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HOME COMING FOR CJA

We are in the midst of a revolution in higher education across the world. Essentially we are moving away from higher education for the select few to mass education at the tertiary level. We must therefore stop to ask the question what is education for, in the current environment?

The world has changed dramatically; globalization has connected the world as never before; market realities determine relevance and value and such changes have affected the reasoning behind the increased demand by students as well as their parents.

Students now choose programmes at a tertiary institution or University in order to get a good job. The value of the programme is determined today by **how long** it takes a graduate to get a good job. Employers assess the value of the graduate (and therefore the relevance of the education and degree) by how fast the graduate can “hit the ground running” so to speak once he/she enters the work environment.

Such developments are bound to affect curriculum, teaching methodology, the structure of courses for delivery, and the extent to which practical exposure and on-the-job experience via internships etc are integrated into course and programme offerings.

This poses a serious challenge to the notion of a strong liberal education and to the idea of education for its own sake. Yet there is one redeeming factor; employers and companies faced with new challenges and problems to be solved everyday need clear thinkers and innovative solution providers and workers and managers generally who will come up with original ideas about how to do things better. What this implies is that there is a need as well to move teaching and learning away from information absorption and examination regurgitation to critical thinking, problem solving and creative interventions.

Many of us will have to unlearn some of the habits we have developed over the years as teachers and begin to adopt new approaches to teaching and learning and the management of the students’ learning experience. This may well require some retraining and reorientation to help us make the transition.



LET US MEET THE CHALLENGES OF RELEVANCE & QUALITY

It is important to understand how imperative such transformation of our approach to teaching and learning is. The more specialized tertiary institutions which are emerging all over the world focusing as they do on technical subjects, business, information technology and so on pride themselves on providing work ready graduates who can apply what they have learnt to improve productivity and competitiveness on the job. Somehow we must find the way to match this while at the same time providing a better quality of graduate with a solid, all round education.

It is clear that an institution such as The University of the West Indies has a major challenge on its hands. First of all, it must look after the best interest of the student; secondly, it must satisfy the demands of corporate stakeholders for a work ready graduate; and finally in the redesign of curriculum and reorientation of programmes which must inevitably take place, the academic integrity and independence of the institution must not be compromised.

It is unlikely that we will meet the 20% target that government had hoped to achieve for tertiary education participation in 2005. And regionally we are unlikely to meet the 15% target set for the same year for tertiary participation. But The University of the West Indies has had dramatic increases in student enrollment

over the last three years and at St. Augustine we have doubled the rate of participation at UWI.

Even with the increase in numbers however, we do attract quality students, with strong backgrounds up to CXC and better than average performance at A levels. As a matter of fact any incoming cohort of students at UWI is among the best cohort of freshmen one can find anywhere. So we have excellent material with which to work to create the enterprising managers and leaders of tomorrow and the concerned citizens we need to sustain our society.

The challenge for a University such as ours is to produce thinkers who can also do; knowledgeable people who can also make decisions, act and create; and contributors to society who can also question the assumptions which drive that society.

We need, therefore, to hold on to the strengths of a good liberal education but we also need to restructure and reinvent ourselves in order to respond to market realities. The two are not as incompatible as they may seem on the surface. And it is in marrying the two that we will succeed not just in increasing relevance but in improving quality. The Petroleum Geoscience programme is one such achievement; the Banking and Finance programme is another. It is time for all departments to rise to the challenge.<

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Moon On A Rainbow Shawl
 Directed by Lester Efebo Wilkinson
 Until 18th July, 2004
 Locations throughout T&T

This Errol John classic will launch the UWI Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) Repertory Theatre Season. The play, directed by **Lester Efebo Wilkinson** features an outstanding cast that includes: **Kurtis Gross, Brian Honore, Penny Spencer, Seran Clarke and Samantha John**. The popular, interactive children's play, *Shaquanzel*, directed by Averil Ramchand, is also being staged at the CCFA, St. Augustine on the 4th, 11th and 18th July. For more information please call 663-2222. <

The Nature of the Islands
 A Conference on Caribbean Island Natural History
 (in memory of Professor Peter R. Bacon)
 15-18th August, 2004
 UWI St Augustine

The UWI Department of Life Sciences at the St. Augustine Campus will host a conference on the impact of land, freshwater and marine habitats on particular species; the Conference will also look at how organisms respond to these impacts. For more information please call: 645-3232 ext. 3096. <

Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence
 28th October, 2004
 UWI St. Augustine

Awardees from our three Campuses will be honoured at this prestigious ceremony, including our very own Campus Librarian Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones and the staff of the Instructional Development Unit. <



UWI Life
 (Student Orientation)
 3rd September, 2004
 UWI Sport & Physical Education Ctr.
 St. Augustine

An unforgettable one-day kick-off to a week of getting to know the Campus and getting first-hand accounts of how to "survive and thrive", UWI Life is a must for first year students (the Students Guild will have a week of activities the following week). This day of orientation brings interactive, informative workshops on managing stress, financial management skills, health services, security and information technology in the morning, followed by an exciting, highly entertaining afternoon 'ice-breaker' featuring popular live bands, special give-aways and an all-round great time where you can gain an edge on UWI Life...and that's just the beginning. <



Professor Graham Gibbs

UWI Guardian Life
 Premium Teaching Awards
 1st October, 2004
 UWI Learning Resource Centre
 St Augustine

That this highly effective, reward and recognition scheme has been adopted by other UWI Campuses, reflects its success and profound importance to the teaching fraternity at UWI. UWI and Guardian Life present yet another opportunity to evaluate and celebrate the high-quality of UWI teachers in 2004. Professor Graham Gibbs of The Institute for the Advancement of University Learning, University of Oxford will be the feature speaker. He is the author of several books including *Teaching Students to Learn* (1981-Open University Press) and *Assessing Student Centred Courses* (1995-Oxford: Oxford Centre for Staff Development) <



**Health Sciences,
 Research & Education
 In Focus in the
 Caribbean**
**Faculty of Medical Sciences
 Second Biennial Conference**
11-14th October, 2004
**UWI Faculty of Medical Sciences,
 Mt Hope Medical Complex**

A series of medical, dental, pharmacy and veterinary workshops will be held at this four-day international conference. A wide range of papers will be presented on several topics including acute and emergent diseases in man and animals, community health, dental health (including Pre-Clinical Dentistry, Restorative Dentistry and Oral Diseases), Molecular Genetics and Pathology. For each oral and poster presentation for the conference, abstracts must be submitted by August 11, 2004, on diskette or sent by electronic mail. For more information please contact : Dr. Trevor Alleyne, Office of the Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago.
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**UWI Graduation
 Ceremonies**
29th & 30th October, 2004
**UWI Sport and Physical Education Ctr.
 St Augustine**

The class of 2004 can look forward to this historic occasion. At the graduation ceremonies, our senior class will celebrate with teachers, parents and friends and welcome an opportunity to take part in the presentation of honorary degrees to international icons. In double ceremonies at the St. Augustine Campus four honorary degrees will be awarded: The Doctor of Letters (DLitt) will be conferred on Trinidadian sculptor, **Dr. Ralph Baney**, the Doctor of Laws (LLD) will be awarded to Trinidadian businessman, **Nazir Ahamad**(Post-humously)and Trinidadian educator, **Fr. Anthony De Verteuil**, while the Doctor of Science (DSc) will be awarded to Belgian executive director, **Dr. Peter Piot**.<



**Matriculation Ceremony
 (Formal Welcome Ceremony)**
16th September, 2004
**UWI JFK Quadrangle
 St Augustine**

The Campus Principal, **Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie**, along with the UWI staff including the Registrar, Deans and Heads will formally welcome first year students into the University. This time-honoured tradition includes an oath taking ceremony and an opportunity for students to celebrate with family their entry into the premier tertiary-level institution in the region. <



**From Turbulence to
 Tourism:**
**Tobago in Transition
 Conference**
14-17th November, 2004
Scarborough, Tobago

The Scarborough Semi-Septicentennial Celebration Committee in collaboration with The Department of History, UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago will host a conference in Tobago to look at the development of the town of Scarborough and the island over the past 350 years. A range of presentations will be made on several subject areas including Agriculture, Architecture, Archaeology, Art, Culture, Education and Urban Development, among others. For more information please call 662-2002 extension 2022 or 2026. <

A MEETING OF GREAT MINDS

Nobel Laureate Dr. Harry Markowitz Shares Ideas at Financial Conference



Photo above: Members of the UWI /CMMB team that made the conference a reality.

Photo at left: Professor Markowitz discusses Portfolio Theory at the UWI/CMMB Conference.

“This conference [is being held] to heighten awareness of what is happening in the financial and banking sectors as we meet the challenges of globalisation, the challenges of regionalism, the challenges of hemispherism with the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA),” UWI Campus Principal **Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie** explained at a media conference to launch the UWI/CMMB inaugural International Conference on Business, Banking and Finance.

The international conference, convened by **Professor Dilip Ghosh**, featured none other than Portfolio Management theory guru, the unassuming **Dr. Harry Markowitz**. The 1990 Nobel Prize winner did not disappoint the audience which filled the Hilton ballroom to listen to his feature presentation. At the end of his intense hour-long presentation, the audience showed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

The more than eighty papers presented were also well-received as the speakers looked into a range of issues affecting the world of business, banking and finance and drew a large and appreciative crowd of leaders in the local and regional financial sector. Stock and Bond Market Issues, Ethics and Corporate Governance, Financial Engineering, Asset Allocation and Portfolio Diversification, Caribbean and Emerging Economics, Banking

Issues, E-Business/E-Finance, Financial crisis and Market Efficiency were just some of the many issues addressed.

This innovative conference, which was held in April, was hosted by The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine, in collaboration with Caribbean Money Market Brokers (CMMB). Other key partners include the Department of Management Studies at The University of the West Indies, St.



Conference Convenor Professor Ghosh



At the Media Launch of the Conference, Professor Ghosh with Principal Tewarie (centre) and the Nobel Laureate Markowitz



Dr. Markowitz greets Prime Minister Patrick Manning, while Ram Ramesh of CMMB and Dr. Tewarie look on.



Ronald Harford (Republic Bank) chats with Ewart Williams (Central Bank), Campus Principal Dr. Tewarie (UWI) and Richard Meyers (CMMB)

Augustine Campus, the UWI Institute of Business, the International Association of Banking and Finance, The International Journal of Finance and Philadelphia University. Republic Bank Limited, Intercommercial Bank, JMMB, The Trinidad Guardian, CLICO and The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago also contributed to the Conference.

Patrick Manning, The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago addressed key, topical issues at the Opening of the Conference including the need to reform the legislation in key areas of the financial sector.

“Except for the banking sector, the legislative framework for the rest of the industry is weak and outdated...the existing regulatory and supervisory framework is fragmented and the sector is subjected to four different regulatory authorities,” Prime Minister Manning stated. Governor of Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, **Ewart Williams** gave a feature address at a luncheon held during the three-day Conference, his insightful presentation was also welcomed by the financial practitioners and academics from across the globe, many of whom were already looking forward to the follow-up Conference on Business, Banking and Finance to be hosted by the University.<

Homecoming

CJA FINDS A NEW HOME & CHALLENGES



Prime Minister Patrick Manning gave the feature speech at The Conference's Opening Ceremony

It seems quite ironic, yet at the same time apt, that a Conference and exhibition to promote the Commonwealth Journalists Association, held during a time when the world celebrated freedom of the press, should not only achieve its objective but bring to the fore the on-going issues of freedom of speech and impartiality of the media.

Journalists from local, regional and international media houses including

CANA, the CBU, CCN, BBC, Stabroek News and The Observer presented papers throughout the Conference. The support from media houses across the country was impressive. As was the publicity which included monumental billboards conceptualised by artist Steve Ouditt and former CJA Executive Director, Sunity Maharaj, strategically placed in open spaces across the UWI Campus to highlight the event and the new home of the CJA. Undoubtedly, the CJA had achieved its key objective. The list of renowned guest speakers

at the Conference special events, was an eclectic yet impressive mix that included UWI Vice Chancellor Rex Nettleford, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Patrick Manning, United States of America Ambassador, Roy Austin and UWI Campus Principal, Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie.

According to former CJA Executive Director, Sunity Maharaj, the main objective of the Conference and Exhibition was to "introduce the CJA to the public of Trinidad and Tobago and position it in the conscious of the media and the population as something that embraced all media - local and regional...and that it makes a difference in the quality of media," Maharaj explained recently. She has resigned from the Association to focus on developing her business and she explained that the CJA is in the process of conducting interviews for the position. A new Executive Director will be announced soon.

The Conference and Exhibition which were held from May 2nd to 8th focused on such critical issues as *The State of Press Freedom in the Caribbean and Wider Commonwealth* and *Journalism 2020: Are we ready?* Daily News of Zimbabwe Editor, Njobile Nyathi, during the Conference stated that before elections in her country "the propaganda to which Zimbabweans are



Chairman Ken Gordon with Pieter Wyssels of the CJA



A cross section of the audience at the Opening Ceremony of the Conference



Impressive billboards placed in open spaces across the Campus underscored the event

exposed to is likely to intensify.” She went on to explain that media houses and their parent companies are being accused of operating illegally. “The media to which most Zimbabweans have access is the public media but because of Zanu-PF control, this media has failed to serve the nation’s interests, operating as mouth pieces of the ruling party,” she explained. However she continues to maintain an attitude of optimism for the African country which gained independence 24 years ago, “ I have no doubt that whatever hardships the independent media in my country will face in the next few months, journalists will continue to strive for a democratic Zimbabwe...It is only by speaking out that the Zimbabwean media and the country’s international supporters can bring hope to the people of Zimbabwe.”

UWI Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie in his address spoke of the impact of globalisation on the media and the need for the “ethics and standards to

which the profession holds its practitioners to be of the highest order if the profession is to earn respect and credibility”.

“Journalists have to establish their own code of conduct based on high standards of professionalism and unequivocal commitment to ethical conduct and then live by it and then enforce it; or else journalists in the region will have little credibility...if knowledge is going to be the driving force behind competitive capacity in

an unheralded age of open competition, initiatives such as the establishment of cutting edge Journalism programmes that are based on novel and varied approaches and that recognise the validity of such approaches, are critical for our development and sustainability. Here at The University of the West Indies, we therefore look forward to engaging our counterparts from the Commonwealth Journalists Association in creating constructive linkages for mutual information flows that will no doubt serve as a catalyst for our independent and collective development. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA), ” Dr Tewarie concluded.

The week of activities included the Commonwealth Media Exhibition and the launch of the School of Journalism. Related events included a Media Exhibition and Career Guidance Exposition, as well as Live Broadcast Demonstrations, Press Freedom booths and photo displays. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed to launch the School of Journalism, a collaborative effort between The University of the West Indies and the Caribbean Journalists Association, in their drive to develop the field.<

(Anna Walcott-Hardy)



In the next **STAN**
BETWEEN THE LINES
a series of interviews
with leading journalists

up next Dale Enoch

MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY AT UWI

Soon all registered students at UWI will be able to benefit from the establishment of the Microsoft IT Academy Program at the St. Augustine Campus.

The Microsoft IT Academy Program is an alliance between The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus and Microsoft that provides the University with the support to be a premier resource for Microsoft certification in Trinidad & Tobago.

From desktop to developer skills, the Program's flexibility enables expansion of career opportunities for students by including relevant skill sets in the current UWI curriculum. Access to the Program will also fuel

the employability and productivity of our local workforce. The benefits are numerous and wide reaching and they include:

- Faculty Training - A choice of online or instructor-led training that tracks to current certification exams. Training is offered on the latest product releases including Microsoft Windows XP and .Net technologies.
- Early Access to the Latest Technology - An annual subscription to TechNet Plus provides early access to Beta products, online seminars, technical training courses and certification exam information.
- Communications - A private online community fosters information sharing between members with online seminars, facilitated chat rooms and best practices.
- Online Student community - A co-branded education portal with the school's logo and colors combined with Microsoft IT Academy branding and resources keeps students motivated and allows them

to communicate with instructors and peers.

- Licenses and Discounts - Free software licenses for training purposes, plus discounted academic pricing for Microsoft Official Curriculum (MOC) and specified certification exams for faculty and students.
- Student career development is mapped to career paths with Microsoft courseware and certification discounts.
- Membership benefits - access to the latest technologies.

With the global need for skilled workers on the rise, the Microsoft IT Academy Program ensures that every student leaving this campus has the opportunity to participate in the technology-driven economy. The IT Academy delivers a complete technology training solution that will help students to build successful lives and careers in the 21st century.<

MICROSOFT ASSISTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

In 2004, the UWI School applied and gained a substantial grant from Microsoft of US \$40,000 for assisting in the implementation of the project "ICT in the Classroom", which is linked to a proposed research project that could impact on schools throughout the region.

"This grant will assist the project in its key objective of the development of a system to implement the use of information and communication technologies for teaching and learning at primary schools. To do such, we shall implement a wireless network in the school, purchase new computers for the computer lab, computers and projectors for the classrooms and

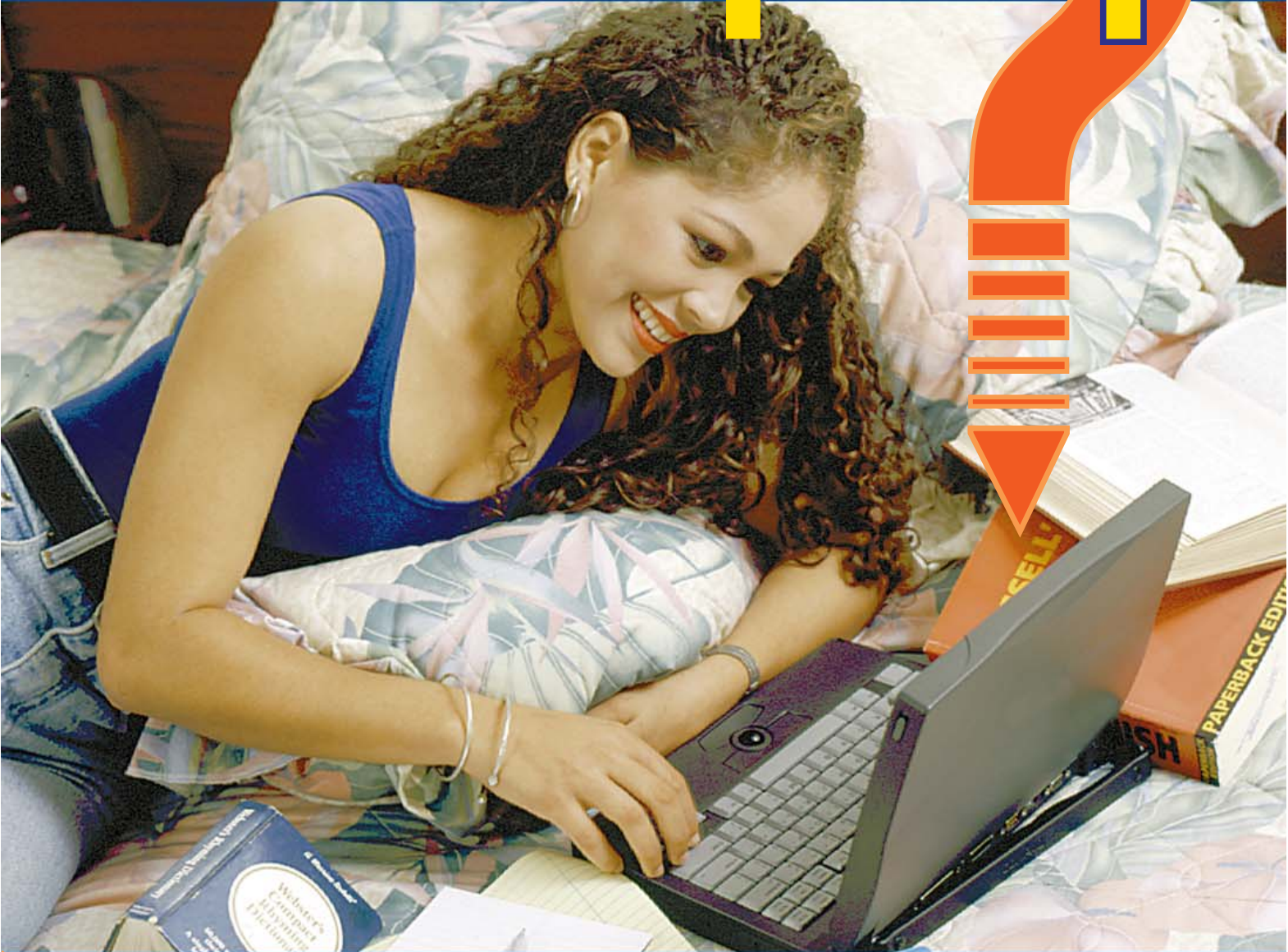
library, as well as implement Microsoft Class Server for use in the school," **Shiraz Mohammed**, Chairman of the UWI School Council recently stated.

The University School is embarking on this research project to introduce ICT-based teaching and learning to primary schools. It is proposed that ICT will be implemented in three functional areas of the school, the classroom, the library and the computer laboratory. This project will aim to develop a system for implementing ICT-based teaching and learning and the research will focus on the impact of ICT on lesson delivery, communication between students and teachers, learning styles of students, and sharing of information among teachers, students and parents. The

ICT-based teaching and learning model developed at the University School can be used as a pilot for implementing this strategy within the national educational system.

The University School is a co-educational school for children from four to twelve years. The management of the school is vested in a Council comprising of five members of staff of The University of the West Indies and the school's Principal. The project is expected to be implemented over a period of fifteen months from February 2004 to April 2005 and will be co-ordinated by the Computer Committee of the school's Council. The project has an estimated budget of US\$60,200.<

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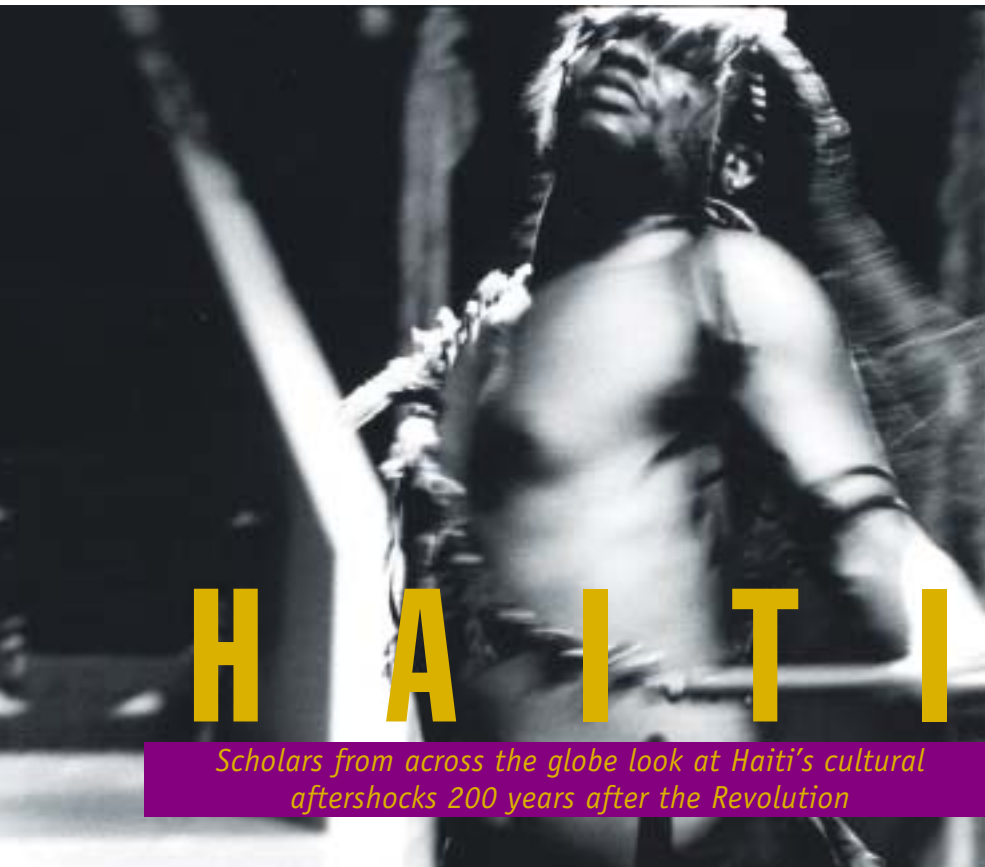
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Scholars from across the globe look at Haiti's cultural aftershocks 200 years after the Revolution

The American novelist William Faulkner once wrote "the Past is never dead. It's not even past" (*Requiem for a Nun*-1951); and this was never more evident than at the recently concluded, high-profile University of the West Indies Haitian Bicentenary Conference, where academics from across the globe came to focus on the past, present and future of "the first Black Republic" in the Western World.

Entitled *Re-interpreting the Haitian Revolution and its Cultural Aftershocks*, the UWI conference brought together several intellectual heavyweights to the St Augustine Campus including: **Lloyd Best, Edwidge Danticat, Michael Dash, Louis-Phillippe Dalembert, Kathleen Gyssels, Evelyne Trouillot, Dany La Ferrière, Georges Fouron, Derek Walcott and UWI Vice-Chancellor Rex Nettleford.**

Two years in the planning, the event was conceptualized and coordinated by UWI Lecturers Dr. Martin Munro and Dr. Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw and supported by the Principal of the Campus, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, Dr. Ian Robertson. The French Embassy also supported the Conference, an issue Michael Dash alluded to during his presentation and joked that this was perhaps the first step towards reparation. Another supporter in the marketing of the event was the Trinidad Guardian Newspaper.

The Conference featured over ninety papers and panel discussions and included an Opening Ceremony with an insightful address by UWI Vice Chancellor, Professor Rex Nettleford; a reading by two celebrated Caribbean writers; and a Closing Ceremony of excerpts from Aimé Césaire's play *Cahier D'un Retour Au Pays Natal* (Notebook of a Return to my Native Country) and Walcott's *The Haitian Earth*, directed by Walcott.



Natalie La Porte as Yette (*The Haitian Earth*)



Evelyne Trouillot and Edwidge Danticat



Augustin Compton (Pompey) dances with La Porte (Yette)

«En me renversant, on n'a abattu à Saint-Domingue que le tronc de l'arbre de la liberté des Noirs; il repoussera par les racines, parce qu'elles sont profondes et nombreuses. Yo mèt ekzile m, yo pap rive dechouke lide Libète nan tèt Nèg Sen Domeng. Li deja anrasinen twò fò deja.»

"In bringing me down, they have only cut the trunk of the tree of black freedom in Saint-Domingue; it will grow again from its roots, because they are many and deeply entrenched."

Toussaint L'Ouverture

The presentations at the Conference were varied and engaging. **Professor Bridget Brereton** of The University of the West Indies, St Augustine spoke on *Hé St Domingo, songé St Domingo: Haiti and the Haitian Revolution in the Political Discourse of Nineteenth-Century Trinidad*. She looked at the ways in which the Haitian Revolution, and the events in Haiti after its independence in 1804, resonated in the political discourse of Trinidad in the nineteenth century. The Professor of History writes that “Haiti became a metaphor and a rhetorical device of great power for all sides of the debate on slavery.”

Georges Fourn of Stony Brook University, New York focused on *Theories of Race and the Haitian Revolution*. He looked at The Haitian Revolution’s profoundly disquieting effect on slave societies and the way in which it became a psychological roadblock on the path of the hegemonic powers’ quest for world domination.

Fourn explained that, “By defeating one of the mightiest among the

European powers, the Haitians also embodied the irrefutable proof of the natural equality of the ‘races’. Because of their actions, they polarized the European colonies’ populations and shook world opinion.”

H. Adlai Murdoch of University of Illinois, Urbana explored the Mapping of Haitian Transnationalism while **Edward E. Baptist** of Cornell University examined the denial of the impact of the Haitian Revolution in *Hidden in Plain View: The Evasion of Haiti in the Historiography of the United States*.

Rave reviews

These are just some of the many varied presentations that gained an overwhelming response from presenters and participants.

“As a Haitian, the conference renewed my hope for Haiti, knowing that so many people care. It was not just another conference, I have to put it up there with one of the most thrilling events I’ve ever gone to. Once again, thank you for your efforts,” wrote Dr Riché C. Zamor, Sr. of the Latin American Health Institute, 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA.

Professor Georges Fourn of State University of New York, Stony Brook applauded the team and The University, writing, “I mean, when was the last time one goes to a conference and has the university president’s wife as one’s tour guide? What conference would offer us the opportunity to hear and be close to a Nobel Prize winner for Literature and an aspiring one (Danticat)? What conference exposes the participants to the breadth of topics and intellectual challenges that this one did? What conference offers its participants the rare opportunity to see a play (*The Haitian Earth*) that is so poignant and pregnant with history that they left the theater in awe and wonderment?”

“The quality of the presentations was unrivalled; I spent ages dithering over which auditorium I should choose for total immersion in the richest offerings this hemisphere could provide,” wrote Barbara Jenkins of Diego Martin, Trinidad, a self-described member of the ‘general public’.

She went on to commend the coordinators, “...Lunchtimes too, with its open seating presented a multitude of serendipitous meetings, always an adventure. The caterers are to be congratulated on the meals - delicious, balanced, varied. Thanks too, for the two evenings of entertainment - Raoul Pantin’s *Express* review of the Danticat & Walcott evening put it better than I ever could; *The Haitian Earth* vividly reminded us of the events which we are commemorating this year”.

Krik? Krak!
Danticat and Walcott reading

“.....Tu crois que ce n’est pas toi qui écris. Tu penses que tu n’es pas un écrivain. Quel orgueil! Tu te couches comme une rivière pour laisser glisser la fable en toi. Elle *passé* par toi mais ne vient pas de toi. Toutes ces *histoires*



Conference Convenors, Dr Martin Munro (front left) and Dr Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw (front right) with Conference Heavyweights: Dash, Dalembert and La Ferriere (back row from left) and Trouillot and Danticat (front).



The Bounty: West Indian writers Danticat & Walcott at a rehearsal for *The Haitian Earth* at the UWI auditorium.

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qui entrent par toutes tes pores, tu sais bien qu'elles ne sont pas de toi, qu'elles n'ont pas été créés par toi, qu'elles ne font que passer par toi. Tu es comme dit Depestre, un animal marais. Tu es un être aquatique. Tu vis sous les eaux. Tu peux rester des jours, des mois sous les eaux sans respirer. Tu as débranchit. Tu es.....princesse des eaux et ton pays d'or n'est autre que le style..."

"You don't believe that you are the one who writes. You do not think of yourself as a writer. What pride! You lie like a river allowing the story to flow through you. You know that all these stories that seep through your pores are not yours, that you did not create them, that they only pass through you. You are, as Depestre says, a marshland creature. You are an aquatic being. You live under water. You can stay for days and months under the waters without breathing...you are the princess of the waters and your golden country is none other than your writing style..."

After reading this letter as an introduction to the Haitian novelist Edwidge Danticat, the urbane and highly respected author, Dany La Ferrière walked to his seat and tore the letter into pieces.

Danticat was obviously emotional after hearing the introduction and her soft voice – a blend of Haitian and American intonations- wavered slightly as she thanked her friend, saying "I have to try to do my reading now without crying. Thanks Dany, that's the most beautiful introduction I've ever had."

The evening proved to be quite emotional as Danticat read excerpts from her short stories and the critically acclaimed novel *Krik?Kra!*

"Why is it that when you do something, it is always in the last place that you look for it?" she said. "Because of course," I answered, "once you find it, you always stop looking."

She won the audience over with her

modesty, humour and impressive prose which looked at issues of migration and exile.

Next up- the 1992 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature, Derek Walcott who read from his soon to be released book of poetry, *The Prodigal*. Walcott's poems had their usual arcane mix of fierce honesty on issues of death, aging, exile, prejudice, mixed with a profound sense of hope and more than a touch of animism. Walcott also read a poem on the loss of his twin brother Roderick Walcott, a respected playwright who died a few years ago in Canada.

The day after the reading, at a Conference panel discussion, moderator Edwidge Danticat asked a very perceptive question: is the history of Haiti a burden or a gift. In reply, one of the panelists said that sometimes a "gift can be a burden".

The Conference papers will be published by Small Axe and UWI Press.<

(Reporting: A.W.H. Photos Abigail Hadeed)

"This evening we anticipate Rosa, Ephraim, Mavis and the rest of the characters in their crowded corner of Port-of-Spain...real people in the sometimes tense struggle for survival, in economic circumstances that suggest no escape to a better life."

His Excellency Professor Maxwell Richards,
President of the Republic, Patron of the Caribbean Repertory Theatre Season

moon on a RAINBOW SHAWL on tour

Errol John's award-winning classic, *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl* launched the opening of CCFA's first Caribbean Repertory Theatre Season. The play directed by Lestor Efebo Wilkinson featured an outstanding cast that included: Kurtis Gross, Brian Honore, Penny Spencer, Seran Clarke and Samantha John. Errol John's play is an apt opener for the UWI CCFA Caribbean Theatre Season as the issues it explores, the characters drawn and the down town city setting are still directly relevant to the Caribbean experience.

Speaking at the Gala opening of the Theatre Season, the Patron, His Excellency Professor Maxwell Richards remarked on the timelessness of the play's themes: *"This play, a faithful reflection of life in the back yard, with its robust language, daring people and its poignant tenderness at times, evokes images that are Caribbean in flavour but which have universal application. And it is Port-of-Spain today."*

This production of *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl* is currently touring the country, running at venues like The Little Carib Theatre, Naparima Girl's High School, Fairfield Complex in Tobago and the School of Continuing studies in St. Augustine, San Fernando and Port of Spain. Through open casting and its tour schedule the production is a collaborative effort that integrates a number of theatre bodies including Best Village, Secondary School's Drama

Association, National Drama Association of Trinidad and Tobago, Tobago Heritage and the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts.

Moon on a Rainbow Shawl won the Observer prize for best play in 1957 and it heralded the start of a prestigious theatre career for Errol John which included roles in American cinema and British Television. In 1967, he appeared in a BBC production: "Rainbow City", the first British drama series to feature a black actor in a leading role. He also played leading roles in BBC's *A Man from the Sun*, (1956) and *No Hiding Place* (1961). In the United States, John featured in films with Frank Sinatra, Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier among others. In addition to *Moon on a Rainbow Shawl*, John also wrote several plays and television screenplays and in 1988 was posthumously awarded the Trinidad and Tobago Chaconia Silver Medal for Drama.

The Caribbean Repertory Theatre Season 2004 is dedicated to the late Professor Errol Hill, often dubbed, "the Father of Caribbean Theatre". Hill was committed to making Caribbean Theatre an important aspect of the cultural life and growth of the region and held fast to a vision of a pan-Caribbean theatre. It is this vision that CCFA seeks to actualise and hence commemorates with this Season's memorial to Hill.<

(Michelle Agostini)



CAMPUS LIBRARIES CELEBRATE

The Campus Libraries of The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, held a series of events including special displays, an award ceremony celebrating the contributions and achievements of staff and the launch of a book by Campus Librarian, Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones, in April.

The book entitled *Guide to Manuscripts, Special Collection and Other Research Resources for Caribbean Studies at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus Libraries* by Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones was officially launched on Thursday April 1st, 2004 at the Main UWI Library.



Phyllis Kangalee receives her award from Dr Rouse-Jones

The *Guide* represents the culmination of fourteen years of work as librarian in charge of the West Indian and Special Collections at the Main Library. After the launch, Awards were presented to current staff with more than 10 years service, in recognition of their contribution and achievements. The Main Library held a highly successful Open House on Friday April 2nd, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. which featured tours of the Eric Williams Memorial Collection, special displays including the papers of Derek Walcott and CLR James, staff publications, as well as competitions and giveaways for students and a book amnesty.

UWI/GUARDIAN LIFE LAUNCH CRICKET LECTURES

Beyond the Boundary

"No one is doubting Brian Lara's ability with the bat...In fact he is, in my opinion, the best in the world right now...It's his decision-making and captaincy that's questionable,"

The first UWI/Guardian Life Sonny Ramadhin Cricket lecture featuring West Indian cricket journalist, Tony Cozier on Friday 23rd April, 2004 at the UWI Learning Resource Centre, St. Augustine was a definite "hit for six" for many members of the audience.

"No one is doubting Brian Lara's ability with the bat...In fact he is, in my opinion, the best in the world right now...It's his decision-making and captaincy that's questionable," Cozier stated. He also went on to clarify his comment to the attentive audience, saying that Lara was also the only current "natural leader" on the team.



From left: Gerard Pinard of Guardian Life with Journalist and lecturer Cozier with and UWI Dean Hamid Ghany

The UWI Faculty of Social Sciences, St. Augustine Campus in collaboration with Guardian Life of the Caribbean launched the first of these annual Lectures to honour the contribution of Sonny Ramadhin to West Indian cricket. This UWI/Guardian Life Sonny Ramadhin Annual Cricket Lecture will be held at The University of the West Indies during the period of the cricket season in Trinidad and Tobago, and preferably on the evening before a major cricketing event involving a touring team. The lectures will be

co-ordinated by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Sonny Ramadhin played for the West Indies Cricket Team between 1950 and 1960 and in 43 Test matches he took 158 wickets at an average of 28.98. Of his 43 Test matches, 18 were played against England, 11 against Australia, 6 against New Zealand, 6 against India and 2 against Pakistan. His best bowling performance was 7 for 49 against England in the First Test at

Edgbaston in May 1957. He is fondly remembered for his bowling performances of 5 for 66 and 6 for 86 in the Second Test between England and the West Indies at Lords in June 1950, which the West Indies won by 326 runs.

For further information on this series please contact the Office of the Dean of the UWI Faculty of Social Sciences 645 3232 or 662 2002 Exts. 2027, 2028 and 3232.<

CSME PROMISES & PROSPECTS

Leading scholars attend

International SALISES Conference

In March, the eminent economist, Professor William J. Baumol spoke at the Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecturer Series, this was one of the many highlights of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) Conference which focused on The Caribbean Single Market & Economy: Legal, Political, Economic & Social Dimensions.

“Economists have tended mainly to view globalisation as a basically benign phenomenon and so it may transpire in the long run. Yet few would dispute that its short-run consequences, particularly for some groups singled out by economic forces are likely to be extremely painful,” Professor Baumol stated during his speech on Globalization: Prospects, Promise and Problems at the UWI Learning Resource Centre, St Augustine.

Papers on Regional Integration, Labour and Migration, the Environment, Sport and Culture, Social Policy were presented and each day of the Conference featured addresses by note-worthy scholars including Professor Norman Girvan who spoke on Reflections on the CARICOM Single Market and Economy. A self-confessed “diehard regionalist”, Girvan went on to state

in a comprehensive paper that raised very integral questions and some answers.

“...The widening gap between the richer and poorer member states of Caricom poses some problems for maintaining momentum of the CSME. To begin with, we might ask whether it does not, in and of itself, constitute a possible threat to the political durability of the community,” Girvan stated.

Other presentations included those of Professor Clive Y Thomas on the topic The Social Welfare Regime in CARICOM and Social Policy Framework Models and Professor Vaughn Lewis on the topic CARICOM Governance: Objectives, Functions, Structure for the Future.<



The renowned economist William Baumol



Dr. Patrick Watson, Head of SALISES



Professor Baumol with Professor Ghosh at the UWI Conference

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Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones

Vice Chancellor's Awards for IDU & Campus Librarian

Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones, Campus Librarian, St. Augustine Campus and the Instructional Development Unit, St. Augustine Campus, headed by Programme Co-ordinator, Betty-Ann Rohlehr, will be presented with the prestigious award for Service to the University Community at The University of the West Indies' Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence 2004 ceremony to be held at the St. Augustine Campus on Thursday October 28, 2004. Recipients from all three University campuses: St. Augustine, Trinidad; Cave Hill, Barbados; and Mona, Jamaica will each receive US \$ 5000.

The Award for Excellence was instituted by the Vice Chancellor in 1994 as a way of recognising excellence on the part of the academic and senior administrative staff. As many as eight (8) awards may be given in recognition of accomplishment and/or as an incentive for continued excellent performance in the following categories: outstanding teaching, outstanding research accomplishments,

outstanding service to the University community, outstanding contribution to public service, including the private sector and the non government community and all-round excellent performance in a combination of two or more of the above areas.

Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones, who has been the Campus Librarian at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus since 1997 explained, "I think my having received this award, validates my insistence on high standards in the eyes of my staff. It also lets them know that there are tangible rewards for hard work and excellence". She has received several significant awards including the Award for Excellence in Research and Publications in the Information Field in the Caribbean (University of Puerto Rico), the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, a Rockefeller Fellowship, a Ford Fellowship and a Gilman Fellowship, all from John Hopkins University in the United States. She was Chairman of the Board, National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS), Trinidad and Tobago, from 1999 to 2001. Since 2002, Dr. Rouse-Jones has been Vice President of the Regional Committee for Latin America and the

Caribbean for the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme. Dr. Rouse-Jones will take up office as University Librarian from August 2004.

The Instructional Development Unit, St. Augustine Campus, was established in 1996, and is headed by Betty Ann Rohlehr. It is committed to improving the quality of teaching and learning at The University of the West Indies. The Unit provides training for staff in the principles and practices of learner-centred teaching through a wide range of programmes, services and activities designed to facilitate effective student learning and the attainment of excellence. The IDU offers a range of workshops that enhance teaching/learning strategies and course design. Another tool that the IDU has implemented and which has become imperative to lecturers at UWI is WebCT (Web Course Tools), an integrated programme for managing courses on the web.

Other recipients of the Vice Chancellor's award will be Dr. Willard Pinnock, Department of Chemistry, Mona Campus, for excellence in Teaching. Dr. Sean McDowell, Department of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Cave Hill Campus, will be awarded for his Research Accomplishments.

Three awards will be given for all-round performance in a combination of two or more categories. Professor Ishenkumba Kahwa, Department of Chemistry, Mona Campus will be awarded for Teaching Accomplishments and contribution to Public Service. Professor Winston Tinto, Department of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Cave Hill Campus will be awarded for Research Accomplishments and Service to the University Community. Stephney Ferguson, Campus Librarian, Mona Campus, will be awarded for Service to the Community and Contribution to Public Service.< (Ayanna Bartholomew)

a Jamaican Jacobin

VICE CHANCELLOR NETTLEFORD LEAVES OFFICE BUT PLEDGES HIS ON-GOING SUPPORT TO UWI

“I am particularly indebted to the governments of the Commonwealth Caribbean whose financial contributions, moral support and on-going advice have helped to sustain our commitment to the regional character of The University of the West Indies,” Professor Rex Nettleford wrote in a farewell letter forwarded to the Heads of Government of Caricom.

At the 25th annual Caricom summit in Grenada, the Jamaican born luminary and current UWI Vice Chancellor, was hailed by Prime Minister Keith Mitchell and General Edwin Carrington “ as a towering son of the region with legendary contributions to our Caribbean life, ” reporter Rickey Singh wrote recently.

Known for his acumen, eloquence and unstinting commitment to Caribbean unity and the Arts, the 70 year-old Nettleford will retire from UWI in 2004, after over three decades of dedicated service. He will hand-over the reins to Professor Eon Nigel Harris, an internationally acclaimed Rheumatologist who was born in Guyana. The son of well-respected novelist Wilson Harris, Professor Eon Nigel Harris is the



Rex Nettleford

current Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, USA. He assumes the post of Vice Chancellor at UWI in August 2004.

Described as a true revolutionary and a West Indian genius, Nettleford has had several key roles in the promotion and development of the region: as founding governor of the Canada-based International Development Research Centre; chair of the Commonwealth Arts Organisation; consultant to UNESCO and the OAS. Over the years he has been awarded several honorary

doctorates and prestigious awards including The Gold Musgrave Medal by the Institute of Jamaica and The Order of Merit for his artistic and scholarly work. The Chilean Government also awarded him with the Commemorative Medal of the Centenary of the Birth of Pablo Neruda. It is impossible to separate the scholar from the artist, indeed it is this symbiotic relationship that has perhaps contributed to the success of several initiatives driven by the Vice Chancellor at The University , including the Cultural Studies Initiative and the advancement of The Department of Extra-Mural Studies, to name a few. A prolific writer he is also the author of several books including *Caribbean Cultural Identity: The Case of Jamaica*; *Mirror, Mirror: Identity Race and Protest in Jamaica*; and *Roots and Rhythms*.

Born on February 3rd, 1933 in the rural town of Falmouth, Jamaica, the young Nettleford had shown great promise and talent as a dancer and scholar at an early age. He would excel at his studies in history at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus while training with dancer Ivy Baxter. He also led the University Dancing and Gymnastics Society. After gaining his undergraduate degree, Nettleford went on to post graduate study in politics



Presidential Welcome:(from left) Former UWI Campus Principal, Compton Bourne, enjoys Professor Nettleford's company while shaking hands with former Guild of Graduates President Ulric Warner



A Gala Moment: Professor Nettleford with writer Maya Angelou and Harry Belafonte



Professor Theodore shares a joke with former Campus Registrar Will Iton and Professor Rex Nettleford

The power to create and innovate remains the greatest guarantee of respect and recognition.

Rex Nettleford



left Rex Nettleford in *The King Must Die* 1968 (Photo courtesy Jamaica Dance Theatre Company)

at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Years later, in 2003 later he would be awarded an honorary degree (Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*) from his British alma mater, Oxford University (Oriel College). And even at this Oxford Ceremony, he graciously looked towards the impact this award would have on the region, "Of course I feel greatly honoured, but not so much for myself as for the region- since of the four individuals selected... from the 4000 living Rhodes Scholars... one is from the Caribbean," Nettleford stated.

At Oxford he would hone his choreography and dance skills, studying with the Oxford University Dramatic Society as well as with the Oxford Opera Group. On his return to Jamaica and an academic post at UWI, Nettleford would become one of the co-founders and artistic directors of the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica in 1962. He would also go on to choreograph and star in several staples in the Company's repertoire including *Plantation Revelry* (1963), *Pocomania* (1963) and *The King Must Die* (1968).

Recently, Sir George Alleyne, UWI Chancellor commended Professor Nettleford at a Ceremony in his honour, "The miracle that we must commemorate is not that the seed was sown here at UWI, but that it flourished here."

CLR James once stated in reference to a lecture he had given on the West Indian Federation in 1958, "I continue to believe that the West Indies can only make progress by federation, and not merely a federation in the political sense in the joining together of governments but a social change in which these diminutive Caribbean islands become at last a complete whole".

Nettleford has re-inforced this idea of change and his initiatives have helped the region advance towards "this complete whole," and not without the integrity and creativity which James often alluded to in his speeches. Professor Nettleford recently stated that he will remain committed to UWI and will continue to provide support to the institution.<

RECLAIMING THE CLASSROOM

The Centre for Gender and Development Studies, UWI, St. Augustine recently completed a series of seven one-day workshops conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Schools Intervention Strategies Unit, entitled, "Creative Strategies for Reclaiming the Classroom in Secondary Schools: Alternatives to Corporal Punishment".

Forming part of the Ministry's ongoing Project Peace, aimed at creating peaceful schools, the workshops were organized along the eight educational districts in Trinidad and Tobago. Participants came from among secondary school teachers and administrators within each district. The workshops aimed at providing secondary school teachers and administrators with new skills and knowledge, especially in understanding the dynamics of gender in learning, in order to effectively manage their classrooms. The ultimate goal of the overall project is to eliminate incidents of violence or disruptive behaviour in the classroom and in the school and to provide teachers with creative alternatives to corporal punishment.

To date, a total of one hundred and eighty (180) teachers from seven districts have been trained in Youth Developmental Assets and Gender (Dr. Diane and Dr. Lincoln Douglas); Effective Classroom Instruction (Ms. Ramona Khan) ; and Managing the Classroom (Ms. Rowena Kalloo). Based upon responses from evaluation forms collected after each workshop, it was clear that the workshop was timely and the methodology interactive, participatory and interesting. Participants indicated that they would put the knowledge and skills gained to good use and share the information gained with other teachers as well as students.

Celebrating International Women's Day

The list was long, very impressive and mostly male: Black Stalin, Brother Resistance, 3 Canal, jazz pianist Raf Robertson and son Miles, master drummer Wayne "Lion" Osuna and Christopher Sheppard all performed at the celebration of International Women's Day 2004, hosted by The UWI Centre for Gender and Development Studies. The production entitled: *Men Who Love Women* was held on Sunday March 21st at the UWI Learning Resource Centre and was the seventh annual concert produced by the CGDS to commemorate International Women's Day.

GO GEO



Minister Eric Williams

3D glasses required, hiking boots a plus, fossil hunting definitely included – is this a trip to Jurassic park? Think again. It's the Petroleum Geo Science Degree. But why the 3D glasses? Hold on a moment. Let's start at the beginning.

The Faculty of Engineering introduced a new programme three years ago. The programme: A Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Petroleum Geoscience which (for all of us not in the know) is a degree concerned with understanding the structure of the earth to depths down to five miles to identify potential

areas of hydrocarbon deposits and to identify the hydrocarbon bearing zones, fault patterns and water ingress. After a reservoir comes onto production, the Petroleum Geoscientists monitor production to ensure that forecasts are accurate and to identify geological potential problems and opportunities. Oh, of course, we knew that.

To put it a bit more simply, graduates of this course would work in the energy sector industry in companies like bp, Petrotrin and BG. As Geoscientists they would: identify exploration prospects for their companies, suggest possible drilling sites for hydrocarbon exploration, appraise new discoveries, plan and implement field development, monitor the wells during production and generally assist field management by teaming with Petrophysicists, Drillers, Engineers and Commercial units.

Word is that the graduates have started talking about the course and the response is all good. This course is "intense and out there – lots of field trips" and "a lot of fun" and it's "science mixed with a creative side, you have to create technical drawings, think and view things in 3D – it's challenging and really great". Now it's no wonder the response to the course is so positive, even the course brochure anticipates it as it states that the course "is expected to attract bright science students, fascinated with the earth and wishing to have a productive industrial career in their areas of interest".

The professional careers of Petroleum Geoscientists and Engineers can be very varied. Undergraduate education and training therefore needs to be broad. This is reflected in the proposed curriculum, although specialisation is pronounced in the later years. A three year course delivers the essentials of the topic but a 4th year MSc Petroleum Geoscience provides advanced training for students wishing to become professional Petroleum Geologists or Geophysicists. "Our degree was a lot more focused in industry," said graduate, Kurt Rattansingh. "A lot of the lecturers actually worked in the energy industry. So industry knowledge was given to us directly." And that's not all. According to another of the graduates, Vandena Rastogi, "because the lecturers are local and international geoscientists from bp or Petrotrin and the big energy companies it broadens the scope for job opportunities with those companies." Vandena will be starting soon as a Challenge Geologist with bp.

This is precisely the kind of outcome the course is designed for; to produce graduates and research findings which make a significant contribution to the development of the energy sector and in turn to the economy. For this year's graduating class the rewards were great, "strong friendships were forged" and, it seems, a great learning experience was had by all.<

(Michelle Agostini)



At the opening of the state of the art Petroleum Geoscience facility at UWI, (front left) Wayne Bertrand, Professor Dawe, Dr Tewarie, Minister Williams, Minister Khan and Dean Sankat.



Dr Peter Rattie, President Exploration, Performance Unit bpTT



RBTT SUPPORTS SPORT CENTRE

A state-of-the-art Scoreboard system sponsored by RBTT has created a high-tech setting for sports development at the new University of the West Indies (UWI) Sport and Physical Education Centre. The sophisticated new equipment was purchased with a \$350,000 donation from the RBTT Education Foundation, which has provided support for projects advancing education, the arts, and sports since 1977.

The UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre is the only one of its kind in the Caribbean, and, according to Mr. Suresh Sookoo, RBTT Group Chief Operating Officer, "RBTT is destined to change the face of sport both nationally and regionally".<

Suresh Sookoo, RBTT Group Chief Operating Officer

Patty Donates Ruiz Painting



UWI graduate and successful entrepreneur, Michael Patty, recently donated a painting by commercial artist, the late Rolf Ruiz (1941-2002) to the University.

Ruiz gave the painting – a virtual collage of the campus- to Patty as a wedding present in 1971. After Ruiz's death, Patty then decided to give the

painting by his friend to the University in 2004. "The painting is being donated to the University to facilitate exposure to a wider audience and in the hope that its display...will in some way serve to preserve Rolf's memory," Patty explained at the handing-over Ceremony. The UWI Campus has an art collection that includes paintings by Pat Bishop and James Isaiah Boodhoo, among others.<

PETROTRIN SUPPORTS RESEARCH AT UWI

Petrotrin has agreed to support UWI St. Augustine with an annual grant of \$300,000 over a five-year period, primarily in the energy related field of research. The signing Ceremony took place in June at the Petrotrin Pointe-a-Pierre Club between Petrotrin's Executive Chairman Malcolm Jones and Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie.

Marketing & Communications



Dream Team : the staff of M&C

Founded two years ago, the Marketing and Communications (M&C) Office at the St Augustine Campus has been developing rewarding relationships with stakeholders to promote the offerings of UWI and gain feedback on related issues. The department has a dynamic team that is committed to The University - each member of staff is integral to the Office and the success of promotional campaigns, events, projects and programmes. M&C has partnered with departments and organizations across campus to promote UWI related events, creating integrated marketing and communication strategies.

The Office is headed by Director Dawn-Marie De Four Gill, an honours graduate of UWI St. Augustine where she gained her Bachelor's Degree in Management with a Major in Marketing and a Minor in Finance, before gaining a Masters Degree in Business Administration at City University Business School in the U.K. On returning home to her alma mater, she developed several key initiatives: including assisting in raising over \$20 million for UWI as the former Business Development Officer, as well as developing the Style Manual for the St Augustine Campus and greatly enhancing and aligning the imaging and content of several Campus publications. Communications Coordinator, Anna Walcott-Hardy, is an honours graduate of Boston University where she gained Bachelor of Arts Degrees in English Literature and Geography, as well as a Masters Degree



Dawn-Marie De Four-Gill, Director

in Literature. Walcott-Hardy has over a decade of experience and expertise having worked in publishing, change management and corporate communications in Boston and Trinidad. The Office's Marketing Assistants: Saadiq Khan, an honours graduate of UWI, St Augustine and Alake Pilgrim, an honours graduate of

Bates College, Massachusetts, both possess expertise in project management, strategic planning and copywriting.

M&C can help you:

- Create a **Marketing & Communication Strategy/Plan**
- Write feature **articles, brochures, advertisements** (for TV, Radio and Press) **Media Releases**
- **Layout/Design** promotional material (departmental cost)
- Organise **conferences, media launches, functions and workshops**
- Promote your event/message in the campus newsletter **STAN**, as well as through the campus **website and intranet**, campus memos, **UWI On Stage radio** segments and letters

We should be consulted when:

- A student function/fete is being held on campus. (To gain permission from the campus and the Environmental Management Agency send your letter to the Department at least 2 weeks in advance).
- Seeking permission to use campus grounds or facilities
- Promotional materials (tickets, invitations, posters, flyers, leaflets, signs) are being distributed/posted on campus
- The UWI logo is being used on promotional material
- Websites connected with The UWI are being designed/launched
- Departments/Units/Clubs are communicating with the media and/or general public.

Marketing is all about building relationships and M&C is continually working towards creating a unified, professional relationship with stakeholders locally and internationally. The Department is the driving force behind several key campus events that have grown exponentially

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QUALITY ASSURANCE NEWSLETTER

The Gift of Quality



The UWI Quality Circle is not only an attractive publication of the UWI Office of the Board for Undergraduate Studies Quality Assurance Unit, but it also provides integral information on a range of Quality Assurance issues. Launched over a year ago, the newsletter's May issue (Volume 3) focuses on students and gives the findings of several recent surveys and campus events, from *Students' Views of UWI Procedures for Admission, Registration and Orientation to the response to a poster campaign of The Global Leadership Link and a Quality Assured Commemorative Concert at Mona.*

In the article that looked into Students' Views of the Admission, Registration and Orientation Application process, the statistical

information is written in an informative, engaging style: "...The majority of students on each campus were satisfied with the information provided on the application process, considering that it was adequate, timely and clear. Students' assessments of the interpersonal aspects of the application process were positive...At each campus, the lowest level of satisfaction was related to whether staff was readily available to assist."

Edited by **Sandra Gift**, Senior Programme Officer of the Unit at the St Augustine Campus and designed by graphic artist **Gabriel Woodham**, this eight-page publication provides concise, topical information on Quality related issues from across UWI. The latest issue also provides information on audits and surveys conducted at the UWI Cave Hill and Mona Campuses in Barbados and Jamaica, respectively. For more on the UWI Quality Circle email: sgift@admin.uwi.tt or call 645-3232 ext. 2584.<

UWI SCIENTIST ON COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS

UWI Professor Harold Ramkissoon was elected to serve for a period of three years on the first Council of the Inter American Network of Scientific Academies (IANSA) at its launch on May 5, 2004 in Santiago, Chile. The Minister of Education of Chile delivered the Feature Address at the event, which was attended by regional scientists, the Directors of Science from UNESCO and the Organization of American States (OAS) and a representative from the Inter American Development Bank (IADB). Among the other members elected were representatives from the Academies of Sciences of the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico and Brazil. IANSA will, inter alia, assist in the building of national scientific capacities by strengthening science and technology relationships among the countries of the Americas and attempt to influence the scientific decision-making processes with the goal of promoting prosperity and equity in the Hemisphere.

Prof. Ramkissoon is based at the St. Augustine Campus of The University of the West Indies and currently serves as the President of the Association of Academies of Sciences of the wider Caribbean, Executive Secretary of CARISCIENCE and is a member of UNESCO International Committee of Science Experts. He was a former President of the Caribbean Academy of Sciences.

DR. KUBONI HONOURED

Dr. Olabisi Kuboni, Campus Coordinator of UWI Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC), St Augustine, was among seven women to receive the Faith Wiltshire Award for outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of women and girls in the area of Information and Communication Technology. The Network of NGO's for the Advancement of Women presented the Awards on 13th March 2004, at Crowne Plaza hotel, Port-of-Spain, as part of activities to commemorate International Women's Day. Dr. Kuboni, later stated in an Express Woman magazine interview, "I was pleasantly surprised. It was only then that it occurred to me that I have been in education all these years at different levels and there was probably something worthwhile in what I've done...It's a good feeling to be recognised by one's peers."



ART & CULTURE

Lovelace & Honychurch at UWI

Ayanna Bartholomew



Earl Lovelace

Award-winning novelist and playwright, Dr. Earl Lovelace and noted cultural anthropologist and historian, Dr. Lennox Honychurch recently spoke at The UWI Faculty of Humanities & Education Cultural Studies Initiative (under The Ford Scheme) at The UWI SCS Auditorium, Gordon Street.

In Lovelace’s presentation entitled *The Writer at Home in the Caribbean and the World*, he looked at the intrinsic value of West Indian literature, of which [the majority] has been undervalued by Caribbean society; and he urged both educators and the general public to take a deeper look at the relevance of novels produced in the region.

One of the Caribbean’s most outstanding literary figures, Lovelace’s work celebrates the struggle for human dignity. “We have under-estimated the value of the stories that have been handed down to us. If we take another look we will see the



multidimensionality of those stories,” Lovelace stated, as he then went on to read excerpts from *The Dragon Can’t Dance* and a soon to be released publication entitled *Just a Movie*, that received rave reviews from the audience.

A few weeks later, Dr Honychurch stepped up to the podium to speak of the impact of nationalism and globalisation on culture and society in his lecture on *Re-inventing Ourselves: Caribbean Nationalism and the Creation of Heritage*.

“Nationalism has crippled this region’s chances of successfully facing globalisation,” he said. The main theme of this lecture was the process of evolution of Caribbean Heritage, where Dr. Honychurch observed the manner in which Caribbean people in the post-independence era have been reconstructing their history and in so doing, have re-visualised their past, present and future. The lecture also focused on the search for the symbols of survival, evidence of resistance, examples of social and cultural self-

determination, and the evolving link between cultural activism, identity and tourism. There were dynamic question and answer sessions at both events and several members of the audience spoke of attending upcoming lectures that feature the region’s leading intellectuals under this initiative.<



Lennox Honychurch



REMO ROCKS UWI

Remo Fernandes, India's foremost pop-rock artist performed his eclectic mix of music at an unforgettable "jam session" with local musicians at The University of the West Indies School of Continuing Studies Auditorium on Gordon Street, St. Augustine in May.

Born in Goa, India, Fernandes' performance, aptly entitled, *Jam Session and Musical Conversations Across the South*, brought together acclaimed musicians Wayne Bruno, Harold Headley,

Shantal Esdelle, Corey Wallace, Brennon Vergil and Elvis Davis in an energised performance before an appreciative audience.

For over a decade, Remo Fernandes has been the highest record selling pop-rock artist in the English language in India, and is the only one to have earned Gold Discs in this category in his homeland. Since his foray into Hindi, he has been at the top of that category too, with three film songs *Jalwa*, *Humma Humma* and *Huya Ho*, going double platinum

and topping every Indian press, radio and television hit chart.

Fernandes, who has produced popular music for over 25 years, sings mainly in English, although he has a very popular album of Konkani and Portuguese songs of Goa. He is unique among Indian popular singers as he composes the music and writes the lyrics for his songs. He also plays a variety of instruments. In India, he is known for his humorous and incisive socio-political commentary.<

UWI Evening University in demand

Hundreds of professionals and full-time workers have expressed a great interest in the innovative Evening University at UWI St. Augustine. UWI St. Augustine Campus has launched a series of accredited Evening University Programmes, recognizing the need for continuous learning and demand for access to programmes at UWI by the fully employed.

The Principal of the St. Augustine Campus, Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie, recently spoke about the UWI Evening University, which will open its doors to students in September 2004.

"We are opening the doors of the University to more and more students. This is an ideal opportunity for our citizens to earn and to learn," he stated at the launch.

Dr. Tewarie went on to state that, "As the demand for tertiary education continues to grow, The University must look for new and creative ways of expanding delivery of our product, without sacrificing quality. The introduction of the Evening University at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, is one such initiative that will bring the flexibility, affordability and

innovation of accredited evening courses to meet the demands of the fully employed," he concluded.

Initially the UWI Evening University will offer eight undergraduate and two Masters programmes: BSc Banking & Finance, BSc Computer Science, BSc Government, BSc Management Studies, BSc Public Sector Management, BSc Sport Management, BSc Economics, LLM Corporate and Commercial Law and MSc International Relations.

The entry and matriculation requirements are in-keeping with those of UWI and the degrees are all accredited. Evening University students will have access to all of the facilities and amenities enjoyed by current UWI students including Campus libraries, Student Activity Centre, computer laboratories and modern Sport and Physical Education Centre. <

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Art and Design students of the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus featured their work at a series of Art Exhibitions, Film and Video presentations as well as Museum displays in May. "It is like a festival of several events which are all related and the aim is to provide a real world experience for the students," explained Ken Crichlow, Lecturer/Coordinator of the Visual Arts Programme. "Because the students determine the subject matter, the work tends to be very diverse in terms of material, techniques and creativity".<

CONNECT > Dr. Glenn Ramadhar-Singh

Alake Pilgrim speaks about burning issues with the new President of the Guild of Students



Completed degrees: BSc in Physics and Chemistry, DVM (Veterinary Medicine)

Current course of study: Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations (toward MSc in International Relations)

Interests and Involvement: "Born into social and community work," his father (now deceased) was a councillor for 18 years.

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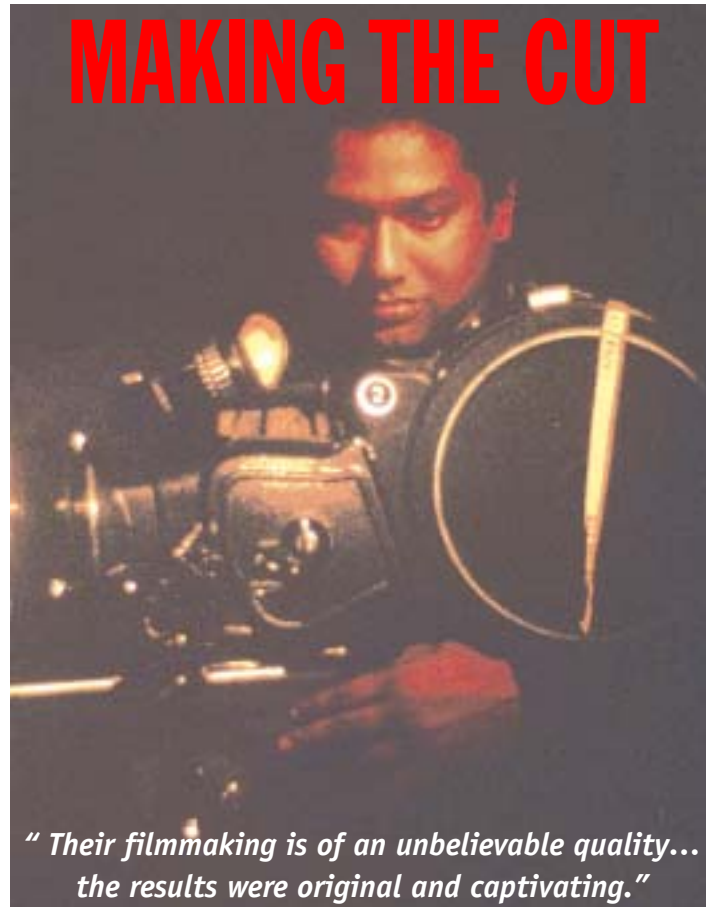
SAVING THE PAWI TRINIDAD'S UNIQUE BIRD

The bird known to Trinidadians as the "Pawi" is known to most people in Trinidad as a rare species that is rarely seen. Its correct name is the Trinidad Piping-Guan (Pipile pipile) and it is a member of the group of birds known as "cracids." Relatively few people have seen the Pawi because it is now apparently confined to only one small area (150 km²) of the Northern Range of Trinidad. A report by one conservation body in 2000 suggested that perhaps only 200 of the birds remain and there is international concern that the species may become extinct unless stringent measures are taken to protect it and its habitat. As such, it is listed as "Critically Endangered" in the IUCN's 'Red List' that was published in 2003.

A recent grant of US\$4,000 from Conservation International in the USA through the World Pheasant Association (WPA) will permit studies to be carried out on the Pawi. The project will be supervised by Professor John E. Cooper of the School of Veterinary Medicine but will involve staff and students from other Faculties as well as personnel from the Asa Wright Nature Centre, the TTFNC (Trinidad & Tobago Field Naturalists Club) and other organizations. Close contact will be maintained with the government's Wildlife Section, especially regarding legal and ethical aspects of the work.

A novel part of the study is that it will involve both zoologists and veterinarians. The former, from the Faculty of Science and Agriculture, will concentrate on fieldwork, especially observational studies. The aim will be to learn more about the day-to-day activity of the Pawi, what it feeds upon and the details of its reproductive life - courtship, mating, egg-laying and rearing of young. If further funding becomes available this aspect of the research will be facilitated by the purchase of radio-collars which can be applied to individual birds and permit them to be tracked in the wild.

The veterinary side of the study will concentrate on assessing the health of the remaining Pawi population. Remarkably little is known about the susceptibility of this species to infectious diseases and yet it is well recognised that viruses, bacteria and parasites can readily decimate small isolated populations of birds. Initial studies on sampling methods will be carried out on the few Pawi that are in captivity on the island. In addition to these two main thrusts of the study, both of which should throw light on the basic biology of this little-known bird, there will be a sociological component - contact and dialogue with local communities in order to assess their knowledge and perceptions of the Pawi and to ascertain how human factors, such as shooting, might be contributing to its decline.



EXPRESS Thursday, May 13th, 2004.

The debut of animated works proved to be the highlight of the fifth edition of the FINAL CUT screening(s) by Film & Video 3 Visual Arts students of the Centre for Creative & Festival Arts. Five years and sixty films later, 2 & 3-D animation complemented the traditional fare of narrative and documentary production, inspiring Zia Holder of the EXPRESS to note that, "The featured animation was all that was promised."

The screening was also notable for the students' exploration of social issues in experimental ways. WATER by Raymond Alexander, a poetic musing about water woes in Trinidad was reminiscent of the work of early Soviet filmmakers; FREE by Robert Wallace used animation to expose the

horrors of domestic abuse; and in YUH FATHER BACK STRONG, Gillian Creese dramatized her father's battle with prostate cancer. IN MY SKIN, a documentary collaboration between the students and UNAIDS was broadcast and screened on World Aids Day and at FINAL CUT.

The quality of the students' work is ultimately reflected in the reception it has received at international film festivals (in the Caribbean, North America & Africa) and in television broadcasts. Creese's film for instance, chosen as a Fathers' Day special presentation, was recently televised on Trinidad & Tobago Television. This first generation of filmmakers educated at the tertiary level at UWI St. Augustine seems poised to make a seminal impact on regional and international cinema with their aesthetic range and vision. < (Robert Yao Ramesar)

MAKING THE GRADE: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21st CENTURY



'Faculty of Engineering – Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century' was the focus of the 6th Annual Technical Essay Writing Competition.

The competition attracted seventeen (17) participants, six (6) of whom qualified for the Essay Presentation segment. The winning essay was submitted by **Christian Welsh**, a 2nd Year student of the department of Chemical Engineering, while the top presenter was **Calixte George Jnr**, a 1st year student of the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering. These competitions are fully sponsored by EOG Resources Trinidad Limited, and rebound to the benefit of its participants.<

Rewards for Engineering Staff

The Faculty of Engineering hosted a Staff Recognition Function at which Emeritus Professor David McGaw was specially honoured. His Excellency, George Maxwell Richards, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and former Dean of the Faculty as well as Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Principal of the Campus, publicly recognized the sterling contributions made by Professor McGaw. His dedication to the Faculty and to the University Community as a whole, where he served with distinction in several capacities for thirty-six (36) years prior to his retirement in January 2003 were also mentioned.

Also honoured at the function were three former members of staff, Stephanie Pile, Victoria Phillips-Marine and Kristen Narine. The commitment

and dedication of serving members of staff, Larry Bachansingh, Ronald Ramlogan, Elton De Silva and Vishnu Dookhoo were also celebrated. The

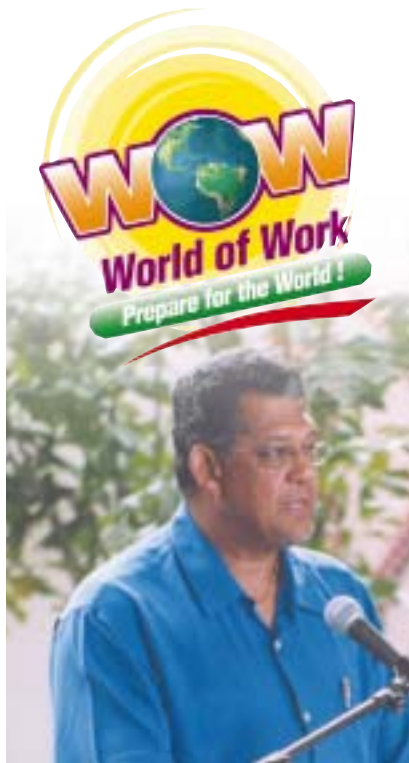
Staff Recognition Function has been an annual event since November 2001 when the current Dean, Professor Clement K. Sankat, assumed office. Initially its purpose was to welcome new members of staff and to bid farewell to those members who had departed during the past academic year. In 2003, a new dimension was added; the function was expanded to recognize in a tangible way those members of the Administrative, Technical and Service Staff who have made outstanding contributions to the Faculty. <

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RBL's Edwin Gooding

The UWI World of Work programme, aptly nick-named **WOW**, has been gaining popularity over the years; and 2004 was not an exception, as record numbers of final year students attended the highly informative seminars, resume-writing workshops, mock interview sessions and recruitment fair held at the St. Augustine Campus from March 20th to April 2nd. **WOW** is designed to emphasize the link between personal development and the work environment of the 21st century with its target audience being UWI final-year students about to enter the job market.

"Our goal is not simply to have [students] enter the work force, but to prepare them to design better systems, think critically and find creative solutions to regional challenges," **Dawn-Marie De Four-Gill**, Director of Marketing and Communications at UWI



Record attendance as students prepare "for a life, not just a career"

stated at the launch of the programme at Republic House, Park Street in Port of Spain.

A collaborative programme between the UWI Alumni Association and Republic Bank Limited, aimed at helping students enhance entrepreneurial and work-related skills including corporate etiquette, resume writing and job interviews, **WOW** has proven to be highly effective at helping graduates "land dream jobs". **Andrea Cumberbatch** a UWI Honours graduate spoke of the confidence she gained at **WOW**, as "the Human Resource Managers let me know what works and what doesn't". She is currently employed at a leading service provider to the petrochemical sector. Another Honours graduate, **Adrian Brown** a Commercial Analyst at a multi-national company spoke of the timely feedback gained at the mock interview sessions as insightful and "really informative".

For the Opening programme students converged on the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC) to listen to **Nicholas Galt** of Trinidad

Systems Limited, **Kevin Correia** of Ernst and Young, and HR Consultant **Denise Demming** speak on a range of related issues. Republic Bank Limited's Assistant General Manager of Group Marketing, **Edwin Gooding**, encouraged students to capitalise on the many advantages that the World of Work programme offers and to "demand similar programmes that will enhance your ability to thrive in the modern workplace and in life". UWI Campus **Principal Bhoendradatt Tewarie** also urged students to look for long-term advantages, "prepare for life, not just a career" he advised. The Principal also alluded to guidelines for coping with the demands of the workplace, including thinking and communicating effectively, distilling and reviewing ideas and committing to continuous learning. Republic's Marketing Manager- **Shivan Ojah-Maharaj** noted, "**WOW** has proven itself to provide exciting possibilities in making students more equipped for the often-daunting process of landing a suitable job." And the feedback from graduates of UWI have shown that the programme has a hefty success rate.<



The popular interview sessions



Nicholas Galt of Trinidad Systems

Teacher Education Symposium at UWI



Clarity of purpose: Minister Hazel Manning and Principal Tewarie

“These are times of great challenge and opportunity which require clarity of purpose and considerable wisdom if we are to craft and implement successful strategies,” Carol Keller, Head of the UWI School of Education recently stated in his Welcome Address to the educators at the International Symposium on Teacher Education.

The University of the West Indies Faculty of Humanities and Education, in collaboration with the British Council hosted a three-day Symposium on Achieving Educational Quality Through Teacher Education, from

Wednesday April 28th to Friday April 30th, 2004 at the St. Augustine Campus.

Harriet Massingberd, Manager of the British Council of Trinidad and Tobago in her Welcome to participants, referred to the agreed objectives of the meeting as well as the development of an action plan.

“Indeed, by the end of this participatory working symposium, we expect to develop an action plan, that will serve to contribute to the effective advancement of teacher education and professional development of educators in Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean,” Massingberd explained.



Participants successfully created a working action plan at the Symposium



Carol Keller

The Teacher Education International Symposium also featured an address by Professor **Errol Miller** of the UWI Mona Campus in Jamaica. Professor Miller spoke on The Context of Teacher Education in the Caribbean at this timely event for educators. Through panel discussions and group-work, the conference covered critical issues such as: Models of Teacher Education, Issues of Governance in Teacher Education, Evaluating Teachers and Teacher Education. Panelists included educators from Barbados, England, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago who represent teachers at all levels of education, including teachers’ unions, teacher training institutes and evaluation centres; At the conclusion of the symposium all objectives were realized and a plan completed.<

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Anna Walcott-Hardy
Communications Coordinator

over the years including Open Days, UWI Life (Orientation) and the staff also publish numerous items including this newsletter (STAN), the Campus’

Annual Report, prospectuses and faculty booklets. A division of the Office of The Campus Principal, M&C works closely with the Business Development Office and the Principal’s executive assistant to serve stakeholders. The Department also works with faculty/departmental communication coordinators as well as those in Mona and Cave Hill, towards creating alignment on the message we send to our publics.<

ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre CELEBRATES 15 YEARS



President George Maxwell Richards



Professor Deosaran

The ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre recently celebrated its fifteenth anniversary and honoured several pioneers who have been integral to the Centre's success.

The two-day Celebrations began with an Opening Ceremony on the 22nd of April and closed with a seminar the following day. Over the two days, a number of presenters spoke of pioneer, Professor Ramesh Deosaran's invaluable

contribution to the Centre. Speakers included His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Satish Ramroop, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Campus Principal at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Dr. Hamid Ghany, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Derek Chadee, Manager of the Psychological Research Centre and Dr. Anthony Sabga, Chairman of the ANSA McAL Foundation.

His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards gave the keynote address, congratulating all those who were involved in the Psychological Research Centre and had contributed to its success over the past fifteen years. He also highlighted the strong work ethic of the Centre and its societal contribution through conferences, workshops and seminars on pertinent issues such as poverty and juvenile delinquency. His Excellency then presented Professor Deosaran and Dr. Sabga with awards.

The lecture and panel discussion for the 15th anniversary celebration was entitled "Trial by Jury: Social, Psychological and Legal Implications". This featured such distinguished speakers as Professor Jack Brigham, a Social Psychologist from Florida State University, the Honourable Justice Stanley John, Geoffrey Henderson, the Director of Public Prosecution, Keith Scotland, Attorney-at-Law and Dr. Derek Chadee.<

CHANCELLOR TALKS WITH STUDENTS ON WALK-ABOUT

In April, students on Campus were rather surprised, yet obviously pleased, to get an opportunity to speak face-to-face with UWI Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne. The Chancellor of The University of the West Indies, in a one-day "whirlwind" tour of the Campus, took the time out of his busy schedule to walk on Campus with Deputy Principal Professor Gurmohan Kochhar and talk with students. His aim: to gain insight into what they "really thought of studying at UWI". The students in return, gave their candid, spontaneous views, which were all very positive, on

the many benefits of a UWI education.

Obviously dedicated to student-centred issues, the Chancellor also met with Members of the Guild of Students and the Postgraduate Association to discuss related issues, including campus security and the development of effective communication strategies with stakeholders of UWI. Sir George Alleyne also met with Senior Management, Deans and Heads of Departments and spoke on a range of issues, including the importance of research at UWI. In his

meeting with Professor Dyer Narinesingh, Head of Research and several other lecturers/researchers, The Chancellor was able to gain information on the progress of several integral research projects that are currently being conducted at the St Augustine Campus. At the end of a very successful and productive day, he was also able to meet with board members of the Institute of Critical Thinking, as well as the 30 participants in the recently concluded Critical Thinking workshop conducted by Dr. Alec Fisher.<

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High Success Rate & Growth for SCS

On Friday 9th May, the largest graduating Sixth Form class in Trinidad & Tobago, the UWI School of Continuing Studies (SCS) Class of 2004, celebrated its achievements with friends and family at the School of Continuing Studies Auditorium, Gordon Street. The Class has been very successful, with many students being recognized for the commitment to excellence at the Ceremony.

Special Awards were presented to the Most Outstanding and the Most Improved student in seventeen A-Level subjects: Jolie Ramesar captured Most Outstanding Awards in Physics, Chemistry and Biology on the Pre-Science/Agri. Faculty Course; Most Outstanding Athlete was Jeroth Nicome of the School's basketball team, which was elected to the Big4 in the Schools' League; Fayola Welch was Most Outstanding in the Arts; and Olivia Williams was The Best Overall Student. Valedictorian Gerard Ferreira, (also the Most Improved in Law), who chose to change subjects in mid-stream and complete A Levels in Psychology, Sociology and Law in one year, paid tribute to his Tutors and the School's ethos of commitment and responsibility.

With total enrolment for the year 2003-04 increasing to six hundred, the SCS has maintained the quality of its



Feature Speaker Phillip Rochford

programme offerings and is fast-tracking plans to expand its facilities. In his Welcome Address, Resident Tutor and Head of the School of Continuing Studies, Dr Lennox Bernard, outlined the unique character of the UWI-SCS Sixth Form School, which offers not only regular and alternative academic preparation for entry to degree programmes, but provides 'whole person development' through a range of co-curricular options and an elected Student Council.

Success rates have also continued to grow, with pass rates of 90% in General Paper, 96% in Psychology, and 100% in Art and Computer Studies at Cambridge Advanced Level; eighteen students recorded A grades, and twenty two recorded B grades. There was almost 100% success amongst ninety students pursuing the one-year Pre-Science Programme, with eleven gaining direct entry to the UWI Faculty of Medical Sciences. At the South Centre, one hundred students began A-Level studies in the Behavioural Sciences, Law and Business, (fifty-three on Government Scholarships).<



9/11: ZERO TOLERANCE IN AMERICA & DOCTRINES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Professor of Public Policy at Pepperdine University, Gordon Lloyd recently spoke on 9/11: Zero Tolerance in America & Doctrines of the Caribbean at The University of the West Indies Distinguished Open Lecture in March at The Learning Resource Centre, St. Augustine Campus.

Lloyd, who focused on some of the policies introduced by the US Government since 9/11 and their impact, graduated with honours from McGill University in 1963, having gained his bachelor's degree in economics and political science. He then went on to gain a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago in 1965, before receiving his master's and Ph.D. degrees in government at Claremont Graduate School. A prolific writer, Professor Lloyd is the co-author of three books on the American founding and author of two forthcoming publications on political economy; he has also written numerous articles and book reviews over the years. His areas of research span the California constitution, common law, the New Deal, slavery and the Supreme Court, as well as the relationship between politics and economics. A former teacher of English Literature at Queen's Royal College, Trinidad, he has received several teaching, research, and leadership awards including admission to Phi Beta Kappa and an appointment as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar for the Oklahoma Scholarship Leadership Programme.

Some of the world's leading intellectuals and artists were featured in 2004 at The University of the West Indies Distinguished Open Lectures, including Nobel laureates and award winning scientists and economists. The key objective of these Open Lectures is to bring intellectuals from across the world to our St. Augustine Campus, so that they may share their insights, ideas and discoveries with the public. Understanding the profound importance of discourse to our national development, we have seen, in just over a year, that these extremely popular lectures have helped to educate as well as foster public debate.

PRESIDENT OF ROYAL COLLEGE AT FMS

In April, The University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences, School of Dentistry recently hosted a lecture on Breathing Problems in Children & Adults: Can the Dentist help? The feature speaker was Dr. J.P. Mac Donald, the President of The Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. The occasion also marked the launch of a new textbook on oral medicine. Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, formally launched the book, *Textbook of Oral Medicine*, a text that covers the universally followed dental curriculum. The book is geared primarily to undergraduate students of dentistry but can also be useful for post-graduate students and general practitioners in the field of oral medicine, which is a relatively new discipline in dentistry.

This book is part of a series edited by S.R.Prabhu, Professor of Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry and Associate Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences at The University of the West Indies. Professor Prabhu has been teaching for some three decades in Universities across the world, including India, Kenya, Sudan, Australia, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. He has also been a Commonwealth Medical Fellow in the US, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea. He is also the editor of *Oral Diseases in the Tropics* 1992. For more, information please call; 868-645-2640 ext. 4144/4148.

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The official annual journal of The Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators, published by A R A W A K publications is currently available. This innovative and informative academic journal for the Caribbean and the Caribbean diaspora promotes scholarly research and features exemplary articles on theories in social work with special reference to the Caribbean. The editorial board is impressive and includes several local, regional and international members of the academic community including : Editor Lincoln Williams (The University of the West Indies, Mona), John Maxwell (The University of the West Indies, Mona), Chief Review Editor Lynne Healy (University of Connecticut), Book Review Editor, Geof Brown (UWI, Mona, Retired / Independent HRD Consultant), Associate Editors, Vanessa Brown (Southern Illinois University), Barris Malcolm (University of Connecticut), Letnie Rock (The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill), John Small (The University of the West Indies, Mona) and Kathleen Valtonen (The University of the West Indies, St Augustine). For more information please contact : Chandra Degia, Subscriptions Manager, A R A W A K publications, 17 Kensington Crescent, Unit 5, Kingston 5, Jamaica Tel: +1 (876) 960 7538, 926 5982 Fax: 876 960 9219

Critical Thinking Workshop for UWI Staff



Recently Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Campus Principal at UWI, St. Augustine, hosted a series of Critical Thinking Workshops for members of staff. The facilitator of the sessions was Dr. Alec Fisher, Director of the Centre for Research in Critical Thinking at the University of East Anglia, UK.

Dr Fisher is also the author of numerous articles on the subject and of the book *Critical Thinking: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press) and *The Logic of*

Real Arguments (Cambridge University Press). Dr Fisher is a distinguished researcher and lecturer in Critical Thinking who has been a research consultant on critical thinking and logical reasoning to the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate since 1978.

Following on the heels of the highly successful Conference on the subject, held earlier in the year for over 600 educators throughout the country, the objective of the UWI Workshop was to assist UWI Staff in developing critico-creative thinking skills of students through effective teaching methods and the restructuring of course work/ examinations. The feedback from participants was extremely positive, as several lecturers were able to develop plans for coaching, assessment and evaluation of these ideas into their programmes.<

Professor Deosaran attends UN talks on crime



Professor Ramesh Deosaran, Director of the UWI Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice at the St. Augustine

Campus recently attended a meeting of international experts sponsored by the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute in Turin, Italy from June 26-29th, 2003 to represent the Caribbean in preparing the 2004 UN World Report on Crime and Justice.

Among the subjects discussed at this important forum was the use of illegal arms and the drug trade, police and penal reform, police use of force, victim protection, State corruption, terrorism and trans-national and organised crimes in the Caribbean. Escalating gang wars, politically-driven crimes and crimes by deportees was also highlighted.

Over 50 senior criminologists, judges and criminal justice experts from around the world attended this meeting of experts to map out the most serious crime trends now affecting different parts of the world. "Crime in the Caribbean" will be a special section in the upcoming 2004 UN World Report on Crime and Justice.

Professor Deosaran is also Editor of the *Caribbean Journal of Criminology and Social Psychology* published bi-annually by the UWI Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice. He also serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Ethnicity and Criminal Justice*, *A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society* and *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*. Among his several papers on crime and policing in international journals, he has recently written a chapter on crime in the Caribbean for the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment* released last year. In addition to his university duties, Professor Deosaran currently serves as an Independent Senator in the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.<

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CHALLENGES UNDER TRADE REGIMES CONFERENCE

The Caribbean Agro Economic Society (CAES) will be co-hosting its 25th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference in Suriname on "Agricultural, Natural Resources and Environmental Challenges Under Emerging Trading Regimes", from August 15th - 21st 2004 at the Torarica Hotel, Suriname.

The conference is also being hosted by Agriforum (Suriname), the University of Suriname, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Suriname and The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus.

Countries of the Caribbean are being asked to strike an equitable balance between the legitimate interests of development and the equally legitimate global concerns over the depletion of natural resources, environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, forestry and fisheries in an increasing challenging environment for agriculture. It is argued that the removal of certain trade restrictions and distortions would lower environmental destruction, hence environmental NGOs are demanding that the WTO integrate environmental concerns and sustainable development issues in its agreements.

The Society has chosen to focus on a range of related topics including :Agricultural Issues, Environmental Issues, Biodiversity, Forestry, Fisheries, Coastal Zone Management, Mineral Extraction, Legal Policy and Regulatory Issues in Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment

For further information, please contact the CAES Secretariat at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Faculty of Science and Agriculture, UWI, St Augustine. Tel: 868-662-2002 Ext 3565 or Fax: 868-663-8355 or Email: caes@carib-link.net or caes@fsa.uwi.tt

VISIT OF IAM(UK) CHIEF EXECUTIVE

David Woodgate, Chief Executive of The Institute of Administrative Management (UK) recently visited Trinidad and Tobago to consult with representatives of leading tertiary institutions and to promote the programme of study leading to an honours degree in Strategic Administrative Management. Woodgate met with members of The University as well as tutors at the UWI School of Continuing Studies (SCS), San Fernando Centre in May. He was also scheduled to meet with Officers of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, as well as other institutions of higher learning.

Champs go to Mona for Staff Inter-Campus Games



In July, the UWI St. Augustine Campus Team will travel to our Mona Campus in Jamaica to defend no-less than eight titles at the upcoming UWI staff Intercampus Games, which will be held from 16th – 24th July, 2004. This bi-annual, highly competitive event is quite popular among staff. At the previous games, which were held in Trinidad and Tobago at the St. Augustine Campus in 2002, our campus team emerged victorious in several very competitive matches, including those in football, cricket, netball, basketball, volleyball, lawn tennis, table tennis and athletics, against our colleagues from Cavehill, Barbados and Mona, Jamaica.

Charmaine Subero, Public Relations Officer for the St. Augustine Campus Games and current Secretary to Head of Department of Behavioural

Sciences, recently spoke of the commitment of the Campus team and the highly competitive spirit of the Games.

"We have a very committed bunch of people [that] we are proud of on the Campus, and as such, you will find that we'll put our best foot forward. You have Academic, Administrative, Technical and Support (ATS) staff as well as Daily Paid [staff members] and Security on our St. Augustine team," she explained, underscoring the team effort of the group. In her unassuming manner, she also spoke of the commitment of the hard-working committee for The UWI St. Augustine Campus, which consists of : Manager, Vincente Mario Holt; Assistant Manager, Reynold Awoo Johnson Jnr.; Treasurer, Peter Perrell; Trustee, Peter Yeates; Secretary, Leslie-Ann Romaine-Hood; and PRO Subero. Congratulations champs and best of luck to all teams at the Games in Mona.<

CONNECT > Dr. Glenn Ramadhar-Singh

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He is a member of organisations such as Students Against Hunger, and was Guild President from 1999-2000.

Some students at the St. Augustine Campus have been challenging the Guild to make positive change in certain areas. How does the current Guild Council intend to address the following issues:

- more detailed accountability for Guild funds

The Guild Council intends to bridge the communication gap between the Guild and students. For example, we will be circulating monthly bulletin cards which inform students about current and planned projects of the Guild, and the fund balance...

- regular public fora to discuss student concerns

We plan to have Guild councillors visit a different Faculty every two weeks to speak to students on a plethora of issues that affect them. We are also purchasing tape recorders to document these concerns and deal with them in an effective manner.

- ratification of one of the two existing Guild constitutions

Given recent controversy, the Guild Council is undertaking a process of

constitutional and electoral reform. For instance, we need to clearly define [terms such as] 'media' [in the election by-laws] as well as acceptable academic standards for candidates. I intend to ask Reshma Jagai (former Presiding Officer) and Anthony Jackman (former Returning Officer) as well as other former candidates and returning officers, to form a team that can come to a consensus on constitutional reform. [This is so that] the Guild will operate under *one* constitution which will be available on its website, as well as in The UWI archives.

In what other ways do you plan to enhance student life on the St. Augustine Campus?

One of my primary goals is to support students with financial need... It is my hope to set aside 2-3% of the Guild's budget to students in critical need of financial support. The Guild Council will establish a committee to select the beneficiaries of these funds, including representatives from The University administration, the Halls of Residence and Student Clubs, in addition to members of the Council.

Also, we are taking steps to address the sense of isolation felt by many students at [the Eric Williams Medical Science Complex in] Mt. Hope. We are calling this "Mission to Mt. Hope" and are putting together a document identifying the needs of these students. One step will be to devote a new shuttle to Mt. Hope students. These initiatives will be facilitated by the Mt. Hope sub-office fund which we have increased from \$5000 to \$40 000. We also plan to work with the Deputy Principal Professor Gurmohan Kochhar, on a project to upgrade the sport and recreational facilities at Mt. Hope.

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MARSHALL GOES THE DISTANCE

Professor Stewart Marshall has been appointed as the Director of The University of the West Indies Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC). Professor Marshall joined UWIDEC in March 2004 from Central Queensland University in Australia, where he was the foundation Dean and a Professor of the Faculty of Informatics and Communication. Although originally an electrical engineer with the Central Electricity Generating Board in the UK, Professor Marshall has worked in higher education since 1973 in England, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Southern Africa and the Caribbean. He was the foundation Professor of Communication at the Papua New Guinea University of Technology, foundation Professor of Communication Studies in the Faculty of Arts at Monash University, and foundation Coordinator of Academic Studies and Professor of Distance Education at the Institute of Distance Education at the University of Swaziland in Southern Africa.

THE BOYS CHOIR OF TALLAHASSEE

BG Trinidad and Tobago recently sponsored the visit of the Boys Choir of Tallahassee, a joint venture between the Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI St. Augustine and BG T&T.

The Boys Choir of Tallahassee is a choir of boys and young men who have performed internationally. The choir is a community outreach project of the Florida State University of Social Work. The Project seeks to prepare young men for the challenges of the twenty-first century through music, discipline and academic excellence.

Some of the Choir's most notable awards and recognitions include the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award; The Use Your Life Award given by Angel Network of the Oprah Winfrey Show; NAACP Achievement Award and The Department of Juvenile Justice Preventing Crime in the Black Community Service Award. These successes have reportedly made tremendous impact on the self-esteem of the Choir members. The Programme began in 1995 and since its first member graduated in 1998, all of its seniors have graduated and are on scholarships at major colleges and universities.

The Faculty of Social Sciences at UWI, St. Augustine is attempting to adopt this model to the Trinidad and Tobago context and BG T&T is proud to support the Faculty on this innovative programme. The Choir toured Trinidad in June 2004.

QUINTESSENTIAL QUOTES

"Thank God for UWI- In its 50-plus years as a recognised tertiary-level education [institution], the (sic) University of the West Indies has made a tremendous contribution to the region's development...As an institution UWI should be trumpeting the world-class contribution made by many of its graduates to the development of this country and region."

Anthony Wilson,

Business Guardian Editor in his Thursday 24th June 2004 feature

THE MESO-AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GEOSPATIAL ALLIANCE (MACGA)

The Meso-American and Caribbean Geospatial Alliance (MACGA), held a MACGA Caribbean GIS Workshop from May 17-28th, 2004 at the Centre for Geospatial Studies, Faculty of Engineering, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad. The main objectives of the MACGA are to improve access and distribution of existing and new spatial data sets; foster harmonization and integration of spatial data sets in the region; promote the appropriate use of common standards and methods for spatial data production and sharing; and establish a coordinating mechanism to link data providers and data users.

This workshop helped to expose participants to training in the ESRI ArcGIS and ArcSDE software; geodetic controls and generation of topographic data; ArcIMS and Metadata clearinghouse development. The participants attending this workshop were drawn from throughout the Caribbean. The workshop was funded and supported by the following MACGA partners: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) through the funding support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Organization of American States (OAS); ESRI; University of the West Indies (UWI) Center for Geospatial Studies; U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM); U.S. Geological Survey/EROS Data Center (EDC) through USAID.

...we are taking steps to address the sense of isolation felt by many students at [the Eric Williams Medical Science Complex in] Mt. Hope. We are calling this "Mission to Mt. Hope"

I would also like the Guild Council to set up an office at Agostini Street, at the North of the campus, for students in that area to have easier access to the Council...[In summary] one of our key aims will be to address the concerns of those who feel 'left out', or neglected by the Guild.

One of our other aims is to undertake several large projects in collaboration with The UWI administration, the corporate sector, government ministries, the United Nations, and other organisations. In tandem with

these major stakeholders in national and regional development, the Guild of Students will become actively involved in issues and events including World Environment Day...We will invite the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology to campus to explain GATE [the Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses programme] to students...[In light of] the Hemispheric Summit of the Americas, we will bring together students from the region during Orientation to discuss three major issues [affecting youth]...<

Get Connected ●●●●●●●●●●

The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine formally launched its Master's degree in Telecommunications Regulation and Policy, MRP (Telecommunications) in 2003, at The UWI Faculty of Engineering. The MRP (Telecommunications) programme is a multi-disciplinary Master's degree offered through the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the St. Augustine campus.

MRP (Telecommunications) has been developed to provide executive-level training in Telecommunications Regulation and Policy. It has had a tremendous response from applicants in over thirty countries around the world. The programme is expected to strengthen the capacity of national regulators and policy makers in the telecommunications industry through advanced level academic tuition, with an emphasis on practical application to regional development. It will also serve as a regional and international

academic focal point for the sharing of ideas and experiences in the area of telecommunications regulation and policy.

Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie described the MRP (Telecommunications) as an innovative programme and a model for other programmes for the Campus as a whole. He stated, "This is the first programme at St. Augustine that offers online application and registration and this facility was perfected by the Real Time Systems Group. It is also the first to be delivered entirely via the Internet. The MRP (Telecommunications) is the first programme on the St. Augustine Campus to use electronic reserves, that is, electronic archives, and can provide a template for others not only in science and technology but across all Faculties".

Dr. Kim Mallalieu, is the Programme Coordinator of the MRP (Telecommunications).<

JULY

- 4th, 11th, 18th **UWI /CCFA's Shaquanzel** at CCFA, Agostini Street, St. Augustine For further information please call 663-2222 or PBX 662-2002 Ext. 2376.
- 5th – 16th **UWI Vacation Camp 2004** presents: *Back to 'd' ole time ways"* 4 two week sessions Venue: Student Activity Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. For further information please call 662-2002 ext. 2096, 2097, 2325 or visit UWI Student Advisory Services.
- 5th – 30th **Registration - Foreign Language Proficiency Courses** (From Beginning to Advanced Levels) (At CLL from Sept. 1 – Nov. 27) Contact Nos: 645-2278; 645-3232 ext. 2524
- 7th **Open Lecture entitled: "Future of Natural Products In Health Care"** by Professor Geoffrey Cordell of the University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Pharmacy from 4:00 pm at Amphitheatre A, Faculty of Medical Sciences, EWMSC, Mt. Hope. For further information please call Ms. Bishop at Pharmacy School 645-2640-50 ext. 5017.
- 7th – 8th **"HIV/AIDS in Dental Practice"** Workshop Programme hosted by Oral Health Education and Research in HIV/AIDS and the School of Dentistry, UWI Fac. of Medical Sciences at the JFK Auditorium, UWI, St. Augustine Campus.
- 9th – 11th **UWI/CCFA's Moon On A Rainbow Shawl** at School of Continuing Studies (SOCS) at Naparima Girls' High School, San Fernando. For further information please call 663-2222 or PBX 662-2002 Ext. 2376.
- 11th – 30th **Spanish Camp** (For children 6 to 10 years old) Monday to Friday (8.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.) # 14 Warner Street, St. Augustine Contact Numbers: 645-2278; 645-3232 ext. 2524
- 12th – 31st **UWI/CCFA's Discovery Camp** at Gordon Street, St. Augustine For further information please contact Alicia Goddard, Camp Coordinator at 662-2002 Ext. 2377/799-4746/663-0327 or email: goddard_alicia@yahoo.com
- 12th – 31st **UWI/CCFA's Regional School for the Arts - Vacation Programme** For further information please contact: Roberta Quarless at 663-2222 or email: rquarless@fhe.uwi.tt or rquarless@hotmail.com.
- 16th – 18th **UWI/CCFA's Moon On A Rainbow Shawl** at School of Continuing Studies (SOCS) at Little Carib Theatre. For further information please call 663-2222 or PBX 662-2002 Ext. 2376.
- 19th – 30th **UWI Vacation Camp 2004** presents: *Back to 'd' ole time ways"* 4 two week sessions Venue: Student Activity Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. For further information please call 662-2002 ext. 2096, 2097, 2325 or visit UWI Student Advisory Services.
- 21st – 24th **5th International Scientific Conference** For Society for Free Radical Research-Africa SFRR-AFRICA – Royal Saint Lucia Hotel, St. Lucia. Visit the SFRR-Africa Web Site: http://vcampus.uom.ac.mu/sfinal/sf_home.htm Further information contact Conference Chair: Dr. Yuri Clement, PhD Telefax: 1 (868) 663-8613 Email: yuriclem@hotmail.com.

AUGUST

- 1st – 13th **Registration - Foreign Language Proficiency Courses** (From Beginning to Advanced Levels) (At CLL from Sept. 1 – Nov. 27) Contact Nos: 645-2278; 645-3232 ext. 2524
- 2nd – 13th **UWI Vacation Camp 2004** presents: *Back to 'd' ole time ways"* 4 two week sessions Venue: Student Activity Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. For further information please call 662-2002 ext. 2096, 2097, 2325 or visit UWI Student Advisory Services.
- 15th – 18th **The Nature of the Islands - A Conference on Caribbean Island Natural History** (*in memory of Professor Peter R. Bacon*) Department of Life Sciences, UWI St Augustine. For more information please call: 645-3232 ext. 3096.
- 16th – 27th **UWI Vacation Camp 2004** presents: *Back to 'd' ole time ways"* 4 two week sessions Venue: Student Activity Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. For further information please call 662-2002 ext. 2096, 2097, 2325 or visit UWI Student Advisory Services.
- 16th–Sep. 4th **Student Registration**
- 29th **Semester I begins**

SEPTEMBER

- 1st – 4th **Student Registration**
- 3rd **UWI Life at SPEC**
- 5th **"Cultural Rhythms 1"** hosted by UWI Alumni Association (T&T Chapter) at the residence of the Campus Principal. For further information please contact Nalini Doon Pundit at 665-4424 ext. 224 or 680-8127.
- 6th **Classes begin**
- 6th – 10th **Guild hosts Freshers Week**
- 6th **Farewell function for Vice-Chancellor** (by invitation) at Principal's Office
- 1st – 30th **Foreign Language Proficiency Courses** at CLL (From Beginning to Advanced Levels) 48 Contact Hours Contact Numbers: 645-2278; 645-3232 ext. 2524
- 16th **UWI Matriculation Ceremony** at UWI JFK Quadrangle
- 24th **Alumni Family Day** at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus Grounds

CORRECTION: In the October 2003 – March 2004 issue of STAN in the feature *Effecting Change: An Interview with Professor Karl Theodore of the Health Economics Unit*, the article states, "In the first five years of this decade [HIV-AIDS] will kill another 50 million people." This was inaccurately reported and the correct number given by Professor Theodore was **15 million** people. We apologise for the inaccuracy and any embarrassment this may have caused.

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