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A Tribute to My Years at Saint Joseph's College

By Alessandra A. Porteus

The Class of 2004

We are all different people with different ideas, different qualities. As I began reflecting on the past three years, I realize how much all of my friends, family, and the Saint Joseph's faculty have meant to me. Not that I haven't realized this before now, but graduation is a point of closure in our lives and the start of a new beginning.

Thinking of what we've all gone through, an image of our class comes to mind ... It was a warm, sunny day - no clouds appeared in the sky. But then a slight breeze swayed the tree, a bird soared across the sky to the movement of the breeze. My eye was attracted to a large oak tree tucked far away in the street. I had found a place that, unaware, we would spend the next three years of our life. I believe that it is almost as if we are like twenty-two birds in a nest with the Saint Joseph's faculty looking over us. They have guided us to see reality and to learning what we were not initially ready to understand. Then they began to nourish us with the knowledge and ability to make concise quality judgments. And very soon, we soared high above all that. My professors were always there when one of us was brave enough to try spreading his or her wings to fly. And perhaps if we were not strong enough, the faculty was there in a flash to swoop us off the ground in their wings. Their wings were also there to protect and comfort us when emotional differences fluttered in the air.

Through the years, we grew in confidence as each one of us experienced rough places and met with the challenges of smoothing them out. Friends left, new people joined us, and we had to learn how to accept their differences.


Like climbing a mountain, there would be obstacles in our way, but by helping each other,

we got around those obstacles and over those rough places. Sometimes this would slow us down, but when we reached the other side we quickly regained our footing and continued on our journey. At times, our class did not seem quite a whole, but someone was always there to bring us back together. Each of us, at one time or another, felt we could not go on but our friends and the faculty was always there to encourage us. At times like these, the climb would not even be noticeable, as we pooled our efforts to reach common goals. Our classes grew collectively stronger as we developed individually. The mountain was steep toward the end, but by now we all knew our place and wanted to help each other cover the last bit of ground.

Although it feels as if each one of us has reached the top, I realize as I look back that I only climbed a small hill. These three years have been a small part of our lives, and although the journey was hard, each one of us has to start another climb - it will be a steeper and, once again, an unknown mountain - one that will bring us through the rough and even places in our lives. Because of our three years together, we are now better equipped for this move forward. I will not have this particular group with me for the next step, but I will continue to draw on the strength and confidence that I have found together. I will remember that it is not about reaching the top of the mountain, but about being together for the journey, and the friendships that were made along the way.

Special thanks are in order to professors: *D. Beni, R. Campbell, L. Campbell, S. James, T. Napolitano, J. Beckwith, H. Argent-Tariq, G. Gaspar, J. Fuentes, G. Graves, A. Gordon, B. Polito, C. McDermott, A. Ramlal, A. Diaz, N. Nicholas, A.B. Mohamed, and the entire staff of Saint Joseph's.*

I extend special thanks to my parents *Ileen and Roderick Porteus, Michelle Porteus, Dr. McEachrane, Dr. Ocasio, Local Union 1199, and Prison Health Services, Inc.*



A Letter to My
Graduating
Class of 2004

It has been one of the most rewarding times in my life, both professionally and personally, to share the Saint Joseph's experience with you. I've been lucky to meet a wonderful group of professors and friends. My life has been enriched as a result of your friendship, support and insights, especially during the past few years, when all of our lives changed so much. These changes brought so many of us to a new appreciation of what we share in common with each other. My mind has also been opened further to new ideas and experiences that I never previously imagined, because of my attendance at Saint Joseph's. I will never forget Professor Roger Archibald and the hard-earned B+ I achieved in his class on the Legal Aspects of Health Care! As an Organizational Management major, I was pleased to learn the Process of Management from Professor Rupert Campbell and move all the way to Advanced Human Resources Management, which was taught by Professor Minnie Stanley. These learning experiences have made this educational trip well worth the ride. In most cases, I was able to immediately apply my classroom learning to my job the very next day! The things that I have walked away from Saint Joseph's with will last a lifetime! To my circle of encouragement and special friends, Emma, Lotricia, Odessa, and Sharloma: we did it! Thanks for giving me the push that I would sometimes need. To the entire graduating class of 2004, I wish you continued success, and hope that someday our paths will cross again.

Respectfully,
Sherrilynn L. Zeigler
The Class of 2004

The Most I Ever Wanted

As a child I wanted almost everything
So I strived hard to do everything possible to behave myself

As a teenager I began to take a ride on the highway of life
Making decisions some good some bad
Along the way I kept the words of encouragement tucked away in
my mind

As a young adult I tried to set my own pace
I struggled for something but I was not sure what it was
But I knew it was something I wanted

As an adult I have a better understanding of this thing called life
I opened my mind and examined and applied those words of
encouragement
The most I ever wanted was to be the best that I could be

By Sherrilynn L. Zeigler
The Class of 2004

Thank you Lord for your love and guidance.
To the professors at Saint Joseph's College: I want to thank you all for your guidance.
Professor Brown thanks for your patience in explaining Roy's theory.

SADIE: Thanks for your support.

MOM and DAD: Thanks for instilling in me the importance of education, the desire to reach for the sky.

YVONNE: Words are inadequate to express what your friendship has meant to me over the years. You were never too busy to offer your help. Thank you for understanding when I was not able to accompany you to the mall because I had to study for an exam or do a research paper.

NIGEL: I always look forward to Sundays. Without you and your cooking, I would be suffering from nutritional deficit related to decreased oral intake.

AUNTIE BIRDIE: Saturdays, I would wonder what was on the menu.

GARTH: You were always there to offer your technical support: My computer and I thank you.

LATOYA: Forgive me for not calling more often. Girl, you know your aunts love you. Thanks for making me laugh when I was down.

PHILIP: Thanks for your love and patience. I know that these past few years have not been easy. Every semester I would say "I cannot do this anymore. I give up." But you believed in me. You refused to let me quit. When I wanted to quit, you in a gentle yet firm and loving manner would say, "You can do it." You are the wind beneath my wings. You have put up with my moodiness and temper tantrums. You refused to let me believe that I was nothing but a winner. Here I am, fulfilling one of my many dreams, and I would not have done so without your love and support. Honey, this degree I achieve, I do so in your honor. Thank you for loving me.

Heather H. Smith
The Class of 2004

Each of Us Must Climb Our Separate Mountain

Each of us must climb our separate mountain
To reach at last our own extended view.
We can be no more than what we are;
Yet that is quite enough for us to do.

The world is far too great for comprehension,
And so we only know what we can know.
But given the abilities we're given,
That's still a long and weary way to go.

Yet on the way, how beautiful the moments!
How good it feels to have some skill or art!
How wonderful to pause in awestruck wonder
At what must fill the unsuspecting heart!

And so we're proud of each of you today
For all you've learned, and all you've tried to learn.
Knowledge brings the deepest satisfaction,
Not least because it's something that you earn.

Tribute to Allesandra A. Porteous



"20 Minute Break"

By Michelle Jubert

"Okay, let's take a break and we'll come back in 20 minutes!

That's what the professor said when he realized we were getting restless. While getting up, I ask my friend if he'll take a walk with me to get a snack and he says "Sure".

Walking in the hallways, I realize that we're not the only class taking a break.

I see unfamiliar and familiar faces. Some are so familiar I say, "Hi, how have you been?"

"Pretty good and you?" is the response I get.

The halls are warm and cozy and the smell in the air is that old recognizable one -SJC.

The high ceilings and original woodwork set the atmosphere.

We're family here.

Some of us are mothers with adult children and aging husbands and some are new fathers who hope they make it home before the baby goes to sleep.

Others are single parents who are sacrificing quality time with their teenager and

others are newlyweds that miss their spouses dreadfully.

Some are singles that are using their free time to better themselves and some are seasoned citizens who've lived their lives for others and now want to do something for themselves.

Some are Black and some are White. Some are Asian and some are Hispanic.

Some live in Long Island and some in Clinton Hill.


But there's one thing we all have in common.

We are all struggling and sacrificing to achieve academic goals.

We read, study, listen, research, write, answer and ask questions.

And when we get to the finish line we will all proudly say "We did it!"

What a feeling, what a family and what wonderful inspiration to receive during something so secondary as a 20 minute break.


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It's All At Saint Joseph's College
By Sharae Nobles
The Class of 2004

One day in the summer of 2000, I was flipping through the pages of the New York Daily News. An ad in the *Learn to Earn* section immediately caught my attention. The advertisement featured the School of Adult and Professional Education, at Saint Joseph's College. The item that caught my interest was the opportunity offered by the College to employed individuals to attend weekend classes on a flexible schedule. At that moment, I decided that I was going to attend the College. As crazy as it may sound, I made a major life decision based only on the convenience of the course offerings, without considering other important factors such as the reputation of the school. Fortunately, this impulse to enroll at Saint Joseph's, led me to a challenging and rewarding experience.

Since I was employed full-time and raising a child, I was not sure when I would be able to go back to school. Indeed, I had been out of school six years before I decided to return. Previously, I attended a large college that was so impersonal. The classes were so large that individual attention from the instructors was non-existent. I remember taking an introductory course in Economics in which I felt like an idiot. I simply did not understand the material. The class was held in a large lecture hall and consisted of 100 students. Since the professor would not entertain questions, I did not know how I would be able to pass the course. It also seemed that interaction between students of different backgrounds was very minimal. You rarely saw students of one race or ethnic background interacting with each other. All in all, my experience at this college was a very sad one.

Within the first month of attending classes at the School of Adult and Professional Education, I realized that the environment at Saint Joseph's College was markedly different. The College's student population is racially, ethnically and religiously diverse, and students of all backgrounds interact and get along. Also, the classes are small and the instructors are personable and willing to provide

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been more like peers, and never displayed the aloofness and distance I experienced previously.

I have taken some very interesting courses here including Psychological Factors of Health and Disease, Critical Thinking for Professionals, Alcoholism, Political and Civil Rights, and Adults in Transition, etc. These classes were particularly significant and enjoyable because of each respective instructor's teaching style. The following instructors particularly interested me: *Holly Argent-Tariq* succeeded in creating a relaxed but effective learning environment. I never felt stressed in any of her classes. *Daniel Beni* drives you to think critically and logically. *Gary Graves* stays abreast of his field and he disseminates so much useful information. *Michael Connolly* displays a rare passion for teaching.

A great feature of the program is the ability to learn from your peers. Due to their diversity of backgrounds and professional experiences, our students have a vast wealth of information to impart. I have learned much from my classmates, particularly in the counseling classes. Indeed, my instructors have encouraged peer interaction and peer review as essential tools of learning. Working in groups also helps us to support and encourage one another. For the last three years, school has become an integral part of my socialization. I enjoy coming to school in the same manner that I enjoy hanging out with my friends.

As my last semester nears, I am pondering my future in terms of career plans. I am strongly considering pursuing a Master's degree in School Guidance Counseling. I am also evaluating whether I want to continue in the social services field working with the elderly. Whatever career path I choose, I am confident that I will be successful in my future endeavors.

To all my instructors, thank you for your encouragement and support!

To my fellow graduates: I hope you accomplish all the goals you have set for yourself.

A AND P HAPPENINGS



Roger Archibald (bottom row) treats his students to a formal dinner for a job well done. Roger continues this tradition yearly.

Sister Tesa Fitzgerald of Hour Children accepts a check for \$4,550 from SHRM.



Over the years, I have held many jobs. These ranged from a part-time clerical job to a full-time position as a manager of Information Technology. In each position, I accelerated, as I am an overachiever.

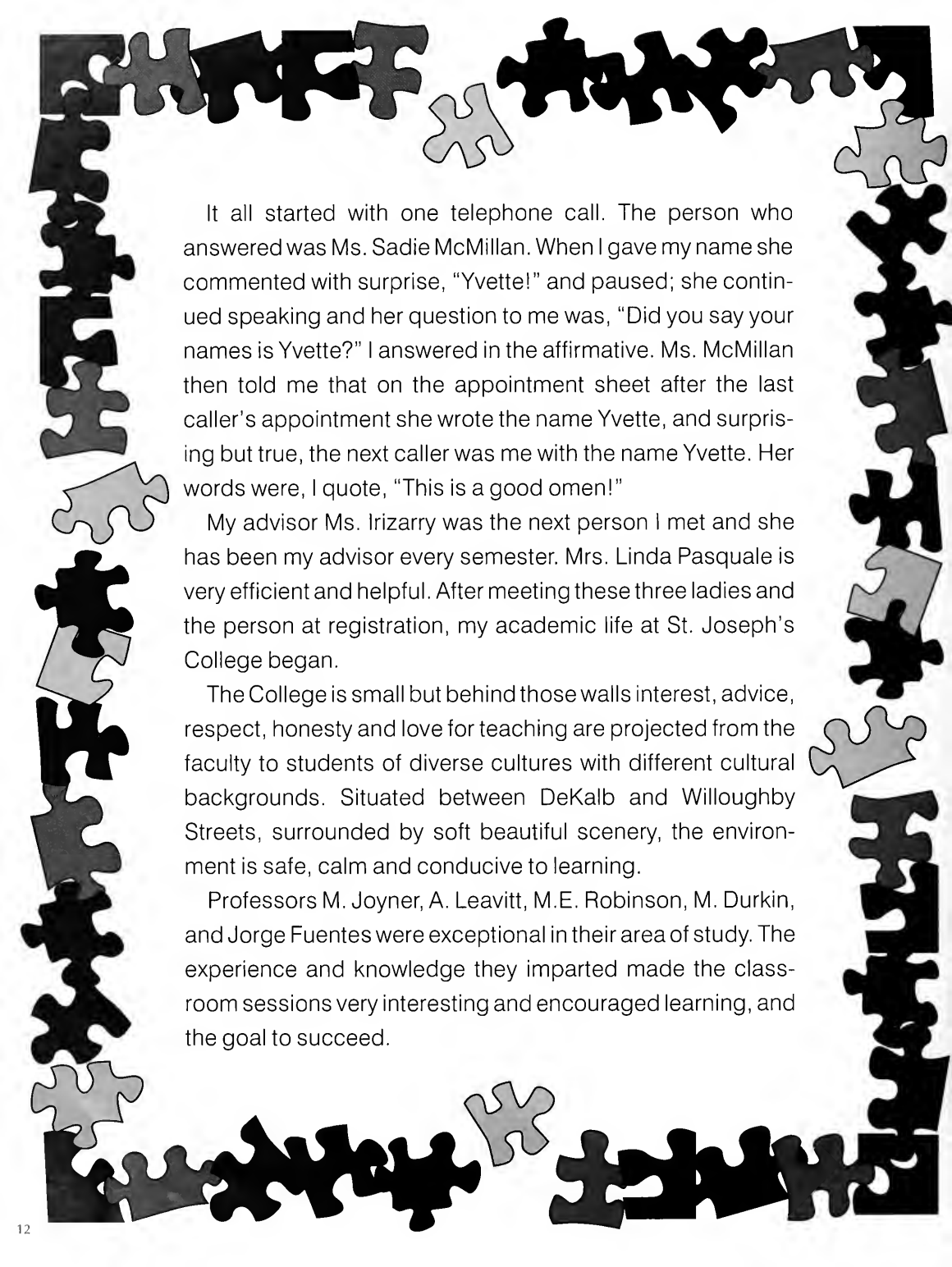
About a year ago, I started to lose interest in my job, and career field - information systems. I thought hard about what I truly would like to be doing. The first and last thing to come to mind was teaching. I have always been interested in becoming an educator, a teacher of children. I love to see the smile on a child's face when discovering something new. However, I do not hold a college degree. Therefore, I am not employable for this position.

To accomplish my dream, I decided to return to Saint Joseph's College. Yes, return. I first attended Saint Joseph's when I graduated from high school but quit before the end of the first semester. Although I spent a short time at the college, I remembered the friendliness of the students and teachers, the small classes, and the individual attention the instructors provided to each student. I hoped to find this again. Upon my return, twenty years later, it's all still at Saint Joseph's.

I am working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems with a minor in education. When I complete my degree, I will go on to teach and hopefully inspire young people to achieve their educational plans and encourage them to follow their dreams - no matter how long it takes them.

By Stacey E. Kerr



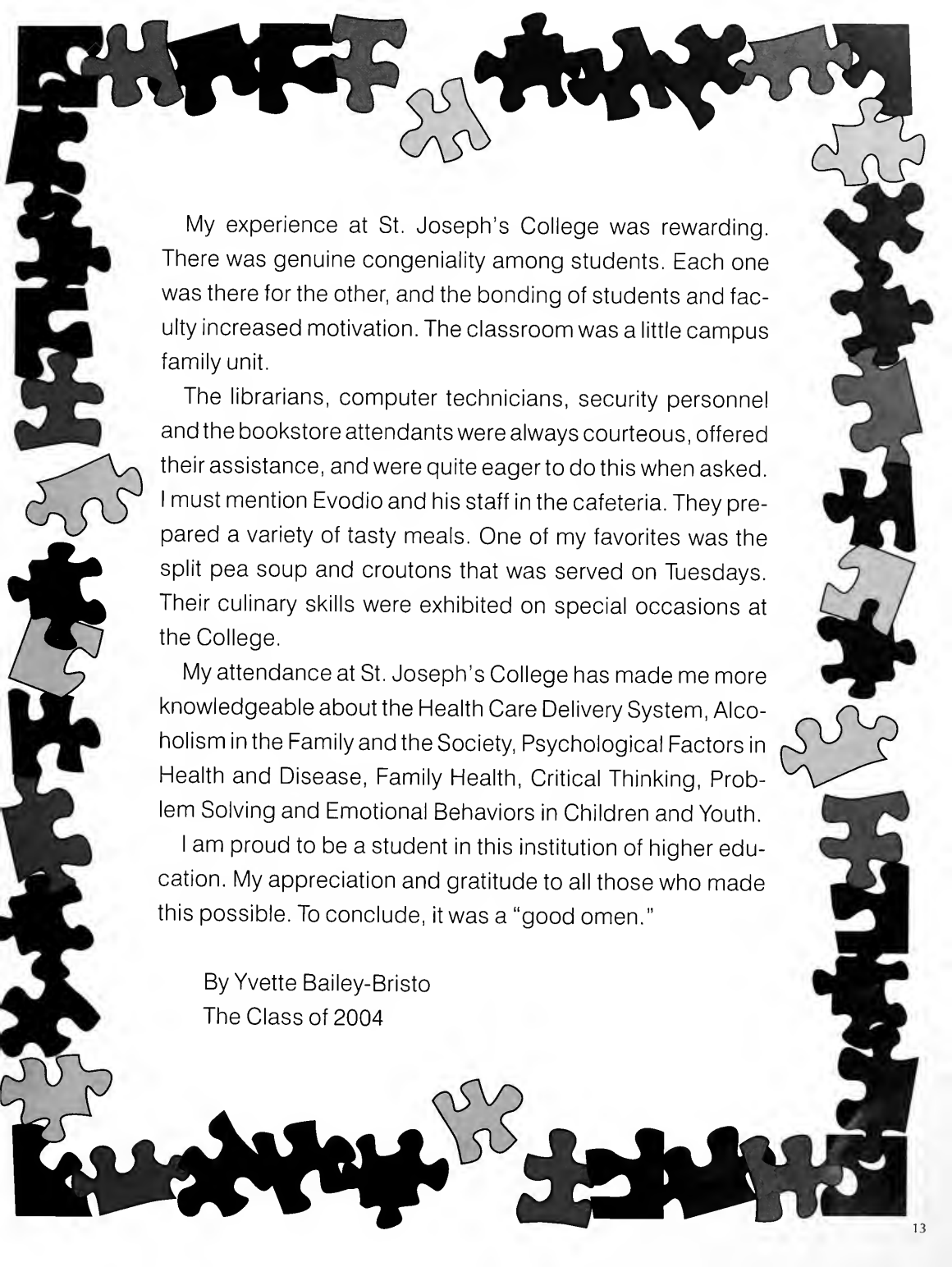


It all started with one telephone call. The person who answered was Ms. Sadie McMillan. When I gave my name she commented with surprise, "Yvette!" and paused; she continued speaking and her question to me was, "Did you say your names is Yvette?" I answered in the affirmative. Ms. McMillan then told me that on the appointment sheet after the last caller's appointment she wrote the name Yvette, and surprising but true, the next caller was me with the name Yvette. Her words were, I quote, "This is a good omen!"

My advisor Ms. Irizarry was the next person I met and she has been my advisor every semester. Mrs. Linda Pasquale is very efficient and helpful. After meeting these three ladies and the person at registration, my academic life at St. Joseph's College began.

The College is small but behind those walls interest, advice, respect, honesty and love for teaching are projected from the faculty to students of diverse cultures with different cultural backgrounds. Situated between DeKalb and Willoughby Streets, surrounded by soft beautiful scenery, the environment is safe, calm and conducive to learning.

Professors M. Joyner, A. Leavitt, M.E. Robinson, M. Durkin, and Jorge Fuentes were exceptional in their area of study. The experience and knowledge they imparted made the classroom sessions very interesting and encouraged learning, and the goal to succeed.



My experience at St. Joseph's College was rewarding. There was genuine congeniality among students. Each one was there for the other, and the bonding of students and faculty increased motivation. The classroom was a little campus family unit.

The librarians, computer technicians, security personnel and the bookstore attendants were always courteous, offered their assistance, and were quite eager to do this when asked. I must mention Evodio and his staff in the cafeteria. They prepared a variety of tasty meals. One of my favorites was the split pea soup and croutons that was served on Tuesdays. Their culinary skills were exhibited on special occasions at the College.

My attendance at St. Joseph's College has made me more knowledgeable about the Health Care Delivery System, Alcoholism in the Family and the Society, Psychological Factors in Health and Disease, Family Health, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Emotional Behaviors in Children and Youth.

I am proud to be a student in this institution of higher education. My appreciation and gratitude to all those who made this possible. To conclude, it was a "good omen."

By Yvette Bailey-Bristo
The Class of 2004



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Dear Graduate:

The season of graduation is a time to mark a significant accomplishment and to take a moment to focus our thoughts on how to move forward with the rest of our lives.

In many ways what you have gone through over the last few years is a step in the life-long progression toward the ultimate goal of Wisdom, conceived in the broadest sense and oftentimes used interchangeably with Integrity. As you may know from your studies, there are philosophers and psychologists who, in wrestling with such issues, have come to see commonalities between the truly wise person and one who is living a life marked by self-actualization. While there are many qualities associated with the self-actualized person, there are two that I would like to explore, which I have drawn from the work of Abraham Maslow.

The first has to do with the importance of having "some mission in life, some task to fulfill," and the second relates to the importance of interpersonal relations, which include "feelings of identification, sympathy, and affection" for others.

So what does this have to do with graduation and the life that lies before you? Certainly in your private lives, it suggests the importance of family and friends, many of whom have been supportive in your efforts to attain this degree, and it calls on us to make part of our life's mission to dedicate ourselves to the maintenance of those bonds of affiliation and love.

In the work world, it would suggest that we find a place where we can fulfill our calling and realize our full potential. And the hope is that your newly earned credential will assist you in that regard. But whether or not you are able to find the dream job, there is still the opportunity before us to assist and support those with whom we work. Putting aside the managerial effectiveness benefits of this approach, our workplaces provide a unique opportunity to stand in relationship with others in a way that will advance them in their development and enrich our own lives in return. We spend the bulk of our waking lives at work, so it would seem only logical to live that time in tune with principles that we know are in accordance with the goal of Wisdom.

In closing, let me congratulate you on the accomplishment of earning your degree. It is a tribute to you. I would also like to extend a word of appreciation to Daniel Beni, S. Carole Lessard, Susie James, Sadie McMillan, Leslie Barna, and Linda F. Fonte for the work that they have done to make this year's *Achievements* such a success. May it serve as a reminder of your accomplishment and the friends you have made at St. Joseph's College.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Travis
Vice President and Dean

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SCHOOL OF ADULT AND
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Daniel Beni, Preceptor in General Studies and *Achievements* Moderator

To the Graduates of 2004,

Graduation from college is a defining event in a person's life. Indeed, one is transformed by the experience. The graduation ceremony itself is a visual feast to behold. Replete with majestic pageantry and gleaming academic colors, it dazzles, and in turn, inspires us. Furthermore, the moment the baccalaureate degree is conferred, the graduate experiences a newfound sense of empowerment that is at once profound yet highly personal: one's view of oneself is changed forever and a new worldview begins to take shape. This is a time to treasure and reflect upon, long after those nearest and dearest have tendered words of praise and best wishes, and the symbolic ceremonial caps and gowns have been placed on a stack to be returned and made ready for a future graduating class to don.

This is also a time to pay formal tribute to the entire graduating class of 2004. You are a group of women and men who have accomplished an extraordinary thing: you have attained your heart's desire, the baccalaureate degree. But your journey has not been an easy one. You had to continually stretch time thin, and thus were somehow able to complete those complicated research papers and ace the seemingly endless succession of examinations required. You also successfully met the rigors of full time employment, and in many instances, the hectic demands of family life. I take the greatest pleasure in dedicating this yearbook to you and to those who supported you in your great undertaking.

Creating a yearbook that illuminates the world of the adult learner is no easy task. If we accomplished this, it is only because the following graduates and students contributed narratives and visuals infused with energy, grace, and a sense of shared struggle in the pursuit of a grand educational objective. In these regards, I would like to thank *Yvette Bailey-Bristo, Shaloma Coppage, Michelle Jubert, Stacey Kerr, Sharae Nobles, Alessandra Porteus, Heather Smith, and Sherrilynn Zeigler*. I also appreciate the efforts of *Susie James* and *Leslie Barna* who provided indispensable administrative support for this endeavor. *Leslie* also undertook the considerable task of transcribing and correcting the text of this yearbook. Finally, a word of thanks is extended to *Sadie McMillan*, who continually encouraged graduates and students alike to contribute their talents and energies to this edition of *Achievements*.

Once more, I extend congratulations to the graduating class of 2004. May your achievements be bright and bold, and may this yearbook rekindle happy memories of your time at Saint Joseph's College.

Cordially,

Daniel Beni
Daniel Beni

Spirit of the Little Flower
Blooming with love.
Sprinkled with the living waters
Falling from above.
Showers of blessings
Soothing suffering and pain.
Such faith still praising
Not discouraged, strong again.
So small yet fearless
Salute, honor and
Stand out, precious, pretty, pure.
Serene with joy, and full of grace
Oh! Little flower Therese

By Yvette Bailey-Bristo
The Class of 2004



Rupert Campbell takes a photograph with the youngsters of Hour Children in front of the Christmas tree. Rupert loves the kids.

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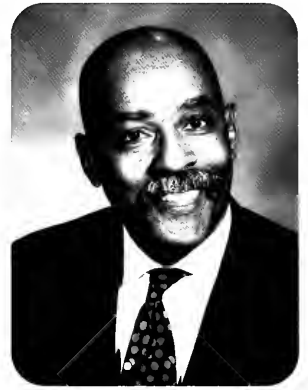
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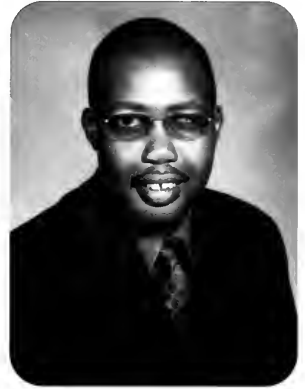
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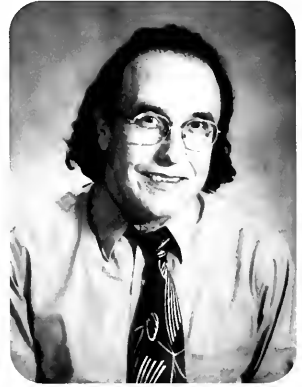
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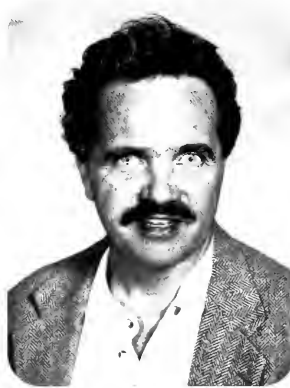
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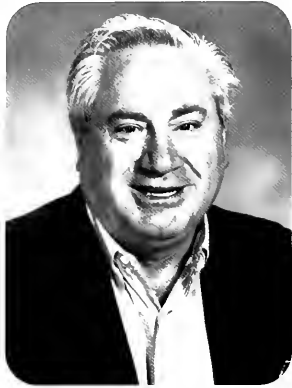
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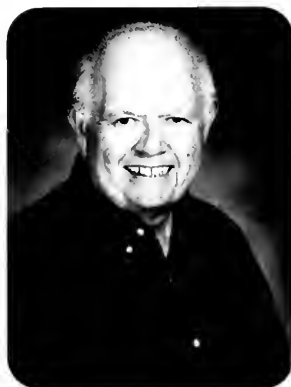
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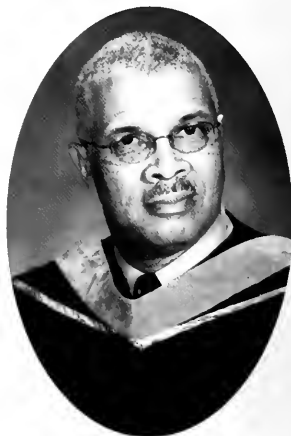
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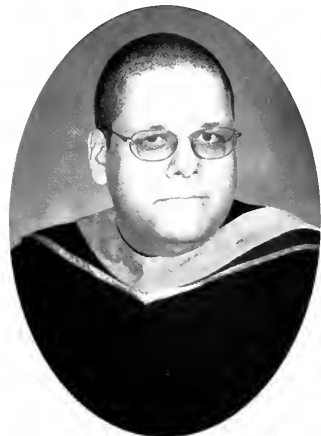
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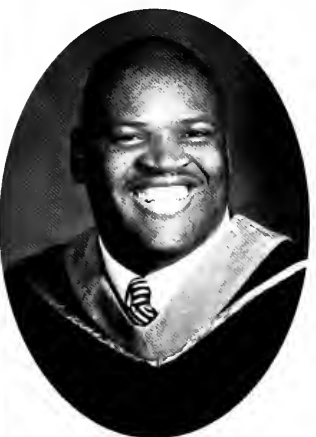
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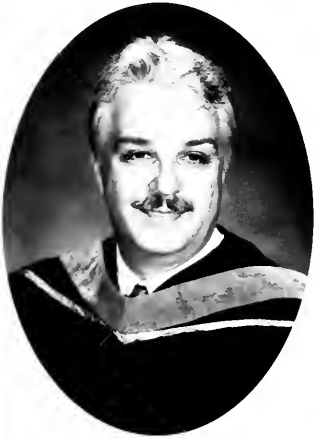
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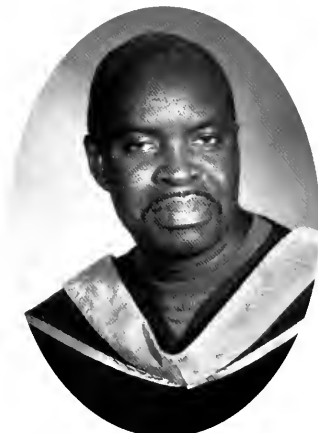
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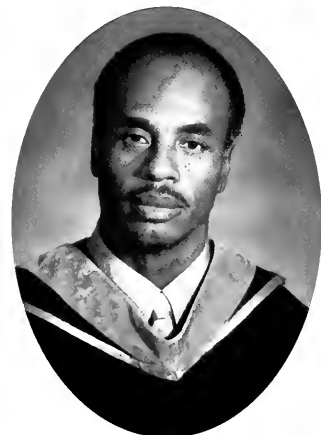
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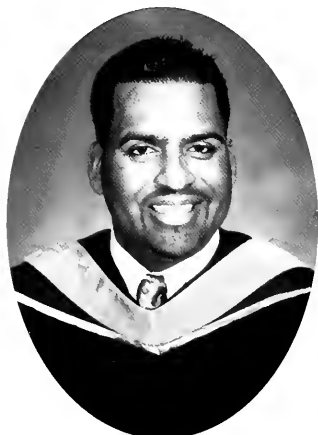
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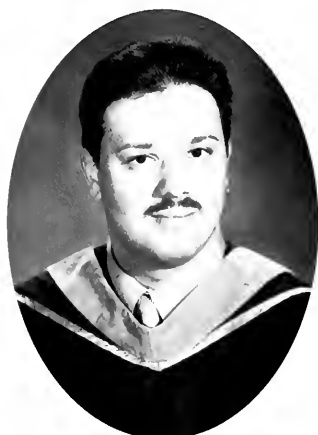
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Rupert Campbell (far right) along with SHRM executive staff. Pictured left to right: Allesandra Porteous, Sharloma Coppage, Victor Valentin, and Sherrilynn Zeigler.



SHRM distribution of tickets for Hour Children.

MY LIFE WITH THE COMPUTER

My day interacting with computers starts early. The first computerized interaction is heading to my kitchen for the cup of jolt. My first cup of coffee is key for me. Seeing how I have an automatic coffee machine, I set the machine the night before so the coffee is already made and waiting for me to pour in a cup and continue my day.

Normally, the next interaction is off to the actual computer for a quick check of the news, weather and of course my e-mails. Surfing the web for job sites and employment opportunities is a big part of my day. It's really quite helpful with my employment search.

The next interaction would be checking my messages on my voicemail. Thank goodness for voicemail. What would I do without my voice mailbox or my cell phone? My cell phone has a "point to point" two-way radio feature. Since my job has me on the road at all times, this feature has given me a sense of security. Making me feel safe by knowing that if found in a pinch on the road, I could be in touch with someone within a few seconds for help and/or comfort.

Then there's my workday. I work for a marketing company. I walk around with a palm computer. On this computer I input data by scanning the packages' UPC (Universal Pricing Code) codes. No more punching in manually. Just by simply pressing a button over the UPC's, the information is recorded. I also have e-mail capabilities. This is how I communicate with my home office and supervisor and also how I transmit my time card.

I can honestly admit I have become very dependent in this computer age. I would surely struggle getting most things done without the speed and convenience of the computers, and would truly be lost without them.

By Jeanette Arce

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Achievements would like to thank *Debra Freedman and her students* in *Microcomputer Applications I* for the following articles. We are glad to share them with you.

COMPUTER ENCOUNTERS

The 24-hour period that I chose to record all my encounters with computing devices started at 7:00a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2002, better known as Groundhog Day. This was the day I would take note and be aware of all devices that had anything to do with a computer. I would also think about the positive and negative impact, and what life would be like without them.

What an eye opener for me!

When the alarm clock started singing, I found myself wondering if there was a computer chip inside. If there were, it would be one item that I could list. I guess the only way that I would know the answer would be to break open the case. On second thought, breaking open the clock would have a negative impact upon my ability to go out and earn a living. Bad idea!

Next stop was the kitchen to press a button on my thermal Cuisinart coffee maker. Certainly, this must have a computer chip inside. But how would I know? Break into the case? I think not. At least, not until it brewed that first cup of coffee. Breaking open the coffee pot would also have a negative impact upon my ability to wake up and function like a human being.

So far, fifteen minutes into my 24-hour period had been a total failure to detect any computer device encounters.

After showering and dressing, I left the house and clicked a gadget to gain access to my car. Did this little black clicker have computer device inside? How would I know without breaking open the clicker? They say that cars have computer chips to control certain systems? What systems, where is the chip? What if the chip didn't work? I couldn't get to work. Having to resort to public transportation would take me twice as long to get to work and I most certainly would be late for that 9:00a.m. meeting.

While driving to work, I thought about the traffic lights and thought surely a computer somewhere controlled the ebb and flow of traffic. Having controlled lights was a positive impact on everyone's life.

Arriving to work on time, I turned on my computer and checked my e-mail. There were only 32 messages since Friday night. Scrolling through them, I opened the important ones that required immediate answers. Thought a minute about the impact of my work computer and how my job has changed dramatically in the last fifteen years. Instant messaging, instant replies ... speed has taken over my life.

Most of the day, I was in and out of various applications software, organizing files, documents and reviewing data.

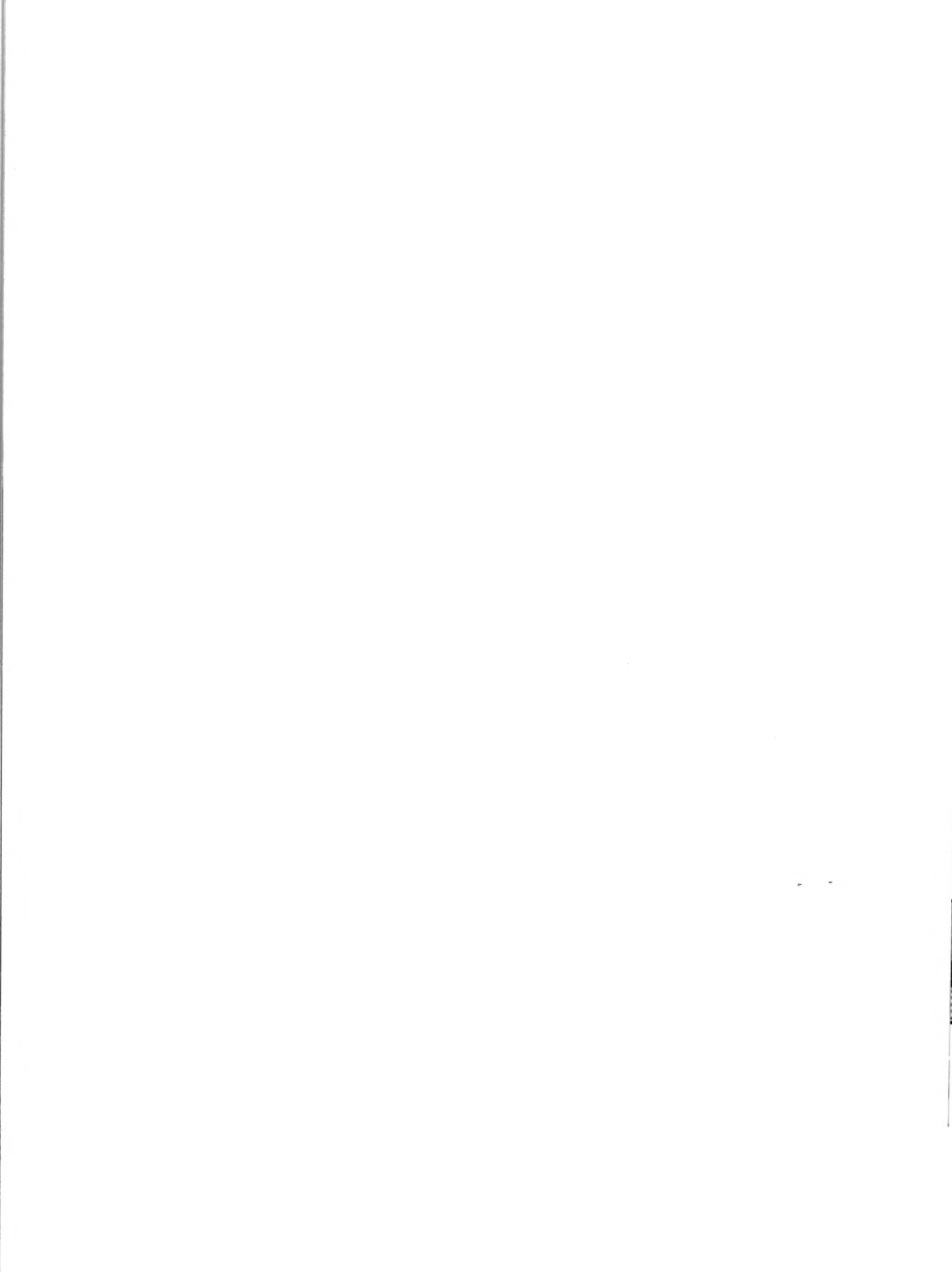
Returning home that evening, I checked my thermostat and realized that it contained a computer chip that enables it to program time and temperature for a week. Clever gadget! While preparing dinner on my "GE Profile" stove, I came to the realization that it probably has a chip as well.

Later on in the evening, I turned my home PC on to check my e-mails from family and friends. There were two e-mails from cousins in Canada, one from a niece in France and one from a brother in Florida. Can you imagine what my phone bill would be if they were phone calls I had to pay for? E-mails are probably the most economical way to stay in touch.

By the way, the cell phone that I carry never rang all day. This too must have a chip inside. Thank God for small blessings.

Overall, computer devices have been a boom!

By Kathy Dros





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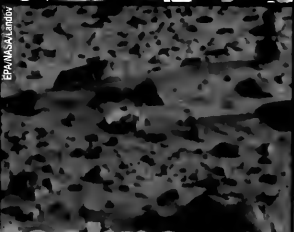
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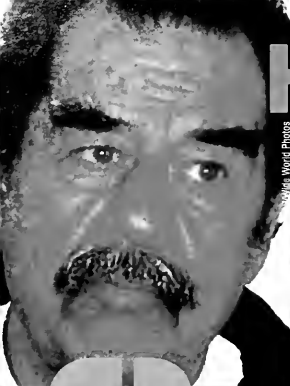
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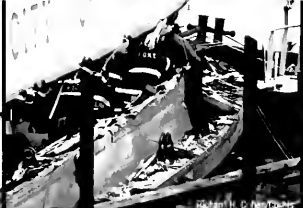
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HEADLINES



U.S. Forces capture deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in a "spider hole" at a farm outside his hometown of Tikrit.



← A fatal Staten Island Ferry crash in New York harbor leaves 10 dead and dozens injured after the pilot loses consciousness and slams into the rock.



← NBA star Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old Colorado woman.



← A federal appellate court orders the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the Alabama Supreme Court building, citing violation of the First Amendment.

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→ In October, the Federal Trade Commission initiates the National Do Not Call Registry to minimize the number of telemarketing calls consumers receive.



→ President Bush becomes the first U.S. president to visit Iraq when he makes an unannounced Thanksgiving visit with troops stationed there.



→ The abduction of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.



flash

The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.

The worst wildfires in California history claim 22 lives, destroy more than 3,400 homes and consume 750,000 acres of land.



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→ Michael Jackson is arrested on multiple counts of child abuse after an accusation from a 12-year-old boy.



Bill Landov
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→ The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.



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U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a POW of the war in Iraq, becomes a media sensation after her rescue by U.S. Forces is aired on the news.



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← Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.

Headlines

← Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus



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MEDICARE



↑ President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul

← Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son



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GLOBAL



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← A European heat wave in August claims more than 19,000 lives, making it one of the world's deadliest hot-weather disasters.



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← The World Health Organization reports that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infected more than 8,000 people in over 25 countries, killing 700.



On May 1, 43 days after the war in Iraq began, President Bush declares "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." As hundreds of thousands of U.S. and British forces remain to restore peace and deliver aid to Iraqi citizens, more soldiers are killed in the months after the war than during it.

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← An Economic Community of West African States peacekeeping coalition ends 14 years of fighting between Liberian rebels and government forces, sending tyrant Charles Taylor into exile

GLOBAL

→ Around the world, "lash mobs"—large groups of people recruited by anonymous organizers via the Internet—gather, perform a wild act and quickly disperse.



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→ In a dramatic six-day ordeal, rescue workers save 44 of 46 Russian miners trapped in a water-filled coal mine



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↓ On December 26, a devastating earth quake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale strikes the Iranian city of Bam, killing more than 41,000 people.

→ Tens of thousands of Palestinians are cut off from family and livelihoods when Israel builds a concrete barrier beyond the cease-fire line in an effort to curtail Palestinian terrorist activities



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→ During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only \$1 an hour.

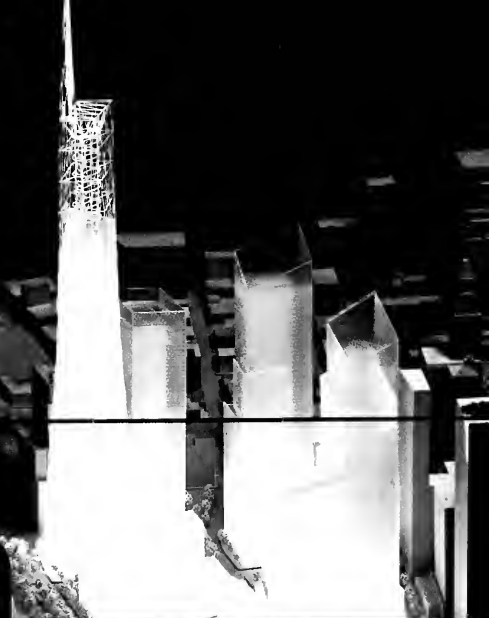
→ At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cain, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.



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The world's tallest structure—a 1,776-foot spire—anchors a memorial entitled "Reflecting Absence," which is chosen to fill the World Trade Center site.

human interest



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← Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.



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← While aboard the International Space Station, Russian cosmonaut Yuni Malenchenko marries his American girlfriend by video link in the first "space wedding."



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↑ Rap mogul P. Diddy runs the New York City Marathon to raise over \$2 million for the city's children's charities and public schools.



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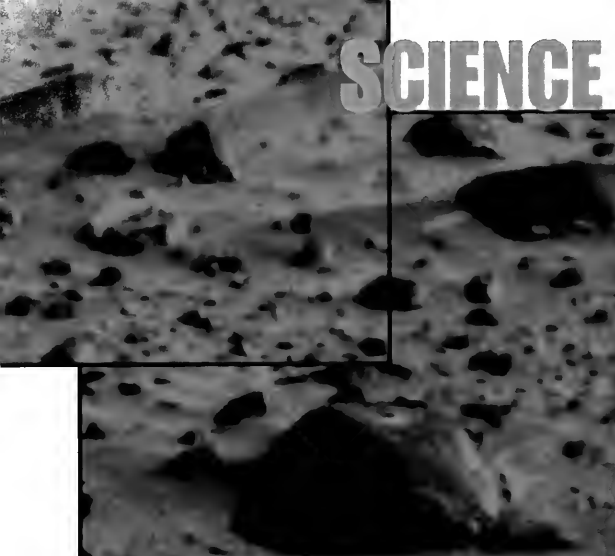


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↑ Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.

← Golfer Tom Watson donates his \$1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.

SCIENCE



In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.



→ Fast-food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.



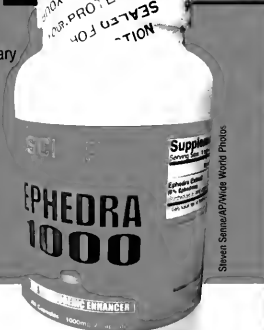
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→ FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.



Chitose Suzuki/AP/Wide World Photos

→ The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.



Shawn Shea/AP/Wide World Photos



Er Baz/AP/Wide World Photos

← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concorde after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate.



← In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out feature.

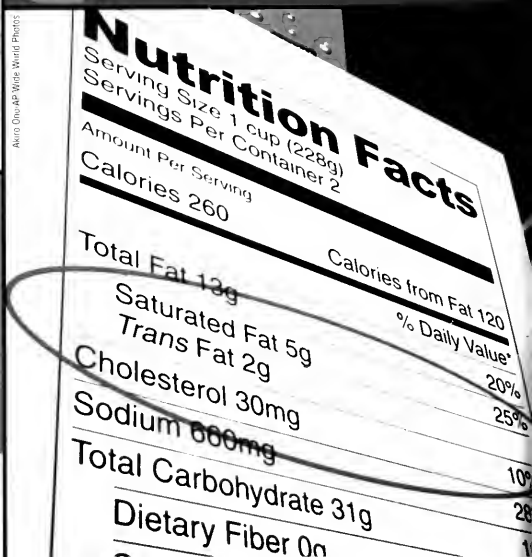


Wang Xinhua/Xinhua/C. P. C.

← In October, China becomes the third country to travel in space when the world's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in orbit.

← The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.

Alexis Chu/AP/Wide World Photos



TECHNOLOGY

→ In June, pet prairie dogs in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana infect people with monkeypox after being infected by a giant Gambian rat while in transit.



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→ Federal workers in Washington kill a herd of 449 calves that include the offspring of a Holstein infected with mad cow disease.



Kevin J. Casper/EPIC/Anadolu



Compass/Anadolu

Hurricane Isabel knocks out power to more than 3.5 million people as it wreaks havoc on the nation's eastern seaboard.



Barbara Strnadova/Photo Research/Anadolu

← North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.



The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.



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← In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years



↑ American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement

← Keiko, star of the *Free Willy* movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27

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TRENDS

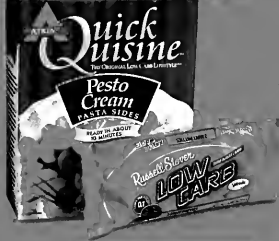


↑ The "Laverne and Shirley" look becomes fashionable again in the retro monogram clothing and accessory trend.



Steve Winkler/Getty Images

← Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "trucker hat" a fashion must-have



← The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.



Essential Collection

← Popularized by music stars like Busta Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere

→ Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Queen B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.



Johnnie K. Mortimer

↓ With the resurgence of '80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.



Romana Rueda/RedUX

↓ American teenagers take up knitting and form knitting clubs at many schools across the country.



↑ The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold

TRENDS



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↑ The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.



Drivers find a spacious but expensive ride in the General Motors Hummer H2. In response to criticism, GM promises to release a more fuel-efficient version in the future.



↑ The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.



← To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.



← Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark — a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.

David Perket/Globe-Photo Communications

Affordable, over-the-counter teeth whitening kits have consumers smiling, as they no longer have to visit the dentist for this cosmetic procedure.

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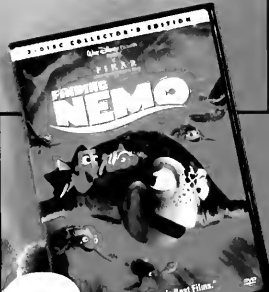


↑ In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new \$20 bill, with a background blend of blue, peach and green.

← A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.

lifestyle

MOVIES



Pixar's *Finding Nemo* swims to the top as the highest-grossing animated movie and top-selling DVD of all time in the United States.



← Bill Murray gives a career performance in *Lost in Translation*, from director and Golden Globe-winning screenwriter Sofia Coppola.



← Will Ferrell continues his comedic success in the heartwarming holiday hit *Elf*.



← Heartthrob Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom make Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* a swashbuckling success.

WORLD

→ Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham*.



→ The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike.



→ Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.



→ Frodo and company complete their epic journey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, winner of the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Drama.



→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.



→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.

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Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.

television



Frank Miceleto/Getty Images

← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken

Evans/Outcast



↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September



Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.

Stephen Chernin/AP/Wide World Photos



← "Atlas" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in *13 Going on 30*

MUSIC



Zach Cordner/Photo

Superstar Beyoncé Knowles stars on the big screen, releases a hit album, *Dangerously in Love*, and wins four *Billboard* Music Awards.

→ The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dogg and Jay-Z.



David H. Johnson/Photo

→ OutKast's genre-busting album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.



Frank Micekotta/Getty Images

→ Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."



Mark Hill/AP Photo/Ward Photo



Kevyn Johnson/WireImage.com



Emily Isakov/WireImage.com

flash

Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of *The Black Album*.

Coldplay claims the title of *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin marries actress Gwyneth Paltrow.



Andy Cottrill/Carroll Press

- ← The legal battle between the music industry and music downloaders prompts lawsuits and online music purchasing outlets while driving CD prices to their lowest point in a decade.
- ← According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.
- ← Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album *Room for Squares* and follows it up with *Heavier Things*.

MUSIC

→ In December, Rolling Stones legendary lead singer Mick Jagger, 60, is knighted by Prince Charles.

→ Role-playing games like "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" find mainstream success on consoles.



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Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort, Sandusky, Ohio

Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

entertainment



← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: *The English Roses* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. Her third book, *Yakov and the Seven Thieves*, arrives in late winter.

Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Ray Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Las Vegas hospital.



THE MIRROR

← Hugh Jackman of X2 *X-Men United* showcases his singing ability on Broadway in *The Boy from Oz*.



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↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.



← After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel *Eragon Inheritance*, author Christopher Paolini, 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.

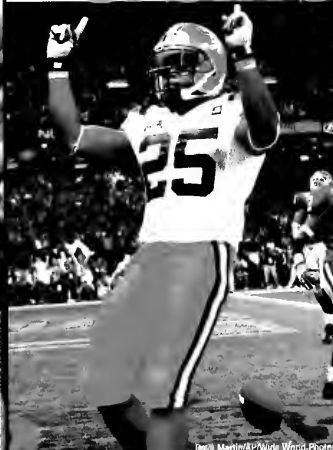


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SPORTS



Joe Sabatone/ESPN.com/WireImage.com



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BCS computers fail to invite the nation's No. 1 team, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.



Proton/Liaison

← Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.



Proton/Liaison

← Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.



David Marshall/ESPN.com

← High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

SPORTS

→ Led by MVP pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.



Matthew EPA/Leahy

Sergio Peres/ESPN.com

→ Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Mandy Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.



In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.



Tom Mihalak/ESPN.com

→ In September, Kanya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.



Robert Koenig

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→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-23 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.



Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.



sports

← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 ESPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.



← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship after leading the standings through a record 33 races.



↑ Freddie Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.

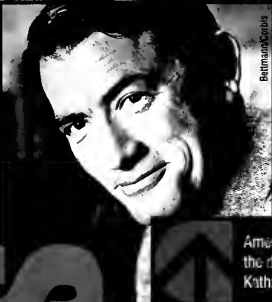


← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson — in his final game — lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.

Faces



← In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.



American uses three entertainment loans with the deaths of emmarlin Bob Hope, actress Katharina Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.



↑ The Pentagon releases decks of 55 cards to U.S. soldiers that feature the most-wanted Iraqi leaders. Dictator Saddam Hussein is the Ace of Spades.

faces

→ In his first of a number of trials in several states, a Virginia jury sentences D.C. area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, to life without parole.



→ After winning 64 career titles, including 14 grand slam events, and a record six years ranked No. 1, tennis great Pete Sampras retires at the U.S. Open in August.



After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.



→ Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, with a hit pop album, *Metamorphosis*, and a nationwide tour.







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