

# ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE

Presents

# the LANCE 1972

The year of 1971-1972 at St. George's College has been a "trial" year in which all aspects of school life has been primarily focused on the theme "improvement". Recommendations of last year's Voting Chav<sup>ess</sup> have blossomed into new ideas and concepts which are first taking root in the administration of the school. One such important offset has been the implementation of a new type of placement program in fourth form, in which the student chooses his own subjects which must include "core" subjects. Reports on this modern technique have been quite favourable.

A deeper realization of the country's needs and goals has been stimulated by the open lectures which are given to the third and sixth formers. People from different backgrounds are invited to give lectures.

From the point of view of the students, one of the most important events of the year has been the inauguration of a school paper, "UHURU". "UHURU" not only seeks to make the presence of the students felt, but also to encourage a sense of discipline and responsibility in members of its staff, and to act as an outlet for students with creative talent.

The encouragement of student-teacher-parent relationships have been possible because of the more informal parent-teacher meetings, and an "Open Day".

The "Open Day" programme involved exhibitions by first-sixth formers in the various labs. An art exhibition as well as a talk by Fr. Feres was also given. Parents and teachers left with a feeling of having established closer bonds between the home and the school.

After lengthy negotiations with the government, the construction of new building facilities have finally materialised in the approval of plans. With the recommendation of the voting congress, a new cafeteria and sanitary block will be built in the Summer.

The Lance has also grown. Through great efforts a larger magazine was made possible. The addition of house reports, more essays, more poems, cartoons and more pictures of extra-curricular activities has been made. The actual laying out of the magazine was done by the students. This was done in order to have a more involved staff — a staff who will look at the magazine and have a greater sense of accomplishment.

And so it is that we present our theme of "Improvement" for the year 1971-1972.



# FOREWORD



Fr. Lawrence Burke

Dear Graduates and Post Graduates,

St. George's College exists to bring men to a love of Christ and to their personal salvation. Man achieves this by playing his personal role within the human family and within his concrete and historical circumstances.

To be effective, therefore, St. George's must take into consideration the circumstances and conditions in which Jamaican man lives. It must take into consideration the real needs of our Jamaican people and the priorities among these needs.

After serious consideration, St. George's has decided to emphasize the development of constructive attitudes, latent talents and inculcating a sense of self worth and confidence among students of the lower forms especially, and to engender among all our students a cultural and ethnic pride within a Christian and West Indian framework.

We intend to achieve this, first of all, through the curriculum. A more comprehensive curriculum is needed. We intend to introduce Industrial Arts, the Fine Arts, and strengthen our Physical Education program. In doing this we are not trying to "water down" our academic program. At the same time we are making every effort to provide the very best in science, mathematics, the humanities and religious education. A good program in the Social Sciences is also most important for the student's understanding of his environment and the traditions which have helped to shape and influence his life for better or for worse.

Another avenue of approach, more important perhaps than curriculum, is the effort create an open attitude in our faculty, open to the real and deep needs of our Jamaican youth, open enough to encourage our Jamaicans in their efforts to create a Jamaican culture and find their indentity This also calls for openness and dialogue on the part of parents and alumni.

As always, two major obstacles in the way of achieving these goals are the lack of money and trained and enthusiastic personnel. I trust that in the years ahead we can count on your generous cooperation and understanding. Only then, will St. George's College be able to show the way, and make a more significant contribution to education in Jamaica.

You have my sincere wish for everything good, and a life filled with peace, joy and love.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam!

Rev. Lawrence A. Burke, S.J.  
Rector,