Dennison MacKinnon Leaving St Andrew's School After Nine Years

When Dennison MacKinnon came to St Andrew's in August 1997 as the new Principal and Chief Executive Officer, he had a vision and a plan for the school that could be summed up in these words: “Ethics and Excellence”. After nine years, Dennis has realized this and more. We are sorry to see him leave. The following are some of the achievements St Andrew's has made during his tenure:

- St Andrew's School has become an exemplary school in matters of curriculum. The BGCSE results continue to be outstanding, and we are also world class in the “progressive” educational areas which give such a well rounded education to students. For St Andrew’s to be authorized to offer both PYP and the Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate is a magnificent achievement.

- The building programmes have made a considerable improvement to the school. With the sacrifices of the community and the support of the Foundation, buildings worth over eight million dollars have been erected over the past five years in order to house the educational programmes of which we are so proud.

- Dennis supported the Director of Development position which is so vital to maximizing the school's future potential. He has also been very supportive and active in the Alumni Association.

- When Dennis leaves in August 2006 the school's finances will be in the strongest position they have been for many years. There will be cash in the bank and a budgetary surplus. It has been a difficult task, but with the help of the community it has been achieved. Currently, Dennis sits on the School's Committee for the Primary Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organization in North America, which is headquartered in New York, and serves as an accreditation advisor to the Council of the International Schools.

Dennis and his wife, Christina, will be leaving us this summer to move to Barbados where he will be the Headmaster at The Codrington School in St John. We wish them well; they will be sadly missed here at St Andrew's School. May you always have sand in your shoes and come back to visit.
ALLAN & MARIEJO TARMEY

Allan and Mariejo Tarmey, former French teachers at St Andrew's School from 1965 to 1978, left Nassau in 1978 to go to France with their three children. They have two daughters, Dominique and Danielle, who are alumni, and a son, Loic, who was born in 1972. Mr Tarmey was also very involved in the swimming events at school.

When Mr and Mrs Tarmey moved from Nassau in 1978 they went to a small town outside of Paris, France, called Chaville, where they lived for almost two years. Mr Tarmey worked on his Master's Degree and taught in Paris. In 1979 they moved to Somerset, England, and soon became Housemaster and Mistress of Wellington School in Wellington, Somerset. They stayed there until 1996 when they retired and moved to live in their cottage in Locquenole, France. The idyllic spot where they live now is on the northwest coast and full of sandy beaches, not far from Mariejo's hometown.

They spend a lot of their retirement traveling to visit with their family who are spread out around the world. Dominique lives in Spain, just south of Barcelona, and runs a small language school there. For those who remember Dominique she was a very good swimmer with the Dolphins Swim Club and is now swimming again at the Master's level in Spain.

Mr Tarmey taught science at St Andrew's from 1963 to 1970 at which time he transferred to Government High School. Paul, his wife and their three daughters left Nassau in 1977 to return to Bodmin, Cornwall, England. When they moved to Bodmin they welcomed their son. Their two oldest daughters attended St Andrew's, the third being only a baby when they left. The following is our interview with Paul at his home in Bodmin.

KS: How was it that you found out about the teaching position at St Andrew's when you applied in 1963?

PH: I came out to Nassau by ship on the P.S.N.C Salamanca which sailed from West India Dock in London to Nassau, via Hamilton, Bermuda. The trip was supposed to take two weeks, but we had engine trouble in Bermuda and eventually arrived three and a half weeks after departure. Accompanying me on the ship was all of the new science laboratory equipment which had been ordered for the newly built Science lab on the Collins Avenue site. The job had been advertised in the Times Educational Supplement in the middle of winter in the UK and for a young science teacher the thought of warm weather all the year round was a real attraction. I applied and was interviewed for the job in London by Mr. John Chaplin's brother and was lucky enough to be appointed.

KS: What did you do when you left Nassau?

PH: I returned to Bodmin in Cornwall in the very South West of England (it was as close as I could get to The Bahamas in the UK) and continued to teach Chemistry and Science until 1998 when I retired from teaching. I taught at Bodmin Community College, where we had about 1500 students and I was appointed Head of the Lower School and was responsible for about 500 11 - 13 year olds on its own site separate from the seniors. However, most of my teaching time was with the sixth form teaching A level chemistry as I had done at Government High School and later at COB. After retiring from teaching I returned to the college and was the senior lab technician for five years, which gave me a great deal of satisfaction without so much pressure.

KS: What are some of your fondest memories of St Andrew's and the Bahamas?

PH: Undoubtedly, the climate,
Terry and Jenny Dunn taught at St Andrew's from 1957 to 1978. Terry taught geography in the Upper School and became Head of the Middle School in 1962. Jenny was the art teacher and her pen and inks can still be purchased at Nassau Glass Art Gallery. When Terry, Jenny and their children left Nassau in 1978, Cameron was 16 years old and Sarah was 15 years old. They went back to England and settled in Dartmouth in Devon. While there Terry continued teaching and retired in 1983 and Jenny concentrated on her artwork.

One and a half years ago Terry was diagnosed with cancer and has had chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Thankfully, he is doing well and is in “remission”. He is back playing tennis three times a week and enjoys taking long walks and playing snooker. He is also trustee of a local property charity.

Jenny still paints for pleasure, but not commercially. She is still very involved in music and is in the local orchestra, and a small singing group that raises money for sick children. She and Terry enjoy time with their grandchildren too. Both Cameron and Sarah live relatively close by.

Cameron and his wife Liz are now living in Bristol. He has two sons, William (eleven years old) and Thomas (nine years old). Cameron works at Bristol University in the Department of Social Medicine.

Sarah is always busy and never seems to rest. She is deputy head at a private college in Plymouth. At the time of this interview Sarah was about to go on a cycling tour of Morocco.

We want to wish all of the Dunn family good luck and good health in the future.

KS: You were involved in The Nassau Players when you lived here... are you still active in theatre productions?
PH: When I returned to the UK I founded The Bodmin Players, named after the Nassau Players and produced a musical Free as Air which I had already produced in Nassau at COB and which we took on tour to Freeport. After about ten years I then started producing plays and musicals at the college in Bodmin. The society that I founded is still going strong after 25 years.

TERRY AND JENNY DUNN

A Blast from the Past

Mr Lester: FORM II 1963-1964


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GORDON MILLS

Gordon Mills was at St Andrew’s from 1982 to 2005. He has now moved on to work at The College Of The Bahamas. While teaching at St Andrew’s he also was Head of English from 1982 to 1999; Housemaster of Lucayan from 1982 to 2005; produced the yearbook from 1982 – 1999; was Head of Year from 1989 to 1999 and he was a CAS Coordinator for the IB students until 2005. Kirstie interviewed Gordon for the newsletter.

KS: Where are you from in England? And, what do you miss most from there?
GM: I was born in Chelsea, London but I grew up in Fulham and then in Putney on the banks of the River Thames. I miss my family and the cosmopolitan atmosphere of London and the diverse ethnic population. As a lover of the theatre, I miss the London theatre scene and access to concerts. And I also miss Fulham football matches and cricket at Lords and the Oval.

KS: What year did you move to Nassau and start teaching at St Andrew’s?
GM: I came to Nassau in 1981 during the air traffic controllers’ strike in the States and we missed our connecting flight in Miami and had to sleep over there. I started teaching at St Andrew’s in September 1981.

KS: What are some of your most memorable moments at the school?
GM: There have been a number of memorable moments: I directed 18 school plays and they were all memorable in their own ways. I wrote three of them so I think I have the fondest memories of those three. There were the staff revues – I was here for the start of those so they have a place special in my heart. Watching the Junior Girls’ basketball team win the championship – they are the only St Andrew’s team to have won the finals. Taking the Model United Nations team to the debate and coming second in 2005 and feeling just as proud when I heard that this year the team came first. The end of year parties at Roger Kelty’s house. Seeing Lucayan win the Run, getting Peter Wilson to move the track and field to the stadium, seeing the IT centre and the new library actually open and the last day send-off everybody gave me when I left in December. They were all great memories.

KS: If you hadn’t become a teacher what career would you have chosen?
GM: I don’t know. I always wanted to teach but I think maybe I would have done something outdoors like forestry or cartography – I’m fascinated by maps.

KS: What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you in the classroom?
GM: This wasn’t actually in the classroom but in the auditorium. We used to have the mock exams in there and I was invigilating. Someone had put a chair up on the stage and I went up there to sit on it to survey the students taking their exam. I didn’t check the legs of the chair and as I sat on it, it toppled from the stage to the floor below and I followed it like the dying swan. There was a definite break in concentration as students laughed and I tried to recover my dignity from the feet of the students in the front row of desks. Fortunately, I wasn’t hurt and we continued with the exam.

KS: Each year The Staff Revue was always a fun evening and you were so entertaining in them. Do you still do any acting in plays?
GM: I haven’t been in a play for a while now. I miss it too. The revues were very special because they really pulled the whole staff together and they were for a good cause. And, as I said in my farewell speech in December, it was the staff revue that gained the school its first accreditation because we were so involved in that when the team came to assess us we just said, “Come to the revue. That’ll show you what kind of school we are!”

KS: What is your new position at COB?
GM: I’m Senior Writer and Managing Editor for COB publications in the office of Institutional Advancement. It’s a new division and the office embraces Alumni Affairs, Public Relations, Fund Raising and internal and external publications. When the College becomes a university, it will also be the University of The Bahamas Press. It’s very exciting and I’m enjoying it immensely.
Father Laish Boyd attended St Andrew's from 1976 to 1979, beginning with Form V (now Year 11) followed by two years in Form VI (Years 12 and 13). He was head boy, a prefect, and a member of the Glee Club and Student Christian Movement.

Father Boyd is now Bishop Coadjutor-Elect in the Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos Islands. When Archbishop Drexel Gomez retires in 2008, Father Boyd will become the new bishop to the Anglican Church. Here's Kirstie interview with Fr Boyd:

KS: It must be gratifying to know you secured two-thirds of the votes from the clergy. What will your duties be as bishop coadjutor?
LB: I will continue as rector at Holy Cross, and, my first function is to assist Archbishop Gomez with Episcopal functions like ordinations and confirmations. I will have a dual role for a while, then, I will be full time as his assistant. I probably will stay at Holy Cross until the end of this year, but that is still to be determined.

KS: What would you say is the biggest challenge in your job?
LB: There are many, but, working with people and guiding and mentoring them through their personal challenges is probably my biggest challenge. And then, helping them to reach their full potential.

KS: In the yearbook of your graduating year, you had the quote “God’s Child”. Did you know at an early age that the church was the path your life would take?
LB: The kids called me “God’s Child” because I had made a personal commitment to God and did not hide it. Initially no, I wanted to be a physician/surgeon, and I enjoyed the sciences and did well in my O-Levels, but, I knew that I didn’t have enough of a grip to go further. I then decided, at the age of 17, to become a priest. I saw it as God speaking to me.

KS: When you left St Andrew’s where did you go to further your education?
LB: King’s College at Dalhousie University in Halifax, where I took Classical History and Philosophy. Then to Codrington Theological College, in Barbados, where I got my Bachelor’s degree in Theology.

KS: Tell me a bit about your family?
LB: My wife Joann and I have three sons. Zane is 13, Joash is 10 and Nathan is 5.

KS: What do you remember most about your time at St Andrew’s?
LB: St Andrew’s was a very positive experience for me. The relationship with the teachers had a big impact, especially Dave Jenner and Allan Murray. Allan Murray never taught me but, he still had a big impact on me. Also, the many student relationships I had were special.

Margo Perin Class of ’72

Margo Perin is a writer of memoir, novels, short stories, personal essays and performance works. She lived with her family in Nassau during 1963 and 1964, when she was eight and nine years old. Margo attended St Andrew’s School during that time, along with her siblings.

When asked what memories Margo has of St Andrew’s she replied, “I remember playing marbles with the boys outside on unpaved earth, and I seem to remember the girls weren’t supposed to play with the boys, but my brother was among them so I tagged along. I remember the camaraderie of the students, and wasn’t there a tuck shop?”

When Margo’s family left Nassau they went to Jacksonville, Florida and moved around quite often. Margo has had many accomplishments since she attended the University of London in England. She has written and published two books. One is an anthology called How I Learned to Cook and Other Writings on Complex Mother-Daughter Relationships which was published to much critical acclaim in 2004. Margo’s second and most recent book was just launched in May 2006, and is called Only The Dead Can Kill. It is a collection of stories and poems by men and women who are incarcerated to show the humanity of people who live behind bars. The book features Margo’s childhood story of growing up on the lam and being raised by a criminal father.

Margo is also a writing instructor and has been teaching at universities, colleges and schools for more than twenty-five years. She is a writer-in-residence at San Francisco County Jail and has done workshops around California, Mexico and Europe. She also directs an international manuscript consultation and editing business in which she helps writers of novels and short stories develop and submit their work for publication.

Be sure and visit Margo’s website at www.margoperin.com
ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Inigo Zenicazelaya  Class of ’87

KS: In the yearbook you said your aims were to be a sports broadcaster and journalist. How did you become a stand-up comic?
IZ: During my freshman year at Barry University, the campus radio station held several events that I ended up hosting and the rest—as they say—is history. I went full time into radio and ended up with the top-rated show the entire year. When I returned home getting air time on ZNS was like pulling teeth. So I started working at the Paradise Island Resort and then Superclubs Breezes, hosting events I worked as programme director for More 94 and moved on to 100JAMZ. I was also the official Spring Break rep in all the top night clubs on the island. One night the co-owner and manager of Joker’s Wild asked me if I was interested in doing standup. I bit. When I got up on stage the first night I was more nervous than I had ever been before in my life. I did nine minutes and was hooked. I quit my job at the radio station.

I had found my calling. Everything I had done before was to prepare me to be a comic. My parents always said my mouth would get me in trouble...and it does, but now it also gets me paid.

KS: What is the funniest thing that happened in your school years?
IZ: On a dare by my classmates Rowan Saunders and Alessandro D’Pouls, I auditioned for the school play “Star Trek,” in the role of Chief Engineer Scotty, all because I was famous around campus for impersonating Mr. Millar, a Scottish teacher. I got the accent down so well that I got the part, for which I received rave reviews in The Tribune. However, Mr. Millar gave me two thumbs down for impersonating him and calling him in sick three times and quitting his job for him once. Every secretary in the office was fooled. That was one of the better pranks I was a part of during my illustrious seven years at St Andrew’s.

KS: You’ve performed internationally too. How often do you go on tour?
IZ: A dozen or so weeks a year, all over America. I made it to the final 30 out of 700 contestants in the Florida call of Last Comic Standing for NBC television recently. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for the Bahamian Comic.

KS: When do you perform at Joker’s Wild?
IZ: Tuesday through Sunday, twice a night. 7pm is for kids eight years and up and is completely “G” rated. The adult show starts at 9:30... real time... not Bahamian time. The family show is $15 per person and the adult show is $20. For more info call 363-3000, ext. 64002.

KS: What was your most embarrassing moment on stage?
IZ: Once I asked a teenager what was wrong with his leg, he was wearing a knee brace so I figured knee injury from sports... how far off was I? The young man said he had cancer, and there is no comeback to that. I had to delicately extract my foot from my mouth and move on without stepping on any more comedy land mines. I have seen that young man twice since then; he stops in to see the show when he’s on vacation.

KS: Are you married?
IZ: My fiancée, Jamie, is the total package — beauty, brains and a great sense of humor. She’s Libra like my Mom, and she watches football and actually knows the difference between a 3-4 defense and a 4-3 defense. How sexy is that? So you know she’s a keeper. I’m 34 now so I don’t want to be using a walker when my first little one comes around.

KS: What are some of your fondest memories of St Andrew’s?
IZ: Great teachers like Mr Mills and Mr Murray, who not only taught lesson plans but also life lessons. Lifelong friends that I have made from the Class of ’87, and the fact that our entire class—whenever we see each other— always has warm pleasantries, even if we weren’t that close in the school. That says something for the bonds; however big or small, that were formed at St Andrew’s. Ah yes, I can’t forget to mention Arawak becoming the first House to win both the Credit Cup and the Sports Cup in the same year, and we did it two years in a row. Carib, Lucayan, and Taino will always be “Losers”.

Ray Romano with Inigo
Beth Cates  Class of ’98

KS: What happened after you graduated in 1998?
BC: I went to the College of Charleston in South Carolina, finishing in 2003 with a degree in Communication and another in Fine Arts. I worked for a year, did a lot of volunteering, got involved with “Happy Days”, and eventually decided to return to college for a teaching degree. I will graduate soon with a Master’s in Special Education. I am pursuing career options in the Charleston area, most likely in the public school system.

KS: What experiences have you had teaching children with special needs?
BC: The rewards are the same as for any teacher – seeing your students progress and knowing that you helped them do it. One the best experiences I had this semester was helping a student who was struggling with literacy and he won the school-wide essay competition. I was so proud of him.

KS: You are involved with a programme called “Camp Happy Days”. What is it exactly?
BC: They support kids with cancer and their families. Their motto is “creating many happy tomorrows, today”. I absolutely love it. A few friends were volunteers so I applied to be a counselor. I was never more exhausted or happier in my life than after that week. I simply cannot explain what a life changing experience it was. Their website is www.camphappydays.com.

KS: You have to have a lot of patience and give so much of yourself... what do you like to do to unwind and regroup?
BC: I don’t usually have a great deal of time for unwinding until the school year is over! But it’s the usual stuff – time with friends, gardening, cooking, and getting outside either to the beach or the park.

KS: When you were in Grade Six at St Andrew’s, Mr. Geremia had a huge impact on you. Why is that?
BC: His class was the first where there was truly an opportunity for hands-on, discovery-based learning. He made learning fun! I’ve heard a lot of “blurbs” about education during my degree but my favourite is... “It’s about lighting the fire, not filling the bucket.” Mr. Geremia was blessed with the gift to light the fire. For me, that is the highest praise an educator can receive.

KS: What are your fondest memories of St Andrew’s?
BC: I really don’t remember the academics, which isn’t to say I didn’t learn them – it’s there for retrieval when necessary, but the things that have stuck with me have nothing to do with the classroom... playing on the monkey bars and hiding in the concrete tunnels on the primary school playground, the hand bell to signal lines, the “Zebra” crossing, four-square with a tennis ball, cafeteria french fries, credit badges, Lucayan never winning at anything but always trying, quality time with Nurse McNeil, the yellow/red Poinciana tree, Mr. Murray’s meter ruler with a Time wallpaper background. Mostly, it’s the people.

KS: What are your plans for the future?
BC: I love Charleston and hope to stay here. My first goal is to get a job at a school I like and go from there. I’ll deal with anything else as it comes up!
St Andrew’s CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. What sports team/house is the colour RED?
5. The St Andrew’s School headmaster from 1954 to 1973.
8. At school we have many class_____.(pl)
9. 1760 yards = a_______.
11. The School’s Sports Team name is The_______.
13. 3.14159 = _____.
14. The School’s original motto was _______.
16. At the start and end of each lesson the______ rings.
19. Not a pencil, but a _______.
20. The opposite of day.
21. Friend, not______.
22. ____ Andrew’s School.
23. The sports team/house that is the colour YELLOW.
25. What sports team/house is BLUE?
26. What sports team/colour is GREEN?
27. Opposite of No.

DOWN
1. The place where all the books are.
2. College of the Bahamas (abbr.)
3. St Andrew’s School is on this road.
4. Opposite of old.
5. The “old” St Andrew’s on Shirley Street was also known as The________Mansion.
6. After the graduation you get dressed up and go to the_______.
7. When all the children have gone to college, the parents experience an empty_______.
10. The school colours are white and_______.
11. The students perform in The Assembly_______.
13. Physical Education (abbr.)
14. St Andrew’s School’s current motto is “_______and Excellence”.
15. In winter, the boys uniform includes a _______.
16. What the students do at lunch break.
18. The parking_______.
21. Where there’s hoop-la and cotton candy
24. What is inside a pen?

SOLUTION ON PAGE 11
In May 2005, St Andrew's entered its first students into the Diploma examinations of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). These are the first students ever to sit IB examinations in The Bahamas, and of the eighteen students involved, seventeen were entered for full diploma. Of these seventeen students, no less than sixteen obtained a full diploma. Alanna Rodgers gained 43 points out of the maximum possible score of 45. In 14 of the 23 subjects offered at the school, the school’s average grade was higher than the world average, according to statistics received from the IBO.

The IB exams are respected world-wide as the “gold standard” of pre-university education. They demand two years of intensive study at post-GCSE level. Students have to sit six papers, three at standard level and three at higher level. Included in the mix must be English, Mathematics, at least one science, one foreign language and one arts subject. Community service is also an essential element of the course, as is the production of an original extended essay and a study of the Theory of Knowledge. This is truly an outstanding achievement and our congratulations are extended to all the students involved and to our outstanding teachers.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who donated lovely gifts for our Silent Auction in November 2005. “The Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction” was held harbourside at Luciano’s Restaurant which was a well attended and very enjoyable evening and reunion for all. The funds raised on that evening will be contributed to the ongoing improvements at the school.

Board Member, Christine Rahming and a friend studying the bid sheets at the auction.

Anne Marie Tiliacos-Hanson, Themaly Cathopoulis and Andrew Saunders at the Wine and Cheese

Leandra Esfakis, Debbie Raine and Virginia Damianos reminiscing.
SHARON WILSON
New Director of Admissions & Assistant Principal
Sharon Wilson is moving from Head of the Primary School to Director of Admissions & External Campus Relations and Assistant Principal of the School. Sharon joined St Andrew’s in 1981 and taught Grade Six and became Head of the Primary School in 1986. She attended Queen’s College in Nassau and later obtained her degree at Oxford University in England. She remained in England for several years and taught there before moving back to Nassau. While in England, Sharon taught all grades except for reception.

When asked about her time at St Andrew’s Sharon says “I have felt privileged to work with five different principals and have enjoyed every minute at the school. I especially loved being a part of the amazing changes to the curriculum and the campus that have taken place over the past nine years, in particular, with such hard working and dedicated teachers.”

Sharon is delighted and excited to be continuing to share in the St Andrew’s community of students, teachers and parents in her new roles as Director of Admissions and External Campus Relations and Assistant Principal.

ALLISON COLLIE
New Primary School Head
Ms Allison Collie, the Pre-reception coordinator, has been appointed the Head of Primary beginning this summer. The changeover should be a smooth one as Ms Collie is highly qualified in her own right and already knows a great deal about the school. She will also have the advantage of being able to work closely with the primary faculty and administration over the next several months.

MARY TURNER

Mary Turner came to St Andrew’s in 1980. As an accounts clerk her job entails the collection of revenue with a smile: “I try to ease the tension of parents paying the school fees,” she says.

“Some find it difficult to release the money but I offer them some water or candy and a comforting smile. I’m also in charge of paying overseas bills, accounts payable and maintaining the filing system.”

According to Mary, the most significant change at St Andrew’s over the past quarter century was construction of the new library and IT building that removed the driveway and bridge to the high school.

Also, Year 13 has been introduced three times in 25 years, and she suspects that this time it may be longer lasting.

In her spare time, Mary likes to sing and sew. And she’s also working on a college degree. As a pastor’s wife she keeps busy in lots of other ways too.

“My fondest memories include Graham Barrott’s helpfulness in teaching me to drive a standard shift when I was first employed as a messenger,” Mary said.

“I also appreciated Dave Jenner’s leadership and guidance.”

She recalls that the Staff Revue was an effective scholarship fundraiser, that began as a way to help a teacher who was in financial need after having a sick baby.

“One of my favourite performances was ‘Sister Act’ where I played the part of Whoopie Goldberg. And the Primary School Christmas productions over the years were spectacular. Even when the children make an error it is only visible to the teacher – they still continue to shine.”

“Another fond memory is the Christmas Fair, when everyone would pile up in Vickie Roberts’ house every week for months making ornaments to sell. We would bring in well over $15,000.”

Mary’s husband, Ricardo E Turner Sr, teaches tennis at the Lyford Cay Club and is a pastor of the Englerston Gospel Chapel. They have two children, Ricardra, a 19-year-old student at the College of the Bahamas, and Ricardo Jr., a 15-year-old student at St Andrew’s.
When you advanced to the high school one of the highlights was to sit between the pillars, in the front of the school, at break time and chat with your friends.

Walking down to the candy store, on Shirley Street, and buying Pixie Stix and Fireballs.

The library in the attic.

The hidden passageways throughout the mansion. They were cordoned off and the doors were locked, but, when we could, they were fun to explore.

The middle school boys and girls lunch room. We all ate in the same room, but the boys sat at one end and girls at the other end.

The helicopter that would come from the out islands and land on the back field with an injured or sick passenger, who had to then be taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The girls' uniforms in the Infant and Junior Schools had a fabric belt. When you advanced to the high school it was a rite of passage to move up to the navy leather belt.

On Fridays, when the bell rang after lunch, the kids all had to walk side by side along the fields and pick up any litter in front of them. This was a great lesson in not littering and keeping the school clean.

Credits, Discredits and Saturday Detention!!!!

It seemed quite often someone threw up, or fainted, from the heat, during assembly.

Susan Hubert (nee Aldrich) remembers when Princess Margaret came to visit Nassau in the early 50’s on the Britannia and kids from many schools had to memorize the words to the following song. The trip was said to be instigated by the Royal family in an effort to help her get rid of her thoughts of love for Peter Townsend. The schools all gathered on the grounds in front of Fort Charlotte and sang:

On a sceptered isle set in a silvered sea
Tales of warriors, heroes bold,
Came Britannia’s princess,
a royal symphony
Here where pirates sailed of old,
Like a fairy queen she waved her magic wand
Bringing all, beneath her spell,
We adore her radiant smile and kiss her hand
While with joy our bosoms swell.

CHORUS
Hail Princess Margaret so gracious and true
Deep our devotion
As deep as the ocean
For we love you, we do.

Susan Hubert (nee Aldrich)
Birth Announcements

Class of 1988
Lisa Rounce-Natarfrancesco - a boy, Nathan Tyler in Feb. 2006

Class of 1989
Chris Premock - a boy, Christian Alexander in Apr. 2006

Class of 1990
Lori Thompson-Hall - a boy, Jacob Austin in Mar. 2006

Class of 1991
Jennifer Thomson-Bain - a boy, James Samuel in Feb. 2006
Darian Roach - a girl, Naomi Shaw in Mar. 2006 (both Cameron and Darian are sons of Cathy Roach - teacher)

Class of 1992
Jerome Pinder - a girl, Summer Elizabeth in Mar. 2006
Gillian M CWney-Wilson - (also a former teacher) - a girl, Zara in Apr. 2006

Class of 1996
Adrian White - a boy, Franklin Adrian in Nov. 2005

Class of 2001
Melanie Hall-Breedlove - a boy, Jaxon Andrew in Aug. 2005

In Memory

Christos Dimopoulos
Class of 2003

Nicole Ranson
Class of 2004
(Daughter of Debbie Saunders, Class of 1976)

Crystal Cassar
Class of 2004

Tyrone D'Arville
Former Member of the Board

Anne Jenner
Wife of Dave Jenner (former headmaster)

In Memoriam

Christos Dimopoulos
Class of 2003

Nicole Ranson
Class of 2004
(Daughter of Debbie Saunders, Class of 1976)

Crystal Cassar
Class of 2004

Tyrone D'Arville
Former Member of the Board

Anne Jenner
Wife of Dave Jenner (former headmaster)