



AGE NOTES

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Notes from the Editor

The tumultuous activities in the world today some brought on by us and some by nature continues to impact our lives profoundly. The recent devastation caused by hurricane Katrina has awakened us to many realities. For me it has peeled away the camouflage and the pretenses that exist here in the USA and revealed the real plight – poverty, racism, indifference, mismanagement, ill preparedness and outright incompetence.

Let's say a prayer for the many who have suffered the loss of loved ones as well as the total loss of their worldly belongings. Let's not divorce ourselves from this situation but seek ways to contribute. Let's take heed – learn from these situations and try to prepare ourselves as best possible.

Mi neva mean fi do no preachin' but mi caan hold back!

Our August issue is a little late but **wi caan miss a mont'** without telling you **what a gwan** down south.

This issue will bring news about the planning for the XMAS Bash, provide an encouraging update on the one-bathroom-at-a-time project and share some of the activities planned for the 75th anniversary celebration.

So...nuh stop read now!

December 17 - Florida XMAS BASH

Remember the date, remember the place. The **2005 XMAS BASH** is on for **December 17, 2005** at the Inverrary Hotel located at 3501 Inverrary Blvd in Fort Lauderdale. The sounds will be belted from **Disco Sensation** with DJ Everton at the controls.

I promised to let you in on the secret about the guest DJ. By the way, I am singing now...listen up...
...**"Remember the songs that used to make you rock...** pull up DJ don't give dem no more. For those that attended the NY Summer Bash or heard how the dance floor sizzled...well you will get to experience some of that at the XMAS Bash

because **DJ Hugh** from **Ecology Force** will be in our house. Hugh Nash is an XLCR alumnus and has graciously volunteered his services.

Di music a ring inna mi ears...Mi caan wait fi di event

Now that we have everything in place, we need money to confirm them. We are still waiting on the commitment from prospective sponsors which is delaying the printing of our tickets and flyers. Our cut off date for the printing is September 30, 2005 as we must start to distribute and sell the tickets. We want to be ahead of the game.

There are many Excelsorians here in South Florida that has small businesses. We are counting on you all to make a small contribution. **Awright...we really a beg oonu fi help!**

We have the sponsor request letters and the sponsor contracts ready...just waiting for a signature. Don't miss the opportunity to get your company's name around town or around the country. The flyers will be distributed nationwide and the radio announcements will be heard across Florida. The advertising rates range from \$150.00

to \$3000.00. It starts with advertising a business card on the flyer to getting full exposure through the media, the flyer, on the ticket and via a banner posted at the event.

The rates are not set in stone and can be negotiated. We must close the deals soon.

Please contact us to obtain the sponsorship paperwork. The numbers to call are 954-309-4405 (Corneld) or 954-914-0811 (Althea).

Hold on...a hear mi phone a ringggg...☺

We are counting on you all to make this a successful event. We want to enrich the lives of the current students at XLCR. We want them to feel the pride we feel about XLCR. Let us make the school a better place for them to learn and play.

Remember the place to be on **Saturday, December 17, 2005** is the **Inverrary Hotel** located at **3501 Inverrary Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33319**.

One-Bathroom-at-a-time project

The project is well underway and the Plant Manager, Mr. Collins has given us encouraging news about the progress. The male and female bathrooms near the hall have had the broken toilets replaced, a broken basin has been replaced,

2 new urinals have been installed and the area around the urinals completely tiled in the male bathroom. A broken toilet was also replaced in the female 7th grade bathroom.

By 9/30/05, Mr. Collins plan to remove the termite infested wood in the female bathrooms by the Hall and install 3 new doors. Similar work will be done in the male bathrooms as 4 rotting columns will be replaced and 2 doors installed.

A total of J\$57,302.18 have been spent to date which is approximately US\$1000.00. There is still a balance of approximately US\$1500.00 left for the Bursar to spend for the bathroom program.

We are committed to the completion of this program and will only be satisfied when ALL the bathrooms are renovated.

NY Chapter News...

Dinner/Dance...

Guess who a di MC at the NY Chapter Dinner/Dance dis year? The world * famous comedian Owen Ellis...a Blacka mi a talk 'bout. For all those who has never seen any of his performances before you need to come and see him in action. Mark your calendars for the Dinner/Dance hosted by the NY chapter slated for Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the Ramada Inn at JFK

airport. The tickets are US\$75.00 person. There will be three honorees at the event - Excelsior's Manning Cup coach, **Lebert Halliman**, who led the football team to consecutive championships, celebrated actor/director **Carl Bradshaw** and retired military officer Major General **John Simmonds**, former head of the Jamaica Defense Force.

This is a stoosh affair...so send yuh formal wear to the Cleaners from now!

New look for the XLCR website... The NY chapter has contracted an expert to redesign the website. It is still a work in progress and can be viewed at www.xlcralumni.com. This site carries the most current news about XLCR and is a place for you to register your contact information and also find classmates. Check it out!

It really a look good!

75th Anniversary tidbit

The plans are in place for the XLCR 75th anniversary celebrations. Our representatives are Duane Coombs and Debra Byfield from the NY and FL chapters respectively. The celebration will kick off on October 19, 2005 with a press conference to outline the plans for the

celebrations in 2006. I would like to highlight the **homecoming celebrations** which are targeted for **November 19, 2006 to November 25, 2006**. Please start making preparations to be there... there will be a barbeque, "retro day", sports extravaganza and yesteryear fete.

Nuff activity fi enjoy!

Let's go contribute and enjoy ourselves while doing so.

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