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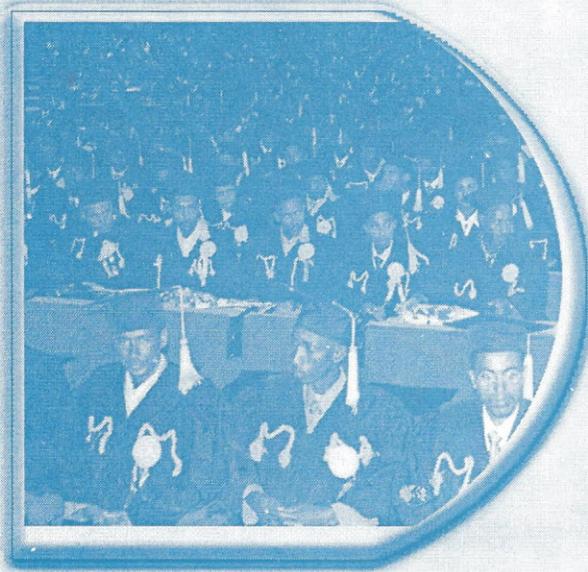
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# Congratulations !

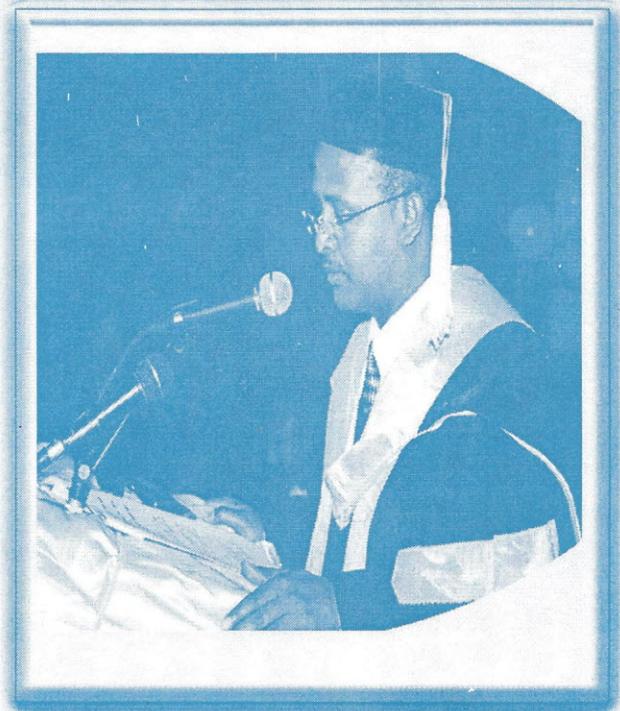
## *The Commencement*



St. Mary's College Graduates' one thousand fifty-five Distance Education Students who put all their efforts for three solid years to educating themselves withstanding the inherent difficulties of distance education itself. The Graduation Ceremony took place at the Ethio-Assembly Hall in Addis Ababa on 27 March 2005.

The tumultuous applause and the boundless delight that accompanied the poem read out by one of the prospective graduates was but only the tip of the iceberg of the cumulative expression of hard-won achievement.

The announcement of the free scholarship grant to graduate Tamrat Zewde Tegegn who brilliantly exhibited his academic caliber in his English Diploma Program by scoring spectacular 3.83 cumulative average is really a constructive academic inspiration and gesture.

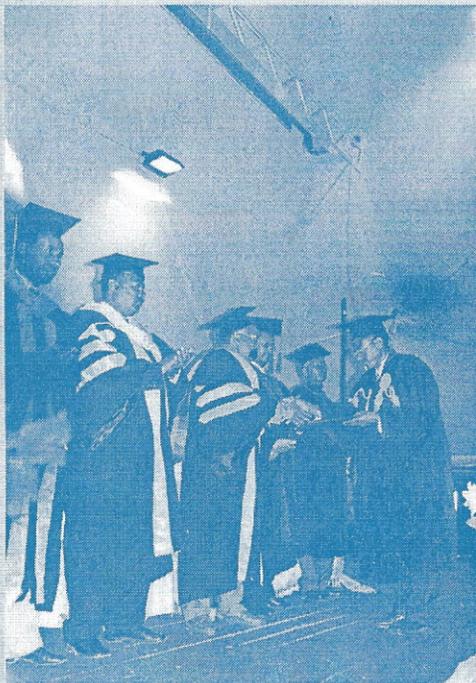


The President of the College, Ato Wondwosen Tamrat, Asst. Prof. reminded the prospective graduates to be good models in their respective working places and localities after expressing his appreciation for the determination and patience the prospective graduates exhibited during those three solid years through and through.

The Dean of the Distance Education Program, Ato Girma Bayouh congratulated the 1055 prospective graduates of which 80 were women. He went on to appreciate again the determination of the prospective graduates, the academic and the administrative personnel of the college at every level, the advice and the



given by educational authorities like the MOE, the regional education offices, and service rendering agencies like the postal, transport, telecommunication, etc without which the rigours of all those ups and downs would have remained a real challenge.



The Guest of Honor of the occasion His Excellency Professor Darge Wole, Professor of the Department of Education of Psychology and Director of the AAU Press, awarded prizes to academically ranking students. The guest of honor, in his closing speech, stated that the prospective graduates should prepare themselves for the coming future which would be heavily charged with the dynamics of changes of various forms.

Although the ceremony ended in the hall, it continued inside the campus, and finally, the graduates carried it beyond the beyond in to the gorgeous gorges, mountains and fields to the localities afar where the graduates and their families dwell.

# Capacity Building

## *Exemplary Performance*

The Marketing Department students have always been exemplary students in our college since last year in promoting the classroom lectures into real practice.



## *Lending a Hand*

Though the instructors and the college management had their own inputs in the preparation and implementation of the 'Trade - show' organized under the motto of 'Best of St. Mary's Trade' held from 28 February - 6 March 2005, it needed leadership of the students themselves to bring the Trade - Show into a successful finish.

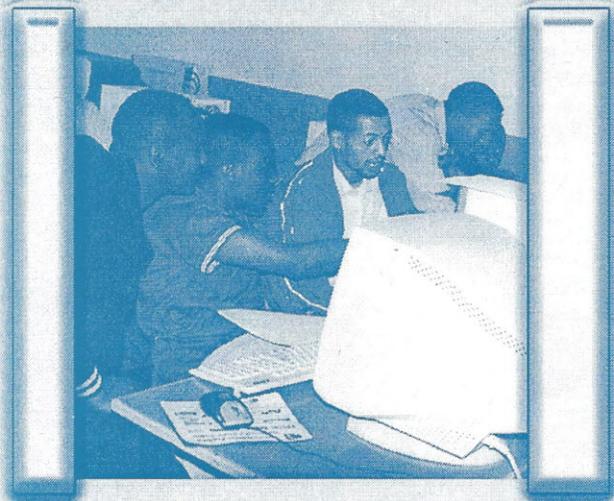
The college management, the Marketing Department and the students have expressed their appreciation and thanks to the business firms that enabled the students secure goods on consignment, to the invited guests and particularly to Ato Wubshet Workalemaw who, despite his tight program, he accepted the invitation of the department forwarded his professional support and advice with the sence of humor skills.

As usual, the College has given its 1997 EC scholarship award for more than 20 candidates from government and non-government organizations based on their academic achievements and the recommendation they submitted to the college.

Ten teachers from schools were also given scholarship to upgrade their levels. In addition, the Department of Information Technology gave a training for eighteen employees of various offices of Lideta "Kifle Ketema" for a month and a half on Microsoft Windows 2000, Microsoft Word 2000, Microsoft and Excel 2000 and Microsoft Access 2000, as it can assist the effort of the "Kifle-Ketema" administration to capacitate its manpower. The trainees were awarded certificates for their successful completion of the aforementioned courses.

## SPSS Workshop

It needs no telling that research is a major essential task to substantiate the academic performance of an institution



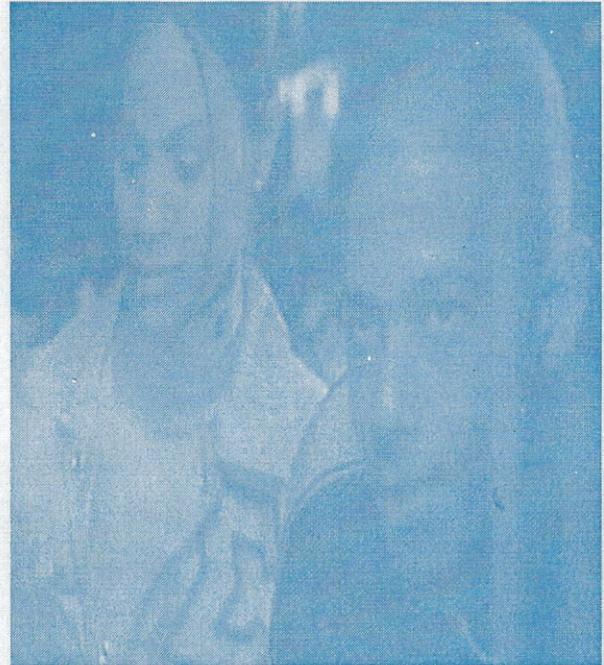
Twenty instructors participated a five - day (from 26 February - 1 March 2005) workshop on Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS)

at the main campus to equip themselves with the necessary research analysis methodology in a bid to maintain and enhance the research culture of the college.

The resource person, Ato Maru Shete, MA in Development Studies, dealt with the necessary research analysis methodology with the active participation of the trainees aided by computers.

The workshop was educative and helpful as reported by some of the participants, they forwarded their appreciation to the resource person for his skillful and unreserved support he rendered them.

## Film Show



On 16 Feb, 2005, a film titled 'Black Film for Black' was shown at Mexico Campus to interested students, instructors and office holders by MV Anree C. Alexander from the U.S Embassy.



The film enlightened viewers with African American Colleges, on African American Culture, black youth issues in the United States and encourage students to excel in their studies/life and apply to U.S. universities.

Questions by the students after the show were entertained by Mr. Anree C. Alexander.

### Workshop on the Role of Exhibition



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The Marketing Department hold a half-day conference on January the 5th ,2005 at the Main Campus on 'The Role of Exhibition in Promoting Business' by inviting two resource persons, Ato Kasahun - Head, Sales Department and Ato Habtamu- Marketing Department Expert, both from the Exhibition Center and Market Development Enterprise.

The students, as expected, raised many questions and the resource men's responses were found satisfactory as the questions were reflections of their practical local marketing practices.

### Awareness Creation workshop



The resource persons

W/ Tsige Taffese, W/ Mentwab Zelelew and Tiruwork Alemu, a lecturer, an assist. lecturer and a counselor of the college respectively, gave a half-day workshop (April 2005) to more than 50 female students at Mexico Campus on 'Women Education', 'Assertiveness' and on 'Sexual Harassment'.

After some basic ideas were forwarded by the resource persons, active discussion soon ensued. The backward culture, among many other things, was sited as the primary source of



Female students attending the workshop

## Quality Audit Workshop



As the college has had a long established interest in researching and developing the quality of its teaching learning performance, it requested the assistance of two scholars from the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)-UK and who are higher education management advisors to the Ministry of Education Prof. Kate, Vice Director of the Higher Education Strategy Centre (HESC) and Dr. Philip Rayner, Vice Director of Education Relevance and Quality (ERQA).

The college established an eight-person committee to work with those VSO professionals to analyze where the quality 'gap' might be occurring and to suggest ways and means to work towards developing the quality of education in the college.

The quality audit took the existing structure and systems at the college taking some of the quality process and quality data. In addition, the quality audit team decided the content and the direction of the process of audit; the definitions of its aims and principles, and how it would translate principles into criteria; and

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The group worked meticulously from October -December 2005 and hold a Quality Audit Workshop at Mexico Campus on 14 March 2005.

After the two resource persons, Prof. Kate and Dr. Philip Rayner, presented the Quality Audit Report to thirty participants from the MOE, and private colleges, questions and comments followed so as to enrich the discussion.



Several issues related to the topic under discussion were presented for group discussion; and then the participants actively participated in group discussions. After the results of each group was presented to the plenary session.

# Participation Sports

Prospective graduates of the Addis Ababa University Building College organizes various annual sports competition among colleges, both government and non-government, of which one is our college.

Our football team won Building College 2:1 and ended the match against Tropical College with a 1:1 tie.

## The Annual Inter - Collegiate Competition

The annual sports competition among institutions of higher learning was held from Feb 12 to 26,2005 at the Addis Ababa University.

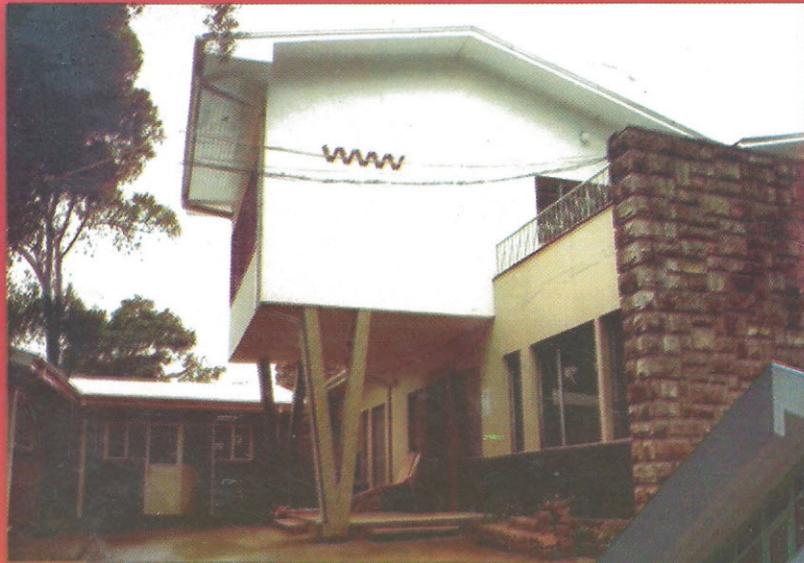


A total of over 1,500 students from 22 government and non-government higher institutions participated in seven categories.

Most of the competitions were held in the various campuses of AAU except football which was held at Abebe Bekila Addis Ababa Stadium, as well as at Teferi - Mekonen School and Kotebe College of Teacher Education.

Our students participated in football, basketball and volleyball (Men's) and volleyball, basketball and table - tennis (women's) and won one gold and five bronze medals in the competition.

A complaint was raised by Abebe Zenebe, the president of St. Mary's College Student Union that unfair competition was observed in the sports field as some higher institutions had brought professional players. Dr.Haile Asnake, Secretary of Higher Education Sports Association was also quoted as saying "the imbalance among competitors was noted some private institutions gave scholarship for professional athletes.



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