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UWI graduate, multi-media artist Kwynn Johnson in her Maraval studio. Her latest work focuses on the colour red and the impact of palette, space and structure on the message. See *inside for more.*

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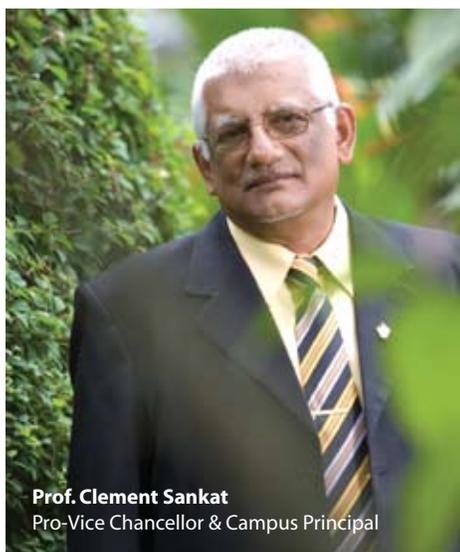
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HalcyonDays

In Trinidad we have a tradition of meeting at the crossroads on the eve of the New Year. Some of us share a meal and then as the clock strikes midnight, we greet each other and celebrate a new beginning. I think this coming together during a time of uncertainty and change should be an attitude that we carry forth during these challenging times.

We are all aware of the economic adversity affecting every country in the world, from Iceland where an entire economy has collapsed, to the housing crisis and credit crunch in the USA. At home in the Caribbean we have also felt the tremors of the financial crisis. Our University has not been exempt, yet now more than ever, we need to come together, combine our intellectual, financial and creative acumen to ensure the continued growth of our institution and in turn, country and region. Losing focus on our strategic plan (2007-2012) is not an option and would be more detrimental to our development than beneficial. We must



Prof. Clement Sankat
Pro-Vice Chancellor & Campus Principal



hold true to our priorities of: quality in teaching and learning as well as research and in the delivery of our services; team and capacity building and reaching out to our stakeholders.

As I shared with you at our recent staff fora, communication is key to our success as an institution and so scheduling as a matter of course a meeting every 6-8 weeks with the Deans, Directors and operational leaders, together with Senior Management, will ensure we move forward as one. Already thanks to the commitment of staff and students, the March staff and security fora, as well as our outreach activities, have yielded positive results.

Ultimately, ensuring quality in teaching and research, in the service to students; and quality in how we treat each other and our stakeholders are at the core of our values. We have and will continue to share these plans for the future with you in every issue of *UWI St Augustine News (STAN)* and look forward to your feedback.

In March, we continue the *Connect* series with a highlight on the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, Professor Funso Aiyejina. You can also read about the timely lecture by my colleague, Sir Hilary Beckles on the condition of West Indies Cricket, the integral research on languages by Professor Ian Robertson, an interview with our newly appointed Campus Council Chairman and more.

In closing, I would like to welcome Campus Council Chairman, Mr. Ewart Williams, Governor of the Central Bank and UWI alumnus. To our out-going Chairman, Mr. Michael Mansoor, who has given sterling service over the years, we remain profoundly thankful to him for his sagacity and foresight.

The First Workers' Forum and the Fourth Peoples' Summit of the Americas

14th-18th April, 2009 • UWI Sport & Physical Education Centre

The First Workers' Forum and the Fourth Peoples' Summit of the Americas are being hosted at The University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine Campus, from Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th April, 2009. These events will be held at the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC). The St Augustine Campus is providing a venue and logistical support for these events, which precede the Fifth Summit of the Americas

Summit Action Meeting

14th April 2009 at 9:00am • Daaga Hall

UWI St. Augustine Campus will host a Summit Action Meeting on Tuesday 14th April, 2009 at Daaga Hall starting at 9:00 a.m which will examine 'Multi Sectoral Partnership and Collaboration: Our Way Forward'. This meeting will focus on the implications of the global and hemispheric economic crisis for civil society and on strengthening of Civil Society Organizations in the region. Feature speakers will include Dennis Pantin, Olabisi Kuboni, Sterling Belgrove and Hazel Brown. Participants will also be able to engage in group discussions. This forum is free and open to members of the public.

To RSVP, please contact the Civil Society Summit Secretariat at 222-5205 or the Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women at 627-4807, Or email csctt.summit@gmail.com, or wethepeoplett@gmail.com

Book Launch at the Main Library

21st April, 2009 • The AudioVisual Room, 3rd floor, Main Library at 6:30pm

The Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean in conjunction with the Main Library will be hosting a joint book launch of *Juego Vivo/ Street Smart*, a book of poems by Dr. Gerardo Maloney Francis, the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to Trinidad and Tobago and *From Pharaoh Narmer to President Obama: Keeping Audacious Hope Alive* by Ian Isidore Smart. The Main Library will also receive a donation of books by Panamanian authors from the Ambassador.

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UWI Games

20th-29th May, 2009 • UWI SPEC, St Augustine Campus

This year's UWI games will be held on the St. Augustine Campus from Wednesday 20th to Friday 29th May 2009. Over 400 athletes from the three main campuses at St Augustine, Mona (Jamaica) and Cave Hill (Barbados) are expected to take part in this year's Games, which will include track and field, football, netball, cricket, volleyball, basketball, 6-a-side hockey, swimming, table tennis and lawn tennis. Most of the sporting activities will be held at the UWI St Augustine Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC). During the weeklong Games, the SPEC will be converted into a Recreational Village, where athletes and supporters can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, music and entertainment.

For further information, please call (868) 662-2002 Ext 3751, 2307.

Conversations with Our Society

1st April-10th June, 2009

The Department of Behavioural Sciences will host a series of public lectures/panel discussions in an initiative entitled "Conversations with Our Society". These events will be held from Wednesday 1st April to Wednesday 10th June, 2009, and will discuss issues such as health, crime, poverty, education and socio-economic concerns. The next Public Lecture/Panel Discussion will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2009 at the Town Hall, Arima at 7:30 p.m. This event will focus on the issue of health. Panelists include Dr. Ronald Marshall and Dr. Kristy Lascelles. All members of the public are invited to attend and contribute ideas.

For more information please call (868) 662 2002 Exts 2539, 2617, 2571

Elearn 2009 Conference

8th-11th June, 2009 • St. Augustine Campus

The elearn 2009 Conference, to be held from June 8th to 11th, 2009, marks ten years since the Educational Technology conference held by The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, in March 1999. The 1999 conference sought to introduce educational technology to the campus community, as well as local and regional teachers and educational administrators. Since 1999 there have been many technological innovations that are now a critical part of teaching and learning. This conference will examine the use of technologies in enhancing teaching and learning. elearn 2009 provides a forum for the UWI St. Augustine Campus to showcase progress, understanding and creativity in using technologies in action in classrooms and libraries.

**For more information on the elearn 2009 Conference visit: <http://elearn2009.com>
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In Plain Sight

*Rhoda Reddock opens-up about her
new role as Deputy Principal*



“This job is quite vast and it requires you to function at both the strategic and developmental level”

“**Nothing anyone** told me could have completely prepared for this role!” Deputy Campus Principal, Professor Rhoda Reddock replies when asked about adjusting to the new role of DP, what her plans are and the legacy she’d like to leave behind.

“I’ve always been a hard worker, but this job has shown me that it’s possible to work harder.”

A prolific writer and former Head of the UWI Centre for Gender and Development Studies, she shared some of the most challenging aspects of her new job. “This job is quite vast and it requires you to function at both the strategic and developmental level, as well as the administrative level. Finding the balance and the time to achieve both requires great effort. You have to plan and develop Vision as well as seamlessly direct and carry out day to day operations”.

With reference to her visionary plans for the Campus, she revealed some of the key initiatives she’s focussing on implementing including: an Electronic Work Flow System, a Child Care Centre for staff and students, a System of Community Service (Formal and Voluntary) and further development of UWI’s Co-Curricular Credits and Corporative Learning Programme.

There are other plans that she’s keeping quiet on at the moment but promises they’ll be revealed in due time. However, she added that the economic crisis has had an impact, particularly on the building and construction plans of the university, this has led to a strategic review and re-positioning of priorities. As expected, there is a continual focus on sourcing additional funding and becoming more economically self-sufficient.

On the administrative and operational levels, one of the major functions of the post is student affairs. Though the Deputy Principal’s Office is a place of last resort for student matters, she’s been investing a lot of time liaising with the Guild of Students, reading student letters and browsing notice boards around campus.

Keen on keeping abreast of the needs of the student population, she is also focussed on keeping the lines of communication open and building on the work of her predecessor, Professor Gurmohan Kochhar. One example of this is the pursuit of the Electronic Work Flow system, currently in the testing phase, which will allow students to process and track their affairs online.

Though her responsibilities of being the Deputy Principal are many, she continues her

research and some of the duties of her former post. As lead researcher and coordinator of a major research project on Gender Sexuality and the Implications for HIV AIDS, she is also working on completing a book in this area. She is also examining Gender Ethnicity and Identity in another related research project.

It is not surprising that for someone who is actively involved in socio-economic research, she would like to see the campus community build on its outreach activities in the community. “Education must give back to the community. I’d like to encourage and support a lot more student activity and involvement in the community both through formal academic programmes and through informal voluntary programmes”.

Based on this kind of thinking, it is not surprising that Professor Reddock would like help to develop a holistic and ethical graduate, who is more engaged and responsive to the society.

“I would like to see a shift in how the broad masses in society see and view education and learning. I would like to see people moving towards seeing education as knowledge acquisition, a tool for personal empowerment and as a basis for societal improvement”.

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STUDENTS AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS



HILLAN MOREAN

Hillan's Return

Re-Elected Guild President thanks his Team

Effective April 1st 2009, your new Guild Council will constitutionally take power. This is a heartfelt and simple note of appreciation to the councilors who served you with determination and vigour since April 2008 to now. Returning to council are myself, Latoya Lewis and Darren Mitchell. Latoya has been a Vice President who has grown in her first major leadership position. She ensured steadfast service to clubs and societies and was a willing and capable deputy. Darren has also been a councilor who has shown his potential and will continue to grow in his new position. Our communication arm has been given a jump start and this will continue to be improved for the better service of the student population and routing of the Guild's intellectual views to the public.

Candace K. Maharaj- Secretary: has been a solid rock who has been supportive and efficient in every area. She has served student with distinction since 2005 as ESS Secretary, then ESS President and finally Guild Secretary. She will be sorely missed.



STUDENT GUILD COMMITTEE 2009

Milton Stewart- Treasurer: has given two committed years of service as treasurer and has filled several shoes to get tasks done. His representation in this regard has been invaluable.

Shinel Granger- National Affairs Committee Chair: has been ever-present and focused on student rights even in the face of growing challenges.

Aniel Lutchman- International affairs Committee Chair: International students representative (has been involved in Taste UWI and the UWI Book Fair).

Andy Short- Games Committee Chair: brought structure to our sporting disciplines and set a path for continuity. He has served this council for two years, first as NAC, and his contributions to the student livelihood and development are more than just noteworthy.

Mikhail Naipaul- Faculty of Engineering: has given active and lively representation through a range of events and socially constructive activities.

Kelvin Polson- Social Sciences: has been an unmoving voice on the issues of Social Sciences students and created the Social Sciences logo to represent the faculty.

Sarah Sue Calbio- Faculty of Science and Agriculture: has provided spirited activity and innovation to innovate Science and Agriculture, providing as well, arguably the best faculty tees and polos for the year.

Matthew Peters- Faculty of Humanities and Education- had given active and lively representation with a range of events and socially constructive activities and also created a logo to represent the faculty.

Miko Kalloo- Faculty of Medical Sciences: Still the MSSC president, continues to represent Med Sci academic issues and works toward the continuous improvement of the MSSC for better representation to Med Sci students.

Vernell Castle- Part Time and Evening University: Continued the Night Time bus service in Semester One and also represented actively on ANY and EVERY evening and part time student issue. Part time and especially Evening students would have felt her work as she made way for a better classroom experience.

Shivanan Ramnanan- Post-Graduate Studies: brought lively representation to a range of events and socially constructive activities.

Julien Skeete: Milner Hall Chair
Kwesi Des Vignes: Canada Hall Chair
Jenilee Glasgow: Trinity Hall Chair
Okera Baptiste: JGI Hall Chair

These chairpersons have worked tirelessly to represent their Halls, dealing with infrastructural issues, safety, hall fees, entertainment and their exciting hall concerts. Outreach has also been high on their agenda, as several children's homes, charities and underprivileged institutions have benefited from their initiatives and ventures.

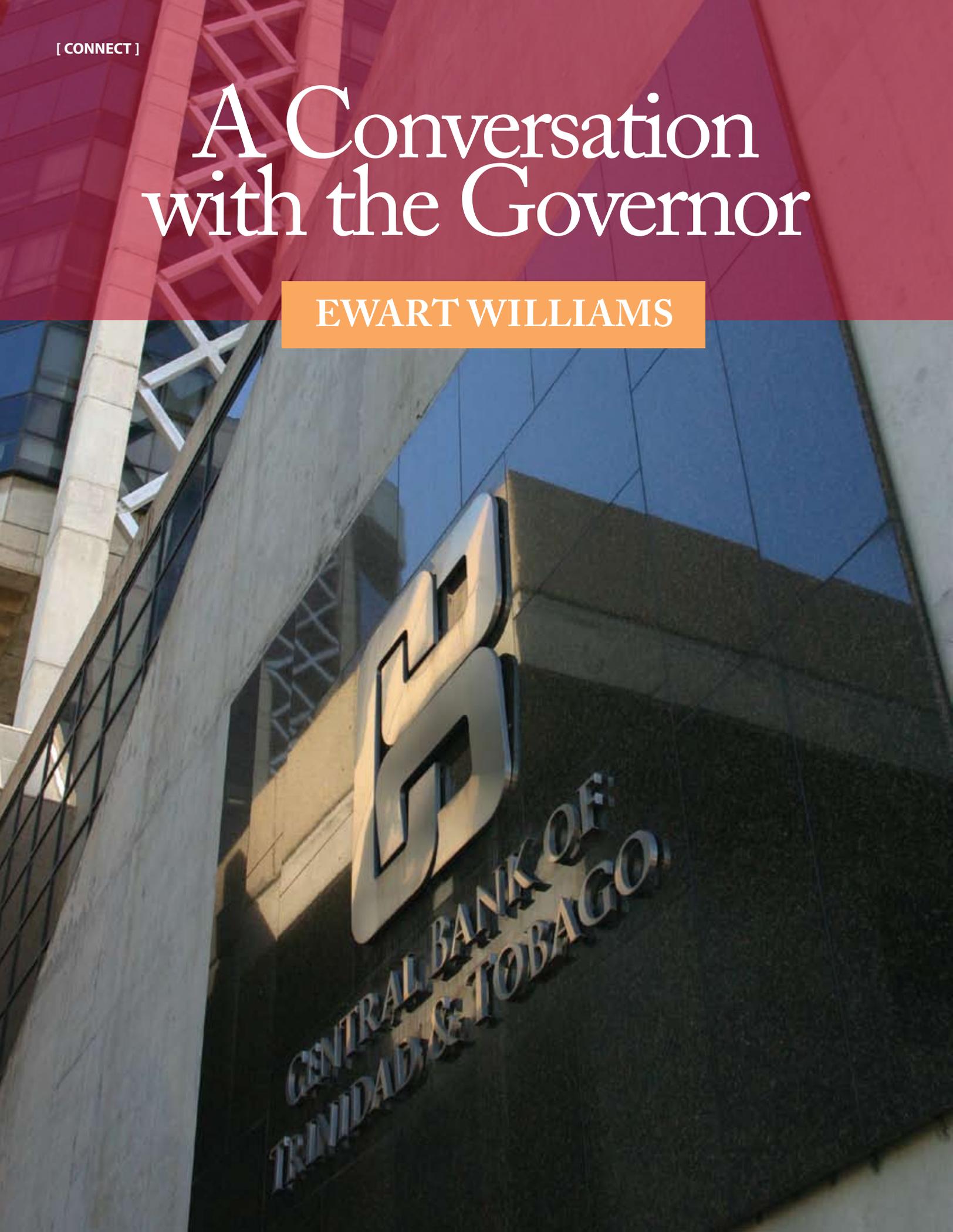
In all, each councilor and the council combined has been sterling, and I thank each of you for your contributions. Service is really hard, and I salute each of you, and invite you to salute them for their excellent service. I thank them personally for helping me to develop as a young leader, and it was a pleasure working and serving with and for them; towards the benefit of all students of the UWI St. Augustine.

HILLAN MOREAN YOUR GUILD 2008-2009 ■

[CONNECT]

A Conversation with the Governor

EWART WILLIAMS



CENTRAL BANK OF
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

At his office in Port of Spain, the **Central Bank Governor** sat down with **Anna Walcott-Hardy** to talk about the economy, his return home after working for 30 years with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and his plans as newly appointed Chairman.

(Here are excerpts from that conversation)

How would you describe your leadership style?

My leadership style? - participatory and down to earth. I haven't been able to get out of my skin. In the sense that, I am who I am. I think I'm most effective when I can get a team together that I feel comfortable working with. I'm really convinced that there is strength in numbers and if you could succeed in transferring that passion, that enthusiasm to the people you work with, then people will be enthusiastic about what they do.

And it's certainly exciting times.

Well, you have to find excitement in what you do or otherwise you can't do your best.

And why did you decide to come back home?

Well I'd been in Washington for 30 years. Just after graduation, after working for a year I went straight off to the IMF. The whole thing happened by chance : there was a recruiting mission from the IMF, who came down here for the first time. It was an international programme. I went up there for two years and the two years stretched to 30.

I always came home twice, three, four times a year. I'm a Carnival person...and I needed to be back home often and I was lucky, because for a significant part of my career I worked in Latin America and the Caribbean, which gave me the opportunity of coming back home. So I was never out of touch with the region.



Ewart Williams
Governor, Trinidad and Tobago Central Bank

Trinidad and Tobago Central Bank Governor, Ewart Williams, has been appointed as Campus Council Chairman at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine. He will take the reins from Michael Mansoor, who has presided over thirteen Campus Council meetings since March 1997. Mr. Mansoor also oversaw the implementation of two strategic plans and a new system of governance for the Campus Councils. Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat recently described Mr. Mansoor's contribution as "invaluable".

"Our St. Augustine Campus Council is very grateful for your time, steadfast support, service and signal contribution to the University over the past eleven years. This Campus in particular has been a beneficiary of the changes that have taken place over the period in which you have been Chairman of Campus Council."

While Mansoor ushered in the University's third strategic plan, it is Williams who will oversee its continued implementation over the next four years. A graduate of UWI and former Chairman of the Audit Committee, he has been Governor for the past seven years and recently chaired his first meeting of the St. Augustine Campus Council on March 17th, 2009.

[CONNECT]

Do you find that studying at UWI was beneficial – it gave you many benefits?

Enormous, in fact, you know, looking back, when I went to this programme with the IMF, perhaps I was the least qualified... in those days you had to have a PhD and they were all PhD from the Ivy League schools. And really in terms of academic qualifications I didn't measure up, and that can be daunting when everybody is from Harvard and MIT ...but one of my early bosses told me that what they saw in me was that I had, one, a certain confidence about me, and two, I could think on my feet. I think what UWI did in those days is that it gave you critical thinking. I think that is what intellectuals call it nowadays (laughs). But in my time it was thinking on your feet...and if you combine that with taking night to make day to fill in the gaps... then you work hard

to fill in the gaps...and, you know, in those institutions as you go along, and you gain confidence and you earn respect, then you do well.

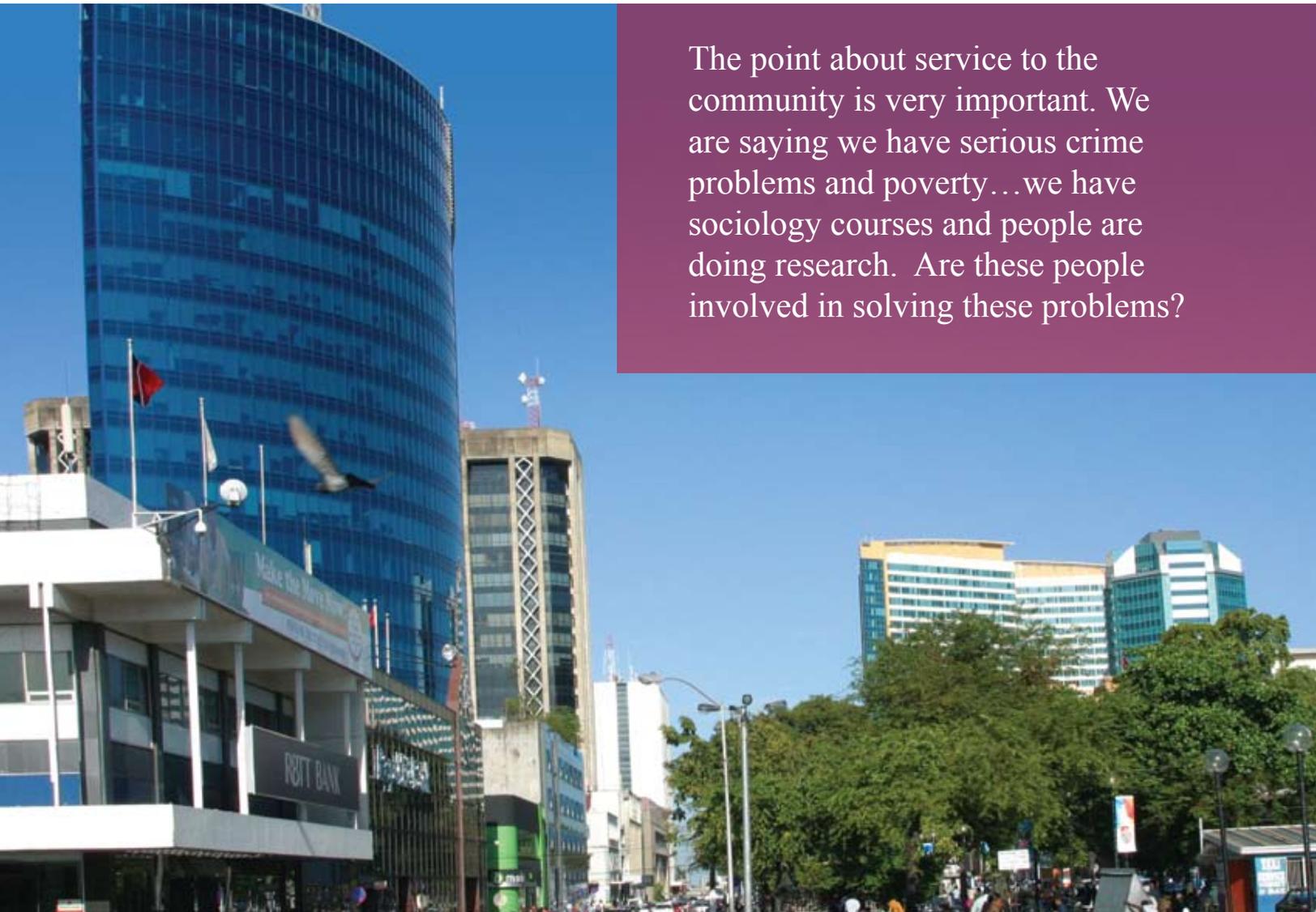
Coming to our current financial gaps, today we have the CL Financial issue, an institution that's been supportive of the University over the years. In the past you called it an isolated case. Would you still call it isolated?

CL Financial? Well isolated in the sense that there are four large insurance companies [in Trinidad and Tobago] and I think CL Financial was unique: one, in terms of its breadth and its reach, right; two, in terms of its business model. And its business model helped it to be successful but with tremendous risks, and it achieved its success while acquiring major vulnerabilities. Because of the course that they

charted, once things went wrong they couldn't avoid this catharsis, they got too big. In effect, they had a philosophy in which acquiring things was a goal in itself...the model was far too risky.

The US economy has also fallen off a cliff, countries like Iceland, considered one of the most developed countries by the United Nations I think in 2007 or 08, is bankrupt. At home, I don't know the latest figures, but we've seen layoffs in the hundreds, what advice would you give to UWI graduates who may be about 2,500 strong in 2009?

Over the past few years, rapid economic growth has created an excess demand for labour, some of which was met by importing workers from abroad. The demand for labour is beginning to slacken and we are seeing



The point about service to the community is very important. We are saying we have serious crime problems and poverty...we have sociology courses and people are doing research. Are these people involved in solving these problems?

some layoffs, particularly in the construction and services sector. The slack in the labour market has largely affected unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Graduates in all fields will always be in demand because in Trinidad and Tobago you face a shortage of competent managerial and professional skills. But you know, the advice I give to young people now is, be prepared to have to make your own job. I gave that advice to my daughter, my younger daughter, who just came out of graduate school, and she took it...there's no doubt that self-employment could provide both interesting challenges and fulfillment for young people.

Do you see GATE as being sustainable?

I think the Government has a major commitment to education because the Government knows that to achieve its 2020 objective it has to invest significantly in education and training. And therefore I don't see GATE being rolled back at all...I think the Government recognizes the role of education and training in not only meeting its economic objective...but in creating a caring innovative and resilient society.

What about the Summit of the Americas, what are your thoughts about that?

Events like these put the country on the map and showcase our considerable strengths. But the benefits are not going to come automatically. We have to make the increased visibility work for us. We are going to have to convince the people out there that Trinidad and Tobago has a lot to offer, be it in music or culture or art, education etc.

You've taken over the role of Chairman from Mr. Michael Mansoor, what would you like your legacy to be?

Legacy? (Laughs) I just started, don't push me too far, so soon. I need to get clear in my mind the ways in which as Chairman of Campus Council I can make an important contribution to UWI. It's not obvious, but I have to find a way. And I'm enthusiastic and passionate about it. As I said, perhaps it's a conscience thing. I was away from Trinidad and Tobago for so long and I did not get a chance to do it then. There are a number of areas where I would like to contribute...from my experience in the Central Bank I would like to contribute to making our graduates more work- place-ready. We have to take a look at the curriculum and see if we can do more for our graduates to make them contribute more to their work environment, to their community and to the country.

The point about service to the community is very important. We are saying we have serious crime problems and poverty... we have sociology courses and people are doing research. Are these people involved in solving these problems? How can we make some of the work we are doing in the University relevant to solving the problems in the community? If we ever needed that kind of help from the University we really need it now. Some people are making sterling contributions to our society: like Professor Copeland with the steelpan invention and Professor Deosaran in criminology. We must find a way of doing this on a broader scale. I think we need to get the private sector involved... but all these are very ambitious things and I have to find the time and the mechanism to do some of these things.



Mr. Michael Mansoor

Six Professors APPOINTED

On Monday 9th February, University Registrar and Director of Administration, Mr C. William Iton, announced that the University Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GPC) had endorsed the decision of the University Appointments Committee to promote six Senior Lecturers to the rank of Professor, three from St Augustine and one from the Mona (Jamaica), Cave Hill (Barbados) and the Open Campus respectively.

The St Augustine Campus lecturers are **Dr Terrence Seemungal** from the Department of Clinical Medical Sciences, **Dr Chidum Ezenwaka** from the Department of Para-Clinical Medical Sciences, and **Dr Paul Shaw** from the Department of Food Production in the School of Agriculture. **Dr Jane Bryce** from the Faculty of Humanities and Education in Cave Hill; **Dr Marvin Reid**, Director of the Sickle Cell Unit of the Tropical Medicine Research Institute at Mona; and **Dr Vivienne Roberts**, Deputy Principal, Open Campus were also promoted.

Dr Seemungal has made an invaluable contribution to the study of lung health. His work with the academic group of Professor Wedzicha in London contributed significantly to the body of knowledge of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. His academic contributions form a consistent body of work of high quality, originality and significance.

Dr Ezenwaka has a well-documented track record of distinguished original contribution to diabetes research, and continues to be a productive investigator. For his expertise in this area, he enjoys international recognition, and brings credit to his institution. For his service on numerous committees and in varied administrative capacities, his advancement to Professorship is appropriate and well-deserved.



Dr Jane Bryce



Dr Marvin Reid



Dr Vivienne Roberts

Dr Shaw is a well-respected scholar in the field of environmental change, particularly in Africa. He has many publications in international, peer-reviewed journals, with generally high citation index scores. His book reviews are scholarly, his conference presentations numerous and he publishes and collaborates with a large number of senior scientists in the field of environmental change. It is as an authority on the Kalahari, which covers a huge area of southern Africa, that Dr Shaw has an international reputation which is second to none. No paper could be written to that area which did not refer to Shaw's work.

Through her work, Dr Bryce has established a strong presence in the field of African literary studies. She helped to produce the first PhD student in African literature in 2006. Her commitment to scholarship and education is noteworthy, and she is also a creative writer, believing that "a good teacher should lead by example." Her efforts go beyond simply teaching and writing about African literature; she also works with publishers of African literatures to bring new works to the public.

Dr Reid's contribution to education, both as a teacher and trainer is exemplary. His ability to ask novel questions and then to explore them



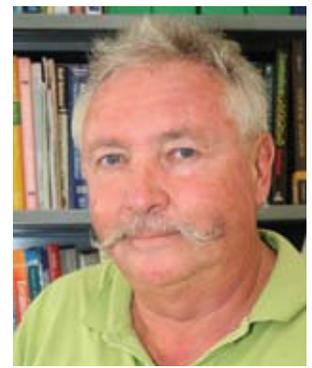
Dr Terrence Seemungal

with his laboratory expertise have led to new and exciting opportunities to explore the impact of abnormalities in metabolism associated with sickle cell disease. He contributes significantly to undergraduate teaching of medical students, on the MSc in nutrition, on the BSc in Nursing, to the supervision of PhD students and to the training of Laboratory personnel in chromatography.

Dr Roberts writes about complex issues in a clear and accessible style, an achievement requiring considerable skill and effort. This style, which is one of the defining qualities of much of Dr Roberts's published work, affords her the possibility of engaging a wide range of stakeholders in thinking and debate.



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ROBERTSON'S MISSION

UWI Professor discovers origins of two creole languages

He's been seated in the chair, for, who knows how long, looking at this huge map of Guyana – five feet by five feet – that was pinned to the wall. Slowly a pattern emerges from the red dots, slowly it all comes together. That's it - a settlement up-river, about 60-100 miles inland, a place where early Dutch settlers had selected to be away from the Malaria-riddled coast that was prone to flooding.

A linguist, UWI Professor Ian Robertson had discovered something and this was just the beginning – soon he would reveal a Creole Dutch that was spoken deep in the forests of Berbice, Guyana: a discovery that would become invaluable to providing a better understanding of our Caribbean history, language and development as a people.

Berbice Dutch Creole with its four or five remaining speakers is the only uncontroversial Dutch related creole still spoken today. Negerhollands, which at one time was the vernacular of the Danish Antilles, now the US Virgin Islands, is extinct, as is Skepi Dutch or Essequibo Dutch, also brought to the fore by Prof. Robertson.

As of November 1992, the speakers of Berbice Dutch Creole numbered four or five, semi-speakers perhaps ten. They grew up and for the most part still live in a particular section of the Berbice River area of Guyana. They are the last surviving speakers of a language which at one time was the vernacular of the Dutch-owned colony which consisted of plantations and small settlements along the Berbice and Canje Rivers and Wiruni Creek.

In 18th century with the move of plantations to the coastal area and the change to British ownership of the colony in 1814, the language began to be spoken less and less. The arrival of the missionaries, who founded schools in Berbice-Dutch speaking communities from the middle of the 19th century, making English the language of church and school signaled the beginning of the end. One such missionary was Charles D. Dance.



In 1914, Hugo Schuchardt discussed and discarded the possibility that a creole related to Dutch existed in the Berbice River area. His discussion was prompted by Dance's Chapters from a Guianese logbook (1881), in which the author frequently remarks on the use of "Creole Dutch", and reports the following conversation: "I remember seeing him [i.e. Willie, the son of the proprietor of plantation Peereboom on the Berbice River — SK] at a wedding party encouraging the Arawak Indian maidens and matrons to drop their bashfulness for a time, and busily engaged in initiating them into the mysteries of knives and forks... Roars of laughter ensued when, on one Arawak patriarch, a little elated, calling out in Creole Dutch, "Ech eh habu sarapa ca" — I have no three pronged arrow (meaning a fork to take up his meat with), Willie archly advised him "Dake de wioacache ne?" — to use his one pronged arrow instead."

Schuchardt comments that he is unable to interpret these words "either with the help of English or of Dutch".

In the early seventies, as a graduate student at UWI, St Augustine, Robertson came across a similar article by Derek Bickerton and it "struck a chord". How was it possible for the Dutch language to "have never been creolized in (the former Dutch colony of) Guyana". Bickerton challenged Robertson to find its existence.

The opportunity to research this theory came a few years later when he returned to his homeland to the University of Guyana (UG). There he began to talk with historians, forest rangers even Government officials — they all agreed that they had never heard of any such language. But just when he was about to give-up a colleague, historian Brian Moore pointed him in the right direction.

The clue was in a mundane document referring to Border Arbitration between Guyana and neighbouring Venezuela. Language was used to assist in the arbitration and there was a reference to a Dutch Creole being spoken in some areas, even the names of children were Dutch. Then it all began to fall in place, albeit slowly. He then travelled to the Hague, then on to London, tracking down documents- letters, records and with painstaking precision pieced together not only a timeline, but a re-creation of life in Guyana in the 17th, 18th and even 19th century.

"I kind of got a sort of mindset of what things were like in those times... Interestingly enough, there were two Dutch creoles spoken in Guyana... one of them was a mainstream Dutch Creole spoken in Essequibo, that one looked very much like the Danish Negerhollands spoken in St. Thomas..."

"By the time I got to Essequibo there would still be people around speaking it... but these languages became stigmatized, they became languages of the unlettered... by the time I got to it I found no active speakers of that one,

there were people who had a sort of reflection, a memory of it and they would give me odd sentences. There was one old lady who did not speak it, but she had some formulaic sentences... like 'where shall I put it'."

He added that the name Skepi Dutch stuck because a reference by a ninety year old Guyanese lady, Grandma Silas. During a conversation with Prof. Robertson she had referred to it as "the Skepi Dutch that those old people used to speak."

Berbician by birth, Professor Robertson attended Queens College before entering The University of the West Indies, where he graduated with a B. A. English (Special Honours). He would go on to gain a PhD at his alma mater. Over the years, he has held several appointments at UG and UWI, including Lecturer in Linguistics, 1973 -1985, Lecturer in Education, 1985-1995, Head of the English Dept, 1980-1985, Head Dept. of Teacher Education at UWI 1990-1995 and then Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education UWI St. Augustine, 2000-2008. His research in Creole languages, and his discovery of indigenous Dutch lexicon alongside his focus on the use of Indigenous Resources in Caribbean Education have been integral to the development of the UWI St Augustine Campus offerings. The only question that remains is how do we define creole. According to Prof. Robertson, "the discipline appears to be no closer to consensus than it was in the mid-1960s".

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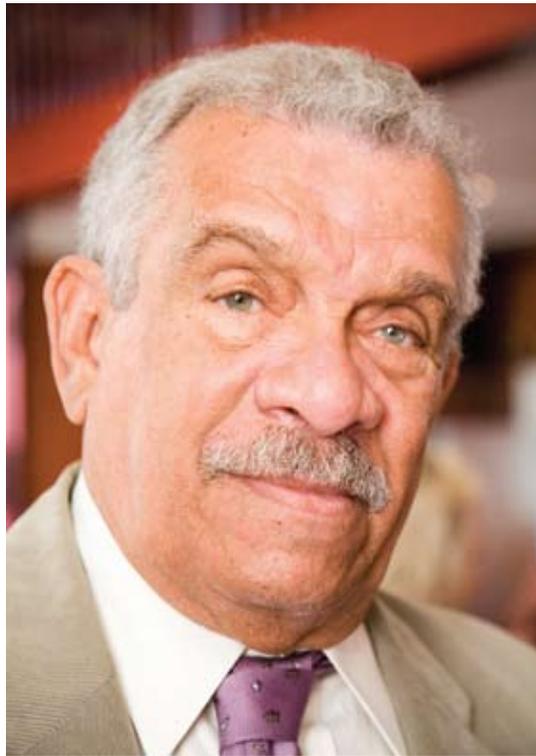
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Walcott in Race for Oxford Professor of Poetry

According to Robert Mc Crum of the British Observer newspaper, the race to succeed Christopher Ricks as Oxford professor of poetry is hotting up as polling day at the Sheldonian looms, and looks like a two-horse race between Nobel laureate Derek Walcott (Omeros, The Arkansas Testament) and metropolitan favourite Ruth Padel (Alibi, Soho Leopard). In this eccentric contest, each has secured more than 80 “nominators”. Walcott is probably ahead by a nose, with the support of several well-known writers, including Alan Hollinghurst, Marina Warner, John Carey, Jon Stallworthy, Jenny Joseph, Bernard O’Donoghue, UA Fanthorpe, Alan Brownjohn, Anthony Thwaite and historian Margaret MacMillan. There’s also said to be enthusiasm for Walcott among graduate students. Everything hangs on the turn-out. Both campaigns are working hard to mobilise their supporters for the vote on 16 May.



The Year of WALCOTT

The UWI will celebrate the work of one of its own, Nobel Laureate Derek Walcott, in 2009 with special events including the staging of ‘Fragments’ by the Department of Creative and Festival Arts in April. In 2010 a conference is planned in the UWI graduate’s honor. Presented with the Queen’s Medal for Poetry at Buckingham Palace by Queen Elizabeth II in 1988, Walcott was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1992. He founded the Trinidad Theatre Workshop in 1959 and the Boston Playwrights’ Theatre at Boston University in 1981. Born in St. Lucia on January 23rd 1930, he has been presented with honorary degrees from a wide selection of Universities including UWI and Oxford. His books of poetry include *Collected Poems* (1986), *Omeros* (1990) and *Tiepolo’s Hound* (1997).

[SPORT]

The Condition of West Indies

Sir Hilary looks at the past and future of the game



Cricket



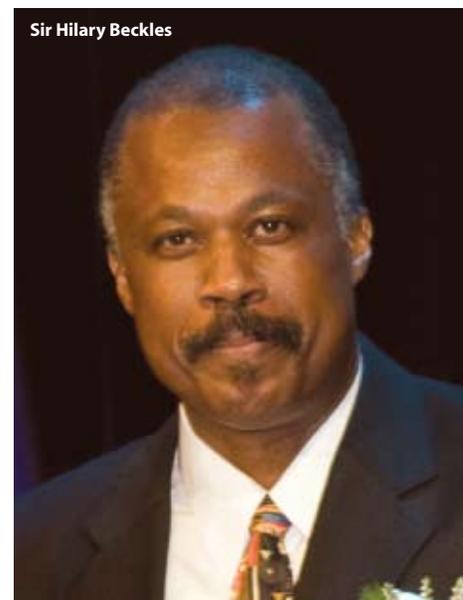
Just a few days after speaking about the ‘ebb and flow’ of West Indies’ cricket, Sir Hilary Beckles’ insight was underscored with the regional team losing a key match because of a miscalculation of the Duckworth-Lewis rule (after re-capturing the Wisden trophy). In March, Sir Hilary sought to examine the Condition of West Indies cricket and analyse where we went wrong and why, in a lecture at the St. Augustine Campus.

“I am optimistic going forward... West Indies people are not prepared to hand-over cricket, the next ten years are going to be fair to fine.”

Sir Hilary is Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal, and Professor of Economic and Social History at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados. Also a record-breaker, he would become the youngest lecturer to be promoted to Professor in the history of UWI, when he was just 37. Born in Barbados in 1955, Sir Hilary holds a BA (Hons) degree in Economic History from Hull University. In 2003, he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters for outstanding work as a scholar from his alma mater. He joined the History Department at UWI, Mona Campus in 1979 as a lecturer. In August 2002 he returned to Cave Hill as Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Principal. He was knighted in 2007, by the Government of Barbados for his distinguished service in the field of education, particularly at the university level and his dedication to the furtherance of arts and sports, especially cricket.

On March 16 he was invited to be the headliner at the annual Sonny Ramadhin Cricket Lecture hosted by the Faculty of Social Sciences. The lecture series has certainly grown in popularity over the past five years, with an impressive list of speakers including Tony Cozier, Sunil Gavaskar and Deryck Murray.

After an introduction which effectively placed the game in a key historical and economical context, Sir Hilary went on to explain to the



packed auditorium, the impact cricket has had on the national and regional psyche.

“How deep are the roots of cricket in our own collective consciousness – my thinking is that the roots are deep – perhaps even deeper than in the English context because of the journey of cricket.”

In 1884, the formation of a regional cricket team had a trade agenda. The team was suggested during a meeting of sugar producers from various Caribbean territories, including Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago, in response to the duties placed on sugar by the British Government.

Two years later the team’s inaugural tour took them to Canada and the USA. But it would be 20 years before the West Indies Cricket team was given test status. Below the surface, the game was and has been representative of the region’s ability to govern, to emerge from colonialism into independence “to handle ourselves with dignity”.

Initially, Sir Hilary spoke of three periods when “we were on top of the world”, in 1951-



(L-R) Dr. Hamid Ghany and Sir Hilary Beckles

when the team defeated England and India; 1967 –when WI became world champs for the first time; and again from 1978-95 under the leadership of Sir Clive Lloyd and Sir Viv Richards. He believes there will be a fourth rising, but when or where this will come is up for debate. However, he posited that there has been excellence even in the midst of the decay: from the genius of Brian Lara and Courtney Walsh to the tenacity of Curtly Ambrose.

His presentation looked towards putting forward a series of theories drawn from conversations he has had with intellectuals, cricketers and colleagues over the years. Ultimately, the core of the presentation focussed on ten key factors or arguments used to explain the current state of the game including: the Mismanagement of the West Indies Cricket Board of which he is currently a member, to the natural rise and fall of a culture. According to the UWI Professor, the WICB was not able to fully capitalise on the advantages during the years of success and there was also a lack of listening to, and of communication with stakeholders in the 70s, 80s and 90s, “it was like speaking to a concrete door.”

He also spoke of the loss of leadership and skill as contributing factors. According to Sir Hilary, “cricket is a game that is hyper-sensitive to leadership,” and the loss of skill after having perfected the craft over a period of three decades has impacted significantly on the team.

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“There is no doubt that the fast bowlers do not move the ball like they used to... the loss of skill is associated with the mentality necessary to acquire skill – there is no thirst to learn at the national level”, he added.

Another factor was the ban placed on the players during the time of the late Australian media tycoon, Kerry Packer, best known for founding World Series Cricket. In 1977 the Nine cricket rights deal led to a confrontation with the authorities, as top players from several countries rushed to join him at the expense of their international sides. In the 1970s the global cricket establishment fiercely opposed Packer in the courts. Sir Hilary believes that the fall-out was disastrous to the team as key players were sidelined and opposing camps were formed. In the end, the West Indies tradition of veteran players being mentors to novices, was broken. The sharing of knowledge of the game, technical skill and support were profoundly affected.

The economic decline of the region was cited as another key factor which has led to a lessening of investment by the entrepreneurial class in the game; also the crisis of the Caribbean Integration movement - “Cricket is feeling the effect of lack of energy in the integration movement,” he explained.

There were also several positive factors that have been affecting the state of the game including the change in mentality of a new generation who are “ashamed of the state of cricket” and want to reclaim the glory. In Cave Hill, the Principal spoke of the support through scholarships being given to young talented players including a fourteen year-old who recently scored three consecutive double centuries.

His optimism for the future of cricket lies in the respect that the current Captain Chris Gayle gains from his team, the return of many of the veteran players to share their experiences with players and re-build relationships, and the development of cricket academies throughout the region. AWH

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The visit of Queen Sofia of Spain to the St Augustine Campus was an opportunity to deepen the relationship that Spain has with UWI which allows students to attend Spanish universities. Spain has also funded the university staff position of 'Lector in Spanish', and His Excellency Mr. Fernando de la Serna has instituted the Embassy for Spain Prize for Peninsular Spanish Literature. Spain has also provided literature, teaching materials and scholarships to UWI students.

UWI Pro Vice Chancellor and St. Augustine Campus Principal, Professor Clement K. Sankat hosted an Official Visit from Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain on Tuesday 17th February. Her Majesty's visit to the University is part of the state visit of the Their Majesties King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain to Trinidad and Tobago. Her Excellency Dr. Jean Ramjohn-Richards, wife of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago accompanied Her Majesty on this historic trip. On arrival at the Principal's grounds, Her Excellency and Her Majesty were formally greeted by the Campus Principal and his wife, Dr Rohani Maharaj. Professor Sankat then officially welcomed the Spanish delegation which included: Doña Belén Casans, wife of the Spanish Ambassador; Don José Cabrera, Head of the Private Office of Her Majesty; Don Toribio de Prado, Member of Protocol; Doña María Sebastián de Erice, Deputy Head of Mission and Don Bernardo de Lizaur, Deputy Head of Protocol for the Spanish Royal Household.



(L-R) Her Excellency Dr. Jean Ramjohn-Richards, wife of the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Campus Principal, Professor Clement K. Sankat and Queen Sofia of Spain



The official welcome party included: Christine Kangaloo, the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education; Mr Kennedy Swaratsingh, the Honourable Minister of Public Administration; and Mr. Vasant Bharat, Member of Parliament for St. Augustine. Members of the Senior Management and other officials of the University were also presented, including: Pro Vice Chancellor (PVC) for Research, Professor Wayne Hunte; Deputy Campus Principal, Professor Rhoda Reddock; Campus Registrar, Mr. Jeremy Callaghan; Campus Bursar, Mrs. Lylla Bada; Campus Librarian, Ms. Jennifer Joseph, as well as a number of Faculty Deans and Spanish nationals teaching at UWI St Augustine. During the visit Her Majesty planted a Double Chaconia (*Warszewiczia coccinea* var 'David Auyong') in the nearby garden, viewed a commemorative exhibition

featuring letters of Christopher Columbus, trade maps, documents, books, as well as historic photographs of St Joseph courtesy of Dr Glenroy Taitt of the UWI Main Library. The special exhibition was facilitated by Professor Bridget Brereton of the Department of History, Dr. Lancelot Cowie of the Department of Liberal Arts and Ms Jennifer Joseph, Campus Librarian.

It has been 500 years since a member of the Royal family has paid an official visit to T&T.

For more information about the Official Visit from Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain, please contact the Marketing and Communications Office of The University of the West Indies at (868) 662-2002 Ext. 3636. or email: marketing.communications@sta.uwi.edu



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1. (From Left) Professor Clement Sankat, Campus Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor, UWI, St. Augustine; Professor Rhoda Reddock, Deputy Principal, UWI, St. Augustine; The Honorable Christine Kangaloo, National Minister of Science Technology and Tertiary Education; Dr. Rohini Maharaj (Right) • **2.** Guests view historic Spanish texts put on display by The UWI Main Library. • **3** (Left) Minister Kennedy Swaratsingh, The Honorable Minister of Public Administration, The Hon. Christine Kangaloo, Her Excellency Dr. Jean Ramjohn-Richards, First Lady of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Professor Clement Sankat look on as Queen Sofia of Spain plants the Double Chaconia (Right). • **4.** Cross-section of officials at event • **5.** Queen Sofia of Spain signs the visitors' book • **6.** Historical Spanish Text on display • **7.** Dr. Glenroy Taitt of The UWI Main Library • **8.** (Left) Professor Bridget Brereton, Queen Sofia of Spain, Professor Clement Sankat and Her Excellency Dr. Jean Ramjohn-Richards • **9.** Professor Rhoda Reddock greets and presents a bouquet of flowers to Queen Sofia of Spain • **10.** Professor Bridget Brereton, Professor of History, UWI, St. Augustine along with Professor Sankat discuss an Historic Spanish Map • **11.** Dr. Lancelot Cowie, Coordinator of Spanish, UWI, St. Augustine; Mr. Jerry Medford, former President UWI Alumni Association T&T Chapter share a joke with Dr. David Rampersad, Director, Business Development Office, • **12.** Artist Adrian Camps-Campins with Dean Hamid Ghany • **13.** Queen Sofia greets UWI Main Library Staff



atthecrossroads

*Academics Examine Benefits and Challenges
of the Summit of the Americas*

The Trinidad and Tobago

Government believes the significant event holds potential as an image-maker for T&T and the capacity for this country to establish itself as one of the historic meeting-points of the decade.

But the fact that T&T will be the hemispheric cross-roads of note over April 17 - 19 when the Summit of the Americas is held here, may not necessarily mean that the historic event will be able to solve the region's problems. Or bring the benefits that are being so highly touted, according to some academic experts at The University of the West Indies.

Summits which have been held since 1994 when former US President Bill Clinton launched the concept, take place every three to four years. At the event hemispheric leaders exchange ideas and opinions on political, economic, social and security challenges confronting the region. The event brings together the 34 democratically elected heads of state and Governments in the Western Hemisphere - the Organisation of American States (OAS).

Previous summits in Quebec and Argentina saw violent protests against North American policies and US President George Bush, when agenda issues focused on trade and the USA's image had sunk to an all time low in the Latin American quarter.

On this occasion, the summit host T&T holds the distinction of being among the first international destinations for new USA President Barack Obama, and also as being the first Caribbean small Island developing state to stage the event.

Prime Minister Patrick Manning's administration which will host the visiting 33 leaders has formulated a conference theme with priority basis on various key global issues. The conference's theme "Securing Our Citizens' Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability" focuses on poverty alleviation, energy issues and climate change.

The Summit's agenda and draft Declaration of Commitment seeks to ensure that people of the Americas have access to information on energy, environmental and climate

change issues. It also aims to direct relevant authorities in conjunction with the World Bank and Inter -American Development Bank to review potential impacts of climate change for the Americas by 2011 and formulate national increased public awareness on energy and environmental issues. Leaders will also attempt to ensure eventual stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at safe levels.

Members will also support further dialogue and co-operation and work towards global agreement at a further meeting in Copenhagen.

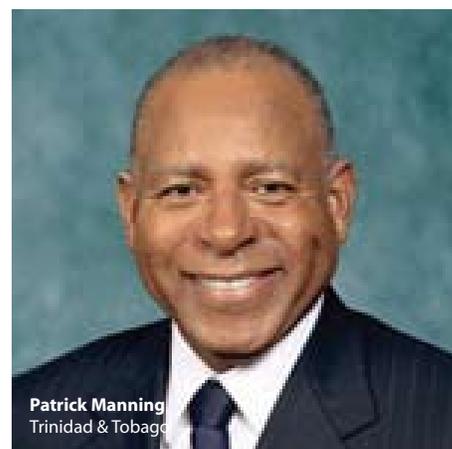
Further to the formal agenda, plenary session discussions will focus on the global financial dilemma, food security and an anti-crime thrust. Input will also be forthcoming from sessions with non governmental organisations and labour. The effort is estimated to cost about TT\$600million.

UWI economics professor and Director of The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of International Relations (SALISES) Dr. Patrick Watson, acknowledges that the summit will put T&T in the spotlight for a "few days." But only just.

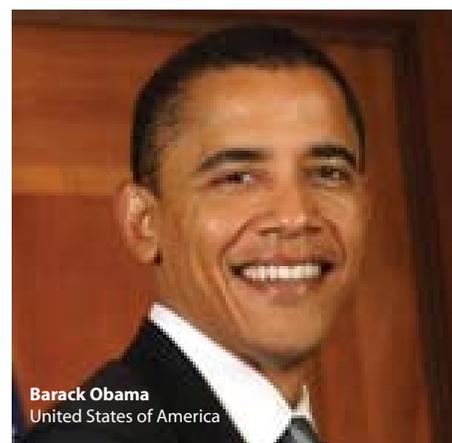
"While T&T will be the centre of attention of the Americas if not the world for those few days - after all, the most powerful man in the world will be among us and we're therefore going to get a lot of exposure during that period - apart from that, I am not expecting much more."

"The Organization of the Americas (OAS) came into being in direct response to the security concerns of the United States of America, in particular the concern about the spread of the influence of the Soviet Union."

"That threat no longer exists and so the OAS has long outlived its usefulness. It has of course been used for launching ideas like the FTAA, which is now, for all practical purposes, a dead issue, as is Trinidad & Tobago's aspirations to be the headquarters of that grouping. Watson added, "Any thought that T&T can use its position of Chair to have an influence on conference participants, in particular the United States of America, to make economic gains is unreasonable."



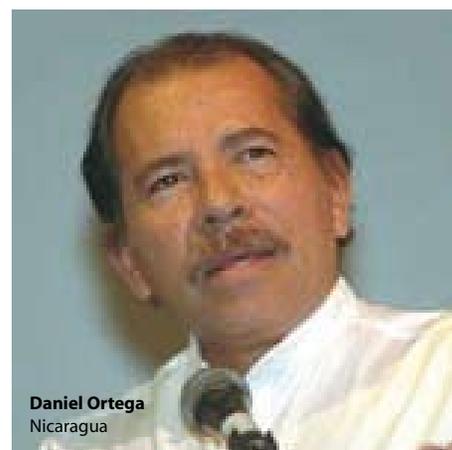
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“The USA, in particular, is grappling with what is arguably its most serious crisis since the 1930s and is much more concerned with sorting out and staving off a deepening of the economic and social crisis than in doing favours to any other country.” Watson said, “Indeed, as we speak, the US Congress is about to pass into law a piece of legislation first championed by then Senator, now President, Obama, that will sound the death knell of the offshore financial sector in the Caribbean and any lingering hopes that T&T had for promoting its International Financial Centre.” Watson added, “Leaders, old and new, will meet and greet and form (and renew) acquaintances. There will be a large Press presence here and maybe even some tourists hoping to catch a glimpse of Their Excellencies, Michelle and Barack Obama.” “But I am quite sure that the possible revenues gained from this ‘event’ will not in any way match the tremendous cost of the exercise. It is a cost that we could hardly afford today.”

Watson’s concerns about cost echo the sentiments of his colleague UWI Professor Dennis Pantin who is on record as questioning the expected benefits of the event as opposed to the large costs involved not only for the Summit of the Americas, but also for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference which T&T is hosting in November.

Lending a slightly different perspective however is UWI Director of The Institute of International Relations, Dr Timothy Shaw, who has attended similar summits and who believes this one can benefit business, investment and the media.

Canadian-born Shaw, who has worked in Europe and Africa, says it is quite unique for T&T to be holding two summits in one year - the Summit of the Americas as well as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference later in November. “It takes





some countries almost 10 years to host one of these,” says Shaw. A first-time visitor to the Caribbean, Shaw is particularly intrigued by T&T. “It’s not a Third world country or a First world country. It falls somewhere in between. Nor is it like other Caribbean states. It’s not Guyana, Jamaica and certainly not like Haiti.” If anything, Shaw believes T&T compares favourably to Singapore particularly in terms of the diaspora and is on par with three or four other developing states.

The heavy workload for summit leaders, Shaw says, may centre on development and financial issues with input from non-governmental organisations. “A Port of Spain initiative such as accords which have been formulated at previous summits, could very well materialise,” Shaw says. But he believes that like the CHOGM in Abuja, Nigeria where the issue of Zimbabwe – which was not on the agenda – crept in as the main issue, so too will the issue of the global economic crisis be significant on the agenda.

However, Shaw does not believe that some of the violent occurrences which marred the Quebec and Argentina summits will materialise in Port of Spain.

“The world has changed with the entry of the Obama administration,” he says. “We might expect to see a more collaborative U.S.A. stance, not hegemonic. The new leaders now are South America in terms of multilateralism. Brazil for instance is one of two emerging economies of note. The other being India which is secretary general of the Commonwealth”.

Shaw also expects the US’ range of issues to include the financial sectors of the region and taxation aspects which could arise from the recent issues involving Antigua and Sir Alan Stanford’s financial misfortunes and similar occurrences in the US.

Border conflicts, trade and survival of the Caribbean Sea are likely to figure prominently

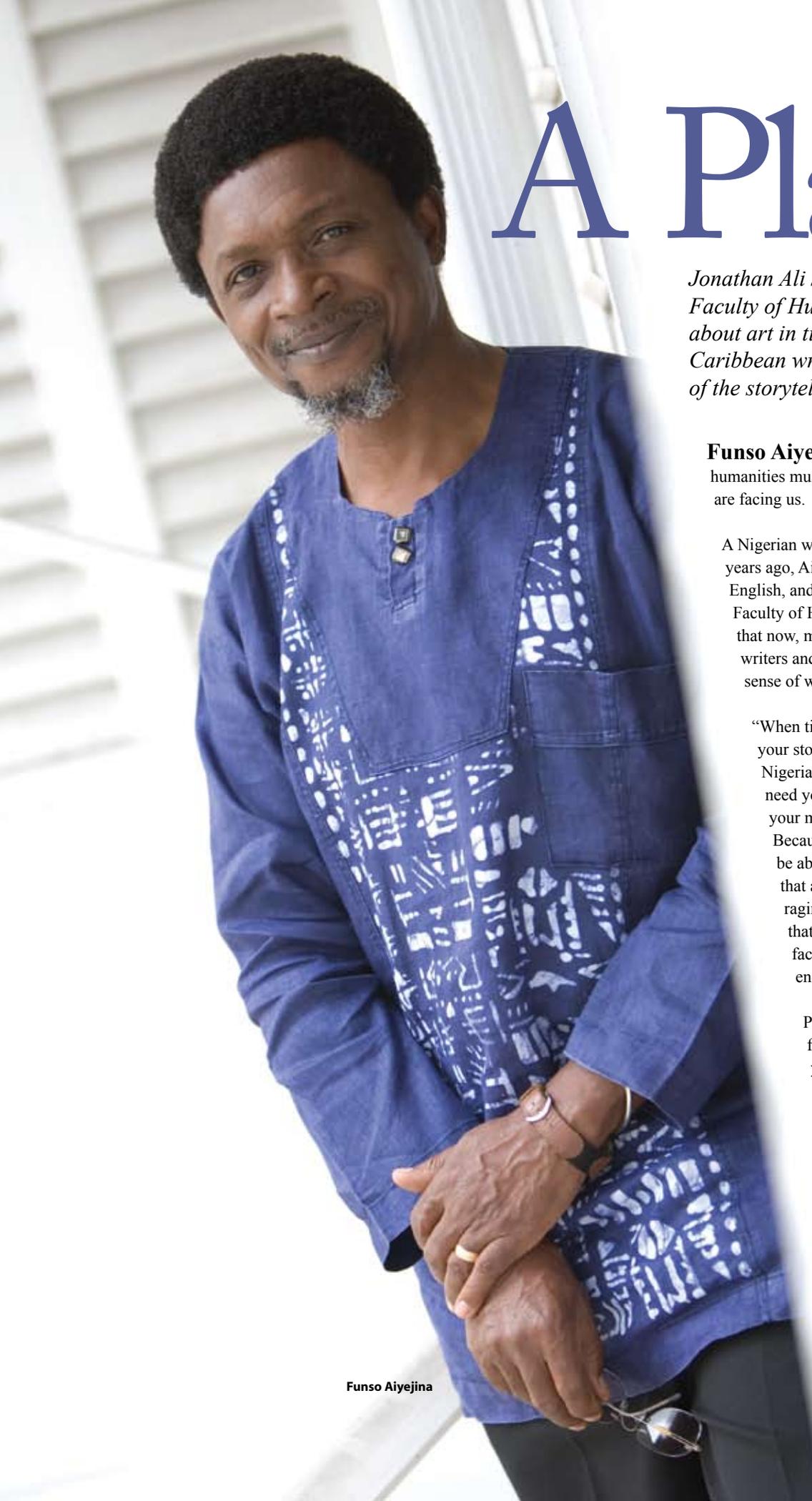
as well, he says. While Canada may play a bridging role, Shaw sees the challenges presented by the position of Venezuelan “strongman” leader Hugo Chavez as one of the main challenges.

He believes T&T Prime Minister Patrick Manning may need to sharpen up support for both the OAS and CHOGM summits.

Professor Gregory McGuire speaking from Jamaica said he believed the summit’s benefits might be based on pre-conditions. One of these, he says, may hinge on the agenda set by Caricom leaders. However that will be finalised when Caricom leaders meet in Port of Spain just prior to the summit.

Their position will be further sharpened at a Caricom-Canada caucus on the morning of April 17 ahead of the summit’s ceremonial launch. **GAIL ALEXANDER** ■





A Place in

Jonathan Ali speaks with Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education about art in times of recession, Caribbean writers and the importance of the storyteller.

Funso Aiyejina has no doubt about what role the humanities must play in the tough economic times that are facing us.

A Nigerian who first came to this country some thirty years ago, Aiyejina is a professor in Literatures in English, and as of August 2008 the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education. He believes that now, more than ever, the society needs its writers and artists to chronicle events and make sense of what is taking place around us.

“When times are hardest, that is when you need your storytellers,” he says in his rich hybrid Nigerian-Trinidadian accent. “That is when you need your educators. That is when you need your merchants of metaphors and images. Because they are the ones that are going to be able to contextualise for you the emotions that are raging through the country and raging through the people. They are the ones that are going to be able to contextualise the fact that there is always some light at the end of the tunnel.”

Professor Aiyejina has been on the faculty at St Augustine for twenty years, though his association with the University began in 1977 as a postgraduate student. Now sixty, he has the look of a man a good ten or fifteen years younger, with only a few strands of grey hair—both on his head and in his neat beard.

His present duties, however, might conspire to add a bit more grey to his hair. As Dean, he has the sizeable responsibility of running the Faculty at an academic level as well as a financial and

Funso Aiyejina

the World

administrative level. He must ensure that students are getting the best quality education available, and also that the facilities available are up to mark “so that students don’t become forced to carry placards”.

The hurly burly of his administrative duties may be Professor Aiyejina’s current preoccupation, but this in no way detracts from his great passion for literature and writing, as well as assisting up and coming writers. In this regard, the Faculty’s successful annual Campus Literature Week, which has taken place every March for the past eleven years and features fiction, non-fiction and poetry readings by students, alumni and staff, as well as by a featured author, is an initiative by Professor Aiyejina of which he is justly proud.

“It was something that was second nature to me, something I’ve been doing since I was an undergraduate, always looking for an opportunity to create an avenue for literature to get to the public.”

He is especially pleased that members of not only the English department, but also other departments such as History and Communications have shared their literary talents during Campus Literature Week. “What has also happened,” he says, “is that students of the MFA (Masters in Fine Arts) programme are participating in the organisation, so the work is no longer done solely by me.” Over the years, the MFA students have also benefited through their interaction with the featured writers including Erna Brodber, Jan Carew, Austin Clarke, Lawrence Scott, Olive Senior, and most recently Rachel Manley, who are often in residence for months at a time.

Another initiative has been the celebrations held to honour the achievements of regional writers. These have taken place on two levels. One has been as part of campus-wide celebrations for the region’s Nobel Laureates, an idea devised by former campus principal, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie. This has included a programme held in 2007 in honour of VS Naipaul, in 2008 economist Sir Arthur Lewis and continues with one this year designed to honour Derek Walcott. The other level has been more faculty-driven, and has included a conference organised by Professor Aiyejina in 2005 in honour of Earl Lovelace.

Yet another initiative, devised by Professor Aiyejina for the university’s 60th anniversary celebrations last year was the book fair and cultural festival, held at the Sports and Education Centre (SPEC). In addition to local booksellers proffering their wares, the event was a showcase for the Department of Creative & Festival Arts, which provided an exhibition of paintings by art students, as well as theatrical and musical performances.

Despite meticulous planning and extensive on-campus publicity, however, the book fair did not have the turn out from the student body that Professor Aiyejina would have liked. Still, he sees the fair as something important, and has plans to institutionalise the event.

“We are in the process of putting together a proposal to take to the university to make it an annual or biannual event.”

Away from his work with writers and literature on campus, Professor Aiyejina is also a published author in his own right. (“I think of myself as a minor writer,” he says modestly.)



Earl Lovelace

His literary output includes two volumes of poetry and a collection of short stories (*The Legend of the Rockhills*, which won the Commonwealth Writers Prize 2000 for Best First Book, Africa). He has also edited a collection of Earl Lovelace’s essays, *Growing in the Dark*, and a festschrift, *A Place in the World*, arising out of the conference held in Lovelace’s honour.

And off campus, Professor Aiyejina is also concerned with nurturing the region’s up and coming literary talent, through the Cropper Foundation’s Caribbean Writers Programme. Started by Angela Cropper and her husband, the late John Cropper, in memory of their son, Dev, the Caribbean Writers Programme is an annual three week writers workshop and retreat that has been held on and off since 2000. The programme was shaped by Professor Aiyejina, who continues to give freely of his time and talent in spearheading the workshop.

“I just love to do it,” he says. “It gives me great pleasure to be part of the development of a young writer.” And here the whole notion of the importance of the storyteller returns.

“If we don’t create the future generation of storytellers, our stories will not be told. And a society that does not have storytellers to remind them where they are coming from, where they are, and where they may want to go is doomed to fail.” He pauses, then adds: “We are there also to put a smile on people’s faces—in hard times and in good times. JA ■

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Renowned Chemist Lectures On Campus



Professor Peter Pulay

A quick goggle of Peter Pulay and you at once are both impressed and baffled, unless you're into theoretical chemistry. The Roger B. Bost Professor of Chemistry, in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arkansas, U.S.A., whose *ab initio* work was cited in the official background material for the 1998 Nobel Prize in chemistry, was a visiting lecturer at the UWI St Augustine Campus in 2008.

Born in 1941 in Veszprém, Hungary, the theoretical chemist is best known for his contribution of the introduction of the gradient method in quantum chemistry. This allows

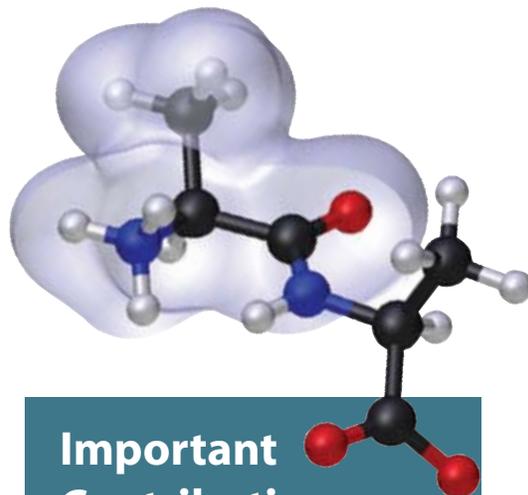
for the prediction of the geometric structure of a molecule using computational chemical programmes to be almost routine. Prof. Pulay is also the main author of the PQS computational chemistry programme.

"Professor Pulay is one of the leading authorities in Molecular Orbital modeling a significant tool in Chemical Reaction Modeling. He delivered a successful short course in Molecular Modeling in July/August 2008 as part of the initiation of a programme in Modeling Simulation use in our parallel computing," Professor Lebert Grierson, Head of the Chemistry Department at UWI explained.

In an aim to create a dynamic atmosphere that would facilitate Numerical Computing on Campus, the renowned scientist delivered a short course. Nearing the end of the trip, Professor Pulay spoke favourably of the enthusiasm and course work being done by the students and lecturers on Campus.

A prolific writer of over 220 research papers, he has been presented with the Hungarian Academy of Science award in 1979 and the Medal of the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Sciences in 1982. Peter Pulay was made a Foreign Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 1993 and is a member of the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science. ■

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Important Contributions

by Professor Pulay

The gradient method. This method made practical the *ab initio* determination of the structures of polyatomic molecules, and initiated a whole field. It was generalized to open-shell and multiconfigurational wave functions, third derivatives, and coupled-pair wave functions.

Coordinates for geometry optimization. Natural internal, and later redundant internal coordinates for *ab initio* geometry optimizations.

Force constants. The first systematic investigation of polyatomic vibrational force fields by *ab initio* methods. The Scaled Quantum Mechanical (SQM) method to correct for systematic errors.

DIIS. The DIIS SCF convergence acceleration technique, and its generalization to open-shell and multiconfigurational wavefunctions.

Local correlation. Based on Meyer's SCEP formulation, Pulay and Saebø have developed the first practical local correlation method.

Multiconfigurational Wavefunction. The UNO-CAS method (CAS-SCF quality results at much lower cost); Generalized Møller-Plesset theory for multiconfigurational root functions (with Wolinski).

NMR shifts. Introduction of modern gradient techniques in the *ab initio* calculation of NMR chemical shifts by the gauge-including atomic orbital method (with Wolinski and Hinton).

Parallel *ab initio* Calculations. Principal author of the PQS suite, aimed at the parallel calculation of molecular properties: SCF and DFT energies, forces, force constants, NMR shifts, MP2 and coupled cluster energies.



UWI hosts Appreciation Day for Principals



Professor Clement K. Sankat

In February, Campus Principal, Professor Clement K. Sankat hosted secondary school principals in the first-ever Appreciation Day. Feedback from principals after the luncheon seemed to lean towards the event achieving its main objective of providing a forum for the secondary school principals to interact with the administrative and academic staff of the University.

Seventy principals from five-year and seven-year secondary schools across Trinidad and Tobago toured the St Augustine Campus, visiting the UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC), the new Student Administration Building, the Main Library, the new Milner Hall of Residence and the newly constructed teaching and learning facility, Daaga Hall. A group of participants also visited the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex at Mt Hope.

After a group luncheon with entertainment provided by none other than Paul Keens-Douglas, the Principals had an opportunity to hear about the offerings of accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at the St Augustine Campus. The post-luncheon session included a Question and Answer forum. Live entertainment from 2009 Young Kings winner, Jervae Caesar closed the Appreciation Day, which UWI intends to host every two years. ■

For more information about the Secondary School Principals Appreciation Day, please contact the Marketing and Communication Office, at (868) 662 2002 Ext 3636



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*New Programmes impact
on research and development in the region*

The University of the West Indies (UWI), in its most recent strategic plan, has set its sights on becoming more innovative and internationally competitive institution, at the Graduate level, by 2012. With the significant social and economic changes happening on a global level, a priority remains the implementation of innovative and relevant programmes.

Professor Patricia Mohammed, St. Augustine Campus Co-ordinator of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, explains that her department is engaged in the expansion of

graduate programmes and offerings in a variety of disciplines. The focus being on providing students with new options that prepare them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing new world order.

As such, the St. Augustine Campus has proposed to add several new graduate programmes to its offerings throughout its five faculties. The largest faculty on the Campus, Social Sciences, has introduced the **Postgraduate Diploma leading to MSc in Mediation Studies**. The programme is a two-year course that will award students a Postgraduate Diploma at the end of the first year and a Masters on completion of the second year.

Also within social sciences, to meet the growing demand for this skill, the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) has developed the **MSc Development Statistics** programme. This master's programme is aimed at training statisticians, allied professionals and other persons who want to undertake quantitative analysis in social and economic decision-making initiatives, in the area of Development Policy.

The Institute for Gender and Development Studies has developed the **Postgraduate Diploma leading to MSc in Gender and Development**. This is a full-time programme aimed at training people in the non-



Dr. Rowena Kalloo

governmental and public sectors. Students graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma at the end of the first year and a Masters on completion of the second year.

Within the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the School of Nursing has developed the **MSc Nursing Programme**. This is designed to improve and enhance the practicing standards of nursing instructors and advanced nurse practitioners by furthering their training. This programme is expected to attract about 15 students in the first year and will be supported by the Ministry of Health.

The Faculty of Humanities and Education has proposed two new courses at the postgraduate level. The School of Education will offer the Postgraduate Diploma leading to a **MA in Tertiary Level Teaching and Learning**. This is a part-time, intensive, two-year programme for persons already involved in teaching at the tertiary level. The course is designed to allow for participants to graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma at the end of the first year and a Masters on completion of the second year.

Also offering in the Faculty of Humanities and Education is the **MA in Communications Studies**, which will commence in September 2009. This course meets the growing interest in the study of language and communication. The postgraduate level of this programme follows the Minor in Communication Studies, which was initially offered at the undergraduate level in 1999 and the Major in Communications track, which was first offered in 2004.

The Faculty of Engineering will offer a new postgraduate programme – the **MSc in Engineering Asset Management** this year. This is a part-time course that will run over a period of four semesters. The programme is designed to develop and enhance professional competence in the management of the physical assets of an organisation. This is of particular interest as companies within the petroleum and chemical sectors in the country, have invested substantially in human resources and plant development.

The Faculty of Science and Agriculture will also expand its offerings with the inclusion of the **MSc. Occupational Environmental Safety and Health**. This postgraduate level course was borne out of the recent changes in legislation that have led to new requirements and qualifications in the areas of Occupational Health and Safety for all organisations. This programme will draw on the support of international experts.

These are just some of the new courses that the University will introduce in 2009.

Research Spotlight

In addition to new courses, the UWI St. Augustine Campus continues to build a solid reputation for its postgraduate programmes through its research. Here is a highlight on some of the recent postgraduate research that has come out of the campus.

ROWENA KALLOO *PhD Education*

The title, ‘No easy thing- a portraiture of the dynamics of teacher-pupil interactions in a standard 4 primary school classroom in Trinidad’, effectively captures scope, situations and findings of the research done by PhD Education graduate, Dr. Rowena Kalloo.

Dr. Kalloo discovered her love for teaching as a student enrolled in the Diploma in Education programme at UWI. Although it was challenging, she was able to balance studying with teaching at the Mucurapo Senior Comprehensive Secondary School. “The creative and practical methods of teaching and the various ways in which human beings learn, truly stood out to me there”, she explained. After being a teacher for many years and looking back now, it’s not surprising that she latched on to the area of classroom practice as paedagogy has always been of more interest to her than policy or curriculum. Now a lecturer and trainer at the Teachers’ College, Dr. Kalloo helps teachers connect with their students.

She delved into this research keen to explore the many challenging paradoxical dilemmas the “classroom context” places on both teachers and students alike. She continued to explain that teachers are struggling with the dual-aspect of their role, “a teacher may love and care for his/her students greatly but they struggle with balancing that with the pressure of being a disciplinarian that wants their kids to pass the SEA”.

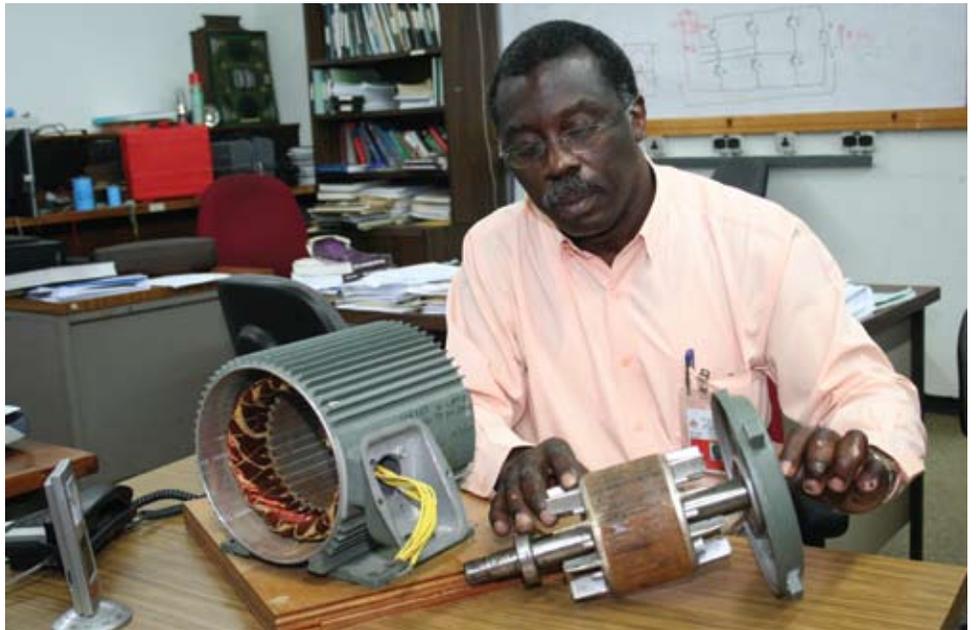
The issues of how to balance roles and how to creatively connect with and teach students are two major issues that Dr. Kalloo also addressed in the research project. She also has plans for future research which will focus on comparative studies of exemplary teachers (those who connect with their students in unique ways); examining the dynamics of those relationships. She would also like to follow-up on some research she started while completing her Diploma, on how students construct knowledge in various subject areas.

RONALD DE FOUR

PhD Electrical and Computer Engineering

“I would be a happy person if my work can contribute to poverty eradication and the sustainable economic development of Trinidad & Tobago and the region. I have little interest in producing ‘academic work’ unless it disseminates knowledge to fellow researchers and entrepreneurs within the context of intellectual property protection. My work has to contribute to the development of a nation,” Dr. Ronald De Four, UWI Lecturer and recent recipient of a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering explained recently.

Research, as well as developing systems and models that can allow for greater efficiency have always been essential to Dr. De Four’s work. It was that same drive that caused him to delve into the research that was used for his PhD. His study, “Vector Analysis, Control and Modelling of Brushless DC Motors & Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors



Dr. Ronald De Four

in Brushless DC Mode”, was based on his recognition that while Brushless DC Motors (BDC Motors) were able to work in smaller appliances like hard drives and CD-ROMS, a more efficient commutation system was needed.

The concept of a refrigerator running on 12V of electricity based on the system developed by De Four, which is named the *De Four Back EMF Space Vector Resolver*, speaks of the relevance and progressive nature of his work.

Dr. De Four believes that it is the role of engineers to invent and solve problems. It is this kind of pioneering thinking that drove him to single-handedly develop a patent that is registered with the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, for his development of a ‘Self Starting Method and an Apparatus for Sensorless Commutation of Brushless Dc Motors’. He greatly attributes the accomplishment of this patented work (and PhD) to the support of Professor Brian Copeland, Dr. Kim Mallalieu and Professor Gurmohan Kochhar.

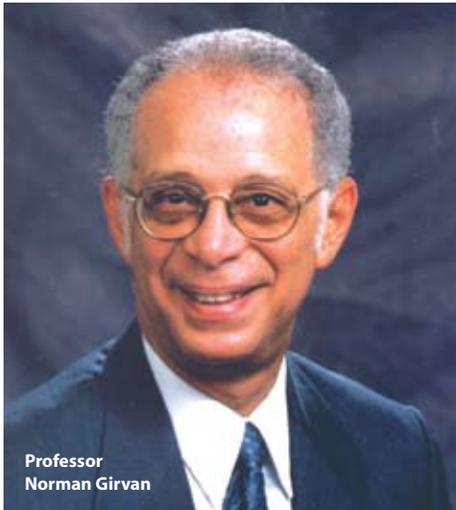
Always an unconventional thinker, he is the guy who never did Common Entrance Examinations, (for health reasons), yet gained O’ Level success in three years, A’ Levels in one and finished a three-year diploma course, in two. He has much respect and admiration for the work done by the great Professor Steven Hawking of the UK and fellow UWI colleagues, Professor St. Clair King, Professor Ramsey Saunders and Professor Kenneth Julien. He believes that people should utilize what they learn and give back to society and he has determined, that each student he teaches, will be taught how to innovate and use his/her engineering skills towards the economic development of the country.

These are just two highlights of the recent research coming out of the St. Augustine Campus. The next issue of STAN will focus on research from the Science and Agriculture, Social Sciences and Medical Sciences faculties

CARLENE LONDON ■

Norman Girvan

Honored in Cuba



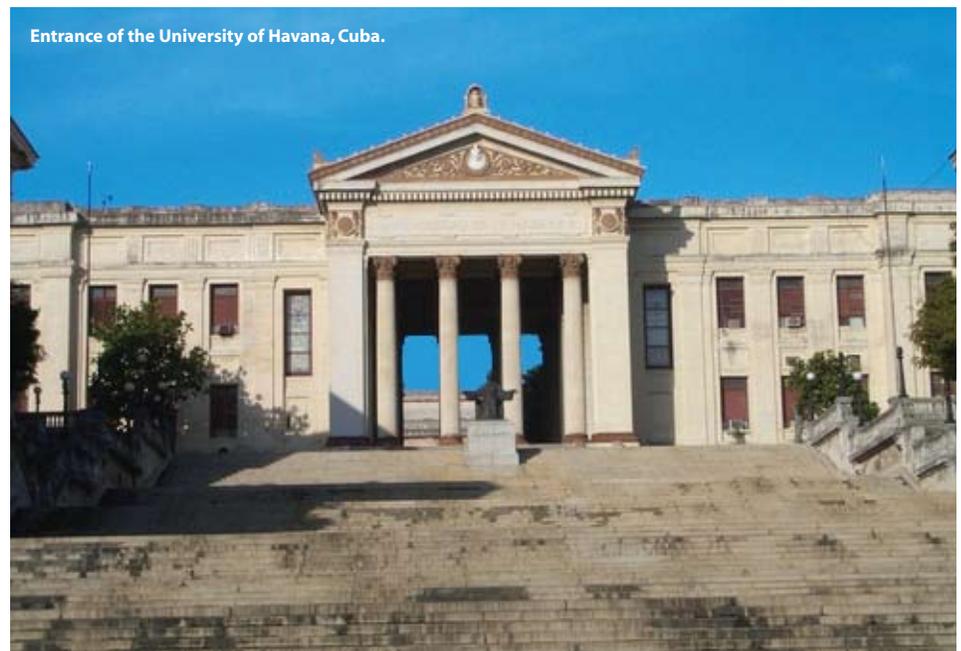
In his presentation entitled ‘The Debt Is Unpayable: La deuda es impagable’ Prof. Girvan explained that having the University of Havana bestow the degree during a time when it coincided with the marking of the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, was profoundly significant to him. “I was a child of 12 when Fidel and his comrades stormed the Moncada Barracks,” he explained.

“The Cuban Revolution was a source of inspiration to many of us on the ability of a small Caribbean country to chart its own course of social justice, economic transformation, and national independence by relying on the mobilisation of the entire population, by relying on the will and energy of its people,” Professor Girvan stated in his address. “With a leadership that trusted the mass of the population and refused to bow before threats, intimidation, economic punishment and counter-revolutionary violence from the greatest military power on the planet; just 140 kilometres from its shores. It remains so to this day.”

The ceremony was attended by the VP of the Cuban Council of Ministers, Ricardo Cabrisas and the Jamaican Ambassador in Havana, Elinor Marguerite, among others.

The title of Doctor Honoris Causa in Economic Sciences was bestowed on Jamaican intellectual Professor Norman Paul Girvan during a ceremony held on December 3rd, 2008, at the Main Hall of the University of Havana, Cuba.

The award was presented by the Rector of the University, Ruben Zardoya, who spoke of the accomplishments of Professor Girvan, citing his rigorous research while lecturing at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. He was also recognized for his studies on the Caribbean, in particular in the fields of political economics and economic development theories. Zardoya also spoke of Girvan’s advocacy of the participation of Caribbean countries in the regional projects of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA).



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*RACHEL MANLEY visited UWI St Augustine from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March, 2009, for Campus Literature Week. During her visit, Manley lectured a few classes, attended daily noon-time readings, and was herself the feature writer in the final reading. She also made time to chat with **GERARD BEST** about Caribbean writers, Caribbean writing and her new book, **Horses in Her Hair**.*

RACHEL MANLEY'S latest book is *Horses in Her Hair: A Granddaughter's Story*, published in late 2008 by Key Porter Books Ltd, and available in hardcover.

Do you think that the infrastructure is there to encourage writers in the Caribbean?

Well, there's some. I mean, in Canada, there's a whole Government department that deals with encouraging artists, musicians, painters, sculptors, writers.

And if you were to compare, say Canada versus Jamaica?

No comparison, which is why a lot of our writers are in Canada. And I think that traditionally, it has been easier for our writers overseas. You have people like Lamming that stuck it out in Barbados. It has not been easy, but he's a tough old bird, you know?

And practically, what are some of the things that make it easier in Canada? Is it the Intellectual Property law?

No, the ability to make a living! They give you grants! [...] In Canada, there are granting agencies that give you money to give you the kind of time you need. They subsidise you so that you can sit and write. Plus there are writing programmes [that] you can go to.

Do you think that programmes like this Campus Literature Week represent a shift in that trend?

It reflects an enormous care about literature that I sense from the Department, just from being here over the last couple days. A very strong element in [Campus Literature Week] is an interest in developing local writers. These kids are most wholehearted and inspired. These are not bored kids, flicking around their pencils. Their work is vibrant.

What else should UWI be doing, besides hosting workshops like these?

I would like to see Creative Writing right through all the islands, at an undergraduate level.

Are you an active advocate for that?

No, but that's what I think. [...] If you want to know what I'm an advocate about, it's the Caribbean federation. It should not have failed. I think it was an enormous mistake. If you think where we would be today with globalisation, if we were a federated region. And Jamaica who was persuaded to come out of federation because the electorate were convinced that because it was then the wealthiest nation that it would be bled dry by the little islands. And we lived to have to beg for money from Barbados in the seventies. Just think, if we had had access to Trinidad's oil during OPEC.

Rachel MANLEY

Is there a lesson there for Trinidad now?

What I would say to the youth is, for heaven's sake, bring up the subject. Bring it back on the table, the idea of federation. Why not? We have everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining as a region. We don't have to give up our individual identities. You wouldn't have to give up Carnival, but maybe more of us would come. We wouldn't have to give up reggae music, but maybe there would be more bands with more Caribbean people playing a mix of reggae and Calypso. There's just no end to the possibilities, not just in a Free Trade Area, which commercially would make sense, but think of our [West Indies] cricket team. Think of this wonderful University. It is because it is all of us. That's how we got to know each other, or we wouldn't be here. Not me today, not all the Trinidadians you know who are married to Jamaicans. This wonderful richness of the region, separated by the ridiculous concept of Independence for these tiny islands. I never agreed with it, and I don't care who disagrees with me.

Right. Strong political views.

Only about that. That's what *Drumblair* is about. That's why I wrote. That's why I stopped writing poetry. Because I couldn't say it in poetry, what I had to say.

I have this photocopy of your article in Caribbean Quarterly of June-September 2002, on V.S. Naipaul. I wanted to inveigle you to say a few words about Naipaul.

I don't know Mr Naipaul personally but his work is forever. Easily *A House for Mr Biswas* opened the door of possibility for everything that's happened in our wonderful generations of turning out writers in the Caribbean. I think [*A House for Mr Biswas*] is a literary watershed. In the same way that T.S. Elliot just picked up language and just moved it miles down the road, I think [that] with *A House for Mr Biswas* Naipaul just picked up the possibility of having a real, indigenous, Caribbean literature and just moved it 100 miles down the road.

**In what sense did he move it?**

He made it possible. Before that, people were fighting with themes, trying to make certain they didn't talk about snow or lions, trying to talk about things that were theirs, but they were very gingerly dealing with it. Because...and I can only speak for Jamaica in this sense...because we had such massive illiteracy, it was the middle classes that had access to language, and the middle classes were fighting not to imitate the British. In the poetry, it was easier because [poetry] is a much more jugular thing, but in sustained works, people like John Hearne wrote novels but there were great efforts to make them local. Then you had Roger Mais, who was a middle class person talking about the working class condition. But Naipaul just came from just where he was, whether it was from Miguel Street or wherever. He looked at the people around him and he had the guts to sit down and write a story that wasn't necessarily beautiful, and he gave us a hero that 40, 50 years, I will never forget. [...] And it wasn't that he was sloughing off a skin to do it. Here he was, completely in charge of his landscape, completely in charge of his characters. They were Caribbean, they were Trinidadian, they were Miguel Street-ian, they were real, they could stand up to any literature anywhere in the world.

Are you here as a writer or as a teacher? Or both?

I'm here as a writer to read for Campus Literature Week. But when they called and asked me, I said to them I couldn't come for two weeks because I'm in the middle of launching [*Horses in Her Hair*]. So they made it one week.

Tell me about *Horses in Her Hair*.

Horses in Her Hair is the third in a trilogy. The first book [*Drumblair*] is the story of the federal years, and my grandfather N.W. Manley. The second book [*Slipstream*] is the story of my beloved father Michael, and my nursing through the last months of his illness. And this third book in the trilogy was supposed to be the second book, but my father went and died, and I didn't know what to do with my grief. It was so enormous, so I wrote it out in that book [*Slipstream*]. So then I turned back to my grandmother, Edna Manley.

The wife of Norman Manley?

Yes, and she was so much more than simply his wife. If you go into Kingston harbor, there in the harbour [...], there is a huge statue, "Negro Roused", which is like the Statue of Liberty in New York harbour. So we have our own Statue of Liberty. "Negro Roused" [evokes] the time of the national strike, when



the Jamaican people just lifted themselves up and woke up, and we never looked back. It's a glorious piece and it was done by my grandmother. Very few people realise when they see these monuments—"The Prophet", "Negro Roused"—that the woman who created these pieces was born in Cornwall, grew up in this very pagan, very revolutionary little province of England that has absolutely no liking for Britain. It's Celtic. It literally, even by its geography [...] has turned its back to England and looks towards France and the Druid past and the Celtic past. And all her mythology—"The Horse of the Morning", "The Rising Sun"—all these things came out of her Cornish youth and her rebelliousness, which I think very much explains my father's temperament. He was a very fiery, very rebellious and very innovative person who questioned everything.

Any of Edna in you?

A lot. The creative side. And a lot that she put in me. She never had a daughter. I was the daughter she never had and she wanted me to be an artist. So this book really is my work with her really. In a funny way, we wrote this book together. She's been dead for years but she was with me all the way. Everything she ever taught me is in that book.

I know that when you wrote *Slipstream*, you were at your father's bedside, as he was going down with prostate cancer. But in what sense did [Edna] write this "with you"?

I'm her invention. I grew up with her. I was with her from two. If you asked her, "Grandma?"; [she would say,] "I'm not 'Grandma.'" [If you called her,] "Granny"; [she would say,] "I'm not 'Granny.'" Well, who are you? "I am the woman with horses in her hair." Stayed with me my whole life. That's why I called the book that. She just had this enormous imagination. [...] Everything had significance; everything had meaning; everybody had worth. She believed in every possibility for every person.

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Foundation, has awarded a \$1.5 million Grant to support the work of Dr Dave D. Chadee, Senior Lecturer, UWI and collaborators from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The five year grant is to be used for research to control the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito vector of Dengue Fever, Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, Dengue Shock Syndrome and Yellow Fever.

The disease has taken its toll in 2008/9 in the twin island, leading to confirmed cases of Dengue which causes severe headaches, itchy palms, fever, nausea and in some cases death (from the Haemorrhagic Fever). The goal of this research is to effect a reduction in the number of new human infections. This is expected to be achieved through the use of a novel invention – the Attractant-Bait Lethal Ovitrap (ALOT). The development of the ovitrap is based on over 20 years of research surrounding the laying behavior of the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito. ALOT is a lethal trap designed to collect the *Aedes aegypti* eggs and kill female mosquitoes visiting the traps. The trap is intended to be a key component of community- based dengue – management programmes.

An important component of this project is to demonstrate the ALOT efficacy in reducing mosquito densities and dengue fever cases in the field in Trinidad and to work with public health officials and vector control workers to

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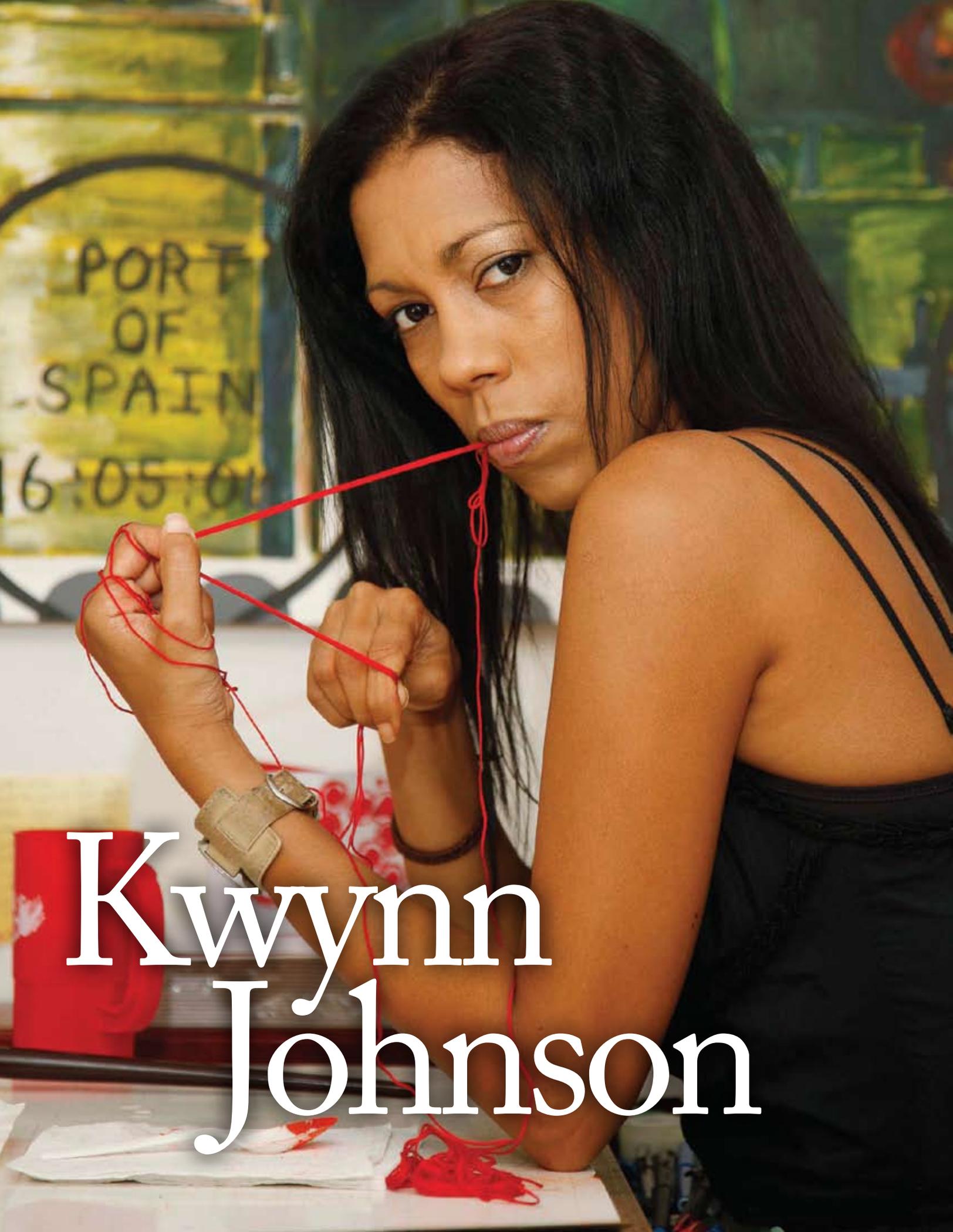
establish standards and benchmarks for use of lethal ovitraps. A large scale evaluation of this device in dengue endemic countries in Latin America, Caribbean and in South Asia will be conducted during the third and fourth years of the project. It is anticipated that these measures will result in measurable decrease in the abundance of physiologically old mosquitoes (which transmits dengue fever) and in new human infections

This Dengue project demonstrates the commitment of the UWI to conducting research relevant to the needs of Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean region and the wider world. In addition, Dr Chadee is currently assisting the Insect Vector Control Division, Ministry of Health in planning and evaluating their vector control strategies to combat dengue and threats of yellow fever in Trinidad and

Tobago. This lethal ovitrap is yet another tool which will be introduced to the vector control armory to reduce the risk of vector-borne diseases in Trinidad and Tobago and to the Caribbean region.

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Kwynn Johnson

Referring to herself simply as a young artist, 34-year old Kwynn Johnson is a MA Cultural Studies student of the UWI St. Augustine Campus and a full time Research Officer at the Carnival Institute of Trinidad and Tobago.

Currently running the fifth solo exhibition of her career, 'Red, Appropriated', at the Soft Box Studio Gallery in Port-of-Spain until April 30, 2009, the exhibit forms part of her MA thesis 'The red man, the red woman and the red flag'.

She has found that her work has taken her down a path of the meanings and context of colour. A couple of years ago, she had her blue period, now she's delving into the world of red. Not surprising, her focus is on colour, representation and the narrative that comes from these linkages. She hopes to continue exploring this over the next few years. A multi-media artist she experimented with water colours, craft, photography and embroidery. We recently presented her with the UWI STAN version of the famed Proust Questionnaire and got some interesting answers.



What is your idea of perfect happiness?
Wanting what you already have

What is your greatest fear?
Cancer.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?
Disorganisation. I don't like it when people seem frazzled and scattered.

What is your greatest extravagance?
(Laughs) I really don't have one. I can't afford it! But if I could, I'd travel.

What is your current state of mind?
I'm a little tired but satisfied and happy that I was able to see my MA through.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
I don't know...I can't answer that.

Who is your favourite artist?
I would have to say local artist, Jackie Hinkson.

Which artist do you most identify yourself with?
There's this guy Paul Kain, who I worked with on the Radical Jeans Art Initiative in 2007. I'm quite keen on his work and his discipline and I mostly identify with his style at the moment.

What is your motto?
I have so many! Right now though, I have Emerson on my facebook, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" – Ralph Waldo Emerson, US essayist & poet (1803 - 1882)



SOME PEOPLE FEEL
WHEN A MAN IS RED HE
BORN WITH A CRICKET
BOOK IN HIS HEAD."
(THE MIGHTY CIPHER)

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

will usher in the eleventh anniversary of the inauguration of the Eric Williams Memorial Collection (EWMC) at UWI, St Augustine, by former US Secretary of State, Colin L. Powell.

Dr Williams was the first Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. He died in office on March 29, 1981. Housed at the Main Library, the Eric Williams Memorial Collection consists of Williams' Research Library, Archives and Museum. In 1999, it was named to UNESCO's prestigious Memory of the World Register. Available for consultation by researchers, the Collection amply reflects its owner's eclectic interests, comprising some 7,000 volumes, as well as correspondence, speeches, manuscripts, historical writings, research notes, conference documents and a miscellany of reports. The display boasts a three-dimensional re-creation of Dr. Williams' study and a museum containing copies of the several translations of Williams' seminal work, *Capitalism and Slavery*, as well as photographs depicting various aspects of his life.

In addition to its physical repository of materials, the Eric Williams Memorial Collection has initiated a biennial Essay Competition encompassing 155 schools in 17 Caribbean countries, instituted the first Caribbean Examinations Council CAPE Prize in History, and organised an annual Lectureship at Florida International University. In addition, the EWMC has collaborated with the Mayor of London in his 2007 Slave Trade Bicentenary Lecture Series, dedicated to Williams, and partnered with the University of Sheffield (UK) in an annual one-day seminar for Caribbean Masters and Doctoral students. The Collection has also been the subject of several academic papers, lectures and books. In the future, the Collection will team up with Williams' Alma Mater at Oxford University establishing a scholarship in his name in perpetuity.

Among those who have visited the EWMC Museum are the Vice President of India; the



Anniversary Celebration for ERIC WILLIAMS COLLECTION

Prime Minister of St. Vincent/Grenadines, the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, the former Mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, and two Nobel Laureates in Economics, Amartya Sen and Harry Markowitz. Thousands of students from Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe, US Virgin Islands, Barbados and USA have also toured the facility.

Over a decade ago during the inauguration of the collection housed at the Main Library, Dr. Williams was heralded by Mr. Powell, who said, "No one was a greater fighter for justice and equality. No one was a greater leader."

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Students at the
Woodbrook Presbyterian School
taking a break for lunch

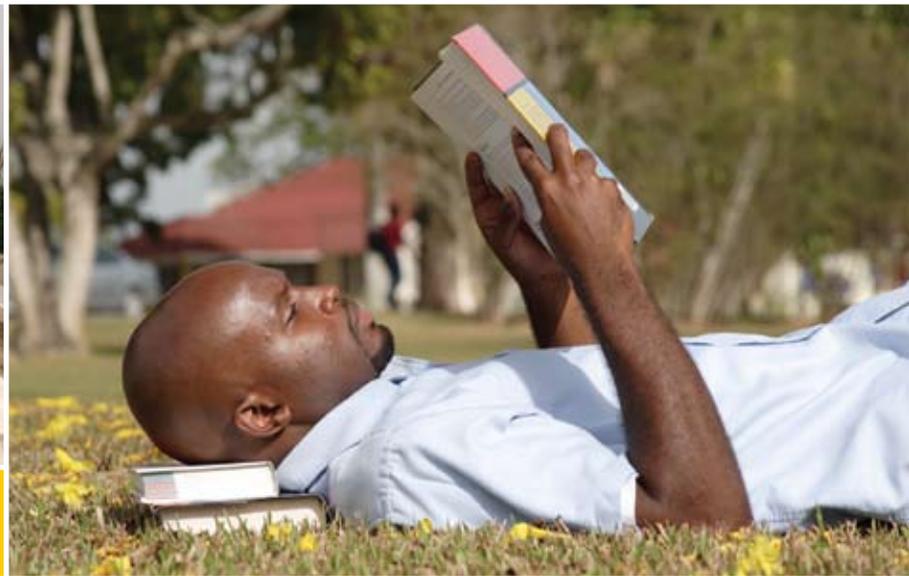
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