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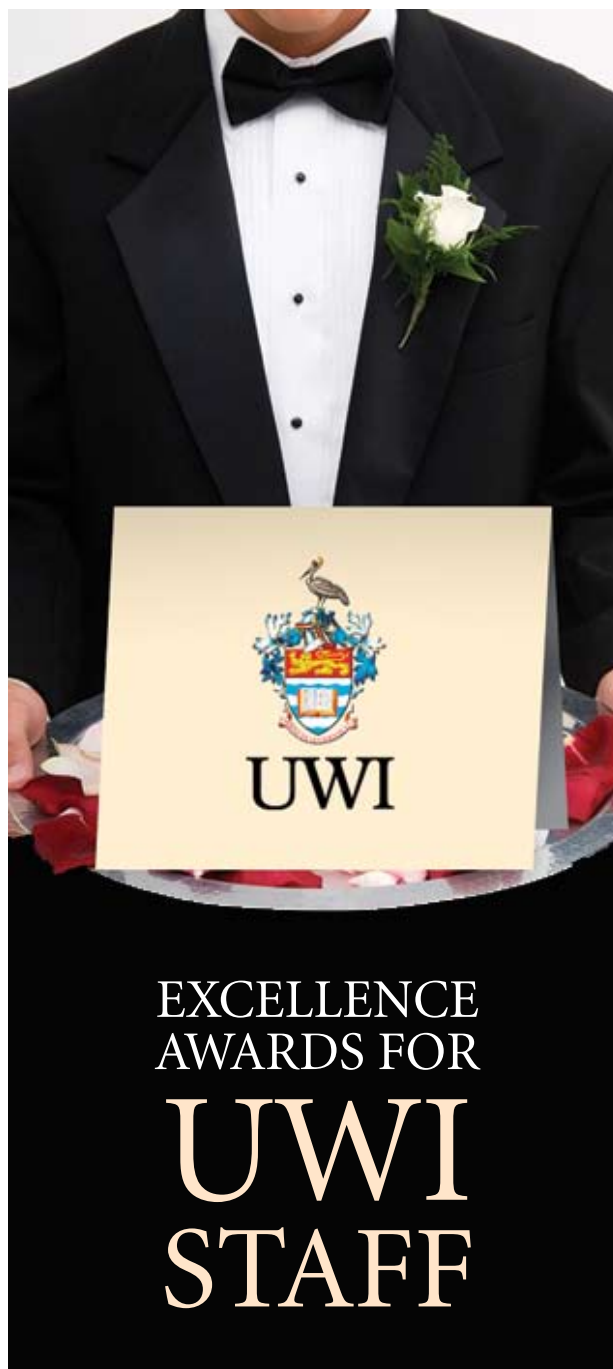
The University of the West Indies Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris will present awards to **Dr. Colin Depradine, Professor Celia Christie, Professor Anselm Hennis, Professor Archibald McDonald, Professor Kit Fai Pun and Dr Hermi Hewitt** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, at the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) St Augustine Campus. They are the winners of the prestigious **Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence**.

In 1993, the awards were established under Vice-Chancellor, Sir Alister Mc Intyre to recognise and reward the achievements of academic as well as senior administrative staff. As many as five awards may be given in any one year in any of the following areas: Teaching, Administration and Research Accomplishments, Service to the University Community, Contributions to Public Service, and All-round Excellence in a combination of two or more of the five core areas. Each award is valued at US\$5,000.

Dr Depradine, Lecturer in Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics, Cave Hill Campus has gained the award for Excellence in Teaching. A lecturer in Computer Science since 1995, he was the first recipient in 2005 of the UWI/Guardian Life Teaching Award from the Cave Hill Campus. He is highly regarded by his students as well as his colleagues for his teaching skills, particularly for his application of web-based technologies in the classroom.

Professor Celia Christie of the Department of Paediatrics (Child Health), Mona Campus; will be honored for her landmark research on childhood infectious diseases. Since her appointment in 1999 as Professor and Chair of Paediatrics, Professor Christie has produced over 32 publications in prestigious regional and international journals. Her extensive research efforts have attracted externally funded grants to the UWI, totalling over US\$3 million.

Professor Anselm Hennis, who will also receive the award for Research Accomplishments, began his UWI career in 1996 as a Temporary Lecturer in the School of Clinical Medicine and Research. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2002 and became Director of the Barbados Eye Studies project. His research output is outstanding, with over 60 articles in peer-reviewed scholarly publications. He has attracted over US\$20 million in research grants.



Professor Mc Donald is the Director of the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) at Cave Hill Campus who will be awarded for his Service to the University Community. Over the years he has done research into trauma which has helped to guide national policies on injury prevention and management in Jamaica. His considerable administrative skills became evident, even before his appointment in 2005 as Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences. As Head of the Department of Surgery and the Faculty's Representative on the Mona Campus Budget Monitoring Committee, Professor McDonald conceptualised and oversaw the implementation of the Full Fee Paying programme, resulting in the first significant increase in Faculty enrolment in forty years, with significant financial inflows to the Mona Campus.

The Award for all-round performance in a combination of two or more areas is to be shared jointly by Professor Kit Fai Pun, Professor of Industrial Engineering in the Department of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, St Augustine Campus, for all-round excellent performance in teaching and research; and Dr Hermi Hewitt Head of the UWI School of Nursing, Mona, for all-round excellent performance in teaching and service to the University community.

Professor Kit Fai Pun's reputation as a researcher and teacher is recognised and highly valued by both students and academic colleagues. He has provided leadership in the restructuring and strengthening of the Industrial Engineering programme to bring it up to modern industry requirements and facilitating external accreditation. His research output is significant, including some 50 articles in refereed journals, two book reviews, 22 technical/conference papers and more than 20 consultancy reports.

Dr Hermi Hewitt is not only a very competent teacher but an outstanding administrator as well. Her impact on nursing education at the UWI and throughout the Caribbean is far-reaching. She led the phasing out of certificate programmes in nursing, replacing them in 2004 with a generic, BSc UWI degree and introduced several new graduate courses leading to a Masters Degree in five different nursing specialties. Under Dr Hewitt's leadership student enrolment has increased from a mere sixty in 2002 to almost a thousand at present.

For further information please contact the Vice Chancellor's Office at 1(876) 927-2406

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## AWARDS

## REGIONAL AWARD FOR PROFESSOR ROUSE-JONES



PROFESSOR MARGARET ROUSE-JONES

Professor Margaret Rouse-Jones, Campus and University Librarian of The University of the West Indies (UWI), was recently presented with the Caribbean Information Professional of the Year 2008 award at the 38th Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries' (ACURIL) Conference, in June at the Rose Hall Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Professor Rouse-Jones, one of the many library professionals from the Caribbean, USA and beyond, who attended the five-day conference, was honored for her commitment to exemplary service, excellence in scholarship and outstanding accomplishments as an information professional. In 2004, she also received The University of the West Indies Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the area of Service to the University Community and that same year she also gained ACURIL's award for Excellence in Publications in the Information Field.

Professor Rouse-Jones has given twenty-seven years of dedicated service as an information professional. She has been Campus Librarian at UWI St Augustine since 1997, and upon appointment as University Librarian, she gained responsibility for the coordination of activities among the three main physical campuses of UWI (in Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados). Professor Rouse-Jones retires from her position as Campus and University Librarian at The University of the West Indies at the end of 2008.



## EDITORIAL

"A man is happy so long as he chooses to be happy and nothing can stop him," is one of the many truisms given to us by the late Nobel Prize winner, Russian author and historian, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. A survivor of the Soviet prison camps and critic of the Gulag system, Solzhenitsyn died on Sunday August 3rd 2008, he was 89. His words on happiness echo the thoughts of UWI graduate, Dr. Kryaan Singh, whose inspirational story of survival underscores a definitive choice towards benevolence.

There are other inspirational stories of lecturers and researchers at our Campus who have been committed to making a difference. Five of these being our recent awardees: congratulations to the winners of the Vice Chancellors' Award for Excellence; as well as to University Librarian, Professor Margaret Rouse-Jones on her recent prize.

In the area of research, we hope you enjoy learning about the pivotal work being done in Marine Turtles and their habitat by Professor Horrocks at our Cave Hill Campus. She remains both "moved and motivated" by the determination of these ancient mariners.

With the continued growth of our Campus programmes and community, we have also been enhancing our facilities, as several new buildings and lecture halls have opened over the past three years, including our state-of-the-art tennis courts. This month we chose to highlight the coaching sessions held at the St Augustine Campus Tennis Courts. Similarly in the field of sport, while the Beijing Games are on full throttle in China, we hosted our UWI Staff Intercampus Games at the Sport and Physical Education Centre, where over 200 athletes from both the Barbados and Jamaica campuses competed alongside our local team.. You can read about their achievements in our student segment.

In our centre spread, we have highlighted our 60 Anniversary celebrations at Mona, Jamaica. At Convocation Week thousands of graduates came from countries far and wide to meet old friends, share memories and lend support to their alma mater. We are grateful for your generous support as one who reads about our 60 year tradition of teaching and learning programmes, research projects and outreach activities in this monthly supplement.

*Enjoy.*

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# POP X

The Campus was buzzing – with Olympic news last week when we hit the JFK Quadrangle to ask the big question. Some of their answers proved to be on target

## DO YOU THINK OUR ATHLETES WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN BEIJING?



■ “From what I’ve been seeing, I think we’ll do well in the sprint events – Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and the Bahamas - and I expect [George] Bovell to do well for Trinidad.”

### MARK LEWIS

3<sup>rd</sup> Year student  
Faculty of Humanities and Education, Mona  
Jamaican



■ “Judging from the first one, I’m not sure...there is a possibility that George Bovell can pull it off...not sure. I’m being a bit patriotic and having confidence in him.”

### JANEAL CHICHESTER

3<sup>rd</sup> Year student  
Faculty of Humanities and Education  
Trinidadian



■ “I think we’ll definitely make a mark judging on George’s performance [placing first in his heat] today. I think we can probably expect a silver or bronze...”

### CANDACE JOEFIELD

3<sup>rd</sup> year student  
Faculty of Humanities and Education  
Trinidadian



■ “Honestly I’m not too sure. I feel we will do fairly well in the track and field.”

### ANECIA SAMUEL

3<sup>rd</sup> Year student  
Faculty of Science and Agriculture, St Augustine  
Trinidadian

## THE GAMES ARE HERE!

Campus athletes were alive and kicking last week –at the bi-annual Staff Inter-Campus Games where Cave Hill, Barbados, kicked in to high gear to defend the championship title. Over 200 athletes travelled to the St. Augustine Campus from our Jamaica (Mona) and Barbados (Cave Hill) campuses to compete in track and field, basketball, netball and football events, among others. The week-long event was held in honour of the late UWI Manager, Ms Gloria Baptiste. The athletes enjoyed the sport and well as the cultural nights where Campus teams hosted evenings where the teams enjoyed great food and entertainment. For Mark Lewis, an athlete from the Mona, Jamaica Campus, who spoke with us on the second day of the Games it was an interesting time. “Everything is going a lot smoother as we go along. It’s really been going well and [watching the Olympics on TV] has given team members a chance to interact.” Mark is a final year student at the Mona Campus in Jamaica, where he also works as an administrative assistant in the Student Services department. He’s taking part in the basketball and volleyball games at UWI SPEC and the track and field events at the Larry Gomes stadium. Congrats to Mark and all our athletes!

## UWI STAFF INTER-CAMPUS GAMES RESULTS

Football	St. Augustine – 1	Cavehill – 0
	Mona – 6	Cavehill – 0
	St. Augustine – 0	Mona – 3
	<b>Winner – Mona Campus</b>	
Table Tennis	St. Augustine – 6	Mona – 0
	Mona – 6	Cavehill – 0
	St. Augustine – 6	Cavehill – 0
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Cricket	St. Augustine – 108	Mona – 107 (30 overs)
	Mona vs Cavehill	Rained out
	St. Augustine – 228	Cavehill – 126 (40 overs)
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Volleyball	St. Augustine – 2	Mona – 0
	Mona – 1	Cavehill – 2
	St. Augustine – 2	Cavehill – 1
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Netball	St. Augustine – 19	Mona – 19
	Mona – 61	Cavehill – 3
	St. Augustine – 72	Cavehill – 6
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Basketball	St. Augustine – 87	Mona – 75
	Mona – 69	Cavehill – 77
	St. Augustine – 64	Cavehill – 60
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Lawn Tennis	St. Augustine – 5	Mona – 0
	Mona – 1	Cavehill – 4
	St. Augustine – 4	Cavehill – 1
	<b>Winner – St. Augustine Campus</b>	
Athletics	Mona - 245 points	St. Augustine - 242 points
	Cavehill - 100 points	<b>Winner – Mona Campus</b>

### OVERALL STANDINGS

<b>1ST</b>	<b>ST. AUGUSTINE</b>	<b>6 DISCIPLINES</b>
<b>2ND</b>	<b>MONA</b>	<b>2 DISCIPLINES</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>CAVEHILL</b>	<b>0 DISCIPLINE</b>

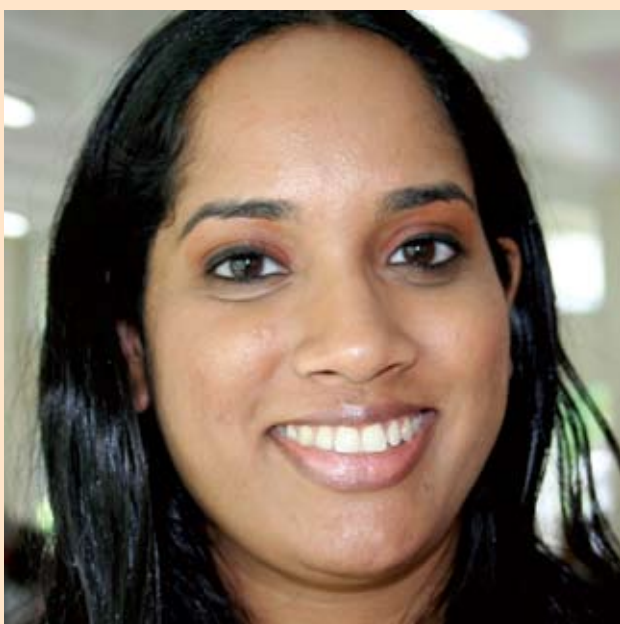
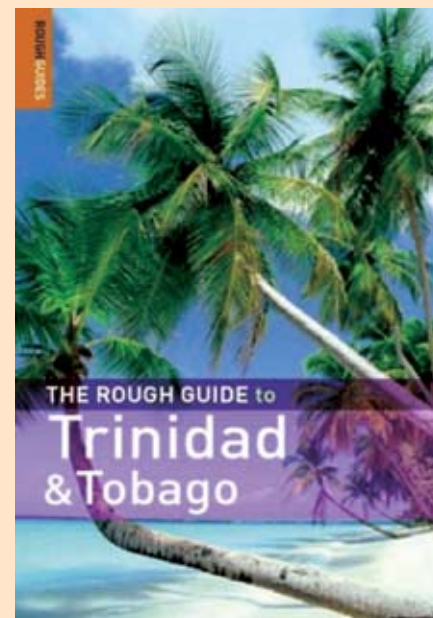


## WHAT PEOPLE ARE READING... THE ROUGH GUIDE TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

*available at the UWI Bookshop*

■ “I’m learning things about Trinidad and Tobago that I never knew before; I’d recommend everyone to have a copy of this amazing resource!”

**TAMARA BRATHWAITE**  
Librarian, Institute of International Relations, UWI.



## WHAT PEOPLE ARE WATCHING... DARK KNIGHT

*starring Christian Bale and Heath Ledger*

■ “I think it was the best Batman I’ve ever seen and Heath Ledger, I think it was the best performance he ever gave. I really enjoyed the movie.”

**CRISTAL BASSAW**  
Library Assistant,  
Institute of International Relations, UWI.



**CAMPUS CREOLE: MATTA SEASON-** *a term used to describe the examination period on Campus.*

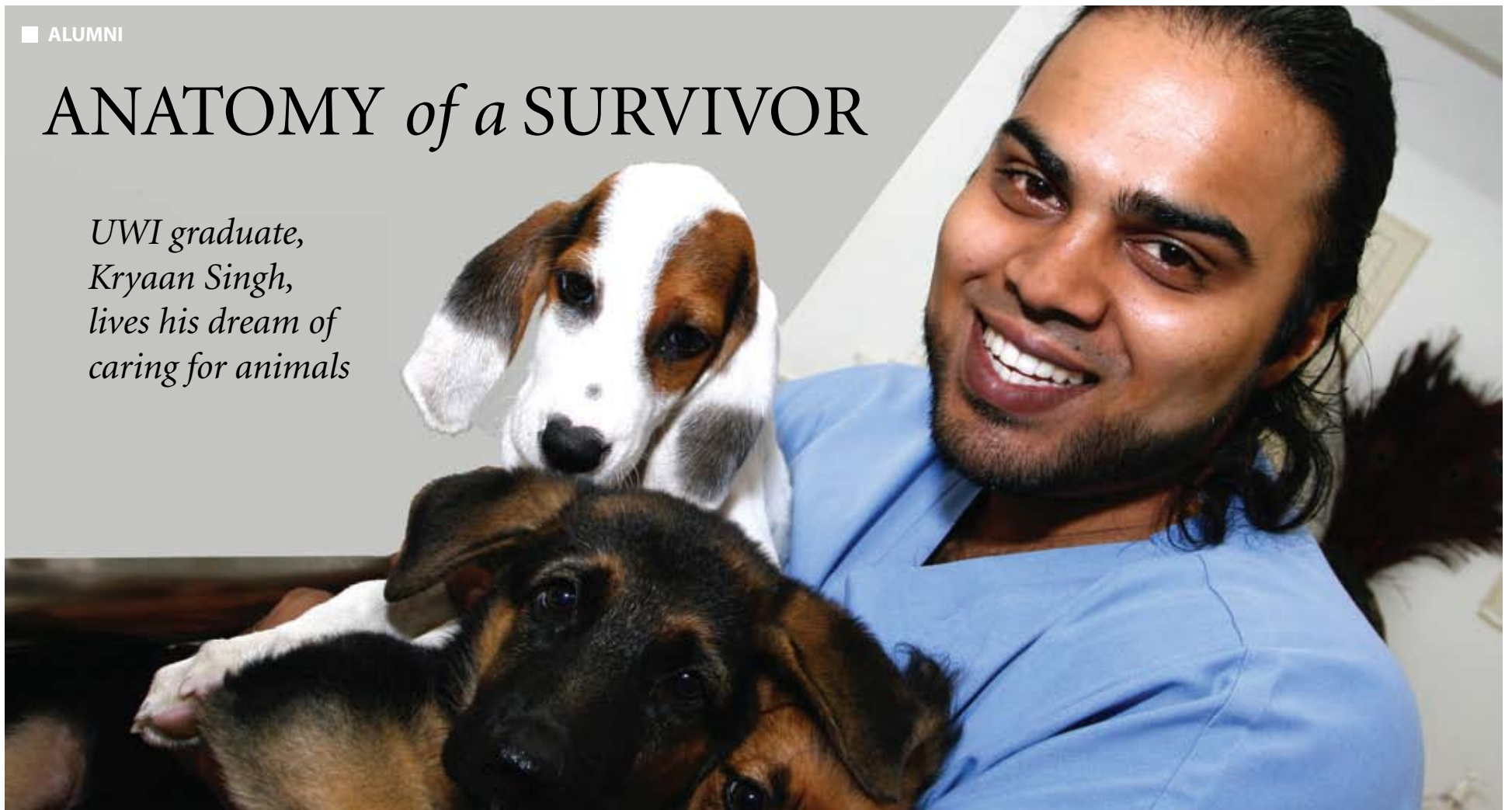


■ ALUMNI

# ANATOMY *of a* SURVIVOR

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

PHOTOS BY BENEDICT CUPID



BY ANNA WALCOTT-HARDY

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

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

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

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

Then on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006, a truck exiting an illegal road, pulled on to the highway giving a “bad drive” which led to Kryaan’s van flipping and rolling into the middle of the highway. A policeman had seen the entire incident and soon an emergency vehicle was on the scene. Kryaan knew that something was terribly wrong, when, after managing to unclip the seatbelt, he dragged himself from under the van, but could feel nothing from the chest down. He was taken to the hospital and then to various medical facilities where he spent over two months and underwent two operations. On returning home he continued the physical therapy, and even began to see patients. A nurse assisted with the injections, while the animals were

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

Then in November, 2006, he traveled to the Miami Physical Therapy Institute, for a three month stint with one of the best physical therapists in the business, Robin Smith. The trip proved highly successful as he gained full use of his right hand and partial use of his left, whereas previously he could only partially use both. Today he has about 70% use of his left hand and he also believes that he may be able to walk again.

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

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

He is grateful for the support of his family; his mother, Anjelene, took early retirement from her job as a school principal to care for him during the day; while his father, an engineer, assists on weekends. His

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

# UWI CELEBRATES BIG 60 IN STYLE

*Thousands gather in Jamaica  
for Convocation Week*



The University of the West Indies (UWI) celebrated its 60th anniversary in style with a Convocation Week from July 12-19, 2008, in Jamaica.

The celebrations spanned a host of activities including a reception hosted by the Chancellor of the University, Sir George Alleyne, an Inter faith church service, a jazz concert, a gala awards banquet, a “memories breakfast” and a UWI couples luncheon, for those who met at the university.

The university of the West Indies, started as the University College of the West Indies 60 years ago with its first campus in Jamaica, today boasts campuses at Mona (Jamaica), Cave Hill (Barbados), St. Augustine (Trinidad) and services another 12 countries via its “Open Campuses”.

At 60, there is much to celebrate including earning a reputation as the first port of call for public and private sector organizations seeking expert advice in a range of spheres.

Thousands of graduates of the University of the West Indies, many now domiciled in their native Caribbean country or elsewhere in the world, gathered in Mona during Convocation Week to salute their alma mater.

According to the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Professor Nigel Harris, “There is much to celebrate not least of all the UWI’s rich bounty of research, innovation and creative thinking that has enriched the lives of our people.”



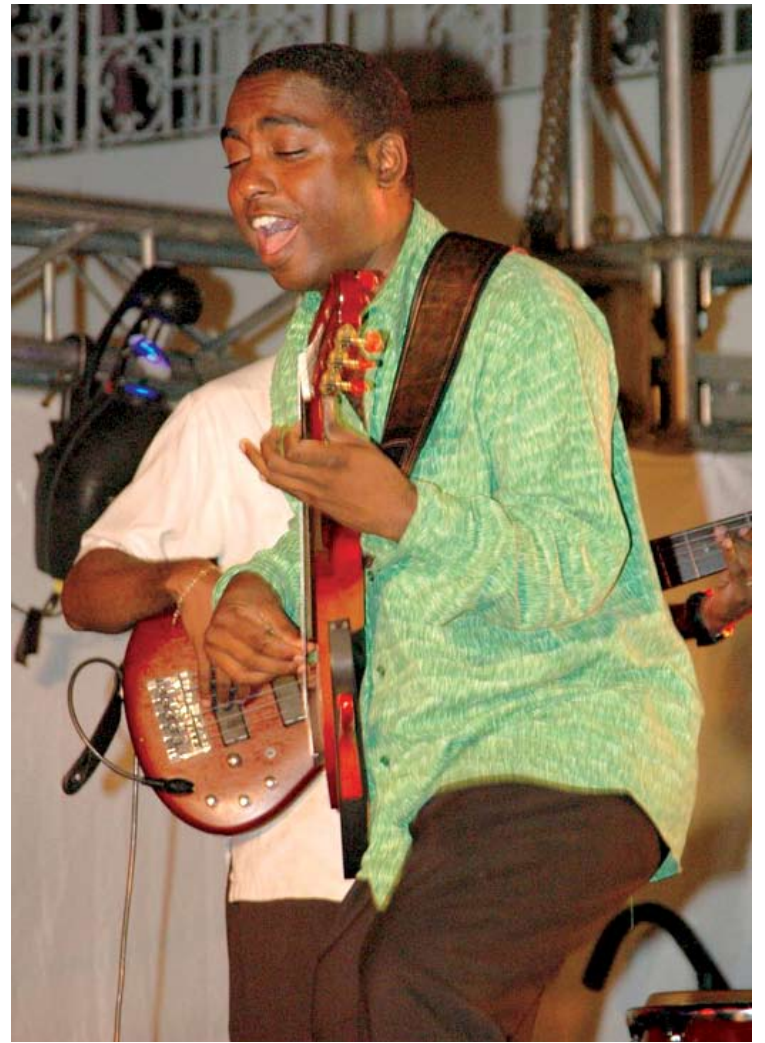
Noting that, “we are living in an era in which education and knowledge are the ultimate currency, and are increasingly being demonstrated as sources of competitive advantage, Professor Harris said that, “At The University of the West Indies, we have determined that it is not sufficient only to educate, but we must also play a central role in research that can drive creation of new products and services as well as devise ways of addressing our most challenging problems.”

He said that the UWI has produced graduates who lead in all sectors of Caribbean life and “though, the creation of The UWI Consulting Company and other like ventures, we are mobilizing expertise in our academic community to address specific policy and strategic planning needs of governments, regional and national agencies, the private sector and other organizations.”

The UWI, Prof. Harris said, has also created University-wide centers that address areas of vulnerability in the Caribbean such as Disaster Preparedness, Sustainable Development for Small Island States and Crime and Social Justice.

Pointing to “daunting challenges” facing the Caribbean and the world, including “precipitously





rising prices in food, oil and other commodities and the impending loss of preferential trading arrangements with traditional trading partners (Europe and the United States), Prof. Harris said that “the UWI has been positioning itself through the courses we teach and in the research and advisory services we provide, to become an integral part of the solutions our region needs.”

The Convocation Week in Mona marks the half-way point in a year-long series of events being hosted across the campuses and countries served by the Open Campuses.

The celebrations culminate in Trinidad & Tobago in December.



NOBEL LAUREATE CELEBRATIONS  
2008: YEAR OF SIR ARTHUR LEWIS

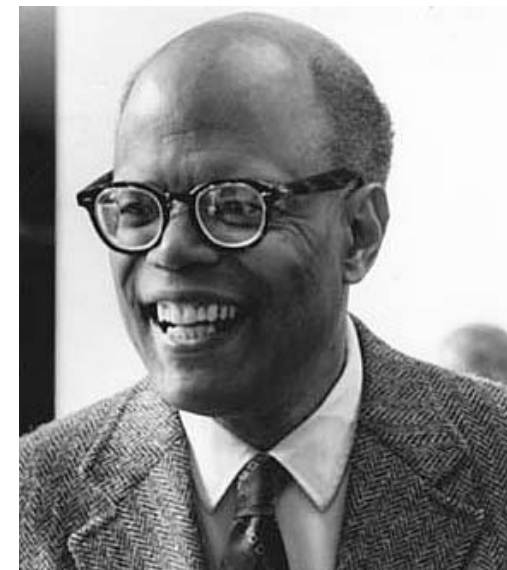
SIR ARTHUR LEWIS MEMORIAL CONFERENCE:  
**DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES  
IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of the West Indies (St Augustine Campus), in collaboration with the Department of Economics and the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies, is hosting the Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Conference at the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at The University of the West Indies from September 25-27, 2008. The theme of the conference is Development Challenges in the 21st Century

Economies in the Caribbean and all over the world are grappling with the consequences of globalization and the accompanying changes in the rules of international trade, including loss of preferential markets and erosion of preferences due to tariff reduction. This has resulted in increasing competition for traditional products from these economies, a situation compounded by rising energy costs and accompanying negative social ills like unemployment, rising criminality, overburdened

health and educational facilities and the like. To compound these problems, many of these economies are facing a serious threat from climate change and the accompanying rising sea levels and increase in number and ferocity of hurricanes. What are realistic development options, given the policy space now available to these economies? It is to answer questions like these that the Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Conference is being hosted on the theme indicated. Participation is open to scholars, policy makers, graduate students, professionals and all persons interested in the burning issues associated with this theme.

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**ABOUT SIR ARTHUR LEWIS**

Born in Castries St Lucia on 23rd January 1915, Sir Arthur Lewis would win the The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in 1979. A former lecturer and Vice Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (1959), he was knighted in 1963 and then went on to lecture at Princeton University. In 1970, he became Director of the Caribbean Development Bank. His prize winning work is an economic model that examines the problems facing developing nations. His landmark dual sector model explains why in developing nations, so often, wages remain low and capital rents high, even as development continues at a pace. After retiring from academia, Sir Arthur Lewis returned to the Caribbean. In 1991 he died and was buried on the grounds of the St Lucia community college named in his honour.

2007 YEAR OF  
SIR V.S. NAIPAUL

2008 YEAR OF  
SIR ARTHUR LEWIS

2009 YEAR OF  
DEREK WALCOTT

## The UWI/Guardian Life 'Premium' Teaching Awards 2008

2008 marks the tenth anniversary of the groundbreaking collaboration between The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine and Guardian Life of the Caribbean Limited. This year the university takes a look back to rediscover its achievements and chart the way forward. To mark the occasion, they have specially selected as Feature Speaker one of their very own, the renowned Prof. Bridget Brereton. Prof. Brereton is the first local speaker to grace the UWI/Guardian Life series of events. The theme is Ten Years On: Making SoTL Real. While the focus would be honouring the 2008 winners, the retrospective will include narratives from past awardees whose

viewpoints are a rich resource that can only advance teaching and learning on campus. This is directly in keeping with the University's 2007-2012 Strategic Plan which has teaching and learning as one of the pillars. The ceremony takes place on Friday 26th September at 5.00 p.m. at the Learning Resource Centre (LRC), St. Augustine, and the public is invited to attend.

As a precursor to the teaching awards and in celebration of our milestone, the Instructional Development Unit (IDU) is hosting a forum entitled Towards Teaching Excellence and Higher Learner Outcomes which specifically targets sixth form schools in Trinidad and Tobago. Teachers and

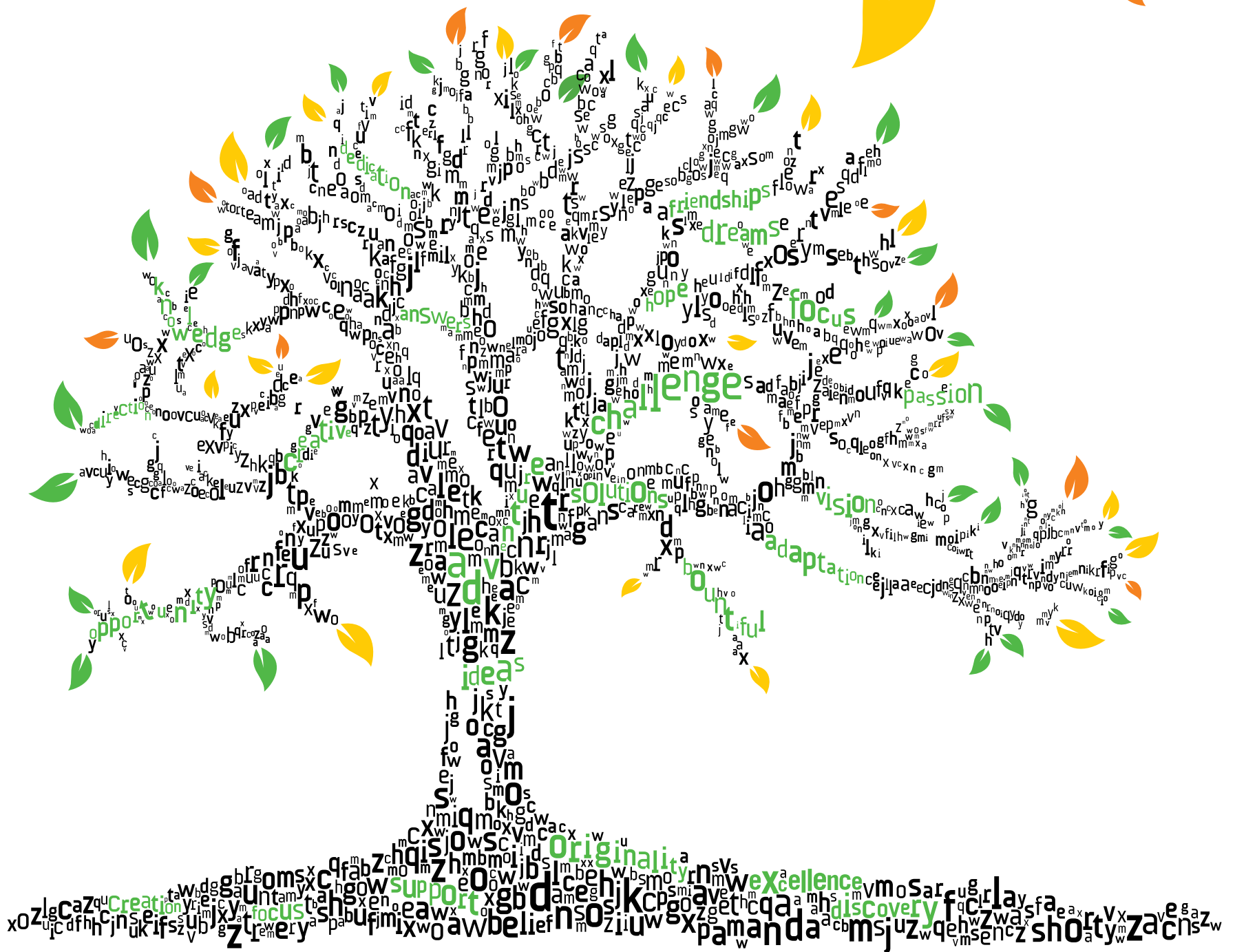
students will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with past UWI/Guardian Life 'Premium' Teaching Awardees. The purpose of the forum is to inform students and teachers about the recognition of tertiary level teaching and learning excellence and the role of incoming UWI students in enhancing their university experience. The forum will run from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. on the same day as the awards. Invitations will be soon issued to schools.

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(evening, mature and postgraduate students only)  
11TH SEPTEMBER, 6 P.M. LRC





ALUMNI

# N O S T A L G I A

*As National Sinfonia Orchestra Opens New Season*

Two compositions by The University of the West Indies graduate, **Mark Loquan**, were performed at the Queen's Hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, by the National Sinfonia Orchestra. The calypsos, *Colours Again* and *Nostalgia*, which have been arranged for the piano by Liam Teague and transcribed for orchestra by American Gary Gibson, will be part of the National Sinfonia's fifth season of performances.

The National Sinfonia Orchestra (NSO), under the musical direction of UWI lecturer **Jessel Murray**, opened its season with Malaysian concert pianist **Sothie Paul-Duraisamy**. The concert, under the patronage of his Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, represented the third pairing of this celebrated pianist and Trinidad's foremost symphonic orchestra. The show featured the popular Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*. This work, the first of kind to incorporate the jazz idiom into the Concert Hall, received instant acceptance into the piano repertoire and is one of the most recorded of all piano concertos.

Mrs. Duraisamy has performed in concerts around the world but professes a fondness for performing in Trinidad. The *Rhapsody* is one of her favourite performing pieces, and she constantly returns to Trinidad

to perform for local audiences who are still thrilled with her last *Rhapsody* – the *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* performed with the NSO two years ago. She has performed in Bangalore, India and Perth, Australia in recent times.

Trinidadian clarinetist **Kwame Lewis**, now resident in Boston, also joined the orchestra to perform the Weber *Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra* to celebrate the attainment of his *Dip. ABRSM* in clarinet performance. Lewis is a former music director of the QRC Scout Band. Other works on the programme included the equally popular Elgar *Pomp and Circumstance March* with the theme that is played at so many graduation ceremonies; and the two Mark Loquan calypsos: *Colours Again* and *Nostalgia*. President of Yara Trinidad Limited, Mark Loquan graduated from UWI with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Yara has supported several projects at the University over the years, from bursaries and scholarships to collaborative initiatives between Yara's Hanninghof Centre for Plant Nutrition and Environmental Research in Dulmen, Germany and the Department of Food Production at UWI St Augustine.



MARK LOQUAN





# UWI

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# 60 YEARS of *development*

“It’s been sixty years of exciting learning, sixty years of continuous growth and sixty years of development. I look forward to the next sixty years in which I am sure [UWI] will make a tremendous contribution, not only to Trinidad and Tobago, but also to the region and abroad.”

**LARRY HOWAI**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
First Citizens  
UWI Class of 1978*

From a class of 33 pioneers who began their medical studies at the Mona Campus, UWI has grown into a multi-campus institution with over 75,000 alumni. Our graduates include artists, scientists, medical practitioners, lawyers, agriculturalists, entrepreneurs, prime ministers, philanthropists and a nobel laureate among others; icons who have helped to forge our archipelago and contribute to world development.



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RESEARCH

# SEA CHANTEY FOR AN ANCIENT MARINER

*Professor Horrocks focuses on protecting the sea turtle*



“Sea turtles are extremely ancient reptiles with a particularly effective lifestyle, which includes awe-inspiring ways of finding their way across the open ocean and back to the place they were born”

“I see turtle conservation as an incredible challenge”, explained UWI Professor Julia Horrocks, who has spent a lifetime dedicated to researching the sea turtles of the Caribbean. She is a Professor of Conservation Ecology, Department of Biological and Chemical Sciences in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences at the Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

Professor Horrocks is also the Director of the Barbados Sea Turtle Project and coordinator of WIDECAST Marine Turtle Tagging Centre, which provides training in tagging technologies and archives data for over 20 sea turtle projects in the Caribbean. Currently, her research is focused on investigating the stock structure, population ecology, nesting and migratory behaviour of hawksbills and green turtles in the Eastern Caribbean.



PROFESSOR  
JULIA HORROCKS

Although over the years several groups have made in-roads in conservation – by helping the public to understand the importance of these marine animals to our ecology, our world and ourselves - there is still work to be done. Every year, during the nesting season, there will be at least one unfortunate incident reported in the local media of leatherback turtles being slaughtered for their meat. There are similar challenges in Barbados. Through her research she has examined the effects of coastal development on the nesting behaviour of these turtles.

“I remember one female turtle assiduously clamoring over a curb and making her way across a car park of a fast food restaurant, looking for somewhere to lay her eggs,” Prof. Horrocks explained.

Although she has been honored widely by several agencies and governments including being awarded both the Governor General’s Environment Award in 2001 and the prestigious Pew Marine Conservation Fellowship in 2004 to further her research, she remains both motivated and saddened by the effects that pollution, urbanization and coastal development have had on the turtle population.

“Sea turtles are extremely ancient reptiles with a particularly effective lifestyle, which includes awe-inspiring ways of finding their way across the open ocean and back to the place they were born... the gentle persistence of these animals trying to complete their life cycles on beaches lined with hotels and cluttered with beach chairs and umbrellas, both moves and motivates me.” (AWH)



■ OUTREACH

# CENTRE COURT

*Coaching Clinic at UWI Campus courts*



PHOTOS BY ARTHUR SUKHBIR

From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> July at the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC) Tennis Facility, 28 tennis players participated in a Level I Coaching Programme of the International Tennis Federation. (I.T.F). Conducted by Anthony Jeremiah who is the ITF's Technical coordinator of the English speaking Caribbean, the clinic is part of an initiative of the Tennis Association of Trinidad & Tobago (T.A.T.T. ) the national tennis association—to aggressively bring more coaches into the game, certify those who have been coaching and thus increase the quantity and the quality of the game. TATT and SPEC also had a PLAY TENNIS workshop introducing the basic rudiments of coaching.

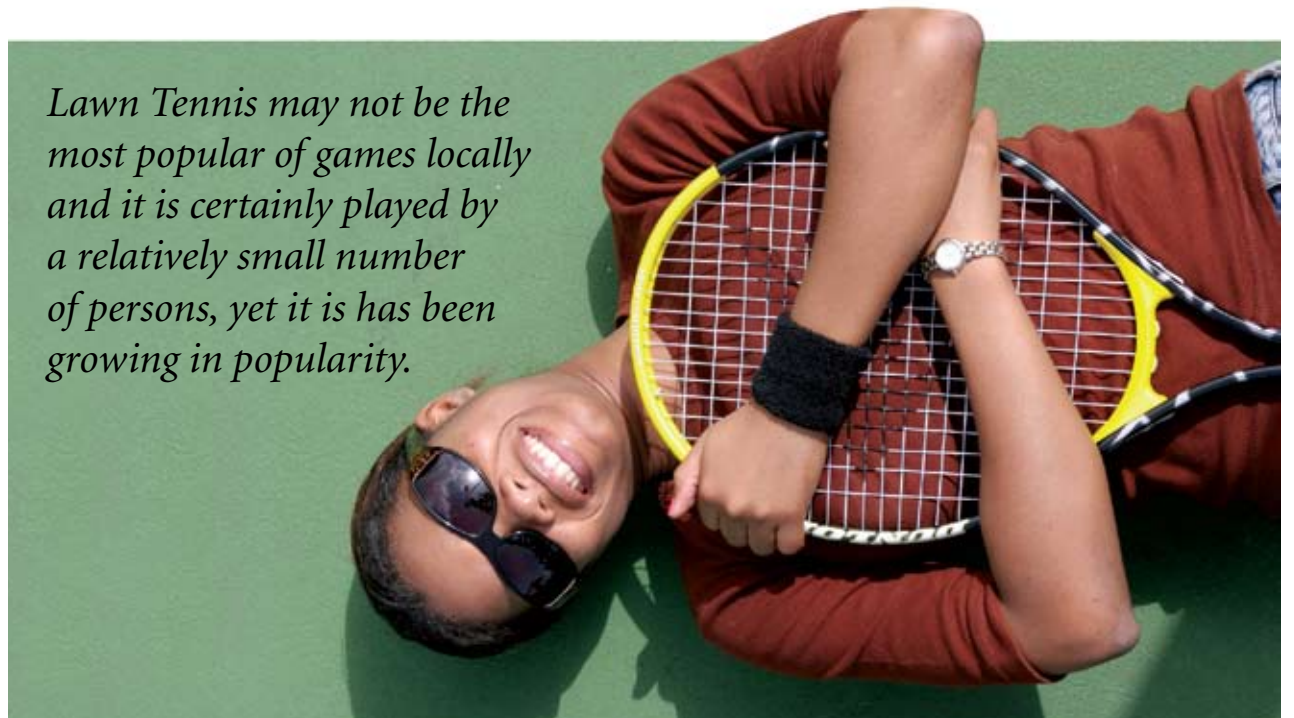
Lawn Tennis may not be the most popular of games locally and it is certainly played by a relatively small number of persons, yet it is has been growing in popularity. Up to a couple of decades ago Lawn Tennis was a fairly exclusive sport, but with the advent of the City Council's Public Courts on the Princes Building grounds, the game became more accessible to individuals not affiliated with a particular club. The clientele of the game changed. By purchasing a ticket from the Town Hall on Frederick Street for the princely sum of \$3.00 it was possible to book a court for an hour, and coaches tutoring young players became a common sight. The tennis landscape remains quite promising as two comparatively new facilities have been constructed. Number one is the fine facility at UWI ( under the management of the Sport and Physical Education Centre at St Augustine) which has four hard courts, and ancillary services including a pavilion, changing rooms, toilets, conference and meeting rooms. More importantly it is professionally serviced and staffed. The second is the nearly complete Public Courts constructed on the George V Grounds. These facilities may increase the number of tennis players minimally, but what is much more significant are the programmes, like the Level 1 Coaching Programme, that are being introduced.



Michael Cooper, the President of T.A.T.T. is very aware of the value of coaching in the development of any sport. Advised by the technical committee of the organization, a National Development Programme for tennis has been designed. Lennox Francis is the National Head Coach, he was assisted by regional coaches- Dale Boyce in the South, Rafeek Mohammed, Larry Yearwood and Burton Cole in the North, with Prakash Gannes in the East. Curtis Gonzales is the coordinator of the schools tennis programme.

Many of the top national players attended the Level 1 Certificate Programme. Yohansey Williams, Richard Chung, Tyler Myers, Louis Villarroel, Stuart Perkins and many others were there signalling their commitment to Tennis. It is the combined efforts of the University, Government, National Organization and the players that augers well for the future of the game. (MW)

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# UWI CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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### UWI LIFE SUPPORT

(spouses, parents  
& guardians only)  
3RD SEPTEMBER, 6 P.M. UWI SPEC

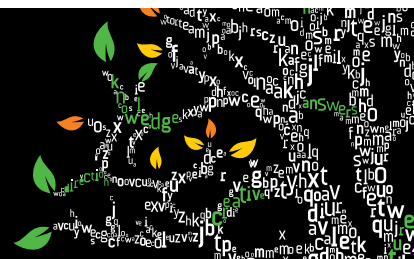
### UWI LIFE STUDENTS

(first-year undergraduate  
students only)  
5TH SEPTEMBER, 9 A.M. UWI SPEC

### UWI LIFE EXTENSION

(evening, mature and  
postgraduate students only)  
11TH SEPTEMBER, 6 P.M. LRC

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### 'Two Stories, One Passion'

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2008

The Department of Creative and Festival Arts will host a special benefit concert in aid of the education of Hannah Howard and Maurice Rawlins. Maurice has been accepted into a master's degree programme in Environment and Development at the University of Edinburgh, while Hannah was offered a partial scholarship to complete an Arts Degree in theatre in the USA. Entitled 'Two Stories, One Passion', the concert will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 6:30 p.m. at the JFK Lecture Theatre, UWI St. Augustine. Tickets cost \$100.

Please contact Maurice Rawlins at 484-5825;  
Hannah Howard- 786-3551 for tickets  
(priced at \$100. each)

### UWI LIFE 2008

#### Support

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

The annual series of orientation sessions for students and family members will kick off with the UWI Life Support Network. The Support Network is designed to help parents and spouses understand the challenges and opportunities at UWI. The Campus Principal and members of the management team are also on-hand to answer University related questions from guests. In turn they will be able to further guide and offer support to their relatives/guardians who will enter the UWI in September. The popular event will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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the Marketing and Communications Office  
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### UWI LIFE 2008

#### Extension

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

The UWI Life Extension programme is geared toward assisting the mature (those 25 years and over), evening, part-time as well as postgraduate and distance student to benefit from the offerings of University Life. Issues such as balancing work, family and study are just some of the critical items that are addressed in the two-hour session from 6-8:00 pm at the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre.

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the Marketing and Communications Office  
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### Teacher In-Service Programme (TISP) Training Workshop

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) will host a Teacher In-Service Programme (TISP) Training Workshop that will focus on the organisation of volunteers for TISP and the delivery of the programme to teachers in local school districts. The workshop will begin on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30 p.m. with a 2-hour presentation, followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, the event will run from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The event is \$75 for non-IEEE members and free for all IEEE members and invited educators.

To register for the workshop please visit:  
<https://icm3.ieee.org/eventmanager/onlineregistration.asp?eventcode=1TC>

### UWI LIFE 2008

#### Student Orientation

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Student Orientation is a must for first year, full-time students to network with friends, learn about life on campus -from study tips to financial aid, as well as gain valuable insights into programmes, clubs and even special events at the Information Village. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre is the place to be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00. The morning session is interactive and highly informative to ensure that students are prepared for the transition to University life; while the afternoon session features an Icebreaker, where students often enjoy the live entertainment and many give-aways that bring the event to a close.

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### Conference on the Economy (COTE) In honor of Dr. Trevor Farrell

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October

The Department of Economics, UWI, St. Augustine will hold its second annual Conference on the Trinidad and Tobago Economy (COTE) on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. COTE 2008 aims to distill and offer possible solutions to the key economic and development issues facing Trinidad and Tobago and the wider region. This year's Conference, held in tribute to former Senior Lecturer Dr. Trevor Farrell, will explore his works to discern the insights this research offers to contemporary problems. A high powered panel will also critically examine the Trinidad and Tobago Vision 2020 process and prospects. Speakers include: Prof. Dennis Pantin, Prof. Karl Theodore, Prof. Norman Girvan, Dr. Auliana Poon, Dr. Gillian Marcelle, Dr. Ronald Ramlogan, Dr. Ralph Henry, Dr. Lester Henry, among others. The feature speaker will be Sir Courtney Blackman who will examine *The Meaning of Management: The Missing Factor in Caribbean Political Economy*, UWI School of Education Auditorium, St. Augustine.

For further information, contact the  
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