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Fifty Years of Civil Engineering at St. Augustine: The First Decade (1961-1971)

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Abstract: The Department of Civil Engineering (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering since 2003) has come a long way from a modest beginning with less than ten students and only three staff members in 1961. Since its inception, it has produced over 1,000 graduates in Civil Engineering who are, and have been, responsible for the design, construction management and maintenance of infrastructure in the Commonwealth Caribbean. Moreover, a number of its alumni have risen to prominent positions locally and internationally. Simply put, it has gradually transformed itself from a modest Civil Engineering Department into one of the leading centres of advanced instruction in this study field in the Commonwealth of Nations. The objective of this paper is to present a brief account of its formative years.

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