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## Sports Korner



Milton Hart

### Is **Brendan Nash** The Answer for West Indies Cricket?

In an era where West Indies cricket is languishing in the proverbial basement of the sport, a cricketer of Brendan Nash's caliber might be the catalyst needed to vault the team back to respectability.

According to pundits of the sport, Nash is an electrifying fielder, a classy left-handed batsman, and a bowler who can quickly swing a game in his team's favor.

Nash, with the nagging efficiency of his medium-pace deliveries, single-handedly bowled Jamaica to a seven-wicket victory over Guyana during the

October 2007 semi-final of the KFC Cup in Bridgetown. It was Nash's four-wicket burst (he ended with figures of 4-20) that put the game beyond the reach of the Guyanese team.

After the match, Nash played down his performance and praised his team-mates' bowling. "The scoreboard will show that I had the best figures, but I got a lot of assistance from the guys at the other end," he said. "We played brilliantly as a team."



Prior to helping Jamaica win the KFC Cup, the former Queensland all-rounder consistently turned in fine performances with both bat and ball. Recall that his splendid 91 not-out against Guyana guided Jamaica to first innings points in the Carib Beer series. The left-hander stroked six fours and a six from 254 balls in 300 minutes in resilient fashion to help Jamaica to 240 all out at tea, replying to Guyana's 171 all out, giving them a lead of 69 runs.

His miserly spell of 10-2-11-1 against Barbados in the KFC cup, it is said, was one of the best spells of bowling ever witnessed in the Caribbean.

Though blazing his own trail to prominence in sports, Nash has a distinguished ancestry of athletes. His father **Paul Nash** competed for Jamaica at the levels of Olympic and Commonwealth Games from 1966 to 1970. His uncle, **Gary Nash**, is a legendary Manning Cup player for St. George's College.

Think of swimming at St. George's College and the Nash family name is renowned.

Brendan's cousin **Dominique** sits on our Ontario Board of Directors and is a major contributor to our youth

wing.

*Milton Hart*

## Events Calendar - 2008

- March 9 - Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

### **Annual General Meeting**

St. Aidan's Catholic Church  
3501 Finch Avenue East, Scarborough  
Between Birchmount & Warden

- March 29 - Saturday 5:00 p.m.

### **Mass 5:00 p.m., Family Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church  
8530 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton  
*From 401 Exit Mavis North Chinguacousy Road is a continuation of Mavis Road  
North of Steeles*

### **\$1,500 Scholarship Presentation**

*Special Guest: St. George's College Head Boy-Brian McCalla.*

- August 1 - Friday (1st Day of Caribana Weekend) 7:00 p.m.

### **Annual Summer Ball**

Pearson Convention Centre  
2638 Steeles Ave. East. Brampton (At Airport Rd.)

*Featuring Special Guest R&B/Soul Singer*

*JAY DOUGLAS & The All Star Band*

*Music by The 50/50 band from Jamaica*

- August 17 - Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Family Picnic with Alpha & Immaculate**

Milne Park, Lakeview B-Shelter Area  
*McCowan Road (East Side), South of Highway 7*

## **\$1,500 Scholarship for your child/grandchild**

Continuing in the Blue & White tradition of supporting educational achievement, the St George's Old Boys Association (Ontario) is offering an annual scholarship of \$1,500 (formerly \$1,000) to the child or grandchild of a paid-up member. Recipient selection is made by the Scholarship Committee, currently comprising **Drs. Louis Lee, Herbert Ho Ping Kong and Derrick Haddad.**

Recipients the past three years were:

**2007 Courtney Chong** attending University of Toronto majoring in Pharmaceutical Chemistry - granddaughter of **Fen & Anita Chang**

**2006 Aaron Haddad** attending Queens University majoring in English Language and International Studies - son of **Dr. Derrick & Lisbeth Haddad**

**2005 Patrick Garel Jnr.** attending University of Waterloo majoring in Environmental-Civil Engineering - son of **Patrick and Janice Garel.**

If you have children or grandchildren applying to college or university, or currently in any year of undergraduate or post-graduate studies, encourage them to apply. There is no fee, the application is simple, and the scholarship is unconditional.

**The deadline for application is March 15, 2008.** The recipient will be announced at the annual Family Dinner on Saturday, March 29, 2008. One-page application forms are available for download at [www.stgctoronto.com](http://www.stgctoronto.com) or from any member of the executive (part 1).

## There and Back Again



Aaron Haddad accepts STGC Ontario scholarship at Family Dinner 1st April, 2006

In 1977 my parents **Derrick Haddad** and **Lisbeth Cooke Haddad** migrated from Kingston, Jamaica to Kitchener, Canada. Migration is a curious thing. One is uprooted from a familiar soil and yet is able to replant the very same roots in an unfamiliar soil. Some roots take hold of the unfamiliar, while others die and new ones emerge as new individuals, new families and new communities grow. The place of origin is forever changed as is the place of destination. This is the story of Diasporas. This is the story of my parents, Jamaica, Canada, you, me and humanity.

Living in a place where I have no roots, I have been compelled to make Canada-based roots through my day to day actions while drawing upon those that consist of the values, stories and personalities of a once-upon-a-time Jamaica passed on to me by my parents and other members of the Diaspora. From time to time I do feel what one might call a diasporic condition that arises from a first generation person's sense of placelessness, but in the end

it is these values, stories and personalities that stabilize me wherever the place, whatever the time, and for this I am thankful.

It is for this reason that, from I was a child I have always felt it important to maintain and expand my understanding of my roots not only to keep me stabilized but to also assure that posterity has something stable upon which it can rely.

Now 22 years old and in the final year of my degree in English literature and Global Development Studies at Queen's University, this past December I had the opportunity to visit Jamaica with my parents and apply a critical, more mature eye to present day Jamaica and its once-upon-a-time vestiges that I have read and written so much about over the years.

While there were many events that made for what was a very educational trip, I will especially cherish the memories of the day my father and my uncle Donald Wilson visited their alma mater, St. George's College, and also the headquarters of Georgian **Father Richard Ho Lung's** Missionaries of the Poor where I witnessed the work being done there. In a short amount of time I was able to personally engage with what has been a central part of my diasporic experience, the **St. George's College Old Boys Association, Ontario**, a vehicle that has brought together generations of alumni, showcased their past and current

contributions, and acted as a support network for old boys and their children (I myself benefited from a StGC student bursary in 2006) while helping preserve roots important to not only the former but also the latter.



Aaron Haddad with Missionaries of The Poor, Jamaica

Regarding St. George's, the campus with its old but seemingly well maintained buildings was quite lovely and I really felt that much closer to history, particularly when my father stood in the stands of the cricket pitch located adjacent to Sabina Park and recounted his days as a fast bowler and member of a Manning Cup football team. I also had the pleasure of talking with current principal **Mrs. Margaret Campbell**, a kind but strong person who seems to have done excellent work in overseeing the school's rejuvenation and laying the groundwork for a brighter future. She presented me with the possibility of teaching at St. George's College in the near future should I pursue my aspirations of becoming a certified teacher in the 2008-2009 academic year, an option that, should the day come, I would seriously consider in spite of salary limitations because of the impression she and the school made on me.

It is difficult to describe the work that Father Ho Lung and the Brothers do at Missionaries of the Poor. Perhaps surreal is the right word. I knew of the work they did from the various StGC functions I had attended in the past, but this was the first time I was able to see what they actually do in real life. Rest assured, the work they do is worthwhile and warrants all and more of the financial support the St. George's Old Boys Association has given in the past. I strongly recommend that anyone who has the opportunity to witness their work do so. What one witnesses there epitomizes the value of assisting others and the quieting presence of true love service can give rise to.

So there it is. There and back again. Such is the nature of life and the roots, or rather, the connections, that make it up. The wonderful moments of my parents' lives before 1977 can never be duplicated. They're gone forever. Yet at the same time every moment is one that impinges on the next in an endless string of moments that make up life. In every present moment the past reverberates and lives on. 1977 and all that has transpired before and after it lives on in me and I am the better for it. My parents, their friends and the



institutions they have formed like the St. George's Old Boys Association are not only of the Rock but have also acted as my rock. And for this I thank all of you.

Stay roots,

*Aaron Haddad*

## A Visit to Weston

Each year after Christmas, all the scholastics of The New England Province/Jamaica Region in Weston, Massachusetts congregate for a spiritual and social reunion that strengthens our faith in Christ and inspires us to continue doing God's work in our different communities. This year was no different, as we experienced enjoyable and fulfilling moments among the twenty scholastics (five of whom were Jamaican born).

For the Jamaican Jesuits, it was also a StGC reunion, since all of us were connected to the college in some way, whether it was through holding administrative position, being students, or just being residents on the campus. The gathering was organized by **Fr. Richard Deshaies** (a former Chair of the StGC school board) with presentations from the Provincial **Fr. Tom Regan**, and other Jesuits.

It was a joy for us to visit some of the most revered and loved Jesuits in the Health Centre in Weston, since they had contributed so significantly to the development of our school. These men of honour, integrity and competence had sacrificed much of their time and effort in building the reputation that still follows the school today through their many years of contribution. These Jesuits include: **Fr. Dudley Adam** (former Dean of Discipline), **Fr. O'Toole** (Teacher), **Br. Cal Clarke** (former minister at Patrick House - Campion College) and last, but by no means least, **Fr. Leo Quinlan** (former headmaster)



*Fr. Leo Quinlan & Michael Davidson*

It was truly an honour for me to sit in their company, and am resolute that StGC, and Jamaica by extension, owes these men an immeasurable gratitude for the tremendous services that they have rendered. Fr. Leo's room, amazingly, is surrounded by memoirs and souvenirs of StGC- the school he loves and served with dignity. On his desk sits prominently a copy of the latest Ontario chapter newsletter; the Knight of St. George medallion and numerous letters and correspondence from past students and well-wishers.

Well done good and faithful Leo!

The five Jamaican Jesuits present were: **Ravi Budhooram** (Fordham), **Giovanni Rickman** (St.

Louis), **Avery Gray** (Fordham) doing philosophy studies and Michael Davidson and **Rohan Tulloch** both doing theology studies at Regis in Toronto.

*Michael Davidson*

*Editor's Note: Michael Davidson was a former teacher and Dean of Discipline at St. George's College (1993-1997 & 2003). Rohan Tulloch completed 6th Form at StGC and also taught there and was in the campus Ministry. Both scholastics are at the Jesuit Regis College in Toronto.*

## New Jesuit Superior General

**Adolfo Nicolas SJ** is a man from Asia, a theologian from Japan.

He was born on April 29, 1936, in Villamuriel de Cerrato (Palencia province), Spain, about 4 miles from the capital city Palencia.



Adolfo Nicolas SJ

Like us Georgians he was educated at a Jesuit high school and with his father's transfer (a military professional) to Madrid he completed his secondary education at the Jesuits' Areneros high school, graduating in 1953 with the highest distinction the school granted, that of "príncipe".

He joined the Society of Jesus in the novitiate of Aranjuez, a small village close to Madrid, in 1953.

Fr. Nicolas represents a new generation of Spanish missionaries in Japan after **Fr. Pedro Arrupe**, under whose leadership social justice and the cause of the poor became dominant themes of the cause of the Jesuits.

After completing his studies of Philosophy in Alcalá, Madrid, in 1960 he went to Japan to immerse himself in Japanese language and culture.

In 1964 he commenced his Theological studies at Sophia University, Tokyo and was ordained a priest on the 17th March 1967

in Tokyo.

After obtaining a Masters degree in Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome, he returned to Japan to become a professor of systematic theology at Sophia University.

From 1978 to 1984 he was the director of the Pastoral Institute at Manila, Philippines and then Rector of the house for young Asian Jesuit students of Theology.

From 1993 to 1999 he was Provincial of the Jesuit Province of Japan.

After this he spent three years working in a poor immigrant parish in Tokyo, where he was able to help thousands of Philippine and Asian immigrants and gain first-hand experience of their sufferings, and developed a great love for the poor and downtrodden in the world..

In 2004 he was again called to exercise governing functions, and was give responsibility for the entire Jesuit region of East Asia comprising countries from Myanmar to Timor Este including the new province of China.

It was during these years that he was able to support the phenomenal growth of the Jesuit presence in Vietnam and other countries.

The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) are the largest male religious order of the Roman Catholic Church with over 19,216 members (13,491 priests, 30,496 scholastic students, 1,810 brothers and 866 novices as at January 2007).

Jesuit priests are engaged in ministries in 112 nations on six



Ignatius meets with laymen who belong to

continents. They are best known in the fields of education (schools, colleges, universities, seminaries, theological faculties), and have been involved with our beloved **St. Georges College** since its start in 1850. They are well known as well in missionary work, direct evangelization, intellectual research, and in cultural pursuits, social justice and human rights activities.

confraternities. Engraving from "Vita Beati Patris Ignatii," Rome, ca. 1609.  
"Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words."  
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Fr. Nicolas speaks six languages: Spanish, Catalan, Japanese, English, French and Italian.

*Robbie Vernon*

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