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EDITORIAL

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN THE NORTH.

In this issue the detail results of the G.C.E. (O/L) is given, a perusal of which indicates the monumental success of the students. It was decided at the Ex-Committee meeting to send all the students who obtained ten A's Rs 1000/= as appreciation and letters of commendation. The results will have to be evaluated in the true perspective, to assess the significance. In the Metropolis or for that matter in any Provincial Capitals of Sri Lanka, the atmosphere, most conducive to the educational advancement of the children are provided with. Besides there is no obstacle placed, for the students to score high marks, as there is no external impediments like standardization.

But the situation in the North is poles apart. There are two factors that stand in the way of the students aspiring university education which are the repressive conditions in the North and the mode of selection to the Universities. There are the undivided commitment of the Teaching Staff, the stewardship of the Principals' and the excellence of the students themselves, who are refused to be drawn into other distracting vice. At a time the students should be able to study without having to bear burdens, are the Hartlyites able to devote at least part of their time to studies? The grim picture is that their hometown has undergone desecration, desolation & destruction of lives, livelihood of property & hospitals the students will have to think of survival first & not attending to studies. According to Swami Chithurananda of Point Pedro "Saratha Illam 'that the conditions at Point Pedro are tearful. The Print & Electronic media flash the news that the students have to queue as early as 5'0 clock in the morning and wait for hours before they get a loaf of bread. What is the time left for

the students to study? The pitiful news is that the much needed exercise books, the text books & the laboratory chemicals have not been made available at the Schools in adequate quantum. Pertaining to the basis of selection much had been published & criticized so that it does not warrant further elucidation.

The catastrophe of a generation not being given proper education may be felt only after passage of time when a vacuum will be created in all spheres. It would be a Herculean task to fill this void later. In Western Europe most of the Nations have a dwindling male population, consequent to the annihilation caused by the German Reich effect of which is felt now with a majority female population. With all the appalling conditions in the North one could see a silver line in the sky. This is the spontaneous desire of the students to learn the English Language which is the positive manner to opt for a global passport. Science & Technology is playing a dominant part to change the pattern of life, mode of transport etc, to acquire a sound knowledge of which, English is the doorway. The results show that the students are taking keener interest & the Principal is sparing no pain to get English taught. He is in constant rapport with the O.B.A. (Colombo Branch) for whatever assistance.

It is of interest to note in this backdrop the state of affairs in Canada. Woefully, one of the Ex-Presidents of the Canada O.B.A. had unlocked his heart of the recent happenings there. It is causing severe heartache & pain of mind to note that the offshoots of Old Hartlyites have a flare in the acquired Language whereas they cannot even understand their Mother tongue. The

future leaders of the Society do not know an iota of Tamil, but in the middle age of their career the older generation is clamouring to conduct the meetings in Tamil. All what the elders are striving is for the posterity, and if they do not know the Mother tongue sooner than later Tamil will be an unknown Language as far as Canada is concerned. Instead of waging a fight in the Ex-Committee meetings to conduct the proceedings in Tamil it is worth the while as a first step to converse in Tamil at home. When you accept a Foster Country as your land of

living, you will have to accept their norms & values, nonetheless you must maintain your individuality too as to your Mother tongue and heritage. Especially the Gujeratis of North India are a classic example who accept the language of the Foster Country for Official work but it is their mother tongue, that holds sway at home. Even the Gujeratis children born in Sri Lanka, where Gujerati Language is unknown, speak their Mother Tongue at home, while being fluent in Sinhala and Tamil.

A/L RESULTS

No of students entering various faculties:-

Engineering	02	Total number of candidates	136
Medical	07	Number appeared for the Examination	126
Veterinary	01	3 As'	08
Agriculture	05		
Physical Sc	10		
Bio-Sc	01		
Management	05		
Arts	11		
TOTAL	42.		

O/L Examination - 2006 Details of Best Results

Results	Name	Subject
10A	1. Shanmugaratnam 2. Subendren Prasanth 3. Sivarajah Ragulageethan 4. Raveendran Senthooran 5. Kathiramalai Umasuthan 6. Gnanasampanthan Abiram	
9A	1. Ariyaratnam Ajanthan 2. Tharmakulasingham Jeyenthan 3. Santhirasegaram Kajugaran 4. Pushpalingam Mithan 5. Sanjeyan Rajeetharan 6. Yokewaran Vathanaseelan 7. Anton Crises John Nirajah 8. Thavatnarajah John Jeyanthan	Com - B English - B English - B English - C Electronic - B Electronic - C Tamil - B English - C

8A	1. Ravinthiran Aingaran	English - C Science - C
	2. Navaratnam Aravinthan	English - C Electronic - S
	3. Selvaraja Gowsigan	Science - B Electronic - C
	4. Vinayahamoorthy Mugunthan	Com - B English - C
	5. Srinathan Nitharsan	English - B Com - B
	6. Jeyaveerasingamani Piragathees	English - B Electronic - C
	7. Theivendrarajah Thiviyaraj	Electronic - B Social - B
	8. Anthonypillai Antony Johnson	English - C Science - C
	9. Thangarajah Thanushan	Science - B English - C
	10. Umopathy Yathavan	English - S Electronic - C
	11. Vijayakumaran Sajeewan	Geography - B Com - S
	12. Seeralakandapalan Sayanthan	Geography - B English lit - B
	13. Gangatharan Tharsan	English lit - B Electronic - B

7A,2B,1C	1. Kumarasamy Nirojan
7A,2B,1C	2. Pathmanathan Majuran
7A,1B,2C	3. Puvenenthiran Saji
7A,3B	4. Thiraviyarasa Thakeesan
7A,2B,1C	5. Sivanathan Sankar
7A,2B,1C	6. Pathmanathan Bavalan
7A,1B,1C,1S	7. Sriskandarajah Sunanthan
7A,2B,1S	8. Thirukkumaran Thusiyanthan
7A,2B,1S	9. Varatharasa Antonysahayarasa
7A,1B,1C,1S	10. Rajenthiram Vannan
6A,3B,1C	1. Kaneshamoorthy Kavithan
6A,3B,1C	2. Sivaraman Sujan
6A,3B,1C	3. Kanthasamy Ramm
6A,2B,1C,1S	4. Tharmalingam Thirukkoulam

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

கல்லூரி தினமும் பரிசளிப்பு வைபவமும் - 2006
அதிபர் அறிக்கை



Given below is the text of the speech delivered by the Principal Mr. N. Theivendrarajah, covering Teachers' strength, number of students, on Religious, Educational & cultural associations, on PPAs' College development Society, Trust Fund & vote of thanks. Co-Curricular activities are covered separately.

கல்லூரியின் ஆளணி விபரம்.

01)2006ம் ஆண்டுக்குரிய மாணவர் விபரம்

தரம் 06 - 11	757
தரம் 12 - 13	293
மொத்தம்	1050

02)2006ம் ஆண்டுக்குரிய ஆசிரியர் விபரம்

விஞ்ஞான பட்டதாரிகள்	17
வர்த்தகப் பட்டதாரிகள்	03
கலைப் பட்டதாரிகள்	17
பயிற்றப்பட்டோர்	17
மொத்தம்	54

இடமாற்றம்

திரு.எஸ்.புஸ்பராஜா விஞ்ஞான ஆசிரியர் இடமாற்றம் பெற்றுச் சென்றுள்ளார்

ஆசிரியரல்லாத ஊழியர் விபரம்

திட்டமிடல் / நிதி உதவியாளர்	03
ஆய்வுகூட உதவியாளர்	02
நூலக உதவியாளர்	01
பாடசாலைப் பணியாளர்	02
சுகாதார தொழிலாளர்	01
	09

கணித விஞ்ஞானப்போட்டி 2006

கணிதம் வலய மட்டப்போட்டிகள் 15 மாணவர்கள் 1ம், 2ம், 3ம் இடங்களைப் பெற்றுக் கொண்டனர்.

மென்பொருள் ஆக்கப்போட்டி -2006

வடக்கு கிழக்கு மாகாணமட்டப் போட்டியில் பங்குபற்றி பரிசுபெற்றோர் விபரம்
01. இ.ஹர்சன் 4ம் இடம்

மெய்வன்மைப் போட்டி -2006

வருடாந்த இல்ல மெய்வன்மைப் போட்டி 2006.02.18 திகதி சனிக்கிழமை 2மணிக்கு பாடசாலை மைதானத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. திரு.ம.நடராஜசுந்தரம் (பேராசிரியர் முகாமைத்துவ கற்கைகள்பீடம், யாழ்ப்பல்கலைக்கழகம்) பிரதம விருந்தினராக கலந்து கொண்டார்.

வலயமட்ட மெய்வன்மைப்போட்டி

நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் முதல் மூன்று இடங்களை 41 வீரர்கள் பெற்றனர்.

மாவட்ட மட்ட மெய்வன்மைப் போட்டி

	1ம்	2ம்	3ம்
	இடம்	இடம்	இடம்
தடகளப் போட்டி	08	04	06
அஞ்சல் ஓட்டங்கள்	02	02	03

மாகாணமட்டம்

நாட்டின் அசாதாரண சூழ்நிலை காரணமாக போட்டிகளில் கலந்துகொள்ள முடியவில்லை. இதனால் தேசிய மட்டத்தில் பங்கு பற்றுதல் தடைப்பட்டது.

உடற்பயிற்சிப் போட்டி - 2006

19 வயதுப் பிரிவு

வலயமட்டம்

1ம் இடம்

மாவட்டமட்டம்

2ம் இடம்

நாட்டில் நிலவிய அசாதாரண சூழ்நிலை காரணமாக மாகாண, தேசியமட்ட போட்டிகளில் பங்கு கொள்ள முடியவில்லை.

மன்றங்கள்:

01. இந்துமாமன்றம்
02. கிறிஸ்தவ மாணவர் மன்றம்
03. விஞ்ஞான மன்றம்
சமூக விஞ்ஞான மன்றம்
04. சாரணிய மன்றம்
05. உயர்தரமாணவர் மன்றம்
06. கணனிச்சங்கம்
07. உலக உணவுத்திட்டம் சிறப்பாக
நடைமுறைப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றது.

கல்லூரியுடனான சமூக

நிறுவனங்கள்.

01. பழைய மாணவர் சங்கம்

02. பாடசாலை அபிவிருத்திச் சங்கம்

03. ஹாட்லி நிதியம்

இவை கல் லூரியின் பணியை முன்னெடுத்துச் செல்ல உறுதுணையாக உள்ளன.

முடிவுரை:

பாரம்பரியம் மிக்க எமது கல்லூரி மாணவர் ஒழுக்கம், கல்வி விளையாட்டுக்கள் என்பவற்றில் சிறப்பான நிலையிலுள்ளது. இதற்கான ஒத்துழைப்பை பழைய மாணவர் சங்கம், பாடசாலை அபிவிருத்திச் சங்கம் என்பன தடையின்றி வழங்கி வருகின்றன. ஹாட்லியின் ஞானம் மிளிர் நாம் அனைவரும் அர்ப்பணிப்புடன் செயற்படுவோமாக.

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Prize-giving day Speech

made by Mr. S. Balachandran, the Chief-Guest





Mr. Balachandran, the veteran member of the PPA was invited by the College Authorities to grace the occasion as the Chief guest for both the College day & Prize –giving day. He was warmly received at the point where the Arthiady Road & Courts Road meet and conducted to the Church Hall where the function was held. The College band was in attendance.

“It gives me great pleasure to address all the Parents, well wishers, Past students & current students on this important day for the College. It is the accepted practice of the Colombo PPA to accord every student who obtains 4 As’ then & 3As’ now a Gold medal. This is to show our appreciation to the students and as an impetus for the next batch of students. All the recipients must endeavour to join as life members of the PPA. On your passing out from the University

does your relationship with your Alma Mater cease to exist? The dedicated Teachers under the guidance of the Principal spared no pains to make you what you are and all what they expect from you is to reciprocate to continuously uplift the College.

I also wish to make a humble request to the Principal. to enforce the discipline of the Pooranampillai era and to progress in study , to keep par with Ratnasabapathy era.

I also to thank the Teachers & the Principal for the very good results of fortytwo students entering University even amidst turmoil condition. He drew the attention of the students to inform that the fees paid to an International School for one term is higher than the total spending for the school career. Therefore whatever the position you may hold in your life, and the country you are domiciled in, the College matters should always be in the forefront of your mind due to the training & education you received. He also humbly requested the Principal to remain at Hartley College till he retires, without seeking further promotions.

With this he concluded . His speech in Tamil at the College Day appears below.

College day Speech

By the Chief Guest Mr.Balachandran

கல்லூரியின் தொடக்கம், வளர்ச்சி, ஆதரவு, அனுசரணை , சாதனை என்பவற்றை நினைவு கூருவதோடு , அதனுடிக் தொடர்புடைய அதிபர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், கல்வி கற்றதனுடிக் மேன்மையும் மாண்பும் பெற்ற மாணவர்கள் எல்லோரும் சேர்ந்து ஆண்டினில் ஒருநாள் கல்லூரி தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடுவது வளர்த்துவிட்ட கல்வித் தாய்க்குச் செய்யும் கைம்மாறாகும்.

1838ம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரிக்கு தொடக்கமளித்து, வளர்த்து விட்ட வணக்கத்துக்குரிய பீற்றர் பேர்சிவல், விஞ்ஞான கூடத்துக்கு கால்கோள் இட்டு விஞ்ஞானக் கல்லூரியாக மிளிர்வைத்த

மாந்ஷல் ஹாட்லி, ஆகியோரை என்றென்றும் நினைவுகூர வேண்டும். வெஸ்லியன் மிஷன் பாடசாலையாகவும் பின்னர் ஹாட்லிக் கல்லூரியாகவும் துவங்கியபோது அதிபர்களாகக் கடமையாற்றி, பாடசாலையின் புகழ்பூக்க வைத்த முன்னாள், இந்நாள் அதிபர்களையும் நினைத்துப் பெருமைப்பட வேண்டும். இவர்கள் தான் ஹாட்லிக் கல்லூரியில் கல்வி கற்ற எம்மையெல்லாம் எங்கு சென்றாலும் ஹாட்லியின் மைந்தர்கள் என்று சொல்லிப் பெருமைப்பட வைத்தவர்கள்.

விஞ்ஞானப்பாடசாலையாக இருந்து கல்லூரியாக எல்லாத்துறைகளிலும் பரிணமித்து பெயரும் புகழும் பெற்று



இலங்கை முழுவதிலும் உலகத்தின் பெரிய நாடுகளில் கூட நாமம் துலங்கிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

20ம் நூற்றாண்டில் கல்லூரியைக் கட்டிவளர்த்த அதிபர்களிடையே சிலருடைய பெயர்களைக் குறிப்பிட்டுக் கூறலாம். ஷெரட் அவர்கள், விளையாட்டுத் துறையில் மிளிர்வைத்த தாமோதரம் அவர்கள், லண்டன் முறையிலே நேரம் தவறாமையுடன், ஒழுக்கம் என்பவற்றையும் சகல துறைகளிலும் தன்னை அர்ப்பணித்துக் கொண்ட பூரணம்பிள்ளை அவர்கள், நிதானமாக ஆனால் திடமாக தன்னுடைய நிர்வாகத்தையும் கணிதத்துறையை ஊன்றியும் வளர்த்தெடுத்த இரத்தினசபாபதி அவர்கள், உடல்பொருள் ஆவி அத்தனையையும் தனது கல்விக்காய் ஈய்ந்த நடராசா அவர்களையும் மாதிரியாகக் குறிப்பிடுகிறேன். பொ.பாலசிங்கம் கல்லூரி இடம்பெயர்ந்த காலத்தில் துணிவோடு பொறுப்பேற்று இறுக்கமான நாட்டுச் சூழலில் சிதறுண்டு போகாமல் காப்பாற்றியவர். Once I told Mr.Balasingam at a H.C.Com meeting that seven of us from the same family studied at H.C.C it is a record. பேராசிரியர் எலியேசர், பேராசிரியர் துரைராசா கல்வித்துறையிலும் இலங்கை வங்கி பொதுமுகாமையாளராக சி.லோகநாதன், இலங்கையின் பொலிஸ்மா அதிபராக திரு. T.E.ஆனந்தராசா, உயர்நீதிமன்ற நீதியரசராக திரு.சி.ஆனந்தகுமாரசாமி ஆகியோர் புகழ்பூத்த பழைய மாணவர்களில் சிலர்.

விளையாட்டுத் துறையில் அமரர் S.சுந்தரலிங்கம், திரு.S.பஞ்சலிங்கம், K.B.இரத்தினாயக்க, கப்ரின் S.சின்னையா,

திரு.S.கமலேஸ் வரன், V.மதிவாணன் ஆகியோர் அகில இலங்கை ரீதியில் மிளிர்ந்துள்ளனர். இன்னும் பலர் கல்லூரித் தொடர்பில் லாமல் பிரகாசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றனர். தற்போது நாட்டு நிலைமையால் போதிய பயிற்சியில்லாமல் சாதனை படைக்க முடியாமலிருக்கிறது.

பழைய மாணவர் மன்றங்கள் கொழும்பு, லண்டன், கனடா, அவுஸ்திரேலியா (இரண்டு) N.S.W., Victoria, போன்ற இடங்களில் இயங்கி நிதி சேர்த்து Hartley Trust ஊடாக ஒருங்கிணைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

சில ஆண்டுகளாக பரீட்சை குறிப்புகள் மிகத்திருப்தியாக வந்து கொண்டிருப்பதைக் காணக் கூடியதாகவுள்ளது. அதிபர் அறிக்கையிலே இது விபரமாகத் தெரிந்து கொள்வீர்கள். எது வரினும் வரட்டும் என்ற சிந்தனையோடு மாணவர்களும், ஆசிரியர்களும், அதிபரும் செய்கடமைகளை நிறைவேற்றிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். தொடர்ந்தும் எவ்வித இடஞ்சல்களுக்கும் இடம் கொடாது கல்வியிலும் ஏனைய துறைகளிலும் பிரகாசித்து கல்லூரியைத் தாங்கிக் கொண்டு பெயர் மங்காது காப்பாற்ற உங்களனைவரையும் வேண்டி நிற்கிறேன்.

அதிபரின் அக்கறையையும், தீவிரத்தையும் போற்றுவதோடு அவர் காலத்தில் மீண்டும் ஒரு பொற்காலம் உருவாகிட வேண்டி நிற்கின்றேன். அடுத்த நிகழ்வுக்காக உங்களுக்கெல்லாம் நன்றி கூறி விடைபெறுகின்றேன்.

நன்றி வணக்கம்.

College Athletic meet - 2007



College Annual Inter-House Athletic meet was held on 3rd March 2007. Former Principal Mr V. Pathmanathan was the Chief Guest. The position of the Houses were as follows:-

Kanapathypillai	347	points
Paulpillai	331	
Abraham	302	
Thamotheram	238	
Sherrard	162	

Best performance of the meet was 100m under 15 of S. Janakan 13.45 seconds.

(equalize the record.)

Discuss under 17 V. Hariharan 40.50m (New ground record)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.2007

CRICKET

Hartley entered the Jaffna Cricket Association Tournament.

Under 17. played five matches lead in the first innings against St John's, Skanda & Union.

Under 15 also entered the tournament and lead in the 1st innings in both.

Under 19 did not play due to ground situation.

VOLLEY BALL.

Under 18 came third in the Vadamaradchy Division

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Under 19 & 15 came 1st & 2nd in the Provincial level.

Seven players under 19 & 15 were selected for National level but due to unsettled conditions did not come to Colombo.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Came first in the Zonal level

News about Hartleyites'

One Day International –WORLD CUP - 2007.

All the Cricket lovers must be relaxing only now after breaking sleep continuously at nights to watch the World Cup 2007 and the pressure was feverish high for most. Although Sri Lankan Cricketers lost only at the finals they were victors all the way up to the Finals. Even in the finals there is a consolation they lost to a Team, which cannot be subdued by any other Team in this Tournament and who are superior in all departments of the Game and who are real Professionals.

The O.B.A. Colombo Branch has a dual happiness in this World Cup for not only it made all of us to sit at the edge of the seats but one of our Vice-Presidents is also the Senior Vice – President of the Interim Board of Control of Cricket in Sri Lanka and he is none other than Mr. G. MATHYVANAN the omni –potent, who was at the venue of the World Cup at the Caribbean. He enjoyed together with other executive Officials of the Cricket Board the hospitality of the Organizing Committee of the



Caribbean Cricket Board. It is indeed a rare & a once and for all life chance to be an invitee for such an event of gigantic proportion. In quantitative terms about 1.5 billion people watched the Cricket matches on the electronic media while about 3.5 billion are glued to the T/V for Soccer World Cup and about 4.5 billion tune in their T/V when Olympics is on.

It is not surprising how "Mathy" as he is affectionately called, is well received by the highest in the Land yet he is very humble in life & noble in thought. As once it was reported in the "News Letter" the (Interim) Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka is an exclusive preserve of the Aristocrats of the Major Community in Sri Lanka. However, the prestigious nomination to the Interim Cricket Board outside his business career, only cast luster on his many faceted personality.

On their return the Cricketers were accorded a very warm welcome by the Cricket loving masses of Sri Lanka at the Airport & en route to Colombo who braved the weather, when the sky opened up, and gave vent to their feeling. Mr Mathyvanan again made the Vote of Thanks at the meeting which was arranged by the Sports Ministry. In briefing the news media in his Official capacity, he made no scapegoat for the defeat in the final run up for the World Cup but he only felt that for the next World Cup to be staged in

the Asian cricket playing Nations that there will be a void created by the senior experienced players, calling it a day, which has to be filled by capable youths from the length & breadth of the Island. Gone are the days when the Sri Lanka cricket team is selected from the elite Colombo Schools.

By being appointed to the Interim Board of Control for cricket in Sri Lanka, Mr. Mathyvanan has brought honour to his Alma Mater. No others from the North had this rare privilege bestowed on them. In a befitting manner the Executive Committee unanimously decided to felicitate this unassuming personality, when the A.G.M is held on 29th July 2007, and award him a Plaque.

The photograph depicts Mathy along with other officials of Cricket Board including Duleep Mendis looking through telescope for a prospective cricket coach for Sri Lanka in preparation for the World Cup 2011, to be staged in the cricket playing Nations of Asia.

Mr MATHYVANAN is very much in the news being almost daily heard over the SLBC as the Spokesman of the Board of Control in Sri Lanka briefing new developments in Sri Lanka Cricket Team & matches to be played & being played.

Justice S. Anandacoomaraswamy.



Probably there is no branch of study left without being mastered by some student or other in the annals of the history of Hartley College. Most students wish to enter the hallowed portals of the Medical Faculty of the University of Colombo, but for brainy Mathematics students nothing short of Engineering Faculty. There are students who have wits and have a flair for the Language who choose Law. In this field, while most prefer to be in the Bar there are few erudite Legal Scholars who by birth are sound in judgment, who wish to adore the Bench and by their unstinted service dispense Natural Justice & Rule of Law flawlessly.

One such eminent personality is Justice Anandacoomaraswamy. Only three Legal luminaries have adorned the highest seat of administering Justice from the original Point Pedro Electorate stretching from Thondamanaru to Karaveddi and they are Late Justices Dr. H.W.Thambiah, Late Sriskandarajah & now Justice Anandacoomaraswamy amidst us. Only one Hartleyite has become a Supreme Court Judge and that honour falls on Justice Anandacoomaraswamy. One common factor among all these three Supreme Court Judges is that the first two were men of letters especially in the field of Law and the cool composed stature which attribute is equally possessed by Justice Anandacoomaraswamy.

Hartley College has the honour of doing the spade work in making Justice Anandacoomaraswamy to continue in the field chosen by him guided by our revered Principal & Teachers. He was born in to a reputed family where it has become a tradition to take up to the Legal Profession. Therefore the choice came to him spontaneously. His grand father was a practicing Lawyer at Anuradhapura at a time, when the importance of English Language was not realized by many Northerners' and when the writer was as young as 8 year old. His one uncle was a Village Tribunal President whilst the other was the District Judge Jaffna. The stepping stone for an untarnished distinguished career was laid when he was successful in his Master of Laws (Colombo) in the year 1960 He was admitted & enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme of Ceylon (now Sri-Lanka) in 1960

The period from 1966 to 1998 witnessed the graphical rise of Mr. Anandacoomaraswamy. He rose up from a Magistrate to District Judge and then High Court Judge. There was no travesty of justice. Especially after becoming High Court Judge, he acquitted himself with distinction and statesmanlike handling of the cases and endeared himself both to the Bar & Litigants. This earned him reputation from the highest in the Land.

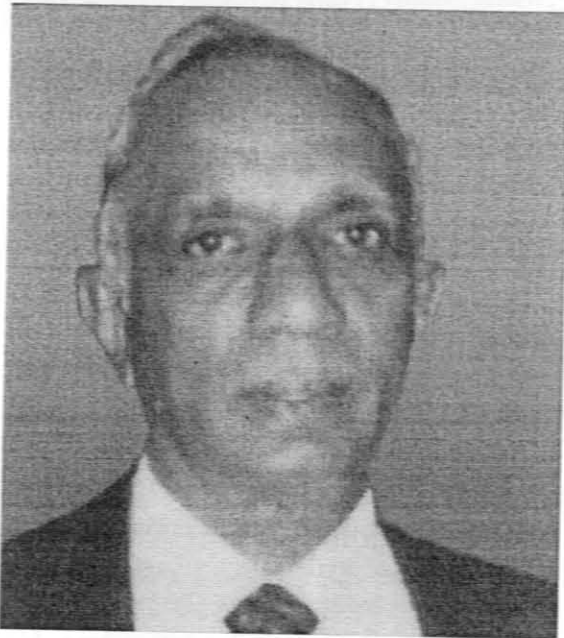
He was promoted a Judge of the Court of Appeal which earned him the title "Justice" and soon became the President of the Court of Appeal. The highest point in his Legal career came by his way when he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court by Her Excellency the President of Sri Lanka. In addition to this exalted position he was also appointed as a Member of the Judicial Service Commission (1996 to 1998) and a Member of the Council of Legal Education.

His Public life did not come to an end when he retired as a Supreme Court Judge. He was hand picked by her Excellency again to Head the Bribery Commission. (1999 to 2004)

He has the unique distinction of being called for appointment by two different Presidents' of Sri Lanka for exalted appointments. He was appointed as the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka by the incumbent His Excellency the President. Although it is a pre-requisite to have been Supreme Court Judge to be appointed as Chairman of both Bribery Commission & Human's Rights Commission, the appointments bear special significance. All those involved in bribery and those who consider that there is violation of Human Rights will have to Appear before him, unlike when he was a Supreme Court Judge where only the litigants had to go before him to get justice. What a fantastic & proud achievement for this soft spoken free going simple & affable Justice. He will be long remembered by the legal fraternity.

We also wish him many more years of useful service.

Mr. Velupillai Mahathevan



Hartley College has the unique distinction in having in her alimony Hartleyites who have excelled in their chosen field of career. There is hardly any field in which they have not shown their prowess in, either locally or internationally. Mr. Velupillai Mahathevan is one such person who is leading his firm "Pyramid Air Services Limited" through a boom period. He is a high-flier in the Air Travel Trade

Mr. Mahathevan who was at Hartley from 1947 to 1956 is a Graduate who could have opted for the plum posts in the Government sector or as an Executive in a Bank then, but his inner feelings yearned for him to do a better service to the fellow beings in general and in particular to People of Vadamardchchy. Disregarding job opportunities, for University qualified youths then, he was a pace-setter in private

entrepreneurship and ventured into Air Travel Trade, in which he is excelling now and second to none, in the speedier & efficient service provided.

His Company has gone through gigantic stride with the passage of time to become a household name in Colombo. It is the automatic choice for people of Jaffna when they decide to take wings to dial Pyramid Air Services Limited and travel deal is completed over the phone. The Company is thus well geared to handle state of the art bookings. Mr Mahathevan stands head above shoulder due to the rare distinction in adhering to perfect business ethics. He never diversified his activities when opportunities were aplenty in his way with the exodus of Tamil population to mint money. But he stood to his principle viz - a - viz legitimate business and served the Community at large, reaping reasonable profit to him also.

In the whole of his career Mr Mahathevan was guided by the best traditions of Hartley College of service to others, dedication to work and non-exploitation of others. Therefore his rise in the travel trade is meticulous. The service is offered even to the extent of getting the tickets delivered to your Office if you are in Fort. Further his firm gives perfect travel solution to its large & reputed clientele.

He has now been appointed as the "President" of the Travel Agents Association of Sri Lanka, which represents the interest of all travel agencies large, medium & small in Sri Lanka.

The Association wields tremendous power & influence & is consulted on major policy decisions taken by the Government in shaping the Travel & Tourism Industry in Sri Lanka. Mr Mahathevan continues to be an active & dynamic personality in the IATA of which he was the President in 2004.

His services to PPA of Hartley College Colombo Branch starts from very young days as he came to Colombo. He actively involved himself and is a live wire of the Association. Be it fund raising or giving constructive criticism at Ex- Co meetings marked by cohesiveness, candour, and clarity or when meeting present students at various functions at Colombo he is always in the forefront. He was in Ex-Co, as member, Vice- President, President and now a Vice- Patron. Be it his Office or the Association activities he is in a position to give undivided

attention for the betterment as he is free from want & experiencing the better side of life, and his responsibilities to the children are over, both of whom are well settled in life in the footsteps of the father.

His services are also remembered for the number of donations he has given in the form of sending books to the School and meeting the expenses of present students at Colombo and occasionally sponsoring the publication of the "News Letter " inclusive of postage. The Association is now on a steady footing due to the untiring work of stalwarts like Chella , Bala , Maha , Mathy , Nithy & Rama, to name a few.

.We wish this unassuming affable personality many more years of useful service to our Association & Public and to guide the destinies of the Travel Agents Association.

Mr. C.Gananathan.

Hartley College produced men of eminence in varied fields. Accountancy Profession is one such in which Accountants who have passed out are holding very high position having their own Companies or as Financial Directors in Corporate Bodies & even in World Bodies. Mr A. Tharmaratnam is an Accountant at the World Bank based in Washington, U.S.A.. In the footsteps of this great personality Mr Gananathan also has earned reputation as a Group Director at Maharaja Organization a Corporate Body of no mean repute. The astonishing & incredible feat about the achievement of this comparatively young Director is how fast he achieved it.

He was born into an illustrious family in Puttalai, Puloly South a Village which is a perennial source of brainy students. The educational pursuits for children born in these families come naturally, and they have only to follow their elders who would have excelled in studies and reaping the benefits of higher education. His elder brothers & brothers- in- laws are renowned authorities in their chosen fields. This family background would have given a

tremendous impetus for the younger in the family to further his own academic excellence.

Mr Gananathan had his entire education from Hartley and received the necessary foundation to enter the University where he chose Maths & Physics combination for his degree. He passed out in 1973 & joined the Maharaja Group in 1977. Usually it is the particular individual who has "Fortune" smiling on him to get a good break. But in this instance it should be the other way about where the Company stood to benefit tremendously by Mr Gananathan's dynamism & leadership. He successfully completed The Institute Of Chartered Accountants Final Examination in 1983, in which year he capped his achievement by obtaining the CIMA degree too. Having obtained his highest qualification in Accountancy backed by a degree in Mathematics there was no stopping in his spearheading the rapid growth of the Company whilst , diversifying its activities.

He rose to great heights when he was handpicked by the dynamic Managing Director

Mr. Raja Mahendram to head the Country Office at Hong Kong and he took his posting in 1993 and was at the helm there till 2002. The ascendancy on the ladder of success is not to be over for this unassuming, humble & simple personality- the attributes always associated with self made men- when he was voted as the best EXECUTIVE in the year 2000. At a grand ceremony held at the BMICH the coveted prize was awarded to him, which is once in a life time event and would never be forgotten till you breath your last.

Now at the zenith of his career he has been appointed as the Group Director with the perks that go with this type of appointment of

bungalows & luxury vehicles all expenses borne by the Company. In all these rise to fame & popularity Mr. Gananathan has steadfastly maintained the glorious tradition of the Hartley College of being simple in outlook with high ideals & accessible to all. In his private life he maintains a low profile, despite his professional excellence & social standing. He should become the hero & role model to the present day students and his life story & success must be taken to the heart to be successful in life.

Note by Editor: Duo to exigencies of service, Mr. Gananathan is not accessible, to get his photograph

Mr. Subramaniam Satkunarajah.



At a time when Computer Technology was unheard of at Point Pedro, there is an Art Special Trained Teacher who took a bold step of introducing Information Technology and bring about an innovation in the Educational field in the early eighties. He is Mr S. Satkunarajah who is the man behind "Ranyas Graphics & S Print" "who is responsible for printing our "News Letter" "from the inception at half the cost, of what it would have cost to us had we approached any other printers'.

Mr Satkunarajah has now shot into prominence, of having been appointed as an Assistant Director of Education, Western Province and based at former Green Path Office, Provincial Office. Although the prospects of further promotions are on the card if the Ministry

appointment is taken he is undecided due to the fact of being at ease & relaxed atmosphere at Provincial Office.

Of the only twenty eight Tamils selected Island wide, he and another applicant are the two to be promoted from Colombo. He sat for the S.L.E.A.S Exam in Feb 2006 and qualified for further higher promotions. Prior to this appointment, at the beginning of this year he was appointed as Colombo Zone Teacher in Service Advisor. He also qualified for the I.S.A Exam in Jan 2006.

He hails from "Viyaparimoolai" in Point Pedro and was a student at Hartley from 1974 to 1981 and at the end of the School career entered Training College and obtained his art Special Trained Certificate. His first appointment was at Hartley College, and when he was teaching he developed a spontaneous liking for the Computer world which with the passage of time he was to serve the Jaffna district in its entirety. He ventured into the then unknown field with the backing to the hilt of Mr. Ponnambalam, the then deputy Principal of the College. He remembers with gratitude Mr. Ponnambalam for the fillip & guidance given and allotting time during college hours to take initiative to introduce the new Technology at College & Point Pedro, to the betterment of

the Students. Whilst at College, on the computer, he printed G.C.E (O/L) Art Book Full Syllabus, and a staggering 11,000 (eleven thousand) books were sold, which made him a household name among the Teachers and students alike.

But his services to Hartley College and the locality are best remembered more due to the computer literacy he spearheaded among the leading teachers and Tutorials Centers. He is applauded for creating an awareness among the student population of the leading role to be played by computer in the emerging society. He was essentially a self made man in this field picking up the threads of this new field, by intrinsic self application, and not under the tutelage of some one. He first studied the software & then the hardware and was the only source to supply question papers to the teachers

for the exams and prepared the tutorials for Tutorials centers for pre university classes. As the popularity grew with passage of time his services were sought after by leading teachers Schools and even Government Agencies, and U.N agencies like UNICEF, and NGO SIDA Therefore his services were sought Peninsula wise. A void was created in Point Pedro when he was transferred to Puwakpitiya in 1999.

At 44 years of age this appointment is only a stepping stone for greater honours to be bestowed on him in the years to come. It is the wish of the Hartleyites for him to continue his chosen past time of the Press & computer Technology hand in hand with his new appointment without being an interruption to his Official duties. His story of success underlines the cardinal principle that endurance & perseverance is richly rewarded.

Appreciation

Noble in thought & Gentle at heart.. Mr Kanagasabai Ganeshalingam



Hartley College situated at the Northern most part of the Island Nation shot to prominence by dedicated & committed Principals & equally good Teachers who turned out students into various branches of study & fields. Mr Ganeshalingam is one

such personality who became the Mayor of Colombo and has the distinction of being only the fourth Tamil Mayor next to Late Sir Ratnajothy Saravanamuttu (First Ceylonese Mayor) Late Dr Jim Ratnam & Late Mr .Rudra.

Born into a reputed family in Puloly, he had his early education under the tutelage of Late Mr. Pooranampillai & his able Teachers at Hartley College. The passion for Politics took a firm root in him from young days as a direct influence of the close association his Lawyer Father had with the renowned Lawyer from the Tamil Community the Late G.G.Ponnambalam . The latter's silver tongued oratory in English & the eloquent manner he conducted the criminal cases left an indelible impression on late Mr. Ganeshalingam's life. A spontaneous urge towards the great Orator slowly but steadily drew the late Ganeshalingam into the former's

political ideologies, thus starting the hidden political fervor in him even when he was young.

After the School career he had no difficulty in entering the University. At the University he was more involved in Union activities. He then joined Ford Rhodes & Thornton and learnt the salient features in Accounting & Auditing. On leaving the Auditing Firm he had a short stint with Ceylon Tobacco Corporation, but his inner urge was for him to start his own business. He ventured into Garments Export Industry and due to conscientious work, and detail to attention he prospered well having to his credit eight Factories spread out in Ratmalana, Mundel & Vavuniya. He never faltered his Customers as he steadfastly stood to business ethics. However the mundane business of making money for betterment of self attracted him little. Most of the earnings were spent on various Organization like even the Vivekananda Society & Literary & Cultural Associations.

The love he had for his Alma-Mater knew no bounds. From the inception when the P.P.A. Hartley College Colombo Branch ran into difficulties of meeting the ends, he would spontaneously offer a helping hand. Those were the days when there were not much Philanthropists amidst us in the Association. Apart from various Scholarship Funds he inaugurated and donated big sums, he came to the rescue of the Association, whenever we fell short of funds in our A.G.M. Meetings or any such events. By all sense he was a pillar of strength to the Association.

There was always one major problem that was in his mind and that was the National Problem and he was yearning for a meaningful solution but unfortunately during his lifetime he could not see anything fruitful.

The extent to which he commanded respect from People of all walks of life was amply

demonstrated in a well attended funeral. Important personalities from major parties attended and paid glorious tributes in their funeral orations. There were messages of condolence received from His Excellency the President, the former President & Leader of the Opposition.

Most important achievement by him as Mayor was that he transformed the overdraft balance in the Bank, to credit balance of Rs. 5,000,000/= of the Colombo Municipal Council, in terms of the opposition Leader of the C.M.C, Mr, Vasudeva Nanayakkara.

He was a Financial Wizard, which factor enabled him to be taken into the vortex of the Party heirachy, which prompted them to appoint him as the Treasurer of U.N.P. His achievements speak for themselves & he brought an unparalleled degree of dignity, courtesy, fairness, candour, and complete integrity to everything he did.

He was very much a man of the masses that he would never miss to grace any function, if invited, with his better half, and would add a glamour to the function with his characteristic laughter and interesting anecdotes. He was never class conscious.

He could have lived a Peer's life with all the riches he possessed, but his happiness was to see that others too lived happily, he wanted the bright students whose studies are stalled due to financial constraints to continue their study, for which he started the Scholarship funds. He did not get involved in Politics for the platoon of Security men, or fleet of vehicles or the Foreign tours and other perks the powerful Politician will get but with the inner feeling to alleviate the sufferings of the Tamil Community. He was a humanist, a Financial Wizard and a benevolent Politician.

To the bereaved Family we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

Late Professor Thuraiajah - Oration

Professor M.Nadarajasundaram , Dean of the Faculty of Management at the University of Jaffna, delivered the late Professor A.Thuraiajah oration at the American Mission College Uduppiddy. The keynote of his address was twofold , of evaluating the Academic eminence of the late Professor, and his contribution to the Universities in Sri Lanka with special reference to the Jaffna University. Whilst at the academic staff of the University at various levels how he had immensely contributed to the research on “ Strain Properties & Strength Characteristics of Soils”

He had highlighted late Professor’s services to the Jaffna University during his six years as the Vice-Chancellor.He was instrumental in upgrading the Agricultural faculty at Ramanathan College & instrumental in appointing a Professor of Civil Engineering, for the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering. He concluded saying that with such academic brilliance, he was very humane with fellow beings.

(Note:- Due to space constraint , the full text will appear in the next issue)

Friendly cricket encounter.

Matale science College.

The Town famous for sports in Sri Lanka after Colombo, is MATALE in the hills, as well known to sports loving people. Set in the salubrious climate with lush vegetation, the people born in this hilly town do possess an excellent temperament, unlike those born in places of humidity & warm temperature. Their famous sport from years of yore is Hockey. In complete contrast to other parts of Sri Lanka people of all ethnic groups and professing varied religions , all live in absolute harmony. Indeed is a rare honour to Matale.

As often quoted in this news letter a great educationalist Late Mr Ratnasabapathy was instrumental to bring Hartley College far away in the North to closer links with Science College in Matale in the Hills. This is now firmly cemented by the Alumni of both leading educational institutions.

The PPA Matale Science College in the past years is awarding scholarship to a student entering Engineering faculty from Hartley College, at Rs. 1,000/= per month for the duration of the course. At the end of the fourth year this works out to Rs. 4,000/= per month for four students.

Matale Science College has now reached very high standards in the sphere of education and is almost good as Royal or even better judged by performance in O/L & A/L/ examinations. The results are stupendous. The dedicated work

commenced by Late Mr Ratnasabapathy & his team is continued under the tutelage of the present Principal.

The President Mr. Basnayake is in constant touch with our President to have a friendly cricket match & get together. Although at the ex-Co meeting it is agreed in principle for the proposal of Mr Basnayake, there are other hassle of selecting the correct age group to play cricket, and the time constraint etc as a good part of the time is taken for traveling between two places either by own vehicle or public transport. The greatest impediment faced by the O.B.A. is youngsters who are reluctant to join & even if they do, not prepared to shoulder responsibilities. There is a gap created between the present ex-co & the young ones, and the youngsters are equally faced with the problem of communication gap. The enthusiasm of the yesteryears are conspicuous by their absence, in the present day youngsters . It is only at the A.G M. that show of strength of the youngsters could be seen, after which it is a rarity to see them involved in the activities. This briefly sums up why the get-together is not a reality yet.

This is equally an arduous task for the present office –bearers as fund raising. Unless the youngsters are trained along side the seniors a vacuum will be created, when the seniors call it a day.

Chella - Re- Accounts

In the December 31st 2006 issue, it was stated that the accounts of the Association was streamlined by Mr. Thiruneelakandan when he functioned as the Treasurer. The onerous task included tracing details of Fixed Deposits that were lying at the Bank of Ceylon Metropolitan Branch which at a point even the Bank officials could not help him. At one of the Executive Committee meeting the members passed a resolution unanimously expressing their commendation & appreciation to Mr. Thiruneelakandan.

This topic was carried as a news item. There was never an intention to underrate the good work done by the predecessors. Besides the earlier finances of the Association was looked

after by a high ranking Treasury Official, who had to give his undivided attention to implementing the Fiscal Policy of the Government of the day. It is praiseworthy that amidst this high responsibility, he was looking after the finances of the Association too. He is a stalwart in the making of the Association, just after the period of the famous Vairamuthu era, in compiling the Colombo members' Directory, spearheading membership drive etc.

It was never intended to inflict injury to the mind of anyone, but more of a motivation into doing selfless service for an Association engaged in the Alma Mater's service. However had it caused pain of mind to any one, the misrepresentation of the fact is regretted.

Books to the College Library.

The leading Schools could be judged by the quality of their libraries. Hartley College was fortunate that the Principals who adorned the Chair were Educationalist, who furnished the library which are of immense value especially for students when they come to pre-university classes. It is said of late Mr. Ratnasabapathy that he took the principal ship on the stride and the library & the laboratory were his haven.

After the unfortunate event of the library being reduced to ashes, it is being re-built by co-ordination of the Principals who succeeded and the alumni especially foreign based ones. On our part books to the value of Rs.96,000/= are to be supplied. Of this the incumbent principal took some books and another lot was taken by Mr Balachandran on his last trip. The hassles are

more, than thought to be, of transporting the books. There is a ceiling placed on luggage by local airlines. Besides flights are not regular depending on the ground situation and the confirmation of tickets too present problem. This sums up why all the books have not been sent.

With all this hazards the performance of the students this time both G.C.E. O/L & A/L/ are praiseworthy of exceeding 80 % in O/L, especially when the results island is a mere 48% and has been brought to the notice of His Excellency. But the sheer dedication of students and teachers alike cannot be deterred by any outside factor. Please see elsewhere for detail results of O/L.

A generous deed.

In the last issue of the newsletter it was highlighted that quite a tidy sum is expended in bringing out the news letter publication. It is a continuous process so that the expense will recur. In describing the scope of the newsletter any voluntary contribution was solicited from members who wish to contribute for a worthy cause. There was a solitary response received from one of the Pioneer members of the Canada O.B.A. ,and he is none other than Dr. Shanmugavadivel. He adorned the Chair of

president in Canada at the initial stages of the Association there.

For Sri Lankans domiciled abroad whose earning capacity is in Dollars, to meet our commitment in Sri Lanka Rupees is peanut for them. But we must be cognizant of the fact that he equally spends for well being of the Association there and what of the Canadian Fund for infra structural activities of the College.

We express our grateful thanks for responding to our request and wish others too to follow suit

AGM-2007

The Annual General Meeting of the Hartley College Past Pupils' Association of the Colombo Branch will be held on 29th July 2007, Sunday at the Global hotel of the Global Tower, at Marine drive Wellawatte, COLOMBO -06. The ticket is priced at Rs. 900/=and is obtainable from the President (Mr. Rajanayagam), Secretary (Dr. Kathiravetpillai) Treasurer

(Mr. Balasurendran) M/s Balachandran, Mahathevan & Vishnukanthan.

Fellowship will be from 9.00 AM and the lightning of the traditional oil lamp will be at 10'o clock. A.G.M. will be followed by lunch. The Principal of the College Mr. Theivendrarajah will grace the occasion.

SPONSORSHIP

The publication of "News Letter" as at 30th June 2007, sponsored by Mr.Thiruneelakandan, which covers postage as well. The members of the Ex-Committee wish to thank Mr Thiruneelakandan as this is the fifth consecutive time he is sponsoring.

MEMBERS DIRCTORY

A new members' directory has been compiled by the sub-committee comprising of M/s Rajanayagam, Mahathevan & Balachandran. The directory is under print. From the original 750 members the membership is now reduced to 250, the chief reason being most members have migrated overseas for security & greener pasture and a few members have passed away.

OBITUARY

Mrs Puwaneswary Manicthyagarajah mother of Dr. Ramajeyam passed away on 11th May 2007. Two minutes silence was observed at the Committee meeting on 13th may 2007 as a mark of respect. As is customary on a selected day dinner was supplied on behalf of the PPA Colombo Branch. Dr Ramajeyam is a very active member and has given prop to the Association many a time.

We express to the members of the bereaved family our deepest sympathies.

2) Mr V.Muthucumaraswamy father of Mr. M. Raveendrakumar expired on 2nd June 2007. As A mark of respect two minutes silence was observed at the Committee meeting held on 24th June 2007. At Mr. Raveendrakumar's request no meals were supplied. He is another long standing member of the Association and the Secretary last year.

His assistance is eagerly awaited by the Association when the Annual General Meeting is round the corner. We express our grief to the members of the bereaved family.