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## EDITORIAL



The St. Augustine campus has had quite an eventful and rewarding year. During 2002 we have witnessed continuous migration towards excellence by faculty, staff and students. We have also discerned a clearer commitment to living our Vision and Values, which we have developed together for our University and campus.

Very recently we celebrated the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Herbarium of Trinidad and Tobago which is housed on this campus. Some weeks before we signed Memoranda of Agreement with the Asa Wright Centre and the Buccoo Reef Trust so that the University could gain direct access to information, resources and support not hitherto available. The Herbarium, the Asa Wright Centre, the Buccoo Reef Trust will all play key roles in the development of a Biodiversity Centre and related research programmes as will a range of departments on the campus.

The University has identified the principal pillars of research. These include Biotechnology, Cultural Studies, Education, Health and Wellness, Information Technology, Natural Resources, Environmental Studies and Management, Social, Economic and Governance Issues. On this campus in addition to these we have included Business Development, Entrepreneurship and Innovation. We intend, over the next five (5) years to build up the research capacity and increase the research and publications output at this Campus. With this in mind I have met with Heads of Departments and established a framework for the operationalizing of the Strategic Plan at Departmental level which includes the build up and strengthening of full time postgraduate research.

Departments have also been given a mandate to strengthen their administrative and academic support infrastructure to improve the quality of undergraduate education on campus and this includes regular office hours for faculty members, tutorial support and academic advising. Every year we face the challenge of expanding our intake of students to meet student demand and societal expectations and each day we must consciously

## An Eventful & Rewarding Year

strive to improve quality as well as productivity. This year we took in 3500 new undergraduate and graduate students, but this year we also turned away over 1000 students who met the qualification requirements for entry which means that we have an extraordinarily good group of undergraduates including 142 national scholarship winners. It is my hope that we will be able to expand enough to accommodate every student that meets the high standards for entry at this University.

It was also a great pleasure for me to be part of the first Matriculation ceremony on this campus in thirty years. Looking at the large audience of bright and enthusiastic youngsters I could not help but feel a thrill. Now I look forward with great anticipation to congratulating over a thousand graduates at our next graduation ceremony. I also look forward to enjoying the ambience of our new state of the art sports facility which will be the graduation venue this year. At our graduation in November we will have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of three highly respected members of our community – entrepreneur Arthur Lok Jack; novelist Earl Lovelace and journalist George John. All three men have had close ties to the campus and have contributed significantly to our society.

We took some time over the last year to acknowledge the contribution of faculty, staff and students. Through the UWI/Guardian Life Premium Teaching Awards we focused on our emphasis on quality teaching on this campus by celebrating some of the best exponents of the art (See UWI People). With St. Augustine leading the way, UWI/Guardian Life Teaching Awards will be launched in Mona next year.

We also recognized dedicated service by our loyal employees earlier in the year when University Registrar Gloria Barrett-Sobers came down to celebrate with us and distribute awards to some who had served as long as forty years.

This year students and the Campus community generally, benefited from a number of initiatives such as the introduction of the student shuttle service, the launch of STARRS (St. Augustine Research and Reference Service) a 24-7 internet-based research service at the Main Library. We have also witnessed continuous expansion of the outreach programmes involving internships, mentorship and other programmes geared to preparing our students for the world of work.

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This semester promises to be one of the most exciting and challenging for students and staff. In just a few months students will experience long nights of studying for exams combined with the euphoria of attending some of the most interesting events being hosted right on Campus. Some of the conferences include the 2002 Solar Conference (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October) and The Hindu Presence in Trinidad and Tobago (25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October). Then there is the thrill of graduation, all set to take place in the brand new, state-of-the-art Sports and Physical Education Facility (November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) complete with a cocktail reception after the ceremonies, hosted by the Campus Principal. A definite must for all is the Health Safety and Environment Week (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November) as well as our Staff Celebration “together as one” (14<sup>th</sup> December) which promises to be an unforgettable night of dinner, dance and great live entertainment. Undoubtedly ‘tis the season to be merry!

## A National Treasure Celebrates 115 Years

In a room with Cathedral ceilings, shelves that rise almost from the floor to the ceiling are filled with thousands of specimens with the “stories” of plants that can be found in our part of the world. The National Herbarium of Trinidad and Tobago (NHOTT) is a veritable house of treasures, with invaluable data that can inform a range of research from genetic science to economics and in the long term play a vital role in the sustainable development of our country. Also of immense value is the delicately wrought water-colour collection of our local plants.

**The herbarium will play a vital role in the proposed Biodiversity Centre articulated in the FSA strategic plan 1999 – 2004.**

The NHOTT, internationally registered as TRIN, was established in 1887 by J. H. Hart, the then Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens in Port of Spain. In 1947, it was transferred to the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA) which is now part of the Faculty of Science and Agriculture (FSA), on the St. Augustine Campus. In 1973, the Herbarium gained national status when the Government of Trinidad & Tobago accepted financial responsibility for ‘maintaining it as a national asset.’



The NHOTT maintains a dry plant reference collection of mainly the local vascular flora, and a specialized library, from which information about plants can be gathered. The herbarium also provides a plant identification and information service to researchers, students and the general public.

Located on the first floor of the Frank Stockdale building and staffed by a curator, Yasmin S. Baksh-Comeau, two technicians, Winston Johnson and Doreen Jodhan, and a secretary/accountant, Prudence Kim Roberts, it is open during working hours to anyone seeking information about plants.

Apart from disseminating information when requested, the staff is involved in augmenting the collection and maintaining the specimens up to international standards. The library collection is accessible for consultation but the books are not for loan. The main area of research involves the systematics and ecology of the flora of Trinidad & Tobago. This area of research involves the accurate identification and naming of plants, recording the habitats where they grow and the degree of threat to their survival. Therefore the correct identification of a plant is crucial to our understanding of how we utilise, manage and protect the habitats of our rich flora.

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OPEN DAYS

It's that time of year again when over 4,000 students from high schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago travel to our Campus for **Student Open Days from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2002**. The Opening Ceremony at the JFK Auditorium will kick-off the event. At the event Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie will speak as well as Faculty of Medical Sciences Lecturer Dr. Monica Davis and President of The Guild of Students Mobafa Baker. The Ceremony will be chaired by Director, Student Services, Victor Cowan.

This year students from Forms 3 to Form 6, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to have guided tours of our beautiful campus, obtain information on the University's many programmes, gain helpful career opportunities for graduates and talk face-to-face with representatives from all of our academic departments/units. This is a unique opportunity for students to gain an insight into life at the premier tertiary institution in the region.

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE



SHAPE YOUR WORLD

### UWIDEC HOLDS OPEN DAY IN TOBAGO

The University of The West Indies Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC) will hold an Open Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 from 9:30 am- 5:00pm at The Mount Irvine Bay Hotel, Tobago. The day promises to be extremely enlightening and interactive, as professionals as well as fifth and sixth form students from throughout Tobago will have the opportunity to gain insight into the University's Distance Education Programmes, as well as the overall offerings by faculties at the UWI St Augustine Campus. Throughout the day, Career Guidance sessions will also be offered.

“We promise it will be a highly informative day. I know that after attending these workshops and presentations, Tobagonians will have the information that will empower them to make informed decisions to access tertiary level education,” Hilary Drakes, UWIDEC Site Coordinator for Tobago stated.



### CARIBBEAN LAW CONFERENCE IN PARADISE

The University of the West Indies Faculty of Law's fourth annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop, the premier law conference in the Caribbean, was held from August 25 - 27 at the Atlantis, Paradise Island, the Bahamas. The workshop's theme "Beyond Borders: Advising Clients in Changing Times," examined multi-jurisdictional issues of which lawyers must be aware in order to advise their business clients if they are to meet the challenges in a changing legal environment. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit is anticipated. As in the past, this year's workshop has attracted an impressive roster of speakers, all of whom are internationally recognized experts. The most recent developments in banking, telecommunications, corporate governance, intellectual property, hospitality and tourism and U.S. taxation issues were explored at the Conference which was sponsored by Holland & Knight, Cable & Wireless, Computitle, Oceanic Trust, Martindale-Hubbell and the Bahamas Financial Services Board. "Developments in Banking Law" was examined by a panel under the chairmanship of Michel Deschamps, Partner, McCarthy Tetrault, Montreal. "Corporate Governance After Enron" discussed by a panel chaired by Barry Reiter, Chairman Technology Group, Partner and Member of the Executive Committee, Torsys, New York, Toronto, while "Hospitality, Tourism and Resort Development: Legal & Business Trends in the Caribbean" was explored under the chairmanship of Robert Chasnow, Partner, Holland and Knight LLP, Washington, D.C. Chris Gibson Partner, Steptoe and Johnson, London chaired the discussion on "Protecting Intellectual Property in the Caribbean." Eric Fisherman, Partner Holland and Knight and his team examined "The Changing Environment of Telecommunications in the Caribbean" while Robert Hudson, Senior Partner, Baker and McKenzie, Miami chaired the four-member panel exploring "U.S. Tax Issues: Planning Ideas And Recent Developments."



*The University Centre at Padmore Street, San Fernando*

### EXPANSION WORKS AT THE SOUTH UNIVERSITY CENTRE

Under the direction of Resident Tutor/Head of School of Continuing Studies Lennox Bernard, and South Centre Coordinator Clive Golah, The University Centre at Padmore Street, Cross Crossing, San Fernando continues to expand, with the addition of improved library facilities, a modern computer laboratory and more classrooms. The new facility will considerably increase the intake of students, especially in the field of Information Technology and Computer Studies. The complex, purchased from Mr. George Singh, who operated it as St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, was originally opened amidst considerable pomp and ceremony in October 1989 in the presence of the newly appointed Chancellor Sir Shridath Ramphal, the then Director of the UWI School of Continuing Studies, Professor Rex Nettleford, Minister of Education Mr. Clive Pantin, and Mayor of San Fernando Dr. Romesh Mootoo.



In November 1999, waves caused by Hurricane Lenny pummeled the west coasts of the Leeward Caribbean islands as winds of more than 150 mph wrought damage in excess of US \$268 million dollars to Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Lucia and Grenada. There has always been a dire need for our region to be prepared for natural disasters and manage our coasts. And so the OAS/UWI Coastal Infrastructure Design, Construction and Maintenance Training Programme (CDCM) has been extremely impactful in the Caribbean. The objective of the programme is to reduce vulnerability of coastal infrastructure in the region and expand the capacity for appropriate design, construction and maintenance of coastal infrastructure works through a series of training courses.

The well delivered programme was executed from 2001 by the Unit for Sustainable Development and Environment of the Organisation of American States, in close collaboration with the Engineer-

ing Faculty of the UWI, St. Augustine. A further link was also established between the UWI and Old Dominion University.

Head of The Department of Civil Engineering, Raymond Charles stated that "the programme is extremely relevant and will improve our regional capacity to deal with coastal problems not just relating to hurricanes and storms but management of the coastal area year round. The coastal zone is a main economic resource for many islands and we must strive to build the capacity to deal with issues of planning, building and managing these zones."

This is the first time that a course in Coastal Engineering is being taught at UWI. There are also plans for the development of an Advanced Diploma in Coastal Zone Management, an M.Sc in Coastal Zone Engineering and Management which will begin in 2003 and will also be offered via the internet.

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT WITH AN EDGE

It is expected that over the next three to five years over 50-60 Project management professionals will be sought in this country. And so the M.Sc Project Management is a graduate part-time course being offered by the UWI that seeks to meet this demand locally and regionally. The Faculty of Engineering has consulted with the Joint Consultative Council (JCC), the Inter American Development Bank (IDB Trinidad and Tobago) and the Ministry of Education with the aim of developing a programme that would meet the demand for well trained project management professionals in energy, construction, services and commercial sectors. An interfaculty committee spearheaded by Dean Clement Sankat and coordinated by Winston Suite will manage the programme.

The programme involves the Faculties of Engineering and Social Sciences, and the UWI Institute of Business. The Department of Civil Engineering will be the lead department, providing management and quality assurance for the delivery of the programme which began in September 2002. The two-year part time programme will give graduates an international accreditation edge as it has been designed to position the graduate en route to professional registration with the Association For Project Management, England, the Joint Consultative Council (T&T) and the Project Management Institute, USA.

# ROBERT RILEY

## BPTT President speaks about life on and off Campus

**“I’m proud to be a UWI graduate because I think the University offers one of the best first degrees in the world...it’s a true regional body.”** Robert Riley is truly an enigmatic individual.

A self-described “Caribbean man”, he is also the head of a company that between 2002 and 2010 could contribute 20% of British Petroleum’s total upstream growth and whose revenue stream represents 70% of foreign exchange earnings of the country in which it operates.

As President of British Petroleum of Trinidad and Tobago (BPTT), Riley is unassuming, yet confident, witty, highly intelligent and well-versed in the arts and sciences. An interview with Robert Riley feels more like a rap session or Sunday lime with a friend - he just relaxes and gives you his full attention. At his office overlooking the Queen’s Park Savannah, the former home of a well-known local hotel, hospitality is key.

Riley, who came to UWI in the 1970s to gain his first degree in Agriculture speaks fondly about his undergraduate years “I was awarded a scholarship so I came to UWI...I had always had aspirations to be an agriculturalist...I had a full UWI programme and I enjoyed it”.

In those days Riley would “hold court” in the main library discussing a range of issues with a group of his peers and “anyone else who would listen”. Riley’s nostalgia for the St. Augustine Campus is almost tangible - those were the days of Brother Resistance, waxing warm with his talent, days of enjoying a leisurely game of cricket on campus and listening to the music of the Calypso greats, as well as Reggae legends like Marley and Peter Tosh in the Common Room.

Riley also spoke of his admiration for many of his lecturers. One that left an indelible mark on the young student was the “colourful” Dr. Richard Braithwaite. “He was one of my best lecturers who was motivating, exciting and he was also widely published,” he explained. Another

lecturer greatly admired by Riley was Professor Ahmad, an international icon who devoted his life to the study of soils. Riley also enjoyed the field trips to the Aranjuez farms and voluntary service programmes. Years later, while studying law at the Cave Hill Campus, riding around campus on a motorcycle, dressed in his infamous three-quarter shorts, he would have the Barbados experience. An accomplished pianist and guitarist, Riley would also find time to sing with The UWI folk choir and enjoy cricket and hockey on campus.

“I have experienced more than being a Trinidadian by being a UWI man. West Indians are just as capable of running these [multi-national] institutions as anyone else in the world...talent and ability comes from anywhere.”

Riley joined Amoco in 1990 as an attorney and rapidly rose through the ranks. He left the company in 1995 to work for BWIA and returned a year later to Amoco as vice president of government affairs and law. After the merger of Amoco and BP he became business unit leader and a year later he was offered the post of President of BPTT. Today, approximately 70% of nationals that are in leadership roles at BPTT are UWI graduates.

“We want to be a model for the way international companies should invest in a small developing nation,” Riley explained to Horizon magazine recently, “...to produce positive results for both the country and the company.” As a company that is committed to the development of the country and the region, BPTT has invested millions of dollars over the years in bursaries and in the support of programmes at the UWI. And Riley has stated that he is committed to “forging an even deeper link with the University”.

He also explained that as a graduate of the UWI, he was

able to gain first hand knowledge and insight into issues like “how a company like (BPTT) can operate to become more of an ‘onshore company’ than an ‘offshore one’.”

In a room filled with flowers and congratulatory notes on his recent birthday, and with paintings by celebrated artists like Karen Sylvester and Ramon Navarro adorning the walls, one particular image caught our attention - two beautifully framed, delicately wrought pieces by his two daughters. When asked whether he would send his daughters to UWI, Riley replied almost immediately with a “yes” accompanied by one of those enigmatic smiles that is surely a Riley trademark.



Robert Riley – BPTT President

### PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES PROVIDE INTERNSHIP

In July, Agostini Pharmaceuticals and Smith Robertson and Company Limited, in collaboration with Wyeth Global Pharmaceuticals, presented a research grant of \$5,000 to the Psychiatry Unit, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies to facilitate a two-month summer studentship in Psychiatry for medical student, Chereis Bruce. This is yet another example of the commitment of the UWI to form mutually rewarding partnerships with the private sector.



Representatives of Agostini and Smith Robertson present the cheques to Chereis Bruce at the Faculty of Medical Sciences. Bruce is flanked by Dr. Phyllis-Pitt Miller, Dean of the Faculty and Dr. Gerard Hutchinson, Head of the Psychiatry Unit.

### VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF INRA-FRANCE TO ST. AUGUSTINE

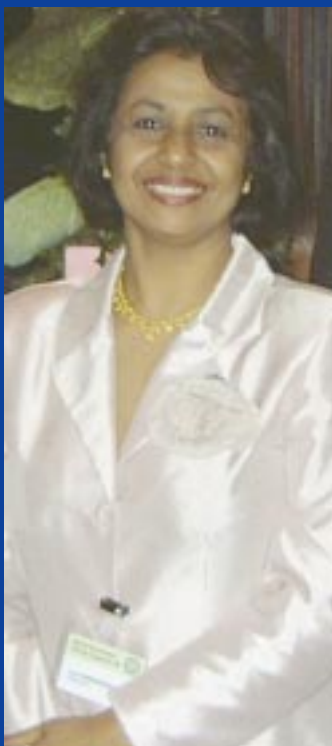
The initiatives of and collaboration between Dr. Alain Xande, President of INRA (l'Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique) Antilles-Guyane, and Dr. Gary Wayne Garcia, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Food Production, Faculty of Science and Agriculture, led to a visit to the St. Augustine Campus at the end of June by Dr. Bertrand Hervieu, the Chairman of the Board of INRA. He was accompanied by Dr. Alain Xande, Dr. Philippe Ferlin, Director of International Relations INRA, Dr. Durant, Personal Assistant to the Director General and Dr. Mamy, Advisor on INRA Policy. INRA is the largest Agricultural Research Institution in the European Union.

While at St. Augustine, Dr. Hervieu met then Deputy Principal, Professor Bridget Brereton, then Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Baldwin Mootoo, the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Agriculture, Professor Charles McDavid, the Campus Co-ordinator for Graduate Studies and Research, Professor Frank Gumbs, Dr. Richard Braithwaite, Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. Patmanathan Umaharan, Mr. Cicero Lalla and Dr. Gary Garcia. They discussed areas of potential collaboration between INRA and UWI.

Dr. Hervieu also delivered a lecture on the 'Multifunctionality of Agriculture' at the Learning Resource Centre. The visit will further cement the links between The University of the West Indies and INRA in the field of agricultural research. Joint projects on tomato diseases and the production and conservation of neo-tropical wildlife species are being developed. Several other joint projects are under consideration.

## OutSTANding Scientists

To **Indra Haraksingh** we say congratulations on being presented with the 'Outstanding Scientist' award at The World Energy Congress VII, which was held in Cologne, Germany. At the Conference, Haraksingh, a part-time demonstrator at our Department of Physics, presented the paper entitled 'Thermal Performance of a Solar Cooker Powered by A Natural Convection Flat Plate Collector.' The conference was highly successful with participants from over one hundred countries who shared ideas on ten topics that ranged from gender to fuel cells, from energy to poverty reduction. In Cologne, the profound contribution of the late **Professor Oliver Headley** to renewable energy was honoured when the World Renewable Energy Network decided to name an award after the highly esteemed Professor. Professor Headley was a member of the Network and a regular participant at the Congress.



Welcome to the UWI and congratulations to **Christine Laptiste**, Lecturer in Health Economics at the Economics Department and to **Dr. Madaniyo Mutabazi**, Lecturer in Transportation, Engineering & Management in the Civil Engineering Department.

**Congratulations to Dr. B. S. Bhatt** on his new appointment as **Head of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science**. Dr. Bhatt joined the department in August 1978 and has since risen to the rank of Senior Lecturer in the field of Applied Mathematics. His research interests are Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluid flows, MHD flows, flows through porous media and Bio-mathematics. He has been a visiting scientist at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (USA) and a senior visitor at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Cambridge University, (England). We will feature more *Heads of departments in upcoming issues.*

**Congratulations to Samuel S. Ramsewak**, Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Faculty of Medical Sciences on his recent promotion to Professor.

## Celebrating Together As One

Get ready for the end of the year celebration, as we observe the season together in style—eat, drink and have a fantastic time on Saturday 14th December 2002 at the Centre of Excellence, Macoya. From 7:00 pm until... we will all enjoy a delectable dinner, before we dance to the sweet sounds of Blue Ventures, popular DJ CYN and Los Alumnos De San Juan. It promises to be One Unforgettable Night of Celebration.

**KUDOS to Surrendra Surujdeo-Mahadeo** for winning the PH Gregory Award for best research paper in the area of phytopathology at the **British Phytopathological Society Conference**.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL to Hazel Thompson-Ahye**, Director of the Legal Aid Clinic, Hugh Wooding Law School, who has been appointed Senior Tutor at the Eugene Dupuch Law School, in the Bahamas.





## The Power and the Glory... of Learning

Clockwise from top: Dr. Brian Copeland, Dr. Dan Ramdath, Dr. Noel Kallicharan, Dr. Shirin Haque-Copilah, Dr. Pathmanathan Umaharan, Dr. Paula Morgan

## UWI /Guardian Life Premium Teaching Awards

On 27th September six outstanding UWI lecturers were celebrated at the annual **UWI Guardian Life Teaching Awards** Ceremony at the Learning Resource Centre. To Dr. Brian Copeland, Dr. Shirin Haque-Copilah, Dr. Noel Kallicharan, Dr. Paula Morgan, Dr. Dan Ramdath and Dr. Pathmanathan Umaharan we give a special STANDING ovation for your commitment to your students, the art of teaching and to the development of new and creative learning strategies. For yet another year, the University has worked alongside Guardian Life to reward the dedication to excellence by teachers at our Campus. This successful recognition and reward scheme is testimony to the achievements that can be made by partnerships between tertiary institutions and the private sector. Check out our website [www.uwi.tt](http://www.uwi.tt) to meet the awardees.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES NEED FOR VIOLENCE STUDY

The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice has received two grants totalling \$95,000 to study deviant behaviour among secondary school youth. Professor Ramesh Deosaran, Director of the Centre, recently received one of two donations \$50,000 from Trinidad Hilton. Education Minister Hazel Manning announced that the second sum of \$45,000 was given by the government.

The Minister said the research project would focus on understanding the phenomenon of youth deviance in schools by examining the civic attitudes of youth, the possible causes of their deviant behaviour, social background, social capital, self-esteem and potential deviance. The five-year nationwide study of more than 3,000 secondary school students is titled "Youth Deviance and Civic Attitudes in Secondary Schools: Strategies for Guidance, Rehabilitation and Training."

The Analysis will allow researchers to develop an intervention module to be called "The Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice – Hilton Trinidad Model for Health Schools." Minister Manning said the module is aimed at significantly reducing, if not eliminating, the incidence of school indiscipline and the outbreak of violence plaguing several schools. The research project complements several initiatives which the Ministry of Education has undertaken as it grapples with social deviance among secondary school students. Professor Deosaran stated that Form One students ranging from 11 to 14 years of age from seven unnamed secondary schools have been interviewed.

He explained that the research will address, *inter alia*, which students are likely to become deviant and which ones will remain in the "mainstream of civic society," why secondary schools differ so much, and the consequences of deviant behaviour.



Graduates of the Nursing Courses

## TO YOUR HEALTH!

Students and staff of the **Certificate in Nursing Education and Nursing Administration Course, 2001-2002** enjoyed the closing ceremony at the School of Education in July. At the celebratory event select graduates of the course were presented with awards and prizes. This is yet another milestone for the School of Education as a second class of students graduates from this essential programme.

## CARLISLE CHANG COLLECTION AT UWI

The work of acclaimed artist Carlisle Chang has helped us forge our history and identity as a Caribbean people. And so it is an honour to have the Book Collection of this celebrated artist at The University of the West Indies. The library of 121 books collected by the late artist Carlisle Chang, was bequeathed to the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) Festival Library and Cultural Resource centre by the estate of the late artist who died on 6 May 2001 at the age of 80. Chang, a painter, muralist and Carnival designer seized the public imagination from the 1950s onwards, alongside his contemporaries Sybil Atteck and M.P. Alladin. To his credit, Chang was a member of the committee (which included the late George Bailey) that designed the nation's Coat-of-Arms and the National Flag.

Chang's passion for the arts is reflected in the books, which relate to photography, dance and Carnival arts. The collection also holds personal book gifts.

The books are available for viewing. For further enquiries, please contact Niala Dwarika-Bhagat, Documentalist at CCFA, telephone 645-3232, Ext. 3495.



Campus Librarian Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones looks at the collection which was handed over by Ambassador Ryo Takagi

## JAPANESE EMBASSY DONATES BOOKS TO UWI LIBRARIES AND LANGUAGE CENTRE

At a recent "handing-over" ceremony at The University of the West Indies, (U.W.I.) St. Augustine, Ambassador Ryo Takagi of the Embassy of Japan donated a collection of books, audiocassettes, video-tapes and pictorial material to the UWI Centre for Language Learning for the Japanese Language Programme. The Embassy also provided the UWI Main Library with a collection of books on a wide range of topics including literature, politics, economics and history. The donation is part of the Japan Foundation's Library Support Programme. Established in 1972, the Japan Foundation is dedicated to international cultural exchange promoting a greater understanding among nations and encouraging "goodwill among the people's of the world." At the Ceremony Campus Librarian and Acting University Librarian, Dr. Margaret Rouse-Jones welcomed guests and thanked the Embassy for the generous donation. Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Ambassador Ryo Takagi, Dr. Sylvia Moodie-Kublalsingh and Mrs. Kazuko Rankine also spoke at the event.

## I N T H E N E W S

## LUISA FERNANDES CHAPMAN VISITS CAMPUS



L to R- Luisa Fernandes Chapman of J.B. Fernandes Trust, Kathleen Helenese-Paul, Librarian and Dr. David Rampersad, Director of the UWI Business Development Unit at the Main Library

The J.B. Fernandes Memorial Trust has touched the lives of many people in Trinidad & Tobago including those at The University of the West Indies, through its philanthropic contributions. The Trust has provided generous support for the Centre for Gender and Development Studies and for the School of Education.

The representative of the Fernandes family and a member of the Board of Trustees of the **J.B. Fernandes Trust, Luisa Fernandes Chapman**, visited the St. Augustine Campus on 12 June. As a result of the support provided by the Trust, the Centre for Gender and Development Studies has been able to hire a Research and Outreach Officer, Camille Antoine, whose responsibilities include research on gender-related projects as well as outreach projects for a number of the Centre's clients including the ministry of Gender Affairs, UNDP, NIHERST and the Faculty of Science and Agriculture, among others. Luisa Fernandes

Chapman met the staff of the Centre and heard about the academic and outreach work as well as its needs. She expressed her admiration for the work being undertaken by the Centre. The J.B. Fernandes Memorial Trust has also been a very generous supporter of the Children's Centre and Family Development Centre of the School of Education. When she visited the Centre, Fernandes Chapman met the Principal and staff as well as the children and heard about the centre's accomplishments, its needs and its plans to continue its innovative work with children.

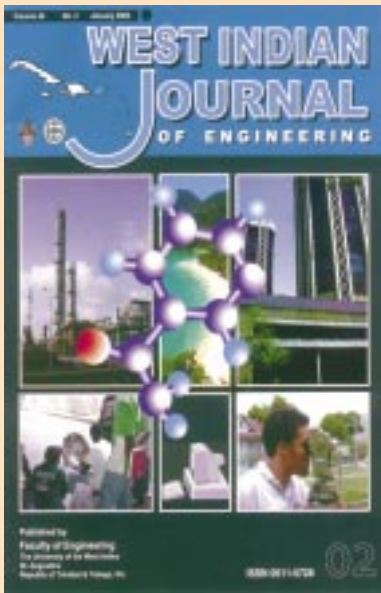
During her visit, Fernandes Chapman also visited the Main Library where she saw the West Indiana Collection, including the diaries of Sir William Young, Governor of Tobago, and the drawings of Carlisle Chang, as well as the Eric Williams Collection. In the absence of the Principal, the then Deputy Principal, Professor Bridget Brereton, hosted a luncheon in honour of Fernandes Chapman.



L to R -Luisa Fernandes Chapman, Dr. David Rampersad, Prof. Bridget Brereton then Deputy Principal, Dr. Hamid Ghany, Lecturer, Department of Behavioural Sciences, Prof. Gurmohan Kochhar, present Deputy Principal, and Carol Keller, Lecturer, School of Education enjoying cocktails.



## AN ACADEMIC FORUM with Vision



### EXTRA EXTRA....READ ALL ABOUT IT

It's a must read for every engineer - the West Indian Journal of Engineering (WIJE), an international publication, edited by Professor A.K Sharma, Editor, which focuses on the Caribbean region. Since its inception in 1961, it has been published twice annually by the Faculty of Engineering at The University of the West Indies and the Council of Caribbean Engineering Organisations in Trinidad and Tobago. WIJE aims at contributing to the development of viable engineering skills, techniques, management practices and strategies relating to improving performance of enterprises, community, and quality of life of human beings at large.

Apart from its international focus and insights, WIJE also addresses itself specifically to the Caribbean dimension with regard to identifying and supporting the emerging research areas and promoting various engineering disciplines and their applications in the region.

### MONTSERRAT COUNTRY CONFERENCE – 13 – 14 NOVEMBER 2002

The University of the West Indies, School of Continuing Studies will be hosting the fourth conference in the Country Conference Series. Under the theme *Beyond Walls: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives*, the School organises multi-disciplinary academic conferences on matters related to each non-campus country on a cyclical basis. The aim of the conference series is to stimulate and highlight research in each country by academics in the country, UWI staff based at campuses, and by scholars in other institutions with an interest in Caribbean studies.

Previous conferences were held in St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica, Belize and Grenada.

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The sky was an ominous shade of slate grey, but thankfully the rain held up as over 400 members of our academic staff made their way to the Learning Resource Centre on a hot and humid afternoon in September. They came to attend an Academic Forum focused on sharing the Vision, Strategic Initiatives of our Campus as well as discussing the way ahead.

In a survey of almost 25% of those attending the Forum, 92% felt the first time event was worthwhile, with over 57 % rating the presentations as very good and 5% giving an excellent rating. However, 2% thought the forum was not beneficial. Among those who gave the event a poor rating, many felt that the presentations were average to very good and their understanding of the Vision and Values of the University and Campus very good to excellent. Among the presentations which staff found most beneficial were Principal Bhoendradatt Tewarie's power point presentation on *Achieving The Vision – What Needs To Be Done*, Sandra Gift's presentation on *The Issue of Quality* and Campus Registrar William Iton's *Working Together for A Higher Quality University*, as well as the Power of Vision video.

There was also a great deal of enthusiasm for the Open Forum or 'rap session' where members of staff were given the opportunity to discuss 'burning issues' with the Principal, Deputy Principal, Campus Bursar, Registrar and Librarian as well as Faculty Deans. Some of the issues staff felt they would like to have addressed included: transparency and merit in academic promotions; new approaches to scholarly publications; enhancement of the entrance to the University; improved PostGraduate facilities; the need for remedial support for certain members of staff; expanded teaching and parking facilities; and the need for more collaboration among faculties. The programme was Chaired by Deputy Principal Gurmohan Kochhar who at the closing, invited guests to The Office of the Campus Principal for a cocktail reception.



### UWI SCIENTIST SELECTED FOR WORLD CONFERENCE

Dr. Harold Ramkissoon, Professor in Mathematics at the St. Augustine Campus and former President of the Caribbean Academy of Sciences, participated in the Pugwash Conference on "Sciences and World Affairs" at the University of California, U.S.A., in August. Participants from over 50 countries discussed a range of topics from Globalization and Technology, Eliminating Nuclear Weapon and Missile Defence to Uses of Space. Professor Ramkissoon was the only participant invited from the Caribbean. The Pugwash Conferences are based on the recognition of the responsibility of scientists for their inventions. The Conferences have underlined the catastrophic consequences of the use of nuclear and new weapons, and have brought together scientists and decision-makers to collaborate across political divides on constructive proposals for reducing the nuclear threat. These conferences, held every four years, came into existence as a result of the 1955 Albert Einstein-Bertrand Russell manifesto which was supported by a number of Nobel Laureates.



Dr. Peter Whiteley and Prof. Hilary Beckles sign a copy of the *Brain Train*.

### "THE BRAIN TRAIN" IS LAUNCHED ON TRACK

Prof. Hilary Beckles, (Pro Vice-Chancellor and Cave Hill Campus Principal), Anthony Perry, (Project Officer, Board for Undergraduate Studies) and Dr. Peter Whiteley, (Director, Quality Assurance), all at the Mona Campus, Jamaica recently launched their book 'Quality Higher Education and Caribbean Development' at the second annual conference of the Association of Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) at the Trinidad Hilton and Conference Centre, on 11 July 2002. Two hundred and ten delegates representing a total of twenty-five different higher education institutions out of Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Bahamas, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, Barbados, Guyana, U.S.A., Canada, U.K., France, Malaysia, South Africa and Australia were present at the Launch.

The book focuses on two key issues: that universities and colleges should not just teach and train academics but be places for critical thinking, social reflection, research and scientific development; and that there is an important need for higher education institutions to periodically review, re-tool and revise their modus operandi and to be engaged in processes of self-evaluation and change so as to remain useful and vibrant.

*The Brain Train* provides a focus on the UWI experience in quality assurance, which has undergone considerable development since 1996. The book also offers information on quality assurance systems elsewhere.

## FCB SUPPORTS UWI LIFE 2002



Principal Bhoew Tawarie officially opening UWI Life 2002

The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus gained the support of First Citizens Bank (FCB) for yet another year, as title sponsor of the Campus' orientation/registration activities for new and returning students. At a recent media launch FCB Assistant General Manager, Krishendath Maharaj presented a \$130,000 cheque to Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tawarie at the FCB penthouse suite on Abercromby Street, Port of Spain in support of UWI Life 2002.

As part of its commitment to creating a student-centred University, the St. Augustine Campus expanded its orientation programme to include two weeks of orientation/registration/workshop activities for new and returning students from 26 August to 6 September 2002.

The first week of activities entitled UWI Life

2002 ran from 26 – 30 August. The Guild of Students hosted the second week of activities, entitled UWItopia, from 2 – 6 September a complementary orientation programme also filled with exciting events, workshops, games and concerts. This campus orientation programme which began in 1999, has grown considerably in popularity each year and over two thousand new students took part in this event in 2002.

The key objectives of these orientation programmes are to provide a smooth transition for students into University life, and to create an atmosphere where quality, rewarding and lasting relationships are fostered among students, staff and faculty. The two-week event was organized by a Committee headed by Director of Student Advisory Services, Victor Cowan, with representative bodies from across the University.



Enjoying the Opening Ceremony are: (from left) – Principal, Dr. Bhoew Tawarie, Minister of Education, Hazel Manning, FCB's Larry Howai, Deputy Principal Prof. Gurmohan Kochhar, and Ulric Warner, President Guild of Graduates



## FRESHERS GET ORIENTED



New and returning students at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus enjoyed a slew of activities during the two weeks of orientation at **UWI Life 2002** and **UWItopia**. From a talent and comedy show and a games afternoon featuring an *All Fours* competition and other board games, to the Freshers' Party, students took part in a variety of social events. At the recent Freshers' Party, hosted by 96.1 WEFM, first year students danced to the music of the popular *Jugglers* crew and enjoyed drinks including free *Nestle Vibe*.



Entertainment at the UWI Life Talent Concert



New and returning students getting first hand information at the various information booths



Although students met technological challenges in registering on-line, many welcomed the opportunity to attend the social and educational events held over a two-week period on campus. One of the more popular events was the Opening Ceremony where over 800 students listened attentively to the Campus Principal, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie as he advised them to "work as a team to build a vital and sustainable learning community." Larry Howai, CEO of First Citizens Bank and the Minister of Education Hazel Manning also addressed students at the ceremony at the JFK Auditorium on August 26.



Students getting a 'kick out of life' at UWI Life

### CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN BLACK AND WHITE

The Council of Legal Education, Hugh Wooding Law School, recently announced the publication of texts by Dana Seetahal and Karen Nunez-Tesheira. Dana Seetahal is an Attorney-at-Law and lecturer at the Hugh Wooding Law School. She holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the West Indies, a Master's Degree in Criminology from the Florida State University and is a Fulbright Scholar. Her book is entitled "Commonwealth Caribbean Criminal Practice and Procedure" and fills a lacuna in the jurisprudence of the Commonwealth Caribbean. This book provides a detailed analysis of the statute and common law in relation to criminal procedure in the region. Recent developments in the field, including Privy Council cases as well as new legislation, are also reviewed. This book was published in August 2001. Karen Nunez-Tesheira is an Attorney-at-Law at the Hugh Wooding Law School. Her text entitled *The Legal Profession in the English-Speaking Caribbean* was launched at the La Boucan, Trinidad Hilton on Tuesday 1 March 2002. This is Nunez-Tesheira's second publication; the first being *Non-Contentious Probate Practice in the English-Speaking Caribbean* which was launched in 1998. Her second book focused on topics such as legal ethics and responsibilities, professional negligence, misconduct and discipline. The feature address at the launch was delivered by Senator, the Honourable Glenda Morean, Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago. Also participating in the launch were the Honourable Rolston Nelson, S.C., Court of Appeal Judge, the Chairman of the Council of Legal Education, C. Dennis Morrison, Q.C., the President of the Law Association, Karl Hudson-Phillips and Madame Justice Annestine Sealey, Principal of the Hugh Wooding Law School.

### FACULTY RESEARCH DAY

A research day is being organized for the Faculty of Medical Sciences at St. Augustine and is carded for Thursday 23rd January, 2003. It is anticipated that this activity will provide a forum for graduate students and Faculty members to share their research activities with colleagues, foster scientific dialogue, and promote inter-disciplinary collaboration. Submissions should be restricted to work done at the Faculty of Medical Sciences or in collaboration with Faculty members. Preference for a poster or oral presentation should be indicated. Prizes will be given for best presentation, best poster and best collaborative research project. Abstracts must be written in word or wordperfect and both a printed and electronic copy submitted. Submissions via electronic mail would be preferred.

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Deadline for receipt of papers is 18 October 2002

### INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES AT UWI

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at The University of the West Indies has received International Accreditation of its B.Sc. (Eng.) programmes by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers of the United Kingdom (IMechE) up to the intake year of 2002. The B.Sc. (Eng.) (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering, B.Sc. (Eng.) (Hons.) Industrial Engineering and B.Sc. (Eng.) (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering with Biosystems Engineering programmes have gained international accreditation. The Institution has backdated accreditation for the Industrial Engineering Programme to 1998 and 1999 and for the Mechanical Engineering Programme to include 1999 admissions.

Established in 1847 to promote excellence and quality in Mechanical Engineering Education, IMechE accredits Engineering Degree programmes around the world, using standards for Engineering Education set by the Engineering Council of the United Kingdom. The Institution has pointed to the need for the Department to upgrade its laboratory capability. The Campus Administration, the Faculty and the Department are working together to ensure this upgrade occurs, not only for the Department of Mechanical Engineering but in all other Departments of the Faculty where this need arises. Accreditation of the Department's programmes to Chartered Engineering (CEng) status in the future will depend on an acceptable 4-year programme of Engineering Education. This is being vigorously pursued in the Faculty and with its outside stakeholders.

The Dean of the Faculty, Professor Clement Sankat is strongly supportive of the Faculty's attempts to maintain the quality of its programmes and its Engineering/Surveying graduates. This is being driven through the internal quality assurance mechanism of the UWI as well as through the international accreditation process. The accreditation of these programmes is part of the continuing thrust for the UWI to provide a globally recognized brand of education to its students.

Block I, Faculty of Engineering



Held in the second week of orientation, the Matriculation Ceremony was also an overwhelming success where over 2,700 new students, dressed in black and white, were formally welcomed into the UWI family at the JFK Quadrangle. In a taped audio-recording, Vice-Chancellor Rex Nettleford advised students to be conscious of one ***"very important thing; and that is - Education is not simply a matter of staying up late, studying for examinations, and finally receiving a certificate, diploma, or degree to prove that you have covered the prepared syllabus...the word 'Education' means far more than that. It means a leading out of that which you have learnt; and it challenges you to take this new information, think about it, and use it creatively, and ask yourselves how you can, in turn, use it to change things in this knowledge economy of ours."***

The Campus Principal also welcomed students and apologised for the disruptions in registration during the first week. He promised to work towards expanding the programmes and facilities at the University so that more students can benefit from attending the premier tertiary institution in the region.



***"We are indeed very fortunate that our incoming student population represents the cream of your generation in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. Of the 21 students who placed in the first five among the top 500 worldwide in the Advanced Level examinations, 14 applied to UWI and several have accepted places here.... We are working to ensure that over time, year by year, we can increase the number of places available at St. Augustine to cater for those who are best qualified to attend University."*** Principal Tewarie stated.

A traditional event that was revived on Campus after a 30-year lapse as a result of social unrest in the 70s, the Matriculation Ceremony underscores the University's commitment to acknowledging the milestones achieved in academic life.



## IOB HOSTS ALUMNI



From left to right: Troy Ramcharan, Denise Sinanan, Dr. Manfred Jantzen, Dr. Brian Ramharracksingh, Sharaz Ahamad and Cheryl Sukhu.

Recently old friends and colleagues got a chance to meet, catchup and network for the future at The **UWI Institute of Business Alumni Gathering** for all graduates of the **MBA for Executives, MBA International, and Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources Management** and **Postgraduate Diploma in Management of Information** at the **Republic Bank Conference Centre**.

This event, the first of its kind, was held for all graduates of the Institute from 1993 onwards. Approximately two hundred and fifty persons attended this historic function. This level of participation was

very encouraging and as a result of the success of this event, the UWI Institute of Business plans to make the Alumni Gathering an annual event. The UWI-IOB has also formed a **Career and Alumni Centre (CAC)** and staff at the Centre are in the process of registering alumni for membership.

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Principal Bhoew Tawarie gets a tour on the new Student Shuttle Bus

## GETTING INTO GEAR

The UWI Students' Shuttle Service has been welcomed by the campus community for its effectiveness, comfort, convenience and security. The service was formally launched

recently at a brief ceremony at the JFK Underpass where students and staff got a chance to look at the comfortable buses including Campus Principal, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tawarie, Deputy Principal Professor Gurmohan Kochhar, Campus Registrar William Iton, Director of Student Services Victor Cowan, Director of Security Wayne Richardson and President of the Guild of Students Mobafa Baker. The three buses traverse the campus and surrounding communities throughout the week, in order to help students commute from their homes/dorms to classes and/or the libraries. Key pick-up/ drop-off areas include the JFK Underpass, the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts and Mount Hope. Schedules are posted at these locations.

**"Did you know about CLL?"**

## FROM BUSINESS SPANISH TO TRANSLATION SERVICES, THE CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING IS MAGNIFIQUE

The Centre for Language Learning (CLL) was established in August 1997 as "the institutional means for organizing and expanding the teaching of foreign languages at the St. Augustine campus of The University of the West Indies. The main focus initially was on Spanish and French.

The Centre had its first intake of students in January 1998. Since then, it has been providing foreign language training to undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as to Academic, ATS staff, UWI graduates, A Level students, primary school children and many others. Students who are pursuing a degree in the Department of Liberal Arts also use the facilities at the Centre.

Apart from the teaching of Spanish and French, another objective is training of interpreters and translators and providing interpreting and translating services to the university community and others. The CLL is also dedicated to the teaching of other ancestral languages such as Arabic, Chinese, French Creole, Hindi, Portuguese and Yoruba. Yet another key objective is research on language teaching.

Special courses have been designed for postgraduate students of the Departments of Management and Economics, the Institute of International Relations and for postgraduate students and staff of the Faculty of Science and Agriculture, CARIRI and others. Business Spanish has now been introduced for private enterprise and public institutions.

Since 1998, there has been a steady increase in registrants, from 91 in January 1998 to approximately 440 in Semester I, 2002.

The CLL also provides additional Conversation/Culture courses during the mid year period. A highlight of the vacation period is the Spanish Camp for young children. This year, more than fifty children between the ages of five and ten participated in the camp. There is a children's class on Saturdays during the normal school year.

CLL is presently engaged in research on the teaching of Spanish to children of primary school age. The UWI Primary School students have been benefiting from this project. The CLL is now celebrating five years of existence and looking forward to the additional floor to the building and to the growth and continued success in the field of language learning/teaching.

## MUTUAL RESPECT

Heidi Achong speaks about her unforgettable days on campus

### INTERNATIONAL HINDI CONFERENCE

The Centre for Language Learning in collaboration with the Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago and the High Commission for the Republic of India hosted an International Hindi Conference from the 17th to 19th May.

The Conference, which focused on the teaching of Hindi as an international language, attracted scholars from India, Mauritius, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Guyana, Suriname and Guadeloupe. Papers focused on language teaching methodologies, the use of information technology in teaching Hindi, the role of Tulsi and Kabir in teaching language through literature, and other related topics. There was a very vibrant session on problems pertaining to the teaching of Hindi in Trinidad. Teachers of Hindi made an appeal for teacher training and formal certification so that they can be recognised by the Ministry of Education.

The Conference included a Book Exhibition, which was opened by the Minister of Education, Hazel Manning and featured hundreds of titles in Hindi and English dealing with language, literature, history, culture and other themes of general interest. The Conference was brought to a close on Sunday evening after a ceremony at which the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, Hedwige Bereaux gave the feature address. Conference recommendations included the standardisation of Hindi Language courses in the region, the provision of advanced Hindi and Programmes at the tertiary level. On the Sunday night after the Conference, there was a very successful Poets' Meet at which Hindi poetry was read by poets and scholars from India and Trinidad, including Dr. Ashok Chakradhar, whose compositions are highly acclaimed internationally. The Conference proceedings are now being prepared for publication.



(From left) William Iton, Campus Registrar, Lawrence Duprey, Chairman of Buccoo Reef Trust, Campus Principal Dr. Bhoe Tewarie and Evrard Medina, Chairman of the Asa Wright Nature Centre at the signing

### UWI GOES GREEN

Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor of UWI, Dr. Bhoe Tewarie recently signed the Memoranda of Agreement with the Asa Wright Nature Centre and the Buccoo Reef Trust, on September 5 at his office. The signing of this Agreement emphasized the University's commitment to environmental research as well as represents an important partnership with two major stakeholders who are dedicated to studying as well as preserving the environment.

**"I feel very strongly that UWI is a fantastic institution! I had a fantastic University life!"** Heidi Achong has one of those lightning bolt smiles that brightens her entire face, and the entire room, especially when she speaks about her days at UWI. But Achong is not just another pretty face, she is also a proud alumni of The University of the West Indies, who graduated with first class honours and was class Valedictorian.

She attended Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain and after winning a national scholarship in 1996, she enrolled at The University of the West Indies the following year to pursue a degree in Economics. She thoroughly enjoyed her years at the UWI. The Cave Hill Campus she explained had a "good student to faculty ratio" which led to the building of rewarding learning relationships with lecturers.

"You felt that people were interested in what you were doing... UWI also gave me real skills particularly in data base development and in Excel - so that I could move into Market Development. I also got access to statistical programmes for social scientists" said Achong, who is currently enjoying her job as Marketing Development Officer with The Mutual.

Achong has stayed in touch with many of her friends from her days at the Cave Hill Campus. She remembers her

cross-section of friends from St. Kitts, St. Vincent and Antigua as being "very focused, totally dedicated to their studies as students". Many of these young graduates have gone on to become successful professionals who hold prominent positions in islands across the Caribbean. As for Heidi Achong she continues to have a successful career at one of the leading insurance companies in the country and will undoubtedly continue to climb the corporate ladder.

The youngest of three girls, Achong's dedication to higher learning was instilled at a young age by her mother, a single parent. She recalled while growing up in the verdant Maraval valley in Trinidad that her mother always told her that "education is the only way you're going to make it - we have no money, no inheritance." According to Heidi University had to happen. During her University years she was an avid supporter of Inter-Campus Sport and she has continued this trend, entering many 5K competitions including ScotiaBank's Women on The Run, with her victorious Mutual team.

What does the future hold for the tall, affable, intelligent young graduate of UWI? She says that she will continue to get involved in as many activities as possible including writing for newsletters like The Mutual Times and The Mutual Link as well as focusing on completing her Certified Financial Planner Programme.

"I believe in Caribbean people, we are a resource that is underutilized. We have great minds like Sir Arthur Lewis and V.S. Naipaul... and the work of many of our people goes unrecognized and I see education as the key to getting us there." Achong concluded.







### SAFETY CORNER

We have seen in recent times several "Emergency Assembly Point" signs posted across campus. Their purpose is simply to indicate the general area we should meet in the event of an emergency evacuation. Assembly point locations, however, could change depending on where the emergency actually occurs. In the event of an emergency that involves hazardous material, persons should assemble upwind of the emergency.

The University carried out its fifth **First Aid and CPR training programme for staff members** during the period June – September 2002. Participants were taken through a series of practical exercises, slides and films culminating in an examination on the final day. This programme is one of the most current and is sanctioned by the National Safety Council of Itasca Illinois, USA. Training Programmes carded for September – November 2002 includes "Laboratory Safety," "Field Research Safety" and "Fire Extinguisher Use."

The campus population can also look forward to a **HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT WEEK** during the period 5 – 8 November 2002. This collaborative effort between the Safety Officer and the Health Services Unit will showcase developments in the field of HSE over the years. The theme for this year is "Increasing HSE Awareness in the 21st Century." During the HSE week there will be displays by several companies and departments as we seek to highlight the importance of health, safety and environment, both to individuals and to the country as a whole. Representatives from various industries will also speak to students on the use of HSE as criteria for employment and promotion. Please take time off from your busy schedule to attend.

Any questions, suggestions or comments should be directed to the Safety Officer at extension 3138 or e-mail: [yparasamsingh@works.uwi.tt](mailto:yparasamsingh@works.uwi.tt).



Prof. Kenny Julian of the Faculty of Engineering shakes hands with Dr. Bhoe Tewarie, Principal St. Augustine Campus

### UWI AND NESG SIGN \$400,000 AGREEMENT

The University of The West Indies recently signed a groundbreaking agreement with the National Energy Skills Centre to facilitate two additional programmes in the field of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Professor Clement Sankat, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering stated that the campus had been awarded two lecturers' positions, one in Mechanical and the other in Electrical Engineering at the cost of \$200,000 each. In addition The Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Technology has also provided the Faculty of Engineering with a Research Assistant. 80 students have been accepted in the initial intake for the two programmes. The degree programme will run for two and a half years and a review conducted after six years with the intention of expansion, explained CEO of NESG Dave Bhajan.

## THE REAL TOPPA-TOPPERS

### Scholarship Winners Choose UWI



Standing from left: Anu Sharma and Shivana Maharaj  
Below (from left) Maria Pardais, Nailah Ali and Ravindra Ramrattan.  
(Inset) Hannah Enightool (right) and Marisela Aguilar



142 national scholarship winners have chosen to attend the premier tertiary institution in the region, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. Many of these young men and women have already settled "very nicely into campus life" taking part in several campus activities, becoming members of clubs, "liming" with old and new friends around campus and of course "beating the books". For Shivana Maharaj, a graduate of St. Augustine Girls High School, "everything has been good...it's interesting, different and very informal at UWI, compared to High School." She has already joined the Yoga Club and plans to get involved in hiking, Latin Dancing and tennis.

Ramdia Ramlalsingh is a graduate of Presentation College who says that campus life "has been fun...I wanted to pursue a degree in Engineering and UWI was affordable to me. I have lots of friends here in first and second year." She also has a keen interest in joining the Hindu Society. For Nailah Ali, a graduate of St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain pursuing a degree in Management Studies, she is thoroughly enjoying life on campus. "It's been good, most of my lecturers are good," she explained with a laugh. Some of the brightest and best students in the country and region continue to choose UWI to pursue their degrees and develop into mature West Indians; and as many of these young people have stated – it's proven to be the right choice.

The stakeholder meetings which we have held throughout the year have been a source not only of information, but a source of inspiration to me. Discussing our strategic plan and sharing my vision for the St. Augustine campus in open fora with various sectors of the campus community as well as with stakeholders from the wider public and private sectors have provided me with significant learning opportunities and the participation and feedback have been wonderful.

These meetings have helped me to understand the University better, but they have also provided me with the opportunity to get to know you better as technical and service staff, daily paid workers, administrative drivers and as lecturers, teachers, researchers and most important of all, as individuals. My sense of things is that these meetings and opportunities for exchange have enhanced communication on campus, have fostered teamwork and togetherness and have facilitated greater alignment and synergy. I sincerely hope that this is the case.

During this year too, our campus has been alive with Conferences of relevance and pointedness. The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies organized a Conference dedicated to the life and work of Lloyd Best, the Governance Unit of the Department of Behavioural Sciences held one on "Globalization, Governance and Integration" and the Institute of International Relations collaborating with international partners held two conferences, one on International Trade and Security issues and another on Caribbean/Latin American issues and relations covering a broad range of topics.

So we can always do better; but this has been a good, purposeful and constructive year. There is renewed commitment and a new spirit on campus. A young member of staff remarked to me that there is more colour on campus and more life. A member of the business community remarked that the University seems to have a greater presence in the society and seems to be engaging the society more fully.

To strengthen the new spirit on the campus we are seeking to pull together all staff at the end of the year to celebrate as a community as we approach the Christmas season and the end of the year. It is my hope that everyone will participate fully.

Whatever is being achieved on this campus, it is being achieved by you and because of you. Students, staff, faculty – all of you on this campus are making a special effort and making a difference.

Let us continue to work together for the development of our society and our region.

Happy Divali. Eid Greetings.  
Merry Christmas. To all.



Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie

# CAMPUS JUMBIE

UWI St Augustine Campus Calendar of Events


## October

- 7 – 12** **Conference – SOLAR 2002** - "The Caribbean, Corridor of the New World" held by Institute of International Relations in collaboration with Department of Liberal Arts
- 14** **115th Anniversary Celebration of the National Herbarium of Trinidad & Tobago**
- 16-18** **UWI Open Days** at the JFK Lecture Theatre and Auditorium.
- 18** **Deadline for receipt of Abstracts for Faculty Research Day**
- 25** **UWIDEC – Outreach Programme for Tobago** includes: career guidance workshops and an exhibition Mt. Irvine Bay Hotel, Tobago.
- 25-27** **Conference on "Hindu Presence in T&T"** hosted jointly by Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha of T&T and The Department of History, UWI, St. Augustine, Ext. 2022
- 28 & 29** **Research Day**

## November

- 1 & 2** **UWI St. Augustine Graduation Ceremonies** The Sport & Physical Education Centre 
- 5 – 8** **Health, Safety & Environment Week** JFK Auditorium
- 7** **Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence** – Mona Campus
- 9** **Guild of Graduates 9th Annual International Wine & Cheese Festival** at the Savannah Terrace, Trinidad Hilton & Conference Centre, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. For further information contact Cristal Roberts 662-2002 Ext. 2338 or Mr. Victor Cowan Ext. 2096
- 13 – 14** **UWI/SOCS: Montserrat Conference** – Country Conference Series - Theme Beyond Walls: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives

## December

- 5 – 7** **Gender & Economics Workshop on "Gender, Law and Legal Systems"** held by the Centre for Gender and Development Studies in collaboration with the Hugh Wooding Law School
- 14** **Staff Party** Centre of Excellence, Macoya 

## January 2003

- 23** **Faculty Research Day** – Faculty of Medical Sciences

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