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**TODAY'S FORECAST:** AFTER a few brief early morning showers, mostly sunny and windy.

■ Sunup: 0613 hrs. ■ Sundown: 1807 hrs. ■ Tides: High: 0127 hrs. and 1129 hrs. Low: 0522 hrs. and 1852 hrs. ■ Windspeed: 39 kph. ■ Temp: Max. 29.6°C Min. 22.3°C.



FORMER PRIME MINISTER Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford (right) standing next to Dean the Very Reverend Frank Marshall in front of the new plaque. (Picture by Charles Grant.)

## HC's plaque of greats

FAMOUS HARRISONIANS now have a place where their names will stand the test of time.

Not even high winds and drizzling rain were enough to dispel members of the Old Harrisonian Society from rolling back the years, after a commemorative plaque was unveiled at the school in Crumpton Street, The City, over the weekend.

The plaque, donated by James Wilson of Downes & Wilson's Funeral Home, now sits at a central location of the school and displays the names of past students who have achieved "greatness" in the political arena.

It lists Governors-General past and present, such as Sir Winston Scott, Sir Deighton Ward, Sir Hugh Springer, all deceased, and Sir Clifford Husbands, as well as past Prime Ministers, the late Sir Grantley Adams, Errol Barrow, Tom Adams, Sir Harold St John, as well as Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford and Owen Arthur.

Principal Winston Crichlow said he hoped the plaque would remind students to uphold the legacy of leadership, commitment, social responsibility, sacrifice and charity.

He said students should trust in God and always aim for excellence.

"The school maintains a record of unrivalled excellence in all spheres: political, legal, scientific, religious, economic, sporting and cultural. Harrison College has made a [significant] impact, in spite of challenges of racial and socio-economic position," he said.

The principal said he hoped to strengthen the bond and camaraderie of Harrisonians past and present.

The school is also celebrating 275 years under the theme **Celebrating 275 Years Of Excellence**.

On the cards is a church service, barbecue and family fun day, and variety concert in honour of the late Janice Millington. (KB)

# Good year for OCM

**ONE CARIBBEAN MEDIA LIMITED (OCM), one of the largest media conglomerates in the Eastern Caribbean, is basking in the glory of another profitable financial year.**

But the Trinidadian-based conglomerate did suffer a Barbados million-dollar loss from a **Cricket World Cup** publishing contract that fell through after England, Pakistan and India were all early casualties in the International Cricket Council-sponsored event, the first for the Caribbean, last April.

In a statement released yesterday, OCM's chairman Sir Fred Gollop stated that the conglomerate, made up of companies based in Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Antigua, Montserrat, St Kitts and St Lucia, recorded a 7.6 per cent increase in revenue for the financial year

ending December 31, 2007.

Gross revenue grew from BDS\$142.2 million in 2006 to BDS\$153 million last year, and the earnings per share, inclusive of Executive Share Option Plan holders, also increased from TT\$1.31 (BDS\$0.43) to TT\$1.33 (BDS\$0.44).

OCM's directors have agreed to a final dividend of 47 cents, resulting in a total of 72 cents for 2007, the same as the previous year. That dividend will be paid on April 30 to all shareholders.

According to Sir Fred, along with the early exits of the major cricket teams expected to go farther in the **Cricket World Cup**, that project was also affected by lower than expected advertising revenue, along with the increased cost of newsprint, and restructuring costs contributed to low income.

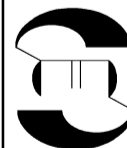
The chairman also revealed that the **Nation Publishing Company** and **Starcom Network**, the two OCM companies based in Barbados, continued to maintain their market dominance, as confirmed by the Independent Systematic Media Survey.

In Trinidad, the **Express Newspaper** and **TV6** showed improvement in both revenue and profitability, with the paper's circulation continuing to climb, and the station maintaining its market dominance as well.

Last year, OCM took over operational control of the **Hott 93** station in Trinidad, **Gem Radio** in Antigua, Montserrat and St Kitts, as well as **The Wave** in St Lucia. (BA)

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## WYSINWYG



It's not Gaelic. You already know WYSIWYG. This is simply the opposite – "what you see is NOT what you get". Like, you always wanted "that" – could be a new computer game, maybe a top notch camera, a dream house, that new car. The adverts told you how great it was; you looked at every angle, dreamt about it, salivated over it. Finally you got it and were the happiest person alive. For a day, maybe two. Then the gloss began to fade as the little disappointments started. Too small. Too large. Too hot. Too hard. Not good enough. Not fast enough. The adverts didn't tell you the whole truth. Duh. They never do. It's the oldest gotcha in life. Eve fell for it even in Eden and life today ain't no rose-garden. So be smart. Before making that choice, before you finally go for it, check it out. Fully. Talk to God too – He knows a bit about it, you know. Your life may depend on it.

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