



St. Joseph's College OBU

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Ja-Ela / Wattala Branch

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President's Message

We were able to carry out all the scheduled events successfully during the period 1st April 2009 to date.

1. The executive com. Members' monthly meetings hosted by Executive members taken in turns and the Feb and March 2010 meetings are also confirmed.
2. The AGM of March 2009 was held at the Pegasus Reef Hotel on the 21st March 2009. A souvenir was printed to mark this event.
3. Family outing (2 days) of the Ex. Com. Members took place on the 13th and 14th of June 2009. (Kassapa Rock Hotel Sigiriya)
4. Annual Dinner Dance held on the 21st Aug. 2009 at the Hotel Galadari Colombo, to the music of Gypsies and Misty.
5. Annual Christmas Party for the members and their families was held on the 13th Dec. 2009 at Sanara Mandir Reception Hall.
6. Cricket match with the Negombo Union was held on the 4th Feb. 2010. Negombo Branch emerged winners. The event was very well organised, Congrats to our friends of the Negombo Branch.
7. AGM will be held on the 20th March 2010 at Hotel Ramada Dandugama Ja-Ela.
8. Rs. 25000/- was donated to Fr. Ranjith Andradi for the Xmas party and dinner at SJC Enderamulla.
9. Will also honor the requests made by Fr. Rector for the Bonjean Hall Project and for development of Cricket at SJC Enderamulla.

This is the 2nd news letter to be published for this fiscal year.

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College Medium-Term Objectives

In order to meet the goals, a set of medium-term (ten years) objectives has been defined in each of the key areas of spiritual formation, education, sports, extracurricular activities, administration and funding. These are outlined below:

Spiritual formation

Initiatives in this area will be based on Church's new outlook in Catholic education, as formalized by the 2002 World Congress of Catholic Educators, 'A New Person for a New World'. The input of Church educators will be actively sought in this regard.

Educational objectives

Incorporate and support State educational policy and reforms
Establish a comprehensive English Medium
All students should be bilingual, literate in English and study a third language
All students should be computer literate; this implies general computer education for all
Parental participation
Participation by teachers
Participation by Old Boys
Career guidance programme for all Catholic schools
Introduce Business Studies as a subject and prepare them to become entrepreneurial
Consider providing classes for students wishing to qualify in the University of London O-level and A-level examinations
Consider introducing afternoon classes as needed

Sports The goal here shall be to elevate existing standards. Inputs and plans will be sought from Sports Development Councils on the future projection of sports and standards, identifying the sports facilities available
All pupils will be encouraged to participate in sports and to develop values of sportsmanship.
(Extract from the web site of www.stjosephs.edu.lk)

Looking Back..

I received First Holy Communion in December 1950 while being a second standard student at St. Josph's. Rev. Fr. Fortin Vicar General of Colombo was the Celebrant of the Holy Mass.

Subsequently on the day before the first friday of each month we had to confess our sins. During those days we had a string of sins that we repeated to the confessor. I was from a family where we mainly spoke in Sinhalese. Thus my first utterance to the confessor was, "Father shall I tell my sins in Sinhalese." "Yes son" was the quick response. Once when I mentioned my medium of speech, the confessor said, " Son try to tell your sins in English". Without much difficulty I recited my string of sins in English. The Confessor declared "Son you can speak in English, have confidence".

Later I came to know that the priest was Rev. Fr. Tissa Balasuriya O.M.I. a great educationist and Theologian. He was the founder of the Centre for Society and Religion. 85 year old Fr. Balasuriya is presently at the CSR at Deanss Road Colombo 10. (MJCP)

Just in Jest

Ben: "My wife got me believe me in religion"

Joe: "Really?"

Ben : "Yeah, until I married her I didn't believe in Hell."

A man who just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit..The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. She points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the Blonde mortician a blank cheque and says, 'I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing.' The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly. She says to the mortician, 'Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?' To her astonishment, the blonde mortician presents her with the blank cheque. 'There's no charge,' she says. 'No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!' she says. 'Honestly, ma'am,' the blonde says, 'it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice.' 'So I just switched the heads.'

Fairlie Dalpathado dies aged 85

Fairlie Dalpathado, a successful allrounder for St Joseph 's College and Ceylon , as it was then known, has died at the age of 85 at his residence in Kirillapone. He was buried according to his wishes within 24 hours by his family.

As a player, Dalpathado excelled for his alma mater and later for Sinhalese Sports Club and then All-Ceylon (as Sri Lanka was then known as). He dominated in a post-war era where cricketers of his caliber were hard to come by. Dalpathado is best remembered for leading the unbeaten St Joseph 's side against a Combined Schools team led by Vernon Prins of St Thomas', which included eight captains and nine centurions, in 1943. In this historic encounter Dalpathado contributed 59 with the bat and then bundled out the strong Combined Schools side for a mere 35, capturing 6 for 17 with his right-arm fast-medium deliveries. However, the organizers refused permission for St Joseph's to enforce the follow-on fearing an early finish to the match before the chief guest Governor of Ceylon Sir Jeffery Layton arrived.

Dalpathado moved to SSC to display his all-round skills and in 1949 made his debut for Ceylon under the captaincy of Derrick de Saram against a West Indian side led by John Goddard. He also represented his country under the leadership of Malcolm Spittel against Freddie Brown's Englishmen and toured Pakistan with the Ceylon team led by Sargo Jayawickrama in the 1950s. He was at the time regarded as the leading allrounder in Sri Lanka .

Even at the age of 60 he showed that he had not lost any of his touch as a bowler when he took eight wickets for Chilaw Marians (he was born in Chilaw) against Wattala Antonians in a division III cricket match. Dalpathado turned to coaching to pass on his valuable experience to future St Joseph 's players. He coached his school on three different occasions - in 1949 for a year, from 1965-73 and from 1975-88 during which period St Joseph's won the traditional 'Big Match' against St Peter's twice in 1982 and 1987..

During his 20-year tenure as coach, Dalpathado produced four champion sides and five outstanding captains in Rohan Weerakkody, Ashley de Silva, Nirmalal Perera, Jeevaka Candappa and Jonathan Alles.

Dalpathado also excelled at tennis taught him by his father. He worked at the Tea Control Department and retired at Tea Small Holdings as assistant manager. He is survived by his Indian-born wife Therese Abraham whom he met during one of his tennis tournaments to India and son and two daughters.

Vaas Leads Angelo and Thisara Follows

Josephians continue to provide Sri Lanka Cricket with pacies and allrounders. The trend initiated by Chaminda Vass is carried on through Angelo Mathews and Thisara Perera. Thisara is from Kotugoda Ja-Ela.

Chaminda Vass is in the company of the elite Test Cricketers who obtained the double of 3000 test runs and 300 test wickets. Chaminda joined Sir Ian Botham, Imran Khan, Sir Richard Hadlee, Kapil Dev, Shane Warne,Shaun Pollock, and Daniel Vettori in acheiving this unique feat.

SENIOR DEP FAMILY AND ST.JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Lambert Dep and his wife Celestina Margraet Perera from Averiwatte Road Wattala, were the parents of ten children. All their sons were distinguished Josephians.

Thomas (Tom) Dep was the eldest in the family, who had his schooling at St. Joseph's where he represented the College at cricket. Subsequently he coached the Josephian cricket team as well. He became a Major of the Ceylon Army.

Arthur Dep was an outstanding allround athlete of College being an excellent hurdler and a pole vaulter. He was was the famous Pole Vaulting Champion who held the All Ceylon record for a period of 23 years.He joined the Police Department and retired as the Deputy Inspector General of Police.

Vincent Dep was a Company Sergeant Major and later became Regimental Sergeant Major of the Cadet Corp.He became the the champion bantam weight wrestler in 1942. Vincent was ordained a priest in 1948 and celebrated his first Holy Mass at St. Joseph's chapel on the College Feast Day.He was appointed as the chaplain of the Ceylon Army. Presently 92 year old Fr. Vincent is in charge of Rotary Boys' Home at Irabadagama Sandalankawa.

George Dep was a renowned wrestler. An outstanding gymnast, he was the Josephian master in charge of gymnastics in nineteen fities and sixties. Presently he is domiciled in Australia.

Lucian was the youngest of the Deps to join College. He represented College at cricket and athletics Lucian held the Public Schools Pole Vault record for a record forty one years. Ironically he was the coach of the schoolboy who broke his record.

Lucian was the Captain-elect of the 1950 cricket team.However he had a choice of either captaining college at cricket or entering the seminary to become a priest of God. He knew that every choice was a sacrifice.With the Rector Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai to guide him, he sacrificed the glory of captaining the Josephian cricket team and joined St. Bernard's Seminary in order to serve in the Lord's Vineyard. While in the seminary in addition to his ecclesiastical studies he showed his talents as an accomplished gymnast.

After his ordination as a priest he was in the College tutorial staff on three different occasions. Fr. Lucian was an authority on the interpretation of the Holy Gospels. He has continued to be involved with college activities. Presently seventy six year old Fr. Lucian is at the "Evening Star" Havelock Town, Colombo.

Did you know

220 young Joes received First Holy Communion at The Holy Mass Concelebrated by Very Rev. Fr.Marcus Ferdinandes ,Fr.Sylvester Ranasinghe and Fr.Sudath Gunatilake. The children were prepared for the sacrement very well, the parents of the Communicants too attended a seminar conducted by a Jesuit Priest. The children were taught the Christian values.Congrats to all concerned

Imm.Past President Keerthi Fernando migrated to Australia with his family. His architectural expertise will be missed by his friends and clients. Bridgeteens will miss the energetic and persuasive teaching of Sulali. Keerthie is in touch with his friends via email. We wish Keerthi,Sulali and the family all the very best in their adopted land.

Keep The Date Free

Old Joes Stag Nite will be held on the 4th March and the big match will be played at the Oval on the 5th and 6th March 2010. The 50 over match will be on the 13th March 2010 at Kettarama Stadium.

Committee Meetings

July committee meeting was hosted by Dr. Sunil and subsequent meetings were hosted jointly by Isuru and Terrence, Tissaka, Angelo & Anuja jointly,Dr. Maithree, Cecil, Nalaka & Gerard jointly and February & March will be hosted by Hugh and Hesketh respectively.

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