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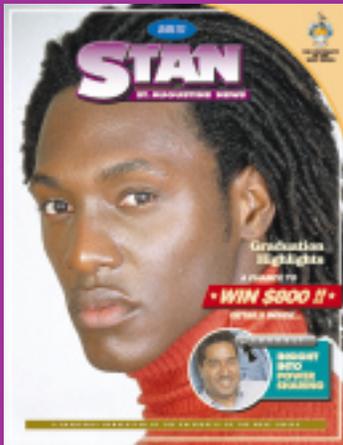
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EDITORIAL



A Time of Renewal

with optimum effectiveness on campus and we want the world to be aware of what we are doing. At the same time the University needs to be involved in what is happening in the world outside and in service of this we will be more relevant and responsive. St. Augustine News will seek to capture this new orientation within its pages. It is our hope that better, more open, more effective communication and exchange of views will help us to achieve our objectives at a more rapid pace.

I hope you will take a few minutes to absorb the seven (7) key objectives which have been identified for this campus as part of our Strategic Planning exercise. Please take the time to read the text. And feel free to give us feedback.

Students and staff on this campus constitute a community of ten thousand (10,000). We are a little village. The wider national and Caribbean community depend on us as an institution dedicated to human development and as a catalyst in the development process generally. If we harness our Information Technology effectively we can have productive connectivity with collaborators across the globe and access knowledge resources from all the major knowledge centres regardless of location.

We have much to celebrate in this Carnival season. But there is also much to do.

This newspaper signals renewal - building on what we have achieved, but bringing some freshness of perspective as we embrace the future.

We hope you like the new STAN. Make it yours by reading it and, more importantly, by contributing to it.

It will be published four times a year and on special occasions, as required.

I hope that you will be pleased with this issue of St. Augustine News - the first for 2002. As you will realize immediately our monthly newspaper has been redesigned and revamped. It is my hope that you will find this full colour publication more appropriate to a University campus in the process of renewal and more in keeping with what you would like to see in a publication which highlights life, work and achievement on the St. Augustine campus.

This enhanced St. Augustine News will focus on strategic initiatives, events, programmes, people and places on our campus; and you may also look forward to reading in our upcoming issues about milestones achieved by members of staff and students, through our interviews and feature articles. We will also be highlighting those things which make us a diverse, productive community committed to excellence - quality teaching, significant research, meaningful publications, high levels of achievement in various areas of endeavour, innovative programmes, impactful events. We look forward to your feedback and to your diverse opinions.

St. Augustine News will now be produced by the Marketing and Communications Office. This office is located opposite the Principal's Office and is headed by Dawn Marie De Four-Gill. This Office will now be responsible for the effective marketing of the St. Augustine campus as well as communication about the campus and its events and activities.

This year promises to be an exciting and highly rewarding one for our campus community. We will become more involved with business, government and the community at large. We seek to build a community of high achievers operating

Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie



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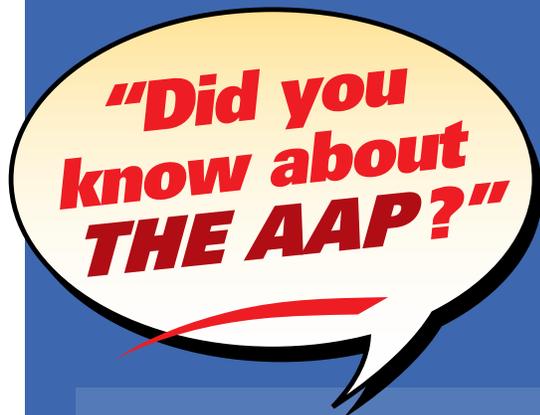
UWI graduate (2001), Paul Robert Pryce has found his equilibrium, balancing work, study, sport and play.

At 23, this six foot three, entrepreneur, UWI (B.Sc.) graduate and former national swimmer, has learnt to balance work, study and play. Paul-Robert Pryce is a true-blue UWI progeny: his Jamaican father, Ken Pryce, was a lecturer in Sociology while his Martiniquan mother, Nicole Taylor, still teaches French at the Centre for Language Learning (CLL). As a young boy, he lived on campus and fondly remembers "picking five fingers" with his late father. He also had the benefit of growing up in a learned, bilingual household and is fluent in French. He told us about his times at St Georges College where he took part in many sports including basketball and swimming, before his entry into UWI in 1998 to pursue a Management Degree, specializing in Marketing.

"My experience at UWI was good, I enjoyed it a lot. The only thing I regret was not being more involved in campus activities...I just wasn't there," Pryce explained. What caused him to branch off campus, was the modeling industry. He ultimately found himself chosen as 'Oprah's Sexiest Caribbean Man'. For five days he got to relax at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas during the finals of the competition. He 'took it all in his stride' and was intent on enjoying the experience— win or lose.

"When I arrived I was limin' with Tyra Banks, chillin' out in the Bahamas...and I thought 'I win already!' ". This led to modeling contracts in New York and France. However, for Pryce, completing his studies remained a priority and he returned home to graduate from the UWI.

"What I think we need to do [as students], in reference to what I heard Dr. Tewarie say, is that we have to *create wealth*. This really struck me when I heard it. Many students graduate and expect jobs to be waiting for them...I think only in my final year did I have this revelation, when I realized that it was not just about passing exams," this entrepreneur and founder of an events management company called "Wild Papillon Entertainment" explained. In his unassuming and open manner, he spoke about the company which has successfully managed several events and has clients throughout the Caribbean, including Martinique. And so we want to give this UWI St. Augustine graduate a special STAN "bligh in the sky".



The relatively new **Academic Advising Programme** started in the French Section of the Department of Liberal Arts in 1997. Over the years, the Academic Advising Programme (AAP) has expanded to include Academic Advisors in History, Spanish, Portuguese, Literatures in English, Linguistic and Communication Studies, as well as in the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts.

The aim of the AAP is to create an environment outside of the classroom where student and lecturer can work together to effectively manage the student's degree programme. In such an environment the student receives the necessary support to achieve goals, as well as identify and manage academic challenges. The AAP is tailored to meet the diverse needs of the particular degree programme. Timing is essential to the process. All students whether new or returning must meet with their advisors at least once per semester within the first four weeks.

The AAP has mounted several projects since its inception. And 2000-2001 was no exception. In February 2000 a "Know Your Major Workshop" was conducted to inform advisors about their degree programmes. In April a Logo Competition was launched with Ms Elicia Gordon emerging as winner. And in November an "Identifying the Signs" workshop was held to help Academic Advisors identify signs in students who needed psychological counseling and learn about ways to effectively direct these students to professional help. Although the programme faces many challenges, it has received support from students and advisors. The AAP is committed to producing more student-centred projects including career guidance workshops as well as establishing an efficient referral system. The convenor of the AAP is Dr. Elizabeth Hackshaw.

7 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

"If we identify a long list of priorities then we may end up with a situation in which nothing is a real priority for the St. Augustine campus. It is better, therefore to identify a few meaningful priorities and build clusters as necessary around them." So said Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie as he addressed members of the Academic Board at a special meeting to discuss the University Strategic Plan 2002-2007 at the end of November last year. Dr. Tewarie then went on to identify seven priorities for the St. Augustine Campus.

- 1. STUDENT CENTREDNESS** - All university units which impact on the quality of life and quality of education on this campus must be transformed into a network of support for students on campus.
- 2. EXPANSION OF ACCESS** - We must significantly expand university intake in keeping with targets set by CARICOM and even higher targets set nationally. This has implications for both undergraduate and graduate programmes and it means that departments and faculties must assess their strengths and weaknesses, identify resources and be clear about direction.
- 3. QUALITY** - This has to be the cornerstone of everything that we do. Whatever we are doing, we must do better. What we are not doing well we must rethink within the context of quality. It is important to build a reputation for offering a top quality globally relevant education at undergraduate level responsive to Caribbean needs. At the same time, we must understand that an international reputation cannot be built on undergraduate teaching. Our emphasis on impactful research and on expanding full time graduate education as well as establishing the supporting infrastructure is critical.

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GOAL!

The First & Largest Sport & Physical Education Centre in the Caribbean opens its doors in time for the 2002/03 academic year

"It's been 21 years of an active walk towards this goal. I knew I wanted to come back to Trinidad and I knew that basically the UWI did not have an adequate tertiary level programme in Sports and Physical Education and I wanted to establish one," Director of our state-of-the-art Sports Facility, Dr. Iva Gloudon explained.

Dr. Gloudon is seated behind her desk at the Office of Sport and Physical Education (OSPE). A collage with images of young, smiling kids, whom I assume are her children, decorate the back wall, while the shelves in the room are laden with physical education books, magazines and an enlarged artists' impression of the sport facility. On the floor lies assorted sport equipment, leaving no doubt as to the function of the office.

Dr. Gloudon speaks eloquently and passionately about the **A c a d e m i c**, **Administrative and Activity** programmes that her team has developed at the St Augustine campus over the years.

Her Vision for the

University is all encompassing, profoundly innovative and unrelenting. In association with the Faculty of Humanities & Education, the OSPE offers a Certificate in Coaching and a Degree in Education with a coaching emphasis. Similarly, in association with the Department of Management Studies, the office also offers a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sport Management and/or a minor. That is not all - in the pipeline are a Diploma in Sports Sciences/Sports Medicine, a Certificate in Sports Sciences, and a Degree in Sports Psychology, among others. The office also manages the Interfaculty and Inter-mural Games and employs 14 coaches who are actively involved in training students in a wide range of sports from Tae Kwon Do to Swimming.

Dr Gloudon is also an avid supporter of revamping the curriculum so that students are fully credited for athletic activities, a proposal that the University is currently reviewing. In fact, during her years at Spelman College, Atlanta, she experienced first-hand, a similar restructuring of programmes that encouraged credits for and promotion of

"other learning tools outside of the classroom... encouraging experiential learning".

A decade ago, after completing her Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree at the University of Illinois in Urbana, in Sport and Physical Education, and gaining her Doctoral degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in Sport and Physical Education/ Professional Development, she returned home and approached the UWI for employment. She was accepted and several of the recommendations made in her first-year proposal to the University have been implemented. The UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre, with an in-door and out-door facility, is just one facet of a larger plan.

The facility is designed to become the 'centre' in our region, for Sport and Physical Education development, training and research. It takes into account both local and International requirements and provides a facility that can serve both University and Community needs for focused social and physical development.

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Dr. Iva Gloudon
Director



STAN caught up with Dr Hamid Ghany, Head of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, lecturer and respected columnist at his campus office. We were able to gain insight into his views on power sharing, constitutional reform and to discuss ways to resolve the current political impasse affecting the country.

STAN: How would you bring about constitutional reform? And what role must the University play in supporting this process?

HG: "I think we would need citizen participation. I think that the University has the technical expertise among its staff to facilitate whatever formula for citizen participation is determined by the political directorate.

STAN: How can we the people make our voices heard other than at election time and which institutions could or should be instrumental in bringing about this change?

HG: I think that Non-Governmental Organisations(NGOs) and various pressure and special interest groups in the society can host their own fora for discussion and that can inform the wider process for constitutional reform, by promoting discussion and debate.

STAN: What if there is not an audience or a listening for this?

HG: If there is no real audience participation, that may reveal lack of interest or lack of information. The listening by those in power will be a function of the effectiveness of these fora.

STAN: What do you think about the recent call for another meeting by Prime Minister Manning and UNC Leader Basdeo Panday by Senator Martin Daly ?

HG: I think it's necessary for the two main leaders to meet again and build on their earlier discussion. In the absence of any real coalition, there may be no other way to resolve the deadlock in the short term, other than by going to the polls. However, if elections produce the same result, the Power Sharing will have to be the number one priority. And there are so many ways in which Power Sharing can be done. One way is the rotation of the Prime Ministership; another way could be equal representation of both sides in cabinet in a grand coalition; another could be the disbursement of state patronage on the basis of sharing the spoils of office between the two sides.

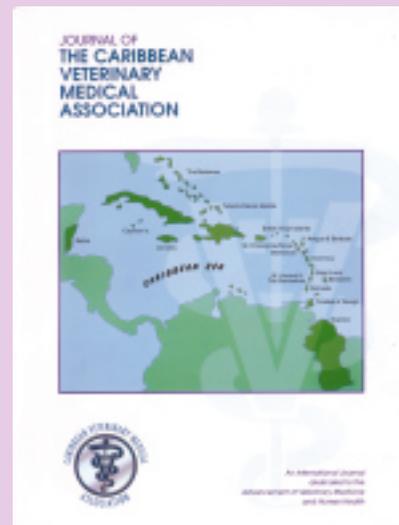
STAN: Do you think the Senate should be re-constituted?

HG: Reconstitution of the Senate could involve either an adjustment in the number or a change in the method of appointment (by determining appointments on electoral criteria, reflecting membership in proportion to votes cast or introducing an elected element).

STAN: Do you think that these changes and challenges we face today are an integral part of a country that is "growing up"...a country experiencing teething pains?

HG: Yes, I think it's very much a teething issue and it may provide us with a valuable opportunity to address issues that have been deferred for far too long.

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NEW JOURNAL OF THE CARIBBEAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The third issue, produced in January 2002 of *The Journal of Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association* is now available. The journal has faced many challenges in the past including a "fruitless search for funds" and convincing would-be authors to publish in this relatively "young" journal. However, the calibre of the articles reflect that these obstacles were not insurmountable. Editor Dr. Edward Cazabon explained "We simply could not go on without a journal." With manuscripts submitted to this international publication from the Caribbean, North America, Europe, Argentina and Brazil, the journal is truly dedicated to the advancement of Veterinary Medicine and Human Health.

NEW POISON INFORMATION CENTRE OPENS

The first Poison Information Centre in Trinidad and Tobago was launched recently at an international symposium co-ordinated by The University of the West Indies and the local Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization at The Kapok Hotel, Port of Spain.

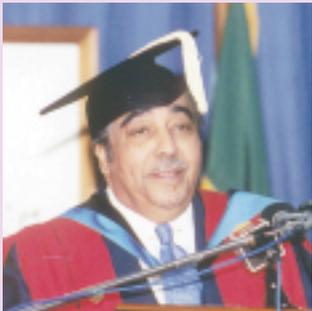
The first of its kind in the English Speaking Caribbean, the Poison Information Center will be located at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, Mt Hope. The brainchild of Dr L.M. Pinto Pereira and Dr. V. Simmons of the Faculty of Medical Sciences at The University of the West Indies, the Centre will provide the general public and medical professionals with information and advice concerning the diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of poisoning, as well as the toxicity of drugs and other chemicals. Initially, the Centre will be open 40 hours a week, with a goal of operating 24 hours a day. The North West Regional Health Authority will be involved in providing the physical infrastructure for the Centre, while Dr Pinto Pereira and Dr Simmons will lend their experience and expertise as Directors.

"The Centre will be equipped with state of the art technology, to include a comprehensive database on treatment for poisons people may come into contact with daily, as well as in rare circumstances," Dr Pinto Pereira said. "From international data, approximately 80% of poisoning exposures can be effectively managed whilst avoiding unnecessary hospitalisation and costs, once it is done quickly. This would redound to the benefit of our health sector, by placing less stress on our health resources and manpower in the treatment of these cases," Dr Pinto Pereira explained.

Celebration Time!



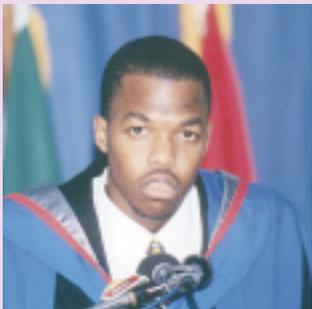
Mrs. Nesta Patrick is best known for her profound community service involving women and children and is being recognised for Social Work. On receiving her degree, she encouraged the graduates to Look, Listen, Learn and Love during these times of automation, globalization, cloning and long distance fertilisation - when "machines and men mix."



US Congressman **Charles B. Rangel**, an influential African-American leader and social activist who has often championed Caribbean issues on Capital Hill, told the graduating class of 2001, "you are the leaders of the next world", the ones best prepared to deal with the legacy of the modern world, including : terrorism - "of the faceless enemy" - , because of the advantage of a quality education within a cosmopolitan society.



Valedictorian Allister Glean, MSc Graduate, spoke of his experience on campus as "enriching - I've always remarked on how diverse the Campus is, yet so integrated."



Valedictorian Kurleigh Prescod BSc graduate's address spoke of the future and the impact of trade liberalisation on our economy "You are not the leaders of tomorrow. You are no longer the nation's future...as of now, you have joined the leaders of today."

It was the best of times for over 1800 UWI St Augustine students who donned mortar boards and gowns, to accept their graduation certificates on November 2nd and 3rd at the JFK Quadrangle, St Augustine campus. They would now join the ranks of over 50,000 alumni, many of whom have achieved local and international recognition. It was another year of achievement, for the University, which saw a rise in enrollment of 7% over last year. The graduating class had also swollen to an added 1,000 students over the previous year's numbers. An unforgettable time - as proud family members and friends came in their hundreds to celebrate with the graduates.



At the ceremonies, Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Rex Nettleford **conferred** four honorary degrees and celebrated the achievements of **Dr. Stephen Penlyn Bennett (top left), Mrs. Nesta Patrick, Professor Harold Bierman Jr. (top right)** and U.S. Congressman **Charles B. Rangel**. These UWI Honorary Graduates join the ranks of Sir Vidia Naipaul, Nobel Laureate; His Excellency President Arthur N.R. Robinson; Pat Bishop, T.C.; Peter Minshall, and many other eminent persons. They were selected by the University for dedicated and distinguished achievements in their fields.

HONOUR ROLL

ICONS OF EXCELLENCE: VICE CHANCELLOR AWARDS

Since 1994, twenty-six academics have been presented with these Awards for Excellence and a grant of US \$5000, instituted by former Vice Chancellor, Sir Alistair McIntyre. Once again we are proud to celebrate the inspirational, renowned and highly professional work of our colleagues, whose revolutionary research, modern and innovative programmes have had profound impact, both locally and internationally.

Congratulations to:



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Christian
Postoff**

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Administration:**
(Department of
Mathematics &
Computer Sciences,
St Augustine
Campus)



**Professor
Clement
K. Sankat**

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in Research,
University Service
and Public Service**
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Mechanical Engineering,
St Augustine
Campus)



**Professor
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Reddock**

**Excellence in
Teaching/
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Research and
Public Service**
(Centre for Gender
& Development Studies,
St Augustine Campus)



**Professor
Paul Nigel
Levett**

**Excellence
in Research**
(School of Clinical
Medicine & Research,
Cave Hill Campus)

Arts In Action; Excellence in Public Service
(Theater In Education Programme of the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts
at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus)



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100 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONOURED

100 scholarship winners were invited to a luncheon held in their honour by Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie and his wife Kamla. The students and their parents had the opportunity to talk with staff, including Professor Bridget Brereton, Deputy Principal, as well as Deans, Deputy Deans and Heads of Departments. Many of the scholarship winners have begun their freshman year and are pleased with their choice of the UWI.

"The fact that the UWI is in Trinidad, the fact that the learning is more directed towards Caribbean people and focuses on Caribbean diseases, as well as the fact that I hope to practice in the Caribbean, made me choose to study medical sciences here." Scholarship winner (Sciences) and graduate of Naparima College, Nadeem Hosein explained. While Kemba Cupid, Scholarship winner (Math) from Naparima Girls' High School will register in 2002. Holding true to a family tradition, as both of her parents Carlyle and Claudine attended UWI, she explained, "I'm not ready to go away and live on my own yet, especially with the issues in America. I have a lot of friends who go to UWI and they are all having fun and enjoying themselves."

Host Dr Tewarie spoke briefly during the luncheon, thanking family members for their support and the students for their commitment to higher learning. "You are the best that our system has produced...we need bright students to build a great university and we need a great university to build a great society."



Dr Tewarie, Campus Principal, congratulates the scholarship winners and their parents at the luncheon.

DR. ERIC WILLIAMS QUIZ A SUCCESS

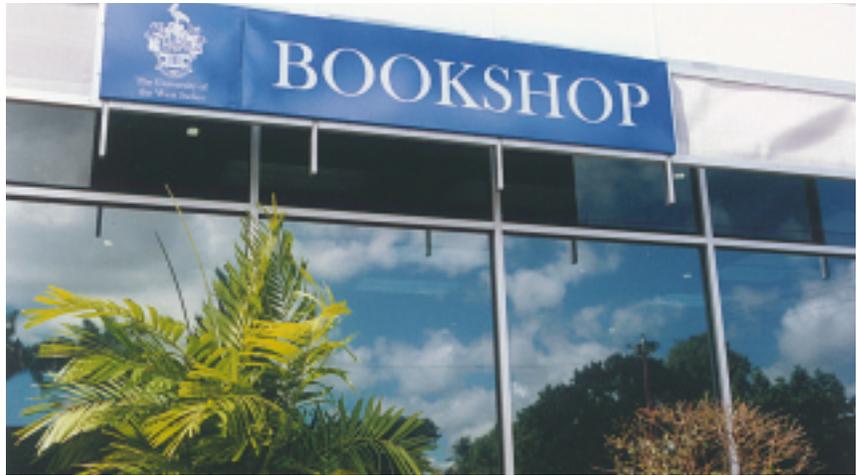
This year the Dr Eric Williams Quiz produced lots of excitement and enthusiasm among the nation's secondary schools. Administered by the University Library in October, during our busy campus Open Days, 23 schools took part with many students gaining the prize of a CD. The CD takes the viewer on a virtual tour of the University Library and its facilities. Congratulations to: Jocelyn Grant (Curepe Junior Secondary), Christopher Castagne (Hillview College), Augustus Williams (South-East Port of Spain Government Secondary), Janine Adams (Bishop Anstey High School), Kavar Ramdatt (Princes Town Senior Comprehensive), Rachel Ramdial (Iere High School), Juliette Wilson (St. Benedict's College), Max Abdullah (St. James Secondary), Rissa Woo Chung (St. Augustine Senior Secondary), Atiba Brereton (Presentation College). Special 'most entries' prizes were awarded to South-East POS Government Secondary (74), Curepe Junior Secondary (39), Hillview College (30).

J'OUVERT

Celebrating new beginnings, including the "opening" of events, facilities and programmes on campus.

University Bookshop Manager Charmaine Clovis-Mike has learnt not to judge a book by its cover. She is aware of the challenges her team has to face in stocking her spacious, stark white shelves with affordable course books, within budget and on time, while providing a quality customer service. A graduate of the University, she frequently visited the "old bookshop", which was located a few doors down from the new one. And so she is quite aware of the issues that have haunted the store, which is fully owned by the UWI. However, the Manager and team have been successfully enhancing the store's performance record, while capitalizing on the new facilities.

UWI BOOKSHOP TURNS A NEW PAGE



"In 2001, we enhanced our quality of service in many ways, including the on-time availability of books which was measured and increased from 80% to 95%," she explained. The Bookshop has also tried to enhance its interaction with Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments to get a better understanding of their needs.

Recently merged with Central Stationery Stores, the Bookshop has been able to negotiate for more competitively priced stationery items for staff and students. The merger has also enabled the store to expand its customer base to include students of the Cipriani Labour College, ROYTEC, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (St Lucia) and several COSTATT affiliated institutions. Her constant challenge is finding the right balance between cost and demand. Currently, arrangements are being made for improved on-time and general delivery.

"We try to get the best possible prices for books. And we also try to get the list from lecturers as early as possible so that we can ensure the book is still in publication, send out orders and arrange shipping, as well as handle payment and customs issues so that the books arrive on time.," Clovis-Mike explained.

But how do the students feel? STAN spoke with some of students who were browsing through the lanes. Many seem to welcome the change and made full use of customer service representative to ask questions and source books.

"They have a wide variety of stuff," Undergraduate Sharon Ramdass said while browsing through one of the sections of the store. Serah Ghany also an Undergraduate student explained "I find it's very organized...lots of space to walk around."

Post Graduate Omar Davis looked up from studying a Chemical Engineering book to comment guardedly, "At this point I can only think of the pros - in terms of the spatial arrangement it's much better than the last one, that was too small. But I haven't bought anything yet... but so far there is quite a good coverage of the texts."

The Bookshop also expanded its memorabilia items to include branded travel bags, totes, shirts and mugs. There are plans to host book signings by acclaimed authors and to install an Internet Café to allow better access to the internet and the bookshop holdings. And with sales reaching an all time high of five million last year, the store is continually seeking to find new ways to serve students and staff more effectively.



The bookshop team with Manager Charmaine Clovis-Mike (seated, first on the left)



Students during the busy first week of classes reviewing the books at the shop.

V.S. NAIPAUL

A Bend In The River

The Department of Liberal Arts hosts an intriguing function that celebrates the work of Trinidadian-born Nobel Laureate, V. S. Naipaul, while investigating whether his is an identity we can claim.

On the heels of the announcement that acclaimed writer V.S. Naipaul had won the Nobel Prize For Literature, the Department of Liberal Arts hosted a function to celebrate the occasion at The Learning Resource Centre. The two-session event was kicked off with a panel discussion on Naipaul's work, entitled, *In Celebration of V.S. Naipaul*. Renowned academics from the Department of Liberal Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Education took part. Moderated by Dr. Funso Aiyejina, panelists for the session included Professor Gordon Rohlehr; Dr. Sheila Rampersad (who replaced Professor Emeritus, Ken Ramchand) and Ms. Merle Hodge. During the interactive,

open forum secondary school and university students were invited to participate. Dennis "Sprangalang" Hall also read excerpts from Naipaul's work.

An Identity We can Claim? Naipaul in a Caribbean and Global Context – was the focus of the second forum, also held at the LRC. At this session, panelists Professor Gordon Rohlehr, Professor Ken Ramchand, Mr. Vishnu Singh and Dr. Pat Ismond along with moderator Dr. Royden Salick, placed the Trinidadian-born novelist in a global and regional context. Dramatised readings were also performed by Deborah Jean Baptiste Samuel.

"It is clear that Caribbean culture has a global appeal and relevance, the fact that this is the third occasion on which the Nobel Prize has been won by a Caribbean born and educated person is no small achievement," Professor Barbara Lalla, Head of the Department of Liberal Arts, explained. "And so we felt it would be tragic if we did not celebrate and explore this achievement at The University of the West Indies."

V. S. Naipaul was awarded an Honorary Degree from the UWI in 1975.



Deborah Jean Baptiste-Samuel performed a dramatic reading at the celebration.



"Sprangalang" read "Mau-Mau" at the first session of the UWI Celebration in honour of the Nobel laureate.



Dr. Sheila Rampersad (at front) shared her views during the interactive session. Ms. Merle Hodge and Professor Gordon Rohlehr are in the background.



(From left) Dr Roydon Salick, Professor Gordon Rohlehr and Professor Kenneth Ramchand at the second session.



The audience was certainly entertained by Sprangalang's reading.

PRINCIPAL HOSTS BACK TO WORK FUNCTION

Dr. Tewarie, Campus Principal, helped members of staff and members of the media ease into the new year as well as the school semester with a "Back To Work" Function which was held at his campus office. At the event, members of staff got a chance to meet and chat with colleagues, members of the media and lend an ear to the Principal's Vision for the University.



Deputy Principal, Professor Bridget Brereton and Campus Registrar William Iton share a joke at the reception.



Mrs. Lylla Bada, Campus Bursar, chats with Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie at the event.



Dr Phyllis Pitt-Miller (centre) talks with Dr. John Shepard and Dr Tewarie at the Principal's office.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS PAPER AT GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Doctoral student and tutor at UWI's Department of Physics, **Indra Haraksingh**, made a technical presentation on the solar cooker at an international four-day conference held in Jamaica. Entitled "Sustainable Alternatives for Island States" the conference reviewed the latest developments in sources for renewable energy around the world. Head of both the local and Caribbean Solar Society, Haraksingh developed the solar cooker at her department and made her application consonant with the range of applications of solar cooking in India, as explained by Dr. Gouri Data of the University of Delhi. The conference was attended by researchers and scientists from Barbados, Jamaica, Germany, Canada, USA, India, Cuba, Puerto Rico, UK and Trinidad and Tobago. Those interested in attending the Society's 2003 conference will not have to travel far, as it will be hosted by Trinidad and Tobago.

W I L L T O M E M O R Y

my old man passed on
to me
grubbly eyes
scaly skin
and horns for fingers and toes

my old man's legacy
to me
was the love for language
without understanding of the word

a craving for rotten cheese
and puncheon rum
curdled in the vomit
on the rug beside my bed

my old man left me
in his will his
yes sir! no sir! yes
thank you please!
swallowing bloody insults
scattered teeth muttering celtic catholic prayers
in the yard boy

i am not bitter
but i am not sweet
my old man's withered penis
peeps from his wrinkled slider's open front that fly
insults in the backside
of the old irish priest's whip
ped misery

moomamoomayuhsonindegraveareadybanyuhheadandthrowwaydebaby

if you going to bawl
better you ban up your belly

but who among you will meet and dance with me in the dirt?
and which of the meek among you shall inherit this earth?
my old man and me we eat the dough the
devil kneaded with his big toe

my old man left me
no will
but his yes sir! no sir! yes thank you please!
to swallow bleeding insults
that fly in the backside of a
black hole of memory

Melvina Hazard
UWI Student

THE FIRST PETROLEUM GEOSCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE



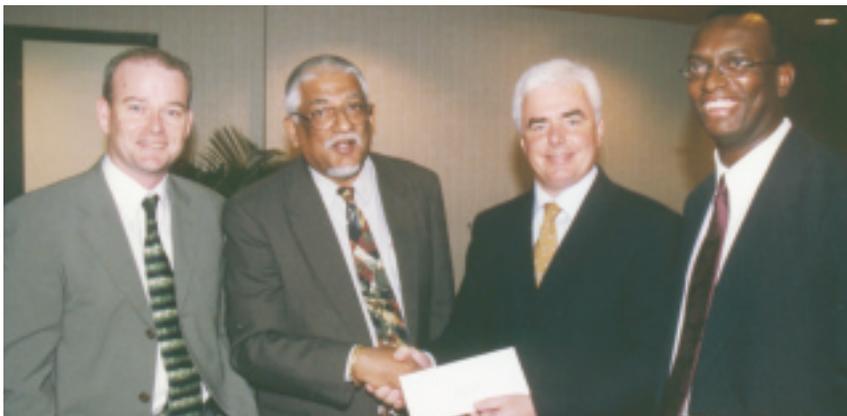
A new programme that will meet the growing demand for skilled geoscientists, has been introduced into the Faculty of Engineering - a B.Sc in Petroleum Geoscience, with majors in Petroleum Geology and Petroleum Geophysics. The B.Sc. Petroleum Geoscience is a three-year programme that gives students the option of specialising in either Petroleum Geology or Petroleum Geophysics. It has been a fast-track initiative within the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering. The champions and developers of the programme, **Richard A Dawe**, TMC Chair in Petroleum Engineering and Wayne G Bertrand, Programme Coordinator, welcomed the first students in August 2001.

In planning the programme, the Faculty of Engineering had extensive discussions with the major stakeholders involved in Trinidad's petroleum industry, including bpTT, British Gas, Petrotrin as well as the GSTT (Geological, Society of Trinidad and Tobago) and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries. Over the last four decades, there has been a steady loss of



Professor Dawe addresses the crowd

critical skills to the industry, usually with the older experienced personnel leaving before their skills have been effectively 'handed down'. The largest skill gap for the upstream petroleum sector in Trinidad and Tobago is within the geosciences. Therefore graduates of the programme are in great demand. This BSc programme is tailored to satisfy the petroleum geoscience needs of the upstream petroleum industry and, in particular, that of Trinidad and Tobago. An M.Sc program is expected to commence within three(3) years.



Professor Clement Sankat (Second from left) at the occasion



CARIRI FORMS LINKS WITH ETHIOPIA

The Quality and Standards Authority of Ethiopia (QSAE) has linked with the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) to learn more about laboratory quality management systems. Ten senior technical professionals from QSAE in Addis Ababa were on study tour of CARIRI's laboratories at UWI, ST Augustine from November 26th - December 7th. The two week attachment was funded by the United Nations Industrial development Organisation (UNIDO), through the UNDP. Similar to CARIRI, Ethiopia's QSAE was established in 1970 and operates ten branches across Ethiopia, as well as in Djibouti.



Ephrem Teklu (right) of QSAE, Ethiopia looks on as CARIRI materials lab technician, Frank Byron demonstrates the conduct of a Rockwell hardness test on a sample of steel

WIGUT ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to members of the recently elected WIGUT Executive: Mr. Vishnu Singh (President), Dr. Jeanette Morris (Vice-President), Ms. Marilyn Lewis (Secretary), Dr. Bishnu Ragoonath (Treasurer), Dr. Anderson Maxwell, Dr. Gary Garcia, Mr. Stanley Lau, Dr. Dan Ramdath, Dr. Robin Antoine, Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. Fayeze Youssef.



Feature speaker Dr. Charles Glassick

GUARDIANS OF THE 21st CENTURY

The 2001 Distinguished Lecture Series, "21st Century Trends and Developments", presented by the UWI St. Augustine campus in association with Guardian Holdings Limited and Guardian Life of the Caribbean Limited, featured Dr. Charles Glassick, Senior Associate Emeritus, Carnegie Foundation. The informative and popular lecture, which was held at the Leaning Resource Centre, focused on 'The Scholarship of Teaching'.



UWI PEOPLE

Welcome to our new members of staff:

Mrs. Indrani Bachan-Persad
Executive Assistant
Office of the Principal

Dr. Rolph Balgobin
Executive Director
Institute of Business

Ms. Estelle Chaumont
Foreign Language Instructor
Department of Liberal Arts

Dr. Richard Clarke
Lecturer in Construction Engineering & Management
Department of Civil Engineering

Dr. Estelle De Gourville
Lecturer in Microbiology
Department of Para-Clinical Sciences

Ms. Allison Dolland
Librarian II
University Libraries

Dr. Michael Foley
Senior Lecturer
Chemical Engineering

Ms. Floris Fraser
Librarian III
University Libraries

Dr. Roger Hosein
Lecturer
Department of Economics

Dr. Yacoob Hosein
Librarian II
University Libraries

Ms. Deborah Isaac
Senior Auditor
Management Audit Unit

Ms. Laura John
Research Assistant
Seismic Research Unit

Dr. Harrinath D. Maharajh
Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry
Department of Clinical Medical Sciences

Mr Arvind Mohais
Assistant Lecturer in Computer Science
Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Dr. Martin Munro
Lecturer in French
Department of Liberal Arts

Dr. Shelton Nicholls
Executive Director
Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies

Dr. Everson Peters
Lecturer in Environmental Engineering
Department of Civil Engineering

Mr. Shaun Ramlogan
Lecturer in Periodontology
School of Dentistry

Dr Ian Sammy
Lecturer in Accident & Emergency Surgery
Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences

Dr. Neil Singh
Student Medical Officer
Health Service Unit

Mrs. Anna Walcott-Hardy
Communications Coordinator
Campus Communications (PR) Centre

Mrs. Paula Wellington-John
Manager, Systems Laboratory
Faculty of Engineering

Dr. Farid Youssef
Lecturer in Human Physiology
Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER ROLLOCK

Christopher Rollock spent more than fourteen years at the School of Education. His friends here knew Chris' talents and gift of life, but it was not until he became a teacher at Trinity High School that his talents really blossomed, and he found in teaching a truly satisfying outlet for his abilities and his deep concern for others.

His love for music and his talent for singing made many a heart rejoice. He serenaded his friends at Education, newly-wed couples, family gatherings, church activities and lately Sunday School children. He even wrote and sang "first prize" calypsos at the UWI Credit Union Calypso and Ole Mass competition.

Over the years, the hard knocks he had to overcome in life, helped him to mature in many ways. He cried many times, but his love for life wiped away the tears of hurt and helped him climb the ladder to maturity. He held no grudges and showed no



The late Christopher Rollock sang the Best Commentary Calypso in 1997 at the UWI Credit Union Ole Mas and Kaiso Competition.

partiality among his colleagues and friends.

One of Chris' hobbies was buying gadgets and using them until he made the next discovery. In his heart, he was still a little boy who loved to play with his niece and nephews and romp around the house. His mom said that he made the most noise. Even in the office, dressed in his brown coat scurrying around either on a computer errand or moving around AV equipment, he was always ready with some funny remark to lighten up someone's day.

His emphasis in life was not materialistic, but spiritual. He always had a fear for God and the last year of his life was spent in drawing closer to the Lord he loved. The impact of his tragic death left us all in a mood of reflection. We miss him dearly, but he has left each one of us the legacy of his unconditional love.

Rena, Gerry, Debbie, Suzie and Staff at The School of Education

HALL OF HONOUR

JOYCE GIBSON-INNISS HALL



The honouree, Mrs. Joyce Gibson Inniss unveiled the plaque at the reception.

Described as a pioneer, with an innate ability to share her expertise, experience and lend her support to many students and members of staff, Mrs. Joyce Gibson-Inniss has truly evolved into a UWI icon. In a recent tribute to the more than four decades of devoted and loyal service by this lady, the Hall of Residence at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mount Hope, was renamed the Joyce Gibson-Inniss Hall of Residence.

"Mrs Inniss or 'Ma Inniss' as she is affectionately called by many, has contributed significantly to the educational development of many of our Caribbean men and women, some of whom (Professor John Spence, Dr. Arlington Chesney, Jerry Medford and Dr. Cheryl Bennett) have come here tonight to pay tribute to her.

Mrs. Inniss, House Keeper, Domestic Bursar and Hall Manager...whatever the title...reconfigured her job description to match the role she designed for herself. These duties included at various times: nutritionist, caterer, psychologist, student

counselor, adopted mother, architect, specialist and accountant," Warden of the Hall, Dr Cheryl Bennett explained at the reception.

It was truly an unforgettable evening, as many colleagues and friends attended the cocktail reception in her honour, including Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie and Mrs. Kamla Tewarie, Campus Registrar Mr. William Iton, former Campus Principal Professor Max Richards and Mrs. Jean Richards, former Campus Registrar Mr. Zaffar Ali and Mrs. Moira Ali and of course the guest of honour, Mrs. Joyce Gibson-Inniss.



Dr Cheryl Bennett presented the guest of honour with a gift.



Musical entertainment at the event.

on the... **i**nSIDE



First place winner Anson Branche with his trophy.

CREDIT UNION MAKES MAS'

The UWI Credit Union recently held one of the most anticipated events of the season - its Ole Mas' Competition. This year Anson Branche walked away with the Calypso Monarch title with his rendition of "Like All Yuh Ent Care About Jah". Terrence Rivas placed second with "Performance Is All That Counts" and in third place, Michaellean Taylor, with "the Big Mistake". However, none could match the popular lyrics of Junior Taylor, who gained the admiration of the crowd with "UWI Sweet". He won the People's Choice Award. The costumes this year were just as funny, innovative and full of "pecong" as in the past. The judges obviously had a difficult time choosing the winners as Yasha Nath (Transparency In Government) tied with Lynette Dolly (Shoe Bummer) to win Best Individual Female Costume and Prakesh Rajkumar (Panday Lost Power) and Dennis Hector (Robbie Balancing Power) also shared the title of Best Individual Male Costume.



"Transparency In Government" was an unforgettable presentation



"Robbie Balancing Power" won Dennis Hector Best Individual

UWI HOSTS SYMPOSIUM ON ISSUES IN PRIMARY TEACHER EDUCATION

The Minister of Education, Mrs Hazel Manning, made her inaugural speech to a "packed hall" at the opening ceremony of a two-day symposium entitled 'Critical Issues in Primary Teacher Education in Trinidad and Tobago, a Multisite Teacher Education Research project (MUSTER)', at the Learning Resource Centre in January. MUSTER is an international project, that was organized by the Centre for International Education, University of Sussex, Institute of Education, U.K. It focused on primary school teacher education and involved research in five countries - Ghana, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa and Trinidad and Tobago. Speakers at the symposium included Professor Keith Lewin and Dr. Janet Stuart, University of Sussex, U.K., UWI Project Leader Dr. June George and Mr. Carol Keller among others. The symposium was well attended and featured panel discussions and presentations on key findings of the MUSTER PROJECT, as well as views on critical issues facing teachers locally and internationally.

UWI GALA HONOURS NAIPAUL, ALUMNI PRIME MINISTERS AND GOLDBERG

LOS PARANDEROS DE UWI IN WINNERS ROW

In a bittersweet victory, Los Paraderos de UWI has placed second for the third consecutive year in the National Parang Association of Trinidad and Tobago, N.P.A.T.T. finals. In true UWI style the group's unique, innovative compositions for the annunciation selection, 'Gloria a Ti' and the nacimiento 'Vamos Perigrinos' were composed by the musical director, Camille Renwick. The group also won awards for Best Music, Best Quatro (Robert Persaud), Best Maracas (Nicole Lambie) and Best Flute (David Bertrand). This year we are confident the sweet music of Los Paraderos will lead us into first place with Best Band. Aiyé!



The talented Ms. Nicole Lambie won for Best Maracas



Lead singer of Los Paraderos de UWI, Mrs. Joanne Briggs

AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Very soon students will be able to use the computers located conveniently at dormitories and at the Student Activity Centre. The Library will also have a study room equipped with no less than 40 computers for all students to access -24-7- (24 hours a day, seven days a week). It's all part of our thrust to enhance our facilities.



A UWI tradition: the six UWI alumni Prime Ministers who were honoured at the Gala, with Harry Belafonte and Whoopi Goldberg (centre) stand with Vice Chancellor, Professor Rex Nettleford (far right) at the Gala.

One of the most anticipated events of the year, The UWI Gala Celebration continues to get bigger and better each year. This year the event entitled "The Legacy Continues", was held on January 23rd at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City, New York. Six alumni Prime Ministers - Dr. The Honourable Kenny Anthony (St Lucia), The Rt. Honourable Owen Arthur (Barbados), Dr. The Honourable Denzil Douglas (St Kitts & Nevis), Dr. The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves (St Vincent & The Grenadines), Dr. The Honorable Keith Mitchell (Grenada) and the Rt. Honourable P.J. Patterson (Jamaica), were celebrated at the event along with comedienne Whoopi Goldberg. Among the 15 "Caribbean Luminaries" who were also saluted for having left an indelible mark on the Caribbean and the world were Dame Eugenia Charles, Ken Gordon, CLR

James, Arthur Lok Jack, V.S. Naipaul and Butch Stewart. These luminaries were presented with the Caribbean Legacy Award. Once again, the talented Harry Belafonte was the honorary patron of the popular fundraising event.

The event was a success, as it raised funds for this premier institution, while celebrating some of our most influential icons. In a recent Express Newspaper Editorial, the UWI was lauded not just for educating and honouring seven alumni Prime Ministers (out of the original 12 full Caricom states), but also for helping to mould a Caribbean society. "We congratulate the awardees, but especially the UWI, in recognizing the importance of developing our human resources in the on-going challenge to fashion a society that is uniquely West Indian."



Caribbean Luminary, Arthur Lok Jack was honoured at the event



Ken Gordon receives his award at the New York Gala from Sir Keith Hunte (left).



(From left) UWI Chancellor Sir Shridath Ramphal, Mrs Patricia Wurtz, Senior Vice President of Chevron Texaco, Sir Keith Hunte, Principal of the UWI Cave Hill Campus and UWI Vice Chancellor Professor Rex Nettleford at the celebration.

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With over 34,000 square feet of indoor space for a variety of sporting and social activities, the Centre also has the capacity to seat 1360 people for sporting events. An added bonus is that the November rain will no longer be a factor at graduation time, as seating will be available for 2600 guests at the facility.

This gas-driven, air-conditioned facility will house: a weight room; multi-purpose centre court of an international standard that can accommodate several sports including basketball and volleyball; 4 locker rooms; 4 bathrooms for the general public; administration offices; 2 classrooms that can be interconnected to form a conference room; concession area and ticketing booths. On the outside, located on 19 acres, two outdoor hard courts have been developed to accommodate basketball, netball or wind ball cricket, as well as the neighbouring track, hockey, football, cricket and rugby field.

The facility will also serve as a "developmental center" that will promote both community events and regional camps. New programmes will be introduced, including coaching, sports management, sport medicine and sport psychology. These will inform the developmental programmes for the UWI's athletes and will introduce a new dimension to academic programmes at the UWI.

Dr. Gloudon is thankful for the support gained from the Development and Endowment Fund, headed by Republic Bank Managing Director, Ronald Harford, the management team, and especially that of former Principal, Prof. Compton Bourne whom she describes as "a tremendous ally in the whole process".

The Vision of the University is to continue to develop an institution with a holistic view of education - the development towards a holistic institution where academics and co-curricular activities receive their deserved prominence. This is all in-keeping with our motto - "Mens Sana in Corpore Sano - A sound mind in a healthy body". And with talent like Brian Lara, Ato Boldon, Fana Ashby, Shobian Cropper, Russel Latapy and Dwight Yorke emerging from our twin-island Republic alone, there is no doubt that this facility will be put to good use by the region and the world in the 21st century.

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4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM - Any university today must view its business as KNOWLEDGE. A university creates knowledge, disseminates information, delivers classroom material, facilitates knowledge transfer within and outside the university to its many stakeholders. Any entity in the knowledge business must have the best possible IT platform. There can be no compromise on this. We need to access knowledge wherever it is, collaborate with whomever we need to and deliver to wherever demand exists. Within this framework, the library is key and a state-of-the-art IT platform vital.

5. FINANCE - The big question is, are we making the best use of every dollar at our disposal. Are we making the right decisions on how to spend and what to spend and how is this pattern of expenditure linked to the achievement of our strategic priorities and objectives. The key issue in finance therefore is the most effective deployment of every dollar available within the context of identified strategic objectives.

6. INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING - We cannot reorient the campus by initiating action in the five areas identified above without strengthening the institution at every level and in every unit. In some units, reorganization and upgrading of existing skills may be all that is required. In others, additional resources might be required. In yet others some combination of both. But we need to strengthen support staff, administration, management, teaching techniques and research strategies. A great university requires strength at all points in the system and flexibility and responsiveness always.

7. STAKEHOLDER AND ALUMNAE RELATIONS - Strong alumni identification with UWI is important to move ahead with strength and purpose. Linking purposefully with our stakeholders, the business community, the public sector, the education sector, NGOs and CBOs will increase our relevance and value to the community while providing access and connectivity to resources outside the University walls. This is vital in an age of interdependence where a high value is placed on collaboration.

"Did you know about THE DELL DEAL?"



The UWI has signed a memorandum of agreement with Dell World Trade which will benefit staff members and students who would like to purchase a computer. It's easy - Just go to the regular Dell web site and configure the system you want online. Then provide the specification to CITS (hard copy or e-mail). CITS will secure a quotation from Dell based on the provided specification and forward the quotation to the staff member or student. Then, you must make full payment to the bursary based on the provided quotation. The bursary notifies CITS that payment has been made and CITS places the order. When the order arrives the Customs staff of the bursary will clear it and deliver the machine to the Campus. Then you will be notified and voila - it's a done Dell steal of a deal!

THE SPHINX HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU
ANSWER & WIN
\$800

What change would have the most impact at UWI?

Students and staff of UWI, St Augustine, we want you to suggest a new name for our quarterly newsletter, STAN.

Send in your answer to the question, along with a suggestion for a NEW NAME for our newsletter and you could WIN \$800.00. Send in your entries to The Campus Marketing and Communications Office by noon March 8th, 2002, along with your name, contact number, Department / Faculty information and a brief explanation regarding your choice.

Members of the Marketing and Communications Office are not eligible to enter this competition.

FEBRUARY

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| 1st | CineLatino Film Festival UWI Latin American/Hispanic Society, Liberal Arts – JFK Theatre |
| 5th | The IMF and Small States: New Orientations and Perspectives – Institution of International Relations – Lecture 1 by Ewart Williams |
| 6th | The IMF and Small States: New Orientations and Perspectives – Institution of International Relations – Lecture 2 by Ewart Williams |
| 11 – 12th | CARNIVAL |
| 14th | “Creolization and Resistance” – Lecture by Michael Dash 1:30pm, Room 315, Department of Liberal Arts (Please call Gale Barbour-Pierre at The Department for more information) |
| 15 – 16th | Campus Registrar’s Retreat - Tobago |
| 16th | Valentine’s Cruise - Guild of Graduates |
| 18 – 24th | Workshop on Diplomatic Skills for Modern Diplomacy: Trade, Information Technology and Diplomatic Relations – Institute of International Relations |
| 20th | Gender Negotiations among Indians in Trinidad by Patricia Mohammed Booklaunch – LRC |
| 21st | ICC Seminar – Guild of Graduates – Mt. Hope |
| 23rd | Open Day – Social Sciences Computer Lab |
| 28th | Grooming Session Guild of Graduates Mentorship Programme - LRC |
| 28th | Launch of HARP (HIV AIDS Response Programme) Trinidad Hilton Hotel & Conference Centre at 8:30am. |
| 28th | Planning for Education In the Context of AIDS a lecture by Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Zambia, Lusaka, Dr. Michael J. Kelly – Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at 6:30pm. |

MARCH

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| 4th – 8th | International Symposium on “Advances in Cardiovascular Research & Basic Sciences” & Workshop “Genome Based Resources for Identification of Cardiovascular Genes” - Faculty of Medical Sciences. For more information please contact Professor A. Barnes Scientific Secretariat, Biochemistry Unit department of Pre-Clinical Sciences (tel. 662-1219). |
| 9th | World of Work – Guild of Graduates |
| 16th | Valedictory Dinner – Joyce Gibson Inniss Hall Students |
| 23th | Valedictory Dinner – Trinity Hall Students |
| 24th | Valedictory Dinner – Canada Hall Students |
| 18th to 27th | Literature Week to showcase the talents of students, staff and members of the community. At this event, hosted by the Liberal Arts Department, writers are invited to read and discuss their works daily (noon- 1pm). Guest writer, Barbadian novelist Austin Clarke, will also visit classes and lead discussions on the art of writing. |
| 22nd | Literature Week: Public reading by novelist Austin Clarke – 7:00pm, LRC |
| 19th | Campus Council - Administration Building – 3:00pm |
| 19th | Installation of Campus Principal, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie – at the LRC |
| 22nd – 28th | UWI Scholarship Examinations, JFK Auditorium |
| 23rd | Annual General Meeting – Guild of Graduates |
| 29th | Good Friday |
| 30th | Spiritual Baptist Liberation Shouter Day |



For more information on these events, please contact the relevant departments.

We’d like to hear from you to publicise your upcoming events.
Please contact Marion, Christine or Anna at extension 2013/2014,
phone: 662-9387, fax: 662-3858; email: ccprc@tstt.net.tt.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT

22nd February – 12th March
“Dream Palaces, Cinemas of Guyana And Other Pictures”
Exhibition of Photographs & Video by Bruce Paddington, The Art Space at Gordon Street, Centre for Creative & Festival Arts

