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Largest class at historic graduation ceremonies



Students stand and applaud their parents and guardians at the UWI 2008 Graduation Ceremony

The **2008 Graduation Ceremonies** at The University of the West Indies St Augustine Campus proved not only historic, but also untraditional. One of the largest classes to graduate from the Campus, over 4000 students, from the Faculties of Humanities and Education, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Agriculture, Social Sciences and the Open Campus, donned robes and took part in the ceremonies at the UWI SPEC auditorium on 31st October and 1st November.

Within this group, almost 800 post graduate degrees were awarded – an area the University has been even more focused on developing in its strategic plan (2008-2012). During his address, **Professor E. Nigel Harris**, UWI Vice Chancellor looked back at the events held during the 60th anniversary celebrations, but he also spoke of a need to plan for the future.

“While we are gratified by the warm response to our anniversary, we have resisted the temptation to pat ourselves on the back and instead, we have embarked

on an agenda of transformative change for the 21st century.”

“Our Regional University community were together two years ago and proposed a five year plan for our re-structuring and re-organisation. We are re fashioning the way we teach and the way our students learn; we have rescued and intend to enhance our graduate and research programmes; we have revolutionised the structure of our Outreach programmes to create an Open Campus that will utilize information technologies and offer modern systems to educate those students who may not otherwise cross our Campus,” Professor Harris added.

This year the UWI St. Augustine Campus paid tribute to **Mr. Kynaston Mc Shine** (Honorary Doctor of Letters, DLitt), **Mr Leroy Calliste** (DLitt), **Professor Kari Levitt** (Honorary Doctor of Laws, LLD) and His Excellency, **The Hon. A. D. Hanna** (LLD).

At each of the four ceremonies, the Public Orator, **Professor Barbara Lalla** provided insight into the lives of the honorary graduates. She explained in her citation that “Kynaston McShine’s commitment and expertise in art curatorship and criticism locate him in a small internationally recognized circle that directs world famous galleries and museums.” In speaking of Professor Kari Polanyi-Levitt, Professor Emerita of Economics, McGill University, Professor Lalla stated that she “has enriched Caribbean scholarship and illuminated economic policy for almost fifty years. Although born in Vienna and resident in Montreal, Professor Levitt was embraced by peers

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(L-R) UWI Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris, Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat and Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Planning and Development

as an “honorary Caribbean citizen” as recently as the 2006 launch of her book, *Reclaiming Development: Independent Thought and Caribbean Community*. On His Excellency, **The Honourable Arthur D. Hanna**, Governor General of the Bahamas, the Public Orator stated that “he has configured a modern Bahamas by empowering his fellow Bahamians.”

The untraditional part of the first Ceremony came as the graduating class in Humanities and Education got to hear from West Indian icons, **Dr. Kynaston Mc Shine**, curator of the renowned Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York, USA and Calypsonian, **Dr. Leroy Calliste, The Black Stalin**. It was Mc Shine, in his Graduation Address

who spoke of the impending election of the next American President. He even described his ambition to enter the US art world as curator at a time when West Indians had little success in this area as audacious- making reference to a phrase penned by **President Elect Obama**. Following his engaging presentation, was the historic performance at a graduation ceremony by the veteran Calypsonian, **Black Stalin**.

It was an obvious thrill for the guests to hear Stalin sing two songs, one acapella, the other, accompanied by a guitar, the classic, *Caribbean Man*, a favourite of the UWI Vice Chancellor, **Professor E. Nigel Harris**. He did not need to ask the audience to join in - and 2,000 strong, sang the chorus. – AWH



Calypsonian, Dr. Leroy Calliste, The Black Stalin

EDITORIAL



Into the Looking Glass

US President Elect
Barack Obama

2008 has truly been a remarkable year – from the global credit crisis to the historic win of **Barack Obama** in the USA. For us at the St Augustine Campus, the year has been filled with challenges and achievements which we have been able to share with you in the pages of *UWI Today*. In our sixtieth year it is apparent that much has been achieved, but there is also much more to be done.

While our recent graduation ceremonies gave us the opportunity to reflect on our **UWI Mission and Vision**, it also gave us an opportunity to celebrate one of the largest graduating classes, including the largest group of graduate/research students at our Campus, nearly 800. As our founding fathers ascertained, the problems of the West Indies must be fully understood and investigated in the West Indies “*by West Indians*” if we are to move forward. This is why graduate studies, research and innovation are key initiatives in our strategic plan.

And so the research, shared through timely lectures by **Professors Pantin and Leo Rhynie**, as well as the presentations by our honorary graduates, help us to formulate answers to many compelling questions.

At this year’s graduation, we celebrated four outstanding individuals for their contributions to academia and society, **Professor Kari Levitt** (Doctor of Laws – LL.D) for her work associated with economics and policy-making in the Caribbean; **Mr. Kynaston McShine** (Doctor of Letters – DLitt), a Trinidadian living in New York, for devoting his life to the visual arts. Most of Mr. McShine’s work has been recognized by awards including an Honorary Doctorate by the San Francisco Art Institute; His Excellency, the **Hon. Arthur D. Hanna** (Doctor of Laws – LL.D), Governor General of the Bahamas, for being a champion of civil rights in the Bahamas and for influencing policy decisions in this regard; and our very own **Mr. Leroy Calliste aka Black Stalin** – (Doctor of Letters – DLitt) for his inspirational messages over the years through calypso.

The historic win of **Barack Obama**, President Elect of the USA, also signals winds

of change, not just for America, but for children of migrants throughout the world. From all reports there are several lessons that can be learnt from the strategic public relations campaign led by **David Axelrod** and his team. From his comprehensive strategic plan, that was made available to a wide audience from those on Facebook to mobile phone users, to his timely network-aided documentary, narrated by non-other than the Democratic Party nominee – the communication strategy was key to his win. His campaign as described by one Newsweek reporter was “*well-organised, well run*” – compared to others often described as “chaotic”. His ability to gain financial support through large as well as seemingly small donations from “*the masses*” is something of an inspiration and one that we have also seen as key at UWI - just review the **UWI Adopt-A-Student** initiative.

But foremost is the Obama campaign’s focus on sharing his strategy and policies with a wide target audience using several channels and styles; a key rule known to any good communicator and one that we will continue to develop in the years ahead.

For instance, **UWI Today** is a newspaper designed to update you on the research, teaching and key events taking place at the Campus. For more in-depth information, you may review many research journals, books and other publications produced by staff on a range of issues, from the **Haitian Revolution to Aluminium Smelting and Tropical Agriculture**. We will share some of these publications which were also promoted at the recent **Book Fair**, with you in our next issue.

In closing, we must congratulate our editorial team, in particular, the **Marketing and Communications Office** for leading the way in revamping the newspaper. We must also thank our corporate sponsors for the continued support of the supplement. Last but certainly not least, to you our readers, thank you for your encouragement and advice as we look ahead to 2009.

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■ RESEARCH

The Way Forward for Tropical Agriculture

*World scientists gather
at UWI Congress
to find solutions*



Building on its tradition of research and innovation in agriculture, at a time when the escalating demand for biofuels, as well as increased demand for food in India and China and deteriorating arable lands are having an impact on economies worldwide, the UWI organised an International Congress focussed on “*Overcoming Challenges to Developing Sustainable Agri-Food Systems in the Tropics*”. Hosted by The Faculty of Science and Agriculture at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, from November 30th to December 5th, the event brought together scientists and practitioners in Tropical Agriculture to examine the challenges and find solutions.

The Congress consisted of a conference (December 1st-3rd), immediately followed by a two-day Caribbean workshop from (December 4th -5th), which addressed regional issues pertaining to food security and poverty alleviation, towards drafting a white paper for CARICOM on the way forward. Gold sponsors of the event included, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) and the Netherlands and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Barbados.

The **Honourable Patrick Manning**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago was invited to give the feature address at the Opening Ceremony, with regional remarks by **Dr. Chelston Brathwaite**, a UWI Faculty of Agriculture graduate and current Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Co-operation on Agriculture (IICA). Participants were also welcomed by the **Vice Chancellor E. Nigel Harris**, **Principal Professor Clement Sankat**, and **Dean Professor Dyer Narinesingh**. In closing, a Vote of Thanks to contributors was given by **Professor Pathmanathan Umaharan**.

Several internationally renowned scientists including **Professor Malcolm Elliot**, Executive Director, Norman Borlaug Institute for Plant Science Research, UK, **Professor Arthur B.J. Mol**, Chair and Professor in Environmental Policy, Agricultural Research Centre, Wageningen University, the Netherlands, **Professor Sayed Azam-Ali**, Professor of Tropical Agronomy, University of Nottingham, UK and **Dr. Thembela Hillie**, Principal Scientist, National Centre for Nano-Structured Materials, South Africa, examined issues presented by the challenges of

globalisation and the resulting food crises, and in turn, suggested possible solutions.

Similarly, a number of key resource persons were invited to provide a Caribbean response to these global challenges, including former graduates of the Faculty, **Dr. Ridwan Ali** (Retired World Banker), **Mr. Winston Rudder** (Cropper Foundation), **Dr. Carlisle Pemberton** of The University of the West Indies, School of Agriculture, and **Dr. J. Deep Ford** (FAO). Researchers also contributed a total of 45 papers that were presented in simultaneous sessions.

“Globally, agriculture is facing numerous challenges due to limited and or deteriorating arable lands, levelling off of crop productivity, growing demand for food in India and China, and the escalating demand for biofuels. The response of tropical developing countries has, so far been generally poor, due to lack of innovation, poor organisation and lack of available resources quickly to respond to global and regional agricultural and climatic changes,” a release from the Faculty explained.

“The challenges in small island developing states are even greater due to high pressures on arable land for urban development and tourism as well as to other sustainability concerns. The UWI and its predecessor the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA) has been at the forefront of tropical agriculture research and education for some 80 years. Furthermore, the UWI has published the international journal *Tropical Agriculture*... for the last 82 years and as such it is appropriate that an International Congress of this nature be staged at the UWI during its 60th Anniversary Celebrations,” the release stated in conclusion.



Dean Professor Dyer Narinesingh

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GIVING BACK TO UWI

*Adopt-A-Student and UWI Bursaries
help students achieve their dreams*

Free tertiary education is undoubtedly important for the UWI, but many students are in desperate need of financial assistance. As a result, two key initiatives that provide funding for students at the University have been gaining momentum.

The **Adopt-A-Student** initiative gives staff and other stakeholders the opportunity to assist students with their expenses through a monthly salary deduction. The contributions can be of any amount and are used to assist students with expenses that may range from meals to photocopying and transportation.

Currently, the **Adopt-A-Student** programme provides over 20 students with monthly stipends of \$200. The brainchild of Director, **Student Services**, **Ms. Deirdre Charles** the programme has made inroads since its inception in 2005. Candidates apply, are interviewed and their needs assessed for the funding programme. Currently, Ms. Charles is in the process of increasing the stipend to \$300, because, although several members of staff have embraced the initiative, the demand for assistance has also grown. Ms. Charles

explained that “the number of needy students has grown and continues to increase. These students experience serious difficulty and on many days are unable to afford a proper meal,” she added.

The testimonials from students underscore the need for assistance, for many it ensures that they continue to pursue their dream of being a University graduate.

“The [Adopt-a-Student] programme was very helpful. It was a life saver. \$200 may not seem like a lot, but for me it was. Thanks,” from Cherianne.

“For me the **Adopt-A-Student** programme was a great relief and served as my monthly expenditure for stationery and copies. I truly believe this programme is a wonderful initiative,” explained Kenny.

The **UWI Alumni Association (T&T chapter)** has been distributing bursaries to students of the UWI St. Augustine Campus since 1991, staying true to its motto of ‘giving back to UWI’. To date, the Association has contributed three hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000.00) in bursaries over the years.

A student becomes eligible for the award of a

bursary based on the basic criteria of: successfully completing all courses and achieving an overall minimum Grade B average; making a significant contribution to student life, including service on the Guild of Graduates; and providing evidence of financial need.

In 2008 the Chapter provided five undergraduate students of \$5,000 each along with an annual donation of \$5,000 to the Main Library.

The **UWIAA (T&T Chapter)** has been able to finance these bursaries through its successful fundraising ventures including the **Annual International Wine and Cheese Festival** which was held on November 15th 2008 and its **Annual Independence Day Cruise**. Bursaries have also been financed through strategic partnerships with the business community and from donations from members of the Alumni community.
– AWH

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Director, Student Services, Ms. Deirdre Charles

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For more information on the UWIAA please contact Ms. Charmain Subero at 662-2002 ext 2097 or 663-1579*

RESEARCH

A STUDY IN VOLCANOLOGY

First PhD graduate from Seismic Research Centre

With 50 – 70 active volcanoes erupting annually across the globe, including the unique **Soufrière Hills** of Montserrat, it is not surprising that research in this area has been growing. UWI graduate student, **Erouscilla Joseph**, who was awarded a PhD in Volcanology by The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus in September, is testimony to this. History in the making - she has been awarded the first degree of its kind by the UWI. She is also the first PhD student to graduate from the Seismic Research Centre.



Dr. Joseph and Research Fellow Volcanologist Dr. Nicolas Fournier (PhD Supervisor) at the graduation ceremony.

In 2001 the **Seismic Research Centre (SRC)** initiated a geothermal monitoring programme, as part of an integrated volcanic monitoring programme. Instituted to geochemically characterize hydrothermal systems associated with volcanoes of the Lesser Antilles, the programme also established baseline levels of activity from which changes in volcanic activity can be detected. Ms. Joseph was intimately involved in the geothermal monitoring efforts and chose to conduct the research as a PhD project in 2003. The PhD thesis examined the *“Geochemistry of Geothermal Systems in Saint Lucia and Dominica, Lesser Antilles: Implications for Volcanic Monitoring”*.

This was the basis for the SRC to officially launch an MPhil and PhD programme in Volcanology, registered under the administration of the Centre.

The results of geothermal monitoring in the islands of Saint Lucia and Dominica have successfully demonstrated that it is a valuable tool that can be utilized with other volcano monitoring techniques (*seismicity and ground deformation*). The information it provided has given insight into changes in temperature and mineralogy of hydrothermal fluids associated with volcanic systems that can provide scientists with precursory indicators of magmatic inputs.



PhD graduate Erouscilla Joseph and Dr. Nicolas Fournier, collect gas samples from Dominica's Valley of Desolation.



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60 YEARS of *Leadership*

The University of the West Indies has produced some of the Caribbean’s most brilliant leaders in business, the arts, medicine and in government. In Republic Bank alone, 80% of our executive leadership team comprises UWI Alumni. The university continues to provide academic programmes that develop and refine some of the best minds in the Caribbean – people who understand this region and who will continue to do what it takes to make us more competitive and more successful. I am delighted to congratulate The UWI on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.

ANNA-MARIA GARCIA-BROOKS

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Republic Bank Limited
UWI MBA Class of 2005*

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



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GRADUATION 2008



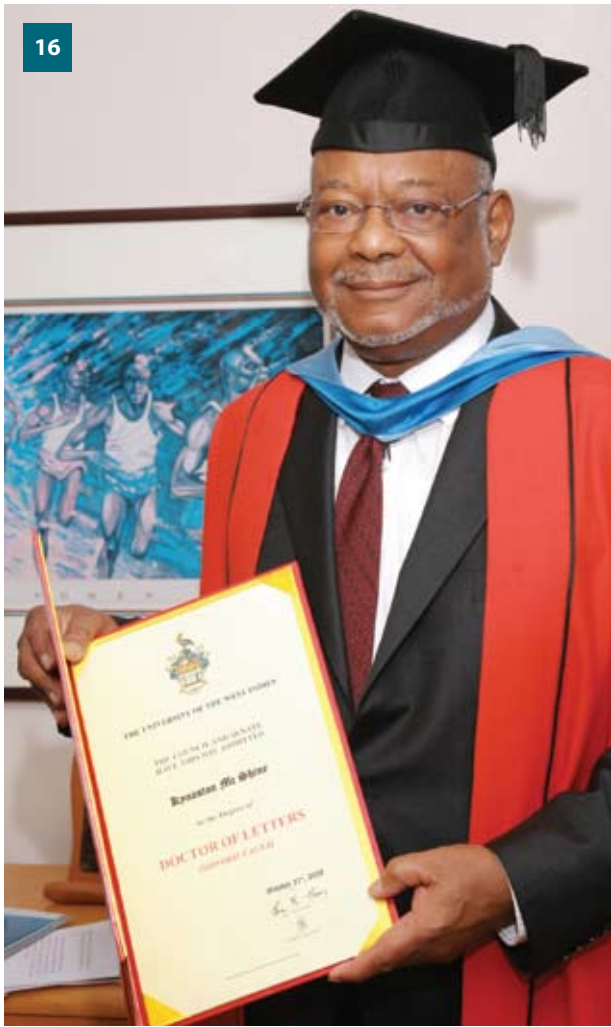
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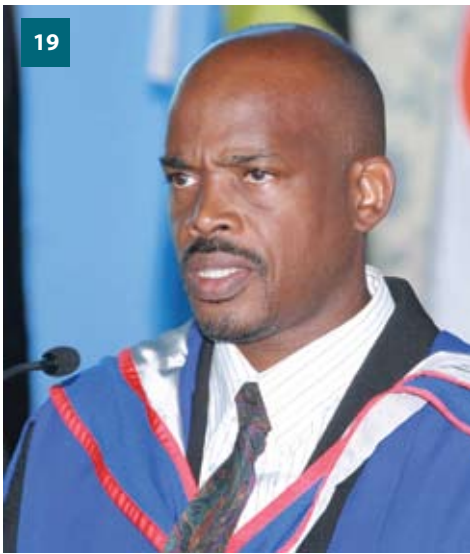
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■ CAMPUS NOTES

■ PATRICK WATSON
APPOINTED
PROFESSOR

Congratulations to Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) and former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the St Augustine Campus, **Patrick Watson** on being appointed Professor. The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies (SALISES) recently hosted “President-Elect Barack Obama: The Challenge of Change in the Caribbean, the United States and the Wider World” on Thursday 27th November, 2008 at the SALISES Conference Centre, UWI (St. Augustine) Campus. Professor Watson recently chaired the session which featured panelists **Dr. Indira Rampersad**, Lecturer, Political Science/International Relations, Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, **Mr. Martin Daly**, SC, Attorney-at-Law, **Dr. Kenneth Mease**, Professor of Political Methodology, University of Florida, **Mr. Clyde Weatherhead**, Attorney-at-Law. Highlights of the session will be featured in upcoming Campus publications. *For further information please call 662-2002 Ext. 2037, 2038, 2391*

■ JENNIFER JOSEPH
APPOINTED CAMPUS
LIBRARIAN

“I want the library to be an inviting place that lends itself to discourse and discussion,” explained recently appointed St Augustine Campus Librarian, **Ms. Jennifer Joseph**. When asked about the challenges facing the Main Library over the years, with the growth in the student population, she spoke of capitalizing on the technology to make the information more accessible to the Campus community. There will also be a focus on the Master Plan for the Campus, ensuring that the Library is a Central Service with qualified professionals ready to guide students and staff in accessing important information.

“Because of the space limitations, we are looking to do an internal re-organisation – to provide more virtual, on-line services,” she added.

Having joined the UWI in 1998 as a Librarian (3), she was promoted to Deputy Campus Librarian two years later and worked closely with former University Librarian, **Professor Margaret Rouse-Jones**. What about the legacy left by her predecessor, Vice Chancellor Award for Excellence awardee, Professor Rouse Jones?

“She’s a hard act to follow, but she certainly provided me with a lot of guidance - big shoes to fill, but I will certainly build on all that has gone before,” Ms Jones concluded.

■ STAFF CELEBRATED AT VC AWARDS

The University of the West Indies (UWI) Vice Chancellor, **Professor E. Nigel Harris**, recently congratulated the winners of the Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence for the academic year 2007/2008 at a ceremony at the St Augustine Campus on Thursday 30th October. **Dr Colin Depradine**, Lecturer in Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics, Cave Hill Campus; **Professor Celia Christie** of the Department of Paediatrics (Child Health), Mona Campus; **Professor Anselm Hennis**, Director of the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) at Cave Hill Campus; **Professor Kit Fai Pun**, Professor of Industrial Engineering in the Department of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, St Augustine Campus; and **Dr Hermi**

Hewitt Head of the UWI School of Nursing, Mona, and **Professor Archibald McDonald**, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mona Camp were celebrated by the Campus Community.

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

Dr Hermi Hewitt



Professor Kit Fai Pun



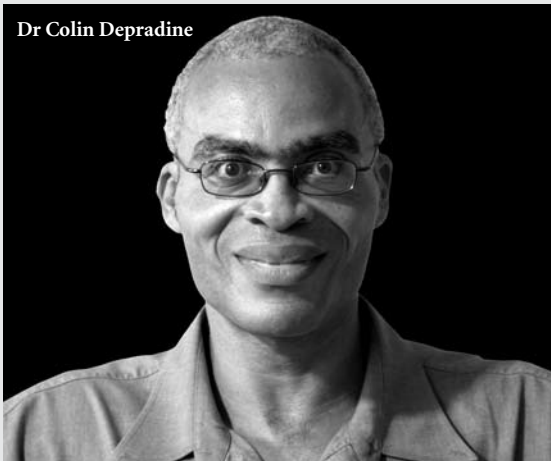
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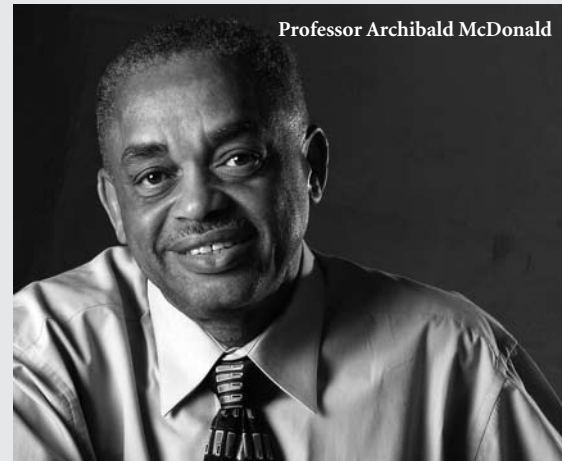
Professor Celia Christie



Dr Colin Depradine



Professor Archibald McDonald



■ CAMPUS NOTES

RAINMAKERS

TEXAS TOUR A SUCCESS

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The Rainmakers, tour of the Texas, USA, in November has been regarded as an overwhelming success by the University community. The 45-minute musical production integrating dance, drama and traditional Carnival characters, was performed by **Golden Hands Steel Orchestra and The UWI Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA) Percussion Ensemble**.

At the 33rd Annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Austin Texas, the show got a tumultuous standing ovation from the audience. The Rainmakers was also staged for the general public on November 5th at the McCallum Fine Arts Theatre, Texas, and on November 6th the troupe again entertained students and children of the school. On November 8th the feature performance took place at the Austin Convention Centre for PASIC members, before an audience of two thousand.

Professor Gary Cook, President of the Percussive Arts Society, presented a commemorative plaque to cast, lauding the performance as: "... a highlight of our convention and my personal witnessing of this amazing production was both moving and inspiring". The audience seemed to agree, some even showed their enthusiasm by taking part in the traditional Sailor Dance.

The Rainmakers also received praise from **Jeff Hartsough**, Director of Event Production and Marketing for PASIC, who noted: "Your performance was awesome; we've had several people say it was one of the best sessions at PASIC..."

Written and directed by **Franka Hills-Headley**, the founder of **Golden Hands**, it features nine original neo-classical compositions for Steelpan and Percussion Ensemble by **Dr. Jeannine Remy**, Lecturer at DCFA.

Currently, *The Rainmakers* committee is continuing its fund raising drive to meet the budget of TT\$1.8 million for the tour. Approximately half of the budget was raised through sponsors including: **Colonial Life Insurance Company Limited (CLICO)**, **the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**, **the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC)**, **National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB)**, **Sanch Electronix Limited**, **Trinidad and Tobago Entertainment Company Limited (T&T Ent)**, and **The University of the West Indies (UWI)**. The show's Patron is **His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards**, President of Trinidad and Tobago.

Funds are currently being raised by selling of branded T-shirts, polo shirts, prints of artwork by **Nigel Parris** and a commemorative magazine. Other items include The Rainmakers double CD with audio recordings and digital files, as well as the **Golden Hands CD – "Under the Sapodilla Tree"**. The magazine was a major part of the fund raising, generating over \$100,000. in advertisements with sales of approximately \$30,000.00.

The Rainmakers will also host two concerts for local audiences on March 8th and 22nd 2009 at **Naparima Bowl** and **Queen's Hall** respectively. Tickets for these shows will be available from mid-December.



SPORT



COOL RUNNINGS

Uganda and Guyana lead the way in UWI SPEC International Half Marathon

BY ANNA WALCOTT-HARDY

Ugandan runner **Nicholas Kipruno** has won the **UWI SPEC International Half Marathon 2008**. The twenty year old athlete took home gold in a time of 1hour, 5 minutes and 35 seconds, more than two minutes ahead of his competitor, **Cleveland Ford** of Guyana (1:08.22) and **Pamenos Ballantyne** of St Vincent and the Grenadines (1:08.53). Last year it was USA runner **George Towett** who won the race trophy and US \$2000 cash prize in a time of 1:05:13.

In fact, the overcast weather conditions also proved favourable for **Anika Morgan**. The eighteen year old Guyanese runner is one of the youngest to win gold in the Open/International Female category in a time of 1hour 27 minutes and three seconds. She took the title away from defending champion, **Shermin La Saldo**, who brought home silver for Trinidad and Tobago (1:27:46) in 2008. Last year La Saldo's winning time was much faster, with 1:27:17. **Tanice Barnett** of Jamaica placed third.

In The University of the West Indies Student category, **Tanice Ballantyne** from the UWI Mona Campus in Jamaica, emerged as the winner in the

Female category in a time of 1:28:51, with **Brian Maynard** retaining his title and winning first place in the Male category on his home ground.

In the UWI Staff category, lecturer **Denise Demming** emerged as the winner for the women, in a time of 2:45:43 with **Darrin Grenade** wining first place in a time of 1:25:24 for the men.

Although both runners can claim faster times in the Over 80 Category last year, they defended their titles this year, with **Granny (Lynette) Lucess** taking home first place in a time of 3:27:47 for the women; and **Charles Spooner** also winning first place in a time of 3:14:13 for the men.

Over 700 athletes took part in the November 2nd race, one of the most popular events on the athletic calendar, with over \$120,000 in prizes in a myriad of categories. Presenting sponsors First Citizens once again partnered with UWI donating \$350,000 to the event in 2008.

"**First Citizens** joins with **UWI SPEC** in the nurturing of a dream, a dream that positions this half-marathon as the premier race of its kind in our region,"

Manager, Group Corporate Communications, **Dexter Charles** stated recently.

The Corporate Sponsor, the **Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago** also supported the 'green' race, as well as **Blue Waters**, the official water of the race. Mrs. Patricia Charles, Race Coordinator, who initially thought of 'greening the race', explained that over 25,000 plastic water bottles used by athletes as they ran along the traffic-free Priority Bus Route were collected for recycling. Twenty large garbage bins and 2000 garbage bags, donated by **Rotoplastics Trinidad Limited**, were placed in high traffic locations around the **UWI Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC)** venue and bus route. The plastic bottles have been given to a local company for processing.

This commitment to recycling was praised by UWI Professor, **John Agard**. The Faculty of Science and Agriculture lecturer and former Head of the Environmental Management Agency, who officially started the race. He posited that it is important for UWI to become a leader in recycling, reuse, conservation and protecting the environment.



■ CAMPUS NOTES

GALA GAINS MOMENTUM

Over \$3million raised for regional development fund for UWI



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Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat (centre) receives corporate donations from Mr. Arnold Corneal (left), Manager of Corporate Communications, Petrotrin and Ms Jeannette Elias, Manager of Corporate Communications, NGC at the media launch for “60” – The Gala, The University of the West Indies’ black-tie fundraiser dinner on Monday 17th November, 2008 at the Office of the Campus Principal, UWI St Augustine.

The upcoming University of the West Indies Gala, has attracted over \$3 million in donations to the institution. This was announced at the media launch on November 17th, 2008 at the Office of the Campus Principal, UWI St. Augustine. Key to the fundraising has been the support of four major corporate sponsors in the **Diamond category**, **Petrotrin**, **the National Gas Company (NGC)**, **Western Scientific** and **BP Trinidad and Tobago**. These companies have pledged

their support to contributing to the future development of UWI through a regional development fund.

The red carpet affair, also known as **Sixty The Gala**, will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** on 12th December and will bring the 60th anniversary celebrations to a close. The Patron of the event is His Excellency, **Professor George Maxwell Richards**, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and former UWI St Augustine Campus Principal.

At the media launch **Professor Gurmohan Kochhar**, Chair of the Gala Black Tie Fundraising Dinner Committee, urged the University’s stakeholders to renew and strengthen their relationships with the longstanding regional institution.

Mr. Arnold Corneal, Manager of Corporate Communications, Petrotrin, praised the University for “service unequalled in the educational fraternity” and commented on the institution’s impact on the local and regional landscape in the field of education. Mr. Corneal also pledged Petrotrin’s lifelong partnership with The University of the West Indies, asserting that The University had earned the company’s respect and support.

Ms. Jeannette Elias, Manager of Corporate Communications, NGC, also extended congratulations to the University on achieving this significant milestone in their institutional history, and gave her company’s commitment to education at all levels.

Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, **Professor Clement Sankat** noted that The Gala, “sets the stage for stronger partnerships between The University, our regional governments, the leaders of business and industry in the Caribbean, and all our Alumni spread across the Caribbean Diaspora.” His address closed with a final appeal to government, business, industry, alumni and staff to continue to support The University by patronising the event.

Mr. James Richardson, President of the UWI Alumni Association (Trinidad and Tobago Chapter) urged all present to “consider the possibility that in our lifetime, there will be no greater opportunity than this to join The University in demonstrating unflinching dedication to the advancement of our peoples, our nations, and our region as a whole.”

In her closing remarks, **Mrs. Dawn- Marie De Four-Gill**, University Director of Marketing and Communications, acknowledged the support offered by corporate Trinidad and Tobago.

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For more information about the Dinner, please contact the Local Organising Committee at uwi60staugustine@sta.uwi.edu or (868) 662-2002 Ext. 3635.

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UWI CALENDAR of EVENTS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER



Gala Dinner

12th December

The UWI 60th Anniversary celebrations will come to a close with a memorable Gala at the on Friday 12th December, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain. This red carpet affair, to be held under the patronage of President George Maxwell Richards, promises to be a memorable one with live entertainment, premium bar, sumptuous dinner and signature memorabilia for guests.

For further information on the Gala Dinner please contact the Marketing and Communications Office at 662-2002 Ext. 3635 or email uwi60staugustine@sta.uwi.edu

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CELEBRATES SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

In 2008, **The UWI School of Education** hosted a series of events including: a Distinguished Lecture, Panel Discussion, two Public Lectures, Photographic and Publication Display, as well as a Video Documentary in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of The University.

Entitled “*Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future*”, the events included a Distinguished Lecture featuring **Mr. Carol Keller**, Senior Lecturer at the School of Education. The lecture, which was held in May at the School’s auditorium, examined “*The Role of Teacher Education on Schooling and Education Practices in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean*”.

In June, a Panel Discussion held at the School focussed on “*Issues Related to Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century with a Focus on Research at the School of Education*”. A lecture was also held in Tobago on October 16th by **Dr. June George**, Head of the School of Education, which looked at “Education for All: Meeting the Challenges.” Another lecture, which was held at San Fernando on November 6th, featured **Dr. Maria Byron**, Senior Lecturer, the School of Education. In her presentation, Dr Byron examined “*The Search for Excellence in Teacher Education*.” An ongoing photographic display of aspects of the history of the School of Education was also held in the School of Education’s Library, along with a display of publications by members of staff. A documentary on the history of the School of Education was also produced and featured at the **Book Fair and Cultural Festival** held at SPEC, November 12th – 14th, 2008.

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‘Navigating Risks and Building Resilience in Small States’ SALISES Conference

25th to 27th March 2009

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies will host the 10th Annual Conference at the Cave Hill Campus, Barbados from the 25th to 27th March, 2009 under the theme ‘Navigating Risks and Building Resilience in Small States’. Presentations will focus on Climate Change and Small States, The HIV/AIDS Pandemic, Vulnerable Populations, Social Exclusions and Poverty.

Call for papers-open/Abstracts are welcomed by December 15th 2008.

For more information on submission of abstracts and on the conference please contact the SALISES office at (246) 417-4477/8 or fax (246) 424-7291 or visit www.uwichill.edu.bb/salises or email salises@uwichill.edu.bb.

First they must be Children: The Child and the Caribbean Imagination -A Cultural Studies Symposium

21st May, 2009

The Department of Liberal Arts at the UWI St Augustine Campus will host a conference to investigate the old adage that children must be seen and not heard. It points to an inherent ambivalence in the Caribbean’s collective psyche about the place and role of children in a social order which simultaneously recognises and silences their presence.

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For more information on submission of abstracts and on the conference please contact the Department of Liberal Arts at 662-2002 Ext. 2469 or visit <http://www.sta.uwi.edu/news/notices/notice.asp?id=309>.

International Congress of Caribbean Archaeology

19th and 26th July, 2009

The International Association of Archaeologists of the Caribbean and the City Historian’s Office of Havana are summoning all archaeologists and professionals who specialise in the field of Caribbean Archaeology to the International Association of Caribbean Archaeology to be held at the Convention Centre of Havana Cuba from Saturday 19th to 26th July, 2009.

In order to facilitate attendance, a tourist package has been prepared and information about this can be accessed by emailing eventos@viajessancristobal.cu or contact Mr. Roger Arrazcaeta at (537) 861-4469/860-4298.