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The Department of Creative and Festival Arts recently exhibited the work of students of the **Three Dimensional Design Class** of the **Visual Arts programme**. Students and lecturers alike were bug-eyed at the sight of the papier mâché insects artfully placed in trees, bushes, and alongside buildings in realistic positions on the St Augustine Campus of The UWI.

What's *bugging* this Campus?



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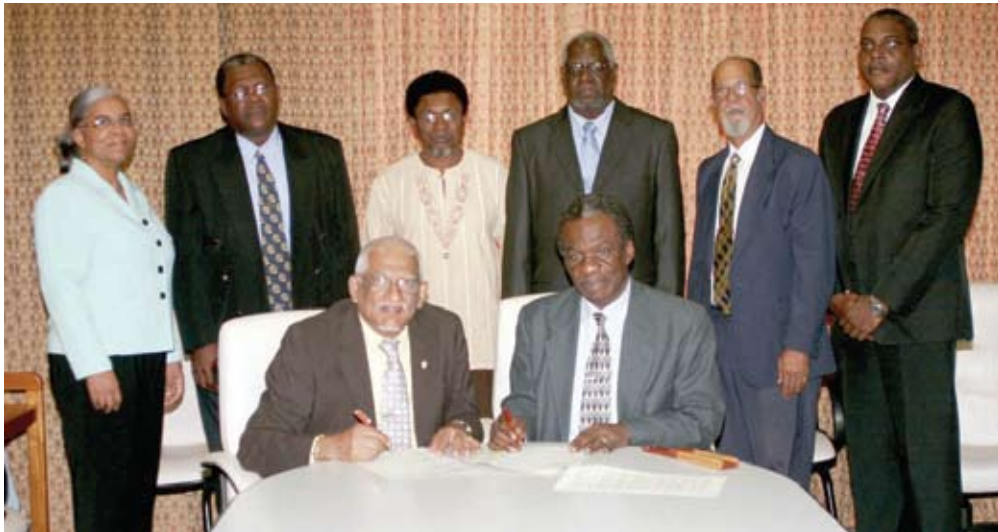
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FIFTY AND FORGING AHEAD
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TOBAGO

PARTNERS WITH UWI



Seated left to right, Professor Clement Sankat, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine Campus Principal and Honourable Orville London, Chief Secretary of Tobago House of Assembly (THA). Back row, (left to right) Dr Susan Herbert, Head of Department School of Education, UWI St Augustine; Dr Elton Bobb, Chief Administrator, THA; Professor Funso Aiyejina, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI St Augustine; Assembly Man Mr Oswald Williams, Secretary of Tourism and Transportation; Mr Kenneth Sardinha, Chairman of the Board of Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI); and Mr Wayne Pierre, Chief Executive Officer of THTI.

“Our collaborative partnership has been a very natural one, defined by synergy and mutual support for the national and regional development agenda,” said **Professor Clement Sankat**, UWI Pro Vice Chancellor and St Augustine Campus Principal as he and the **Honourable Orville London**, Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) signed two MOUs on behalf of their organisations and the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI).

The UWI-THA MOU provides for cooperative relationships between The UWI and the THA in several areas, including delivery of formal courses and informal training programmes in areas of mutual interest, and jointly sponsoring and conducting conferences, workshops, seminars and training programmes. The UWI-THTI MOU facilitates the delivery of UWI programmes in Tobago by granting UWI the use of THTI facilities and infrastructure.

“In fact, you will recall that it is in the THTI, that the Tobago initiative first got off the ground in August 2003. The THA allocated an entire block of the THTI to the project, which included four large classrooms and by mid-2004, the THTI made more space available for a computer lab in a separate block. Because of demand, the UWI programmes offered have expanded from the initial B.Ed. programme to the B.Ed. Primary Education (Early Childhood Care and Education), the Diploma in Education for secondary school teachers and the

Diploma in Education (Science option) which was fully launched in Tobago for the first time last May. Decisions and actions such as these, on the part of UWI, the THA and THTI, are what contribute to the success of an initiative and translate into tangible benefits for our students in Tobago.”

Professor Sankat thanked Mr London “for his support for this initiative and more broadly, for the unwavering support of the Tobago House of Assembly for the activities of the UWI St. Augustine Campus in our efforts to strengthen tertiary education in Tobago.” Also present from the THA were **Dr Elton Bobb**, Chief Administrator, and **Mr Oswald Williams**, Secretary of Tourism and Transportation. Representing the THTI were **Mr Kenneth Sardinha**, Chairman of the THTI Board and **Mr Wayne Pierre**, Chief Executive Officer of THTI.

Professor Funso Aiyejina, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, echoed the Principal’s sentiments, adding that, “The signing of these two MOUs has shifted our relationship from an arrangement between the Faculty of Humanities and Education and the THTI to being an understanding between the St Augustine Campus and the THA. This allows UWI to set up a physical presence in Tobago. By extension, any UWI Faculty can now run programmes at that site. In fact, the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business is already taking advantage of this special arrangement.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

United for Development



In many ways, the success of The UWI St. Augustine Campus and the development of our country are intertwined—producing expertise and research for innovation and policy formulation, high level training for the workforce, providing advisory services on state boards and commissions as well as service to our community, creating employment opportunities for close to 2,000 staff members and nurturing a Campus community that extends well beyond the physical walls of our University. As a regional institution, The UWI’s commitment to development is manifest in its support for democratic and good governance processes. We know that our strength as a whole depends on each Campus being able to respond to national development needs, and we at UWI St. Augustine are committed to reaching out to our communities in Trinidad and in Tobago.

The St. Augustine Campus is grateful for the support of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago over its 50 years of existence and the continued investment in developing our human capital. While our Campus faces challenges, particularly with respect to issues such as security, especially on the periphery of our Campus and in the surrounding communities, physical space and support services to cater to the needs of a growing student and staff population, meeting our obligations to WIGUT and OWTU, our trade unions on the campus, and our tenancy arrangement at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex at Mt Hope, we are confident that we can come up with creative solutions with our public and private sector partners.

As we move forward as a country, the roles and responsibilities of all our institutions in the higher education landscape should be clearly articulated to promote complementarities rather than duplication, especially in challenging financial times. This would allow all our institutions to provide unique opportunities to our students and meet the diverse needs of our country.

We will continue to work in partnership with the public and private sectors to strengthen our institution and provide quality teaching, learning, research and graduate programmes and enhanced facilities for our students and staff. We look to the support of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the regional governments as we make strides in these important areas.

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ENVIRONMENT

ONE OF A BILLION GREEN WAYS

BY SERAH ACHAM

On April 22, 2010, people in over 175 countries celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Its theme, “A Billion acts of Green.”

The following day, members of the Campus Environmental Committee gathered outside the food court, armed with plastic bottles of all shapes and sizes with which to christen the first plastic recycling bin on the St Augustine Campus. Campus Principal Professor Clement Sankat, present for the momentous occasion, was awarded the first throw. The Environmental Committee then added their loot to the fray and encouraged students passing by to join in, signifying the Campus’ commitment to the environment and marking The UWI’s addition to the “Billion Acts of Green” that this year’s Earth Day inspired around the world.

“Earth Day was set up 40 years ago in response to concerns about pollution,” said Professor Andrew Lawrence, Chair of the Campus Environmental Committee. “It was set up with a goal of making students on campuses in universities in the United States become environmentally aware and begin to press for changes with regard to environment,” he continued. “It was driven by higher education in the US, so I think it’s really timely that we, as a higher education campus, should be starting to reduce our own pollution impact on Earth Day.”

At its inception, Earth Day was designed to put the environment foremost on the US Government’s political agenda. Then US Senator for Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, designated April 22, 1970, to the cause—giving US citizens the floor to voice their concerns for the environment at environmental teach-ins held at universities across North America on that day. The event took on a life of its own and no one imagined that it would grow to such colossal proportions, immediately placing immense public pressure on the US Government to create a national environmental agenda and, 40 years later, highlighting April 22 as Earth Day on the calendars of nearly every country in the world.

And the Environment Committee wants this one act to become a lifestyle; encouraging the campus community to make environmentally sound decisions in their everyday lives, so they’re placing 14 plastic recycling bins at strategic locations around the Campus.

“We’re starting with the things we can achieve quite quickly, like recycling,” said Professor Lawrence. “They [members of the campus community] just need to hold on to their plastic bottle until they can drop it into one of them [the recycling bins] and hopefully what that does then is reduces litter on the campus. It reduces the amount of waste we put into landfill sites and it reduces plastics which are a



Campus Principal, Prof Clement Sankat leads students to using recycling bins on UWI’s St Augustine Campus.

big, big pollutant.”

On the immediate agenda of the Campus Environmental Committee is the development of a “Campus-wide strategy for recycling,” said Professor Lawrence, whose area of research is environmental biology. He cited an estimate of almost 7000 cubic yards of garbage produced by the Campus each year, most of which are plastics and can easily be recycled. “We don’t need to be putting it into landfill sites,” he held. “What we’re trying to do is create systems whereby we do begin to recycle these things.”

Professor Lawrence went on to explain that much of Trinidad’s flooding can be blamed on plastics being dumped into rivers, where they block the river systems. “Ultimately those plastics go out into the sea,” he said, “and it’s been estimated that there’s a pool of plastics in the North Atlantic that would stretch from Cuba to Washington DC. That’s how much rubbish there is in the sea and most of it is plastics. It’s a major problem and all that it requires is for us as individuals to put our bottles into the recycling bins.”

The launch of the plastic recycling bins saw a positive response from students. “One guy came up to us and started talking about his concerns about plastics in particular,” said Professor Lawrence. “I think amongst these students there’s a lot of goodwill towards doing these things. What they need to know is that the things are there for them to do.”

Established in May 2009, “with the remit of beginning to put environment on the agenda within the university and

the wider country,” said Professor Lawrence, this is just the beginning of the Environmental Committee’s work.

He lists the commitments made in the Campus’ Environmental Policy as working towards the sustainable use of resources and incorporating environmental issues into the mainstream business of the Campus, “so trying to include the environment in teaching, in research and in the overall management of the business that is the university.”

“We want to try to reduce our footprint as much as possible,” he asserted, using the amount of travelling that happens at the Campus as an example. “You know, one of the bigger footprints as a Campus we probably make is the carbon footprint through travel, so if there are things that we can begin to do through video conferencing—all those are the things we should be looking at to try to work as sustainably as we can.”

Ultimately, he said that the university hopes to become an example of good environmental practice to other companies in Trinidad and Tobago. “So hopefully we set initiatives in place that other people think ‘well that’s a good idea, we can do that’”

If each member of the Campus community, students, staff and faculty alike, adopts the simple practice of placing their plastic bottles, containers, wrappers and other paraphernalia, into the recycling bins, the Environmental Committee’s one act of making the bins available can easily be multiplied into a billion more.

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

Young Researcher Prize

Karen Polson has been studying the Dengue vector, Aedes Aegypti for seven years



PHOTO: MUHAMMAD MAHDI KARIM



Karen Polson, a UWI postgraduate student was awarded the prestigious Professor David Picou Young Researcher Prize during the Caribbean Health Research Council Meeting held in April 2010. Karen has been a PhD student since 2003 in the Department of Life Sciences investigating

“The potential impact of increased temperatures on insecticide resistance in Caribbean strains of the Dengue vector, *Aedes aegypti*.”

Three scientific papers were submitted to the Caribbean Health Research Council and all were accepted, two for oral presentation and one as a conference poster. The two oral presentations were “DDT and Pyrethroid resistance in Trinidad and Tobago strains of *Aedes aegypti*” and “Organophosphate resistance in Trinidadian strains of *Aedes aegypti*.”

The title of the poster presentation was the “Use of Biochemical Assays to Detect and Assess resistance in Trinidadian strains of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.”

This research is especially relevant as episodes of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever are increasing and are expected to be explosive in the next decade.

The potential impact of this study on temperature increases and insecticide resistance in the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is important in the context of climate change and associated global warming. Results of this study can assist in the development of an early warning system for insecticide resistance, improvements in the management of insecticides and their associated resistance modalities.

The relevance of this work is not restricted to Trinidad and Tobago but to the wider Caribbean region especially as episodes of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF) are increasing and are expected to be explosive in the next

decade. The fact that there are no efficient vaccines which target all four dengue serotypes make vector control and the management of insecticide resistance more critical to our region and hemisphere.

Karen’s journey into the field of Medical Entomology began in her native Jamaica where she pursued a BSc degree in Zoology, majoring in Entomology and Parasitology at the Mona Campus.

On completion of her degree, she worked as the Scientific Officer in the Vector Control Unit from 1994-1997 at the Ministry of Health, Jamaica. In 1997, she took up a post at the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC/PAHO/WHO) as the Senior Technologist in the Entomology Unit. After three years at CAREC, she was granted a year’s study leave to pursue an MSc in the Biology and Control of Disease Vectors at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London. She returned to continue working at CAREC in 2001 and shortly after began work towards a PhD degree. In 2007, Karen left CAREC to go the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, USA where her main focus involved laboratory experiments on insecticide resistance among the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations from the Caribbean region. After a year, she came to Trinidad and since then has been at the St Augustine Campus working part-time as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Life Sciences while writing her dissertation under the supervision of Dr. Dave Chadee.

RESEARCH

New Regional Surveillance System for Non-communicable Diseases



Participants at the Steering Committee Meeting held at UWI Business Development Office, St. Augustine on April 18, 2010. Clockwise from top left are Dr. Shamdeo Persaud, CMO, Guyana, Dr. Alafia Samuels, CARICOM Consultant on NCDs, Dr. Rudy Cummings, Programme Manager, CARICOM, Professor Surujpal Teelucksingh, Project Lead, UWI, partly hidden are Ms. Hyacinth Chow, Project Coordinator, Dr. Rohan Maharaj, Faculty of Medicine, UWI and Dr. Juan Carlos Zevallos, Consultant Epidemiologist, Mr Ashish Bhatt, Software Engineer, Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis, CMO, Bahamas and Dr. Sheila Campbell-Forrester, CMO, Jamaica.

The Caribbean region can be justifiably proud of its achievement in controlling and even eliminating many of the acute, infectious diseases that plagued our people for generations. The strategies of regional cooperation on disease surveillance and data dissemination were vital contributors to this outcome.

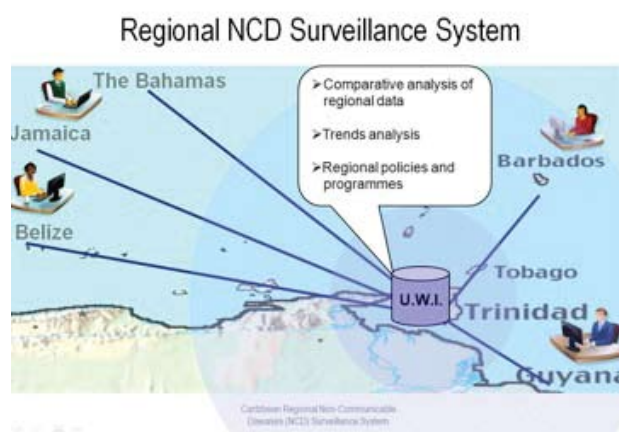
The St. Augustine Campus of The UWI has joined forces with six Caribbean countries (The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago) together with CAREC/PAHO and the CARICOM Secretariat to apply these successful strategies to deal with the new enemy—chronic non-communicable disease (CNCDs). The CNCDs include diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and cancers which together account for the bulk of morbidity and mortality in the region today.

UWI's work on CNCDs is in keeping with the international and regional focus on strategic responses to CNCDs and their common risk factors (tobacco use, unhealthy diets and lack of exercise). CARICOM and the World Health Organization (WHO) are advocating for a UN Special Session to address NCDs in September 2011. CNCDs are responsible for 60% of all global deaths and are a major poverty issue since of those deaths, 80% occur in low- and middle- income countries, where they cause 14 million premature deaths each year and reduce GDP growth by up to 5%. Dr. Alafia Samuels, an epidemiologist at The UWI, is quoted as having said that, "The Caribbean has the highest burden of disease from chronic diseases in the region of the Americas. For example, the mortality rate from diabetes in Trinidad and Tobago is 700 percent of what it is in Canada."

UWI is creating a regional data centre in which data supplied by participating countries can be made available to a wide range of users, providing the opportunity for analysis and intervention. Good quality data is key to informing clinical solutions, health policy and programmes as well as the economic models that are to be built to address the growing problem of the CNCDs, and trend analysis would inform of the value of such interventions.

The project is the recipient of US \$650,000 in funding provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) under its Regional Public Goods (RPG) programme. The RPG programme supports the efforts of IDB member countries to use collective action to find innovative public policy solutions to transnational challenges.

While the University is the executing agency for the project, UWI contributes freely of its staff time and resources to this regional public good. The IDB's funds have been used for the recruitment of the Project Coordinator, Hyacinth Chow, project consultants, and the hosting of training workshops in the six countries.



The UWI project team led by Professor Surujpal Teelucksingh of the Faculty of Medical Sciences has been working on achieving the project deliverables since the signing of the project agreement with the IDB in May 2008. This team includes Dr. Rohan Maharaj and Dr. Wayne Labastide from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Nazir Aladdin and Daren Dhoray from the Campus IT Unit, and

Lauren Boodhoo from the UWI Business Development Office.

The Chief Medical Officers of the six participating countries form the Steering Committee for the UWI project. They viewed a demonstration of the web-based information system at the St. Augustine Campus in April 2010. The Chief Medical Officers acknowledged that the web-based system, created by the project's consultant software engineer Ashish Bhatt, has the potential to be a "powerful tool" in the countries' efforts against CNCDs. The interactive design of the system allows for ready availability and analysis of data at all levels: institutional, national or regional.

In addition, Dr Juan Carlos Zevallos, the Consultant Epidemiologist contracted by the project, reported to the Steering Committee on a gap analysis undertaken to determine the six countries' readiness to collect and deliver in a timely manner the minimum data required. This continues on the work done by CAREC/PAHO and the participating countries to agree on the minimum data to be collected. Dr Zevallos presented his findings and identified best practices that could be put in place to improve data quality.

UWI's management of the regional project has been lauded by the IDB, which is highlighting it as a flagship project being funded by its Regional Public Goods programme. The IDB has recruited a Consultant to write up the project as a case study given its strategic importance to CNCDs, the regional focus of the project and the one-of-a-kind nature of the project. The focus of the case study is not so much on the technical aspects of the project but rather on the methodologies used to establish coordinating mechanisms among the participating countries, and how the project was able and continues to overcome some of the institutional challenges that most regional projects face.

The success of this project represents a major step forward for the region, and while only six countries are currently involved, the ultimate goal is for the entire region to become involved.



UWI GLOBAL INITIATIVES 2010

AT HOME IN THE WORLD

Director of the International Office at the St Augustine Campus, Sharan Singh, outlines The UWI's quest to mark its international place.

What was the genesis of the International Office?

From my understanding, the International Office (IO) was started at the St. Augustine Campus as a means of assisting the Campus Principal to engage the international academic community in a more structured manner. Its primary focus was to manage the cooperation agreements and develop collaborative partnerships with academic institutions from around the world. The IO changed leadership approximately five years ago and expanded its core function to include the management of student exchanges and additional forms of international collaboration. The office is now focussing on how the Campus and University will 'internationalise' to become globally competitive and sustainable.

Is it a St Augustine entity or is it university-wide in its scope?

This IO is a St. Augustine entity that focuses predominantly on Campus-specific issues. However, this cannot be done in a vacuum and therefore, strong working relationships have been developed with the IO's at Mona and Cave Hill, the VC's Office, the PVC Research and other University-wide entities that are also involved in internationalisation.

How has it been received internationally?

Over the past year, the office has been received extremely well. In fact, IO's at other universities are now looking at ours as a model for conducting their own strengthening and expansion exercises. The strong relationships we developed have led to some interesting collaborations and the stage is set for even greater achievements. We have also become the focal point for engaging the Campus for both international partners and organisations operating in T&T.

What are some of its projects to date?

When the leadership of the IO changed last year, the focus and objectives of the office also shifted as indicated above. The first six months were focussed primarily on strengthening and building systems and processes as well as key internal relationships with other offices and departments. That then allowed us to shift our gaze towards being more entrepreneurial and develop projects that would add value to our Campus as well as demonstrate the positive impacts of 'internationalisation.' In addition to strengthening our capability to manage and champion outbound student exchanges, we held a major student exchange fair that has resulted in significant increases in the number of UWI students interested in student exchange opportunities. We have also adopted a theme of 'global citizenship' and are promoting this creatively to all UWI students since we feel that this is a substantial way of contributing towards the development of the 'ideal UWI graduate.' I strongly believe that by using a creative approach, administrative offices can play a valuable role in the academic process as well.

Another project that we recently launched is the 'Global Citizenship Dialogues' where we bring individuals considered to be Global Citizens through their achievements, impact or interests. The primary audience is UWI students and we intend to expose them to a diverse range of individuals so they can see the good, bad and sometimes even the ugly of what it means to be a global citizen. It takes place in the form of a conversation between the guest and myself in a relaxed atmosphere meant to heighten students' interest and participation. Some other notable projects over the past year include the intimate involvement in the creation of a faculty development scholarship by the Government of Canada, the facilitation of a senior team of administrators from the Campus to participate in the prestigious US Government International Visitors Leadership Programme, the completion of agreements with a range of international

partners to develop collaborative programmes and research, the strengthening of working relationships with foreign missions and international organisations in T&T and the participation in a process on behalf of the Vice Chancellor to negotiate a new scholarship scheme to promote south-south movement of post grad students and researchers within and amongst universities from the Caribbean, Africa and the Pacific.



What are projects in the pipeline?

There are too many to mention here but I will list a few that are quite interesting:

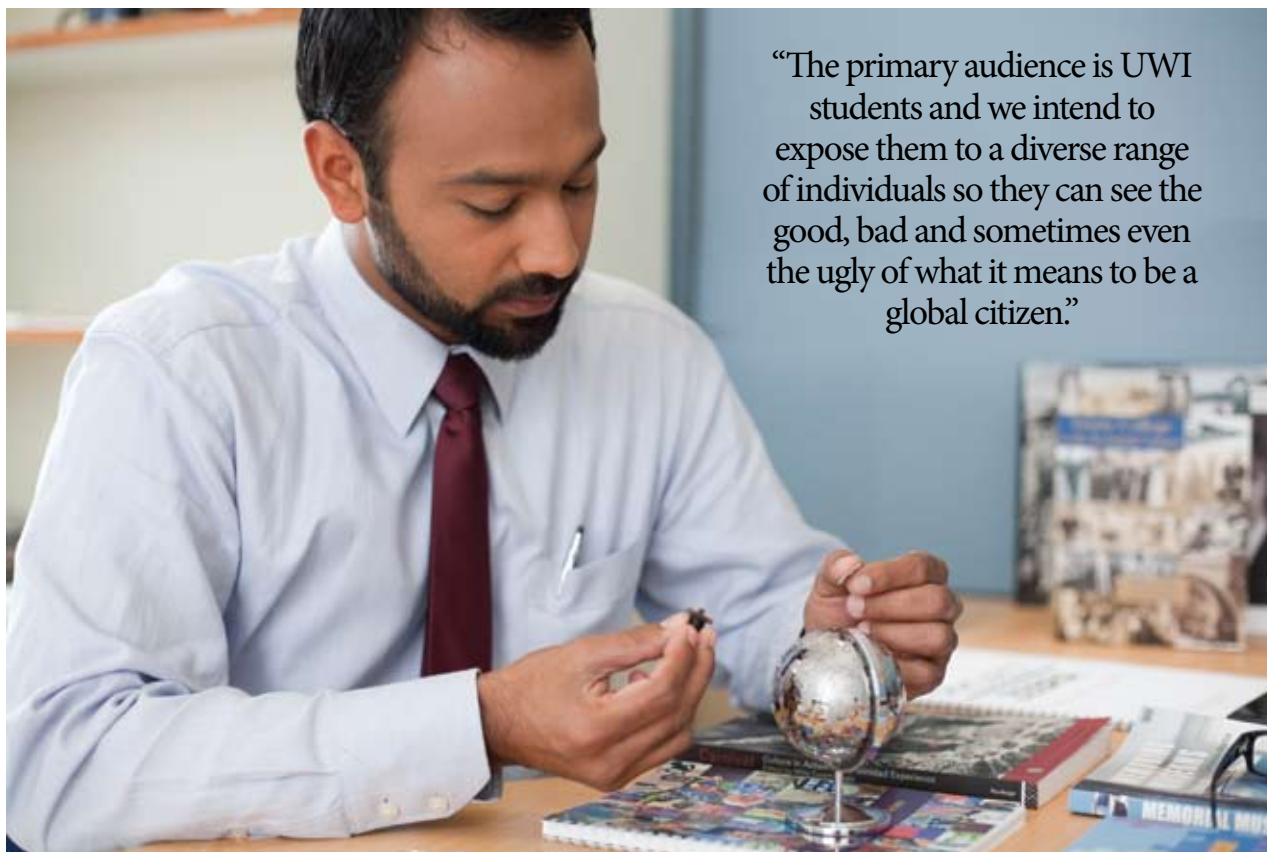
- The creation of a multidisciplinary academic offering in 'Global Citizenship' available to all UWI Students as an 'add-on' to their current field of study (similar to a certificate or even a minor)
- The establishment of a working group on internationalisation comprising representatives of all key Campus stakeholders in order to deepen their involvement in the 'operational' side of internationalisation
- The presentation of a paper on 'Internationalisation of Higher Education in the Caribbean' at a major conference on Internationalisation of Higher Education in Canada
- The development of a volunteering programme for the staff of the IO and for all incoming international students (both short- and long-term)
- There are some major 50th anniversary surprises in the pipeline... stay tuned!

What do you consider to be its biggest accomplishment to date?

This is a simple one... the increased profile of internationalisation at a Campus-wide level. Through the interesting projects, strong relationships and entrepreneurial approach to promoting the virtues of thinking and acting as a global university, we are beginning to see our colleagues reflect the stance that internationalisation is not just something that 'those people in the international office do.'

Within the next five years, what would you like most to see it achieve?

Again, this is an easy one as much thought has gone into what this office does and therefore, what our major expected outcomes should be. The primary role of the University and Campus is to produce high quality, competitive graduates and world-class research. If this office achieves anything over the next five years, it should be to ensure that all of the key players—the faculty, administrators, students, staff and even external stakeholders—are committed to ensuring that we produce strong West Indian 'products' which can compete at the highest international levels.



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The FORTUNATE TRAVELLER

By Vaneisa Baksh



out because he had the baby's freedom to do so; the middle one took a moderate road, and the eldest chose a double life. The things you see in pictures.

But the pictures came after the interview—I hadn't yet seen Keshav's LAZA beam band's website, which boasted that "his sound is increasingly without genre" nor the two brothers performing in Kin – Sibling Rivalry—so a lot of what he was relating suggested that he was one souped-up kid.

When we spoke, Sharan had just returned from London, where his flight to Trinidad had been delayed because of the volcanic ash that grounded European travel. Since most of his assignments with the colleges he'd been visiting to develop relationships on behalf of The UWI were done, he took the opportunity to visit two of his childhood homes and play at a concert, while keeping constantly in touch with the International Office at the St Augustine Campus of The UWI, where he is the Director.

It's his second incarnation at The UWI; he was first at the Business Development Office (BDO) when Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie was principal. He'd followed his BA in International Studies (with a double minor in Spanish and Business Administration), with Masters Degrees in both International Business and International Administration, but when he returned to Trinidad and reported to the

that it is no longer enough to be the best regionally; not with so many international ones now operating freely in the Caribbean.

"We need to figure out how we are going to position ourselves in the world," and the key is to "focus and differentiate."

One of the drivers at the International Office is its student, faculty and staff exchanges and scholarships. Theirs is the mantra of nurturing "global citizenship." He feels it is important to let students experience the world outside, because "borders are falling and we are becoming amorphous" and it has revived nationalistic feelings.

His concept of global citizenship "means becoming more sure of who you are as a Trinidadian and Tobagonian as you go out in the world."

As the son of a diplomat, who spent years at a time in India, Canada, the UK and the USA, he found his sense of being Trinidadian was reinforced by those outer exposures. Moving through different societies created the self confidence that ripples through his slight frame with that remarkable intensity. He's at home anywhere in the world, and that is precisely where he wants to place The UWI.

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The explosive confidence he exudes is so hypnotic, it's like being caught in a whirlwind. What makes it incongruous is that it erupts from the kind of fastidious demeanour one expects of an accountant.

He tells of the flurry of activities he's always flooded his life with—the music: trumpet and the drums of his heart; the sports: football, softball, rafting, hiking and the cricket of his heart; the clubs and organisations; and the constant moves: 16 schools in five countries—and all you can wonder is: but how does he stay so neat? For someone who lives so fully that sometimes, "I need a vacation from my own life," Sharan Chandradath Singh ought to look ruffled, dishevelled even, but apart from the glint occasionally shining through the Prada glasses, he appears immaculate and imperturbable.

It must be that formidable pair—genetics and environment—that shaped this 35-year-old. His Indian mother, Anita, once produced and presented television films locally, like 'Mehefil' that sought to highlight cultural elements. She cut a serene, composed picture, with her elegant clothing and refined diction, yet when you look up her online profile, hers is a beehive of activity: author, chef, teacher, graphic designer, script writer, producer and presenter; and you see the lineage of the man. It's reinforced by the Trinidadian father, culturally active diplomat Chandradath Singh (the family bears his name) whom memory recalls clad in white with drums before him. His two younger brothers, Shyamal and Keshav carry the family's artistic traits, but wear them much more openly. Looking at images of the three, it is like the youngest lets it all hang

Service Commission as he was required to do for his OAS Fellowship, he received a sluggish response. His fortuitous meeting with the BDO's Director, Dr David Rampersad, opened the door and for the next three and a half years, he learned university ropes. Then something entirely different appeared at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and he took off.

Proficient now in working within the intricacies of international environments, Sharan realised that in addition to his "spontaneity, drive and enthusiasm" he had acquired a skills set that "combined very unique characteristics." From PwC, he'd worked on transformation projects at various ministries, and had built systems for various organisations, benefiting from the global scope of his company to source best options.

"Then this opportunity came up, and it was a very hard decision to make," he said of the UWI position. "I felt I could get closer to the future of the country here at UWI." So he bid his potential PwC partnership goodbye and set up the International Office, and hasn't regretted it one bit.

"I came back and did a mega situation analysis," he said, determining there was a lot of potential, so for six months, "we developed systems and templates and now we can shift gaze" to the internationalization of UWI, he said.

Critical to this goal is the accreditation process, which "allows you to take a look at yourself in a structured manner," he said, adding that it helps staff to internalise the strategic objectives of the institution.

"Internationalization to me is the sustained global competitiveness of our institution, and removing the constraints of being the best regional institution to being an internationally competitive one," he said. His argument is



Sharan Singh, Director of the International Office at the St Augustine Campus.



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OFF TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Nadimah Mohammed was the recipient of the President's Medal in 2009 and began her first year of university life at the St Augustine Campus. On the eve of her final exam, she answered some questions about the next step in her university journey.



PHOTO: MARLON ROUSE

Nadimah Mohammed at the beginning of her year at The UWI.

Was the first year at UWI anything like you imagined?

For the most part, no. I've always heard people heavily criticise UWI for a whole range of reasons and so, when I started my first year I had very few positive expectations. Now, I think I can objectively say that Trinidadians simply love to complain and I couldn't be happier that I decided to take my first step into tertiary education at home. Sure, there are flaws; what institution doesn't have flaws? But I've found a lot to be enjoyed: excellent library facilities, many good lecturers, easy access to learning resources through my e-learning and a wide range of clubs and activities to nurture and/or develop interests and hobbies. UWI is what it is, and I think each student determines how great his/her individual experience is. I've definitely been pleasantly surprised.

Do you feel that the Nadimah who entered a year ago has changed?

Yes. A lot too! I think it's a built-in plus of going to any university—having to realise that high school is over and being more responsible for your learning, building relationships and minimising conflicts with a far wider range of people than you're accustomed to, and generally realising that to a large extent you have gained control of who you're going to be in the future. I'd like to think that I've become more independent and mature over this year and hopefully more open and friendly to new people.

What are you going to do next year?

Heading to the University of Nottingham to do International Relations and Global Issues (MSc) for four years, with the second year being spent in a foreign country out of the UK...can't wait.

What influenced your decision?

I think more than the choice of institution, I want to experience the world beyond Trinidad, beyond the comfort

zone of home. I want to interact with people from every corner of the globe, to expand my mind beyond the limits of my own perspective, to see the world from a new angle and I think that an education in the UK promised me just that. In many ways, UK universities, although accused of using international students for profit, serve as a meeting point for the world's minds and I couldn't let myself miss that assembly. Given that my field is International Relations, I automatically decided that studying in such a setting would give a true international seasoning to my education. I don't think anyone can put a price on an international experience; it is certainly an education that transcends the limits of a degree. It also helped that the UK is often regarded as the doorway to Europe and the rest of the Eastern hemisphere and as someone craving the opportunity to travel, it took little convincing for me to decide to go to university abroad. Luckily for me, my degree of choice offers me the chance to study for a year at one of a selection of universities scattered across several countries, including Malaysia, Australia and China. As I've seen it, there are several opportunities available to students studying at the universities that I've scrutinised in terms of internships, volunteer programmes and travel opportunities and I think those are the things that help to develop character and separate individuals on the job market. After winning an open scholarship, I really couldn't let the opportunity pass me by.

Have you found your calling yet?

I think I've had too many callings! Over the past 10 years, I've probably found my calling the same number of times. I've considered everything from chemical engineering, to law, to medicine, to teaching, to journalism, to becoming a chef. I still don't know where I'm heading and my choice of International Relations is based on going with something that I love and am interested in. I'm hoping that being abroad and exposed to the world will finally bring me the right call. I'm pretty much open to wherever the road takes me, even if it means having to do a second degree after this one. I have faith that I'll figure it out eventually.

■ HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR PRINCIPAL SANKAT

The University of New Brunswick (UNB) has granted an honorary degree to UWI St. Augustine Principal, Professor Clement Sankat at its spring graduation ceremonies.

The Canadian University is among the oldest public universities in North America and the oldest English-language university in Canada. Its Fredericton campus, where Prof Sankat received his doctor of letters on May 19, was established in 1785.

"I am deeply honoured by the award of this honorary doctoral degree by the University of New Brunswick," said Prof Sankat after the ceremony on Wednesday. "In receiving this honour, it is also recognition of our St. Augustine Campus and of our UWI and its growing international reputation."

Prof Sankat was one of seven honorees at the UNB's three ceremonies this week.

"Clement Sankat has had a distinguished career as a scholar, an academic administrator and as a public servant," said Dr Dan Coleman, UNB Fredericton's Dean of Business Administration and one of Prof Sankat's nominators.

"UWI St. Augustine is responsible for operating Roytec, UNB's partner in education and business administration programmes in Trinidad and Tobago. Prof Sankat has for many years, been actively involved in the application and promotion of science and technology in Trinidad and Tobago and in the region. He is very deserving of this honorary degree."

"Over the years, we have developed a strong partnership with the UNB to deliver programs in Business Administration and Education in Trinidad and Tobago through our Roytec Agreement," said Prof Sankat. Recently, he said, this was expanded to include the delivery of a Masters in Education degree. "My hope is that through this growing partnership we can extend this to other areas of education and training, for example, Forestry and the Management of our Natural Resources and the Environment."



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From left: President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick (UNB), H.E.A. (Eddy) Campbell, Principal of the St. Augustine Campus of The UWI, Prof. Clement Sankat, and UNB Chancellor Richard J. Currie at the graduation ceremony of the UNB, where Prof Sankat received an honorary doctorate on May 19, 2010.

FROM PIONEER TO PIONEER



Laureates and President: The Anthony N. Sabga Caribbean Awards for Excellence Laureates paid a courtesy visit to the President, HE George Maxwell Richards on Friday Apr 16. (From left) Mr Michael Mansoor, Chair Eminent Persons Panel, Mr Adrian Augier, Dr Anthony N Sabga, HE President George M Richards, Sydney Allicock, Prof Kathleen Coard, and Awards Programme Director, Maria Superville-Neilson

“Now is the Caribbean’s chance to emerge from the shadows of history into the light of the future,” said Dr Anthony N. Sabga, speaking at the Hilton Trinidad a few weeks ago. He said these words not to a gathering of businessmen, but an audience assembled to honour a Grenadian medical doctor, a St Lucian playwright, and a Guyanese community activist. The occasion was the third biennial ceremony to present the Caribbean Awards for Excellence, which bear his name, on April 17.

The opportunity to which Dr Sabga referred was the chance to exploit this particular moment of crisis in the world economy, where the US seems to be straining and the European Union is facing imminent collapse. Now is the time, he said, to ply the Caribbean’s case. And the best way to do this, he believes, is to seek out the Caribbean’s best and brightest, recognise them, and give them the means to produce work, in arts, sciences, and the public sphere, which can benefit the region, and beyond.

This is quite a formidable task in a region so diffuse in terms of population, and so geographically separated. Nominating committees had to be established in each major sub-region (Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, OECS, and Jamaica) and an overall panel of eminent persons whose input would give the selection process the necessary gravitas. Researchers had to be employed to ensure the candidates were worthy of nomination in each territory, and everything had to be supervised from Trinidad.

These logistical challenges were overcome by the small but effective team, headed by Maria Superville-Neilson at the project secretariat, who took Dr Sabga’s vision and the ANSA McAL Foundation’s money, and set about implementing the Anthony N. Sabga Caribbean Awards

for Excellence in 2005. Its first laureates in arts and letters, science and technology, and public and civic contributions, were named in 2006. They included Trinidadian filmmaker, Robert Yao Ramesar, Jamaican scientist Prof Terrence Forrester, and Trinidadian priest (resident in Jamaica) Fr Gregory Ramkissoon. Each received a gold medal, a citation, and a half-million dollars (TT\$).

The ceremony marked the third cycle of awards, and Dr Sabga announced that the awards, as of 2011, would be made yearly. The decision to make such a gesture is not unprecedented: the Nobel Prizes were initiated and funded by entrepreneur Alfred Nobel, and the Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Guggenheim families in the United States have given prodigiously to intellectual causes. However, even though West Indians have been awarded Guggenheims, Rockefeller grants and Nobel Prizes, there has not been, till now, a regional prize with similar aspirations. And this is where Dr Sabga saw his opportunity.

Dr Sabga made his fortune building industrial businesses (like the sale and manufacture of household goods, and printing and light manufacture) in the country’s infancy, and continued to expand and diversify into more sophisticated products as the economy could accommodate them. Today, the ANSA McAL group is diversified into media, merchant banking, technology, and consumer products. From the ANSA McAL group the ANSA McAL Foundation was formed, and it has given generously to The UWI, establishing the ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre, and being instrumental in setting up The UWI’s Institute of Business.

The prizes this year were awarded to Prof Kathleen Coard, a UWI Pathologist, originally from Grenada; Adrian

Augier, a St Lucian poet, playwright and Carnival artist, who is also a development economist, and Sydney Allicock, a community activist, who is also a member of the First Peoples of Guyana (a Makushi).

With the exception of Augier, whose job as an economist and technocrat brings him into high-profile situations, Coard and Allicock have worked most of their lives in relative obscurity. In her acceptance speech, Coard thanked the selection committees for “discovering” her, since her profession, medical pathology, is the academic aspect of medicine. Her colleagues, though, were more effusive about her. Prof Carlos Escoffery of Mona, called her the “mother of cardiovascular pathology in the Caribbean” and credited her research with establishing benchmarks which are still in use.

Allicock is from the North Rupununi District in Guyana, and is credited as one of the key figures in developing a sustainable model of tourism which involves international agencies, NGOs, the government, business interests, and communities.

Allicock’s approach is called “the three-legged stool” — with each of native, business and government (and NGOs) comprising the legs. He is also one of the key members of the Iwokrama Centre for Research and Conservation in Guyana, and a member of that country’s low-carbon initiative. He was also instrumental in preserving the indigenous people’s languages, and promoting the education of the young people in the interior communities, which are sometimes inaccessible to the urban areas, except by air. He was overcome during his acceptance speech, and called his receipt of the award “a dream come true.”

■ CAMPUS NEWS



Christian Medina receives his CIES scholarship from Post Graduate Sports Management lecturer, Mrs. Carol Charles-Austin. Errol Simms, Head of the Management Studies Department, applauds.

■ 4 SPORTS MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, has distributed four scholarships to students of the inaugural class of the FIFA/UWI/CIES Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Management. On Wednesday May 12, 2010, academic and administrative staff convened at the Faculty of Social Sciences lounge to witness the distribution of scholarships, courtesy the Centre for International Sports Studies (CIES), the academic arm of FIFA, the world governing body in football.

Recipients of the 2010 CIES partial scholarships included Christian Medina, a computer science and management professional; Seychelle Grant, a community sports nutritionist in training; Arlon James a secondary school teacher; and Mauricia Nicholson, a national football and hockey player. The scholarships are to assist students

offset some of their tuition and travel costs while in pursuit of the Diploma.

Applications for the January 2011 intake of students for the postgraduate programmes in Sports Management open in July 2010. All interested persons are encouraged to apply online before the September 30th 2010 deadline at www.sta.uwi.edu/postgrad/apply.asp

For more information on the FIFA/UWI/CIES Diploma in Sports Management log on to <http://sta.uwi.edu/fss/dms/M.ScPGDip.inSportsManagement.asp> or email Ms. Charisse Broome, Programme Coordinator at Charisse.Broome@sta.uwi.edu or Mrs. Pavitra Moonsammy at pavitra.moonsammy@sta.uwi.edu

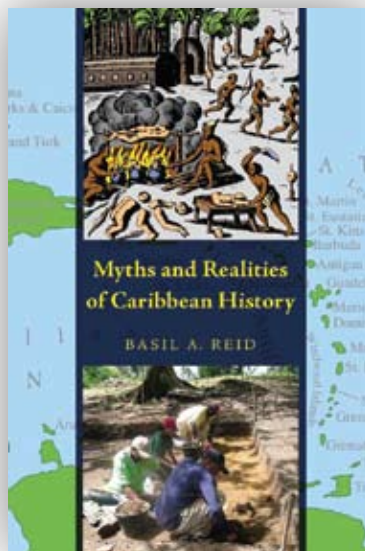
■ MYTHS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

CHOICE, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, which does reviews for academic libraries, has “highly recommended” Dr Basil Reid’s recent book, “Myths and Realities of Caribbean History.”

R. Berleant-Schiller, emerita, University of Connecticut, wrote that Dr Reid has demonstrated that the 11 conventional beliefs he examined are really myths.

“One chapter valuable beyond its Caribbean interest summarizes the research and debates on the dispersion of syphilis and other treponemal diseases, a process not yet fully understood,” he wrote, adding that “Reid’s conclusion emphasizes the role of archaeology in clarifying Caribbean history and the nature of archaeology as part of anthropology.”

The book is available at The UWI Bookshop.



Professor Surujpal Teelucksingh

■ NEW PUBLIC ORATOR

Professor Surujpal Teelucksingh, Professor of Medicine in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, has been appointed Public Orator for The UWI’s St. Augustine Campus.

“My appointment as public orator is a signal honour to the Faculty of Medical Sciences,” said Professor Teelucksingh, as he succeeds the long-serving and highly respected Professor Barbara Lalla, who retires this year.

“It may be a common misconception that those who are so selected to train in medicine have too narrow a focus and are therefore unable to rise to these higher callings. I am delighted to have been nominated, and although to perform the duties of an orator would not be a natural instinct, I do look forward to this new and challenging role. Admittedly, the legacy from those who have preceded me will lighten the burden,” he said.

The UWI has appointed three new Public Orators and renewed the term of one. Each campus of The UWI has its own Public Orator who prepares and delivers citations at University functions such as graduation and awards ceremonies and convocations.

The Public Orator selected for the Cave Hill Campus is Mr Robert Leyshon, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature. He will succeed Professor Henry Fraser, former Dean of the Cave Hill Faculty of Medical Sciences, who retires in July of this year. Dr Francis Severin, Head of the Open Campus, Dominica, takes over for the now retired Dr Lennox Bernard as Public Orator for the Open Campus. Professor Brian Meeks, Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), will continue as Public Orator of the Mona Campus for another three-year term.

CAMPUS NEWS



Mr. Nizam Mohammed from the UWI Graphite Laboratory, and Dr. Lebert Grierson, Head of the UWI Chemistry Department.

UWI OFFERS LUBRICATION EXPERTISE

The UWI St. Augustine Campus has developed considerable expertise in the field of tribology—the science and technology of controlling friction, lubrication and wear—and can now offer its expertise in lubrication problems to local companies wishing to review their current processes. As the properties of lubricants are enhanced, one major advantage for the consumer is that the amount of “downtime” for equipment will be reduced. The Faculty of Science and Agriculture can assist companies seeking an understanding of which lubricants work best in their machinery through customized assessment and consultation.

Dr. Lebert Grierson, Head of the UWI Chemistry Department, said that UWI researchers continue to develop indigenous expertise and seek solutions that meet local demand. The team is prepared to provide clients with expertise and training that takes into account the peculiar circumstances in which they operate as well as their specific requirements. Dr. Grierson explained that the consultancy services also cover design issues that must be addressed if companies are to improve their overall performance and reduce costs.

The UWI Graphite Laboratory has already developed products that have been tested locally and found to be superior to those currently on the market. One such product is a heavy-duty grease designed for use with heavy

equipment and bearings. The same grease is also suitable for marine applications. Unlike competitors’ products, the grease has been formulated to work as a multi-purpose product for various pieces of equipment, saving money and reducing maintenance time.

The Laboratory has also developed several asphalt-based products, including a multi-purpose plastic cement which can be used to seal cracks in concrete and metal, including walls and roofs. The Laboratory has developed a lubricant that can be used in open gears and wheels and can also be used as a catalyst for thickening other oils.

Mr. Nizam Mohammed, the Laboratory’s main product developer, has been conducting lubricant and asphalt research and testing for several years and can develop specialized lubricants to meet a myriad of lubrication problems experienced in cement manufacturing, quarrying, and light and heavy industries. Due to its flexible nature, the Laboratory has the ability to customize products to meet specific customer requirements.

Funds generated from the services provided by the research team are channeled back into the University’s research and innovation efforts. Dr. Grierson states that such funds may be used to acquire state-of-the-art laboratory equipment such as four-ball testing and friction equipment and a dynamic shearing rheometer.

SEMINAR ON THE LANGUAGE AND SOCIETAL EXPERIENCE OF THE DEAF

A key objective of the mission statement of The UWI’s 2007-2012 Strategic Plan is the provision of “complementary opportunities for higher education that foster intellectual development, creative activity and self actualization, enhance social and interpersonal relations, and enable students to have a broader frame of reference for specialized knowledge.”

As broad as it is, this objective is even more essential to the advancement of persons with disabilities in our society, and more specifically the Deaf, who due to the communication barrier of what is essentially a linguistic deficiency rather than a disability, find themselves unable to advance socially and economically, towards self sufficiency. While many Deaf attain a primary education, few go on to succeed at the secondary level in any academic fields, as the majority are unable to attain CSEC passes which would enable them to advance to tertiary level institutions.

While some may argue that scarce resources cannot be further stretched to provide for the specialized educational needs of the Deaf at the tertiary level, it is nevertheless important to provide means for those Deaf who wish to pursue tertiary studies within the Caribbean, especially due to the fact that while cases of deafness from birth have been decreasing mainly due to medical advances, sudden or acquired deafness is noted to be on the increase, as a result of accidents and occupational causes respectively. Since education is a universal right, no member of the Deaf community should be allowed to remain marginalized as a result of society not providing the resources which would make him/her more marketable and by extension, self sufficient.

It is significant that the Department of Liberal Arts of the St. Augustine Campus chose to host a seminar on the language and societal experience of the Deaf yesterday. It was meant to bring a marginalized but vibrant community together, to discuss issues pertinent to their advancement. A welcome outcome of this seminar would be a greater awareness of issues affecting the Deaf within Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean, and the laying down of a foundation to ensure that more Deaf and other persons with disabilities could freely enjoy the concomitant benefits of an academic/tertiary education. (Samantha S. P. Mitchell)



ONLINE HISTORY JOURNAL

Dr. Rita Pemberton, Head of The UWI’s Department of History, launched their Online Journal recently. The Journal, which will be published annually and made available via UWI Space of the Main Library, will benefit scholars, students, libraries, and members of the public interested in history. “The Department is also mindful of the growing demand by researchers for publishing opportunities, and therefore invites contributions on topics of national and regional historical interest from our local, regional and international colleagues,” she said.

The Link for the Journal is
<http://www.mainlib.uwi.tt/epubs/historyaction/index.htm>

Companies interested in accessing the University’s tribology services in lubrication or in collaborating with the University to further develop or market its graphite- and asphalt-based products locally or in the wider Caribbean are invited to contact the UWI Business Development Office by email to development@sta.uwi.edu

■ CAMPUS NEWS



Clockwise from top: Natalie Charlery, Gennike Mayers, Crystal Austin, Aisha Lewis and Joleen Meharris

■ INTERPRETERS LEND A HAND TO HAITI

The Caribbean Interpreting and Translation Bureau (CITB) of The UWI recently sent a team of five interpreters from its pool of qualified foreign language services professionals to a conference in Martinique dealing with the Haiti recovery process.

Established in 2005, the CITB provides interpreting and translation services for clients across the region. To date, the CITB has a pool of more than 20 interpreters, nine of whom are graduates of the UWI Postgraduate Diploma in Interpreting.

Most recently the CITB was asked to provide and coordinate a team of interpreters for that historic International Conference of World Cities and Regions for Haiti hosted by the French Government in Martinique in March. This conference brought together Mayors from around the world including Benin, Brazil, Canada, Spain, France, Japan and notably a large delegation of Mayors from Haiti, as well as the Mayor of New Orleans, USA, during the Hurricane Katrina disaster. French Minister for the Overseas Territories, Marie-Luce Penchard and the Haitian Minister of Interior and Local Authorities, Paul Antoine Bien-Aimé, were also present.

The objective was to pool the resources and expertise of regional and local authorities towards implementing the development plan expressly desired by Haitian authorities, particularly regarding support for local governance; to coordinate international aid, and to pool the efforts of Haitian regional and local authorities with those from abroad.

Interpreters Crystal Austin, Nathalie Charlery, Aisha Lewis, Gennike Mayers and Joleen Meharris are all UWI alumni who travelled to Martinique, along with other interpreters from Guadeloupe and Martinique. Joint team leader, Aisha Lewis, who is currently pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations at UWI, said, "My parents are very passionate about issues affecting the African Diaspora; as such Haiti has always been a place of interest for me."

Joint team leader, Gennike Mayers, added, "This conference had special meaning for me because it was about

Haiti, for Haiti and involved the Haitian Mayors themselves who were setting the agenda for the reconstruction and development of their own country."

Nathalie Charlery, a graduate of the first UWI Interpreting programme in 1994, was on duty when the Mayor of New Orleans took the podium. She recalls, "Every conference brings its share of apprehension, however it was a pleasure to be part of this exercise."

Crystal Austin has since travelled to Guadeloupe on another interpreting stint. "Working at this conference was particularly rewarding because of its main focus, which was reconstructing Haiti, and I know that it was an important step in the country's recovery process," she said.

Joleen Meharris said, "It was doubly exciting to travel to Martinique. First of all it was my first overseas conference as an interpreter and secondly it was a historic one on the reconstruction of Haiti."

The intense months of work for the Interpreting programme paid off for these graduates. They all agree that by the time they had completed their first two interpreting jobs, they were able to recoup what they had spent on tuition fees, thanks to freelance interpreting jobs through the CITB. The programme is a rigorous one, which builds and evaluates skills in note-taking for consecutive interpreting, research and terminology and simultaneous interpreting.

Interpreting Programme and CITB Coordinator Eric Maitrejean explains, "Interpreting is not just about knowing languages. It's about mastering languages and cultures. It requires a broad-based general knowledge of world issues and technical fields of all sorts but what we decided to do at UWI was to train people on the most relevant fields for the region (Education, Trade and Industry, Natural Disasters, HIV/AIDS, etc.) where we can really make a difference."

UWI has been asked to consider delivering this programme in Martinique and negotiations have also started with the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (UAG) campus in Guadeloupe for a joint offering as there is a demand in the French overseas territories.

The third cohort of the Postgraduate Diploma in Interpreting Techniques (its new name) will start training in September 2010.



■ FUNDS FOR HAITI

Mrs. Janet Jones recently handed over a cheque for TT\$60,000 to Mr. Kester de Verteuil, Organisational Development Officer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Caribbean Office. She said this was raised through the kind contributions of UWI students and her own funds. In keeping with her request, the funds have been earmarked for health care and shelter for the Haitian population.



Thousands of local Red Cross volunteers, many of whom were affected by the earthquake, continue to provide first aid and distribute relief supplies to people on the streets of Port-au-Prince.

UWI CALENDAR of EVENTS

JUNE – OCTOBER 2010

CARIBBEAN REASONINGS

Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 June, 2010
UWI Mona, Jamaica

The Centre for Caribbean Thought (CCT) UWI, Mona, in association with Africana Studies at Brown University and the Institute of Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras hosts the VIIth Caribbean Reasonings Conference entitled Freedom and Power in the Caribbean: the Work of Gordon K. Lewis. This is a call for papers and panels.

For further information, please e-mail Beverley Sutherland Lewis at cct@uwimona.edu.jm.

NEGOTIATING THE AFRICAN PRESENCE

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20, August, 2010
UWI Mona, Jamaica

It has been 50 years since the “Report on The Rastafari Movement in Kingston, Jamaica” was first published by the then University College of the West Indies, and this year also marks the 80th anniversary of the Rastafari Movement itself. In recognition of these two anniversaries, and on the birthday of Pan-African champion, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, the Institute of Caribbean Studies will host the inaugural Rastafari Studies Conference: Negotiating the African Presence: Rastafari Livivity and Scholarship.

For further information please e-mail Dr. Sonjah Stanley-Niaah at sonjahst@yahoo.com.



REFLECTIONS, RELEVANCE AND CONTINUITY

Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 September, 2010
UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Black Power Movement in Trinidad and Tobago and this provides an opportunity to re-examine this period in our history and place it in a global context. The Department of History at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus, in collaboration with SALISES, CENLAC, local organizations and trade unions, will host this international academic conference, “Reflections, Relevance and Continuity.”

For further information, please contact Jerome Teelucksingh, Department of History, UWI, St. Augustine, at jerome.teelucksingh@sta.uwi.edu.

AIDA

Thursday 1 July to Sunday 4 July, 2010
Queen’s Hall, St. Ann’s, Trinidad

From the Egyptian wing of a modern museum to the dunes of ancient Egypt, AIDA centres on the emotional struggle of Nubian Princess Aida who is captured and enslaved during an Egyptian raid. Music provided by the National Sinfonia Rock Orchestra. Show times: Thursday 1 July: 7pm, Friday 2 July: 7.30pm, Saturday 3 July: 7.30pm, and Sunday 4 July: 2pm and 7pm.

For further information, please call: (868) 462-0358 or (868) 316-7651, fax (868) 222-1745, or email info@mustcomeseec.com.



RELIGION IN THE CARIBBEAN

Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 September, 2010
UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

There has been considerable published research on religion internationally but insufficient work has been conducted in the Caribbean and Latin America. This conference, *Religion in the Caribbean: Addressing the Challenges of Development and Globalism*, hosted by the Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, seeks to fill that gap by bringing together scholars who have been doing research in this area.

For further information, please visit the conference website at <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/10/religion/>, or contact Rachel D’Arceuil, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, at 663-4968, or via email at Rachel.DArceuil@sta.uwi.edu.



CARIBBEAN LINGUISTICS

Monday 9 to Friday 13 August, 2010
UWI Cave Hill, Barbados

The Society of Caribbean Linguistics, in conjunction with The UWI Faculty of Humanities and Education, will host the SCL 18th Biennial Conference, to be held at the Amayllis Beach Resort in Barbados. Scholars, students, educators, writers, and the general public are encouraged to participate. Sessions include presentations, workshops, colloquia, poster sessions, and plenary addresses.

For further information, please call Dr. Jo-Anne S. Ferreira at 868-662-2002, Ext 2035 or 3029, or e-mail her at Jo-Anne.Ferreira@sta.uwi.edu.



COTE 2010

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 October, 2010
UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

The St Augustine Campus of The UWI is preparing to host its annual Conference on the Economy (COTE 2010) in October. COTE aims to highlight developmental issues facing the country and the wider Caribbean. This conference also serves as a tribute to Dr. Eric St Cyr and the work that he has done over his illustrious career as an economist. Organized by the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, COTE 2010 is open to decision makers, policy makers, technocrats, private sector representatives, academics, students and the general public.

For further information, please visit the official website at <http://sta.uwi.edu/fss/economics>, or please contact Joel Jordan, COTE 10 Secretariat Office at joel.jordan@sta.uwi.edu or (868) 662 2002, Ext. 3231, or contact Roger Mc Lean, Chair, COTE 10 Committee at Roger.McLean@sta.uwi.edu, or (868) 662 2002 Ext. 3055, or (Fax) 662 6555.

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