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Education all over the world is in a state of turmoil, transformation and innovation, all at the same time. This is so because in this the age of knowledge, when intellectual capital is at a premium; when innovation is at the heart of competitiveness and, knowledge itself is the vital driver of the development process, educational institutions need to be structured and managed as part of a knowledge system which can build competitive capacity and facilitate development of a sustainable kind.

Against this background, Universities have had to rethink their role as knowledge centres dedicated as they are to the gathering of data, the analysis of information, and the dissemination and generation of knowledge. At The University of the West Indies, we have traditionally produced the leaders of society in government, public administration, the professions of law, medicine and engineering, teaching, management, agriculture, social work and so on but the challenge for us today is how to continue to do that and yet do more.

How can we be involved in higher education and not be concerned about what is taking place in our pre schools, primary schools and secondary schools where the foundation for higher learning and greater absorptive capacity is laid? How can we avoid being involved in

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research which can influence policy in these areas, curriculum at the various levels, teaching and learning strategies for the classroom, effective leadership and management of schools, and approaches to the creation of learning communities around each school location?

How can we, living as we are on islands, not focus attention on the challenges of development in small island states and ensure that every graduate of The University of the West Indies appreciates the concept of sustainable development, internalizes some fundamentals about how eco-systems work, and moves out in the world with the clear appreciation that wherever they find themselves, they must ensure that whatever takes place in the name of development takes sustainability into account, so that the quality of life in these islands is enhanced and not diminished by our actions.

How can we at this university prepare graduates for the job market and for the world of work only? Should we not be making a special effort to create entrepreneurs, inventors, innovators, creators, and dedicated researchers out of some of our students? Is The University of the West Indies not way behind as far as this is concerned? And should we not be moving swiftly and purposefully to graduate not just value creators but wealth generators?

And in a world in which the challenges which we are likely to face in the future will be without precedent and for which textbook solutions are unlikely to be relevant, do we not need to teach our students to think creatively and critically and stimulate as much as possible their

capacity for original thought?

And in a largely amoral world where government and politicians are not held in high esteem, where business leadership has compromised ethical standards, and where religious bodies do not provide the needed degree of comfort with their answers, do we not need in every subject area and in every discipline to raise relevant ethical questions that will stimulate reflection and thought in our students?

And if all of these things are necessary, do we not need to retrain our teachers at The University of the West Indies, redesign curriculum, restructure syllabus, and reinvent the teaching-learning process itself? How are we going to infuse the curriculum with challenges which provoke critical thought and raise ethical issues? How are we going to raise consciousness about the need to manage our environmental resources prudently and strengthen the collective resolve for sustainable development approaches in all of our students? How are we going to create new entrepreneurs and wealth creators?

By conscious strategic intervention! That is why at the St. Augustine campus we are establishing the Institute of Critical Thinking, the Centre for Biodiversity in Small Island Developing States and the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Leadership, Innovation and Design. We need to do something to shake-up traditional structures and to break old habits and conventional approaches that do not serve us well. We need to be creative, to unleash pent-up creative potential. To achieve more meaningful and impactful results, we need to do things somewhat differently. <



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Through My Eyes

**UWI Photography Club
Exhibition**

15th April – 13th May

The UWI Photography Club will host its Annual Exhibition, **Through My Eyes** on the Ground Floor of the Main Library. This year's exhibition speaks to "individuality and personal perspective in different facets of life- a photographer's view". The works of several student photographers will be on display at the UWI Library. <



CCMS

**9th Annual Senior Level Policy
2nd – 3rd May**

The Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies will host its 9th Annual Senior Level Policy Seminar at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre. Entitled **Liquidity Management**

and **Business Opportunities in CSME and Beyond**, this year's seminar will cover a number of sub-themes including *The Excess Liquidity Challenge*, *New Directions in Liquidity Management* and a *Panel Discussion on The Way Forward*, involving previous presenters from Central Bank, the IMF, and the private financial sector. <

**For more information please call
645-1174 or 645-1610.**



CCFA Visual Arts Exhibitions:

Art & Design 2005;

**Caribbean Art & Aesthetics
Film & Video;**

Certificate Students'

Exhibition

1st – 15th May

The Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) will host a Visual Arts Exhibition at the Main Gallery, National Museum, Port of Spain. The Art and Design exhibition will be launched on May 1, 2005 at the National Museum's Main Gallery, while the Caribbean Art and Aesthetics exhibition will open at the same location, two days later. There will be a film and Video screening on May 6, 2005 at the National Museum, while the Certificate Students' Exhibition will open on May 15 at the Gordon Street Gallery, St. Augustine. All exhibitions are free and open to the public. <

For more information please visit

<https://intranet.sauwi.uwi.tt/news/2005/050426.asp>

contact CCFA at 663-2222, 663-2141 or 662-2002 ext. 3624 or 2510.

quality
enhancement



innovation
& change

Quality Enhancement Conference

8th -9th June

The Office for Undergraduate Studies will stage a Conference entitled *Quality Enhancement: Innovation and Change* at The University of the West Indies Learning Resource Centre, St Augustine. Presentations will consider, in terms of quality education, "the sort of educational environment and educational process that must be created, from birth, to foster the development of students who will have developed the intellectual, social and emotional competencies required" for success in the twenty-first century. <

For more information please contact

sgift@admin.uwi.tt or call 868-645-2530.

Caribbean Arts Education Symposium-

The Practice and Prospects of Arts Education For Societies In Crisis

27th-30th June

In 1999, the Director-General of UNESCO issued an appeal for the promotion of arts education and creativity as a means of fostering a climate of peace globally. In response to this appeal, the upcoming UWI Second International Symposium in Arts Education held jointly by The Centre for Creative and Festival Arts and UNESCO will address *The Practice and Prospects of Arts Education For Societies In Crisis*. This year's symposium will also provide a forum for teachers, students and policy makers concerned with the implementation and development of the CXC and SEMP Secondary Schools Examinations in Performing & Visual Arts. <

For more information please call 662-2002 ext. 2510



ACHEA CONFERENCE

2005

6th – 10th July

ACHEA

The 5th Annual Conference hosted by the Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) will take place at the Tobago Hilton. This year's conference will focus on *Innovation and Action for Success in Higher Education*. <

For more information please visit

<http://sta.uwi.edu/achea/>



Earl Lovelace

Earl Lovelace

70th Birthday Conference

13th July

The upcoming conference celebrating the works of acclaimed playwright and novelist, Earl Lovelace will take place at the Learning Resource Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. Author of *The Wine of Astonishment* and *The Dragon*

Can't Dance, Lovelace has received numerous awards including the distinguished Chaconia Medal, Pegasus Literary Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize. Lovelace's award-winning plays will also be performed at theatres throughout the country in July. <

For more information on attending this conference

please call 662-2002 ext. 3493.



West Indian artifacts

International Association for Caribbean Archaeology

21st Congress

24th – 30th July

After achieving a tremendous nomination during its 2003 Conference in the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago

was chosen as the site of the upcoming 21st Congress of The International Association for Caribbean Archaeology. The Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Education, St. Augustine will host this biennial international conference, which will be attended by approximately 250 delegates. Trinidad and Tobago is an ideal location for the Conference with over 280 sites. The IACA is engaged in the study of Caribbean prehistoric terrestrial and marine archaeology, as well as developing public education in this field. <

For more information please call 662-2002 ext. 3306



Enjoying last year's event

Cultural Rhythms II

25th September

In keeping with last year's successful fund-raising initiative, The University of the West Indies in collaboration with the UWI Development & Endowment Fund, UWI Alumni Association (Trinidad & Tobago Chapter) and Sanch Electronix, will again host Cultural Rhythms II at the Office

of the Campus Principal, UWI, St. Augustine. The event will showcase the cultural diversity of the Caribbean through exhibitions of musical, culinary and artistic talent. Among the artists scheduled to perform are Barbadian saxophonist and jazzman, Mr. Arturo Tappin, David Bereaux and Friends, Ken "Professor" Philmore and his Pan Jazz Ensemble and Robert Munro and Friends. Phase II Pan Groove will also perform along with world renowned Opera Musician, Ann Fridal. Music will be provided by DJ Crosby. <

For more information please call 662-2002 ext. 2014.

In an economy driven by the energy sector, issues such as sustainability, local content and participation are vital.

The University of the West Indies (UWI) is playing a key role in building the regional knowledge and human resource capacity of the industry.



UWI Drives Energy Industry Forward

Trinidad & Tobago's growing energy sector offers tremendous opportunity to the Caribbean region. Remarkably, this country is one of the major players in the global gas economy, in spite of possessing less than 1% of the world's known gas reserves. In fact, the country ranks among the largest exporters of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) worldwide. Plans to commission the largest methanol plant in the world – M5000 Methanol, and the construction of the largest LNG train, Atlantic LNG's Train IV, will also develop the industry.

Beyond positioning itself as a leader in LNG, methanol and ammonia exportation, there is also talk of expanding downstream into the ethylene industry. In April, Trinidad & Tobago hosted the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF). Participants to this timely forum included gas-exporting giants from Algeria, Bolivia, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Libya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Russia, UAE and Venezuela.

An acute challenge facing the local and to some extent, global gas market, is the shortage of trained subsurface staff including reservoir engineers and geoscientists. Within this framework, The University of the West Indies' Faculty of Engineering is doing its part to ensure, the preparedness and expertise of graduates, not only to take advantage of job opportunities in the energy sector, but to be the innovators and drivers of the industry.

Four years ago, in keeping with its mission to serve the constantly evolving marketplace, the University's Faculty of Engineering introduced the Petroleum Geoscience programme, designed to produce graduates and research findings that would make a significant contribution to the development of the energy sector. Last year, the Faculty produced its first cohort of graduates from the Bachelor's Degree programme, all of whom have been absorbed by the leading oil and gas companies in Trinidad & Tobago. Of the thirteen graduates of this programme, six obtained first-class honours and the remaining students earned upper

second-class honours – an endorsement of the calibre of student enrolled in the programme.

The uniqueness of the training in academia and industry sets this course apart. The programme has gained praise from industry experts for the quality of the graduates, who are ranked with the best in the world.

As with all the programmes offered by the UWI Faculty of Engineering, the BSc. Petroleum Geoscience programme has received international accreditation by the Geological Society of London.

The programme has strong industrial involvement both in its instructional delivery and support. Industry partners include bpTT LLC, BHP Billiton (Trinidad 3A) Limited, British Gas Trinidad & Tobago Limited, EOG Resources Trinidad Limited, EXXON Exploration and Production Trinidad Limited, the Geological Society of Trinidad & Tobago, the National Gas Company of Trinidad & Tobago, the Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries, Petrotrin, Schlumberger Trinidad Incorporated, Vintage Petroleum



Flashback: the opening of the UWI Petroleum Geoscience facility (from left) Mr. Wayne Bertrand, Professor Richard Dawe, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Minister Eric Williams, Minister Franklin Khan and Dean Clement Sankat.

Trinidad Limited, Venture Production (Trinidad) Limited, Well Services Petroleum Company Limited, and Western Geco Company Limited.

Given that the professional careers of petroleum geoscientists and engineers can be diverse, undergraduate training in this area needs to be quite broad, which is aptly reflected in the programme's curriculum. The degree offers majors in quantitative petroleum geology and geophysics, and includes significant basic training in reservoir engineering and petrophysics.

The first two years of the course progressively build a sound knowledge of geology, mathematics, essential physical sciences and IT, and courses are integrated with a comprehensive and carefully designed fieldwork programme. At the end of the second year, students have a firm basis for selecting an option in either petroleum geology or petroleum geophysics.

While the current three-year BSc. in Petroleum Geoscience delivers the essentials of the field, in-keeping with the advanced training that is

needed to be recognized as an engineering professional, the Faculty is considering introducing a fourth year of study toward an MSc. to train students who wish to become professional Petroleum Geologists, Geophysicists, Petroleum Engineers, Reservoir Engineers, or enter academia.

Operating with a national scope and regional reach, the Faculty continues to build its capacity and capabilities in engineering and geoscience. Other invaluable programmes soon to be added to the Faculty's suite of courses include MSc. degrees in Reservoir Engineering and Chemical & Process Engineering.

As Trinidad & Tobago evolves into a natural gas-based economy, the UWI Faculty of Engineering remains committed to meeting the needs of the industry by crafting the quality programmes that are internationally accredited, with timely, hands-on technical expertise and teaching. In so doing, The University of the West Indies is helping to position Trinidad & Tobago as a leader in the global energy marketplace.<

Rhonda Jaipaul & Alake Pilgrim

What is Petroleum Geoscience?

Petroleum Geoscience is concerned primarily with understanding the structure of the earth to depths of five miles, to identify potential areas of hydrocarbon deposits and to identify the hydrocarbon bearing zones, fault patterns, and water ingress, and then modelling them sufficiently so as to be able to design development programmes for economic exploitation. Once a reservoir comes on stream, petroleum geoscientists monitor production to ensure that forecasts are accurate and that potential geological problems and opportunities are identified.

Petroleum geoscientists are the professionals who:

- assess acreage
- identify exploration prospects
- suggest possible drilling sites for hydrocarbon exploration
- appraise new discoveries
- plan and implement field development
- monitor wells during production
- generally assist field management by working with petrophysicists, drillers, engineers and commercial service companies

Faculty of Engineering

The University of the West Indies' Faculty of Engineering has over forty (40) years of experience in engineering education. The Faculty has evolved from having 28 students in 1961 to a current student population of 1,912 in the 2004/05 academic year. Over the years, the Faculty has produced thousands of graduates in the fields of Chemical & Process, Civil & Environmental, Electrical & Computer, Mechanical, Industrial, Biosystems and Petroleum Engineering as well as Surveying & Land Information. Many of these graduates are leaders in the local and regional energy and engineering sectors.



On stage at the installation: from left Campus Principal, Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Vice Chancellor Professor E. Nigel Harris and Chancellor Sir George Alleyne

A Caribbean Man

VICE CHANCELLOR HARRIS INSTALLED AT ST AUGUSTINE

For one who has spent several years playing an integral role in the success of Universities and research institutions abroad, recently installed Vice Chancellor, E. Nigel Harris, has certainly, "returned home" to the Caribbean, and struck a resonant note with the UWI community. Coming to the Office in October 2004, during challenging socio-economic times for the region, he has hit the ground running. From the swift mobilization of a task force to assist the hurricane-battered island of Grenada, to his development of a strategy to more adequately serve the contributing countries which do not have UWI Campuses, the Vice Chancellor has already made an indelible mark. His optimism in the accomplishments and potential of this regional tertiary

institution, was quite apparent at the installation ceremony on 26th February 2005 at the JFK Auditorium, UWI St. Augustine Campus.

As the music of Mozart's violin concerto filled the auditorium, the Academic procession entered the hall, followed by The Chancellor's procession. The Chancellor of the University, Sir George Alleyne, welcomed guests and spoke of the many accomplishments of Professor Harris. The Vice Chancellor was then formally robed by University Registrar, Mrs. Gloria Barrett-Sobers and capped by the Chancellor on stage.

"I come to this job with optimism, rooted in my confidence in the intrinsic vitality, creativity and intellectual potential of Caribbean people," stated Professor E. Nigel Harris, a UWI graduate, internationally acclaimed for his research in Rheumatology.



Calypsonian Stalin sang his classic, Caribbean Man

Professor Harris then went on to explain to the more than 500 guests in the Auditorium, "I know what the UWI has achieved in the past and feel certain that our leaders and people understand the importance of a regional university in furthering Caribbean development and integration".

Among those in attendance at the Ceremony were the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, The Honourable Professor George Maxwell Richards and Mrs. Jean Ramjohn-Richards, the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, The Honourable Colm Imbert, Prime Minister of St. Lucia, The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, former



The Vice Chancellor with his family at the Reception at the JFK Quadrangle

UWI Chancellor, Sir Shridath Ramphal, former UWI Vice Chancellor, The Honourable Professor Rex Nettleford, Former UWI Campus Principal and President of The Caribbean Development Bank, Compton Bourne, members of the diplomatic service, family and friends of Vice Chancellor Harris and an impressive academic procession of over 200 members of staff.

During his speech, Minister Colm Imbert underscored the importance of the UWI in the development of tertiary education in the region. He also spoke of plans for the construction of a second UWI Campus at Orange Grove, Trincity, which would “allow UWI in Trinidad to achieve its target of 20,000 students and to move beyond this 20,000 figure”.

“I wish to commend Professor Harris for the leadership role he has assumed thus far in the short time he has been with us, and to wish him all success in his new responsibility as Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies.” The Minister concluded.

Then President of the Guild of Students at the St Augustine Campus, Dr. Glenn Ramadhar-Singh also praised the University for meeting the needs of the developing region in his address.

“With the increased pace of globalisation of education; the expansion of the service sector; the virtual shrinkage of developing

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From Left: The Honourable Minister Colm Imbert and former Chancellor Sir Shridath Ramphal with former Vice Chancellor, the Honourable Rex Nettleford



Dr Williams shares a joke with regional Prime Ministers(left) The Honourable R. Gonsalves and (right) The Honourable K. Anthony at the installation of her husband, Vice Chancellor E. Nigel Harris.

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economies; and the urgent need to make the curriculum relevant to our Caribbean needs, I am pleased to announce that the University is meeting the challenge. And we see the coming of a new captain, a Vice Captain, at the helm, as yet another thrust in meeting that challenge."

During the performance segment of the programme, the Vice Chancellor's three children read the works of their grand-father Wilson Harris and great-uncle Jan Carew, while veteran actress Eunice Alleyne read an excerpt from Earl Lovelace's novel, *Salt*. Another highlight of the Ceremony was the live performance by popular Calypsonian Stalin, who sang *Caribbean Man*, a favourite song requested by the Vice Chancellor. Stalin was met with great applause and guests were eager to sing the chorus which calls for greater unity and understanding among Caribbean people.

The UWI installation ceremony contains elements, such as mace bearers, oaths, processions and gowns, which are centuries old and are based on the tradition of the medieval University. The traditional pomp and ceremony, were complemented by the celebration of West Indian achievements in the arts and sciences, through the music, dance and literary selections.

The Vice Chancellor is the principal academic and administrative officer of the University. In concert with the Campus Principals, he provides strategic direction and leadership and helps to position and represent the University regionally and internationally.

A Guyanese by birth, Professor Harris was previously Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, USA. Internationally renowned for his work as a



Rheumatologist, he brings to the high office of Vice Chancellor of The University of the West Indies, a wealth of experience both as an administrator, academician and researcher. <

Anna Walcott Hardy

REMEMBERING SOUFRIÈRE

The Montserrat Volcano Ten Years Later

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the eruption of the Soufrière Hills Volcano on Montserrat, the Seismic Research Unit of The University of the West Indies is spearheading the conference which will look at the Soufrière Hills Volcano - Ten Years On. Organised in collaboration with the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, the conference will attract scientists, emergency management personnel, health officials and educators from across the world.

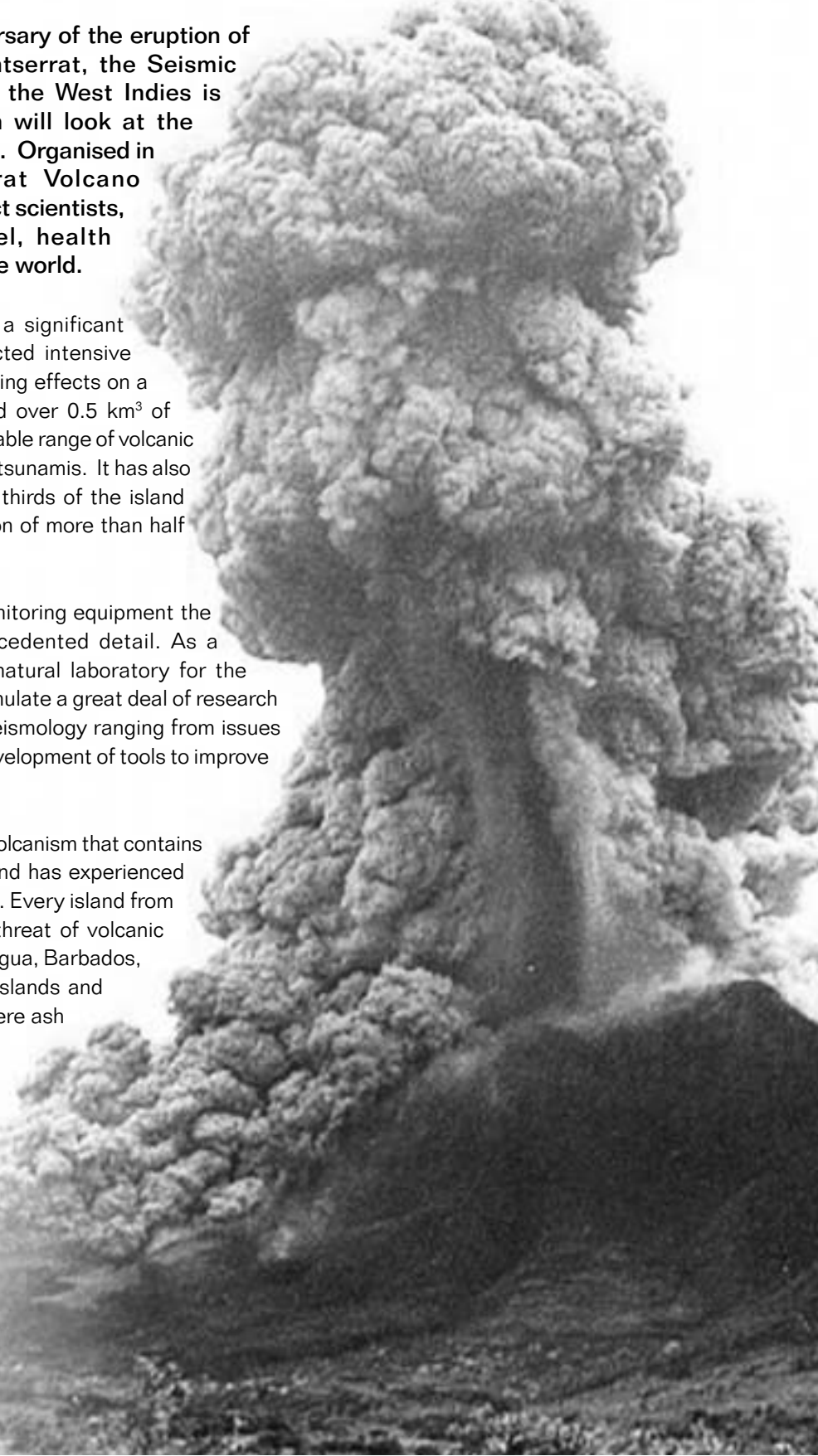
The eruption on Montserrat has become a significant volcanic event both because it has attracted intensive scientific study and because of its long-lasting effects on a small island nation. It has so far produced over 0.5 km³ of andesite magma and has displayed a remarkable range of volcanic phenomena, including pyroclastic flows and tsunamis. It has also had a severe social impact, rendering two-thirds of the island uninhabitable and resulting in the emigration of more than half the island's population.

With the installation of state-of-the-art monitoring equipment the eruption has been documented in unprecedented detail. As a consequence the volcano has become a natural laboratory for the science of volcanology and continues to stimulate a great deal of research in all spheres of volcanology and volcano seismology ranging from issues concerned with magma generation to the development of tools to improve the interface between science and society.

The Eastern Caribbean is a region of active volcanism that contains 19 'live' (likely to erupt again) volcanoes and has experienced 33 historical eruptions (i.e. since the 1700s). Every island from Grenada to Saba is subject to the direct threat of volcanic eruptions. Non-volcanic islands such as Antigua, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago are close to volcanic islands and are subject to volcanic hazards such as severe ash fall and volcanically-generated tsunamis.

The conference will be restricted to about 150 participants and will be held on the island from the 24th-30th July, 2005.<

Further details can be found at
www.uwiseismic.com and at
www.mvo.ms.





HOMeward BOUND

Established in 1989, The University of the West Indies–Institute of Business (IOB), St. Augustine, evolved out of the collaborative efforts of the University and the business community of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Institute emerged in response to an identifiable need for the development of the managerial and leadership capacity in the country and region. In addition, there was the need to create an indigenous institution that could provide high quality consultancy services to companies and institutions in the Caribbean.

Today, sixteen years later, the IOB, accredited by the Association of MBAs, remains on-track, dedicated to its mission of building and deploying the consulting, academic, research and training resources necessary for empowerment and optimisation of resources.

Over a year and a half ago, to facilitate continued growth, the IOB embarked on the construction of its new campus. Located at the foothills of the Northern Range, strategically situated off the Uriah Butler Highway, north-west of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway's main intersection, the campus will offer several facilities. Amenities include: eleven state-of-the-art, multi-media classrooms and a computer laboratory; an auditorium with multimedia services, with seating for over 100, provided through the generous sponsorship of Yara Trinidad Limited; a library with on-line facilities, made possible through the support of Republic Bank Limited; and a well appointed restaurant with an open deck that seats one hundred and twenty people.<

**For further information please call
Mr. Jai Leladharsingh at [868]662-9894/ Ext 122.**

Tropical Medicine & Wildlife Summer School

Bringing Tropical Medicine to You is the upcoming Tropical Veterinary Medicine and Wildlife Summer School which will be held by the School of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad from July 11th to 31st 2005.

The prospective students of pre-veterinary, veterinary medicine and other related fields, will gain valuable

experience in a fecund, tropical island which shares the fauna and flora of the South American mainland. Courses will be drawn from two distinct student tracts -there will be one programme for the **pre-veterinary students** and another for the **veterinary and related [field] students**. Both programmes will be held simultaneously over a three week period.

The academic programme for the pre-veterinary students consists of **short** lectures augmented by field trips and/

or practicals. Students will be introduced to various para-clinical disciplines/concepts.

The academic programme for the veterinary students consists of option I – Clinical Rotation Programme or option II - Research Project Programme. The Summer Programme offers participants the opportunity to take part in various intellectually stimulating courses, conducted by a team of qualified and experienced full-time and part-time lecturers. <

Discovery & Discourse

1,500 year old Amerindian Pendant found

On 31st March 2005, Dr. Basil Reid and his team of UWI archaeology students made a significant discovery, an Amerindian pendant at the archaeological site at Blanchisseuse. The pendant, which belongs to the Saladoid period, was found at a depth of approximately 20 cm from the surface in one of the six units excavated at the site.

The Saladoids migrated from north-east South America in the Orinoco delta region and settled in Trinidad and Tobago from 250 BC to AD 600. Radiocarbon dates indicate that the Saladoid site at Blanchisseuse was settled from 1,800 to 1,600 years ago. The pendant's well-defined hole, through which a string might have been strung in order for the adornment to hang around the wearer's neck, has a diameter of 4 mm. There is no evidence that the stone artifact was imported, as the material used to make it is part of the local geology. The pendant, made from schist, a medium grade metamorphic rock, is commonly found in the Northern Range. This oval-shaped find is 40.9 mm long, 3.2 mm to 3.6 mm thick and 27.8 to 11.5

mm wide. This artifact is archaeologically significant, as it provides useful insights into the personal adornment habits of the early Saladoid settlers of Blanchisseuse.

The Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Education (FHE) has a very active archaeology programme; Dr Basil Reid, Head of the Archaeology Unit at the St Augustine Campus, has led invaluable digs at several of the more than 280 sites located throughout the country.

"I wish to acknowledge the contributions of the following UWI archaeology students to this project: Kimika Lai Tan, Rhou Francis Lou, Adrian Jawahir, Sherman Gokool, Rishma Samaroo, Jerome Spencer, Jaqueline Bruce and Natasha Hislop. I also wish to thank Professor Joseph Hamilton, Coordinator of the Petroleum Geoscience Programme in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, UWI, St. Augustine, for his assistance in identifying the geological composition of the pendant", Dr Reid said recently.

Dr Reid has also been actively involved in planning the 21st Congress of The International Association for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA) in July, which will be hosted by the Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI, St. Augustine Campus. Recently, the President of the IACA, Dr. Jay



Students examining other artifacts

Haviser visited Trinidad and met with members of Campus Management and the Conference's Organising Committee. Dr. Haviser along with Dr. Reid appeared both on radio and television, sharing the objectives of the IACA and the many intrinsic initiatives of the congress, which include educating high school and University students on the importance of understanding past cultures through the study of Caribbean prehistoric, historic, terrestrial and marine archaeology. <

President of the IACA, Dr. Jay Haviser



Two of the archaeology students who discovered the pendant

Natalia Juman is a typical, fun-loving, six-year-old who likes to watch cartoons. Her favourite TV show is *The Proud Family*. She enjoys the Sciences and looks forward to going to school and being taught by her "very kind teacher". Speaking with Natalia, whose smile is absolutely infectious, one would not know that she has been suffering from birth, from a serious medical condition that has proven fatal for three of her aunts.



"It was wonderful – I never thought we had that technology here..."

UWI Tele-Health brings modern health care to sick children

The Faculty of Medical Sciences at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, in collaboration with the world-renowned Sick Kids Hospital of Toronto, Canada, the Atlantic LNG Company of Trinidad and Tobago, The Herbie Fund and The Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago, has established a two-way interactive link for video-conferencing consultations between doctors at UWI and Toronto. This facility has brought to Natalia a world of opportunities and affordable healthcare solutions.

In a test run at the facility in April, doctors in Canada and Trinidad were able to consult with each other to find medical solutions for Natalia. Jacqueline Juman, whose three sisters died many years ago from the condition, lauded the doctors and the programme for bringing timely, cost effective care to her daughter.

"Well actually, this whole programme is a lifeline to me...it's very cost-effective." Mrs. Juman explained.

Doctors also praised the benefits of the programme, "Yes, [the programme

is effective] because this being a complicated case, it's good to get a second opinion," explained Doctor Cazabon, after participating in the video-conferencing consultation at the Eric Williams Medical Complex.

"It was wonderful – I never thought we had that technology here...[we've had] a lot of suffering [for Natalia] ...from the time she was a baby..." explained an obviously pleased Andrew Lara, the patient's grandfather.

The President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, The Honourable George Maxwell Richards will be the feature speaker at the formal launch of the UWI Tele-Health facility on Monday 16th May, 2005 at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, Mount Hope, Trinidad and Tobago.

The programme, which was formally launched under the patronage of His Excellency, Professor George Maxwell Richards on September 14, 2004 at the President's House, will make available sub-specialty healthcare to children and families who are not able

to access such care, locally or abroad. Through innovative tele-conferencing technology, "real time" consultations will take place between local health care professionals and specialists at the Sick Kids Hospital.

The linkage will also strengthen local continuing medical education in pediatrics and its sub-specialties, as well as promote and support collaborative research between medical investigators in Trinidad and Tobago and Canada. Thousands of children across Trinidad and Tobago are expected to gain from the project; and already one such family has benefited from the service.

"It was very satisfying to actually see the whole thing come together after working on this since 2001", Professor Zulaika Ali, Director of the UWI Tele-Health Programme explained. <

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Lovelace and Brodber at Campus Literature Week

The Department of Liberal Arts at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, produced a bumper crop of notable writers during the noontime reading sessions at the annual Campus Literature Week. Renowned Caribbean woman of letters and historical sociologist, **Erna Brodber** launched the week of readings on Monday March 21st.

Brodber, a visiting Cultural Studies Distinguished Scholar, read from her novel *Jane and Louisa Will Soon Come Home*. Students were particularly excited to attend the sessions as Brodber is widely studied in the undergraduate programme in the Faculty of

Humanities and Education. Among her works of fiction are *Myal* (1989) and *Louisiana* (1994).

Earl Lovelace, who is currently enjoying immense popularity due to the serialisation of his novel *The Dragon Can't Dance* in the Trinidad Express, is no newcomer to Campus Literature Week. One of the Caribbean's most outstanding literary figures, Lovelace read at the closing ceremony at 8 pm on March 24th at the Learning Resource Centre.

The Noontime Readings also featured students of the MFA (Creative Writing) Programme,

members of staff, as well as author/journalist Kevin Baldeosingh, who has recently published his third novel.<



Novelist Erna Brodber



**Head of the UWI History Department,
Professor Brinsley Samaroo**

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mrs. Hazel Manning, launched a two-day Conference on the teaching of American History in schools, on April 21st at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus. Teachers of the History Teachers' Association in conjunction with the Department of History, UWI, St.

eye on **THE PRIZE**

Local, regional and international educators speak at Conference on teaching American History to Secondary School students

Augustine and the Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago, hosted this highly successful conference for the benefit of secondary school teachers preparing students for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE). Hundreds of teachers from across the country travelled to The UWI School of Education Auditorium, St. Augustine for the two-day conference, which featured an impressive list of distinguished regional and international scholars. The conference was centred on the American History component of the CAPE syllabus.

On day one of the Conference, Professor Graeme Mount, History Department, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario spoke on *US.-Caribbean Connections: To the American Revolution*; while Professor Jeffrey Sedgwick, Department of

Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst focussed on *Industrial Development, Immigration and Westward Expansion: Before and After Independence*. The closing presentation for the day was made by Dr. Walton Look Lai, Department of History, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, on *The Chinese in the US*.

On day two, *US Foreign Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Before World War I*, was the focus of the presentation by Professor Stephen Rabe, Department of History, University of Texas at Dallas, USA; *While US Foreign Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean: After World War I*, was analysed by Professor Kelvin Singh, Department of History, The University of the West Indies.<

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UWI School of Dentistry

leads with 100% pass rate & links to the Royal College

It's noon - suddenly, the interview with lecturers at the UWI School of Dentistry, Dr. P.R. Murti, Dr. H.F. Al-Bayaty and Dr. J.E. Scipio is interrupted. An accident victim with multiple facial injuries has arrived at the Mt. Hope Medical Hospital. Dr. Scipio, specialist in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, apologizes and leaves the office, on his way to surgery... Only a few minutes before, Dr. Murti had commented that a modern dentist "is not just a man who removes a tooth. He is an Oral Health Care Specialist – a physician and surgeon rolled into one. He plays a very leading role in society."

In its short existence, The School of Dentistry at The Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI has had several notable achievements. Established in 1989, it is the only dental school in the English-speaking Caribbean, and is fast receiving regional and international acclaim. In May 2004, through an endeavour establishing greater cooperation with regional Dental



Councils, the School of Dentistry hosted the Dental Council of Jamaica (DCJ) Dental Board Examination for eight Jamaican graduates of the school. Dr. Mark Edwards, Registrar, DCJ, who with his colleague has conducted the examination, applauded the tremendous success of the UWI candidates. He also extended his congratulations to the Principal, Dean and staff.

The school continues to produce a number of top-class graduates who excel above their counterparts internationally. Recently, the school's students of the MFDS part A and C Examinations in April and May achieved record-breaking results. The school recorded a 100% pass rate at the MFDS Part C Examination of the Royal College

of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK and an 83% pass rate in Part A of the examination - topping those from other overseas examination centres and Edinburgh. Both exams were hosted at the School of Dentistry and conducted by officials from Edinburgh and from the UWI school.

Established since 1505, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, has been dedicated to the maintenance and promotion of the highest standards of surgical practice through its training and rigorous examinations. The Faculty of Medical Sciences at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh has recognized UWI's School of Dentistry as a training centre for the MFDS Part A examination and also recognizes the school to host Part

A, B and C of the examination.

The three-part MFDS examination, qualifies students in the field of dentistry. It assesses the student's basic knowledge and understanding of dentistry and is a marker that can identify those dentists with a knowledge and understanding of clinical practice and science of dentistry, sufficient to enter formal training in one of the dental specialties.

"It is not a one-man wonder...we owe our success to the top dedication of all academic, administrative, technical and supportive staff; a very good syllabus; and the top calibre of students;" Dr Murti recently explained.

The school has a current enrollment of well-qualified and committed teaching staff from among eight nationalities, comprising 22 academic staff and 31 part-time lecturers, tutors and associate lecturers. Dr. H.F. Al-Bayaty, Senior Lecturer in Oral Biology & Oral Disease, spoke of his decision to teach as opposed to enter private practice.

"You have to like the academic world... you have to like the teaching and you have to have a special character... I like to teach."

In chorus with their Director, both Dr. Al-Bayaty and Dr. Scipio agree that the school's top calibre of student is reflected in the number of the School's graduates who pursue postgraduate studies abroad and qualify with distinction. It is also the policy of the school to nurture talent; to motivate bright young graduates



WOW 2005 gets regional

Hundreds of UWI students network with local, regional, and multinational companies at World of Work(WOW) Recruitment Fair

"The view of the employee today is not of someone who will fit as a cog in a wheel, but of someone who will bring thought, creativity and innovation to the work place," Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie shared this insight with future graduates at The University of the West Indies' WOW Seminar 2005.

How do I meet the demands of a dynamic and challenging work environment? What are the ingredients that make a successful entrepreneur? For students facing the somewhat daunting prospect of life after graduation, these questions are top priority. The University of the West Indies' World of Work programme was designed with this in mind. It is an initiative that enables graduating students to embark on their future careers.

At the WOW Seminar, students were cautioned that success in the workplace requires much more than good academics. They were encouraged to think beyond finding a job, to discovering their passion and incorporating it into a career. Executive Chairman of Movietowne, Derek Chin, urged entrepreneurs in training to "do something different...take your vision and turn it into a reality."

The Seminar, which was chaired by Deputy Principal Professor Gurmohan

Kochhar, also featured presentations on resume writing, interview techniques, and corporate etiquette conducted by Lara Quentrall-Thomas (Managing Director, Regency Recruitment Agency), and Denise Demming (Lead Consultant, Professional Presentations Ltd.). UWI alumna Keisha Persad (Corporate Analyst, bpTT) told students about the vital role that WOW played in preparing her for the working world.

This sentiment was clearly echoed by those involved in the programme, as WOW 2005 saw an unprecedented level of support from both students and companies. **Over 850 students registered for WOW, a significant increase from last year.** In the week following the Seminar, Ernst and Young offered students practical, hands-on advice in Resume Writing Workshops. Students were then given the opportunity to apply what they had learnt and meet prospective employers in the Mock Interview Sessions and Recruitment Fairs. **For the first time, participants were given a Company Profile CD featuring 47 local, regional, and multinational companies present at the Recruitment Fairs.**

WOW is now a highly anticipated event on the UWI St. Augustine calendar, coordinated by the University's Office of Student Advisory Services and the Marketing & Communications Office. Anthony

Wong (Regional Manager, RBL), speaking on behalf of sponsors Republic Bank Limited, highlighted the importance of this initiative: "Republic Bank is delighted to be able to contribute once again to this programme...[which] we regard as not only important, but crucial for developing your career potential."

The growing regional and international scope of the World of Work programme gave added emphasis to the encouragement offered by the President of the UWI Alumni Association (T&T), Frederick Bowen, to those participating in WOW 2005: "You have made a decision today that will redound not only to your benefit, but to that of your communities and countries."

The University of the West Indies wishes to specially thank Republic Bank Limited for co-sponsoring, as well as Ernst and Young, who were integral to the success of the annual event. <
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ALL SIXES

**Thousands attend UWI Vice Chancellor's XI Cricket vs South Africa
at the UWI world-class grounds**



Captain, my Captain: Graeme Smith with UWI Vice Chancellor and Ridley Jacobs



Training Day for the South African Team

It was history in the making, with over 8,500 enthusiastic supporters and several living legends including Sirs Clyde Walcott and Everton Weekes on hand to see the international UWI Vice Chancellor's XI compete against the touring South African Cricket team. The two-day match allowed several of the players to test their mettle, while bringing to an exciting close the week of events which began on April 11 and ended on April 17, 2005 at the St Augustine Campus.

The event co-hosted by The University of the West Indies in association with the West Indies Cricket Board, saw the Vice Chancellor's XI team captained by recently retired, West Indies wicket keeper/batsman Ridley Jacobs and The South African Team led by Graeme Smith, end in a draw. The Vice Chancellor's XI, consisted of international cricketers such as Habibul Bashar, Captain of the Bangladesh cricket team, and Shikhan Dhawan of India; Tino Best of Barbados; Ryan Ramdass of Guyana and Dave Mohammed of Trinidad & Tobago.

From the University Vice Chancellor being applauded by the crowd on Saturday morning as he toured the grounds, to the enthusiastic Engineering posse, over 100 strong, dressed in red,

with flags and an extraordinary rhythm section, the event was celebrated with plenty UWI warmth and style. To many, the opportunity to see their heroes, up-close and free of charge, on a newly upgraded field at UWI, St. Augustine, was one that couldn't be missed. The excitement extended not only to UWI staff and their kids, but to high school students, the specially guests from neighbouring orphanages, and of course the UWI students (one or two even got the crowd to do the "wave").

On the first day South Africa gained 349 runs for three wickets at the

end of the opening day with Boeta Dippenaar gaining an historic century and going on to make 167 not out, Herchelle Gibbs 81, Mark Boucher 53 not out, Ashwell Prince 32, A.B de Villiers 12; with some memorable bowling from Dave Mohammed 2 for 93 and Tino Best 1 for 39.

On the second day, the Visitor's declared after an impressive 396 for six, after Dhawan caught Dippenaar, off of Mohammed's bowling. Next up, the VC XI with Ramdass gaining 29; the UWI cricketer, Tishan Maraj, after performing so well earlier in the week against The President's XI,

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Prime Minister Owen Arthur (left) is welcomed by Sir Shridath Ramphal (centre) and Professor Gurmohan Kochhar



The two W's: Sir Everton Weekes (left) and Sir Clyde Walcott (right) attended both days of the Vice Chancellor's match

would get a disappointing duck caught by de Villiers; Dhawan gaining 66 runs before being caught by Boucher; Samuels would gain 36; Bashar played an impressive innings in 121 minutes from 86 balls (15 fours). The match would end without a decision at 4:30 on Sunday, with the VC XI ending at 250 for five with Bangladesh's Habibul Bashar not out on 77 and Ridley Jacobs unbeaten on 28. Boeta Dippenaar would be named Man of the Match.

The appreciative crowd and large international media contingent, continued to grow throughout both days, with several local and regional leaders choosing to attend, including the Prime Minister of Barbados, The Honourable Owen Arthur, Former Commonwealth Secretary General and former UWI Chancellor Sir Shridath Ramphal, UWI Campus



Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind spoke of the history of the match at the media launch

Principal, St. Augustine, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, UWI Campus Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor, Cave Hill, Dr. Hilary Beckles, UWI Deputy Principal, Chair of the Organising Committee, Professor Gurmohan Kochhar, former West Indies wicket keeper Deryck Murray and WICB selector Joey Carew.

Ironically, South African cricketers Makhaya Ntini and Mark Boucher were former VCXI team members, since the Vice Chancellor's team traditionally consists of international players, West Indies players and University cricketers. Ntini who took 13 for 132 in the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval was a favourite with fans as he cordially signed autographs.

"In the Sixties, Sir Frank Worrell arranged matches between the then



'Young Murray', as Sir Everton Weekes called Deryk Murray, signed autographs after the lecture.



South African batsman in action- gets six runs

touring team and a UWI eleven and...he set a precedent for a noble engagement between sport and scholasticism," Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Vice Chancellor's Office, Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind explained at the media launch for the 2005 Cricket Week. She went on to state that after break, the series was rejuvenated in 1996 by the former UWI Vice Chancellor Sir Allister Mc Intyre and The West Indies Cricket Board under President Peter Shortt. And so it was only fitting that on the tenth anniversary of the event, the upgraded multi-million dollar, ICC standard, Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Cricket Grounds at SPEC St Augustine, would be formally opened. The Grounds, home to first class cricket matches since 1974, will boast a 75 yard cricket field with 4 pitches, an exterior cricket practice area with nets, a scoreboard and sight screens.

The Vice Chancellor's Cricket Week has become a tradition in regional cricket over the last decade. The week-long event features a wide range of activities involving local, regional and international cricketers, including the opening match for the week with the UWI Combined Cricket team winning over the President's XI, the Women's Cricket match which was held on Tuesday, followed by a friendly match between past and



The UWI posse at the covered stand, rally 'round the VCXI



Makhaya Ntini signs autographs for a fan

present members of the UWI Cricket Team on Thursday, 14th April.



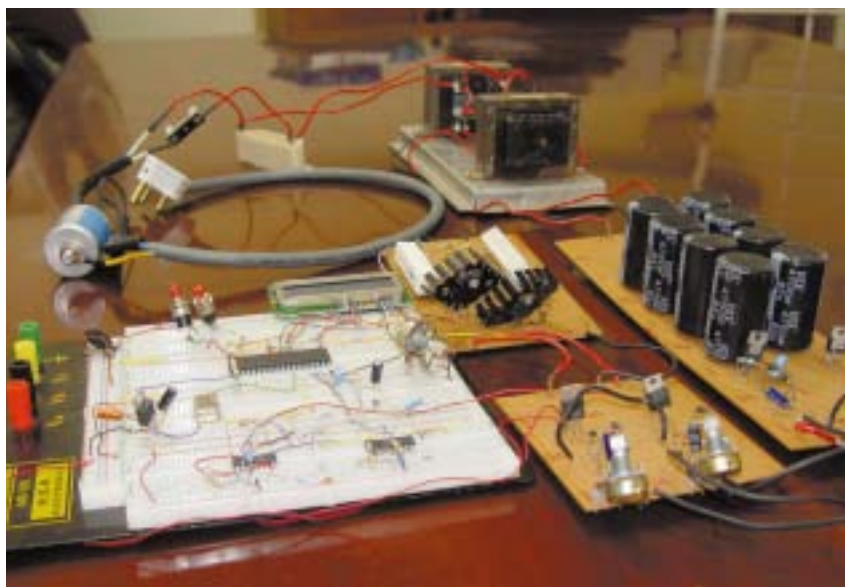
The President's XI played an exciting game against the UWI team

The University of the West Indies also highlighted the three W's of West Indies Cricket. On Friday 15th April in the Learning Resource Centre Auditorium at the St. Augustine campus, Sir Everton Weekes spoke of the significant contributions made by the late all-round cricketer and captain of the West Indies team, Sir Frank Worrell. Sir Clyde Walcott shared his views on the future of West Indies cricket followed by a question and answer session moderated by Bryan Davis. Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie then gave a brief presentation to launch the book *75 Years of West Indies Cricket: 1928-2003* by Ray Goble and Keith A.P. Sandiford, with a foreword by Clive Lloyd.



A noble tradition: from right Dr Iva Gloudon, Professor Hilary Beckles, Dr Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Professor E. Nigel Harris, Professor Gurmohan Kochhar and Dr Trevor Alleyne at the VC XI Ceremony.

Congratulations to the Vice Chancellor's Planning Committee, chaired by Professor Gurmohan Kochhar and special thanks to contributors: The Caribbean Development Bank, CLICO, Vibe CT 105 fm, DHL Worldwide Express, SM Jaleel and Company, National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago, Sports & Games, 100.5 WMJX, Blue Waters, Gayelle The Channel, Mac Foods Processors Limited, Pepsi Cola Trinidad Bottling Company Limited, Republic Bank Limited. < [AWH]



THE APPRENTICE

A dedicated student with several distinctions under his belt and a deep love of cricket and football, Sean, as his friends call the 21 year old, knew he wanted to become an Engineer as a young boy. His ambition was realized as a Form Five student at Naparima College, San Fernando, when he began to study the topics of electricity and electromagnetic induction. He would go on to gain high grades at High School examinations and be accepted into the UWI Faculty of Engineering, which over the years has produced several prominent graduates across the region.

Today, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus student has completed his final year project of creating a Microcontroller Based Tracking Power Supply.

"The primary intention of my project was the design, development and implementation of a microcontroller based, high performance tracking power supply." Sean stated, explaining

that real world application of the project could be its use as a tracking power supply for small circuits in laboratories. The project integrated analog (tracking power supply) with digital (microprocessor) technology. The microcontroller's purpose is to control the reference voltage in the regulating part of the circuitry and as a metering agent for the voltage and current.

"I liked learning about particular intriguing topics in the area of electrical engineering, such as pulse width modulation inverters, generation, transmission and distribution of electrical power," Sean explained with a broad smile.

Looking back at his years at UWI, Sean described the workload as challenging, especially given the three-year time frame. The final year project which was completed in two semesters in concert with his course-

work, also proved difficult. Yet his commitment to succeed, alongside the support of his family, ensured that Sean met his deadlines. He also commended the dedication and expertise of his Professors, describing the UWI lecturers as "very educated, keen to help and impart their knowledge". He went on to make special mention of lecturers "Dr. Chandrabhan Sharma and Professor Stephan Gift, because they are versed in their area, and very effective in making the courses understandable."

Sean also found time to pursue his hobbies, playing on the inter-faculty cricket and football teams at UWI, finding that balance that is often so necessary for success. Dyanand Sean Bhola is one of those innovative, enthusiastic students, craving the knowledge and expertise that UWI and the working world have to offer. <

Name: Dyanand Sean Bhola

Status: Final Year Student, Faculty of Engineering

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Major/Minor: Power & Control Systems

Age: 21 years

ART AND DESIGN 2005

Over the past three years, the National Museum has collaborated with the UWI Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) to develop a collaborative project for students of the course Caribbean Arts and Aesthetics. In 2005, the project expanded to include the art and design exhibit by final year art students and a video screening of the film and video course. The 2005 Art and Design exhibit featured over 40 works of art from more than 20 UWI students ranging from oil paintings and three—dimensional shoe and clothing designs to film/video shorts.

“Our intention is to give all our students surer theoretical foundations for their practice, options in new media, more opportunity for interdisciplinary studies and always to bring quality work before the public,” Head of the Department, Rawle Gibbons explained recently.

The Caribbean has an unusually high ratio of gifted art students, but being talented is never enough to truly master the art. Several of these students candidly revealed that they needed to dedicate more time to the fundamentals, including the art of drawing. Yet, the teachers and students of the class of 2005, seemed to have focused more than ever on this and their work seems to have paid off. For instance the pastels of Jamaican student, Donnette Paterson reflected an impressive determination of line and mastering of the form, especially in



Kwynn Johnson's shoe designs were influenced by the God of Small Things



Donnette Paterson's Blue Hue

the portrait of the female nude, *Blue Hue*. Although the artist is obviously still learning to manage the balance of tones and light, she shows great promise in her almost Freudian, (Lucien, not Sigmund) contrast of colour. Similarly impressive, though more academic in style, is the conte on paper drawing of *Graham Stand*.

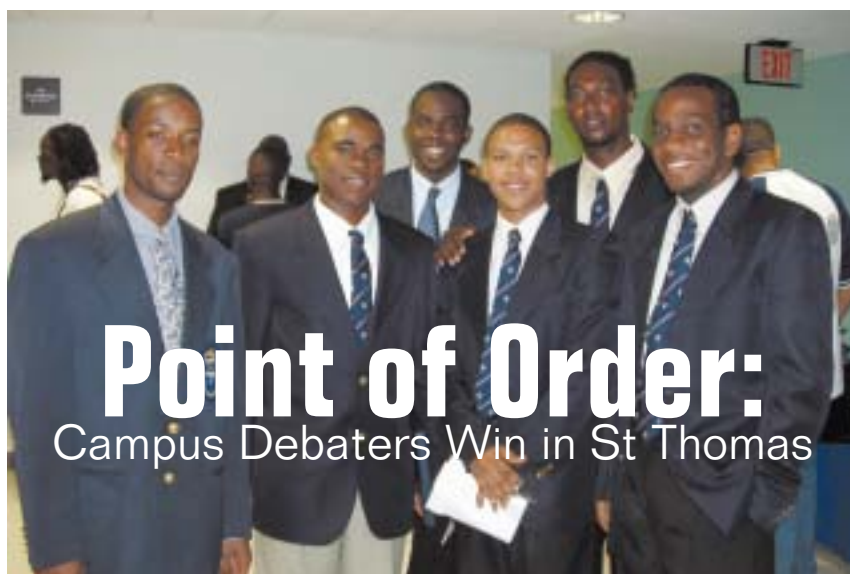
The Ceramics of Ursilla Orosco Parris, which reflected the symmetry of the cocoa in burnt umber casts of bottles, mugs and vases, were also outstanding. The glazed ochre plates and bowls, reflected a flawless, refined technique.

Another rather memorable piece, was Kwynn Johnson's shoe designs. Influenced by the imagery of Arundhati Roy's acclaimed novel *The God of Small Things*, she mirrored the personalities of the cast of

characters in the delicate variations in shoe design, colour and placement of glitter and beads. Johnson worked with a cobbler on Piccadilly Street to produce the leather designs. Another artist who worked with a local craftsman, is Paulette Fortune, whose acrylic paintings and ceramic tiles are obviously influenced by Diego Rivera's *Vendedora de Flores*. Instead of Rivera's *Vendedora*, with her two criss-crossed plaits and physiognomy reflected in the bouquet of oversized lillies she holds in her hands, Fortune's model has one singular bulbous plait and the banana leaf replaces the flowers.

“The painting reflects the memories I have of my grandmother – the plait was really significant for me...representing stability,

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Point of Order: Campus Debaters Win in St Thomas

Congratulations to The Mona Campus' Debating Team who emerged winners of the 15th Renewal of the Caribbean Intercollegiate Debating Competition held recently in the US Virgin Island of St. Thomas. Mona team member, Warrick Lattibeaudiere was the top performer, walking away with eight individual trophies: four for best

speaker, three for best rebutter and the overall best speaker award.

Congratulations also to the dynamic team of debaters, Marissia Alexander, Nkrumah Lucien, Gideon Ovid, Christophe Rodriguez; coach Clint Fernandez; Student Advisory Services advisor, Shara Khabay; with special thanks to Neivel Niles .

The St Augustine team through hard work and dedication brought home the 2nd place trophy and 5 individual trophies in the respective categories of best speaker and best rebutter at the 15th Inter Collegiate Debating competition which was hosted by The University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas. The UWI Campus team came up against intense competition from their counterparts from the UWI Cave Hill and Mona Campuses, as well as UTECH, Jamaica and University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas.

Teams from the three UWI campuses, as well as from the University of Technology, Jamaica and the University of the US Virgin Islands, participated in the competition which was first organized in 1989 as a means of opening communication links and developing camaraderie among students in the Caribbean region. It was also seen as a forum to promote health, intellectual competition among tertiary students. <

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Students launch recycling project on Campus



Members of the UWI Biological Society are the drivers of a new project on the University Campus which is a stepping stone towards integrating recycling into schools, workplaces and systems. The aim of the project is to make support and promote recycling at The University of the West Indies. The Society intends to educate the Campus on their project through posters; e-mail; and discussions with stakeholders.

A recent news release from the Society explains that, " One major objective is to educate the campus population on the benefits of recycling...the case for recycling is strong. The bottom line is clear. Recycling requires little time; saves money; reduces the need for new landfills; reduces air and water pollution; serves energy and conserves resources for future generations".<

ROMANO LEADS GROUP STRATEGY AT RBTT

UWI graduate Nigel Romano has returned home after almost a decade abroad in a senior position at Citibank, Asia. He was recently appointed as Director of Group Strategy & Corporate Development at RBTT. Romano will be responsible for the Group's strategy, including mergers and acquisitions. He has spent the last nine years in Asia with Citibank and was most recently the Regional Controller for the Asia Pacific Global Consumer Group, the fastest-growing franchise in Citigroup's international operations, with responsibility for 12 countries. Nigel Romano



Nigel Romano

began his career in Citibank in 1988 as Country Financial Controller for the franchise in Trinidad and Tobago. He left Citibank in 1994 to join Ernst & Young in Trinidad as Tax and Corporate Finance Partner and rejoined Citibank in 1996 as the CFO for the bank's franchise in Indonesia from 1996 to 1999. Before joining Citibank, he spent nine years in accounting with KPMG in Trinidad. He holds a B.Sc. in Management Studies and a M.Sc. in accounting from The University of the West Indies and is a qualified Chartered Accountant. <



Nigel Mark Baptiste

BAPTISTE JOINS RBL EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to UWI Alumnus, Nigel Mark Baptiste, who was formally welcomed as Executive Director of Republic Bank Limited in May 2005. A former National Scholar, he holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Economics from The University of the West Indies. A Member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of England. Baptiste will be part of the impressive senior management team at RBL with UWI graduates: David J Dulal-Whiteway, Managing Director and Gregory Thomson, Deputy Managing Director. <

WALCOTT HONOURED BY FRANCE & SPEAKS AT OAS



Derek Walcott

Over the past three months, Nobel Laureate Derek Walcott, has had several noteworthy international engagements, including being presented with the **W.B. DuBois Medal** at Harvard University, USA; a prestigious medal from the French Government; and an honorary luncheon and lecture at the **Organization of American States**.

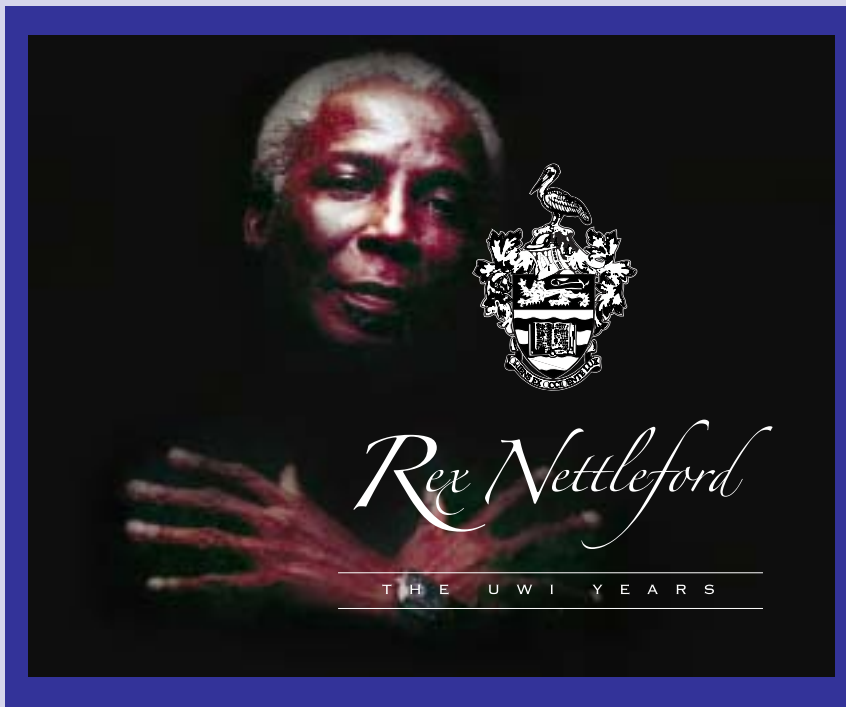
On April 12th, The University of the West Indies graduate, was the keynote speaker at the fourth monthly conference in the Lecture Series of the Americas, held at the stately Organization of American States

headquarters in Washington D.C. The topic of the lecture was *'An Integrated Americas: A Caribbean View'*, and Walcott chose to give a commentary and a reading of his poem, *The Season of Phantasmal Peace* as well as selections from *The Fortunate Traveller*. The lecture series of the Americas was created by the OAS Permanent Council on an initiative of the Peruvian government "to promote democratic principles and values in the countries of the hemisphere". Former US President Jimmy Carter, was the first speaker at the series. Then, on April 6th Walcott traveled to Paris to receive the highest award from the French Government, the *Commandeur de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*. A week later at a special Birthday Celebration for African Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka at Harvard University, along with novelists Nadine Gordimer and Toni Morrison, he was awarded the **W.B. DuBois Medal**. <

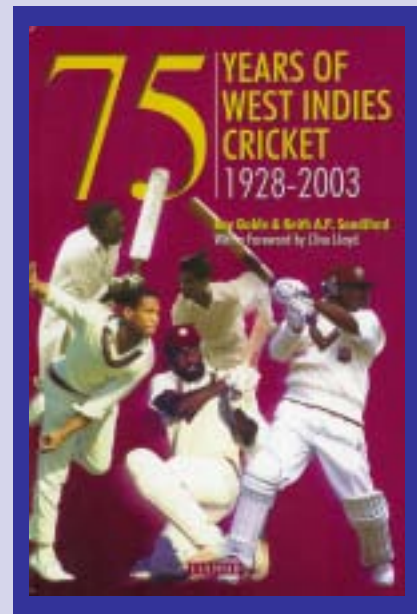
NEW UWI ALUMNI EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to our newly elected UWIAA Executive:

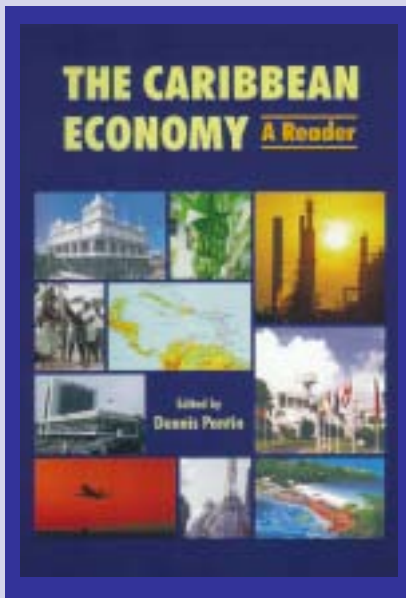
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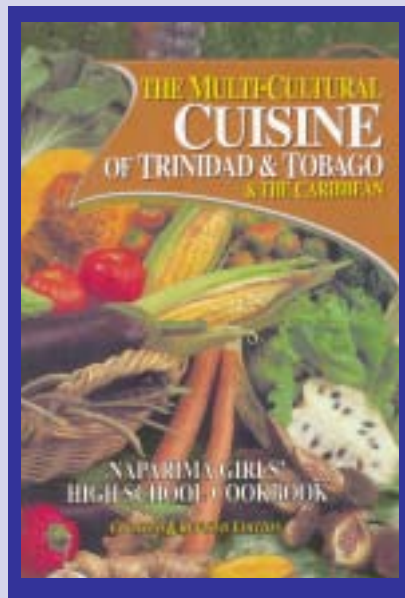
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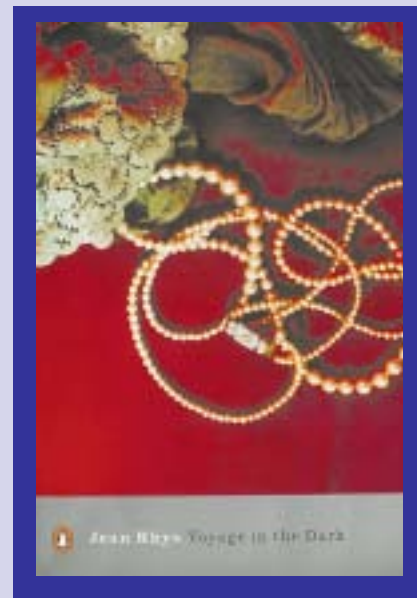
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by Ray Goble & Keith A.P. Sandiford
\$299



The Caribbean Economy
by Dennis Pantin
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Pilgrim Wins Commonwealth Short Story Prize

Congratulations to Alake Pilgrim, staff writer and member of the Marketing & Communications "dream team" at UWI St. Augustine, on winning the Regional Prize for The Americas in the 2004 Commonwealth Short Story Competition. Pilgrim's short story, *Mangoes to Buy*, along with other winning pieces have been recorded on a CD which is available from the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (cba@cba.org.uk). Trinidadian winners of Commonwealth awards for 2004 also include Abigail Hadeed (First Prize Winner, Commonwealth Photographic Awards) whose striking photographs are often featured in STAN, and UWI alumna Elspeth Duncan (Prize Winner, Commonwealth Vision Awards). These women were part of this year's Commonwealth Day celebrations hosted by the British Council at the National Library.<



Alake Pilgrim

Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Congratulations to Vice Chancellor's Awards for Excellence 2005 recipients:

Teaching

Professor J. Michael Branday,
Department of Surgery, Radiology, Anaesthetics and
Intensive Care, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mona
Campus

Public Service

Professor Edwin Jones
Department of Government, Faculty of Social Sciences,
Mona Campus



Teaching

Dr Shirin Haque,
Lecturer/Astronomer
Department of Physics,
Faculty of Science & Agriculture
St Augustine Campus

Research Accomplishments and Service to the University Community

All Round Performance in a combination of two or more
of the other four areas



Professor Richard Dawe
Department of Chemical
Engineering
Faculty of Engineering,
St Augustine Campus

Research Accomplishments

Professor Rainford Wilks
Tropical Medicine Research Institute
Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mona Campus

Haraksingh at WTO talks

Dr Kusha Haraksingh of the Department of History and Associate Fellow of the Institute of International Relations, was accredited by the Mission of Guyana to the World Trade Organization. These hearings recently represented the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of countries in dispute settlement proceedings before the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva in March 2005. The case was an appeal against the findings of a WTO panel in relation to complaints by Australia, Brazil and Thailand that the European Union violated certain provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture and of the Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement. Fourteen ACP countries intervened in the case as third participants. <



ENGINEERING WORKSHOP INNOVATORS



The Engineering Workshop and Carpentry team, from left to right standing: Wendell Bowen, Ohma Narine, Rudolph Jessop, Cecil Foncette, Amit Badoo, Terry Ramnanansingh, Parasram Ramlal, Andre Ali, Michael De Gazon, Kirt Gowrie. Front: Suresh Ramjit, Derek Wiltshire, Martin Lee John, Kendrick Ramkissoon, Raphael Khan. Missing from photo: D. Powdhar – Workshop Engineering; Neville Ward – Workshop Supervisor; Esmond Joseph; David Daniel.

Surrounded by monumental, oxidised metal levers, gears and chains, unassuming Supervisor Neville Ward, walks and jokes with the dedicated staff of more than twenty, at the Welding, Machine and Woodwork shops. He works alongside Martin Lee John and his colleagues to assist students in gaining the hands-on experience and expertise they will need in order to succeed in the real world.

"I have seen some outstanding students ...that show a lot of potential", explains Martin Lee John, an Engineering Technician who has been with The University of the West Indies for over three decades. A graduate of John Donaldson Technical Institute, Lee John and his colleagues have been instrumental

in working with lecturers to ensure the development of first and final year student projects at the Engineering Workshop. A proponent of core values of respect for the individual and accountability, he is an inventor and proud staff member of the University. Lee John has developed a definition of his Vision, which he intends to follow throughout his life: "Vision is a dimension of a competent, dynamic mind which requires the will and deed to be realized," he explains, reading carefully from a small piece of carefully folded, slightly stained, paper. He is currently involved in the ME 14B and EE 12E, Mechanical and Electrical courses.

"I would like to see the University realize its full potential...one thing that I would like to see done especially in Engineering, is a prototype that is as close to a marketable product as

possible...I've seen a lot of student projects on which this can be achieved," Lee John, who has patented a hydraulic piston turbine engine, says enthusiastically.

"As a young boy, I used to like to fiddle with mechanical [items]. I'm into intellectual property and innovation – and I'm currently looking at filing for a design patent for a crank shaft engine with individual moveable cylinder heads."

After gaining his Diploma in Machine Shop Craft, Lee John gained years of experience working with a range of manufacturing companies before joining UWI during the 1970's. "[UWI] was really a nice place...with nice people...it was like a true family."

Over the years, this team has been invaluable to the development of demonstrations and projects for the UWI Engineering students. <

An Evening of August

CCFA brings to the stage the works of August Wilson



Tamara Foster and Marvin George in *Two Trains Running*

Executive Producer Rawle Gibbons should be commended for the professionalism and creativity brought to the fore, at the recent student production of excerpts from the works of American playwright, August Wilson. *An Evening with August* was a well crafted production, an interestingly layered interpretation by Director Ed De Shae.

The UWI Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA) tutor in Theatre Arts, De Shae sought to present the historical fragmentation of the African-American experience through well-chosen excerpts from Wilson's plays, complemented by screen projections of the seminal art of Romare Bearden (1911-1988) and the blues music of the time. Bearden, who grew up in the United States, but lived for a while in the Caribbean, often listened to jazz while he painted. His collage pieces revolutionized the nation's aesthete and like Wilson's work, sought to

disentangle, engage and ultimately champion the struggle and survival of these Americans.

The functional Beardenesque set, designed by UWI lecturer, Dr. Dani Lyndersay, effectively echoed the central themes from Wilson's more popular plays: *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, *The Piano Lesson*,

Seven Guitars, *Two Trains Running* and *Fences*. The acting from the cast of students, was for the most part impressive, although at times one or two did lean towards the amateur, with the attempts at a southern drawl, becoming more of a Kingstown brogue or sugary *Mint Julep* twang. But interpretation and transformation are key to good acting and local actors have been able to rise to the challenge. In New York I found that one of the most memorable and genuine performances was given by the veteran Trinidadian actor, Sullivan Walker in Wilson's *Two Trains Running*. This show came to mind during this production by the CCFA. The talent of several cast members was very apparent, including Camille Quamina as the altruistic, long-suffering Rose in *Fences*; Tamara Foster as the fearful and scarred, Risa, alongside Marvin George as the brave veteran, Sterling in *Two Trains Running*; as well as Damian Richardson as Bynum and Tramaine Lamy as Molly in *Joe Turner's Come*

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Damian Richardson and Maurice Rawlins in a scene from *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*



Romare Bearden's Showtime, 1974

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and Gone. These are just some of the innovative performances in the production. The younger, less experienced actors braved the

challenging script and their performances continued to improve with each night. The light design by Ken Joseph was simple, but highly effective, with spotlights and coloured gels taking us into Wilson's



A scene from Joe Turner's Come and Gone

world with ease. The stage management seamlessly allowed the quick transference between scenes and the placement of weathered props.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of dedicated students and lecturers on a credible performance.

Established in 1986, in the Faculty of Humanities and Education at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, the CCFA offers programmes in Theatre and Carnival Arts, as well as the teaching and practice of Art, Music, Drama, Dance and theatre.<

An Evening of August will continue its run in May at the UWI Learning Resource Centre – please call 662-2002 ext 2510 for more information. [AWH]

UWI partners with UNILEVER

Recently, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between The University of the West Indies and Unilever Caribbean Limited which will bring about collaborative efforts in the promotion of training and research activities for the region.

This partnership signed between Campus Principal Dr. Bhoendradatt

Tewarie and Unilever Managing Director Mr. Pablo Garrido, will facilitate activities such as workshops, seminars and training programmes; research and extension programmes and projects; research projects relating to theses and dissertations; scholarship programmes for nationals studying at home or abroad, as well as psycho-social community projects to be initiated by Unilever.

Such measures are consistent with

the overall vision of the two parties who share a common goal in the development of the Caribbean. Unilever Caribbean Limited is primarily a manufacturing company engaged in the manufacturing, production and distribution of foods, as well as home and personal care products. The University of the West Indies is a leader in tertiary education, providing quality service and training to the Caribbean region for over forty years, the MOU was signed on December 6, 2004.<



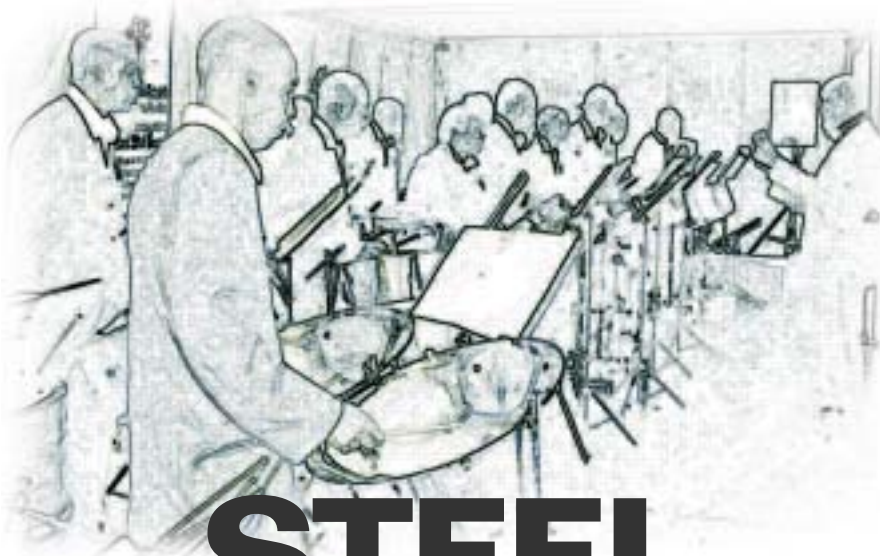
VINSA

Prime Minister Gonsalves speaks at lecture

"Our main objective is to bring Vincentian students on campus together to provide a *home away from home*; to assist new students in getting new accommodation, to promote our country and generally to assist students with any difficulties they may have," Vice President, Ortis Jack explained recently, as he outlined the role the Vincentian Students' Association (VINSA) plays in the lives of students.

VINSA has held many events over the years, including a memorable occasion in October 2004 on the St Augustine Campus, when Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and UWI alumnus, the Honourable Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, delivered the feature lecture on *The Caricom Single Market and Economy (CSME)*. The Prime Minister's presentation was one of the many high-points of the series of celebrations hosted by VINSA, to commemorate St. Vincent and the Grenadines twenty-fifth anniversary of Independence. The Vincentian Students Association formed over twenty years ago, currently has a membership of over eighty (80) students on campus. <

For more information on VINSA please contact VINSA President, Mr. Nelson Hillocks at 779-4144 or Mr. Ortis Jack, Vice President at 781-3105.



STEEL

UWI Festival Steel Ensemble Welcomed in Martinique

Under the auspices of the Martinique Municipal Service for Cultural Action (SERMAC), the UWI Festival Steel Ensemble had a highly successful tour of Fort-de France, Martinique in March. In this tour, facilitated by Dr. Glenroy Taitt of the UWI Library, the ensemble performed in two outdoor concerts at Camp Balata, a former military barrack and a third, command performance for the Mayor of Fort-de-France and his invited guests.

In Martinique, the Steel Ensemble was very popular with audiences with its versatile repertoire which ranged from classical transcriptions of works by J.S. Bach, Khachaturian and Mozart (including part of the Piano Concert no. 23 with Trinidadian pianist Wayne Guerra) to jazz, reggae, swing and calypso/soca renditions.

This 14-member ensemble, open to players by strict audition, is the premiere performing instrumental orchestra at the *Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA)* of The University of the West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. This is the second international tour in as many years for the ensemble,



following a ten-day tour to the USA in March 2004. The ensemble has won several awards, including gaining first place in the 2002 World Steelband Festival in Trinidad. Most recently the Festival Steel Ensemble performed for the President of Trinidad and Tobago and invited guests at the launch of the Steelband Literary Scholarship Fund in December. In October, the Ensemble performed with concert pianist Ray Luck at Queen's Hall giving a world premiere performance of Hugh Sam's *Trinidadian Rhapsody* written for pan ensemble and piano and they also performed a movement of the Mozart Piano Concerto no. 23 – also with Ray Luck. <

For more information please contact Jessel Murray by email: festival@tstt.net.tt, fax (868)-663-2222 or mobile at (868)-684-7323.



The Chancellor: Sir George Alleyne

First Port of Call

UWI Council Review

On Friday, April 8, the Council of The University of the West Indies, chaired by the Chancellor Sir George Alleyne, addressed a 25-item agenda covering financial, strategic, operational issues as well as matters of governance. The future development of the regional institution was the primary focus of a presentation by the Vice-Chancellor Professor E. Nigel Harris, who made his first appearance in that capacity before the Council.

The Report from the External Auditors, KPMG Peat Marwick, showed that the University was in good financial health and the University Bursar in his report on the financial performance for the

academic year (ending July 31, 2004) indicated that the University generated more income from its assets in 2004 than in 2003 and is able to meet its current obligations with available funds and assets as

the liquidity ratio moved from 50% to 54%. He reported that the proportion of the institution's income from Government contributions had continued to decline, moving from 56% to 55% while income from tuition fees grew from 13% to 15%. The proportion of income from other sources, such as special projects and commercial operations also showed modest increases.

The Vice Chancellor, in his assessment of the performance of the institution in the past academic year, reported that while the enrolment targets set in the five-year Strategic Plan 2002-2007 had already been exceeded, the enrolment mix was not satisfactory. He conceded that the proportion of students pursuing Science-based degrees and the proportion of graduate students engaged in research programmes still lagged behind the targeted rates. Professor Harris outlined his vision for The University of the West Indies as the *institution of first choice* for all Caribbean nationals seeking quality higher education, as the *port of first call* for Caribbean governments needing advice and technical expertise and the institution that will be *first in providing new knowledge* through applicable research.

In considering the Vice Chancellor's recommendations for appointment of several Senior Managers, the Council agreed to the appointment of Professor Leo Moseley, current Dean of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences at Cave Hill, as Deputy Principal of that campus. Mr. Joseph Pereira was re-appointed as Deputy Principal of the Mona Campus. Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Kenneth Hall is contracted as Principal of the Mona Campus, was extended for two years to July 31, 2008. Pro Vice-Chancellors Professor Wayne Hunte (Office of Research) and Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie (Undergraduate Studies) were



Professor E. Nigel Harris

In a presentation to the annual business meeting of the Council of The University of the West Indies the newly installed Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris, outlined his Vision for the University as the institution of first choice for Caribbean nationals seeking quality higher education, the first in creating new knowledge through research and the port of first call for Caribbean governments needing advice and technical expertise for policy development, strategic planning and programme implementation.

Professor Harris acknowledged that the tertiary education needs of those contributing countries which do not have campuses are not adequately being served and pledged to change this by adopting a strategic approach in identifying the human and financial resources needed and determining how these will be acquired. He proposed to hold strategic planning sessions in each country with representatives from government, tertiary level institutions, business and financial institutions to assess the individual needs of each country and determine how the University can best satisfy those needs, in

collaboration with the institutions mentioned. To facilitate this process and to improve communication between the University and its main stakeholders, a Government Relations Unit will be established in the Vice-Chancellery, financed with special project funds.

The Vice Chancellor announced his intention to fashion a new UWI/Government/Business partnership aimed at providing more stable funding for the institution, while retaining sufficient government funding to support teaching and limiting increases in tuition fees. Strategies for attaining this goal include expanding access to concessional loans, pursuing other avenues of fundraising and generating income from contractual research arrangements, and providing technical advisory services.

The University's largely unheralded accomplishments in research in areas such as agriculture (yam tissue culture, genetic improvement and resistance to diseases of several crops), engineering, environmental studies and health economics were highlighted in the Vice Chancellor's presentation. He concluded that the University has a talented cadre of scholars and a significant body of research relevant to Caribbean problems but that the research output capacity still needs to be strengthened by sourcing adequate funding and by improving the administrative support for researchers' efforts. <

also re-appointed to their positions for an additional three years.

The Council also considered the reports of four Task Forces which had been set up at its meeting last year to consider and make recommendations, on a review of University Governance; on the

impact of the Liberalisation of Higher Education on the region; on the establishment of a Caribbean Regional Accreditation Body and on a review of the Supplementation of Superannuation Pension Benefits. The Reports from Standing Committees and by the various Departments of the University

across the three campuses and centres throughout the fifteen contributing countries of the region were also considered and adopted.

The next annual business meeting of the University Council is scheduled for April 21, 2006. <



GLOBAL CHALLENGES

St Augustine Council Review

Strengthening the region – Meeting global challenges was the central theme of the St. Augustine campus' *Annual Report 2004*. In a one-hour presentation to the Council on March 25th 2005, Campus Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie spoke of the collaborative accomplishments of a constantly evolving campus. The Principal explained that with an on-campus enrolment figure of 11,416 students in 2004, approximately 200 more than the Mona campus, St. Augustine is now the largest of the three campuses.

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He went on to explain that the delivery of higher education courses and programmes such as the Evening University, also contributed to the highest-ever enrolment figures that the campus has ever seen – 12,397 students.

This has led to challenges and fast tracking projects in the development of Campus facilities. The Principal's presentation also looked at the investment of roughly \$20 million in the reporting period on the construction of new and modern teaching and learning spaces.

With a strong research agenda focussed on pressing regional challenges, such as crime, HIV/AIDS, chronic disease, natural disaster

mitigation, and sustainable development, the Principal spoke of the campus redefining itself as a leader in the crafting of solutions to regional issues.

He then went on to list some of the priorities for 2005 and beyond: including meeting the demands of a growing student population, particularly with regards to adding teaching and learning spaces at a rate commensurate with enrolment growth; and rationalizing teaching loads, academic career tracks and curricula; as well as sufficiently preparing graduates for the work environment. Another is providing the much needed capacity enhancements to support its 16 research clusters, which cover issues such as tropical biodiversity and environmental concerns of Small Island Developing

States (SIDS); energy studies; innovation, entrepreneurship & design; cultural studies; education with emphasis on teacher education; disaster anticipation, preparation, prevention & management; understanding, preventing & eradicating crime; sports-related research; and critical thinking across disciplines.

Other priorities included building a multi-pronged learning environment – distance, continuing, full-time, part-time, evening, dual-mode, "summer" is also a high priority item. Remaining high on the agenda as well is framing efficient operating systems including achieving on-line registration capabilities and successfully launching the Student Administrative "BANNER" System. There will also be a commitment to infusing a spirit of entrepreneurship across the campus.<

Integrity in the Workplace

UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF PROFESSIONALISM

Recently, the student association, *Global Leadership Interlink (GLI)* hosted a seminar entitled, *Integrity in the Workplace: The changing dynamic of the 21st Century Workforce*. The two feature presenters were Kyle Rudden, an actuary and a chartered accountant and Ernest King, a director at TSG Consulting.

The seminar, which took place at the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) on March 3rd 2005, provided insight into the importance of Integrity for corporate success, social development and national well-being. The topics examined included the multiplicity of values, principles and issues in the modern workplace. There was a central focus on the understanding of Professional Integrity and the various definitions of professionalism. The GLI used this forum to develop a perspective on integrity in the workplace.

"The essence of early definitions of Profession was vocation or life purpose – the dedication of one's life to the pursuit of knowledge and skill for the benefit of, or in service to, others...

Conversely, Modern Professionalism stands in contrast to all that has been discussed thus far. The lure of self-interest has woven its way deeply into the fabric of economic activity..., "the perspective from this global network of emerging and emergent professionals stated.

Other issues discussed included: effective combination of the best attributes of knowledge, skill and



character; development and maintenance of the highest standards of ethical conduct; and recognition of the inextricable link between Moral Excellence and Godly Principle.

For more information call: 785-0162 or e-mail uwitrinidad@glicampus.com<

Travel the World with UWI: Medical students visit Macedonia

Each year, over 700 students from roughly 90 countries worldwide come together to represent the views of projects undertaken by and people involved in their National Medical Students' Organizations (NMOs). However, in the 2004 edition of this meeting there was a marked difference – for the first time in 5 years, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) General Assembly (GA) got a taste of Trini flavour.

It was a great honour for both Sarah Sampath and I, as Secretary and Chairman of the Medical Sciences Students' Council (MSSC) respectively, to attend the 53rd annual GA of the IFMSA in Ohrid, Macedonia. The MSSC is a committee that represents all students of the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

Macedonia itself proved to be a country of rich history and culture.



A historic Macedonian Church set against the backdrop of Lake Ohrid.

The country was predominantly Orthodox Christian with a substantial ethnic Albanian subset. The IFMSA Assembly was a melting pot of diverse cultures and people who were, it has to be said, at times quite unaware of the heritage of



This historic Macedonian church which dates back to the 5th century (prior to which it was actually a mosque) has intricate artwork of the many saints of the Orthodox Christian faith on its ceiling.

some of their foreign counterparts. Indeed, I found it highly unusual to be continually commended on the fluency of my English and asked what was the native language of "my people". On the official side of things, the Assembly demonstrated a highly organized level of student management and representation. In fact, some of the projects carried out entirely by students in foreign countries had valuable logistic points which could be well applied to our own local setting e.g. The "Defeat Cystic Fibrosis" project by Polish students could be transformed into "Defeat Diabetes" to cater for our population.

The visit to Macedonia opened my mind to a whole new level of student representation and allowed me to rub shoulders with highly respected individuals in the medical field such as Dr. James Appleyard, the

President of the World Medical Association (WMA). It also inspired me to attempt initiation of IFMSA student exchanges in Trinidad and Tobago, allowing our students to go abroad without having to pay tuition and cost of living fees. This exchange programme is the main thrust of the IFMSA as an international organization. Indeed, the potential outcomes stemming from this Assembly are numerous and international links have now been re-established. The onus is now on the T&T medical student population to take the initiative in establishing the UWI Faculty of Medical Sciences and nation as a whole, on the International stage. Who knows where the medical students of Trinidad and Tobago will boldly go next? <

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MINIMISE TAXES... MAXIMISE INCOME

As Globalization becomes more of a reality, trade and tariff barriers are being eroded and fluctuations in the market place may occur. With all this uncertainty, individuals are faced with a dollar that is decreasing in value, in that the purchasing power is decreasing. Whether you are an individual, small business or corporate investor, financial security and/or stability is compulsory.

CLICO always prides itself on being a proactive company and as a CLICO representative, I have developed a Five-step model to enhance an individual's financial portfolio that would help to cushion or circumvent the negative effects of globalization.

Primarily, an individual should make full use of all tax shelters. Currently an individual can claim \$12,000.00 inclusive of N.I.S on an Annuity (A fixed sum payable at intervals). Additionally individuals earning a very high income (executives, professionals, business owners etc.) under section 134 (6A) and 6(B) of the income tax act chapter 75:01, can place one third of their chargeable income in a corporate funding vehicle with investment choices.

The model's other step is the creation of estate through the purchase of real estate (e.g a house, land) and maximizing the amount of life insurance that you can afford. Life Insurance is the only investment that you can make one payment on and create an estate for life.

Thirdly, individuals should strive to increase their propensity to save as increased saving would lead to increased funds available for investments. Remember there are two things that earn

money: a person working for money and money working to make money. Individuals should save no less than 10-20% of their disposable income.

This brings us to the next step which is, to have a diversified portfolio of investment that should include fixed deposits/certificate of deposits, mutual funds, stocks/bonds and even the purchase of foreign exchange. Having your eggs in a substantial number of baskets ensures a return on investments.

And finally, try to minimize consumer loans (e.g Hire Purchase). These may make you pay high interest, rather than earn interest.

With this simple five-step model an individual or even small business can maximize on their disposable income and become financially independent.

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to pursue academic and research careers by offering them teaching assistant posts. Some of these successful graduates are among the school's dynamic staff.

In addition to its 5-year undergraduate programme, the school has recently embarked on a phased Associate Degree programme in Dental Auxiliary Training (dental receptionists, dental technicians and laboratory assistants). Ongoing research is also conducted at the school's various research facilities. The school has effective dental equipment,

clinical teaching material, seminar rooms, a student recreation room, a new computer-assisted learning facility, as well as the well-stocked on-campus Medical Sciences Library and Students' Computer Laboratory.

Despite its growing waiting list for entry, the school's Director actively encourages students to pursue this profession. To Dr. Murti he had decided as a young boy to pursue dentistry as a profession, "As a young boy, I was always fascinated with the relief provided by dentists for those in acute pain, and the aura and dignity of the profession." A specialist in oral pathology, Dr. Murti

has over 35 years of experience in the field. The field of dentistry, he states, is fast evolving, "...today's dentists play leading roles not only in restorative dentistry, cosmetology, but in oral disease, for example in the detection of HIV/AIDS."

The School of Dentistry has a student body of about 156 from year 1 to year 5. Of this number, about 34% are regional and foreign nationals from countries such as Jamaica, Barbados, Botswana, UK and Canada. The demand for dental education at the school has more than doubled over the last five years.<
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Gender Differentials in Education

The on-going regional research into *Gender Differentials at the Secondary and Tertiary Levels of the Educational System in the Anglophone Caribbean* will soon enter another phase of its research when it conducts an Exit Survey examining the experiences of tertiary level students. Coordinated by Professor Barbara Bailey of the Centre for Gender and Development Studies (CGDS), Regional Coordinating Unit, UWI, Mona, Gender Differentials has also incorporated the assistance of The University's three main campuses with supervisors Professor Eudine Barriteau at CGDS Cave Hill and Professor Rhoda Reddock at CGDS St. Augustine. The research is three-part in its approach. The formation of an in-depth annotated bibliography of international and regional sources on gender issues in education, as well as the completion of four Specialist Studies, represent two phases of the project. In May 2004, a pilot study of the project's

third phase was conducted in St. Kitts. This third phase carefully examines the social, economic and cultural factors impacting on enrolment, attrition and performance at the secondary and tertiary levels of the educational systems in Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

The first research programme of this magnitude, in excess of US\$200,000 the on-going *Gender Differentials* has collected data from more than 1600 hundred respondents from Belize, Guyana and Jamaica with data yet to be collected from Trinidad and Tobago. The range of respondents includes students, parents, principals, teachers, lecturers, guidance counselors and recruiters from the labour market. The research analyses the social and demographic factors that may contribute to the disparity between males and females at the secondary and tertiary levels of the education systems in the region with respect

to enrolment, participation and achievement. It incorporates the use of various research methodologies, among them, surveys, focus groups, observations and in-depth interviews.

Gender Differentials receives central funding from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) with co-funding from The University of the West Indies (Mona Campus), the Royal Netherlands Embassy to Jamaica, the CIDA-Canada/Caribbean Gender Equality Programme (CCGEP)-Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO). <

For further information on this research project please contact research coordinator, Prof. Barbara Bailey, Centre for Gender and Development Studies, Regional Coordinating Unit, Mona Campus at 1-876-927-1913 or via email at cgdsrcu@uwimona.edu.jm.

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simplicity, the woman being the backbone of the family," she explained.

Johnson, who spoke of her admiration for the work of artist Jackie Hinkson, also had a unique installation of watercolours on cricket. The series featured frames (positioned like the negatives from a roll of film) of a batsman and bowler.

"Taking photos is a way of taking notes...my work aims to illustrate the ambiguity and relativity of perception," she explained.

The varied palette of Vejaya Mungal is reminiscent of Carlisle Chang's paintings, with the treatment of light, not unlike that of a Boodhoo landscape of central Trinidad.

While, the heavily worked, large canvasses by Jennifer Joab and Anisa Mohammed, although nostalgic of past cultural attitudes and styles, were also impactful.

The support of National Museum Curator Vel Lewis and The Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, enabled the professionally curated exhibition to be placed in a very accessible location. Several schools students could be seen touring the exhibit, although the heat at times seemed to wilt their enthusiasm. Australian art critic Robert Hughes has often praised "lucidity, deliberation, probity and calm" as the chief virtues of painting. To walk through this show is to realize just how fortunate we are as a society to have so many students, at the crossroads, intent on discovering this clarity and calm.

Congratulations to Paulette Alfred, Andrews Reynard, Ruth Bharath, Annaliesa Connor, Shanta Deodath, Paulette Fortune, Angela Francis, Carlton Fullerton, Neisha George, Gillian Creese, Kwynn Johnson, Nelia Manmohan, Jennifer Mofford Joab, Anisa Mohammed, Vejaya Mungal, Ursilla Orosco-Parris, Donette Patterson, Usha Polluscksingh, Dina Poon Chong, Marissa Richards, Tomley Roberts, Jenieva Thomas, Keith Ward, Clair Woods.

The staff of the CCFA include several prominent artists: Kenwyn Crichlow, Steve Ouditt, (full time); Camille King, Elsa Clarke, Laurence Richards, Pat Bishop, Greer Woodham Jones, Edward Bowen, Azeem Rahaman, Ainsworth Ovid, Keith Cadette, Robert Yao Ramesar, Arlene Akuzuru Weeks, Deborah Clemenet, Marsha Pearce-Elias, Camille Selvon Abraham, Shalini Singh, Bruce Paddington, Stanton Kewley, Vel Lewis, Curtis Alleyne, Kendall Depeaza, Michelle Boyd, Funke Hassan, Ola Hassan, Anna Sero, Jenifer Smith, Mark Raymond, Sean Lennard, Gareth Jenkins, Ricardo Sedeno, Darren Rahaman, Anika Daniel (part-time).
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1st - 11th The campus community is invited to a Visual Arts Exhibition hosted by the Centre for Creative and Festival Arts (CCFA). All exhibitions are free and open to the public.

2nd A seminar on HIV/AIDS - LRC, UWI, at 2:00 p.m. The seminar hosted two international speakers - Dr. James Quarshie of Zimbabwe who spoke on HIV/AIDS and Education in Africa.

2nd - 3rd The Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies will host its 9th Annual Senior Level Policy Seminar at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre. Entitled Liquidity Management and Business Opportunities in CSME and Beyond.

6th Film Screening - Final year students of the Film and Video class showcase their work at the National Museum from Tuesday - Sundays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

8th - 13th CCFA Student Exhibition at Gordon St. on Sunday 8th at 4:00 pm and Mon - Friday at 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

11th Examinations End

14th Semester II Ends

16th - 19th Aug. The Postgraduate Diploma in Arts and Cultural Enterprise Management - Faculty of Humanities and Education - New Building on Mon, Wed, Fri. from 9:00 am - 12 noon and 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

18th The Caribbean Academy of Sciences will host its annual panel discussion on Food Safety and Security in the Faculty of Engineering Rm. 101 from 6:00 p.m. Panelists are Dr. Edward Commisong, Dr. Lisa Indar Harmanan, Dr. Gregg Rawlins, and Professor Clement Sankat. Professor John Akingbala, will chair this discussion.

20th - 22nd An Evening of August - Collage of Plays at LRC, UWI on Fri & Sat at 8:00pm and on Sunday at 6:00 pm

22nd Student Recital - Steelpan Duo - School of Continuing Studies Auditorium at 6:00 pm

26th Corpus Christi

30th Indian Arrival Day

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8th - 9th

The Office of the Board for Undergraduate Studies will host a conference on Quality Enhancement: Innovation and Change from 8:30am - 5:00pm at the Learning Resource Centre, UWI.

26th - 30th

2nd Annual Caribbean International Symposium in Arts Education Partnered with UNESCO at the Learning Resource Centre, UWI.

30th - 3rd

July Crazy for You Musical Production at St. Mary's College. On Thurs, Fri & Sat at 8:00pm and on Sunday at 6:00pm

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6th - 10th

ACHEA Conference (Tobago) - The 5th Annual Conference hosted by the Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) will take place at the Tobago Hilton. This year's conference theme is entitled Innovation and Action for Success in Higher Education.

For more information please visit
<http://sta.uwi.edu/achea/callforpapers/index.html> or
<http://sta.uwi.edu/achea/>

13th

Earl Lovelace 70th Birthday Conference - The upcoming conference celebrating the works of internationally acclaimed playwright and novelist, Earl Lovelace will take place at the Learning Resource Centre, UWI, St. Augustine. Author of The Wine of Astonishment and The Dragon Can't Dance, Lovelace has received numerous awards including the distinguished Chaconia Medal, Pegasus Literary Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize. Lovelace's award winning plays will also be performed at theatres throughout the country in July. For more information on attending this conference please call 662-2002 Ext. 3493

11th - 29th

Pan Minors - Music Literacy for Steel pan at CCFA Gordon Street, St. Augustine

14th - Aug 6th

Festival Arts - CCFA Teaching Programme

24th - 30th

IACA Conference (Trinidad) - After achieving a tremendous nomination during its 2003 Conference in the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago was chosen as the site of the upcoming 21st Congress of The International Association for Caribbean Archaeology. The Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Education, St. Augustine will host this biennial international conference, which will be attended by approximately 250 delegates. Trinidad and Tobago is an ideal location for the Conference with over 280 sites. The IACA is engaged in the study of Caribbean prehistoric terrestrial and marine archaeology, as well as public education. For more information, please call 662-2002 ext. 3306.



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