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One drinks clean water to the satisfaction
of her/his quench where the stream is deeper.



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Small Research Grants from St. Mary's

The Research and Evaluation Unit has developed sponsorship schemes for beginning and experienced researchers who wish to conduct research on private higher education institutions. A few undergraduate students responded to the proposed guidelines. Four students, all from the AAU, submitted their proposals among which three were found satisfactory. The young researchers were allowed to work on their essays sponsored by the college. The titles chosen for sponsorship were:

- a. "Teachers' Attitudes to their Students Written Errors and their Impacts on Motivation-the Case of St. Mary's College." (Yesuf Seid);
- b. "An Assessment of Students' Attitudes towards a Business English Course in Queens' College." (Zelalem Bekele);
- c. "Assessment of Quality Education in Private Higher Institutions of Addis Ababa." (Ketema Sintayehu)

conferences

The Second National Conference at Sheraton Addis

The Second National conference on PHEIs was held on July 26, 2004 at Sheraton Addis. The theme of the conference was "Private Higher Education in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects."

The conference was opened by Her Excellency W/o Genet Zewde, Minister of Education on July 26, 2004.



The twenty-one papers presented by national and international scholars to more than 250 participants at the Conference not only dealt with major problems of PHEIs and cited possible recommendations but also helped many to reflect on the fact that such venues are but very essential to make appropriate changes in the sector.

On the occasion Her Excellency W/o Genet Zewde remarked, "We clearly understand that the efforts of the government alone are not sufficient to produce the necessary trained human resource to eradicate poverty and bring substantial development."

Private colleges must earnestly prove to the society at large and to the government that they are appropriate supportive education arms.

It was to remind this vital idea that Asst. Professor Wondwossen Tamirat, President of St. Mary's College said, "As institutions of higher learning, we have to examine the fit between what we provide and what society expects from us."

Other Conferences

Academic excellence greatly demands the unreserved engagement of institutional members in various periodic research undertakings such as workshops, short-term trainings, etc. The current endeavors in this line at St. Mary's college are encouraging.

Ato Tewodros Bogale, a member of the English Department, presented a research paper under the title "Major Themes in Amharic and English Poems written by Ethiopian Female writers" at a conference held on May 14-15, 2004 at the Institute of Language Studies, Addis Ababa University.



The major theme shared among the three poetess' works chosen for the study is "women have lots of burden but are strong enough to withstand". The paper was presented to the staff on Thursday afternoon, June 17, 2004 at Mexico Campus.

Ato Wondwossen Tamirat also presented a paper at the two-day conference held at Addis Ababa University on June 3 and 4, 2004.



Aesthetic and Physical Education

By Ato Yilma Asrat
Ato Aklilu Mengesha &
Ato Solomon Yalew

1.3 General Methodology
By Ato Belete Tadesse

1.4 Special Need, Education I
By Ato Alemu Abera

2. Information Technology

2.1 Office Automation Part I
(a Common Course)

3. Languages

3.1 General English I
By W/o Haregewoin Fantahun

3.2 English in Use
By Ato Zenebe Bayene
Ato Tekalegn Zewde &
W/o Haregewoin Fantahun

3.3 መሰረታዊ አማርኛ-I
(Basic Amharic One)
By W/o Tsige Tafere &
Ato Tewodros Bogale

3.4 Sophomore English
By Ato Eskinder Ambachew
Ato Major Tesemma
W/o Haregewoin Fantahun &
Ato Kefelegne Tefera

Workshops and Discussion Forums

The Apprenticeship Office invited a resource person from GTZ to discuss the concept of practicum and its implementation.



The workshop was held on May 28 and 29, 2004, each for half a day.

Again a two-hour discussion concerning the concepts of practicum by Cathy an experienced expatriate VSO volunteer in teacher education was held on Saturday June 10, 2004.



As anticipated, both the presentation on apprenticeship and the practicum discussion were well organized and supported by topic-related discussions.

In addition, talks on Quality of Higher Education, on Assessment and on Research were given for half a day on each for three consecutive weeks by Prof. Kate Ashcroft and Dr. Philip Rayner, both working for the VSO, on the 7th of July 2004 at Mexico Campus.



The two experienced teacher educators from the UK discussed major ideas that would directly or indirectly contribute to quality education like they assessment, administration of tests, exams, etc.



His paper was on "Textbook Publishing and Distribution in Private Higher Education Institutions in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects"

Course Catalogue Preparation

The Teachers Education Diploma program of the college is geared towards helping solve the direct need of teachers for the second cycle (grades 5-8).

To implement this program successfully in accordance with the national direction and strategy, the college organized a six-man committee that prepares a complete catalogue for the Second Cycle Teachers Education Program.

The committee has a four-hundred-forty-four-page course catalogue that contains four parts based on the National Curriculum Guideline for Pre-service Teachers Education Programs on the basis of the Teachers Education System Overhaul (TESO) framework. The Course catalogue is now ready for

Accomplished Core Modules

As implementation of the new curriculum presupposes the preparations of modules most of the teacher education departments worked hard putting their heads together. To mention some:-

1. Education Department (for the diploma courses)

1.1 Teaching in the Ethiopian context I (ps1-111)

1.2 Teaching in the Ethiopian context II (ps1-122)

By Ato Melaku Girma

They stressed that the type of assessment employed at higher education institutions doesn't evaluate only the student but also the employer-teacher; exams should be more of criterion-referenced than norm-referenced; and students' achievement could be measured best by progressive assessment techniques.

The questions raised, and the ideas and the feedback given were really educative as most of them were related to our local concerns.

Book Acquisition

As per discussion of the Academic Commission on 19 July 2004 the purchase of relevant books with more than a thousand titles was effected. This will hopefully augment the capacity of the college libraries.

On 31 July 2004, morning the 20th Civil Cases Chilot of the Federal High Court (composed of 3 invited prominent lawyers from the Federal High Court) sat in the moot court in session to hear the closing statements of two parties, i.e councils for plaintiffs and counsels for respondents in the presence of the college President, Academic Dean, Department Heads, Office bearers and students.



The content and the manner of the oral presentation, the rebuttals of the students in each council and the confidence they exhibited was satisfactory and promising.

Mootcourt Competition

The college has already organized a moot court at Mexico Campus where students of law perform practical activities in order to develop skills and the required confidence.

The senior students of the Department of Law were divided in to groups and held the moot court competition for 19 weeks based on the guide issued by the department coordinator.

The competition was in four round oral contests of which the last two contests, i.e the semi-final round (on-June2004 and the final round (on 31 July 2004) were heard in front of three prominent lawyers invited from the Federal High Court.



Internet Seminar



A two-day seminar on 'Internet Basics' on 'HTML' was held on July 16 and 17,2004 by Ato Belayneh Mebrat, an instructor in the Department of Computer Science and by Mr.Jacob Eliosoff, a lecturer at AAU, Computer Science Department respectively for the Regular and Extension prospective graduates. It was also at-

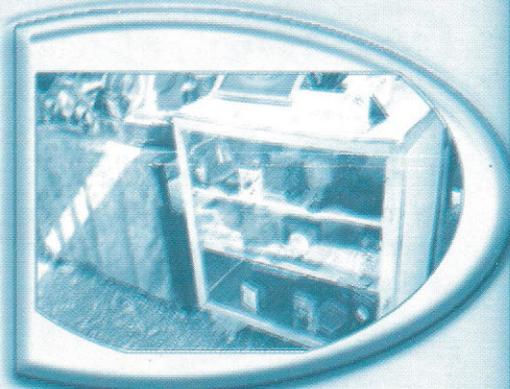
Employment

The college has employed 52 instructors and 23 administrative personnel for its Regular and Extension program; and 37 persons (Tutors and Office workers) for the Distance Education Head Office beginning Meskerem 1996 E.C. The college community welcomes them all.

Exemplary Trade Show

In a bid to implement the required 70% practical work in the newly introduced Teaching and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) program as prescribed by the Ministry of Education, the Marketing and Salesmanship Students, initiated and organized a trade-show named "Fruits of St.Mary's" from May 19-23, 2004 at Mexico Campus.

The students worked hard to put the classroom theoretical lesson in to practice with the utmost understanding among themselves and with the required facilitation from their instructor, Ato Ayalew Abebe



After establishing a model shop at Mexico Campus, the students formulated a project proposal and submitted it to the management of the college which released them Birr. 5000.00 as requested. Organizations like Equatorial Media Work Enterprise, GAF General Merchandise, Mesfin Electronics and Shoa Trading and Brothers Biscuit supported the Trade-Show in

The confidence and performance that the students exhibited on the trade-show was extraordinary and exemplary to the community at large.

The college community extends its appreciation to them.

Improved Library Service



The libraries at Lideta and Mexico Campuses have started to offer computer-supported services. This helps to offer fast and better service to the students and instructors; and also minimizes the time and the labor students and instructors spend to check out books.

New Address of Distance Education Office

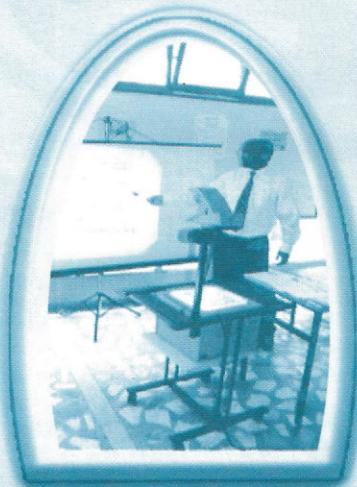
The Distance Education Head Office has moved to a new building near Hotel D'Afrique along with all its sections.



Lending a hand

Based on the agreement between the College and the eight-neighboring schools, the English Department gave a two-day workshop on June 28 and 29, 2004 on 'Textbook Evaluation and Adaptation' at Lideta Campus in the Pedagogy Center.

The main objective of the workshop is to assist the 18 neighboring schools' Second Cycle English teachers in creating awareness and instilling the capacity to use their textbooks and guidelines creatively to the given real local teaching/learning environment.



In addition, when the College has supported the students of the Department of Microbiology, Parasitology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, AAU for their annual field-visits as a gesture of encouragement. The support to this educational experience-lending and recreational field-visit has been extended since 2003.



During their visits the students distributed information brochures of the college, by giving little amount of support since 2003.

Karamara Primary School requested the college to sponsor it for its Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The college responded to their request by buying and printing 1000 magazines for the school.

Apprenticeship

The Practicum Unit has commenced organizing internship programs with different government and non-government offices seeking a two-month apprenticeship for its 1996 EC graduates.

The college believes that partnership with government offices, organizations and firms offering internship to students is indispensable to the creation of skilled human force.

The resource people W/o Haregewoin Fantahun and Ato Tekalegne Zewdu, both from the English Department of the College, not only presented papers but also worked a lot with the participants by taking feedback, views, etc from them so that the teachers can use their textbooks as a means and not as an end.

The College has also bought and donated various books worth birr 13,750.00 to the same neighboring schools to capacitate their libraries.

Participation

Visits



Up to 'Hamle' 26, 1996 EC 58 offices have expressed their willingness to give the internship to about 270 students. Many of our students have also reported that they themselves have found different offices that can offer them the two-month internship. So far the numbers of offices reported are 190. We are thus grateful to government and non-government offices and organizations that are offering our students the dented opportunity of the two-months apprenticeship in their respective offices. Our appreciation particularly goes to Defense Forces, Semantic Systems, Anbessa Shoes Factory, Crops Trade Agency, Ministry of Youth and Culture, Agency for the Administration for Rented Houses, for each has offered internship to 87,27,21,20 and 13 students respectively.

Congratulations!

The college community is highly delighted on the successful graduation of its 15 instructors who were pursuing their studies for their MA/MSC on various fields. The staff members are:-

1. Ato Amha G.Mariam /MBA/
2. Ato Alemneh Taye /MBA/
3. Ato Bamlak Alamirew /MA/
4. Ato Bekalu Atnafu /MA/
5. Ato Daniel Wondimu /MA/
6. Ato Fantahun Abera /Msc/
7. Ato Gashaw Mulat /Msc /
8. Ato Gizew Tamir /MBA/
9. Ato Hailemichael Tesfaye /MA/
10. Ato Kifle G/Kirstos /MA/
11. Ato Maru Shete /MA/
12. W/t Nassise Chali /MA/
13. Ato Tesfahun Birhane /Msc/
14. Ato Tibebu Tulu / Msc/
15. Ato Yonas Alem / Msc/

We appreciate the tireless effort that made all to climb up the ladder of scholarly knowledge

Year II Extension Geography students taking the course Landform Geography visited various physical geographical cites such as Lake Hora (Crater Lake), the Awash Water Fall in the National Park, the layered Basaltic (Volcanic) rocks near Nazreth etc on June 10, 2004 along with their instructor, Dr.Daniel Kasahun.

The college, the students and the Department of Social Science extend their appreciation to the employees and site guards who were helpful to our visiting students.

Senior students in the English Department recently visited the British Council, Addis Ababa, specially its rich education resource center in June 2004.

The college community in general and students and their instructors in particular express their heart felt appreciation to the British Council not only for its quick response for our request to permit our senior English Language students to visit its resourceful educational centers but also for the professional assistance and the friendly collaboration exhibited by the skillful employees during the two-day visit made by our students in the Department of English.

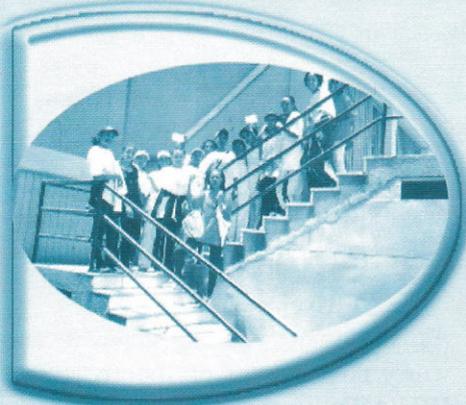
Global Information for the Global Enemy

As the major global concern and worry nowadays is on the ravages of HIV/AIDS, instructors, office heads, administrative personnel and students do participate in various venues where the pandemic disease is the issue.

We must keep ourselves informed and should also assist others to keep on informed about this killer disease. Consequently our students along with some of their instructors led by the Students Affairs Officer participated in some HIV/AIDS forums.

The presentations on the topic "Testimony of People Living with HIV/AIDS" – a forum prepared by Panos Limited Association at Mega Amphi Theater on May7, 2004; and in the 'Opening Ceremony of HIV/AIDS Information Desk' at the National Archives and library of Ethiopia on June7, 2004 have given much useful information on the issue to the participants.

A Marvelous Beginning



The participation of the 17 women employees, sponsored by the college, in the Regular and the Distance Section was a real gesture of support to Women's First Great Ethiopian Run held on April 16, 2004 near the new airport terminal.

The participants reported that the event was historical, colorful, initiating and marvelous.

The college community that consists significant number of female employees encourages and admires the participants and the Great Ethiopian Run Office and calls our female students and workers to join the coming women's Great Run in great number to swell up this year's flowing river in to a great spectacular flood.

Education Fair

As India is a country which has over 300 universities and 12,000 colleges offering courses in diverse disciplines, it was predictable that much and diverse would be the benefits of the two-day India Education Fair held at Hilton Addis on 10th June, 2004.

The participants from the Information Technology (IT) Department only supplemented a statement from a speech delivered by the representative of Her Excellency W/o Genet Zewde, Minister of Education, "It will help our young generation to acquire knowledge and experience in several areas, and supplements our efforts to develop educated and technically qualified young people who can contribute to the socio-economic development of the country."

The Savings and Loan Association

St. Mary's college Savings and Loan Association has been formed and has already began its operation.

The association has now notified its members that it has come to stable financial and operational positions where it could give loans to members.

As ninety-six members for an association is no small number, we should stand on our association's side to get the most economic and social services.

Association of PHEIs Formed

The Ethiopian Private Higher Education Institutions' Association was formally launched on 27 July 2004 in the morning at Sheraton Addis.



The formation of the association is a big stride in creating a united effort among the private colleges to meet their objectives and to play their roles in promoting the quality of the national education.

The Commencement

The pre-afternoon hours of 'Nehassie 23/96 E.C. at Sidisit Killo Campus and around its vicinity was more than crowded. The traffic movement was really testing for the traffic police-men as the main roads were jammed by people who were kissing, embracing and hugging each other. These were parents, relatives and friends rejoicing with their beloved graduates who were dressed and donned in their graceful gowns at the fourth graduation ceremony of St. Mary's College at and around AAU, Sidisit Killo, Lideta Hall.

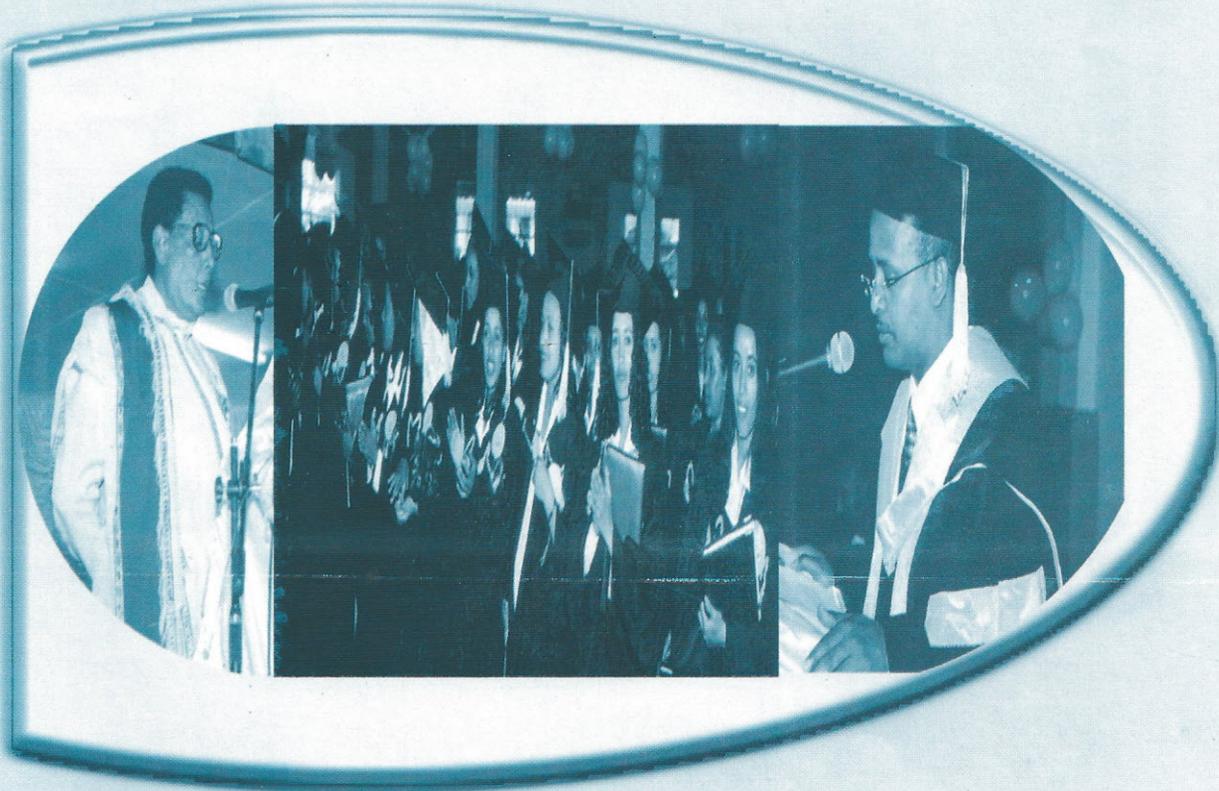
A total of one thousand five hundred forty-nine students graduated from the Regular, Extension and Distance Education programs in various disciplines.

The college community congratulates all the graduates and their parents; and particularly the graduates of the Distance Education Program as they are the first batch of graduates in the Distance Education Program of the college.

In opening the graduation ceremony, founder and President of the college, Ass. Prof. Wondwosen Tamirat reminded the graduates that their successful graduation is a necessary national input to narrow the gap of poverty, ignorance and backwardness. The president went on to stress that these big national tasks require crucial elements like learning from others, tolerance, modesty and honesty.

"We fill that we have kindled the light," the President expressing the institutional feeling of his college in his concluding speech, "to keep the torch burning on the altars of Ethiopian scene, which needs you and many more like you in the future."

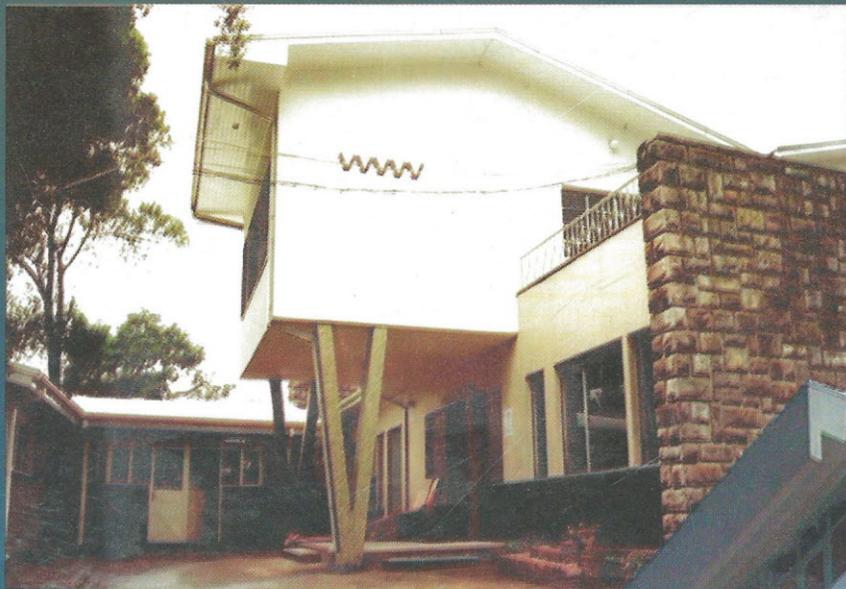
The guest of honor, His Excellency The Most Respected World Laureate Métier Artist Afework Tekle reminded the graduates that they should keep up to promote their knowledge and academic levels as ignorance can't be done away without education.



St. Mary's College, The new Distance Education Head Office



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