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MY VISIT TO THE LAND OF MANY WATERS

Camille and I have been returning to Guyana every 2-3 years since we were married there in 1966. Over the years, I have taken a keen interest in our beloved country. I read the Kaieteur News every day.

I have been involved with the Toronto Alumni Association since its inception in 1993 when “old seadogs” as Noel Denny, Randy Bradford, Errol Campbell, Hugh Hazelwood, and Paul Camacho were on the Executive; the latter two still are.

Every time I visited Guyana, I “looked-up” the old school and made perfunctory visits, and maybe had lunch/drinks with one or two guys I know still in Guyana.

This time, since Camille was not with me and I am the current President of the Toronto Alumni Association, I made the decision before leaving Canada that I would “delve” into the issues both we and our Guyana counterparts face. I told our Executive of my intention, and I immediately started receiving emails from them with questions I should ask our compatriots in Guyana. I was overwhelmed (smile). I asked Godfrey Whyte to take on the responsibility of preparing a SCHEDULE with all the questions I kept receiving.

I left Canada with a list of 97 questions to which our Executive wanted answers. Most questions seemed quite in depth, so I decided to forward the questions to the appropriate individuals, thinking I might well upset some of the recipients. The questions addressed issues such as :

- The possibility of reducing the number of CSEC subjects (currently 28) to a more manageable number;
- How to improve student access to the necessary CSEC textbooks;
- The needs of the library for reference material and for technology hardware and software to support student work;
- The needs of the IT department for improved hardware and software, with appropriate security measures installed;
- General overall needs of the College to improve the education process.

To my surprise, all questions were received favourably. What did I learn? I learned that Guyanese working/volunteering in Guyana are on a different functioning level. Hey! They get a lot more holidays than we do (smile). I learned that we have the same interests in our *alma mater*. Some devote a lot of their time to helping the school. I wrote detailed reports for our Executive on every meeting I

had with the Teaching Staff and the Board of Governors of the school.

In the next issue of the *NEWS & VIEWS*, I will go into more detail...but let me leave you with this thought: Some in Guyana are JUST AS COMMITTED to restoring the



As part of the Toronto Association’s ongoing project of refurbishing the College library, the Association President Rupert De Castro presents to Ms. Merrel, the College Headmistress, several Kindle electronic readers for use in the library.

College to its #1 status in Guyana as the Executive and some of the members of the Toronto Alumni Association are.

A. Rupert De Castro

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Aware of electrical black-outs and brown-outs in Guyana which have affected teaching at the College, the Toronto Alumni Association has been interested in alternative sources of electrical power for the school. The following article attempts to address this issue, but all comments and opinions expressed in it are solely those of the author and do not reflect the official position of the Toronto Association. - Editor

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES IN GUYANA

BY ALFRED BHULAI

Background/disclaimer

This is simply my impressions and experiences of what is happening in Guyana with respect to energy alternatives to that derived from (imported) fossil fuel. I have had no access to 'classified' state documents or private sector plans other than what came to my attention as a knowledgeable person, but I have been quantitatively interested in the development of alternative energy in Guyana since I qualified as a wind power engineer and food (sugar) and energy technologist in 1992. Naturally, where I sought to be involved will be given more weight.

Traditional use of alternative energy

Combinations of solar and wind energy have been and are still being used in food processing and preservation. The most economically significant examples are drying the paddy before rice milling, and making salt fish.

Proper design of buildings to allow for natural ventilation is going out of fashion in favour of air conditioning (AC). Banditry and other security concerns tend to favour ACs for those who can afford it and the electricity bill. Fashion also drives households to purchase electric fans instead of relying on the simple hand fans of over 20 years ago. Hanging out the laundry to dry should not be overlooked here.

The combustion of bagasse from the sugar cane is used to power the sugar factories where process steam is very important. However, I have noticed a decline in ability to store the bagasse so that it can be properly ventilated to lower its moisture content to increase its fuel value. When properly managed, a sugar factory will have excess bagasse to generate energy for the public electric grid. This is what is called "cogeneration". This lack of ability can only be ascribed to ignorance: the factory managers, while they may agree with me, can only implement what the top managers decide (who, since the departure of the Booker-Tate management, have had CEOs qualified mainly in accountancy); and the top management pay attention only to the politicians, not to the advice from some knowledgeable people who write in the newspapers. This very significant source of alternative energy is therefore lying unmanaged.

Wind energy today

I have heard that the Dutch used windmills to help reclaim our coast from the Atlantic in the 16th and 17th centuries. This design is recognised today as that of the wind-pump. Travelling in the train between Georgetown and Rosignol

in the 1960s, I used to see a very few wind turbines along the coast, which I now recognise as wind chargers. I still see some today: they charge technologically better batteries to supply electricity to the owner when there is no wind; but, when I see them, they seem to be operating without much load i.e. they spin freely and attract attention.

The government of Guyana, around 2000, asked a Caribbean enterprise to conduct a study of the wind at Hope beach on the East Coast of Demerara where people felt there was sufficient wind at certain times of the day. The *Stabroek News* reported that the study cost Guy\$90 million. I was asked by a former student of mine at the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), who was tasked to see that it was environmentally unobjectionable, to accompany him to a site meeting with the Prime Minister. I said that I would have been willing to do such a study for Guy\$5 million, but I got as much reaction as if it were a few cubic centimetres of the wind blowing.

I was already measuring wind speeds and directions for a few years at my home, about a mile inland from the Georgetown seawall. My anemometer and wind vane, 10m. high, would measure wind speed and direction 12 times a minute, average them, and download to a 'black box' every minute. Every day, I would empty the black box of the 1440 minutes of data of each to my computer for long term storage and analysis.

In 1998, a private firm hired me to do a feasibility study for wind power at the Lake Mainstay, Essequibo, resort they were then setting up. I only needed to spend 24 hours on site to establish the same patterns (frequencies) I was getting at home and modify according to amplitudes.

Hope Beach was much nearer to me, but I would have bought 2 wind measuring systems like I then possessed for Guy\$300,000 (at the then prices), installed them, and monitored remotely. The rest of the 5 million I was asking for would have gone to my dedication to maintenance, measuring, and analysis for a year.

The Hydrometeorological Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary (MMA) Agricultural Development project had such instruments and had the good sense to ask me to service them once, which I did free of cost. But insufficiently trained and/or dedicated users could not keep them maintained to give continuous useful data. The private company has now established the Lake Mainstay resort, but they took

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my advice immediately and did not invest in wind power. The government took years, and who knows how much more money, to declare that the Hope Beach project was not feasible. When I relate this story to savvy people in Guyana, they invariably say that I should have offered the same \$90M price as the Caribbean firm in order to be taken seriously.

There are only two private companies that I know of in Guyana who offer wind chargers for sale. They are aware that the turbines have to be mounted very high on the coast, and that the cut-in speed to give any voltage is fairly high. Such machines that they sell are only really economical where there are predictable mountain and valley winds like at Kurukabaru and at Kato in the Pakaraimas.

For the coast, an expensive design, very broad near the axis and with the right amount of twist, is necessary to extract useful energy from the available low wind speeds. However, because of the present price and convenience of conventional electricity, such designs will remain in the domain of the hobbyist.

Solar energy

This is the way Guyana is heading because, although presently relatively expensive, solar panels are relatively easy to maintain. The government of Guyana recently announced a solar panel project: see http://www.guyanachronicleonline.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30972:hinterland-solar-electricity-moving-ahead-despite-delays-with-norway-fund-president-assures-at-5th-ntc&catid=4:top-story&Itemid=8 or <http://www.kaieteurnews.com/2011/07/05/no-norway-funds-but-solar-panels-being-procured-for-amerindians/>.

I don't know how they are going to get it implemented. I do know that Jerome DeFreitas & Sons has lots of experience installing solar panels all over the country, even among the Wai-Wais in deep southeast Guyana and that their customers are satisfied.

While at UG in 2002 and while we had a couple of Guyanese-Canadian chemists in the Faculty of Natural Sciences, we had an intensive brainstorm session lasting a whole day with the physical scientists and engineers to plan the steps necessary to make solar cells from Guyana's high purity quartz sand. We recognised that we did not have high tech infrastructure, but we were prepared to use what we had to achieve a low quality silicon semiconductors. We reasoned that Guyana has lots of sunshine and area, so the quality of the solar cell was not urgent.

We knew, like Rutherford, "We have no money, therefore we must think." We were all excited and would apply for funding, but would neither wait nor depend on it. Crucial to our plans was a large old electric furnace donated by

CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) sitting there unused for about 20 years. UG could not afford the rewiring necessary to operate it, but we intended to use it to contain the high temperatures we would need to get silicon from the quartz. I was the team leader and one of my research students was going to get the high temperature.

But typical Guyanese disaster struck. The Vice-Chancellor did a walk-about on a Sunday (!) morning and decided to dump the old furnace to clean up the campus for the 40th Anniversary of UG in 2003. He did not see it fit to consult the Head of the Department in whose possession it was, and did not even consider a salvage operation. The remaining Canadian scientist and I sent in our resignations. The other disappointed colleagues resigned themselves to standard UG fare.

I was afterwards consulted by a small group interested in constructing a solar boiler. A parabolic dish would follow the sun across the sky and focus on a small black metal container in which water would boil and the high pressure steam turn a Tesla turbine. I did the preliminary calculations and it seemed feasible but, to date, the Tesla turbine has not been constructed.

I have a family house that has a simple solar water heater of black painted copper pipes in a parabolic reflector box trough installed on the roof and which has never had to be maintained for the 16 years since it was installed. 60°C water is available all through the day and lasts far into the night.

Hydropower

Apart from well known attempts at big projects (Upper Mazaruni under Mr. Burnham and Amaila Falls under Mr. Jagdeo), there have been smaller projects considered. I was asked my opinion by a local engineering firm on the small hydro potential of a popular bathing falls at Hosororo in the North-West but, as far as I know, nothing has come of it.

I have no experience of the Tumatumari Hydroelectric Station on the Potaro River, which was established during British colonial days. I believe it operated successfully sometimes.

I attempted in 2000 to become acquainted with the Chinese built Moco Moco Hydroelectric plant successfully operating from the Kanuku Mountains in the Rupununi, but was met with reluctance by local officials. When they said there was no transportation available to take me there from Lethem, I replied that I had walked the 300 miles from Linden to Lethem and I could jolly well walk the 17 miles to get there; but I was not granted permission. There are people who would want to sabotage the project, they said. A few years later, a mud slide so damaged the plant that up to today it cannot become operational, despite my attempts to give free advice based on plans I had

MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2012.

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Terry Angoy	Paul Duarte	Richard Miller ²	Brian Yhap ¹	Brian Chin ²
Bernard Austin	Carlton Faria	Perry Mittelholzer ²	AUSTRALIA (1)	Lawrence Correia ¹
Malcolm Barrington ³	Joe Faria ⁹	Clarence Nichols ³	Michael Wight	Peter Fernandes ¹
Gerard Bayley	Raymond Fernandes ²	Anthony O'Dowd ²	BARBADOS (1)	Bernard Friemann
Rene Bayley ¹	Keith Fletcher	Malcolm Pequenezza	Geoff De Caires ¹	Vic Gonsalves
Randy Bradford ³	Sonny Francis	Leslie Pereira	BERMUDA (1)	Guy Goveia ²
Ian Camacho ⁵	Julian Fraser ⁴	Desmond Perreira ¹	Francis Grenardo ²	Edward Gouveia ¹
Paul Camacho	Leslie Fung ²	Michael Persaud ²	BRAZIL (1)	John Grenardo ²
Wilfred Carr	Richard Gomes	Bunty Phillips	Stephen De Castro	Michael Heydon ²
Joseph Castanheiro	Trevor Gomes	Linden Ramdeholl ³	TRIN. & TOB. (1)	Edwin Jack ³
Antony Chapman	Neil Gonsalves ²	Harold Rampersaud	John Jardim	Kenneth Jordan ⁶
Vernon Chaves ¹	Orlando Goveia ³	Herman Reid ³	U.K. (5)	Jolyon King ⁴
Ivan Choo ¹	Philip Greatehead	Joe Reis ¹	Christopher Cho-Young ⁴	Carl Marx ⁴
Tony Clarke ²	Ken Hahnfeld	Romeo Resaul ²	Richard DeCaires	Brian Ramphal ⁴
Paul Crum-Ewing	Brian Hall-Stevenson	Philip Rodrigues ²	Julio Faria	Peter Rodrigues
Vivian D'Andrade	Albert Hamilton ¹	Raphael Rodrigues	Tony Gomes ⁵	Evan Phillips ⁴
Clive Da Silva	Hugh Hazlewood ¹	Peter St. Aubyn ⁴	Neville Jordan ²	John Sparrock ¹
Ivor Da Silva	Jocelyn Heydorn	Albert Smith ¹	U.S.A. (22)	Leyland Thomas ⁸
Terry De Abreu ¹	Desmond Hill	Winston Sparrock ²	Anthony Bollers	Horace Walcott ³
Tyrone De Abreu	Andrew Insanally ²	Albert Sweetnam ²	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-	
Gabriel De Castro ¹	Richard James	Michael Teixeira		VENEZUELA (1)
Gregory De Castro	Des Jardine	Arthur Veerasammy ²		Michael Chin-a-loy
Rupert De Castro	Clayton Jeffrey ²	Vibert Vieira ¹		
Andre De Peana ⁴	Aubrey Kellawan	John Vincent ¹		
Frank Delph	Vibert Lampkin ⁷	Howard Welshman ²		
Roger Devers ¹	John Lopes ¹	David Wong		
Terry Devers ¹	Geoffrey Luck ⁴			
Neville Devonish ²	Dereck Mahanger ⁴			

Of the 123 paid-up members, 110 are renewals from last year.

Notes to Membership List :

1. These (22) alumni have paid in advance through 2013.
2. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2014.
3. These (8) alumni have paid in advance through 2015.
4. This (10) alumnus has paid in advance through 2016.
5. This (3) alumnus has paid in advance through 2017.
6. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2018.
7. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2019.
8. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2020.
9. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2022.

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seen before its commissioning. It has probably been reclaimed by the forest.

Biogas

There are plans to eventually use part of the new Haags-Bosch city and environs dumpsite to have a waste and fuel processing facility that could produce methane. But I think that is as far as it will go in the foreseeable future – just plans to produce gas. Storing and piping the gas is beyond our capacity. The best prospect is if some big company (like DDL or Banks DIH) were to get involved. I know for sure that the latter has recently cleaned up their effluent with a treatment plant, but I have not heard that they were getting useful methane out of it.

The National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI, now called NAREI) has made viable small farm-waste digesters, but I have not heard that they are in general use because the farmer has to find someone to dedicate some time to operate it. Some people I know have proudly showed me their installation, but I believe only one or two actually use them properly.

There was the case of one East Coast Demerara resident who discovered gas bubbling up from a marsh in his backyard. He showed the newspaper reporter how he piped it into his house and cooked with it. I don't know if he still does.

Other sources

I have studied the tides, and tidal power should not be considered.

I have never heard of geothermal potential here.

Conclusion

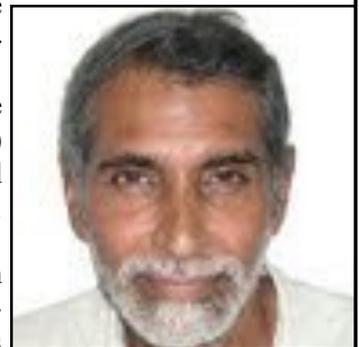
In the final reckoning, the only incentive to do anything positive in the long run is economic. Young Guyanese do have simplistic ideas which they exhibit at science fairs

(for which I used to be a judge in the 1990s), but they are increasingly coached by teachers who are not experienced in the engineering realities of economic conversion so, of late, there have been rehashes of the same themes with even less detail. That is why they have no chance of competing at the Caribbean level.

Private enterprise would be the best way forward, but it seems that the governments we have had have not been willing to tender such projects to local independent Guyanese.

Alfred Bhulai attended Saints (1965-72), and earned a B.Sc. (UG) in Applied Chemistry and a Dipl.-Ing. (Technical University of Berlin) in Food, Sugar, Energy, and Wind Power Engineering.

He taught at Saints (1975-82) where his subjects included Maths, Physics, Chemistry at all levels, Religious Knowledge, English rhetoric in the 6th Form, and any other subject as requested by the Head. He was appointed Head of the Science Dept. (1977-80) which included Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. In 1980, each of the first 3 became separate departments with a separate Head.



In 1980, he was asked to act as Headmaster until the MoE could appoint a new one; thereafter, he was appointed as a Senior Master.

He was a UG lecturer for 21 years, and now works as a private consultant.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Alumnus (1972 – 77) **Brian Ramphal** has been appointed to the Entrepreneur Management Center (EMC) advisory board of San Diego State University, California. Below is the official announcement by the University.

San Diego State University – Entrepreneur Management Center (EMC) Enters New Era with Inaugural Advisory Board

The EMC is proud to announce the formation of a new Advisory Board. This group of seasoned entrepreneurs, investors, and business professionals will increase the EMC's synergy with the community and provide SDSU students with valuable connections.

The Center has already recruited several prominent individuals to serve as the board's founding members, including Leonard Lavin, Stephen Cushman, **Brian Ramphal**,

Douglas Wall, Stuart Sorenson, Michael Stoff, Larry Petersen, Dave Ryan, and Steve Chang.

The EMC will draw on the collective wisdom of the board as the Center seeks to develop contemporary new programs to better prepare our next generation of entrepreneurs.

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OBITUARIES

* Alumnus (1943 - 1948) **CAETANO, Edward** died peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Tuesday, 27 December, 2011 in his 81st year after a three-month battle with aggressive bone cancer. He lived in Whitby, Ontario, and was the beloved husband of Victoria for 59 years, father of Errol (Bijette), step-father of Desmond (Jackie), Rosaland (Fredrick), John (Frances) and Keith (Donna), grandfather of 11, and great-grandfather of 14. Eddie was an outstanding football player for the College and played for the British Guiana (BG) colony team. He was also a member of BG field hockey team when it won Caribbean championship in 1961.

* **FERNANDES, Alice** (wife of the late Gabriel) died in Guyana in December 2011. She was the aunt of alumni **Peter, Chris, Billy, and Bobby**.

* Alumnus (1939 - 1944) **FITT, Cecil** passed away from cancer at his home in Barbados at about 10:00 p.m. on Monday, 30 January, 2012. About two hours later, his wife **Joan**, still undergoing stress and shock from her husband's death, suffered a heart attack and also died.

* **GIBBS, Joan I.** died peacefully on Wednesday, 25 January, 2012. She was the wife of Cyril B. Gibbs for 55 years, mother of Laura Willems, Andrew Gibbs, Nicole MacRae, and Reina Barker, and grandmother of 10. She was the sister of Marylyn, alumni **Antony and Errol Chapman** (Immediate Past President of the Toronto Alumni Association), and Ann Spooner.

* Alumnus (1955 - 1960) **GONSALVES, Bernard Joseph** died on Tuesday, 20 December, 2011, aged 68, in Coral Springs, Florida. He leaves behind his wife Penny, children Margaret and Catherine, grandchildren Kyle and Caitlin, and brother Paul.

* **MC DAVID**, the father of alumni **William and Donald** died in Guyana in December 2011.

* **MC KENZIE, Doris Maude** died in January 2012. She was the mother-in-law of alumnus **Noel Denny**.

* Alumnus (1952 - 1959) **MENEZES, Douglas** died of a heart attack at his home in Oakville on Monday night, 30 January, 2012. He leaves behind not only his immediate family but his four brothers **Gilbert, David, Christopher, and Terrence** who all are Saints alumni also.

* Alumnus (1947 - 1954) **OUTRIDGE, Leslie** died in his sleep on the morning of Sunday, 29 Jan., 2012, in Toronto.

* Alumnus (1950 - 1955) **VIEIRA, Gregory Joseph** died at the Scarborough General Hospital in Toronto on Tuesday, 27 December, 2011, at the age of 74. He was the husband of Hermin, father of Rose-Anne (Sam Jahshan), Desiree (Jeff McGivney), Nadine (Andre Prince) and Natasha, grandfather of eleven, and great-grandfather of one.

* **WESTMAAS, Rupert** died on Friday 3 February, 2012, in Ottawa. He was the father of alumni **Ronald, Wayne** (who died while a pupil at the College), and **Andrew**, and half-brother-in-law of alumnus **Bunty Phillips**.

THE PASSING OF GODFREY CHIN

On the morning of Monday, 16 January, 2012, **GODFREY CHIN** was found lifeless on the floor of the dining room of his home on David St. in Kitty, Guyana. He was 74 years old.

Godfrey was well-known as the author of the book, *Nostalgia*, which told of his growing up and living in Guyana and of events and people around these times. Up to his death, he continued regularly publishing many articles on this subject in e-mail distributions ("Ya tink it easy?", as he would say).

As well as being a social history documenter, he was an interior decorator and was also well-known as a winning designer of bands and floats in various parades in Georgetown.

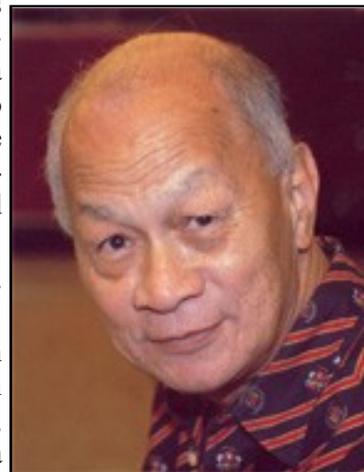
Godfrey was also well known for his athletic prowess, having played as goal-keeper for the Guyana National Field Hockey team in international tournaments during the 1960s to 1970s.

Godfrey had lived in New York and, more recently, in

Florida before returning to live in Guyana about two years ago.

While not being a Saints alumnus (he attended Central), nevertheless he was a paid-up member of Toronto Saints and always gave Saints his full help and support whenever he visited Toronto.

He is survived by three siblings, his ex-wife Shirley, and three sons, two of whom (Gary and Richard) live in New York and the other, alumnus **Brian** (serving as a full Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps.) in Florida. Brian is also a paid-up member of Toronto Alumni Association. His sons had joined him in Guyana for the Christmas Season.



EDITOR'S NOTE

David McNally, an internationally acclaimed business speaker and author of two best selling books, and Mac Anderson, the founder of Simple Truths and Successories, Inc. and a the leader in designing and marketing products for motivation and recognition, have co-authored a book, *The Push: Unleashing the Power of Encouragement* (ISBN 978-1608100392), published by Simple Truths, Naperville, Illinois, U.S.A. Mr. Anderson has commented about the drive behind writing the book, and has illustrated it with an excerpt from the book. His comments and the excerpt are provided below for your inspiration.

COMMENTS ON "THE PUSH: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT"

BY MAC ANDERSON

Last year, we lost one of the most prolific inventors and entrepreneurs of this century - Steve Jobs. He continues to touch us every day through the innovations and the companies he created. But, Steve's rise to the top didn't go without a hitch. In fact, he founded Pixar, the world's most successful animation studio, as a result of being fired by Apple, the company he created. It was just "The Push" he needed to reach his full potential.

As my friend David McNally says, "The circumstances of our lives have as much power as we choose to give them."

Giving a shot of inspiration when you need it most is why David and I teamed up to write *The Push: Unleashing the Power of Encouragement*.

Today, I'd like to share Steve Jobs' story from *The Push*. It's one that I'm sure will inspire you...one that you'll want to pass along to friends.

GETTING FIRED...UP!

(An excerpt from *The Push: Unleashing the Power of Encouragement*)

In his commencement speech at Stanford University in 2005, Steve Jobs, one of the co-founders of Apple Computer and the founder of Pixar Studios, shared how getting fired from the company he started brought him to a new creative level.

"I was lucky - I found out what I loved to do early in life. Woz (Steve Wozniak) and I started Apple in my parents' garage when I was 20. We worked hard and, in 10 years, Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4,000 employees. We had just released our finest creation - the Macintosh - a year earlier, and I had just turned 30.

"And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started? Well, as Apple grew we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me and, for the first year or so, things went well. But then our visions of the future began to diverge and, eventually, we had a falling out. When we did, our Board of Directors sided with him. So, at 30, I was out, and very publicly out. What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating.

"I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down - that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me - I still loved what I did. The turn of

events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over.

"I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, although less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.

"During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar went on to create the world's first computer animated feature film, *Toy Story*, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance.

"I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful-tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it.

"Sometimes life hits you hard in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved with I did. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work."

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Date	Event	Location	Cost
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Sat. 7 Jul., 2012	Golf Tournament	Glen Eagle Golf Club, Hwy 50, Palgrave	\$120, all inclusive
Fri. 3 Aug., 2012	Caribjam	Thornhill Community Centre	tba
Mon. 6 Aug., 2012	Last Lap Lime	Woodbridge Fairgrounds	\$15 pre-event \$25 on the day
Sat. 13 Oct., 2012	Fall Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	\$45, all inclusive
tba	A Night to Remember	tba	tba

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