Principal Reports on a Year of Growth at Cave Hill

Professor Hilary Beckles, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, presented his Annual Report for 2004 to Campus Council, the highest governing body of the institution, at the annual meeting of Council on March 17, 2005. The Principal thanked members of the University and Campus Administration, partners in the private sector, the international donor community, contributing governments, alumni and all other stakeholders for their unswerving efforts and full support in overcoming the challenges of implementing the Campus' Strategic Plan over the 2003/4 period.

He informed in his report that two factors had set the stage for the Campus to revise its strategic plan and to initiate a process of rapid expansion. These were: the enunciation by the Government of Barbados of its development target of at least one tertiary level graduate per household by 2020 and the University's concern that the region as a whole must improve its graduate ratio to successfully compete in the international arena. Cave Hill's growth, he affirmed, was grounded in the imperative to achieve internationally competitive quality standards and relevance to the contemporary and future developmental needs of the region.

Professor Beckles reported an increase in total student enrollment of 18% over 2003/4 to 5,556 for 2004/5. Some 68% of these were female and 51% part-timers. The Campus saw a significant increase in postgraduate registrations of 26% over 2002/3 and in registration of students from the OECS. “Our theme of “growth with quality and relevance; development through partnership and enterprise” characterises the path the Campus has successfully taken over the last few years and on which it proposes to continue as we pursue our vision for the 21st century”, said Professor Beckles.

“The Campus recognized that the funding available to achieve this objective would mean that the path of expansion must also be one of close partnership with stakeholders in the private sector, alumni and the students themselves,” he added. Professor Beckles noted that he was buoyed by tangible demonstrations of confidence in the Campus and pledged to continue to press on with renewed vigour in bringing to reality the UWI and Cave Hill's 21st century visions for development.

See pages 6 and 7 for highlights from the Principal's Annual Report to Council for 2004.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR SETS OUT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Professor E. Nigel Harris was officially installed as the seventh Vice-Chancellor of the UWI at a ceremony held at the St. Augustine Campus on February 26, 2005. Professor Harris assumed office on October 1, 2004 and has immediately set about conducting a strategic review of the University, which includes a round of meetings with stakeholders to hear from them what they think is “right” about UWI and what is “not so right”, as he indicated on his first day in office in a letter to the UWI community titled “UWI – Making A Difference For Caribbean People”. In his letter, the Vice-Chancellor set out three priorities for the UWI in its continuing quest to become a central driver of growth and transformation in the region. The first priority is to make the UWI the institution of first choice for Caribbean students and parents by providing stellar undergraduate and graduate students with the knowledge, skills, creativity, work ethic and commitment to engineer and lead transformational change in the Caribbean.

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WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI FAMILY, CLASS OF 2004!

The graduating class of 2004 matched the excellent performance of the previous year, with 86% receiving honours. Of these, 8% received first class degrees; 39% upper second; 39% lower second; and 14% passes. A total of 1,008 students graduated in ceremonies presided over by Chancellor The Hon Sir George Alleyne, which took place on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Gymnasium of the Garfield Sobers Sports Complex. Speeches made by Class Valedictorians, Barbadian Chiwale Gooding and Vincentian Halima Deshong, who both graduated with First Class Honours, left no doubt that the future is in good hands.

In the morning graduation, Gooding made an impassioned plea to employers to make sure that they had at least one UWI graduate in their business houses. “Employers, a wonderful resource is here in this room. Great potential is being offered to you,” he said. He encouraged his fellow graduates not only to seek employment in the region, but wherever possible to start businesses within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). “Let the CSME come out of the clouds and be the reality now. Caribbean people, it is time for our nations to unite and be truly one… We all have to help each other because in unity there is strength,” he added.

“See yourself as the best and walk in that revelation. When we leave here today, I want to see heads held high, not with foolish pride, but in dignity knowing that you are champions and you have conquered the first hurdle and ready to move on to the next.”

Chiwale Gooding
Class Valedictorian, 2004

At the evening graduation, Deshong also urged graduates to embrace the CMSE, if regional unity is to be realized, stressing that unifying processes were part of a civic and moral obligation to Caribbean people. Deshong called on fellow graduates to avoid civic disengagement and indifference and to look at their chosen majors, not as separate fields, but as complementing each other in their pursuit of Caribbean unity. “The energy expended will not matter if it is not harnessed to serve a unified Caribbean civilizational purpose,” said the history student.

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Chiwale Gooding
Class Valedictorian, 2004

“The UWI experience creates in students a real appreciation of West Indianness, expressed not by the emphasis on this and that peculiarity, or this and that contribution to world culture or world history, but by the realization of the region’s cultural diversity, historical unity and bonded destiny.”

Halimah Deshong
Class Valedictorian, 2004

Five Honorary Degrees were conferred on: Sir Harold St. John (posthumously), former Prime Minister of Barbados and distinguished lawyer; Justice Monica Theresa Joseph, CBE, former judge of the Supreme Court of the OECS; Professor Michael Kelly, one of the world’s foremost AIDS in Education experts and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zambia; Professor Cristina Leske, Chair in the Department of Preventive Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook; and Kyffin Simpson, Chairman of Simpson Motors Ltd, a highly respected Barbadian entrepreneur, who delivered the address in the evening.

The Hon. Reginald Farley, Minister of Education and Sport of Barbados, himself a graduate of UWI Cave Hill (Class of 1988) delivered the feature address in the morning.
NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR SETS OUT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A Guyanese by birth, Professor Harris has a wealth of experience as an administrator, academician and researcher. He was previously Dean and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, USA. A magna cum laude graduate of Howard University, with a degree in Chemistry, he proceeded on a fellowship to Yale University, where he received a Master of Philosophy in Biochemistry. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, completing this within three years and again graduating with honours. He then returned to the Caribbean, where he completed his residency in internal medicine at the UWI, Mona and was awarded the postgraduate degree, Doctor of Medicine (DM).

Internationally renowned as a researcher, he is best known for his seminal work in rheumatology. With colleagues in London, he helped to define a disorder which they called Antiphospholipid Syndrome and devised a diagnostic test for it. Professor Harris has published over 150 papers, editorials, reviews and chapters on this subject. He joined the University of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1987 and by 1993 became Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Rheumatology. There he launched the Antiphospholipid Standardisation Laboratory, which leads worldwide efforts in standardisation of the anticardiolipin test and distribution of these standards to laboratories worldwide. The laboratory currently operates from the Morehouse School of Medicine and continues to attract international fellows.

“I am excited about the prospect of working with you to ensure that our university is first in our region as an agent of growth, development and transformation – that each of you, our stakeholders and constituents can readily state how “the UWI is making a difference for the Caribbean people.”

Given our history, the talent of our scholars, academic and non-academic staff, I am certain we can succeed.”

Professor E. Nigel Harris
Vice-Chancellor, UWI
CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE (CCJ) COMPLETES CARIBBEAN INDEPENDENCE, SAYS CCJ JUDGE

Extracts from a presentation entitled “The CCJ: Securing Legitimacy and Ensuring Independence – Lessons from the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court” made by Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders (Class of 1975) on February 21, 2005 to the Law Society of the Cave Hill Campus

Firstly, in order for the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME) to function effectively, there is need for a single tribunal to interpret and apply the Treaty of Chaguaramas as revised (the CARICOM treaty). That tribunal will be the CCJ. When the CCJ plays this role it will be discharging its original jurisdiction. Secondly, the CCJ will replace the Privy Council as the court of final appeal in civil and criminal matters for those English speaking CARICOM countries that so desire. This will be the appellate jurisdiction of the CCJ.

Throughout the Caribbean region, there has been tremendous debate regarding the desirability of establishing the CCJ. Most of the discussion has centred on the appellate jurisdiction of the court since most observers recognize the need for the CCJ, or at least a body of a similar nature, to perform the role that the CCJ will perform in its original jurisdiction. Detractors of the CCJ question the motives of regional governments in replacing the Privy Council as a final court of appeal. This debate has intensified sharply in the wake of several decisions handed down by the Privy Council in death penalty cases. Over the last 10 to 15 years, the Privy Council has upset regional governments by reversing decisions of regional courts in murder cases and also in constitutional cases having to do with the death penalty. The move to establish the CCJ has therefore been seen by some as a step by regional governments to avoid the consequences of these rulings of the Privy Council and to create a court that will make it easier to hang convicted murderers.

It is regrettable that the idea of a Caribbean court to replace the Privy Council has become embroiled in the death penalty controversy. Long before this controversy arose, the notion of a regional final court gained currency as far back as 1970 when Jamaica tabled a resolution at the Sixth Conference of the Heads of Government of CARICOM calling for the implementation of a Caribbean Court of Appeal. This was not surprising. All of the former British colonies that once used the Privy Council have gone on to establish their own final court. At this time the Caribbean is grouped with the somewhat obscure territories of the Isle of Man, Jersey, the Pitcairn Islands, Gibraltar and Mauritius as the only remaining countries that still retain the Privy Council as a final court.

The argument that the use of the Privy Council is free of cost to us or that we can better invest our scarce resources in shoring up the admittedly poor state of some of our legal infrastructure are poor excuses for clinging on to a relic of colonialism in the 21st Century. With the Privy Council as our final court of appeal, too few Caribbean litigants can have their cases decided at the highest level. Firstly, there is the physical distance involved. Secondly, and closely allied to this, is the matter of the costs involved in bringing a matter before the Privy Council. London solicitors must be briefed and travel, accommodation and out of pocket expenses must be paid to counsel. Moreover, those expenses are quite apart from the legal fees charged, which fees, given the stature of the Privy Council and the finality of its decisions, are always quite considerable. The establishment of the CCJ will naturally eliminate or at least ameliorate these constraints to access to justice.

One of the most important attributes of a judge and of a judicial system is that they must be impartial. So, how do we assure the independence of our judges? There are two kinds of independence that we speak of: institutional independence and personal independence. Institutional measures must be put in place to secure judicial independence. But those

“To continue consciously to entrust to a foreign court of law, and to judges with no emotional or spiritual connection with the region, the responsibilities that go with the highest rung on the judicial ladder is to surrender a vital aspect of one's sovereignty. The establishment of the CCJ can therefore be rightly regarded as the completion of our independence. The CCJ is more than just a court of original and appellate jurisdiction for the Caribbean region. It is a body that can assist in fashioning a Caribbean jurisprudence and in forging broader and deeper ties between regional states. These are roles that the Privy Council could never perform even if it so desires.”

Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, Judge, Caribbean Court of Justice
institutional measures are not enough. On top of them we must place measures to train the judicial mind in the ways of independence.

What institutional measures guarantee the independence of the CCJ judges? First of all there is the manner in which the judges are selected. The process was transparent and merit based. The positions were advertised, applications were received, the candidates with the best resumes were invited to interview and a final selection was made. The judges were not handpicked by any government. The Judges were selected late last year by the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC). The RJLSC is a body that is entirely independent of the Governments of the region. The method of selection of the CCJ judges by such an independent body is like no other in the region and indeed anywhere else that I can think of. Institutional independence relates to matters like the tenure of the judges, their terms and conditions, the method of their appointment and removal and so forth.

What of personal independence? How does a judiciary satisfy itself that its judges strive to place their biases aside and render their decisions independently. There are only two ways. Courts must emphasise and positively encourage training in judicial ethics and judicial education. In 1999, we in the OECS adopted a written code of ethics for our judges. Secondly, our judges in the OECS are required to undergo judicial education at the commencement of their appointment and throughout their careers. Over the last 8 years we have invested heavily in the establishment of a Judicial Education Institute that regularly puts on programmes for judges, magistrates and court staff.

If you asked me what quality in a judge I admired most, it would not be scholarship or integrity or even independence. It would be humility because judges are invested with awesome powers that no other official of the state can wield. Judicial education can play a huge part in making judges more aware of and sensitive to the public’s perception of the manner in which they wield these powers and in this way judges are better placed to account to the public whom they serve. Accountability is the flip side of independence. The timely delivery of judgments, the efficient conduct of the business of the court, a judicial bearing that is neither aloof nor vulgar, all these qualities can be enhanced by constant exposure to judicial education.

UWI Alumni Appointed as CCJ Judges

Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders is one of two UWI graduates, who have recently been selected to serve as Judges to sit on the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). The other is Mr. Justice Duke Pollard of Guyana a Legal Consultant at the CARICOM Desk in Guyana. Mr. Justice Rolston Nelson of Trinidad and Tobago, Associated Lecturer in Commercial and Corporate Law and Honorary Distinguished Fellow in the Faculty of Law has also been appointed to serve on the CCJ, which was inaugurated on April 16th.

Other members of the Court are: the Rt. Hon. Michael de la Bastide, former Chief Justice of Trinidad & Tobago, President of the Court; Desiree Bernard, Guyanese, the Chancellor of the Guyana Judiciary; Jacob Wit, Dutch, a member of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands Antilles and Curacao; and David Hayton, British, a Professor at the University of London.

In reflecting on his appointment, Justice Saunders told “The Tower”, “It is a great honour to be among the first judges of the CCJ.”
HIGHLIGHTS OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2003/4 AND PRE-VIEW OF 2004/5

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

At the undergraduate level, the Quality Assurance Unit reviewed several courses and Faculties continued their ongoing revision of programmes to ensure their continued relevance. Other highlights were: the establishment of internship programmes to support classroom learning; the increased use of interactive modes in programme delivery; and the launch of the UWI/Guardian General Premium Teaching Award Scheme.

A priority in 2003/4 was the development of graduate programmes that meet regional needs for capacity building in a number of critical areas. Several new programmes were introduced including: the Masters programme in International Trade Policy; the MSc in Financial and Business Economics; the MSc in International Management; the MSc in Applied Meteorology; the new stream in Solid Waste Management in the MSc in Natural Resource Management and Environmental Studies; and the MA in Cultural Studies. A new slate of fee-based taught-masters programmes will be rolled out in 2004/5, covering areas such as: E-Commerce, E-Governance, Labour Studies, Global Events Management; Food Science; Disaster Mitigation and Management; Sustainable Tourism; and Water Resources Management.

A major initiative pursued during the year and still under consideration is the proposal to establish a full Faculty of Medical Sciences at Cave Hill, which would offer the full MBBS programme (a Bachelor of Medical Science after 3 years and the MBBS at the end of five years).

RESEARCH

A number of research projects, examining diverse areas of importance to the region, were ongoing during the review period, including:

- Management of at-risk children in secondary schools; indiscipline among adolescents in high schools in the Eastern Caribbean; Literacy Survey Reading Diagnostic Project in the Windwards and Barbados (Faculty of Humanities & Education);
- Caribbean Coastal Resources Co-Management Project, promoting sustainable development of fisheries and other coastal resources in Central America and the Caribbean; examination of changes in Caribbean sea levels over the past 1000 years to predict future change and impact on the Caribbean coastal ecology and settlement (Centre for Resource Management & Environmental Studies);
- Research on several regional crops, including hot peppers, arrowroot and anthuria (Dept of Biological & Chemical Sciences);
- Study of the political leadership of former Dominican Prime Minister Dame Eugenia Charles (Centre for Gender & Development Studies);
- Development of case studies to document the merger between Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Barclays Bank (Dept of Management Studies);
- Barbados Register of Strokes, HIV/AIDS Situation Analysis and Economic Evaluation Study, Amputations in diabetics (School of Clinical Medicine & Research);
- Causes of violence in Caribbean society and the contribution of cultural industries to the national economy of Barbados (Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Research).

Another notable achievement was the launch of the University/UNESCO/Commonwealth Chair in HIV/AIDS, the first of its kind at any University.

ENHANCING CAPACITY & CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

Information and Communication Technology: Approximately 200 courses were added to the WebCT Course Management System, allowing for on-line access to course materials and interactive communication among students and between students and faculty. Additionally, wireless access, already provided in strategic locations, will be extended across the Campus and by the end of 2005, all of the largest lecture theatres will be converted into smart class-rooms, with the full range of state-of-the-art technical supports.

Capital Works Development: Work was started on the Creative Arts Centre, which includes a theatre and cinema, dance studio and music room, a visual arts centre and exhibition display areas, a pedagogical centre and administration facilities. Construction was completed on: a new office and teaching block for the School of Education and the Education Evaluation Centre; the redesign and conversion of the Shell Suite to three meeting and training rooms; the expansion of the School of Continuing Studies with 3 additional lecture rooms, computer lab and meeting room; a new teaching block, which provides lecture theatre seating for 200, five lecture/seminar rooms and one large lecture room with supporting amenities; and the expansion of the Main Library with the addition of new study space for students.

There was substantial expansion of and improvement in the quality of the Campus’ landscape with new landscape furniture, chairs, benches, gazebos and recreational facilities.

This gazebo offers a picturesque view.
The Campus continued to successfully pursue closer relations with the private sector, with RBC Royal Bank of Canada and Sagicor Life Inc. joining the list of companies which have signed Memoranda of Understanding. Royal Bank and Sagicor will make gifts of more than BDS 2M over the next five years to support the development of the Creative Arts Centre and the establishment of the Sagicor Cricket Operations and Research Enterprise respectively.

Partnerships with the donor community have also been invaluable, with major contributions during the period coming from: the Organization of American States (OAS), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) amongst others.

The Government of Barbados continues to be a vital partner in ensuring the growth of the Campus. During the 2003/4 period, the Government continued to support the acquisition of over 30 acres of Crown Lands situated in the Black Rock area and the development of a 2007 World Cup Cricketers Village at this site, which would subsequently be used as student accommodation. Substantial support was also received through a direct grant by the Office of the Prime Minister, for the establishment of the Federal Archives, a collection of the documents, papers and artifacts of the West Indies Federation. Prime Minister Arthur (Class of 1970), opened the Archives on October 25, 2004.

**EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

**LAW STUDENTS WIN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

The Faculty of Law team of Conway Blake (Class of 2004) and Ky-Anne Lee (Class of 2004) earned international recognition as the first English speaking contestants to win the 2004 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C from a field of 47 teams from the Caribbean, South, Central and North America.

**DR. HORROCKS NAMED AMONG WORLD’S TOP SCIENTISTS**

The Pew Institute for Ocean Science recognized Dr. Julia Horrocks, Marine Ecologist, as one of five of the world’s top scientists in marine conservation. She received a Pew Fellowship, a prestigious Marine Conservation Award valued at US$150,000, for her study of the biology, conservation and management of sea turtles.

**CAVE HILL RESEARCHERS RECEIVE VICE-CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS**

Professor Winston Tinto (Class of 1986) and Dr. Sean McDowell (Class of 1985) were both recognized in the Vice Chancellor’s annual Awards for Excellence: Professor Tinto, Head of the Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences at Cave Hill for Research Accomplishments and Service to the University Community; and Dr. McDowell in the category for Research Accomplishments.

**DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING STUDENTS**

Highlights in this area include:

- The first on-line student registration in Semester 2, 2004/5, the first aspect of the launch of the Banner Student Administration System, which aims to improve efficiency of student related administrative processes;

- The launch of the Student Amenities Initiative, which seeks to improve services in the area of health and counseling, student employment and placement, arts and culture, civics, literary and debating activities, sports, transportation, food services and recreation to prepare students for leadership and the world of work;

- The launch of the Arthur Lewis Awards for OECS Nationals, a scholarship scheme offering 30 awards over the next three years.
Mr. Justice Philip Telford Georges

The Right Hon. Philip Telford Georges, P.C., Hon. LL.D., a Dominican by birth and former Professor of Law who served at different times as Dean of the Faculty of Law and as Public Orator at Cave Hill, died on January 13, 2005. His Professorial Chair in the Faculty of Law was but one of many achievements of a legal career of possibly unparalleled distinction in the Caribbean. He was in his time not only a Judge of the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, but Chief Justice at different times of 3 different countries, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and The Bahamas, and he also served as President of the Court of Appeal of Belize.

He was one of the very small company of West Indian judges invited to serve as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, one of only 17 awardees of the Order of the Caribbean Community, and the only one whose distinction rests entirely on contribution to the region as a lawyer. Nor was the University’s honorary doctorate his first such distinction. Telford Georges’ judgment in the Trinidad and Tobago case of Thornhill, where he was reversed by the Court of Appeal but upheld by the Privy Council (Thornhill v. A.-G. [1981] A.C. 61), can hardly be considered one of the seminal contributions to Caribbean jurisprudence on human rights, and may contend for the rank of the item of his corpus of work best recalled by Cave Hill law students and graduates.

The Cave Hill community extends condolences to the family and friends of one who contributed to the Faculty of Law and the University, along with his dedicated services as a teacher and scholar, the benefit of sharing in his legendary distinction.

Professor Ralph Carnegie (Class of 1959)
Director, Caribbean Law Institute Centre
Cave Hill Campus

Prof. Margaret DeMerieux

Professor Margaret DeMerieux, a member of the Cave Hill Campus community for 28 years, died on Monday, November 15, 2004. Professor DeMerieux joined the Cave Hill Faculty as a Senior Lecturer in Law in 1975 and was appointed to the Chair in Law at Cave Hill in 1999. She retired in 2003. Professor DeMerieux earned distinction in her discipline through her many scholarly publications. In March 2002, her work gained particular attention when the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council cited her Fundamental Rights in Commonwealth Caribbean Constitutions (UWI, 1992) in its decision Patrick Reyes v. The Queen (Privy Council Appeal No 64. of 2001). Prior to joining the Cave Hill Campus community, Professor DeMerieux served as Deputy Chief Clerk, Inner London Magistrates Court Service and a Magistrate in Antigua. The Cave Hill Community extends condolences to Professor DeMerieux’s family and friends.

Mr. Leighton Jackson (Class of 1975)
Lecturer
Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus

FOCUS ON STUDENT SERVICES

Student protests in February 2005 at Cave Hill over the introduction of an annual Student Amenities fee of BDS$700 has focused attention on the role of the Office of Student Services (OSS). The new fee is still under discussion, but the intention is that fees will be used to fund new initiatives in OSS. “The Tower” spoke to new Director of OSS, Mrs. Harriett Yearwood, who said that improving the quality of student life, student morale, and preparing students for the world of work and life in general are high on the OSS agenda. “Our thrust will, in effect, dismiss the myth that OSS concentrates mainly on sporting initiatives,” said Mrs. Yearwood.

Mrs. Yearwood told “The Tower” that the University has recognised the need to develop a more rounded student and is preparing to address this issue through: a Professional Development Programme; expansion of the Orientation Programme; expansion of Health Services, Counselling and Chaplaincy and Student Volunteer Programmes. These programmes are designed to cater to students at all levels, whether full-time or part-time. “The Office is aware of the needs of part-timers and is in the process of extending these services to them as well”, she said.

In terms of the Orientation programme, a new component entitled, “Introduction to the College Experience”, has been designed to assist students in the transition to University, in the development of positive attitudes about themselves and the learning process and in the acquisition of skills essential for academic and personal success. The Professional Development programme has already been launched with a Lecture given by Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie, entitled “Will you be a Successful Millennial Graduate?” Students have already benefited from two workshops, which focused on Career Guidance and Job Searching and Interview Preparation.

There has also been a focus on sporting activities and as a result, there is now a first class cricket ground, a more improved football field, as well as hard courts for volleyball, netball and lawn tennis. The appointment of a new Director of Sports, Mr. Roland Butcher, now means that students have at their disposal a dedicated professional administrator to look after their co-curricular and extra-curricular needs. Students can now even receive credits for participation in co-curricular activities such as sports, debating and leadership with service.
STUDENT SERVICES
STALWARTS RETIRE

Those of you who lived in the Halls of Residence on Campus or were active in sports, debating or other extracurricular activities, will no doubt remember Jailal Jebodhsingh, former Director of Student Services and Judy Wilkinson, former Business Manager in the Halls of Residence, who both retired in 2004.

Known to one and all as Jai, Mr. Jebodhsingh served the University well for 33 years in a variety of capacities - academic, administrative, extra-curricular and outreach. His first substantive post was lecturer in French – for 22 years. Even while in that post, there was clear evidence of his student-centered approach. He was already deeply committed to the organisation of student sporting activities, students’ awards, student exchanges and student welfare. In 1991, he made the move to the Office of Student Services, first as Warden and Student Counsellor and then as Director of Student Services. As a Founding Father of the Office of Student Services, he presided over student life, and developed sports and debating, social and leisure activities. The mentorship and chaplaincy programmes are his initiatives. He launched the Orientation Programme and seminars in study skills and leadership for students. Even on weekends, Jai could often be found on Campus - walking around the field, inspecting this and that, and ensuring that matches ran smoothly. Students knew that they could call him during any emergency-at home-at all hours of the day or night. Jai was a friend to all students-they respected him as fair but firm.

Judy started at Cave Hill Campus in August 1970 in the Examinations Section of the Student Affairs Department. In 1995, she was appointed Business Manager of Halls of Residence, where she was entrusted with looking after the well being of residents. A naturally pleasant, soft-spoken and approachable person and devout Christian, staff and students alike fondly remember Judy for the great sensitivity, warmth and concern she always displayed for her wards on Hall. She organised many social activities for both staff and students including an annual Christmas lunch and always ensured that students who remained in the Halls spent Christmas with families. She herself hosted many students.

We wish them both a long and happy retirement!

UWIAA Educating The Public

The Barbados Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association (UWIAA) is embarking on a public education programme as the principal means of mobilizing its base. The first in a series of panel discussions took place on February 14, 2005 at the Central Bank of Barbados. Dr. Marion Williams, Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados (Class of 1977), launched the programme.

Panelists were Tony Whittaker, President of the Caribbean Association of Banking Institutes (CABI) (Class of 1967), Harold Codrington, Adviser to the Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados (Class of 1977), Bernard Codrington, retired Economist and Manager of Barbados National Bank Trust, and Ryan Proudfoot. The topic discussed was “Caribbean Single Market and Economy - The Changing Face of the Financial System in Barbados and Implications for National Development”.

Other topics proposed for the remainder of 2005 are:-

2. How much do we know about the impact of cellular phone use on the individual’s health?
3. The abolition of appeals to the Privy Council by CARICOM governments: Bane or Blessing?
4. Are we ready to manage a major disaster in Barbados?
6. Are young males being marginalized by the education in Barbados?
7. Is there a future for agriculture and manufacturing in Barbados?

UWI graduates, staff, students and the general public are invited to participate.
UWI PEOPLE MAKING CAREER MOVES

Thanks to all alumni who submitted information on what is new in the professional lives of those in our alumni community.

Congratulations to you all! Your alma mater is proud of your achievements.

Alumni Movements at UWI, Cave Hill

Professor Eudine Barriteau (Class of 1980) has been promoted to a Professorship in Gender and Public Policy, effective May 2004. Several other alumni have also been appointed to serve in various capacities at Cave Hill from August 2004:

- Dr. George Belle (Class of 1972), Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Mrs. Sonia Mahon (Class of 1991), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Dr. Justin Robinson (Class of 1990), Deputy Dean – Distance and Outreach, Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Dr. Maureen Lucas (Class of 1969), appointed Deputy Dean – Outreach, School of Education, Faculty of Humanities;
- Mrs. Cynthia Barrow-Giles (Class of 1984), appointed as Head, Department of Government, Sociology, Social Work and Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Mrs. Gillian Beckles (Class of 2001), appointed as Assistant Registrar, Distance Education.

Mr. Justice Denys Barrow

Mr. Justice Denys Barrow of Belize (Class of 1975) has been recently appointed to act as a Justice of Appeal with the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. He commenced his stint as an Acting Appeal Court Judge from April 1, 2005. Justice Barrow SC was a Senior Attorney in Belize before being invited to join the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. He brings to the court a wealth of experience as a Barrister and Solicitor in Belize where he was regarded as a first rate litigator. Two of his daughters have followed in his footsteps and have graduated from the Faculty of Law at Cave Hill with honours. The first, Liesje (2001) is now practising as a Lawyer in Belize while the second, Naima (2003) is doing her final year at the Norman Manley Law School. Justice Barrow's wife, Emily Panthea néé Haynes also graduated from Cave Hill in 1975.

UWI ALUMNI FIRST EVER FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

Two graduates of UWI Cave Hill were appointed to head the Forensic Sciences Centre, which was opened in 2003 in Barbados. They are: Cheryl A. Corbin, Director, and Lorraine Alleyne, Deputy Director. In commenting on these appointments, Cheryl told “The Tower,” “The Office of the Attorney General has the unique distinction of endorsing the largest number of females in management positions within the Ministry, from Permanent Secretary to Chief Parliamentary Counsel to Heads of Departments. Having such a responsibility can only be described as a career achievement and the Ministry of the Civil Service must be applauded for the interest and fairness they have embraced in identifying suitable candidates for postings. The field of Forensic Science is ever challenging and fast paced. As a scientist, the training I received from Cave Hill has been invaluable and has positioned me firmly on the stage to perform credibly.”

Cheryl graduated in 1990, with an honours degree in Chemistry and was founding President of the Natural Sciences Society, which produced PHOTON (a publication totally owned by the students). One of her fondest memories of life at Cave Hill was “Short Pants Day,” an annual event in which even lecturers participated. “Every year colleagues looked forward to Dr. Meek and Dr. Newton ‘showing knees,’” she recalls. On leaving the hill, Cheryl joined the Sugar Technology Research Unit as a Technologist. From 1986, she was attached to the Government Analytical Services Unit and gained promotion to Assistant Director before departing in 1997. During this period, Cheryl completed a Master of Science in Forensic Sciences from Kings College, University of London in 1990. She is the Gazetted Analyst for eight Caribbean territories and President of the Caribbean Council of Forensic Laboratory Heads.

After graduating with upper second class honours in Biology in 1992, Lorraine was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship and went on to complete a Master of Science in Forensic Science at King's College, University of London in 1994. “When I returned and joined the Forensic Sciences Centre, it was with excitement that I looked forward to making a contribution especially in the area of DNA profiling and its application to criminal and paternity cases. Forensic science is a very dynamic career, not the CSI Miami, but one that utilizes scientific and analytical skills. The Centre provides technical assistance to the Caribbean region and as designated Scientist for some of islands I feel I am also making a contribution to the judiciary process regionally,” Lorraine told “The Tower.” As Deputy Director, with administrative responsibility for human resource matters, Lorraine notes that she draws on her analytical skills and managerial principles as acquired during her studies for the Executive Diploma in Management.

Ms. Cheryl Corbin (Class of 1990)

Ms. Lorraine Alleyne (Class of 1992)
Greetings From Cleveland

My name is Violet Cox formerly Violet Bowen. I just received a copy of “The Tower”, and I was thrilled to see the many accomplishments of my fellow alumni. I was disappointed however, that I was not made aware of the 2004 Reunion. I would not have missed that! Hope there will be another one and that I will be contacted. I’d like to share a little about myself now. Since my graduation from Cave Hill, I went on to Columbia University, New York and completed a Masters of Science in Speech-language Pathology, and doctoral studies in Speech Pathology at Kent State University in Ohio, USA. I am currently a professor of neurogenic communication disorders at Cleveland State University in Cleveland Ohio, where I now reside. Of course the above would not have been at all possible were it not for my alma, Cave Hill Campus. Best wishes, and please keep me informed.

Dr. Violet Bowen-Cox (Class of 1977), Cleveland, USA

Scholarships Should Not Only Be For The Young

I picked up my daughter’s copy of “The Tower” as I was rushing through the door to catch a plane to Manchester to complete my Masters. I have just had the chance to read through some of the most interesting and exciting articles and statements. The column that interested me the most was that which was headed “Alumni Association Making a Difference”. There was one scholarship/award which was/will be given for a medical student. My contribution to this is that I sincerely hope that awards will not ONLY be given to those that are considered ‘young’. This sends the wrong message, in my view, as it implies that only young people need to study and therefore it will only be them that need help financial or otherwise. I base this argument on the fact that the research shows that people, especially in Barbados, are living longer and not producing as many children. Therefore I feel there is need and room for those who feel able to study to be encouraged to do so even if they have passed their youth. By the way, where was my issue? I graduated at the same time with my daughter but I was a student of Mona while she was Cave Hill.

Paulette Drakes (Class of 2000), Manchester, UK

Best Wishes To UWI

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of “The Tower”, for which I am thankful and appreciate very much. The UWI certainly provides us as members of the CARICOM community with information on the great work the institution is doing for the advancement of education in the region. I noted with special interest the number of leading politicians in the Eastern Caribbean who attended UWI, including the present Prime Minister of Grenada, the Hon Dr. Keith Mitchell. We hope that UWI will continue to grow from strength to strength for the advancement of the region. Best wishes.

Randolph Mark, St. Andrew’s, Grenada

The Seventies Were Indeed The Best

I was delighted to receive my copy of “The Tower”, yesterday. It had gone through a complicated path to get to me, but indeed, “better late than never”. I am a graduate of the class of 1972, and I would like to add my support to the comment made by Owen Arthur, who was also a colleague in my History class with Dr. Hunte. Certainly the 1970s were the best. In those days we were interested in solving the problems of the region and we had ambitions not only for ourselves but also for our territories. Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

Glenda Ledgister (nee Davis) (Class of 1972), Hanover, Jamaica

Greetings From Botswana

Thank you for the copy of “The Tower”. Please keep me updated. At the moment I am teaching in Botswana. I am operating at the level of Senior Teacher and I am coordinating the Computer Awareness and Business Studies programmes. I’m originally from Georgetown, Guyana. I worked previously as Town Clerk (Ag) at the Georgetown City Council and at the University of Guyana as Administrative Officer, Asst. Registrar (Ag) Exams and Admissions (Ag) at different times.

Ingrid Moses, Botswana, Southern Africa

Keep Up The Good Work, UWII!

I am proud to be associated with the University of the West Indies. It has given many persons around the Caribbean (including me) the hope for a better future. Continue to do the good job that you have started, especially in the area of bringing education to those who are not able to leave their family and other commitments to be on campus.

Carol Robinson, Barbados

Updating You On My Career Since UWI

After completing my BA in Sociology at Cave Hill, I went on to York University where I received an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology. I developed and chaired the Department of Criminology for two years at Malaspina College, Nanaimo, British Columbia, before taking a position at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, U.S.A. where I am Professor of Criminal Justice and have being teaching for the past 15 years. I am a member of International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations and have published several books and articles on juvenile delinquency, violence against women, minorities and crime, corrections, gangs, school violence, and transnational crimes. I am the editor of the Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice, a certified gang specialist, a certified criminal justice program reviewer, and a peer reviewer for U.S. Department of Justice.

Dr. Janice Joseph (Class of 1976), New Jersey, USA
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ALUMNI OFFICE LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The Cave Hill Campus Office of Alumni Relations officially launched its own website on March 31, 2005, when it hosted a thank you function for alumni volunteers who assisted with the 70s Reunion celebrations held last October. The site, which was developed by Alan Daniel, a Computer Science graduate of 2004, gives alumni an avenue to reconnect and stay connected to UWI.

The new website allows alumni to update their current contact information; help the Office reconnect with other alumni whose information is not current; find a specific classmate, friend or professor; stay informed of new happenings and upcoming events on Campus; read the alumni newsletter online; view photographs of past events; volunteer to assist with alumni activities or to give time, talent or financial support to UWI; and get more information about the various chapters of the UWI Alumni Association. You are all encouraged to visit, provide feedback and stay in touch with us and each other.

Congratulations to Wilbert Gill (Class of 1986 - Economics and Management) who wins a 40th Anniversary mug for being the first to update his current information online. Wilbert now lives and works in New Jersey, USA, where he is a Financial Analysis Manager with Bristol Myers Squibb.