’s transition to his heavenly home would be as peaceful as his soul rests, and rise in glory on the appointed day.

Fraternally,
GORDON L. WILSON
Deputy Executive Secretary, ICQC

To the Lewis family:

We learned of the passing of your husband, father and our brother Laurie Leland Lewis DSM, DSS.

The Executive and membership of the Toronto Chapter
of the Guyana Queen’s College Alumni Association (QCAA Toronto) regret the passing of this notable alumnus.

We were aware of the Laurie’s recent challenges but felt confident that he’d, in his own indomitable way, find a way to "fight it out" much longer.

The welfare of QC meant a lot to Laurie and this was reflected in his passion, efforts and sterling contributions. He understood and maintained that fraternal code with fellow alumni/alumnae and friends. We are truly diminished by the withdrawal of his presence and contributions.

Please accept our condolences and wishes for his eternal rest. We also pray that you'd be vested with the courage to withstand it all.

VICTOR R. MOSES
Secretary for QCAA Toronto

Our friendship started before we entered QC and Laurie was the brother I never had. He was a man that loved his family, his job as a police officer and Queen’s College more than anything. The last 15 years of his life he devoted to Queen’s College as a member of the Board, trying to change the culture and bring back the professionalism he knew when he attended school. There were various things he did or said that many people could not comprehend and he could not fully explain as he had acquired information from his job as a Police Officer which guided some of his action or reactions.

May his soul rest in peace!

JOHN YATES

The Queen's College family is once again plunged into deep mourning by the loss of Leyland Laurie Lewis known as Trinculo or Culo. Laurie was a retired Commissioner of Police and served for many years as President of the Queen's College Old Students Association (QC-OSA). He was a contemporary of my Dad, childhood friend of my mother and he was a dear friend to me. I served with Laurie on the QC-OSA Executive. I will surely miss him. I extend condolences to Jenny and the boys from the Holder family. May he Rest in Peace!

DAWN HOLDER

All,

This is surely a great loss to the QC community. I remember Laurie "Trinculo" from the QC days. He was many years my senior but as we always did we feared "vereor" the upper sixers and prefects.

I remember his leading the organization of the 150th QC reunion in GT with the help of Dawn Holder. What memo-

ries!

I shall always remember his contributions and participation in all things QC.

Truly a great loss!

KEITH WILSON

Sad news again! I remember the significant role Laurie played at the last GT Reunion in 2009. I am glad we had a chance to share a meal and reminiscing old times. But it reminds me of the reason many of us made the effort to attend - we may not be here for the next one.

May Laurie rest in peace, and hope our prayers bring comfort to his family.

Ciao!

RIC MC RAE

To all,

I am very greatly saddened to learn of the passing of both Hugh Cholmondeley and Laurie Lewis - both of whom I knew at QC, especially Laurie as he was in my form during most of the 1950’s. A class act both of them - and taken much too early.

God rest their souls.

MARTIN WICKHAM
(Editors note: Martin passed away 3 months after offering this tribute)

As a Rotarian, Lewis’ had “unquestionable leadership skills”….
under Lewis’ leadership, the club earned the President’s Citation from the Rotary International body….
“Even with the demand of the office of the Commissioner, he found time to attend meetings…even when sickness took its toll. There was not a Rotarian he did not know. No rotary function would be complete without him.”

KHALIL ALI
President of the Rotary Club of Georgetown

"Laurie Leland Lewis will live in the hearts of professional policemen and women, and all good citizens for all times. His name will be etched in the annals of history, and he definitely leaves footprints in the sands of time.”

ROSHAN KHAN
Chief Executive Officer, RK’s Security Services
The death of Jan Rynveld Carew on December 6, 2012 has robbed Guyana of another of its noted men of letters.

The ‘Gentle Revolutionary’, as he was often described, was renowned as a novelist, playwright, essayist, educator and lecturer. He was also a poet and a broadcaster, was considered a painter and artist in his own right, and even acted on stage in London with the great Sir Laurence Olivier. He penned his Black Midas and The Wild Coast to critical acclaim.

He left Guyana at age 17 for the U.S.A. where he studied at Howard University and Western Reserve University. He also attended Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Sorbonne in France, and Moscow’s Patrice Lumumba University. Disenchanted with communism, he penned his seminal work Moscow is not my Mecca.

A citizen of the world, he made his way to England, Holland, Spain, Canada, Mexico, Ghana and lived in several Caribbean countries in addition to those countries where he studied. Whilst in England, he wrote for children and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Interested in interpreting of how history was taught, he promoted a black alternative. In the opening chapter of his book Rape of Paradise, he wrote about the development of Spain under the Muslims, pointing to the many positive improvements that the Muslims made in agriculture, mathematics, science, astronomy and other fields.

I last met him about 8 years ago at the bookstore, A Different Booklist, located at Bathurst and Bloor Streets, Toronto. We reminisced about his 1961 teleplay on ITV in London, U.K., and he recalled his times at Berbice High School and its teachers who made a lasting impression on him. I noticed that he was frail, but his faculties were still intact.

I remember his nights on the radio talking about various aspects of black culture. He was a pioneer in the field of Pan-African Studies, and was on par with other black intellectuals who sought to give an alternative view to the way history was being presented, such as W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Cheikh Anta Diop, and Ivan Van Sertima among others.

Requiescat in pace

SAVILLE A. FARLEY
Attended Q.C. 1952-1959
Austin “C” House
and Cunningham”K” House
A Tribute to Ewart Thomas

BY COLIN A. MOORE (1953-60, Percival “A” House)

Happy Birthday, Ewart, on your 70th Birthday Celebration on December 25, 2012 - 70 runs, not out, and still batting vigorously. Hip Hip Hooray on a magnificent Test Match. May you, with God’s blessing, advance, like Brian Lara, to the century mark and beyond. Permit me, Ewart, to extend this convoluted sporting metaphor, one step further.

The apostle Paul, at the end of a glorious spiritual marathon exclaimed: “I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is reserved for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall gave me at that day”. [2 Timothy 4:7-8]

Ewart, I have looked on, with bated breath, as you have run this magnificent marathon. It is a journey that began in the sleepy hamlet of Vryheid, just outside New Amsterdam, Berbice, where you attended your father’s elementary school, N/A Congregational School, and learnt the fundamentals of arithmetic, algebra and geometry that you later developed to perfection. To prepare you for ‘scholarship’, you attended St. Alban’s Anglican School in Belladrum where, under the tutelage of Mr. I.T. Henry, you won a County scholarship to attend Queen’s College in Georgetown.

The marathon continued at Queen’s, where you won the Guyana Scholarship in 1960, and became one of the first Guyana Scholars to have earned distinctions in three science subjects - Physics, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics – while also passing a fourth subject, Chemistry.

In 1960 you also won a UCWI open scholarship and proceeded to the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies where you graduated in 1963 with first class honors in mathematics. From there it was on to St. Johns College in Cambridge, UK where you were awarded the PhD in Statistics in 1967. Your dissertation involved the creation of mathematical models of certain aspects of brain and behavior.

The marathon culminated at Stanford University in California where you have been since 1972, becoming Professor of Psychology in 1975, then Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Stanford, the top-rated psychology department in the world. In 1988 you became Dean of the School of the Humanities and Sciences, the first person of African ancestry ever to achieve this feat. In 1989 UWI granted you an honorary Doctorate of Laws for being the most outstanding student in the quarter century since your graduation in 1963.

As you continue your magnificent marathon, I tip my hat in tribute to a great Berbician, a famous Guyanese, a celebrated West Indian, a renowned alumnus of Queen’s College, and of the University of the West Indies, a mathematical genius, an outstanding scholar, teacher and administrator.

In spite of his monumental academic achievements Ewart Thomas remains at heart “a simple country boy” without the hubris and affectations so often found in Afro-Saxon academics. He is a “people’s person” who has become a friend and confidant to the Caribbean community at Stanford. When asked by a reporter why he was so famous on campus, Ewart replied, in his usual self-deprecating and unpretentious manner, “Because I throw the best fetes on campus”.

One day when this marathon is completed I have no doubt that the Creator will meet Ewart at the Pearly gates, and confer on him that blessed crown.
DR. VIVIAN RAMBIHAR, eminent Toronto Cardiologist, who was presented with an award by the New York Chapter of QCAA for his exemplary global contribution to the field of medicine and complexity science. He received his award at the Chapter’s 21st Anniversary Ball and Presentation Ceremony held in New York on May 19, 2012. Among those witnessing the presentation were two current QCAA Toronto Chapter Executive Committee members - Secretary Victor Moses and Director Gerald Alleyne.

Dr. Rambihar, a Guyana Scholar who attended QC (Weston “F” House) from 1962 to 1969, was also recognized last year for his outstanding achievements, including his visionary and pioneering work in the field of ethnicity and health, when he received a national people’s choice award for being one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants to Canada at a ceremony held on May 29th in Toronto. He is an active member of the Toronto Chapter.

PROFESSOR JAMAL DEEN of McMaster University who on 25th May, 2012 received the Doctor Honoris Causa from La Universidad de Granada. It is the highest degree and honour that is conferred by the university, one of Spain’s major academic and intellectual institutions. Professor Deen earned this distinction in recognition of his exceptional achievements as a scholar, academic, educator, and as a collaborator with students and researchers in Granada. He attended QC from 1967 to 1973 and was a member of Cunningham “K” House. Last year he was presented with an Honourary Life Membership Award of the QCAA Toronto Chapter.

Editor’s Note: Both Vivian’s and Jamal’s 2012 awards add to the impressive list of those that they have received in previous years and which we have covered in past issues of The Scribbler where their outstanding academic and professional achievements were given in detail. Past issues can be accessed by clicking on the “Archives” link on the Homepage of our Chapter’s website: www.qcalumnitoronto.com

Dr Vivian Rambihar receiving Award from Deoki Pestano, QC alumna and Executive member of the New York Chapter.

L to R: Prof. Juan Antonio Jimenez Tejada of University of Granada, Prof. Jamal Deen, his wife Meena Deen and their oldest son Arif Deen.
Three Toronto-based alumni - Eden Gajraj, Bridge Ramdewar and Dr. Vivian Rambihar - were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. This new commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, and it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.

Eden, who attended QC in 1955-61 and was a member of Raleigh “B” House, is the current President of QCAA Toronto. His involvement in and contributions to community work has been acknowledged in the past with the following other awards: Queen Elizabeth 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee Medal (2002), Canada’s 125th Medal (1992), Outstanding Canadian 2000 Medal for significant contribution to compatriots, community and Canada (2000), and Civic Recognition Certificate awarded in recognition of service to the City of Scarborough (1996).

Bridge Ramdewar (centre) displays the medal and certificate that were presented by Parm Gill (left), Provincial MP for Brampton-Springdale.

BRIDGE RAMDEWAR attended QC in 1965-72 and was a member of Moulder “G” House. He has been a Federal Electoral Returning Officer for 11 years and an Ontario Provincial Electoral Returning Officer for 7 years – both for the Electoral District of Bramalea-Gore-Malton.

Some of his contributions to the community include Hosting Canada Day celebrations in his community park since 2007; organizing volunteer youth cleanup of riverbeds and ponds; coordinating tree planting by youth and dignitaries, including the Mayor and City Councilors, as part of Canada Day celebrations; and mediating disputes in the community. This is the second time that Bridge has been recognized for his work. In 2002, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal for activities at his former place of employment, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

DR. VIVIAN RAMBIHAR, who attended QC in 1962-69, was a member of Weston “F” House, and a 1969 Guyana Scholar.

The renowned cardiologist and health co-chair for the Global Organization for People of Indian Origin received the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on December 8, 2012.

Dr. Vivian Rambihar (L) with Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, physician and MPP, Etobicoke North, who presented the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Vivian.

Dr. Rambihar was recognized for his pioneering work in health promotion, diversity and health, and complexity science and health.
The Toronto Chapter of the Guyana Queen's College of Alumni Association (QCAA) has awarded bursaries to 3 deserving students: Gabrielle Gravesande, Jessica Hughes, and Kayla Owen. They will each receive a one-time cash award of $CAN 1,000.

**Gabrielle Gravesande**

Gabrielle is the daughter of alumnus and QCAA Toronto member, Pierre Gravesande (1975-81, Woolley “H” House). She graduated from Notre Dame C.S.S, Ajax, Ontario with grades in the high 90s and is currently in the first year of the Psychology (Hons) degree program at the Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario. Gabrielle plans to become a Developmental Psychologist as she would “like to work with youths as their generation often needs support, and to make them aware of their potential”.

While at school, Gabrielle was involved with the school newspapers, the Social Justice Club, and the Prom Committee. She also volunteered at the public library – reading to children on Sunday mornings.

Gabrielle comes with excellent recommendations and exhibited all-round skills and abilities by working as a life-guard and swimming instructor at her local pool.

**Kayla Owen**

Kayla is the daughter of alumnus and QCAA Toronto member, Wayne Owen (1972-77, D’Urban “D” House). The Toronto, Ontario resident graduated in 2012 from the Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute and is currently in the first year of a B.A (Hons) Sociology degree program at Carleton University, Ottawa.

Kayla will thereafter strive for a Teacher’s Certificate as she wishes to become a High School Teacher. At high school, Kayla was involved in improvisation/drama clubs, musicals, visual arts and photography, and was a member of the junior and senior girls’ volleyball teams.

In addition, Kayla volunteered as a music instructor at the Toronto Hope Lutheran Church and as a leader at a summer camp. She was also employed at the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation at their summer camps.

**Jessica Hughes**

Jessica is the grand-daughter of Clarence O. Perry (COP) – alumnus (1942-1949, Raleigh “B” House), past QC Science Master (1961-70), and QCAA Toronto member. Jessica graduated in 2010 from the Archbishop Denis O’Connor Catholic High School in Ajax, Ontario and is currently in the third year of a BSc (Hons) degree program in Life Science at the Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ontario.

After graduating, Jessica plans to apply to the Physiotherapy program and to become a Physiotherapist. Jessica is currently volunteering as a chiropractic assistant at the Pickering Wellness Centre. She volunteered at the P.R.Y.D.E Day Care Centre and was a gymnast for 9 years. Jessica also has strong interests in baseball and basketball, watching movies, and is involved in a weekly games night with her friends.

Additional details on the scholarship can be found at [http://www.qcalumnitoronto.com/files/Scholarship.pdf](http://www.qcalumnitoronto.com/files/Scholarship.pdf)

**Victor R. Moses**

Editor’s note:

QCAA (Toronto) wishes to encourage QC-leaving students to apply and to inform them that the CXC certificates are acceptable transcripts.
QC STUDENTS EXCEL at CXC EXAMINATIONS

Led by Jonelle James, QC topped all secondary schools in Guyana at the 2012 Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE). The sixth-former earned the honour for her school by achieving 5 Grade Ones in Caribbean Studies, Food and Nutrition, Biology, Chemistry, and Pure Maths.

Other top QC performers at CAPE were Christopher Chinnatambi with 4 Grade Ones and 2 Grade Twos; Melodie Lowe, Raphel Bascom, Kelly Ann Persaud who each secured 4 Grade Ones and 1 Grade Two; and Navindra Baldeo with 4 Grade Ones and 1 Grade Three. Nine other QC students secured 3 Grade Ones.

According to a Guyana Ministry of Education press release, the overall CAPE performance of all local secondary schools bettered that of 2011 by a four-percentage point increase.

At the CXC Caribbean Secondary Examination Certificate (CSEC) level, of the top 175 students from secondary schools in Guyana who secured 8 Grade Ones or more, 41 were from QC. Fourteen of the 41 students obtained Grade Ones ranging in number from 11 to 14. Among them was Kashif Khan (11 Grade Ones, 3 Grade Twos). Kashif was sponsored by the QCAA Toronto Chapter to participate in the Emerging Global Leaders Programme held in Barbados in 2010 that was arranged by the University of York, Ontario. An article on his participation was carried in the 2011 January edition of The Scribbler.

KEMAHIL KHAN

Editor’s Note: The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) CAPE exams replaced the “A” Level; the CSEC replaced the “O” Level. The above-stated statistical data was sourced from press releases of the local Guyana newspapers.

2013 ICQC ABM

LONDON, ENGLAND
OCTOBER 11-13

Friday, October 11th - Cultural Evening and Reception, Kensington Library (Fee – £15)

Saturday, October 12th – **25th Anniversary Dinner and Dance- joint event of U.K Chapters of QCAA and BHSAA (venue to be announced)

Sunday, October 13th – ICQC ABM, Eversheds LLP in the City (Registration fee, includes lunch – £10)

**The U.K. Chapters of QCAA & BHSAA are celebrating their Silver Anniversary (25th) of the founding of their Associations.
(L to R) Toronto Chapter members Saville Farley, Leyland Muss and Central Florida's Roger Zitman at 2012 ICQC ABM.

(L to R) Brian Woodroffe (QC-OSA), Toronto Chapter members Andrew Knight and Kemahl Khan at 2012 ICQC ABM.

(L to R) Alumni Reggie Thompson (Toronto), Aubrey Smith (NY), Victor Moses (Toronto), Wayne King (NY) and Erwin Massiah (Toronto) at Toronto Chapter Caribana Dance.

QC-OSA’s President Brian Woodroffe, wife Shelly, and QC-student daughters, Sasha (front left) and Shannon (right) at 2012 Last Lap Lime.

(L to R) QC alumni Patrick Bradshaw (NY) and Neil Smith (TO) outside Toronto Chapter’s booth at 2012 Last Lap Lime.

Some 2012 ICQC ABM delegates, other alumni and friends at Last Lap Lime, Woodbridge Ontario. (L to R) Keith Corsbie, Brian Woodroffe, Clarence Trotz, Roland Carryl, Rudy Lochan, Adam Harris, Peter Gonzales, Victor Moses, Ron Lochan and unknown guest.
NY ANNIVERSARY & AWARDS CEREMONY

From left: Ronald Lochan, Toronto Chapter Secty Victor Moses and Patrick Stephens.

From left: Toronto Chapter Director Gerald Alleyne, Denis Johnson and Larry Boxhill.

From left: Neville Trotz and daughters Maya (one of the awardees) and Alissa.

From left: Gordon Williams, Dawn Holder, and Fabian Liverpool

At centre: Neil Benjamin and Mrs. Benjamin doing their thing.

NY Chapter President Alfred Granger (L) introducing Kenneth Benjamin - Guest Speaker, alumnus, and Chief Justice of Belize.
Wishart at lunch with his QC buddies. Attendees at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2012 at the Tall Pines Community Centre in Scarborough.

Former QC teachers Mike Wishart (Left) and Clarence Perry “COP” meet after many years. Mike Wishart (centre) with alumni Roland Carryl on his left and Roger Jeffrey on his right.

A view of the other side of the meeting room and those attending the AGM. Attendees at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2012 at the Tall Pines Community Centre in Scarborough.

Here was one more reason to attend the 2012 Annual General Meeting with Gerald Alleyne (L) and Stanley Chan Choong setting up the room for the mid-session break.
QCAA (Toronto) Members (from left) Albert, Eden, Gerald, David, Victor, Stan and Audrick.

Jennifer Welshman, St. Rose’s AA Executive Committee member and husband Howard, a St. Stanislaus alumnus.

Whooping it up is Tracy, daughter of Toronto Treasurer Audrick Chung; Stan Chan Choong in the background.

Toronto Chapter supporter Jean Adams (centre) with BHSSA (TO) President Peggy Edwards (left) and BHSSA (TO) Rochelle Boodie.

QCAA (Toronto) VP Vivian Wong and Janess Wong.

Entertainer, QC alumnus Martin James-Grimmond, taking a break at the keyboard.
From left: QCAA (Toronto) long-standing members Art Henery, Percy Anderson and Lester Fernandes.

Dennis Choy (right) of CHAAG Executive Committee and regular supporter Bernard Stephens.

From left: Toronto Chapter members Audrick Chung (L) and Syed Rayman.
Revellers at the Lime rocked to the rhythm and vocal stylings of the Angels Caribbean Band.

A cross-section of the crowd enjoying the music on what turned out to be a lovely summer day at the Lime.

QCAA (Toronto) Immediate Past President Kemahl Khan, Secretary Victor Moses (L) and Associate Member, Angela Thomas, in their recurring roles at the QC booth.

Backpack Project Coordinator, Melissa Enmore, was back again promoting the cause for assisting students in Guyana.

Volunteers Audrick and wife Myrna (L) taking a breather with friends in the shade.

QCAA (Toronto) member David Singh flanked by the lovely women in his life.

Revellers at the Lime.
There is much criticism of the Guyanese authorities regarding the continual downward spiral of Queen's College in terms of building maintenance and staff discipline. While this criticism may be well deserved, I suggest that these problems are really the symptoms while the cause of the problem is poverty.

Wherever there is poverty in a community, peoples' needs tend to slide downward on Maslow's hierarchy. Eventually its members begin to fight among themselves for the scarce resources. Guyana's gross domestic product in 2011 was ranked by the World Bank as 157th in the world, just below Somalia (Haiti was #137 on that scale).

Facing such dire hardship, it is not surprising that tasks such as drain cleaning, garbage removal and pest eradication might be neglected with the resulting decline in public health and living conditions. There is a simple solution to this dilemma which proved to be a valuable instrument for achieving much communal benefit with limited funds and it is Self-Help.

Queen's College could be quickly and economically restored to working condition if each student was required to volunteer one hour per month toward maintenance, repair and cleaning of the school. Such an approach would also have the effect of instilling pride of ownership in the students. I would like to suggest that this system should be mandatory in all Guyanese schools.

ANDREW KNIGHT
Attended Q.C. 1960-1966
Cunningham “K” House

Editor’s Note: Andrew Knight’s “Student Self-Help” proposal stemmed from last year’s flea-infestation of QC which resulted in the school being closed for approximately three weeks.
The Toronto Chapter hosted the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) of the International Committee of the Queen’s College (ICQC) of Guyana Alumni Associations over the August 2012 Caribana weekend. The meeting discussed several important topics and issues relating to the activities and work of the associations with respect to the College. It was held on Sunday, August 5th, at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 22 Metropolitan Road in Scarborough.

The International Committee, comprising elected representatives of the various alumni associations, was established in 2003 to coordinate the work of the Associations. It meets once a year on a rotation basis in Guyana, New York, London (UK), Toronto, Washington, South Florida and Central Florida (not necessarily in that order) where Queen’s College alumni have set up Chapters of QCAA.

Among the matters discussed at last year’s ABM were the need for a definitive ICQC Master Plan to set out concrete strategies and initiatives, including fundraising, for the implementation of identified (primarily large-scale) projects designed to improve facilities at Queen’s College such as the proposed ground and pavilion project; the pressing need to improve the teaching of Physics at the school; and the installation of a modern intercom system to facilitate communication between the Headteacher, staff and students in the classrooms. The Intercom project has been undertaken by the Toronto Chapter which may require assistance from ICQC to have it completed.

The meeting generated lively debates and productive results which augur well for the role and future work of ICQC. Decisions taken at ABM’s are followed up at quarterly teleconferences of the Committee in which Chapter delegates participate.

The meeting saw the installation of QCAA Toronto’s President, Eden Gajraj, as ICQC President for the 2012-13 term. Eden took over from outgoing President Chris Chunnilall who is also the President of the UK Chapter. After installation, the ABM was chaired by Eden who led the discussions, ably assisted by the current ICQC Board’s Executive Secretary Lloyd Houston. In addition to the four Executive Board members, each of the constituent Chapters was represented by two delegates with voting rights. Non-voting local and overseas alumni were also in attendance and participated in the deliberations.

On the social side, the Toronto Chapter entertained visiting ICQC delegates, as well as other overseas and local alumni, supporters and friends, at a successful dinner and dance that was held on Caribana Friday and thoroughly enjoyed by all. In between the dance and the ABM, the alumni took the opportunity to share in the various events of the Caribana weekend. They also attended the annual alumni associations’ Last Lap Lime Guyanese festival on Monday August 6 in Woodbridge, Ontario, where they visited the Toronto Chapter’s booth and purchased various QC items that included QC-crested polo shirts, ties and pins.

The U.K. Chapter of QCAA will host the next ICQC ABM in London later this year to coincide with the Chapter’s 25th anniversary of its formation. The programme for this meeting is at page 15.
Eighteen (18) awards were given out to alumni and supporters on Sunday, July 15, 2012 as the Toronto Chapter of the Queen’s College of Guyana Alumni Association held its Awards event at the Tall Pines Community Centre in Scarborough.

Kemahl Khan, Immediate Past President and member of the current Executive Committee of the Chapter, was the recipient of the Leadership Award for his past leadership roles and outstanding contribution to various aspects of the Chapter’s activities.

Service Awards for support of the work of the Toronto Chapter and the QC alumni community in general were given to Chapter member Stanley Chan Choong and alumna Sharon Indira Kreuter, Secretary of the Guyana QC Old Students Association, while similar awards were given to alumni Alfred Granger of New York and Ian McDavid of Guyana for their crucial inputs to the QC Library Project implemented by the Toronto Chapter.

The Honourary Life Membership Awards were conferred upon Clarence Icelias Trotz, former QC student, teacher and Headmaster, QC alumni Frank Ewing-Chow, Professor M. Jamal Deen, and Kenrick Eyre for their significant contribution to Queen’s College and their continuing support and enhancement of the image of the Chapter.

Cecil Prashad, a member and ardent supporter of the Chapter, was accorded the Honourary Membership Award, while Myrna Chung, Tracy Chung, and Glenn Archer were the recipients of the Appreciation Award – the Chungs for their continuing active involvement in the Chapter’s various events, and Archer for providing voluntary network design and technical consultation services to the QC Library Project.
Certificates of award of the Chapter’s annual bursaries for post-secondary education, established to commemorate the late Lynette Dolphin, Prep Form mistress and music teacher at Queen’s College, were presented to Brittany Hughes for the year 2010, and to Katerina Eyre, Brook Ihnat, Sonnel David-Longe, and Shara Nauth for 2011.

In keeping with the Awards theme, Master of Ceremonies Vivian Wong, Vice President of the Toronto Chapter, while introducing the current Chapter President, Eden Gajraj, highlighted the recent award to Mr. Gajraj of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal given to Canadians for their significant contribution to Compatriots, Community and Canada.

Guest Speaker at the event was QC alumnus, Guyana Scholar, and Rhodes Scholar Dr. Michael Chan, FRCP (Psychiatry). His topic, “Remembering the Past – when terror hit QC”, dealt with a detailed analysis of the Cubana Airlines bombing of October, 1976 off the coast of Barbados. The disaster claimed the lives, among others, of two of his closest Queen’s College schoolmates who were on their way to Cuba to pursue medicine.

The successful Awards event drew a very appreciative audience of about 50 persons. They were thanked by President Gajraj for their support and participation in the afternoon’s proceedings after which complimentary snacks and refreshments were served.

Alumnus Frank Ewing-Chow receiving his Certificate of Award from Toronto Chapter’s Stan Chan Choong, himself an awardee.

The Toronto Chapter’s 2013/14 financial year began on February 1st. Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription of $25.00 before the April 2013 Annual General Meeting by completing the Membership Form available on our website www.qcalumnitoronto.com and sending it with their payment to the P.O. Box address stated on the form.

Our paid-up members in Canada average each year about 40 out of approximately 400 alumni listed in our database. We need to improve this situation. Our aim is to increase our paid-up membership to a more realistic level and therefore we appeal to those who have not yet taken out financial membership of our Chapter to do so.

The annual membership fee adds to our finances and, along with the funds that are raised by some of our annual events, helps in meeting our expenses with respect to donations to our alma mater, our website domain and space, the Webmaster’s fee for maintaining the site, the production of our newsletter, The Scribbler, the Lynette Dolphin Memorial Scholarship awards, and our non-fundraisers like our AGM, Appreciation and Literary events.

Your membership and payments will therefore be most appreciated. A specimen of the Membership Form is reproduced at page 37.

EDEN GAJRAJ
President
QCAA (Toronto)
For the past four years, the Boys of 1969 1B have been making an annual trek to that piece of Guyana in the US. Thanks to the vision of Theo Camacho, the 40th anniversary of our entrance to QC became a reason for gathering. The Guyana Ambassador to the US, Bayney Karran, and his wife Donna (QC lower 6th 1975) were our gracious hosts.

The 1969 1B never experienced the co-ed thing, so the boys were boys, then and now. Memories are relived in all their dramatic detail as grown men regress to relive their youth. Stories are retold and the best actors are celebrated. Whenever we meet we remember Pepe Swaresh Singh and we reflect on the times we had together at QC. He has not been with us since May 2006.

The food is all Guyanese with the national dishes well represented, and the beverages all international. About half of the Class shows up, a dozen strong, from all over the globe. The rest are celebrated but missed.

Last year (2012) was memorable in that a ‘derecho’ passed through the area and knocked down electrical lines for almost a week. This brought back 1970s memories of GT, but it reminded us that we are all survivors of uncontrolled forces, and we should always be prepared. This year our Ambassador celebrates 10 years of service in Washington. We look forward to celebrating with him.

MICHAEL CHAN
(1969 – 76, Austin “C” House)
(1976 Guyana Scholar; 1982 Rhodes Scholar)

Editor’s Note:
Well boys will not always be boys but don’t take my word for it. See below how far they have come.

QCAA Toronto recalls Swaresh Obindra "Pepe" Singh’s mother, Jeanette Singh of UGGA (TO), donating CAN$100 to us at our Chapter’s 2007 Brunch in memory of her late son.

Back L to R: T. Camacho, S. Dey, G. Williams, G. Chee-Gee-Min, M. Chan.

(Names in bold represent those who attended the 2012 Reunion)
Jocelyn Albert D’Oliveira was one of the most brilliant persons that I have had the privilege of knowing. Spanish was my subsidiary subject in the Lower and Upper Sixth Classical forms and he was my teacher. In the autumn of 1956, his assessment of my performance was: “Disappointing; can do much better.” This evaluation of my ability caused me to improve to such an extent that I was able to earn a pass in the subject at the Oxford and Cambridge “O” Level examination. He was delighted and so was I. I will be forever grateful to him.

Jocelyn won the prestigious British Guiana Scholarship in 1948 while he was a student at St. Stanislaus College. He pursued his post-secondary education at the University of Birmingham in England from 1949 to 1953 where he obtained his B.A. (Hons.), majoring in French with Spanish as a subsidiary, and also his Master’s degree in French Linguistics. Upon returning home after graduating from university, he joined the staff at Queen’s and taught French and Spanish from 1953 to 1956.

After leaving Queen’s, he had a distinguished career in the British Guiana Civil Service in which he held some senior positions. Thereafter, he returned to the academic field when he emigrated to Canada in 1962.

In Canada, Mr. D’Oliveira became Director of Academic Services, Glendon College (the bilingual faculty of York University). His responsibilities were to recruit and counsel students. He was also involved in academic policy and planning, and designed a calendar for the students. While at Glendon, he introduced Spanish and Psychology into the curriculum and created the Certificate of Bilingual Competence. He also taught two pre-law half courses in French: “Droit et société” and “Initiation au droit public du Canada.”

Mr. D’Oliveira retired in 1994 and resides in Toronto, and after 56 years I am still in touch with him.

I have followed the career of this brilliant linguist with great interest over the years, and as I recall our teacher-student relationship, I thought that I would share my memories and impressions about him with readers, especially those who were taught by him at QC or interacted with him at school in any other way. I urge former students of Queen’s to contribute articles recalling their memories and impressions of their teachers, and suggest to the editors of the Scribbler that a page be earmarked in future editions for such articles.

ABBAS EDUN
Attended Q.C. 1949-1957
Austin “C” and Woolley “H” Houses

Editor’s Note:
In his article “The Eminent Botanist” in the Scribbler of January 2010, ‘Bas recalled his association with another former QC teacher, Dr. Howard Samuel Irwin, who taught him Biology. As in the case of Mr. D’Oliveira, he also keeps in touch with Dr. Irwin.

Abbas has contributed articles, poems, or eulogies (to his deceased fellow QC alumni) that were carried in six of the last eight issues of our Scribbler, and we are very grateful to him for these contributions. Well Done, ‘Bas!
MY FIRST DAY AT QUEEN’S COLLEGE

BY ALEC B. FARLEY

It was the year when the Russians seemed to be whipping the Americans in the Space Race.

It was also the year when Island in the Sun opened at the Globe Cinema in Georgetown.

It was the year when rivalry between the PPP and PNC political parties reached fever pitch.

That was the year 1958, when I entered the hallowed halls of Queen’s College (Reginae Collegium).

I had qualified the previous year at the then Government County Scholarship Examination, but my father wanted the better prize of my winning a scholarship. So he decided that I retake the exam in 1958. And I did not disappoint him. I was one of the two Gov’t scholarship winners from the county of Berbice that year.

My two elder brothers – Saville and William Relford- were already attending Queen’s and I became the third member of the family to attend this iconic institution of learning. I distinctly remember my first day at QC. I saw the usual parade of masters making their way to the stage in the very spacious auditorium.

The Big Man, Mr. V.J. Sanger-Davies, clad in his mortarboard and flowing robes, led the procession. All was quiet and sombre until a student who was late sauntered into the assembly hall. This provoked the anger of the venerable Sanger who remonstrated with the latecomer, causing the rest of the school to respond with a humming sound, which developed into a crescendo that lasted a few minutes.

The Venerable One, his anger increasing, thereupon placed the entire student body in Detention – yes Detention! There it was, innocent me on my very first day in the hallowed halls of Queen’s being initiated into an apparent prank.

I must say, however, as I spent my seven years at QC, that I developed quite a respect for Sanger, doing my utmost to avoid being placed in Detention again.

Editor’s Note: Alec Farley attended QC from 1958 to 1965, belonged to Cunningham “K” House and was a member of its cricket team.

Answers to QUIZ

1. B- 300
2. C- 50
3. The Kaieteur Falls was discovered by Charles Barrington Brown; and huge gold deposits were found.
4. 1897
5. Little Venice, as in Venice, Italy.
6. 72 members.
7. The Court of Appeal.
8. 18
9. 1955 – the rift resulted in the formation of the PPP and PNC (People’s National Congress) as separate political entities.
10. Robert Schomburg
11. The Rt. Reverend Randolph George
12. None other than William Piercy Austin who served as Primate (1842-1892), the founder and first Principal of Queen’s College, Guyana.

Get Well Soon!

Our QCAA Toronto Chapter extends its sincere wishes for a return to good health to our fellow member Saville Farley and to alumnus Louis Narain of QC-OSA.
ife Member of QCAA Toronto Chapter Michael Wishart dropped in again last September to visit and get together with fellow QC alumni and friends in Toronto. His last such trip was also in the month of September 2009.

The guys entertained him at a lunch on Sunday, September 16th which was held at the Twilight Restaurant in Scarborough. With Wishart you know there was going to be great camaraderie and a lot of “ole” talk, and he did not disappoint with the latter. He was ably assisted by his witty and humorous buddy, former Guyana and West Indies cricket commentator Frank Bettencourt. His exchanges and “tan’lize” with Michael provided a happy atmosphere that made the occasion and delicious cuisine even more enjoyable.

Among the happy group were TO Chapter’s President, Eden Gajraj, Chapter members Roland Carryl, David Singh, C.O. Perry (COP), Joe Permaul, Geoffrey Burrowes, Keith Nobrega, Kemahl Khan and younger alumnus Roger Jeffrey who was taught at QC by Wishart, friend Brian Sadler (another former Guyana cricket commentator) and of course Frank Bettencourt. It was regretted that the other alumni and friends who shared the 2009 occasion were unable to participate this time around.

Come September maybe we will see you again Mike. You are always welcome!

KEMAHL KHAN
Attended QC 1951-1958
Weston “F” House
Meeting with Ken S. Eyre on May 26, 2012 to celebrate his 80th Birthday in Claremont, Ontario were some of Ken’s former classmates from the "STONE AGE".

So long ago since these guys left Queen’s College in 1950/1951!! At that time the College was located at the eastern end of Brickdam in Georgetown.

Capt. Howard Nobbs, MSc. was Headmaster, Miss Wan Ping was Secretary and Mr. Greene (known as the "DRONE" because he was such a hard worker) was the Custodian with living quarters on the property.

DENIS CHOW WOON
Attended Q.C. 1957-1961
Pilgrim “E” House

Editor’s Note:
Ken Eyre last year donated CAN$1000.00 to QCAA Toronto Chapter’s Lynette Dolphin Memorial Scholarship Fund. He is an Honourary Life Member of the Chapter. The Brickdam School was relocated in September 1951 to Camp Road, Thomas Lands where it is today.
Former QC Master, N.K Robinson, has written a book "Villagers at War". This book is an effort to record what Papua New Guineans knew about World War II, what they thought about the war, their perceptions of Japanese and Americans, what they considered their accomplishments and what were the sacrifices they made in the mighty endeavour to defend Australia and to defeat the Japanese.

The territory of Papua New Guinea was a theatre of war from 4 January 1942 to 15 August 1945. Australian and American forces finally halted the Japanese advance across the rugged Owen Stanley Mountains. The people of Papua New Guinea are referred to in most military histories as ‘natives’, ‘villagers’ or ‘Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels’. Little attention is paid to their feelings about the war or the impact of the war on their lives. The villagers did not keep diaries or journals, write letters or take photographs. They had little opportunity to record their thoughts and feelings about the conflict.

The author read official records including ANGAU (Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit) patrol reports and the War Diary. He interviewed and corresponded with more than 30 expatriates; including anthropologists, educators, missionaries and Australians who had served as Patrol Officers or in the Armed Forces. He visited several villages, including the Toaripi area, Hanuabada and Butibam to speak with villagers. He interviewed about 80 Papua New Guineans in groups and individually. He wanted those people who had experienced the harsh reality of war to share their memories. Informants told personal stories and one fable, they sang carriers’ songs, they talked about what it was like to flee their village and live as refugees. The war allowed Papuans and New Guineans to really meet for the first time. It enabled many people to gain self-confidence, and to see virtue in co-operation with other ethnic groups.

‘Villagers at War’ is available online from barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com and from bookshops (via Ingram Book Company); list price is $39.95 (US), discounted prices are from on-line retailers.

About the Author
Neville Keith Robinson was born during World War II in Georgetown, Guyana (then British Guiana). He was educated at Queen's College in Guyana (1949-59, D'Urban "D" House), the University College of the West Indies, and the Universities of London and Papua New Guinea. After seven years of school teaching at Queen's College (1963-70), he moved to Papua New Guinea in 1970. He worked at the Educational Materials Centre at the University of Papua New Guinea. He taught at the College of External Studies, and then became a lecturer in Social Studies at Port Moresby Teachers College in 1972. He served as a Senior Lecturer, Deputy Principal and then Principal at the Port Moresby In-Service College. He later worked as the Superintendent of the Staff Development Unit in the Department of Education. He left for Ohio, U.S.A. in 1993. He worked as a teacher of English as a Second Language to immigrants to the U.S.A. and as a GED teacher to American adults who had not completed their high school education. He retired in 2011 and lives in Ohio.
When last we met as a QC Alumni body in October/November 2009 in Georgetown, one of the things we solemnly agreed to was to institutionalize such a gathering every five years, and that our next convocation of alumni /ae would be in 2014, again in Georgetown. If we stick to that pledge, as we should, our next General Assembly should be in summer or autumn of next year, a time possibly just before or after August 5th, when our Alma Mater turns a ripe 170 years old. If perhaps there were ever a time that our school needed to reconvene and deliberate it would indeed be next year. For all sorts of reasons, we need to meet, inter alia, to take stock and chart a new and decisive, strategic course for our great institution. Recent troubling events and episodes make such a convocation an unquestionable imperative. The very survival of our school and its glorious traditions have never been so much under threat and at stake as today, and will probably be even more so by next year. So we must intervene purposefully and decisively over the next year and half, and beyond.

So what would this entail? In my view, nothing short of our immediate embarkation on a serious and structured planning process, to assure we have a productive and meaningfully successful event, centered around a few core and robust objectives. Having been relatively involved in a number of the earlier recent Reunions (1989, 1994, 2000, 2009, etc.), I am personally acutely aware as to why this solid planning is key and how critical it is for our mother Chapter in Guyana (QC-OSA) and all international Chapters, as well as ICQC, to soonest quickly swing into full, coordinated and inclusive action.

In this context, some initiating thoughts and suggestions around which we might converge in Georgetown in 2014.

1. **Deliberation and finalization of a medium and long term Strategic Plan for our School (say 2014 to 2024 or 2034):**
What we need to have here would be definition of a clear medium (five year or so) and longer term (10-20 year) Strategic Framework for the school, with consideration to the challenges that exist in Guyana today and almost certainly in the foreseeable medium/longer term. We need to start work on this now; to set out an initial framework, perhaps with specialist consulting assistance, to progress the debate among Chapters in coming months; and to go to Georgetown with a robust document that would then form the basis of intensive discussions with all QC stakeholders (school management, administration, alumni chapters, Ministry of Education etc).

**Expected Key Output from the Reunion:** Adoption of a firm plan of action that would define our key medium and long term objectives, desired outcomes, at least preliminary financing plans, with some firm delivery milestones for implementation, including which Chapter/Group does what going forward from the Reunion. This is core.

2. **Discussion and consensus on a new common Charter of Engagement and Support for QC Alumni Associations going forward:** Times have changed dramatically not only in Guyana but globally, since the structuring of our existing Alumni Associations firmed up some thirty years ago. Almost all of our existing Chapter charters see our Alumni Association roles narrowly in terms of support to QC itself and with little spin off to wider Guyana or virtually no engagement of our Chapters as "global public goods", going beyond those narrow confines. But as many alumni have come to increasingly recognize over the years, and have pleaded and articulated with vehemence in some cases, these are probably now archaic operating structures, relatively unresponsive to the environmental realities of today and the future. We therefore need to rethink, refurbish, modernize and recast our mandates and scope, to better respond to broader needs and contributions that our Associations and membership are uniquely capable of providing. So we need a seed paper on this, to be
prepared and discussed in coming months and for a draft blue print to be taken to Georgetown, and thoroughly discussed within our General Assembly.

**Expected Key Output:** Adoption by consensus of the broad elements of a new Operating and Strategic Charter for our Alumni Associations and by implication ICQC itself, subordinate to and reflecting the broad medium and longer term Strategic Plan as defined in 1 above. This is critical.

### 3. Consideration and consensus on how best to deepen the preservation of the tradition and legacy of our School:

QC stands tall among Caribbean institutions of knowledge, its contributions to all facets of life in Guyana and wider are perhaps second to none. Yet among its peers globally our school's institutional memory is worrisomely limited and non-existent in many areas, and has not been systematically harnessed and stored for future generations. Our heroes, those who have passed on and those still with us, are not organically and systematically recognized and immortalized, where necessary. While some progress has been made in capturing on record some of our marvelous history since 1844, we need to keep this process dynamic and current, with the superb aid of today's global technology. Without this, our ability to sustain our pride of place as an institution of excellence, for generations to come, is severely compromised. We thus need a deep, unemotional and thoughtful debate before we get to Georgetown on this, around a draft common framework.

**Expected Key Output:** Broad and solid consensus on practical ways of deepening and preserving our historical records and the living memories of those who have made major contributions to and from our school over the years, launching and dedicating any key aspects in this regard while we are in Georgetown 2014.

### 4. Definition, agreement and delivery of a firm program of pedagogy, monitoring, outreach and community service during the Reunion and where possible beyond that:

While we must certainly have fun in Guyana, an important further area of engagement would be to systematically program a serious “on the ground” effort in mentoring and coaching - first our own current QC students; second, for a number of other secondary schools and even the University of Guyana; and third, launching a few conspicuous and effective events of community service. This can be spread across the Reunion on say two to three dedicated days out of our expected 7 to 8 days in GT. As alumni/ae we have tons to offer in the field of education, sciences and technology, medicine, legal profession, banking and finance etc, and it would be major boost to our image as the premier school if we could generously give back while down there in Guyana, not only to our Alma Mater but also to our wider Guyanese society.

**Expected Key Output:** Fanning out in groups across the country as is practicable over two to three full days, delivery of a robust program of voluntary instruction in some or all of the fields indicated above, providing inter alia, guidance and advice on careers, and undertaking a few big visible community service projects.

### NEXT SUGGESTED STEPS

That QC-OSA, and each of our the International Alumni Associations meet in their respective cells in the coming month or two, consider this broadly initiating and indicative suggested agenda. Refine and build on it. Then take whatever we come out with as consensus at the respective levels to a dedicated ICQC Reunion Planning Meeting, together with host QC-OSA, say by end of May/early June this year latest. This should then be followed by a clear allocation of implementation responsibilities to each Chapter as to whom will lead which area, in the context of the overall programming to Reunion 2014. A key and early consensus decision would need to be arrived at, as to which month in 2014, July-November say, would be best for our convocation, having regard to ensuring adequate international alumni participation and catching our schools in Guyana still open, and not on holidays.

So let’s get rolling alumni/ae with 500 plus participating alumni/ae in GT and with more than half alumnae?? Surely this is doable!

**LAURENCE CLARKE (Austin “C” House, 1962-69)**

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Another side of Conrad Griffith

The 2004 Scribbler provided a write-up on the excellent work that was done by QCAA Toronto member, Conrad Griffith, in acquiring and installing the Public Address system that is still in use at the school today. See http://www.qcalumnitoronto.com/archives/scribblerrfall2004.pdf.

Conrad has had some health challenges recently but he remains one of our strongest supporters. His contributions and continued involvement have brought credit and recognition to our work.

This time around, we provide a peek into the other aspects of the life and experiences of this dedicated, multi-talented, and service-oriented alumnus.

VICTOR R. MOSES

Conrad won the 1965 Easter Monday “Mr. Muscle Beach” competition at Fort Groyne, Guyana.

Conrad in the middle – Lead Vocalist for Calypso-oriented group “Togetherness”.

Conrad won the 1965 Easter Monday “Mr. Muscle Beach” competition at Fort Groyne, Guyana.
QC STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

A lumna Maya Trotz (1983-90, Nobbs “L” House) - an Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida - is currently on a 1-year sabbatical sitting on the Governing council of the Barbados-based Caribbean Science Foundation (CSF). She is assisting the CSF to develop programs that will positively contribute to the region’s ability to better prepare a 21st century workforce that takes advantage of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). CSF believes “that innovation in science and technology must play a critical role in overcoming the challenges to building successful sustainable communities”.

To meet the above-mentioned challenges, secondary school students from several Caribbean countries were “encouraged to identify a challenge facing their respective school or school of choice, and using STEM, develop effective, innovative and sustainable solutions to the challenge identified. These solutions will form the basis of the school’s entry to a Competition. Entries will first be evaluated and judged at the national level in each of the Challenge Countries, with the winning school in each country moving on to the final competition in Barbados where regional winners will be selected. Representatives of national school winners and their respective teachers will also participate in a 7 day all expenses STEM Ambassador Program to Florida.”

The Caribbean Science Foundation (CSF), Sagicor Life Inc., and the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) are partnering to manage this “Young Visionaries” program. There about 20 schools from Guyana participating in the program and Queen’s College has submitted 3 projects for this competition. Members of the public were encouraged to vote on the projects from February 26 – March 11, 2013.

Below is a photo of one of the QC teams, a brief from QC student and a project team leader, Lawrence Faria, and a full description of the 3 QC projects. The names of the QC team members and their age in parentheses are included at the top of each project description.

**VICTOR R. MOSES**

We are a group of ten 11th grade students of Queen’s College between the ages 15 and 16. We aim to further our studies in the fields of Biology, Business, Technology, Physics, Medicine, Engineering and Environmental Science to help develop our immediate communities, and soon the world, with an environmental friendly image in mind.

......The Sagicor Young Visionaries Challenge has afforded us what we believe is a superb opportunity and we are very optimistic about our project’s future. We have been given this chance to allow the seed of an idea to blossom into a landmark in the history of an environmentally friendly Caribbean. What better way to build such a crucial landmark than to have the Queen’s College at its foundations?

**LAWRENCE FARIA**

Team Lead (Methane Omnia: Powering a Paperless Future)

L to R Front – L. Faria, S. Rampertab, C. Cox, N. Elliot, R. Sawh

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Project #1 -  
Methane Omnia: Powering a Paperless Future

Lawrence Faria (16), Akash Jairam (15), Cecil Cox (16), Crystal Ramdayal, Nicholas Elliot (16), Rejean Sawh (16), Sadique Raghuraj (16), Shaphan Hestick (16), Shahrazaad Khan (15) and Shane Kapil Rampertab (15)

Global warming poses a threat to the entire world today. No matter how minuscule our country’s carbon footprint is, it is not ignorable. Reducing the world’s carbon footprint is the ultimate objective and even the smallest of changes can make large differences. To achieve this ultimate goal, we would like to start on one of the smallest of levels; at school.

Reduction of excess waste generated by the school is the first step. Litter and garbage is plague infesting schools in the entire Caribbean and we are no exception. This, along with our school’s excessive use of paper, inefficient record keeping, document management and reporting systems are the major problems we face. We will rectify this. We propose a garbage collection and sorting system which will be very efficient in the accumulation of raw biological waste material to be used in the bio-digester. This over time will produce methane: a clean burning, potent fuel to be used in the generation of electricity, which in future will power the school’s computer systems. By doing this, we yearn for a paperless school’s reporting and document management system, reducing school administrative costs as well as improving reporting and record keeping efficiency. Utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, we will engineer a bright, technologically advanced, paperless future powered by bio-gas which will further contribute to the development of a greener, sustainable Caribbean economy with a plan that can be easily adopted by other Caribbean schools.

Project #2
The Electric Tower

Keron Ali (14), Joash Gobin (14), Ronaldo Griffith (15), Stephon Phillips (15), Marcel Sarju (15), Ravindra Rackyoo (15), Johnathon Gobin (14), Ashley Anthony (14).

Queen’s College depends heavily on Guyana’s national power grid. Hence we are forced to incur high utility bills which are a very difficult to pay considering that the general upkeep of the school coupled with other calendar activities are very expensive. Also the power can be unreliable and power outages are frequent and can cause damage to computers and other electrical appliances.

We intend to design an alternative power source to eradicate these challenges by using wind power which is ‘eco-friendly’ and ‘inexpensive’ to generate. This device will consist of two turbines, one of which will be dome shaped. These turbines will facilitate the harnessing of random air currents which we will utilize to produce clean and safe electricity. This is generated by the movement of a pole which possesses pairs of magnets in alternating pole positions (North—South, South—north etc.) connected to the regular internal turbine.

As the turbines rotate, the pole does and so the magnets which influence electron flow (electricity) in a metal cylinder covered over by copper wires which transmit it through an insulated cover into power lines.

The excess energy for the school and will be exploited for businesses with the community and transactions recorded and totals, calculated. And some of this energy will also be utilized for the electrolysis of solar distilled rain water to facilitate for fuel cells to provide energy for when the wind is nonexistent and as well use the output for domestic purposes. All these functions are computer controlled.

Project #3 -
Operation Oil Drive

Craig Campbell (15), Nathifa Williams (15), Keziah Ali (15), Larissa Wiltshire (14), Rejan Mckay (15), Bliane Ramahlo (16), Cuddy Holder (15)

Guyana suffers from occasional power outages. When these power outages occur my school, Queen’s College is left without electricity needed to power various pieces of equipment that are fundamental in helping students obtain their educational goals. We envision using waste oil from nearby fast food establishments and converting that oil into biofuel to power a generator to act as a reserve power supply for our school or possibly to power our library.

Surveys and interviews were conducted to gauge the level of interest displayed for this project. Students, members of the PTA and senior staff members of “fast food” establishments were interviewed and feedback has been positive. Two of the major restaurants have already been approached and pledged their support to the initiative that seeks to play a part in the environmental “revolution” of Queen’s College. Students have responded favourably and the vice president of the PTA has expressed her support for the project.

Our idea incorporates various aspects of S.T.E.M specifically Science and Engineering. Oil contains triglyceride which is composed of glycerin and three fatty acids. Science, in particular a working and applicable knowledge of Chemistry is needed to separate the components of this compound. This process requires chemical engineering and the filtering of the oil and matters involving the bio-fueled generator involve engineering.

In conclusion we would like to assert our belief that our idea is quite practical and serves as an eco-friendly way of providing an alternative energy supply to our school.
As you can see, it was not all business at last year’s Annual General Meeting - From Left: Kam Insanally, Mohan Ragbeer and Rudi Gafur.
QCAA (Toronto) 2012/13 EXECUTIVE
STANDING FROM LEFT: Ronald Wharton, Ric McRae, Saville Farley, Victor Moses, Gerald Alleyne, Stephen Rogers
SEATED FROM LEFT: Audrick Chung, Syed Rayman, Eden Gajraj, Claude Ho, Kemahl Khan, Vivian Wong.

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