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The Tipping Point



Polar explorer Sir Raymond Priestley's address on the presentation of the first graduates of the University College of the West Indies (UCWI) is perhaps as historic and fundamental to West Indians as President Barack Obama's presidential address was to the American people.

On January 13th 1953, Priestley spoke of his adventures, including serving in World War I, he lost three of his brothers to the War, living in an ice cave for eight months with five sailors, all surviving on rapidly depleting rations of whale blubber. He spoke animatedly of having completed seven major sea voyages and travelling 130,000 miles to play a part in the development of university education in the British Commonwealth. A geologist and the Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Priestley's advice to the UCWI graduands was inspired by a lifetime of near death experiences combined with his vocation as a University administrator.

"If my varied experience has entitled me to give a message to University youth it is this – Go out and meet adventure with open eyes and eager hands. I do not mean physical adventure alone. Even greater stimulus can come from mental and spiritual adventure and every man and woman can make these for himself ... Think always in terms of what you

can contribute rather than what you ought to receive..."



Prof. Clement Sankat
Pro-Vice Chancellor & Campus Principal

Sixty years later, our University has produced graduates who have emerged as leaders, connectors, intellectuals and cultivators of change in our society. At UWI we continue to work towards creating a place where ideas are formed and cultivated. As much as 2008 was a year of celebration, we look to 2009 as one of innovation, where our focus on research, outreach, e-learning and teaching, remain key to our Vision. We will do this

through partnerships: national, regional and international.

In closing, Priestley went on to encourage the first graduating class of medical practitioners at the Mona Campus, Jamaica, to cultivate a sense of humour and see the funny side of misadventure. I would also like to encourage a sense of adventure especially in research and development and in finding the answers to the many problems that impact our societies. This can be extended to developing new ways of teaching that challenge our young students to also become problem solvers and leaders. Through steady innovation and reflection let us all, teachers and students, attempt to reach new heights. We have identified our tipping point, it can be found in our dedication to learning, as well as a commitment by staff and students to be creative in meeting challenges head-on.

The coming year will be wrought with challenges which with your commitment we shall overcome. This issue of UWI STAN is testimony to only a few of the many initiatives that have been accomplished this year. We would need many more pages to tell all of our stories. In closing, I would like to thank you for the hard work and support throughout the year and look forward to working alongside you all in 2009.. ■



THE UWI MISSION

The St. Augustine campus of The University of the West Indies is committed to the development of Caribbean countries. At all times, it will seek to contribute to that development by producing graduates and research of high quality, relevance and usefulness in sufficient quantity and at minimum cost.

The St. Augustine campus, by the conduct of its own staff and students as well as by the content of its academic programmes, will strive towards the inculcation of social values of shared communal responsibility, social justice, and respect and tolerance for differences in beliefs, philosophy, ethnicity and culture.

The St. Augustine campus aims at being an intellectual bridge to the wider Caribbean region and the rest of the world, assisting its member countries to benefit from the rapidly growing and constantly changing world stock of ideas, knowledge and expertise, and itself contributing to that stock in ways that enhance the international standing of the Caribbean.



SILVER QUILL AWARD for UWI STAN

In 2008, the UWI St. Augustine Newsletter (STAN) was awarded the prestigious Silver Quill, Southern Region award by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

Judges from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at The University of Southern Carolina, USA, selected the St Augustine Campus magazine for an award of Excellence in the Print Communications (Magazine) category .

UWI STAN gained full points (which represents an outstanding extraordinary or insightful approach) in multiple categories, including “demonstrating a strategic or creative approach to business communication”, “addressing the needs of the target audience” and “for being compelling or interesting to the target audience”.

One judge commented that “the greatest strength of the magazine is that its target audience is clearly met”, while another

wrote that “one really gets to know the University.”

UWI STAN was selected from hundreds of entries and is one of three publications selected in the Excellence category by the IABC.

Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat congratulated the Marketing and Communications Office on the award and went on to state that “this is another fine achievement after the success in Durham, South Africa with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Marketing and Communications Award in July 2008.”

The magazine was established by former Public Relations Coordinator for the Campus, **Mr. Robert Henry** over a decade ago. Former Campus Communications Manager and Communications Consultant, **Mrs. Anna Walcott-Hardy** has been UWI STAN editor and art director for the past eight years.

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The UWI Marketing and Communications team



Mrs. Dawn-Marie De Four-Gill
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Produced by the UWI Marketing and Communications Office which is headed by University Director, **Mrs. Dawn-Marie De Four-Gill**, the designers for the 2007 issues included **Mr. Adri Ramdeane**, **Mr. Dexter Lewis** and **Mr. Shayam Karim**. Contributing writers included **Ms. Alake Pilgrim**, **Mr. Gerard Best** and **Ms. Omega Francis**. The magazine is printed by Caribbean Paper & Printed Products Ltd.



Mrs. Anna Walcott-Hardy
Editor & Art Director

Interestingly, the winning entries featured editorials from the past three Campus Principals, **Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie**, **Professor Bridget Brereton** and **Professor Clement Sankat** who view impactful internal and external communication as key to the development of the UWI St Augustine Campus.

Founded in 1970, the IABC provides a professional network of almost 16,000 business communication professionals in over 70 countries. The local chapter President is Mrs. Giselle Laronde West, who alongside former IABC Trinidad and Tobago President, Ms. Judette Coward Puglesi, have been very encouraging and supportive of the publication.

Over the past four years, UWI STAN has won four international awards: two ACU Awards of Excellence for both the print and online versions, an APEX award and the Silver Quill. ■



Congratulations to colleagues who were selected as winners of the Most Enterprising Employee Award Programme (M.E.E.A.P): Bhagath Ramdhanie of the Faculty of Engineering, Glenda Ottley of the Centre for Gender and Development Studies (CGDS) and Melan Soo Ting from the Office of the Campus Registrar in 2008.

Above: Enterprising employees at the ceremony: from left Prof. Clement Sankat with Ms. Glenda Ottley, Ms. Melan Soo Ting, Mr. Bhagath Ramdhanie and Mr. Hollis Nicholas.

Left: Award winner, Ms. Melan Soo Ting is congratulated by the Campus Deputy Principal, Prof. Reddock. ■

Jennifer Joseph

New Campus Librarian

“I want the library to be an inviting place that lends itself to discourse and discussion,” explained recently appointed St Augustine Campus Librarian, Ms. Jennifer Joseph. When asked about the challenges facing the Main Library over the years, with the growth in the student population, she spoke of capitalizing on the technology to make the information more accessible to the Campus community. There will also be a focus on the Master Plan for the Campus, ensuring that the Library is a Central Service with qualified professionals ready to guide students and staff in accessing important information.

“Because of the space limitations, we are looking to do an internal re-organisation – to provide more virtual, on-line services,” she added.

Having joined the UWI in 1998 as a Librarian (3), she was promoted to Deputy Campus Librarian two years later and worked closely with former University Librarian, Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones. She has certainly made inroads into several initiatives and is committed to building on the legacy of excellence left by her predecessor, Vice Chancellor Award for Excellence awardee, Dr. Rouse-Jones. ■



Jennifer Joseph



Patrick Watson

Patrick Watson

Appointed Professor

Congratulations to Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) and former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the St Augustine Campus, **Patrick Watson** on being appointed Professor. It's been an eventful year for the Professor and his team, having hosted several seminars and lectures during the year, including: ***“President-Elect Barack Obama: The Challenge of Change in the Caribbean, the United States and the Wider World”*** on 27th November, 2008 at the SALISES Conference Centre, UWI (St. Augustine) Campus.

Professor Watson chaired the session which featured panelists Dr. Indira Rampersad, Lecturer, Political Science/International Relations, Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, Mr. Martin Daly, SC, Attorney-at-Law, Dr. Kenneth Mease, Professor of Political Methodology, University of Florida, Mr. Clyde Weatherhead, Attorney-at-Law. ■

UWI Lecturers Honored by FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Two French Lecturers of The University of The West Indies (UWI), Mr. Eric Maitrejean and Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter, have received the “Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes académiques” (The insignia of l’Ordre des Palmes académique), an award instituted by Napoleon in 1808 to reward the promotion of the French language and culture.

The UWI Lecturers received the awards from the French Government at a ceremony held at the French Ambassador’s residence in St. Clair on Friday 5th December, 2008. They were honoured by the French government for their work in the academic field and for “preserving and encouraging what we consider to be an essential vehicle for the spread of our culture and our ideas.”

Mr. Michel Trinquier, French Ambassador to Trinidad, who presented the award, stated that, “The French Government would like to show its gratitude for the spreading of our language in this country and more than this, the deepening of relations between Trinidad and Tobago and France.”

In his reply to the citations delivered by the French Ambassador, Mr. Maitrejean expressed his gratitude to his mentor Mr. Denis Solomon and many others who assisted him in his personal and professional development. He also spoke of the deep satisfaction he attains from teaching, noting, “I am not a painter, I cannot show you my work. I am not a musician, I cannot make you listen to my compositions. The only thing I can show you are my students.”



(L-R) Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter, Mr. Michel Trinquier and Mr. Eric Maitrejean

Dr. Carter, in her reply, revealed that at a mere twelve years old she fell “head over heels in love with the French language.” She detailed how great an impact French language and culture have had on her personal and professional life, saying that she felt French had a part to play in all of her “richest experiences.” Dr. Carter expressed her hope to continue to spread her love for the French language in Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter is the current Director of the Centre for Language Learning, UWI, St. Augustine Campus. She earned a Masters in Education and French Language and Literature in Besancon, France and a Doctorate in Linguistics at UWI. She has served the University as a Senior Lecturer and also in the capacity of Deputy Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education.

Mr. Eric Maitrejean earned a Masters of Arts in English with an elective in Translation and Theatre. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in French as a Foreign Language and Intercultural Studies. He is also credited with launching the Association known as ‘Un coin Français’. At present, he is a Lecturer in French Language at UWI, where he is also responsible for the implementation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Interpreting. ■

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UWI & ATLANTIC LNG SUPPORT BURN MANAGEMENT COURSE



The UWI Telehealth Programme in collaboration with Atlantic LNG, Trinidad and Tobago, hosted an Advanced Burn Life Support Course of the American Burn Association. The success of this session, attended by thirty-six health care providers on November 13th at the Mount Hope facility, has led to plans for a regular delivery of training in this area.

With an objective of “up-skill” health care providers (doctors, nurses and emergency medical service personnel) in assessing and clarifying burns, understanding the body’s stress response to acute burn injury and immediate management of the patient (from fire, inhalation injury, chemical burn and electrical injuries).

A combination of class room and practical, simulated sessions, the course enabled health care providers to react to various scenarios. The visiting team from the University of Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital included

Dr. Louis Plizano, Mrs Robin Vara, Olga Quintana and Doris Braddy. Dr. Plizano also gave a comprehensive presentation on the Management of Burns in the First 24 Hours as a dinner meeting at Crowne Plaza in November. The event proved highly successful and the several requests for training from other industries has led to plans for the delivery of training in this area on a regular basis from the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI. ■





Government Funds \$174 million Student Complex

The Trinidad and Tobago Government has approved a grant of TT\$387 million dollars for The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus. Tertiary Education Minister Christie Kangaloo announced recently at a post Cabinet press conference at the Office of the Prime Minister, St Clair, that over \$174 million dollars will be spent on a multi-storey complex for students.

The St Augustine Campus has renovated and built several buildings over the past four years, including the Chemistry Block, dormitories and lecture hall/classroom buildings as well as the opening of a modern Administration building complex. The Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat, has often underscored that housing is a priority for the UWI. This year



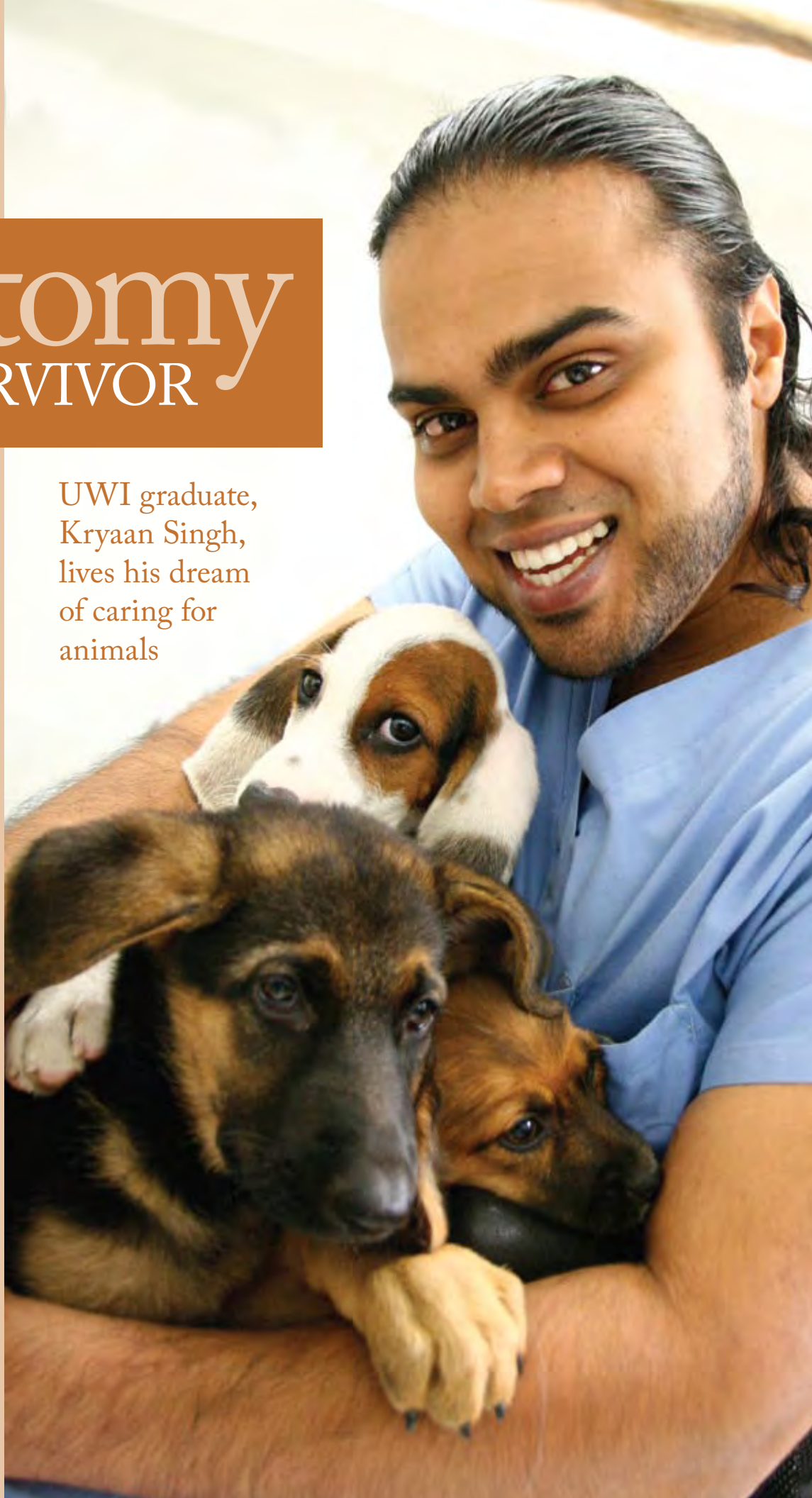
the completion of the refurbishment of a Campus dormitory helped to accommodate an additional 150 students. According to the Minister, the Campus currently accommodates 689 students.

The new student complex will consist of seven four-storey buildings with dormitory rooms, computer lab, kitchen, laundry, parking lot and administration offices, to name just a few of the amenities.

An additional \$59,864,669 will be spent to upgrade and expand the Canada Hall and Senior Common Room facilities. ■

anatomy OF A SURVIVOR

UWI graduate,
Kryaan Singh,
lives his dream
of caring for
animals



“Kryaan knew that something was terribly wrong... after managing to unclip the seatbelt, he dragged himself from under the van...”

Kryaan Singh entered The University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences in September 2000 to pursue his life-long dream of becoming a veterinarian. Described as a bright, innovative student by Dr John Watkins, a lecturer at the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM), he would graduate five years later with an honors degree. Today, he manages a successful veterinary clinic at La Horquette, South Trinidad, which boasts two examination rooms, a surgical and x-ray room, as well as two kennels.

That fact that he cares for his clients in a wheelchair (which unfolds much like a Michael Bay transformer); or that two of his vertebrae and part of his spinal chord were crushed in a vehicular accident two years ago, are issues that have not hampered his career. They may have put things on hold for a year or two, but they certainly have not stopped the young vet. from practising.

“Basically, I just kept telling myself I want to be a vet and that’s all I need to do. I don’t need to walk to be a vet...I’m also stubborn”

Growing up as a young boy in San Fernando and Point Fortin, he always rescued strays, took them to the neighbourhood veterinarian for care and then brought them home. There were dogs, parrots and even monkeys which all flourished under his care.

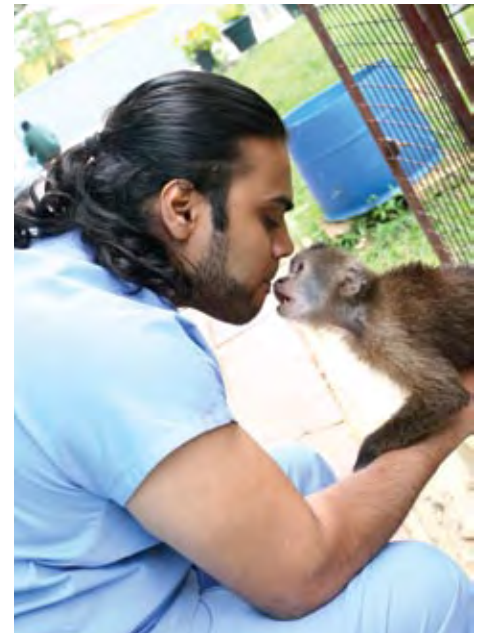
Then everything changed on June 2nd 2006, a truck exiting an illegal road, pulled on to the highway giving a “bad drive” which led to Kryaan’s van flipping and rolling into the middle of the highway. A policeman had seen



the entire incident and soon an emergency vehicle was on the scene. Kryaan knew that something was terribly wrong, when, after managing to unclip the seatbelt, he dragged himself from under the van, but could feel nothing from the chest down. He was taken to the hospital and then to various medical facilities where he spent over two months and underwent two operations. On returning home he continued the physical therapy, and even began to see patients. A nurse assisted with the injections, while the animals were brought

to Kryaan’s bedside. He explained that this was a crucial part of the therapy - working and not becoming depressed - facing reality.

Then in November, 2006, he traveled to the Miami Physical Therapy Institute, for a three month stint with one of the best physical therapists in the business, Robin Smith. The trip proved highly successful as he gained full use of his right hand and partial use of his left, whereas previously he could only partially use both.



Today he has about 70% use of his left hand and he also believes that he may be able to walk again. His physiotherapist told him to get back to work as soon as possible. This is exactly what he did on his return home.

Known for his kindness to both animals and their owners, Kryaan often performs much-needed surgery to the animals, but gives special financing arrangements to families in need.



He is grateful for the support of his friends and family; his mother, Anjelene, took early retirement from her job as a school principal to care for him during the day; while his father, an engineer, assists on weekends. He also made plans to renovate the clinic within one year. On March 5th, he met that deadline.

Although he still has many challenges including a \$2.6 million dollar medical bill, he holds no malice for the driver of the truck, who has never been found.

“It’s not really an issue for me...I don’t blame him.”

Ultimately, his advice to others who may also be disabled as the result of an accident is to move on and accept the situation.

“I think the first thing they have to do is don’t dwell on it too long. Try and do that because it’s very easy to get into a depressed mode. You’ll have your up times and down times, but stay focused on what your purpose in life is and whatever makes you happy. Accept what happened.”

- ANNA WALCOTT-HARDY ■



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A Lesson in ECOLOGY

UWI Lecturer presents research
at Smithsonian Institution



Paleontologist, Dr. Brent Wilson

On October 28th, 2008, Paleontologist, Dr. Brent Wilson, delivered a well-received research seminar to the Paleobiology Section of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Dr. Wilson joined the teaching staff of the B.Sc. Petroleum Geoscience Programme in 2002 and has become an expert in the ecological analysis of population structures.

Ecology examines how communities of living organisms interact with each other and their environment. Ecological surveys have demonstrated repeatedly that in a community—no matter whether the census counts birds, bees, trees or other organisms—a few species will be abundant in the area surveyed, but most will be rare. The identities of the dominant and common species vary from area to area. In Trinidad, for example, the scarlet ibis is common in swamps while the green parrot is common in the Northern Range and nearby areas. The degree to which the community within an area is dominated by a few species—or, alternatively, the extent to which species abundances are evenly distributed—is termed its *population structure*. Monitoring changes in the population structure of a community within an area is a powerful means of assessing the environmental impact (or lack thereof) of man's activities on the natural world. The challenge facing ecologists has been to find a method of quantifying population structures so that they can be readily compared.

Meanwhile, palaeoecologists, who study the ecology of fossils, have for decades been trying to find ways of describing and quantifying population structures in the assemblages of fossils found in sedimentary rocks. Like living communities, these too show variations in the number of dominant species and their relative abundance. Palaeoecologists are interested in determining not only how the population structures in fossil communities varied geographically at any one time, but also how they changed over the vast durations of geological time. Both ecologists and palaeoecologists face the challenge of finding the boundaries that separate geographical areas with differing population structures.

In the mid 1990s, Drs. Martin Buzas and Lee-Ann Hayek of the Smithsonian Institution commenced the development of SHE Analysis—a statistical technique that for a community simultaneously examines the number of species it contains (*S*), their biodiversity (*H*), and the extent to which one or a few species dominate the assemblage (*E*). Marked changes in the dominance index *E* are used to draw the boundaries between abundance biozones—areas with distinct population structures.

Dr. Brent Wilson, says Dr. Buzas, has emerged as one of the few people outside of the Smithsonian Institution to understand

SHE Analysis, which he has applied to both living and fossil assemblages of two groups of microscopic organisms (the Foraminifera and the Ostracoda) throughout the Eastern Caribbean. In his seminar at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Wilson presented selected case studies that highlighted the development of his use of SHE Analysis over the years. In a study of Foraminifera living on algae and seagrasses around the island of Nevis, he showed how an influx of domestic waste into nearshore areas has altered their population structure, while a study of a deep-sea sediment core taken near Saba showed that foraminiferal population structures did not change markedly there at the end of the last Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago.

In a bpTT-financed study of the intertidal foraminifera living in the Caroni Swamp, in which he was aided by three first year B.Sc. Petroleum Geoscience interns (Arianna Kissoon, Sherezz Grant and Taneja Young), he

showed how SHE Analysis might be modified to incorporate samples yielding markedly different numbers of specimens.

Foraminifera are widely used in oil and gas exploration. Unlike larger fossils, they are not affected during the drilling of an oil well. They can, therefore, be readily identified and used to determine the geological ages of the beds of sedimentary rocks penetrated and the differing environments in which they were deposited. Trinidad has had a long history of using foraminifera in hydrocarbon prospecting, the most prolific decades for the published studies being the 1940s and 1950s, when methods of illustrating specimens may have been described as rudimentary. Much of the material from that work is currently housed at the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Wilson hopes to grow his association with the Smithsonian by re-illustrating some of the early material using state-of-the-art techniques. ■



Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.



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UWI PROFESSOR BREAKS NEW GROUND WITH PHI

The University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine Campus, hosted the professorial inaugural lecture of Professor Brian Copeland on Thursday 29th January, 2009. Professor Copeland, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, delivered a presentation on "The Steelpan Initiatives Project - A Strategic Model for the creation of a Culture of Innovation in Trinidad and Tobago. This lecture re-introduced the Percussive Harmonic Instrument (PHI) to the audience which included, Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal Clement K Sankat, famed performer Machel Montano, and former Miss Universe Wendy Fitzwilliam.

At the close of this lecture, guests were treated to an impromptu performance by Machel Montano. Alongside Jessel Murray and members of the Steel Orchestra on the



Mr. Machel Montano (left), Professor Clement Sankat, PVC & Campus Principal, The UWI, St. Augustine, Prof. Brian Copeland, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, The UWI, St. Augustine, and Ms. Wendy Fitzwilliam at Prof. Copeland's Professorial Inaugural Lecture

PHI, Machel performed his 2008 composition entitled 'Oil and Music', much to the delight of the audience. ■

For further information on the PHI, please contact the Department of Engineering at (868) 662-2002 Ext. 2064, 2199.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR LOOKS TO CARICOM

The UWI Faculty of Engineering recently hosted the Third Public Seminar on 'Project Management Practices in the Caribbean'. The seminar held on October 4th at the St Augustine Campus focussed on facilitating the region-wide awareness and use of best project management practices in the emerging CARICOM context.

Organised in collaboration with the Technology Management Council (TMC) Chapter and the Computer and Communication Society (CSS) Chapter of the IEEE Trinidad and Tobago Section, the Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT), and the Project Management Institute Southern Caribbean Chapter (PMISCC), the Seminar was facilitated by Eng Sachin Ganpat, Chairperson of the CCS Chapter of IEEEtt. While Professor C.A.C. Imbert, Deputy Dean

of Faculty of Engineering, UWI, together with Professor Kit F. Pun, Chairman of TMC Chapter, IEEEtt, Mr. Michael Charles, President of PMISCC, and Eng. Ahmin Z. Baksh, President of APETT, delivered their welcoming addresses to participants.

Mr. Mark Hopkins, Executive Vice President, Project Management-Caribbean of Fujitsu Transaction Solutions (Trinidad) Ltd; Mr. Devon Oudit, Plant Manager, Charles Candy Division, Associated Brands Industries Ltd; Mr. Kishore Jhagroo, Head Reliability, Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd; Professor Winston H.E. Suite, Programme Leader of MSc Project Management, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UWI; Mr. Steve C. Lezama, Director and Lead Consultant PCM Engineering Services Ltd; and Mr. Srinivasan

Partheeban, General Manager, Central Trinidad Steel Ltd were the six guest speakers at the landmark event.

The seminar focused on project management practices covering information technology project management, automation of secondary packaging, reliability systems in the heavy industry, project managing of extreme events, risk management, and planned versus crisis project management.

Over 140 participants including invited guest speakers, industry delegates, faculty members and students attended the Seminar. The session gave speakers and participants an opportunity to share information on the divergent nature of project management practices in Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean. ■

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The STAN Interview

Dr Erouscilla Joseph

The PhD Volcanology programme at the UWI is the first of its kind for the region. "More importantly the creation of the degree programme demonstrates the UWI's ongoing efforts to be at the forefront of scientific development/pursuits in the region and to produce graduates that are competitive on a worldwide stage. I am very proud to be the first graduate of the programme," the first Seismic Research Centre PhD graduate (08), Dr. Erouscilla P. Joseph, explained recently. She took some time away from examining the Caribbean's hot springs, bubbling pools and fumaroles to chat with Stacey Edwards of the UWI Seismic Research Centre.

Q: What's the focus of your research?

A: The main focus of my PhD research was to utilize the temperature, pH, and chemical composition of waters and gases associated with hydrothermal features (hot springs, bubbling pools, fumaroles) to gain insights into chemical changes in the underlying volcanic system. This technique is referred to as geothermal monitoring and it is commonly practised worldwide. The information gained from geothermal monitoring would then be used to assist in providing information for monitoring of volcanic activity in the islands of the Lesser Antilles.

Q: How has your work contributed to volcano monitoring in the region?

A: The main islands investigated for my research were Dominica and St. Lucia. The results of the geothermal monitoring in these two islands revealed that the chemistry of the geothermal waters and gases can be used to calculate the temperatures of the underlying hydrothermal system. This provides us with a valuable tool to monitor changes in subsurface temperatures that result from an increase in magmatic input to the volcanic system. Furthermore, we can also now look at changes in the mineral composition of the fluids in the hydrothermal system to indicate long-term versus short-term changes in its overall geochemistry. When this information is used with other volcanic monitoring techniques (geodesy and seismicity) it provides an indicator of whether these changes are the result of precursory volcanic activity or just normal fluctuations in the hydrothermal system.

In addition to Dominica and St. Lucia, the Seismic Research Centre has initiated geothermal monitoring in other islands including Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Kitts, and Nevis. The overall plan is to establish geothermal monitoring in all of the volcanic islands.

Q: What were some of the challenges - and how did you overcome them?

A: One of my main challenges while conducting this research was a lack of taught courses in the field of geosciences particularly the earth sciences field. To improve my knowledge in this area I took several relevant courses in the BSc Petroleum Geosciences programme. My supervisors and the staff at the Seismic Research Centre were also valuable and important sources of information and I am very grateful for their assistance.

Another challenge that existed was the lack of analytical facilities at the UWI for the analysis of volcanic fluids. Part of the research for my degree involved working, with the Seismic Research Centre and the Chemistry Department, to establish these facilities (which are located at the Chemistry Department). The UWI now has the capability of analyzing volcanic fluids. This is of great significance because the alternative would be to have samples sent abroad for analysis, which is very expensive, but more importantly it means that the geothermal monitoring programme is a sustainable one. Both the SRC and the Chemistry Department were instrumental in this achievement. ■



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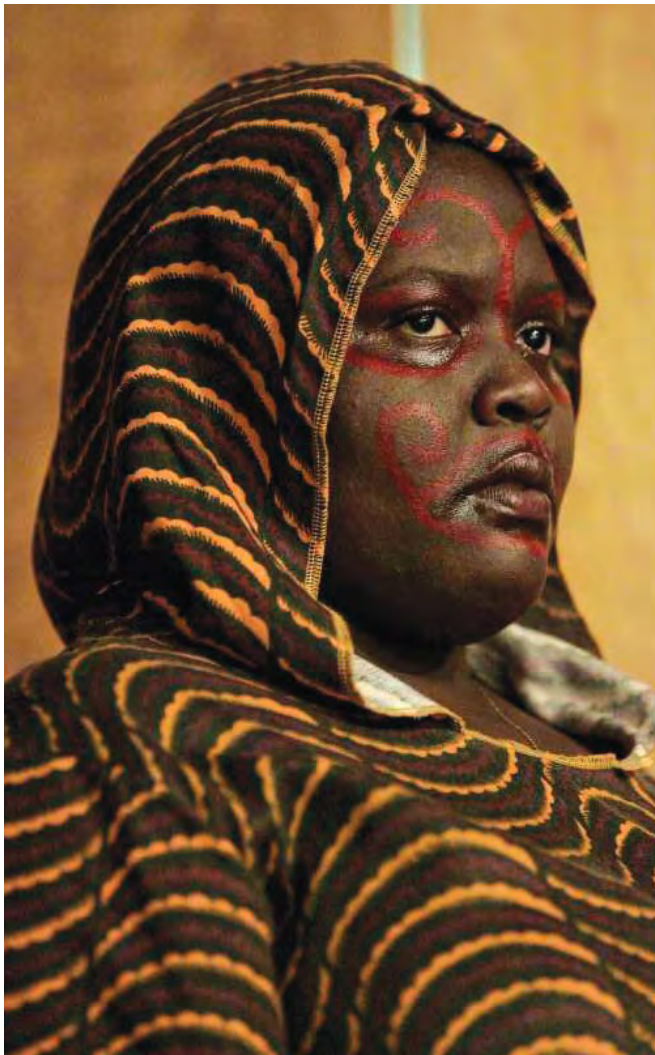
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Going & Staying

A Year of Change and Challenge for the Department of Creative and Festival Arts

*“Seasons of blankness as of snow,
The silent bleed of a world decaying,
The moan of multitudes in woe,
These were the things we wished would go:
But they were staying.”*

THOMAS HARDY

Even in the face of budget, resource and space constraints, 2008 has been a prolific year for the students and staff of the Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA). From *The Sound of Music* to the successful tour of the *Rainmakers*, as well as the annual exhibitions of art and design students, the work of the Department led by the unassuming, well known musician and composer, Sat Sharma has built on its legacy and been applauded by patrons and critics alike. Several lecturers have been integral to the many exhibitions and productions featured during the year including: Artists Kenwyn Crichlow, Steve Ouditt, Anna Serrao, Greer Jones-Woodham, Rawle Gibbons, Director Louis Mc Williams, and Musical Director Jessel Murray, to name just a few.

The year was brought to a close with the Department's stellar contribution to the University's Sixtieth Anniversary celebrations; the **Book Fair and Cultural Festival was coordinated by a Faculty Committee chaired by Dean Funso Aiyejina, while the Cultural Festival was coordinated by Dr Louis Regis.** Arts-In-Action were stage managers of the event. The Fair featured presentations and performances from every unit of the Department: There was the staging of the popular student production, *Bitter Cassava*; this critically acclaimed theatre production directed by **Louis McWilliams** and written by part-time lecturer **Lester Efebo Wilkinson** (currently Ambassador to Cuba) had won-over audiences earlier in the year. At the Fair, the UWI Festival Steel Ensemble and Festival Arts Chorale, UWI; as well as the UWI Percussion Ensemble also performed. The DCFA Dance Ensemble; and UWI Caribbean Contemporary Music Workshop directed by Mr. Enrique Moore, were also featured. An exhibition of Art by graduates also added to the milestone event.

While some productions were celebrated at home, others were welcomed by audiences abroad. *The Rainmakers*, is one of the productions

that toured Texas, USA, in November. The 45-minute musical production integrating dance, drama and traditional Carnival characters, was performed by Golden Hands Steel Orchestra and The UWI DCFA Percussion Ensemble.

At the 33rd Annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Austin Texas, the show got a standing ovation from the audience. Professor Gary Cook, President of the Percussive Arts Society, presented a commemorative plaque to cast, lauding the performance as: "... a highlight of our convention and my personal witnessing of this amazing production was both moving and inspiring".

Written and directed by **Franka Hills-Headley**, the founder of Golden Hands, it features nine original neo-classical compositions for Steelpan and Percussion Ensemble by **Dr. Jeannine Remy**, Lecturer at DCFA.

Currently, *The Rainmakers* committee is continuing its fundraising drive to meet the budget of TT\$1.8 million for the tour. Approximately half of the budget was raised through the donations of sponsors including: Colonial Life Insurance Company Limited (CLICO), the Ministry of Community



Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC), National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB), Sanch Electronix Limited, Trinidad and Tobago Entertainment Company Limited (T&T Ent), and The University of the West Indies (UWI). The show's Patron is His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, President of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Rainmakers will also host two concerts for local audiences on **March 7th and 22nd** 2009 at Naparima Bowl and Queen's Hall respectively. Tickets for these shows will be available from mid-December. For further information on the *The Rainmakers* please visit the website: <http://www.tobago.org/trinidad/pan/rainmakers> or kindly telephone 663-2222 or 662-2002 ext. 3791/3792.

Symphony & Steel is a music education initiative that will provide teaching material for The University of the West Indies. Conceptualized by Methanex Trinidad, with education as the primary focus, this music competition invites composers worldwide to create works that

integrate Trinidad and Tobago's steelpan with symphonic instruments.

"Given the high level of interest, we are looking forward to compositions that will both excite and challenge students and performers. We at Methanex Trinidad Limited are pleased that our initiative will also showcase the versatility of our country's national instrument - the steelpan - and indeed enhance its acceptance internationally," **Managing Director Charles Percy** of Methanex Trinidad Limited explained.

Another initiative of the Department is the ***Kaiso Dialogues*** series by the Carnival Studies Unit at Department of Creative and Festival Arts. In the short 2008 Carnival season, the Unit was able to participate and assist in major events. **Ms. Jo-anne Tull** – Assistant Lecturer/Coordinator and **Ms. Anthea Octave** – Graduate Assistant - comprise the Unit's full-time staff.

The Unit's outreach activities have strengthened links that continue to foster curriculum development and the professional moulding of staff and students. In particular, the Unit has



Satanand Sharma
Head of Department of
Creative and Festival Arts

Popular culture has to be part of our engagement and cannot be neglected if we are to develop into a contemporary tertiary institution of the Caribbean.”

been able to implement a business of the arts model specific for cultural events, providing ‘hands-on’ opportunities for students.

According to Ms. Tull, the first platform of training was at ‘Yogah’.

“This event was used as a classroom lab for the Festival Management class where students were required to work alongside Island People, who were the main trainers for the event. This facilitated a dynamic form of development by engaging students with the Carnival scape and

allowing them to interface with various players of Carnival. Students were directly involved in the operational logistics and gained insight into critical Festival event strategising. The exuberant artwork for the event was a Festival Project by Tracey Chan.”

The second platform of training was the UWI Development and Endowment Fund fete, a premiere all-inclusive, fundraising event for the University. In 2008, the Carnival Studies Unit was asked to assist in managing the event in a variety of areas Ms. Tull explained which in turn provided training for students.

Mr. Dennis Ramdeen – Committee Chairman of the UWI Development and Endowment Fund fete stated that “*the involvement of the Carnival Studies Unit gave an injection of fresh ideas and more importantly professionalism as it related to seeing the fete as a programme that we are staging*”. Through this project, the Unit enjoyed interfacing with other departments on Campus, primarily the Office of the Campus Principal, the Marketing and Communications Office, Student Advisory Services, the Endowment Committee and the Works Department.

The Carnival Studies Unit continued its service offerings with the mega concert event AC 3+3 with Machel Montano by offering backstage management services for the third consecutive year – another platform for student training. **Mrs. Elizabeth Montano** – Manager of Machel Montano & Xtatic and an ACEM graduate – commented on the Carnival Studies Unit’s assistance at the concert: “*They assisted at the gate with the smooth running of getting press and artistes in and out of backstage very effectively...they kept the artistes comfortable and the backstage flowing*”.

“It is not just about the artistes getting up there and performing and then they are gone; it is about nurturing the artist and the audience,” **Satanand Sharma**, Head of Department of Creative and Festival Arts stated. “It is about valuing and validating what we can create; it is about our freedom to express our intelligence



and create a cultural product about which we can be proud. Popular culture has to be part of our engagement and cannot be neglected if we are to develop into a contemporary tertiary institution of the Caribbean.”

For Jo-anne Tull, 2009 promises to be another year of change for the DCFA.

“This is just one aspect of our outreach. In 2009 we shall be looking to develop other aspects of our outreach programme not only in Carnival Arts but other aspects of the Festival Arts.” ■

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HISTORIC GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The 2008 Graduation ceremonies at The UWI St Augustine Campus proved not only historic, but also untraditional. Not only was renowned calypsonian, the Black Stalin, among the honorees, but one of the largest classes to graduate, over 4000 students, from the Faculties of Humanities and Education, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Agriculture, Social Sciences and the Open Campus, donned robes and took part in the ceremonies at the UWI SPEC auditorium on 31st October and 1st November.

Within this group, almost 800 post graduate degrees were awarded – an area the University has been even more focused on developing in its strategic plan (2008-2012). During his address, Professor E. Nigel Harris, UWI Vice Chancellor looked back at the events held during the 60th anniversary celebrations, but

he also spoke of a need to plan for the future.

“We are re-fashioning the way we teach and the way our students learn; we have rescued and intend to enhance our graduate and research programmes; we have revolutionised the structure of our Outreach programmes to create an Open Campus that will utilize information technologies and offer modern systems to educate those students who may not otherwise cross our Campus,” Professor Harris added.

Black Stalin was conferred the Doctor of Letters (DLitt) at the Faculty of Humanities and Education’s ceremony on Friday 31st October, 2008. Awarded the Hummingbird Medal (Silver) in 1987, Black Stalin is considered to be one of the major practitioners of traditional Calypso, providing insightful social and political commentary in his

compositions. He shared the spotlight at the 2008 Graduation Ceremonies with three other honorary graduands: Hungarian-born Canadian developmental economist Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt, Trinidadian curator and art historian Mr. Kynaston McShine, and Bahamian statesman His Excellency the Honourable Arthur D. Hanna.

Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt, an economist and scholar was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD). Professor Levitt has been associated with scholarship and development policy in the Caribbean for nearly 50 years. During the 1970s she served as advisor on National Accounts to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. Professor Levitt is Professor Emerita at McGill University in Canada.



1. Honorary Graduand, His Excellency the Hon Arthur D. Hanna, 2. (Left to right) Prof. Eudine Barriteau; Deputy Principal, Cave Hill Campus, Dr. Leroy 'Black Stalin' Calliste, UWI Honorary Graduand 2008, Prof. Rhoda Reddock, Deputy Principal St. Augustine Campus, 3. Honorary Graduand, Professor Kari Polanyi Levitt & Professor E. Nigel Harris, UWI Vice Chancellor, 4. Honorary Graduand Mr. Kynaston McShine

Mr. Kynaston McShine, Trinidadian curator and art historian, was awarded the Doctor of Letters (DLitt) honoris causa. Mr McShine has devoted his life to the visual arts and is the Chief Curator at Large of the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York. His expert work and achievements have been recognised with several awards, including an honorary doctorate from the San Francisco Art Institute.

Bahamian public servant and statesman, His Excellency the Hon Arthur D. Hanna received an honorary LLD. A champion of civil rights in the Bahamas, His Excellency was appointed the seventh Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The Governor General is also a legal luminary and served as Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of Government Business in the House of Representatives of The Bahamas from 1967 to 1984.

The Valedictorians at this year's ceremonies were Mr. Istrophle Ali Aziz (Faculty of Humanities and Education), Ms. Nikisha Alana Alexander (Faculty of Medical Sciences), Ms. Charlene Toussaint (Faculty of Engineering), and Ms. Jolene Romain (Faculty of Social Sciences) who will be featured in upcoming issues of UWI STAN. ■



In Celebration: (From left) Principal, UWI Mona Campus, Prof. Gordon Shirley congratulates recently installed Principal, St. Augustine Campus, Prof. Clement Sankat, along with Vice Chancellor Prof. E. Nigel Harris and Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne

UWI Principal Installed

“I believe that it is time for The University of the West Indies to re-affirm its commitment to serving the Caribbean region in a new way, by establishing ourselves as the regional leader in driving the transformation of the entire tertiary education sector of the Caribbean region to respond to the sweeping challenges and urgent demands of the 21st century.”

Thirty years to the day that he entered The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, as a lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Clement Sankat was installed as Campus Principal on October 10th 2008. At the recently opened Daaga Auditorium, the Principal was lauded by his peers, students and Ministers at home and abroad including the Minister of Education of Guyana,

The Hon. Shaik K. Z. Baksh, who brought greetings from President Bharrat Jagdeo. With the 450-seat auditorium filled to capacity, the Campus Principal began his presentation by thanking the UWI Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne, Vice Chancellor, Prof. E. Nigel Harris, former Principals the Hon. Professor George Maxwell Richards, Prof. Compton Bourne and Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie. He also thanked several renowned colleagues from the Faculties of Engineering and Science and Agriculture, including Professors John Spence and Ken Julien.

The Principal also elaborated on the challenges facing the UWI and the strategic plans for the development of the institution. He outlined six imperatives for the development of the Campus: building internal

capacity; developing the quality in the UWI plant, processes and output; continuing to build effective teams on the Campus; creating supportive, collaborative partnerships among stakeholders including the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, regional governments, the private sector and other tertiary level institutions; strengthening the regional character of the UWI; and further impacting positively by linking with the Community served by the UWI.

A meeting of the old and new, the traditional ceremony was complete with Academic and Chancellor Processions led by a Mace bearer, but it also featured performances by popular Calypsonian, the Lord Relator, The UWI Festival Arts Chorale, and the Shiv Shakti dancers. ■



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1. Cross-section of audience at Daaga Hall, 2. Prof. Clement Sankat and Dr. Rohani Maharaj and family, 3. Members of the Academic Procession, 4. The Shiv Shakti dancers
5. Tassa drummers at the Principal's office, 6. Mr. Lok Jack speaks at the ceremony, 7. Jit Samaroo at the cocktail reception



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Gala gains corporate support



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1. Prof. Clement Sankat, St. Augustine Campus Principal (L), Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor, UWI, Mrs. Giselle Thompson, bpTT, Mr. Frank Look Kin, NGC, Mr. Malcolm Jones, Petroleum, Ms. Charmaine Caballero, RBL, Prof. E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, UWI (R) 2. Mr. Winston Bailey, UWI Bursar (L); Mrs. Luz Longworth, Director, Open Campus 3. Honourable Minister of MSTTE, Christine Kangaloo (L); Prof Clement Sankat, Campus Principal (C); Dr. Rohani Maharaj, 4. Mr C. William Iton, University Registrar and Mr. Wayne Iton, General Manager, The Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange, 5. Mrs. Dawn-Marie De Four-Gill, Director, Marketing & Communications, UWI (L), and Prof. Gurmohan Kochhar, Chair, '60 The Gala' Committee, The UWI, St. Augustine, 6. Ms. Pat Christopher with Mr. Malcolm Jones, 7. Leader of the Opposition Mr. Basdeo Panday & Mrs. Panday, 8. Dr. Beverly Carter, Director, CLL, UWI, St. Augustine; & Mr. Bill Carter, 9. Dr. Anthony & Mrs. Sabga, 10. Dr. Leroy 'The Black Stalin' Calliste, 11. Festival Arts Chorale, UWI

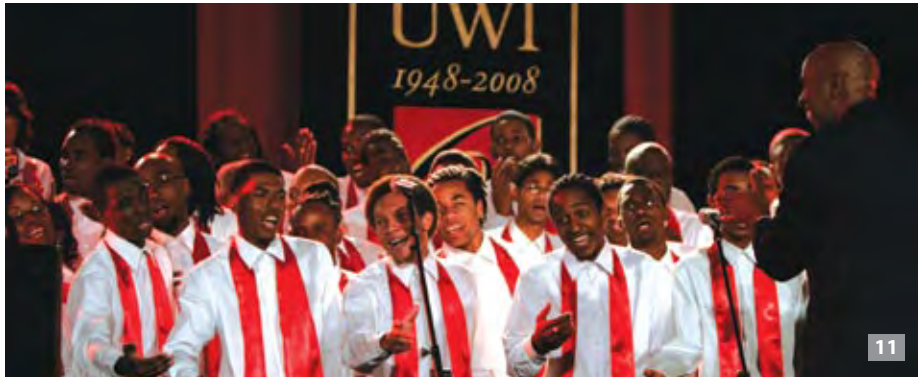
The UWI Gala, has gained over \$3million in donations to the institution. Key to the fundraising has been the support of four major corporate sponsors in the Diamond category, **Petrotrin, the National Gas Company (NGC), Western Scientific and bp Trinidad and Tobago**. These companies have pledged their support to contributing to the future development of UWI through a regional development fund. The red carpet affair, also known as *Sixty The Gala*, was held at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** on 12th December. The Patron of the event was His Excellency, **Professor George Maxwell Richards**, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and former UWI St Augustine Campus Principal.

At the media launch **Professor Gurmohan Kochhar**, Chair of the Gala Black Tie Fundraising Dinner Committee, urged the University's stakeholders to renew and strengthen their relationships with the longstanding regional institution.

Mr. Arnold Corneal, Manager of Corporate Communications, Petrotrin, praised the University for "service unequalled in the educational fraternity" and commented on the institution's impact on the local and regional landscape in the field of education. Mr. Corneal also pledged Petrotrin's lifelong partnership with The University of the West Indies, asserting that The University had earned the company's respect and support.

Ms. Jeannette Elias, Manager of Corporate Communications, NGC, also extended congratulations to the University on achieving this significant milestone in their institutional history, and gave her company's commitment to education at all levels.

While Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, **Professor Clement Sankat** noted that The Gala, "sets the stage for stronger partnerships between The University, our regional governments, the leaders of business and industry in the Caribbean, and all our Alumni spread across the Caribbean Diaspora." His address closed with a final appeal to government, business, industry, alumni and staff to continue to support The University by patronising the event. His call was heeded as over 400 guests celebrated at the Hyatt in December, bringing the anniversary celebrations to a close. ■



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Mr. C William Iton, University Registrar/Director of Administration, The UWI and Mr. Colin Lucas, Former Managing Director, TTPost, shake hands at UWI TTPost Stamp Launch. At rear are Prof Clement Sankat, PVC & St. Augustine Campus Principal and Mrs. Jacqueline Gantaume-Farrell, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Utilities.

UWI and TTPost launch Stamp Collection

The Irvine Commission of 1943 noted that the UWI “should be a place where the character of a people finds its intellectual expression”. With a duty to formulate a framework for the creation of a regional tertiary institution, the Commission’s guidelines have proven to be invaluable to the core.

In October, the UWI and the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPost) launched a commemorative stamp collection at the Office of the Campus Principal, St. Augustine Campus, that recognized three of the icons who have contributed to the development of the institution.

The stamp collection features the first West Indian Principal of the University College and first Vice Chancellor, Nobel Laureate, Sir Arthur Lewis; as well as Sir Philip Sherlock, the first Principal of the UWI St Augustine Campus, and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, the University’s first Chancellor. The collection also showcases landmarks of the St Augustine Campus, namely the stately Samaan Tree and the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture building (now commonly known as the ‘Old Administration Building’). The collection comprises 5 stamps, one souvenir sheet and a first day cover.

It was no accident that the date of the launch was specifically chosen so that it would coincide with that historic day, sixty years ago, when the then University College of the West Indies (UCWI) welcomed its first group of students at Mona, Jamaica, on October 3rd, 1948. The entry of 10 females and 23 males from across the region into the Faculty of Medicine at the Campus officially marked the opening of the institution. Today, the UWI serves over 40,000 students across the Caribbean and has produced more than 80,000 graduates.

At the Ceremony, TTPost formally presented the commemorative collection to University Registrar/Director of Administration, Mr. C. William Iton, UWI Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat, and Campus Librarian, Ms. Jennifer Joseph.

In his address, Mr. Iton thanked TTPost for partnering with the University and spoke of the importance of this historic collection.

“While we continue to celebrate individual icons and the indelible marks that they have left on this University, what we are actually doing is celebrating the achievements of all of our alumni. By celebrating the few, we honour and inspire the whole. In this the sixtieth year of our existence we do not wish to quit, we do not wish to retire, we wish only to go forward into the great unknown and embrace those icons that we are producing today and wait in anticipation for the contribution that they will make tomorrow to not only the St Augustine Campus but to The University of the West Indies on the whole.” ■

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siege

In 1990, seventy heavily armed angry men take
twenty-six innocent civilians captive

Francesca Hawkins



Dion Boucaud



Siege attempts to give a voice to those who have been silent for many years.

In 1990, seventy heavily armed, angry men, take twenty-six innocent civilians captive...

Those are the opening lines for the trailer of the award-winning movie, *Siege*. The documentary is seen through the eyes of hostages of the 1990 attempted coup in Trinidad, who became the leading players in a real-life drama, when gunmen stormed the offices of the now defunct, Trinidad and Tobago Television (TTT) station on the 27th July.

The 27-minute documentary is the brainchild of UWI Film student and former TTT employee, **Junior-Andrew Lett**. The Director of the Best Documentary winner at the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival 2008, 'Lett' (as he's known to friends) breaks new ground in a genre that is quickly developing in T&T. He explained recently that he was inspired by his co-workers to investigate the legacy of the coup and its impact on the national psyche. He recalled that more than five years ago, on the eve of the anniversary of the attempted coup, while he was editing a programme at TTT, a co-worker, Jason Des Vignes became quite emotional. He asked him what was the matter and was told that Jason's father had been one of those who had lost his life in 1990.

...this is a story of courage, leadership and heroism...

Interestingly, Junior Andrew-Lett, joined forces with **Dion Boucaud** (editor/producer) and **Francesca Hawkins** (writer/producer) to bring the movie to fruition. All three are former employees of TTT and current students

of UWI, enrolled in the film programme which was developed by Drs. Jean Antoine and Bruce Paddington. A course requirement of the film programme brought them together to collaborate on the project.

Days of Wrath, a book by Trinidadian journalist of high repute, Raoul Pantin, is key to the film. Pantin himself was a hostage and the book, which describes the ordeal of those six days is a real page-turner (*Reviewed in UWI Today April 2008, page 14*).

Junior-Andrew Lett



"...a planned, probably rehearsed, coordinated, synchronized lightning strike, they (the Muslimeen) had launched an armed assault on a sitting of the regular Friday afternoon meeting of the House of Representatives – shot to death the lone security policeman at police headquarters... exploded a car bomb that set the entire headquarters on fire, taken over both [Trinidad and Tobago television] TTT and its neighbouring Radio Trinidad."
(from *Days Of Wrath, The 1990 Coup in Trinidad and Tobago*)

During a recent interview at UWI, the team spoke often of the importance of Raoul Pantin's book to the documentary's structure. Indeed his writing and narration bring gravitas to the production. Fast-paced, with an engaging script, stippled with frank interviews, *Siege* attempts to give a voice to those who have been silent for many years. Tribute should also be given to the score by Jason Dasant which is both lyrical and haunting, without being melodramatic.

Ironically, the journalists, technicians and cameramen, those who are often behind the scenes, are the ones who have become the headliners. In the trailer to the documentary, which is posted on *YouTube*, veteran journalist Jones P Madeira asks, "What about the hostages...do they exist...well, they do."

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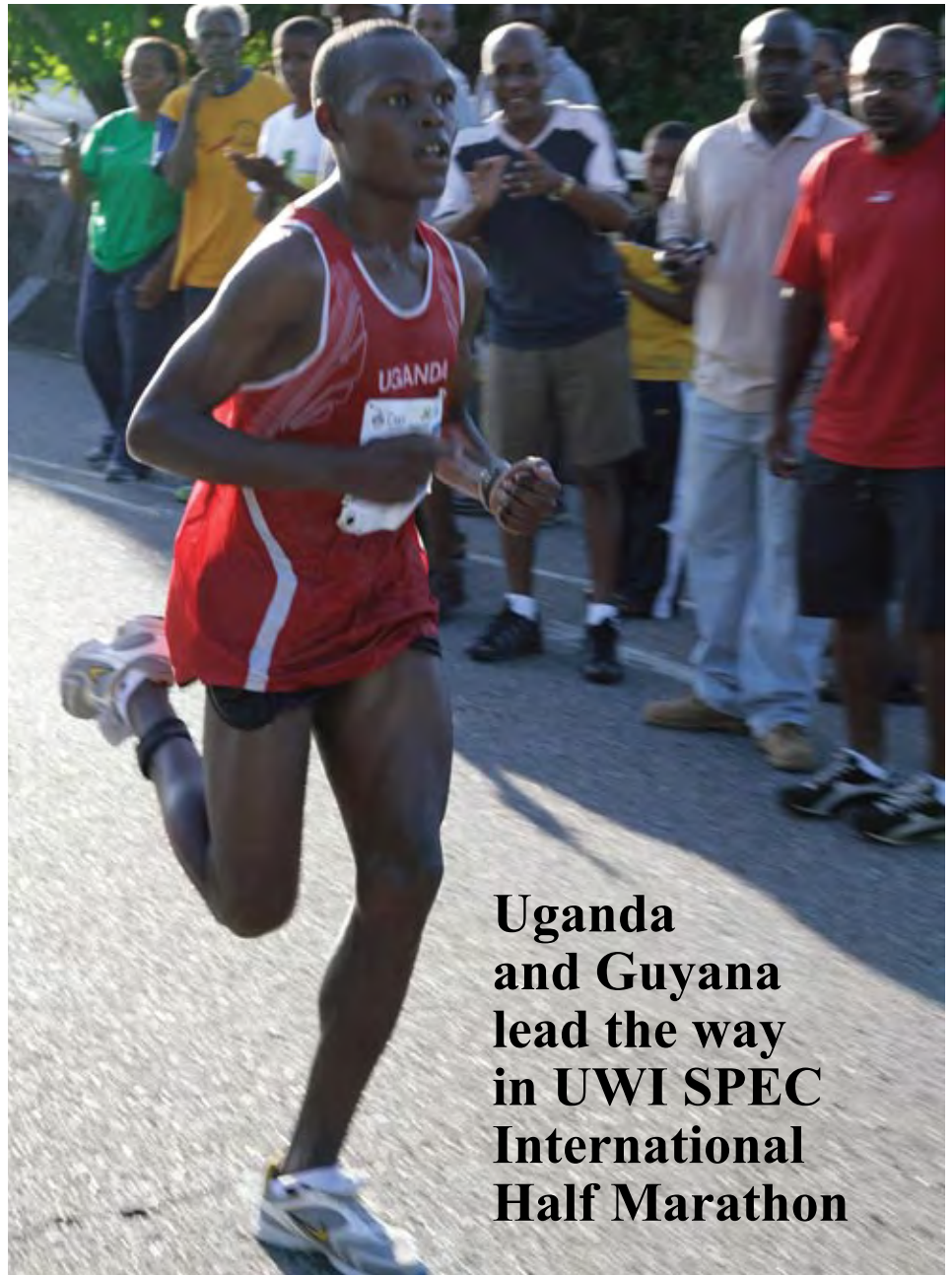
Over the next three years, NGC will undertake major expansion works to improve system reliability at Point Lisas, and add 130 km of pipelines to connect the new and proposed industrial sites at Union and Cove Industrial Estates in south Trinidad and Tobago respectively, and the northeastern offshore acreage to the pipeline network in the southeast of the country.

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“This year along with the support of the University and our sponsors, we took the race to yet another level. With our focus on the environment and ensuring that our runners are provided with a safe, professionally organized, competitive, world-class event,” explained Dr Iva Gloudon, Director of Sport and Physical Education at UWI, St Augustine Campus.

Ugandan runner Nicholas Kipruno emerged as winner of the UWI SPEC International Half Marathon 2008. The twenty year old athlete

took home gold in a time of 1hour, 5 minutes and 35 seconds, more than two minutes ahead of his competitor, Cleveland Ford of Guyana (1:08.22) and Pamenos Ballantyne of St Vincent and the Grenadines (1:08.53). Last year it was USA runner George Towett who won the race trophy and US \$2000 cash prize in a time of 1:05:13.

In fact, the overcast weather conditions also proved favourable for Anika Morgan. The eighteen year old Guyanese runner is one of the youngest to win gold in the Open/International



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1. Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor, The University of the West Indies, presents cheque to overall female winner Ms. Alikia Morgan, Guyana. 2. Granny Lynette Lucess runs to win the Women Over 80 Category 3. Flag bearer

Female category in a time of 1 hour 27 minutes and three seconds. She took the title away from defending champion, Shermin La Saldo, who brought home silver for Trinidad and Tobago (1:27:46) in 2008. Last year La Saldo's winning time was much faster, with 1:27:17. Tanice Barnett of Jamaica placed third.

In The University of the West Indies Student category, Tanice Ballantyne from the UWI Mona Campus in Jamaica, emerged as the winner in the Female category in a time of 1:28:51, with Brian Maynard retaining his title and winning first place in the Male category on his home ground.

In the UWI Staff category, lecturer Denise Demming emerged as the winner for the women, in a time of 2:45:43 with Darrin

Grenade winning first place in a time of 1:25:24 for the men.

Although both runners can claim faster times in the Over 80 Category last year, they defended their titles this year, with Granny (Lynette) Lucess taking home first place in a time of 3:27:47 for the women; and Charles Spooner also winning first place in a time of 3:14:13 for the men.

Over 700 athletes took part in the November 2nd race, one of the most popular events on the athletic calendar, with over \$120,000 in prizes in a myriad of categories.

Presenting sponsors First Citizens once again partnered with UWI donating \$350,000 to the event in 2008.



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“First Citizens joins with UWI SPEC in the nurturing of a dream, a dream that positions this half-marathon as the premier race of its kind in our region,” Manager, Group Corporate Communications, Dexter Charles stated.

The Corporate Sponsor, the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago also supported the ‘green’ race, as well as Blue Waters, the official water of the race. Dr Gloudon explained that over 25,000 plastic water bottles used by athletes as they ran along the traffic-free Priority Bus Route were collected for recycling. Twenty large garbage bins and 2000 garbage bags, donated by Rotoplastics Trinidad Limited, were placed in high traffic locations around the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC) venue and bus route. The plastic bottles have been given to a local company for processing.

This commitment to recycling was praised by UWI Professor, John Agard. The Faculty of Science and Agriculture lecturer and former Head of the Environmental Management Agency, who officially started the race. He posited that it is important for UWI to become a leader in recycling, reuse, conservation and protecting the environment. - AWH. ■



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4. Winners of the Female 50-59 year Category, Joanne Steel, second place(L); Rosamund Jolly, first place and Susannah Joefield third place pose with Ms. Grace Jackson, Director of Sports, UWI Mona Campus

5. Winner of the Male Over 80 Category, Charles Spooner receives a cheque from Prof. John Agard, UWI, St. Augustine

6. Runners along the traffic-free Priority Bus Route

7. Prof. Clement Sankat, PVC & St. Augustine Campus Principal, presents the trophy to Male Overall Winner, Nicholas Kiprono, Uganda.



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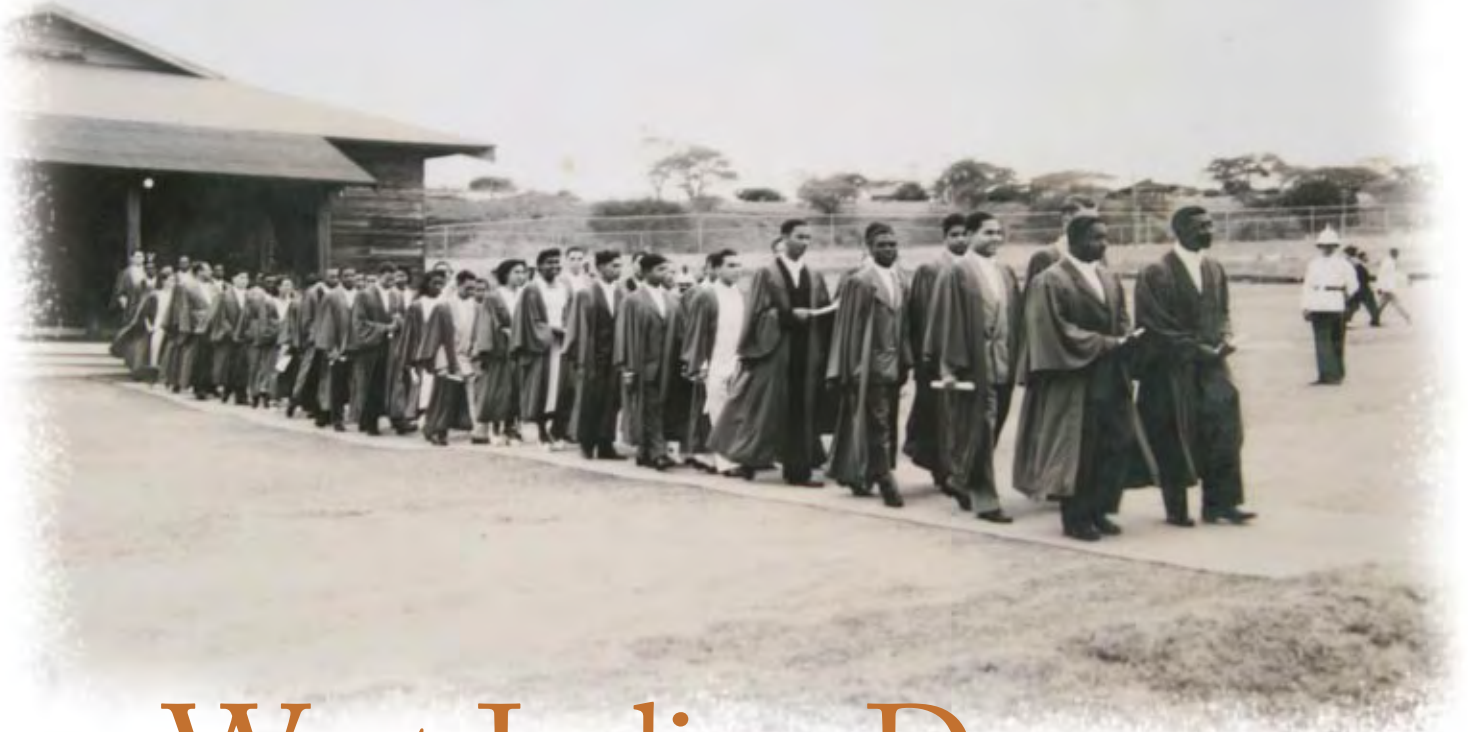
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West Indian Dreams

Dr. Prem Ratan shares his memories of UCWI

On a cool, breezy day in Mona, Jamaica, well-known British Geologist and University Administrator, Sir Raymond Priestly, gave a memorable speech to the first graduating class of The University College of the West Indies (UCWI). It was January 13th 1953 and Sir Raymond spoke of the past and the future. He talked about creating the 'University of our dreams' and encouraged the graduating class to remember to give-back to the community and region that had supported their education.

"In the West Indies, by the accident of history, we have a melting pot which vies in complexity with any in the world... Africans, Britons, Chinese, Danes, Dutchmen,

Frenchmen, Indians, Jews, Spaniards and Syrians, amongst others, have each contributed an essential element to the maelstrom that swirled for centuries to settle finally as the West Indies today."

Dr. Premchand Ratan was in the audience listening to this historic speech and has kept the programme as part of an impressive collection of memorabilia from his days at UCWI. This multi-cultural, cosmopolitan Jamaican Campus was an adventure for the students who came from every corner of the Caribbean to attend classes at the forerunner to The University of the West Indies.

Born in Tunapuna, Trinidad, Dr. Ratan attended the UCWI in 1949. He remembers his years at the University College as "wonderful". There was obviously a sense of camaraderie among the students, of creating something special, unique, something that would act as a catalyst to the development of the region.

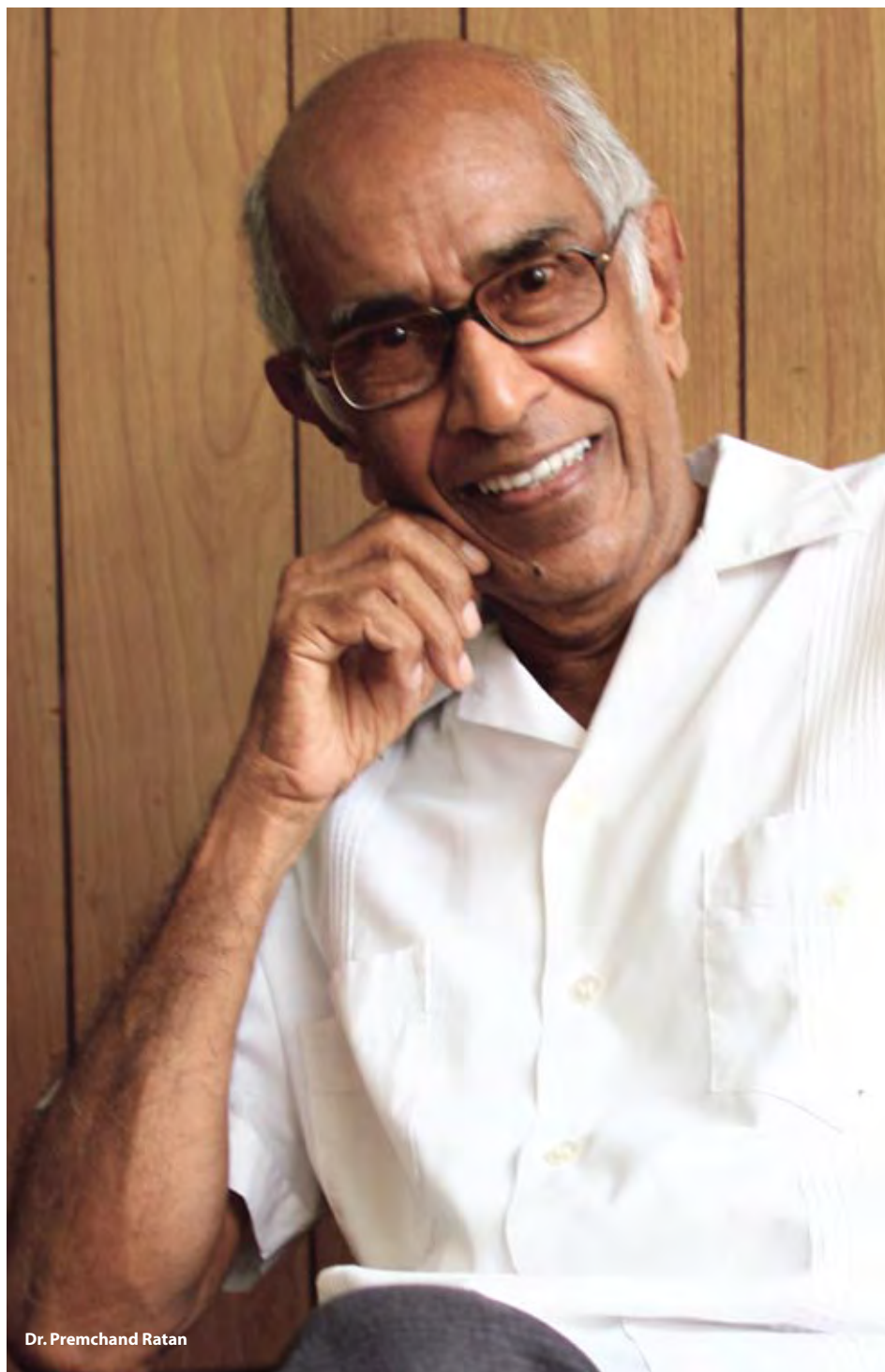
As a member of the Committee of Higher Education in the West Indies which made recommendations concerning the establishment of UCWI, one could understand why the well known British geologist, **Sir Raymond Priestley**, spoke at length about these issues.

"This [University College] was an expensive ideal that the West Indies could barely afford...but anything less would in our view, have been a betrayal of a community whose destiny ought to be great."

“The ‘University of our Dreams’ had to have a strong ratio of staff to students... It had to be wholly residential. It had to be co-educational in the fullest sense of that much debated word. It must be fed from all the territories and islands and must provide an environment in which a vigorous student life could rapidly develop...it must grow to full maturity under the tutelage of - but in a

new and special relationship with - London University, the recognised mother of all British Universities,” Sir Raymond stated.

“This was an expensive ideal that the West Indies could barely afford...but anything less would in our view, have been a betrayal of a community whose destiny ought to be great...”he added.



Dr. Premchand Ratan

For Dr. Ratan, who was in the second batch of students enrolled at the College in the Faculty of Medicine, along with **Drs. David Picou** and **Stanley Lutchman**, it was a memorable time. Dr. Ratan was also a past President of the UWI Medical Alumni Association (T&T Chapter), UWI Gold Medal and Pathology prize winner and Chairman of Taylor Hall (1953). And as he speaks one can recognize that there was also a sense of belonging, of pride and ownership for many of the students – attributes that remain to this day.

“Well it was a new University, it was our University,” he added recently, during an interview at his office in Port of Spain.

His pride in the institution is very apparent as is his sense of duty. A part-time lecturer in the Faculty of Medical Sciences he also does bedside teaching in Neurology at the Port of Spain General Hospital.

He remembers those college years fondly and with great clarity; for he even noted that annual tuition fees were £50 and his first residence was Gibraltar Hall, a former army camp.

“We were all one family – we had to live in residence, it was compulsory, it was just wonderful being together.”

In the photo collection, one can recognize several iconic faces, men and women who have certainly made their mark in the Caribbean and beyond, including **Mr. Val Rogers**, **Mr. James Lee Wah** and **Ms. Kathleen Mc Cracken**, to name just a few. Renowned, national award recipient, Dr. Picou spoke of those golden years.

“The University at that time was very much fuller, well I think that was the best of the years...the golden years,” Dr. Picou explained. “It was so much smaller then and there was a much more intimate environment, students knew each other and you got to know students from other faculties... other islands.”



“In 1949, when I came in, the whole university consisted of 72 students from medicine and natural sciences and that was the second class. The first intake was 33 students...and the third year they also admitted students in the arts...that’s when I met [Derek Walcott], we were fortunate in that time to also have many talented actors in that era, like Slade Hokinson, Jimmy Lee Wah and his wife and so on.”

When asked about the benefits of being one of two regional tertiary-level institutions in the world, he posited that it is a great asset. Apart from aiding in the integration of Caribbean people, “the fact that the university was regional shielded it from political interference”.



After graduating, Dr Picou went abroad to specialize in pediatrics in the USA, returning home after accepting an offer to join the Medical Research Council, Jamaica in 1959. When the council was handed over to UWI in 1970 he was already Head of the Unit.

For Dr. Ratan, he has continued the legacy, as not only is his wife, Sybil, a UCWI graduate, but both of his children also attended his alma mater. He also shared a treasure trove of books, photos and newspaper clippings, including photographs of an evening lime, called a “smoker”, where students and faculty members would chat about world events, share jokes and even sing. The collection also has a newspaper clipping from The Jamaican Star (March 30th 1954) that shows scores of students celebrating and holding an intricately carved chair in the air. The chair made for the visit of Queen Elizabeth which was ‘stolen’ from the University, to be used in a student play. It was borrowed and returned, Dr. Ratan explained with a chuckle.



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“The story of the Queen’s Chair [is that] it was used by the Queen when she visited. Some time later the students requested the use of the chair [for the play] ‘Henri Christophe’. The authorities refused. In protest the chair was ‘stolen’ and hidden somewhere on the campus; for many days Detectives and Police failed to find it. The students... returned the chair with much fanfare,” he added.

Memorable times filled with hope for many students stepping out of colonialism towards independence. And so as the celebrated explorer brought his speech to a close on that historic graduation day before a young Prem Ratan, he spoke of the future and of the changes this would bring.

“I can turn to the Graduating class of today and to its successors and say, ‘It all depends on you’. You are the end-product of a great experiment,” Sir Raymond explained in his presentation to the class over 60 years ago.

Today, for the more than 80,000 graduates of UWI across 15 Caribbean territories, including Dr. Ratan, the experiment has proven to be a success. . - AWH. ■



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Dr Iva Gloudon,
Director, Sport and Physical Education
UWI, St Augustine

“The meetings in Zurich with President Blatter and Vice President Warner, as well as other officials was a follow-up to the visit to Trinidad to give momentum to the development of the FIFA post graduate diploma,” Principal Sankat explained recently. “President Blatter and FIFA continue to demonstrate their support for building education in sport in this part of the world.”

The UWI contingent which included the Campus Principal, the Director of Sport and Physical Education at UWI, St Augustine, Dr Iva Gloudon, Mr. Errol Simms, School of Management and Mr. Fazal Karim, Business Development Office travelled to FIFA Headquarters in Switzerland. Just over a month before the trip, UWI signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with

the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) on 5th September 2008.

The UWI Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris and FIFA President, Dr. Joseph Blatter, signed the MOU at a press conference held at the Office of the Campus Principal, UWI St Augustine. The new agreement looks to the development of cooperative programmes in the areas of research, training, education and facilities development in sport management, education and administration.

“This Executive Masters programme with modules in The Humanities of Sport, Sport Management and Sport Law will find very fertile ground among professionals in the Caribbean engaged in the management and administration of sport. It will develop

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the human capacity to take our sports administration to new heights, as our sportsmen and women of the Caribbean have already been doing in recent times,” explained Professor Clement Sankat, who hosted the historic MOU signing. Professor Sankat was addressing a gathering which included representatives of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education and the Ministry of Sport, Mr. Austin ‘Jack’ Warner, FIFA Vice President, Mr. Oliver Camps, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation (TTFF) and Dr Iva Gloudon, Director of Sport and Physical Education.

It is expected that the FIFA International Master in Management, Law and Humanities of Sport will be offered jointly by The UWI and FIFA. The joint programme is to be housed by an Institute of Sport Studies, which will be established under the umbrella of the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC).

“What this Institute will do is bring all of the University’s academic, recreational and competitive physical education programmes under one umbrella. The focus of the Institute will be to develop a robust academic outlook on sport and physical education and to create a meaningful body of rigorous research about Caribbean people by Caribbean people. There is very little research out there on us, and even less research out there by us. This academic research can be used to inform all of our sport programmes, whether recreational or competitive; whether community-based or regional,” said Dr. Iva Gloudon, Director of Sport and Physical Education.

Known as ‘the FIFA Master’, the International Master in Management, Law and Humanities of Sport is a unique postgraduate sports executive programme, initiated and endorsed by FIFA, and coordinated by the International Centre

for Sports Studies (CIES). With more than 200 graduates in 70 different nations, the FIFA Master is now recognised as one of the top graduate programmes in sport, developing all-round managers who are able to cope with the increasingly complex world of sport.

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“I’ve been working long and hard at it and the fact that it has come to fruition is very exciting; also [the fact that] the initiative is being ably supported by Mr. Simms from the Department of Management Studies and the UWI Business Development Office, the Vice Chancellor and Principal; and we have to thank Mr. Warner and FIFA in particular,” Dr. Gloudon added. ■



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