



Q.C. NEWS!

Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc. Fall 1997

Fall Dinner Dance to be held on 8th November!

The next big attraction in this year's social calendar is the Fall Dinner/Dance to be held on Saturday 8th November at the Lithuanian Community Center, 1573 Bloor Street West, Toronto. Tickets are \$30.00 each and are obtainable from any QCAA executive member (see page two for exec.

members' list) The fall dance has traditionally been well-attended or sold-out, so please be sure to get your tickets early! Proceeds from fund-raising activities are sent to Guyana as our contribution towards the Queen's College Restoration program.

Dominoes and Cards Night, 24th October

The dominoes and cards night promises a chance for alumni and friends to spend an evening of warm camaraderie while slamming the bones, shuffling the decks or shooting pool. Chess players might also like to bring their sets. The Roof Garden restaurant is a convenient setting in that refreshments and beverages will be available. Come on out and play a few games and sip a beer! Friday 24th October 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. At the Roof Garden Restaurant, 3601 Lawrence Avenue East at Markham Road.

Contact Lionel Singh at Res: (416) 289-0945 or Ofc: (416) 325-0132

Soccer

Queen's College and Saints Stanislaus' alumni met once again for their annual contest between the bold and the beautiful. This time QC came away with their dignity intact, having held Saints to a two-all draw after a vigorous and suspenseful match (continued on page 4)

QC Cricket Team To Join Markham Cricket League (see page 3)



Literary Evening, Saturday 15th Nov.

On Saturday 15th November the QCAA will hold a Literary evening at Tall Pines Community Center, 64 Rylander Blvd. Scarborough (North of Hwy. 401 at Port Union). Popular authors who will be reading and discussing their works include Bernhard Heydorn, Cyril Dabydeen, Peter Jailall and Arnold Itwaru. For more information, call Albert Ramprasad at Res: (905) 668-4790, Ofc: (905) 728-2255

International New York Reunion

(see page 3 photo)

Last Lap Lime another success!

The annual Last Lap Lime is an all-day picnic followed by an all night dance. Now in its second year, it is organised by the alumni associations of Queen's College, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop's High School, Saint Joseph's and Saint Rose's. This year's last lap lime was once again a great success. The spirit of cooperation and dedication shown by all of Alumni Associations and their volunteers resulted in a most enjoyable and profitable event. Alumni, family and friends once again enjoyed a day of steel pan music and feasting on traditional Guyanese delicacies while their kids participated in various organised outdoor events which encouraged spirited but friendly rivalry. During the night the party continued indoors with dancing until the wee hours of the morning to the selections of the ENC band and a popular DJ. Each Alumni association netted approximately \$4,000. (QCAA's share goes toward restoration of our Alma Mater, the purpose for which the QCAA was founded)

Good Luck, Roderick!

The Editorial staff and the QCAA executive salute Roddy Allsopp who has after many years of selfless service to the QCAA, stepped down from the Executive in order to pursue his M.Sc. in computer science in Nova Scotia.

President's message

The first half of this year has been a resounding success for which our Executive Committee and volunteers must be congratulated on their splendid efforts.

Some highlights from our 1997 activities are worth noting. In March we held the Ray Luck piano recital. It netted over \$2,000 which will be a part of our 1997 remittance to Guyana. In July about 50 of us had a thrilling and thoroughly enjoyable "Day at the races" which has become an annual event. Also in July we played our annual soccer match against Saints. This time we held them to a 2 - 2 draw! On August 4th we collaborated with Saints, Bishops', St. Roses and St. Joseph's in holding the 1997 Caribbana "Last Lap Lime" which netted each school approximately \$4,000.

The event of the year was the International Reunion held during the week-end of August 29th to September 2nd 1997. A contingent of 40 Canadian alumni, spouses and friends went to New York for the packed program. The reunion week-end was a superb opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones and to enjoy the hospitality of our American brothers and sisters. The high point of the reunion was the formal ball where over 200 enjoyed an evening of cocktails, speeches, a delicious dinner, singing and dancing. On September 7th we held our annual family picnic and QC vs Saints cricket match.

I thank all of you for your continued support and hope to see you at our Games and Literary nights in October and November. Please note that our next major function will be the fall Dinner-Dance on November 8th 1997 and we encourage you to purchase your tickets early from any of the members of our Executive. Also, if you are not already a financial member of our Toronto Chapter, I urge you to become one today and if you are already a member, I encourage you to participate fully in our activities planned for the 1997/98 year as shown in this newsletter. Please enter the dates in your diaries and spread the word!

In conclusion, on behalf of the new executive committee, I extend warmest greetings to all members and their families.

Krish Mahesh,

President, QCAA Toronto Chapter.

QC Alumni Executive

President.....	Krish Mahesh
Vice-Presidents..	Gerald Alleyne Kathryn Eytel Albert Ramprasad
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Obituaries

The QCAA executive mourns the passing of..

Dr. Bertram Collins. Bertram graduated from QC in 1949. One of the first QC scholars to attend UWI, he studied French. He then went on to work for the UN for some 25 years, serving in several foreign countries.

Dr. Collins succumbed to cancer on 17th October 1997 at the Sloan-Kettering Hospice. He is survived by his wife, Claire.

A funeral service and cremation will be held on Tuesday 21st and on Wednesday 22nd there will be a memorial service at the UN in New York.

Dr. Val Smith, founder member of the Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc. A pharmacist by profession, Dr. Smith worked with the United Nations as a Pharmacological consultant.

Val's funeral was conducted on Saturday August 16th at Mount Pleasant Crematorium, Toronto. His family requested no flowers but donations are being accepted at

G.I. Research Foundation C/o N. Marcon,
Div. Gastroenterology, Wellesley
Hospital, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1J3.

CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO:

Lionel Mann, who lost his dad on 7th September 1997. Mr. Mana senior lived in Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela.

Kathryn Eytel on the passing of her Aunt Fay Subryan on 8th September 1997 in Brooklyn.

Letter from the Editor

The year is almost over! Another opportunity for us to alienate the affections of our children by giving them Christmas gifts in the name of a mythical fat stranger conjured up by an American department store!

I have been musing lately, about political correctness and its application in our newsletter. We used to refer to ourselves as "Old Boys" but now that QC has gone coed, I guess we should simply be called "Old People". Those of us who attended QC when it was segregated have an image of six hundred and fifty boys and young men roaming the corridors and grounds of the beloved alma mater. The present image must be so far removed that QC is simply no longer the same school! Mind you, the idea of having *girls* to mingle with all day did exist in the fantasies of our overheated adolescent minds, however I never fantasized about studying geometry or history while mingling. Even though there are bound to be distractions when young people of opposite sexes try studying and playing at sports together, I am firmly convinced that this atmosphere produces better-rounded individuals, young adults who are much better socialized. I look forward to the time when the members' list of the QCAA will include many more women's names. Perhaps our sports agenda should also be expanded to include some other games such as field hockey and badminton, where females could participate on an even footing.

Our mailing list contains some 350 names of which approximately 50 are financial members. I am sure that there must be many more QC grads in and around Toronto. Imagine the possibilities if more of those grads joined and/or participated!

Andy 'Prof' Knight

Articles Welcomed!

Kindly submit articles, opinions, suggestions, photographs (black & white on matt finish) to:

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305 - 1050 Stainton Drive,
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Tel: (905) 276-8808

Articles on 3.5" DOS format diskettes in WordPerfect, Word, Pagemaker & TIF scan images would be most welcome

Have you renewed your membership?

The Queen's College Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc. is a non-profit organization, founded for the purpose of bring together alumni, staff, non-staff and friends of Queen's College, organizing activities for raising funds to be used towards the restoration and expansion of Queen's College and any charitable purposes connected to QC. Originally conceived by Val Smith, Leyland Muss and David Rohee, the QCAA Toronto chapter was founded in 1990 with David Rohee as its first President.

To date, the QCAA Toronto chapter has donated several thousands of dollars to the QC restoration project. A large portion of the school has so far been renovated. Membership fees are \$25 per year. Membership in this Association offers immense opportunities for socialising and networking and the pride and satisfaction of knowing that we are helping to make things better for the next generation is something no money can buy!

If you have not already done so, join the QCAA today and tell a friend! (see enclosed membership form)

Cricket

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The game was played under an English-type weather condition., cool with overcast skies, with sunshine later in the day. The out-field was soggy and slow, rain having fallen the previous night.

Saints won the toss and sent QC in to bat. Ron Murli and Brian Farnum opened our batting and put 31 on the board before Brian Farnum was clean-bowled by Andy Domellas. Murli continued to hammer the bowling, ably supported by Sat Sookdeo and Harold Ross. At 84 for 4, we looked fit enough for a good score. However, except for Hemdat Sawh (12) our remaining middle-order batsmen failed to live up to expectations and in the final over (40) we were all out for 134 runs. Ron Murli scored a well-made 72. Joe Jagdeo was the not-out batsman with 3 to his credit.

The successful bowlers for Saints were Leslie Wight (2 for 29), A. Dornellas (3 for 32) and J. Castanheiro (3 for 13).

Saints took up the challenge and scored 135 runs to win on a still soggy and slow outfield, where runs were difficult to make

The opening pair of D'ornellas and Dummett put on 65 before Dummett was run out for 18. Hazlewood fell immediately after with the score still at 65. E. DaSilva made 15 before being LBW to Stanley Chang Choong with the score at 113 for 3. The highlight of this innings occurred when, with the score at 128 and Andy D'ornennas at 69, D'ornellas was clean-bowled by Chang Cheong. A cheer went up from the QC supporters when D'ornellas was clean-bowled by Chang Cheong (middle stump) since it was the first time in the last 3 games we had gotten D'ornellas out and the score was then 128 for 5 with four overs yet to bowled. The game became tense when Welshman joined Camacho who was batting solidly at the other end. With the scores tied, even at 134, Camacho pulled a ball from Stanley Chang Choong to the mid-wicket boundary for 4, thus winning the match for Saints in the 39th over of the innings.

The spectators really enjoyed this exciting finish. The successful bowlers for QC were: Stanley Chang Cheong (2 wickets for 7), A. Ramprasad (1 for 13), H Ross (1 for 39).

The overall performance was commendable. If the middle-order batsmen had had a better day and if our deep field catches were taken, we could possibly have won this match. These weaker spots will be improved in 1998.

Albert Ramprasad

Greetings from Dr. Allsopp

Letter to David Singh from Richard Allsopp referring to a get-together at David Singh's residence after the QC - Saints soccer game, Saturday 26th July.

Dear David,

Please let me express my warm thanks for the hospitality which I enjoyed in your home in the company of many old boys including two of my former staff colleagues Basil Eyre and C. O. Perry (the unforgettable). The scene on your patio lives in my mind, as the faces gradually came back to me. Only Denis Chow-Woon's did not seem to have changed!!

I am grateful for the idea of coming together to meet me (and for the souvenir T-shirt which I have already worn!); but I am even more thankful for the warmth of brotherhood manifested and maintained in Toronto, not only across the gloomy lines that exist in our one-time home, but also across the traditional QC - St. Stanislaus lines that we seemed to allow to linger.

Please pass on, at your convenience, my thanks to the other Old Boys who took the trouble to come and share a handshake with me; and remember me kindly to your wife.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, to whom so many of us owe the comforts we enjoy abroad, ever enable you all to flourish in friendship and prosperity

Sincerely, *Richard Allsopp*

(Dr. Allsopp lives in Barbados where he lectures at Cave Hill University)

The future of QC cricket

For those of us who played cricket while at QC either at the House, Wight, Northcote or Case cup levels, it forms part of our heritage and personal entertainment and it makes us feel good to know that we can continue the traditional match against St. Stanislaus College in Canada on a yearly basis. In 1997 there has been a certain amount of commitment by players to come out to practice and to prepare for the QC vs Saints game.

Some of the difficulties encountered this year included obtaining a cricket ground in order to hold practice or warm-up matches.

To resolve these problems, the QC Alumni Cricket team will be applying for Associate Membership in the Markham Cricket League. If our application is successful we will be one of twelve cricket teams in the league.

This would entitle us to:

(I) Play one practice session per week on the Reservoir Cricket Ground located off McCowan Road, North of Major McKenzie Drive.

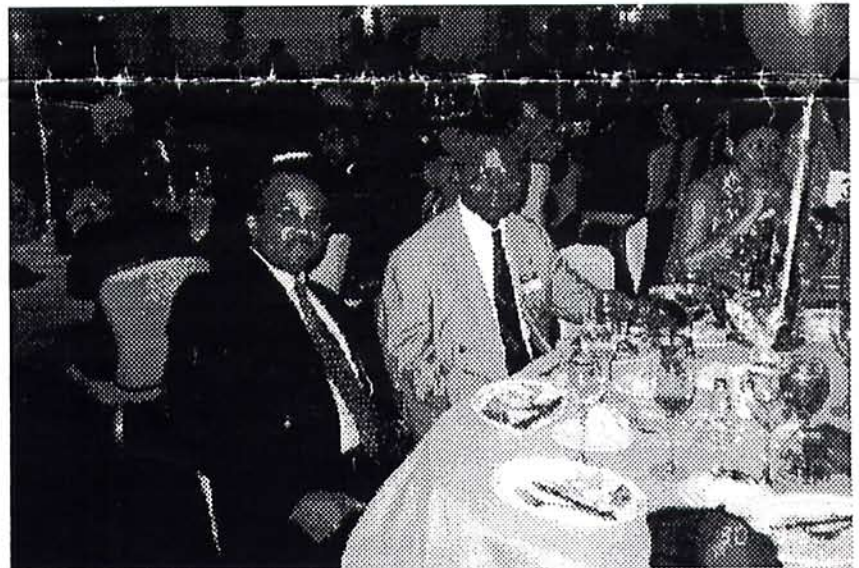
(II) Use the ground for one game (minimum) during the season.

The fee for Associate Membership in the Markham League is \$200.00. We are asking that twenty 20 committed players contribute \$10.00 each to be used as the "seed" money for this initial fee. Those interested please send a cheque or money-order as soon as possible to:

A. Ramprasad,
45 Bentonwood Crescent,
Whitby Ontario L1R 1K7
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Albert Ramprasad

QC New York International Reunion



Welcome to the board!

Krish Mahesh, QCAA president, on behalf of the QCAA executive committee welcomes Andrew Knight as a member of the executive committee.

SOCCER

It was a sunny, humid July afternoon - ideal conditions for *The Soccer Game*, the annual feature of the boys in gold and black versus their perennial, unending yet friendly rivals, Saints Stanislaus! Once again we were not the favourites.. 1:5 underdogs, according to the learned handicappers.

However, unknown to the Saints' team and quite rightly so, a victory or a draw had been guaranteed by Coach Chang Choong, Lionel Mann, 'War-Boots' Allen, 'Gamma' Klass the indomitable Mike DeLeon and the other stalwarts.

As our boys jogged onto the field in a confident manner, doubt could be visualised on the Saints team facade. Our boys seemed "as serious as a heart attack"! Soon after the game began we drew first

blood. The adversaries were beaten psychologically! The real deal was just about to commence!

The QC side-line crowd was unusually vociferous though not unduly perjorative; there were taunts of "America's Most Wanted" and "This Time Na' Lang Time", aimed at a certain Kojaks look-alike player on the Saints team.

QC did indeed score the first goal. That's

correct! A thundering Ronaldo-like right-footer from thirty-five metres by Mike DeLeon almost decapitated the Saints' goalie. Everyone was astounded (most of all, the QC players and their supporters!).

Very shortly afterwards Saints equalised the score. I guess our boys were still flying high on cloud nine! The score at lemonade time was QC -1; Saints - 1.

As the second half progressed our boys' stamina seemed to wane; however, a sudden burst of reserve energy saw QC take the lead on another goal scored by DeLeon.

Our boys however, could not hold on and at the final whistle it was a well deserved draw and not a "GIMME". The Saints guys are now fully convinced that the QC boys have not lost their mettle with the passing years. The QC team left the field, a tired but contented bunch, with only one thought/conviction ringing in their minds "we QC boys still possess intestinal fortitude".

Special congrats to the QC team of 97!! (They have vowed not to settle for a draw next year)

- - Lionel Singh



Above: The Queen's College 1997 soccer team

Introduction of Ray Luck

by Lynette Dolphin

Toronto Canada March 15th, 1997

(Transcription by Ms. Ada Akai)

Miss Lynette Dolphin came to Toronto specially to introduce Guyanese pianist Ray Luck at the pianoforte recital given to raise funds for the restoration of Queen's college, Ray's renowned alma mater.

Ray comes from an illustrious Guyanese family, well-known in the fields of education, law and medicine, so his choice of music as a career was a great surprise.

However, his unmistakable musical talent was recognised early, at a time when his little legs clad in short pants, could barely reach the piano pedals, he excelled at music examinations and shone in music festivals, where he played solo as well as in duets with his also talented sister, Beverley. His reading at sight was phenomenal, earning him a trophy. The first person to pass the fellowship of the Trinity

college, he was not issued the certificate until he attained the required age. At a grand concert staged in the Queen's College auditorium in honour of Princess Margaret, he was the only pianist chosen to present a solo performance.

Personalities and institutions can help shape one's life. For Ray, these include his music teachers and Queen's College. Directly influencing Ray's development and achievements were renowned teachers Millicent Joseph and Ruby McGregor, whose great contribution to Guyana's musical culture is now fully acknowledged, Queen's College, where Ray spent his high school years, also provided strong elements of nurture.

Away from Guyana, Ray studied music in London, Paris and the U.S.A. He holds the B. Mus. Hons. Degree (London), the master teaching certificate (U.S.A.) and the D. Mus. with distinction (Indiana U.S.A.)

He has performed in piano recitals and concerts all over the world - Europe, Brazil. North America, Hawaii and the Caribbean. He has broadcasted on the BBC, and was a soloist with

the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra and the Suisse Romande Orchestra. In Canada he has adjudicated in music festivals, taught piano master classes and performed in concerts. His wide repertoire includes music composed by South American and Caribbean composers. Ray luck has always been in touch with his homeland and the musical personalities there, by performing and teaching on his home visits, he is contributing valuably to the development of music there and providing advice, inspiration and world standards, for which Guyana is very grateful.

Laurie Lewis, President of Queen's College Old Students Association sends his greetings to the audience, he expressed his pleasure that Ray Luck is keeping the Guyana flag flying, not only for Queen's College but also for all Guyana.

(Ms. Akai taught Geography at Queen's College for many years. Now retired, she lives in East Toronto).