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## President's Message

**WHATSOEVER THY HAND FINDETH TO DO, DO IT WITH THY MIGHT... *Ecclesiastes 9:10***

Yvonne Holder née Cooper, lived by the motto of the Bishops' High School. She put her energies into any task which she undertook. She was an excellent teacher, a good administrator, a great friend and a caring person. Yvonne was a Bishops' High School Old Student. She was a role model for current students as well as for old students. She was the embodiment of what a Bishops' Old Student should be and demonstrated how an old student could make his or her contribution to society at large and to the Bishops' Old Students Association. She was always helpful and willing to go the extra mile. Her loss was tragic. Her life was exemplary.

Like Yvonne, some of us have tried to make positive contributions to the Bishops' High School Old Students' Association. The outgoing executive tried during the last year. We had a slow start, but we appeared to have been picking up the pace in the end. We were not as success as we would have wished in getting a larger number and wider range of old students involved in the Association's activities. But, like any other organisation, it is the general membership which determines the level of activity, intensity and success of the organisation.

We encourage increased levels of involvement in the planning and implementation of activities of the Bishops' High School Old Students' Association in the future. That will happen when more of us identify how we can contribute to the development of the Association and each one of us encourages others to become actively involved.

Let that be the short term objective of each one of us.

**ANDREA OWEN**

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**BHSOSA (2006-2007)**



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# Tribute to Lois Yvonne Holder

July 20 2007

## DEATH OF A COMRADE

Death must not find us thinking that we die  
Too soon, too soon  
Our banner draped for you  
I would prefer the banner in the wind  
not bound so tightly in a scarlet fold -  
not sodden sodden with your people's tears  
but flashing on the pole we bear aloft  
down beyond this dark, dark lane of rags.  
Dear comrade  
If it must be you speak no more with me  
nor smile no more with me  
then let me take a patience and a calm -  
for even now the greener leaf explodes  
sun brightens stone and all the river burns  
Now from the mourning vanguard moving on  
Dear Comrade I salute you and I say  
death will not find us thinking that we die.

Martin Carter's  
Poems of Resistance

Because she attended "The Bishops' High School," she was a member of BHSOSA. Apart from periods of time when Yvonne was out of Guyana pursuing her career, she was an actively contributing member of this Association.

She will be remembered by all of us for her commitment, her service, her generosity, her sound ideas, her organizing skills, her sense of humour, her "we can do it attitude," her ardent devotion to a cause - that cause in this case being her **alma mater and its products**.

The school was very dear to her heart so she readily agreed to stand for election for the post of President in 1998. At the end of the triennium, she was invited to remain for the Reunion Year 2002.... 2002 was to be a significant year for Guyana as the host.

The reunion was held in Guyana under the theme "**Salute the ties that bind.**" It was a tremendous success, especially when we recall what the Guyana environment was at that time. Yvonne threw her all into this activity as Convenor of the Public Relations Subcommittee, and with the active support of Jennifer Dewar as the Convenor of the Reunion Committee, we could only win. Scores of Alumni attended from our chapters in the UK/ Europe, Toronto, NY Tri-state Chapter, Washington, California, Barbados and Trinidad.

Yvonne herself wrote in her report at the end of this activity "**the welcome banners have been taken down, the nerve medicines dispensed with, fingernails have been sprouting new growth; our overseas visitors have returned home safely. What we still have, are the lingering memories of a great Reunion and the certainty that the ties of friendship will always bind BHS alumni, no matter what part of the world we find ourselves.**" She remained anxious to get on with the recommendations that came out of the Reunion and the action plans that resulted after collaboration with the school's headmistress.

Yvonne we loved you. We will always remember the passion with which you supported:

- ◆ The ground maintenance project of the class of '73, piloted by Donna Ramsammy-James.
- ◆ The programme for Senior Alumni.....the Christmas basket project actively supported by Terry Stuart and Patricia Gordon.
- ◆ Magda Pollard's annual CARICOM project...(not only your passion, but your very generous contributions especially to the CARICOM project).
- ◆ Your adoption of the project "Operation Contact" a counse/ling project with the Lower Sixth Form, spearheaded by Janice Jackson, Vidya Kissoon and Magda Pollard.
- ◆ The current Mentoring Project for students in the third form and more recently with the first forms (another of the brain-children of Janice Jackson) ..... A project that is now operated jointly with Tutorial High School.
- ◆ The IT project which the Toronto Chapter has had with the school for many years now. Your active support of the donation of computers by Toronto and Susie Savory's annual visit to the computer lab for some teaching sessions and general discussion, ably assisted by the ever active, ever efficient Terry Stuart.
- ◆ Your smiles and joy whenever you heard of the many contributions from the NY Tri-state Chapter or the California Chapter.

Yvonne was an encourager, a stimulator of no mean order. She was a pusher of a special kind. In 1996, we were trying to assemble a group to form a choir to do an item at the Reunion. Magda was trying with her voice training and exercises, but to little avail. Persons kept indicating that they would discontinue because "they could not sing". When Yvonne heard this, she went to the group and said "Come on. Do not drop out. We must sing. I have been practising in my bathroom and my voice has improved. We must sing. We must have a choir. Let us try." We made one more try. The result was unbelievable. The choir suddenly turned the corner. We made a stellar appearance just because of that little extra push and encouragement from Yvonne. The applause was deafening after we had sung Cecile Norbrega's "Twilight". This set us in good stead for our Reunion held here in Guyana, when we sang Josh Groban's "You lift me up", and then the popular "Umbrella Party". We were on the road to stardom. Thanks Yvonne.

Yvonne, we will remember your concern for people.... We'll remember your concern for the welfare of the students. It was **Albert Schweitzer** who said:

**“There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed.”**

You worked for the common good. You have spent your life working for the common good. In every sphere of your life, you worked for the common good.

We'll remember your concern for the younger old student not just becoming members of the Association, but attending meetings as well and playing an active role. I include here a comment by a young “old student” speaking on behalf of the group of younger ones. It went like this: “In 2002 while Mrs. Yvonne Holder was President of the Bishops’ High School Old Students’ Association, there was an upsurge in the interest of the younger old students in joining this renowned organization.”

The young ones wanted to host a tribute in honour of former headmistress Maureen Massiah and former senior mistress Mavis Pollard. They went to Mrs. Holder with the idea. She gave permission and every assistance that was required. The event was a resounding success and thereafter many of the younger set became more active in the Association and even became executive members. Many attended the 2002 Reunion. The entire body of past students held Mrs. Holder in great esteem and respect and is encouraged by her dedication to the Association and the way she wore the mantle of stewardship with such pride and joy. She was a remarkable woman, a woman who exemplified the true meaning of grace, stance, poise, excellence and vigour. She was the epitome of the school’s motto “labor omnia vincit” .....“work conquers everything.”

Rest in eternal peace.....true comrade and true friend.”

## Lois Yvonne Holder née Cooper Over the Years



**President, Guyana Women's Hockey Association  
1980**



**With firm friends Leslyn Wray, Urma Fordyce, Evelyn Hamilton**



**1975**



**With sister, Terry Stuart and cousin, Paula Matthews**



**With Joyce Sinclair in Anaheim 1999**



**With Sushumna Narine in London, Reunion 1996**



**Reunion 2005**



**2007**



**BHSOSA Netball Team with National Championship Trophy—Fay Phillips, Terry Cooper, Yvonne, Janice Jackson, Lucille Hall, Gem Scott**

# Your Bishops and Mine

On the first day of my first visit to Georgetown, I found myself at Bishops High School. It was one of very few reference points I had where Guyana was concerned and I was quietly excited to discover in the 'flesh' so to speak 'Bishops Guyana,' a nostalgic remnant of the mythology of my Bishop Anstey girlhood and youth.

I like to say that I spent my whole life at Bishop Anstey High School in Port of Spain. In truth I started at the Junior school when I was nine, moved on to big school a few years later, returned to teach there after seven years of an initial teaching appointment and stayed on to be Principal from 1996 to 2000. As a matter of fact, I only left to establish the new Bishop Anstey High School East and Trinity College East schools which opened in Trincity in 2001. There's a lot of Bishops in my blood.

The hallmark of 'my' Bishops and part of its mystique is the quirky mix of traditional values and revolutionary ideals. Bishops girls are fairly divided between the goody-two shoes ... and the iconoclasts. The whole is held together however by a strong, persistent shared mythology. The Bishops girl as bright and (or, but) bossy, extremely capable

and unpretentious, the joy of employers but the scourge of men and of course the all-time favourite 'well-rounded'.

Stories abound of wonderfully weird and outstanding women and girls in the passing parade. Ex-patriate teachers from England who were eccentric in the extreme; passionate women libbers; faith-filled and service-driven exemplars. Madcap girls, talented girls, singers and original drama queens and the bright-bright ones who brought us fame and glory, winning coveted academic scholarships and awards.

Somewhere in the myth-making there was the story of another Bishops, away across the sea in Guyana. Here it was reported there were fellow travelers, like us, of the species/genus Bishops and in that way completely and utterly related. From time to time a girl would be transferred from or to Bishops in Guyana, confirming its ethereal existence.

You can imagine therefore my feeling of accomplishment, almost discovery when I finally made contact with Bishops Guyana last year. Invited to a special function at the school I noted with warmth and pride the similarity of our observances. The ritually good behaviour of the students, the care

and attention of the staff and the special place reserved for the 'old girls'. It felt so much like home.

We did not have the challenge of opening up our Bishops to boys that Guyana has had and of course in Trinidad, though partially state-funded, we remain a distinctly Anglican school. It struck me however that so much of what must be the essence of your Bishops has survived almost intact despite such seemingly deep changes.

Over the past year I have had the privilege of meeting and working with Bishops 'old girls' and some of its present students, both boys and girls. This has confirmed for me the relatedness of the two schools; although I found out that the prelates after whom our schools were named were not as I had thought the same person. In fact your Bishops really is a "Bishops" referring to two such persons while ours is in reality "Bishop's". That aside, the same commitment to service, ethics and the valuing of educational excellence, while recognizing the place of joy and laughter, mark both our Bishops. It has been a real pleasure and privilege for me to have put a face to the name.

**Valerie Taylor**  
Senior Project Officer  
CARICOM Secretariat



Brain Street Technologies, a company operated by BHSOSA Past President and IT consultant Lance Hinds, launched a new e-learning platform, Brain Street Learning. Brain Street is a powerful, self-paced

online education environment that harnesses the power of the Internet to enhance the learning experience. It is specifically designed to provide timely online support to students in accordance with their learning abilities and fundamentals. It is a powerful flexible learning tool that provides instructors, students and administrators with a unique combination of

state-of-the-art web technology and extensive education content. This "Virtual Learning Environment" allows students to access academic coursework to support their efforts as they prepare for examinations such as the Caribbean Secondary Examination Council (CSEC) and the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE).

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Guyana Awards (Canada) initiative honours Guyanese in the Diaspora for their contributions to the development of the country. In May 2007, Dr. Hazel Campayne received an award.

Dr. Hazel Campayne has dedicated her life as a tireless advocate of social justice, human rights, peace and democracy in Guyana, the Caribbean, Canada and internationally. She has earned the reputation of being a true patriot of Guyana with an indomitable spirit, who made great sacrifices - at the risk of her own personal security - to promote peace, justice and democracy in Guyana. Dr. Campayne never faltered in her commitment to these principles even after she left Guyana in 1980 to join the Guyanese community in Canada, where she was a founding member of the Canada Guyana Forum which champions the cause of social justice for Guyanese in Guyana and in Canada.

Dr. Campayne's career in Guyana as an educator can only be described in superlatives. As the Headmistress of St. Rose's High School, Sister Hazel (as she was fondly known) was highly respected as a strict disciplinarian and talented educator who inspired her students to strive not only for academic excellence but also for the highest levels of

achievement in other aspects of life, including community service, sports and culture. In the 1990s, through the Canada-Guyana Forum, Dr. Campayne was instrumental in implementing the Education Renewal Project that established an educational programme for youth in the Tiger Bay area of Georgetown.



In Canada, Dr. Campayne was recently appointed by the Ontario Government to the new Ontario Bicentenary Commemorative Committee on the Abolition of the Slave Trade. She is a member of the National Diversity Committee and the coordinator for the local

parish group of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, an international organization promoting development and social justice. Dr. Campayne is a member of the Ontario Black History Society, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and the Ecumenical Network for Women's Justice, and was a member of the delegations which monitored the historic 1992 elections in Guyana and the 1994 elections in South Africa.

An accomplished academic with a Doctorate Degree in Theology, two Master's degrees, two post-graduate certificates and a Bachelor's degree obtained in Canada, England and Jamaica, Dr. Campayne has been awarded several national and international scholarships and other accolades. In 1975, the United Nations International Year of Women, she was honoured as Woman of the Year by the Rotary Club for her work in Education, especially with Youth. An alumnus of Bishop's High School, Dr. Campayne is originally from Port Mourant, Berbice.

[http://www.guyanaconsulate.com/award2007\\_winners.html](http://www.guyanaconsulate.com/award2007_winners.html)

## Commemoration Service

by Magda Pollard

Old students joined voice with present-day students in reasserting our school's motto. The occasion was the traditional Commemoration Service held at St George's Cathedral on Friday, September xx, conducted by the Very Rev. Terry Davis, Rector. Staff and students were in full attendance, smartly dressed in uniform, from head to toe. Old students were much fewer in number, but were warmly welcomed

by the Headmistress.

The service, which has been re-designed, was an inspiring one. The singing was somewhat tentative initially, but soon gained confidence and resonance. The steel band was well played and the readers were well-toned and very expressive.

The sermon, delivered by the Rector, was pertinent. He urged the young people to emulate Solomon who chose wisdom and

not wealth to fulfil his responsibilities as leader of his people. He stressed the importance in life of making wise choices. He reminded us all of God's promise in that choosing to follow Christ's teaching first will result in all else being added for our well-being.

It was a morning of workshop which was well spent, reminding us, both young and old, of our goodly heritage, and urging us to keep guard over our souls.

# Flag Flying High: Stellar Performance at Examination

Students of the Bishops' High School continued to perform well at external examinations. At the 2007 Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate sitting, 100% passes were recorded in 16 of the 26 subjects offered. These included Agricultural Science (double award), Visual Arts, English A and Technical Drawing. The pass rate in six of the other subjects was 92.6% or above. Of the 845 entries, there was a 96.6% pass rate.

I remember my first day at BHS. Butterflies played in my stomach. My hands sweated. The giant building loomed in front of me like an ogre. I was overcome with fear for I didn't know what kind of experiences awaited me. Today, as I look back on that day, it is hard to believe that five years have passed, five years in which I have matured and grown into a young adult under the moulding hands of the BHS.

At school, I learnt more than what was on the curriculum. I learnt lessons of life. That scared young girl has been transformed into an outspoken young lady who is willing to accept any challenges thrown her way. This metamorphosis resulted as I was able to express myself through the annual inter-house competitions such as Debating, Elocution, Impromptu and Drama and through the activities of clubs such as the Environmental Club, Steel Pan Group and Choir, all of which helped to develop my leadership skills and to find my true identity. However, while I would like to be considered the perfect student, I cannot forget the times that I was a little difficult to deal with but I guess authority was phase and the cepted my chal- teaching me that there for my own My success at June 2007 CSEC sulted due to ments:



- God—with out him, nothing is possible.
- My family who acted as my backbone.
- The Bishops' High School.

I sat 11 subjects and passed all with 8 grade ones and 3 grade twos. While it is apparent that I have walked away from BHS with 11 subjects under my belt, it would be short-sighted of me to forget the cultural enrichment which has resulted through the traditions of the school that are upheld. Consequently, the school has produced more than good grades as it has moulded us into rounded individuals and that is the true goal of education. To the Bishops' High School, I will always be indebted. Thank you!

Wallisa Roberts

On entry to BHS, it was bestowed upon me the rich culture and traditions held cherished by the BHS family. As a student, you are expected to uphold the high standards of this historical institution. Outstanding performance in both academic and extracurricular activities and emphasis on school rules are trademarks of this school. At first, I could not understand the necessity of these rules but that they away from actually en- strong foun- young adult.



Through- students are minded that comes with hard work and determination. This was put to the test at the CSEC examinations 2007 which I sat.

In preparation for these exams, teachers worked endlessly with us to ensure we were more than just prepared to give correct responses. They helped us to develop mental and physical stability. Despite the struggle for competent science teachers, we were grateful for the service given back by two past science students. With the extent of work to be done in a short space of time and their minimal experience in teaching, I must admit that it was a job well done.

I performed creditably at the exams. Of the 11 subjects, I scored 9 grade ones and 2 grade twos. As a student of the science stream, I was a little disappointed with my grade twos in Physics and Chemistry. But, instead of letting my spirit fall, I chose to make it a prerequisite to improve these grades at the advanced levels. However, I was most pleased with my results in Agricultural Science DA (Grade 1) and my distinction in French. These two subjects were among the most challenging.

I think that I managed to sustain the high standards of the Bishops' High School and am proud to be called a BHS student. Thank you to all my teachers and Head-teacher. My success could not have been possible without your help. It is only expected that a well-run school will produce well-grounded children.

Melisa Moore

At the BHS, I have had quite an extraordinary and rewarding experience. My five years in this school have moulded me into the individual I am today. For that, I will be eternally grateful to the Headteacher, teachers and the rest of the staff.

Coming into BHS, I was anxious as well as terrified. A new school meant new rules. As the years progressed, I gradually saw how those rules which were not just spoken of but enforced by the teachers, helped me to be disciplined in my work and play. At times I never saw eye to eye with some of the rules; however, I obeyed them. Today, I see how beneficial they were and why they needed to be followed. Even the little things like walking down the stairs on the left hand side and standing when a teacher enters the classroom made a difference.

I participated in annual events—drama, sports, debating, elocution as well as House Day and House Project as a member of Allen House. I partook in races for standard trials and sports even though I was not the best of athletes. I was a member of the sweet sounding choir as well as the steel pan. These many activities helped to make me a rounded student. I was also capable of putting my spare time to good use and that helped me to stay out of trouble. Inter-house drama and debating helped me to become bolder and also exposed me to foreign languages and pressing issues. For that, I am thankful.

I admired the teachers as well as the Headteacher

very much for their willingness to teach. They were extremely concerned about us learning. To them, God and my family, I owe my successes.

I entered the science stream in my fourth form year and even though teachers were not available for Physics and Chemistry, the Headteacher and the Board worked hard to make sure that we were provided with teachers. I am grateful and thankful to all the teachers who taught me, even those who did not but me along the way. I encouraged wrote 10 subjects and attained all, with a double award in Agricultural Science.

The BHS but a second home to me. The Head-teacher and Staff ensured a good environment for us to learn and grow into young adults. My only regret is that I

am unable to further my studies at the sixth form level in BHS because science subjects are not offered. However, I am confident that this problem will be rectified. The culture and traditions of BHS will always stay with me as I venture into the world and as stated before I will forever be in debt to Bishops' for making me the student I am today and the adult I will become.



Michelle Francesca Doorgen

## Moving on up!

Congratulations go to Dr. Cargill H. Alleyne Jr., Associate Professor and Vice Chair for education and research in the Medical College of Georgia Department of Neurosurgery, who has been named the department's Academic Chair. Speaking of Cargill, MCG School of Medicine Dean D. Douglas Miller said that 'Dr. Alleyne brings great talent, vision and enthusiasm to the role of a dedicated educator, researcher and educator. He will be needed to compartmentalize his research and education. He will be needed to compartmentalize his research and education. He will be needed to compartmentalize his research and education.'



Prior to his 2004, Cargill was chief of the Division of Stroke Neurosurgery and associate residency program director for the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Cargill currently directs the Neurosurgery Vascular Service and the Neurosurgery Residency Training Program and co-directs the Cerebrovascular Research Laboratory. He holds several memberships including the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of

Neurological Surgeons and the Georgia Neurosurgical Society. As a member the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, he sits on the Fellowship Committee, has served on the Scientific Program Committee and co-chaired its Resident Committee in 2003-04. He is a founding member of the Society of Endovascular Neurosurgeons.

Cargill specializes in the open and endovascular treatment of vascular conditions such as aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, carotid disease and strokes. He is also an expert in surgical treatment of tumors near the base of the skull and that are often connected to the extensive network of cranial nerves and blood vessels. He also uses Gamma knife radiosurgery, which focuses hundreds of radiation sources on a target, to control smaller tumors as well as to eradicate problems such as congenital blood vessel malformations, without surgically opening the skull. His research interests include collaborative studies with Dr. Krishnan Dhandapani, a 2003 graduate of the MCG School of Graduate Studies, to identify innovative compounds for stroke treatment.

Cargill is listed in Best Doctors in America for 2007-08. As director of the Publications Office for the MCG Department of Neurosurgery, he is editor-in-chief of the bi-annual newsletter, Neuroscience Outlook. He also is a member of the MCG Physicians Practice Group Board of Trustees.

## Upcoming Activities

Monthly meeting of Executive Committee – Every 2nd Thursday

Sept 8 - Seniors Tea & Talk at Kirkpatrick's

Oct 7 - Walk-a-thon from BHS to Stadium

Oct 27, 2 pm - Annual General Meeting at BHS

Dec 14 - Carol Singing



## Condolences

BHSOSA expresses condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni who have passed or have had family members pass during July to September 2007:

- Family members of Lois Yvonne Holder née Cooper (July)
- Family of Marion Sedney née Harding
- Family of Helen Peterkin née Orderson
- Patricia Insanally (Sister)
- Joan & Valerie Sylvester (Mother) (September)
- Robert & Sarah Sylvester, Dawn Marolli (Grandmother)
- Megan Richmond (Niece - Kaye Crookendale, brother)
- Relatives of Margaret Yearwood

## Food Sale

The BHSOSA held a fundraising Take Away Lunch on Sunday, July 2, 2007. Interesting menu choices included fish, chicken or the special veggie surprise – the



outside!) in addition to a host of other treats.

The entire Executive turned out to "pitch in" as well as a number of past and present students who volunteered and bought tickets. We also had the pleasure of the company and willing hands of Marguerite Buckmire, T & T Chapter President .

A heartfelt thanks is extended to the large number of individuals who and companies



which contributed to the success of this event including Namilco, Demico, Bryden & Fernandes, Toucan Industries, Bounty Chicken, Church's Chicken, Continental Agencies, Noble House and N&S Mattai.

surprise was that there was meat in that box! Not to worry, we didn't give that to the vegetarians. It's just that we had a surplus of chicken in an effort not to sell a box of meat, we made something up. There was mauby on sale, vermicelli, fudge, chocolate cake (which was almost sold out before it got to the table



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