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Welcome to the new look fifth edition of the alumni newsletter. Our thanks go to a team of alumni in the media who have come on board to provide expert guidance for the ongoing enhancement of the newsletter. In this edition, we have increased our circulation to 10,000. We take a special look at the concerns and achievements of young alumni, as well as the importance of alumni’s continued involvement in the life of the University through their gifts of time, talent and treasure. We cannot build and sustain a world class academy without alumni support. It is surprising how many graduates pose the question - what has UWI done for me lately? - when asked about becoming more involved in alumni activities. Fortunately, many treasure the difference a UWI education has made in their lives and recognise the importance of continuing to build the institution, not only because they want to protect and strengthen the value of their UWI degree, but also so that future generations can benefit as we did. We urge you to get involved!

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Outstanding Service to UWI

Andrew Lewis (BSc. Economics & History 1967), Director of Special Projects and Planning and former Campus Registrar, received a Vice-Chancellor’s Special Award for his outstanding and distinguished service to the University in a Ceremony held at Cave Hill on May 24, 2006. Mr. Lewis was a foundation student of the Cave Hill Campus in 1963, serving during his student life as Secretary, then President of the Guild of Undergraduates and earning along the way the distinctions of Student of the Year in 1966, and postgraduate Scholar in 1967. He joined the staff of the University in 1980 as an Assistant Registrar, rising to Campus Registrar in 1990. On his retirement from the University in 2003 he was appointed on post-retirement contract as Director of Special Projects and Planning.

Meet The Presidents

The Central Executive Committee of the UWI Alumni Association met at the Annual Meeting for all chapter presidents and UWI alumni relations staff held in Jamaica in April 2006. (Front row from left to right Charmaine Wright, Alumni Office, Mona; Maxine McClean, President, Barbados Chapter; Eileen MacLachlan, Vice-President, St. Kitts and Nevis Chapter; Maud Fuller, President, Toronto Chapter; Nadine Marriott, President, Jamaica Chapter, Rose-Anne Maxwell, Alumni Office, Cave Hill; Charmain Subero, Alumni Office, St. Augustine. (Back row left to right Nkrumah Lucian, President, St. Lucia Chapter; Franklin Knight, Alumnus Representative and President, Washington Chapter; Vernon Barrett, President, UK Chapter; Celia Davidson-Francis, Director of Alumni Relations; Ronald White, President, Florida Chapter; Elveta Chalmers, Secretary, Montserrat Chapter; Lisa Johnson, President Belize Chapter; Deborah Ann Lee, President, Cayman Island Chapter; Marcia Potter, President, BVI Chapter, Frederick Bowen, Former President, Trinidad and Tobago Chapter and Hazel Carter, President, New York Chapter.
In 1991 the Centre for Management Development/UWI (CMD/UWI) took the lead in ushering in a new order in academy. Fifteen years later, the centre’s success can be attributed to its ability to translate knowledge about the current needs of the global market into rapid responses, that have allowed it not only to meet client demands but to exceed expectations.

Once again in 2006, the CMD/UWI stands at the cross roads of one of the most exciting and critical turning points in the history of its existence, as it makes the transition into the new era of Cave Hill School of Business (CHSB).

Cave Hill School of Business (CHSB) and seeks to ardently pursue its vision of becoming a premier provider of executive education both regionally and internationally. The School of Business, which was officially launched on June 14, will be founded on three pillars of excellence: academic programmes, executive development programmes and consultancies and research. While the Centre has heavily pursued the first two components, the third component of research represents promising new territory.

“It is through this research capability that we intend to intensify our relevance to the business community, by providing information that allows organisations to more effectively manage their resources. The transition will also allow us to better serve that pool of potential individuals who seek to advance and improve upon their skills set, by offering exciting and relevant new programmes with more cutting-edge modalities,” explained CHSB Director, Dr. Jeannine Comma.

Come September this year, the Cave Hill Campus of the UWI will welcome the first cohort of postgraduate students who have gained entry into eight masters programmes being offered for the first time. Principal, Professor Hilary Beckles notes that the development of these programmes is in response to demand for advanced specialist training and continuing professional development for graduates and experienced professionals.

“IT is a strategic imperative that Cave Hill becomes a first-rate, highly relevant and accessible academy that shines as a place of first choice for people of the region and an effective competitor among education service providers both at home and abroad,” he said.

The new programmes will be offered in: banking and finance, tourism and hospitality management, electronic commerce, e-governance for developing states, public law, cricket studies, social work, applied psychology and counseling psychology. Additional programmes are expected to come on stream in January 2007. Full details are available online at http://cavehill.uwi.edu/newtaughtmasters.pdf.

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Cave Hill is still abuzz with excitement at recent outstanding achievements of both students and staff members in its community. We salute these outstanding individuals who have brought honour and prestige to the UWI.

O’Neil Simpson is still the toast of UWI! He was the clear winner of the 2005/6 World Universities and Colleges Public Speaking Championships held in December - January in Dublin, Ireland. Simpson won from a field of six students from some of the world’s most renowned universities including Australia’s Macquarie University and America’s Yale University. He is the first ever Caribbean person to do so and made the UWI Cave Hill team the first Caribbean University team to win any trophy in the annual competition. The topic of the final debate was “Beauty is an over-rated virtue”. Simpson is a final year Law student who hails from Jamaica.

Professor Mark McWatt, lecturer and former Head of the Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature, recently won the Commonwealth Prize for Best First Book of Fiction for The Caribbean and Canada, the Commonwealth Best First Book of Fiction overall and the 2006 Casa de las Américas prize for the best Caribbean book written in English or Creole.

McWatt said he felt very privileged that his book was chosen the Best Overall winner, when he accepted his prize in Melbourne Australia. He noted that one of the driving forces behind his work is the fact that his imagination is “haunted by the interior landscapes of Guyana.”

The premise of the book is not simple: back in 1966, a group, of Guyanese sixth-formers vandalise a sports club, and each is ‘sentenced’ by a real magistrate in a staged trial to write a short story that reflects their newly independent country. Years later, “Mark McWatt” one of the group, decides to collect the rest of the stories from his friends and have them published. The book thus attempts a difficult task, to present these stories as if written by the multiple voices, at different stages in life, of “real” people writing about unreal things.

It is this complex structure that so impressed the Commonwealth judges. Head judge Aritha Van Herk, who is also novelist and University of Calgary Lecturer, stated that Suspended Sentences is a book “that refracts light like a powerful and many-facetted diamond. Its characters circle multiple challenges as they struggle to throw off the yoke of colonialism in Guyana.”
“Unless the worst pockets of poverty and deprivation are removed, there will never be any real peace or global prosperity. The Workers Group, within the ILO, believes we have gone well beyond the time for reciting what has been and we need action and we need it now. Globalisation has the high potential to bring real relief to the many as opposed to the few. Let us give due recognition to countries which have handicaps of one kind or another and prepare to give affirmative action in bringing them to a level where they can be truly competitive.”

Cardinal Leroy Trotman entered the University of the West Indies in 1965 where he gained his Bachelor’s degree in English, Economics and History. He later obtained his Masters in Labour Education from Rutgers University in the United States. A teacher by profession, Sir Roy taught at several schools and was headmaster of St Anthony’s, a privately owned secondary school. He also lectured at the University of the West Indies for three years from 1977 to 1980 in Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.

It was at the Modern High School that Sir Roy first became active in the trade union movement. Conditions there were far from satisfactory and he led the staff into the Barbados Workers’ Union (BWU), becoming the chief shop steward of the Union division. His dynamism and leadership qualities were such that he quickly made his mark in the BWU and soon became the chief negotiator and organiser. He was elected General Secretary in August 1992, a post he still holds today. He is President of the Congress of Trade Unions and Staff Associations of Barbados (CTUSAB), a position he has held since 1995.

Internationally, Sir Roy is Vice-President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a Governor of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Chairman of the Workers’ Group at the ILO, making him one of the four leading directors of the ILO. Sir Roy is a member of the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council and was elected President of the Caribbean Congress of Labour in 1989 and again in 1992.

He was made a Knight of St. Andrew in the 2002 Independence Honours for his outstanding service to Barbados, both nationally and internationally. He is married to the former Margaret Reid and has two daughters, who are also UWI graduates Paula, (MBBS 2001) a medical practitioner and Lesley, a budding lawyer, (LLB 2006).
St. Kitts-Nevis Chapter Up and Running

The St. Kitts-Nevis Chapter of the UWI Alumni Association was launched on December 15th, 2005 at a gala reception hosted at the residence of the Governor General, His Excellency Sir Cuthbert Sebastian. UWI Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne presided over the ceremony and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Board for Non-Campus Countries and Distance Education, Professor Lawrence Carrington addressed the alumni, including the graduating class of 2005. Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas (BSc. General 1977) also addressed the gathering and will serve as Patron of the Chapter. At the first annual general meeting held on December 9, 2005, Dr. Cameron Wilkinson, was elected as President. He will work through a national Executive Committee and two island committees. The Chapter plans to hold meetings the second Thursday in every month both in St. Kitts and in Nevis. Three fundraisers are planned for 2006: a Walkathon/10k on both islands in June; a raffle in September; and a gala event in November to honour three outstanding graduates. Funds raised will go towards the development of the UWI Centre in St. Kitts. Resident Tutor and Head of the Centre, Olivia Edgecombe-Howell must be thanked for undertaking the ground work to ensure the establishment of the Chapter.

New York Chapter Launches Planned Giving Initiative

The New York Chapter is encouraging its members to make provisions for their long-term financial security and set up regular contributions to UWI, either during their lifetime or as a contribution from their estate. The Planned Giving Initiative seeks to introduce UWI alumni in New York to several investment instruments commonly used for charitable giving in the USA. For example, a person might establish a charitable remainder trust that provides income to the donor (or someone else) for a period of time (usually for life). After this gift-deferral period, the trust would “mature” and the remaining assets (corpus) would go to one or more charities. The Planned Giving Initiative is being spearheaded by Chancellor Sir George Alleyne (MBBS, 1958) and was launched in December 2005. An investment advisory firm, Begin LePage, based in Connecticut, is managing the initiative.

Student Receives Alumni Scholarship

Tamika Spencer received a scholarship worth CAN $1,000 presented by the Toronto Chapter of UWIAA at the annual Ceremony for the Presentation of Student Awards – Rewarding Excellence, held on April 4, 2006 at Cave Hill. Tamika will be going into her final year in the Faculty of Law in September. “This award inspires me to continue to work hard at what I really love. It goes to show that dedication and determination are the key ingredients in one’s successful achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the UWIAA (Toronto Chapter) for considering and giving me such an opportunity to continue my career thrust.” Tamika told The Tower.

UWI Comes 2 U

Look out for members of the Barbados Chapter of UWIAA and the Cave Hill Campus Alumni Office in a mall near you. The outreach programme and UWIAA membership drive started in Mall Internationale on June 10 and continued at Sheraton Mall (June 24). We are making it easy for you to sign up for the Alumni Association, the Alumni Circle and the UWI Visa Credit Card and we want you to tell us how we may better serve you. Listen out for us also on the telephone as we launch the Support UWI Telecall programme in coming months to hear your feedback and let you know about UWI projects of special benefit to the alumni community.
Floyd Green (LLB, 2006) provides definite confirmation that UWI is continuing to produce outstanding Caribbean leaders. As President of the Guild of Students, his calm, level-headed approach contributed significantly to a successful conclusion of the Student Amenities Fee impasse in 2005. As this articulate young Jamaican prepares to graduate from the Faculty of Law in October, he took time to chat with The Tower about what is on the minds of the newest members of the alumni fold – the graduating class of 2006.

**How was your experience as a student at UWI?**

My years at the University of the West Indies have marked definitely the most memorable passage of time in my life. Upon reflection, I can only smile as I remember the hours of liming and the good friends made. Don’t for a minute get me wrong however. The school work was stressful to say the least, resulting in many a long night where coffee became “man’s best friend”, but it is the friends I made and the people I met that mostly shaped my UWI experience. The melting pot of cultures that is the UWI provides the truest place for regional integration, throwing different personalities from different islands together and allowing them to share the common history of a UWI experience. I leave the University of the West Indies with a renewed love and appreciation of all the islands of the Caribbean, quite knowledgeable of their cultures and uniqueness, and proudly able to profess that I can travel the Caribbean and call someone in each island and say I’m here let’s go have a drink. So, all in all, my UWI experience was wonderful.

**What about the graduating class of 2006, what are their concerns about the future?**

The foremost concern would have to be their ability to garner meaningful employment. This concern is heightened where there are loans that financed their education that have to be repaid. With the implementation of the CSME, this graduating class will be the first that is supposed to be able to truly explore the Caribbean job market and travel freely to where the job opportunity presents itself. Students
are concerned yet optimistic about the CSME. They are worried about whether the governments of the region have truly put all in place for an effective single market. Further, they have a feeling of exclusion from the actual process of integrating the region. The deepening of globalisation and our weakened position as small states are other issues on the minds of students.

Graduates are concerned with the rising cost of graduate programmes across the campuses of the University. More and more graduates want to undertake further studies as they recognise the need to specialise, especially with the substantial increase in the number of persons holding a first degree. More importantly however, graduates have over the course of their first degree formulated wonderful research plans, which they would want to pursue further. The rising costs of these programmes, lack of government support and negligible private sector involvement have made this process extremely difficult.

What would you say students expect of UWI alumni?

Students expect the alumni through their association to play a much greater role in the general operations of the University especially aiding in its development by providing some of the amenities that they know through experience are needed to improve the students’ experience. Alumni should work closely with the Student Guild and the Office of Student Services to clearly define pressing needs and try to address them. Additionally, students expect the alumni to be the cornerstone of a number of programmes that help prepare students for the world after UWI. These programmes include internship, mentorship and actual job placement after the completion of the degree. Integral alumni involvement in areas such as Orientation of new students would also be considered standard procedure.

Tell us about your involvement in UWI STAT.

UWI STAT - Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow is a programme developed by Director of Alumni Relations, Mrs. Celia Davidson Francis. The idea is to engender a certain level of love of and attachment to the University by students so that the transition from student to alumni is seamless, resulting in a stronger alumni body. That programme has seen the birth of the Vice-Chancellor’s Student Ambassadors Corps, which is a club expected to harness the capabilities of some of the university’s most articulate, most involved and academically proven students. These students will help to promote the university to their peers and foster that love of the institution on the base level and in various official capacities, such as college fairs. The ambassadors will also coordinate the Footprints programme, which will promote a sense of philanthropy among our students by asking each graduating class to make a financial contribution that will be directed to a project of their choice. The ambassadors will also work very closely with the Alumni Association in helping them to coordinate their events and will serve as spokespersons for the CSME, aiding the governments of the region in taking the message out of the parliament buildings and into the homes. Fortunately, I aided in the formulation of the idea of the Ambassadors Club and as such have been bestowed with the honour of being the founding member of the Cave Hill club and therefore charged with the responsibility to establish this chapter. I am happy to say that we already have an executive and are ready to recruit new members come September.

How do you see the future of UWI?

Our motto describes us as a light rising from the west and in my eyes the University will continue to rise to even higher echelons of achievement. All across our campuses and in the UWI 12, the University is poised to make critical advancements further cementing its place as the premier learning institution in the western hemisphere. We are however at a critical junction where what will be required is creative and innovative thinking with inspired leadership and a dedicated and determined team. Most of those requirements are already in place - so the job should not be difficult. The first order of duty, however, has to be making our institution into a truly student centred place. We have outlined it in many operational plans but it has yet to come to fruition on our campuses and in the UWI 12. With the influx of American and European universities, potential students and students are faced with a lot more options without them even having to leave home. Unless we create an environment that a student really feels like their interest and success are priority, we will begin losing our best and brightest minds. We have all the ingredients for further success. We just need to put them together now.
Honouring Alumni Achievement

UWI can justly be proud of the achievements of the community of alumni it has produced in its nearly 60 years of existence. The Alumni Office is launching a project to document the achievements of Cave Hill graduates in a systematic way so that we can all share in the pride of knowing how our alumni have excelled. A distinguished group of alumni has consented to drive this project, the output of which is likely to be a book and a special page on the Alumni Office website. Cynthia Wilson (B.A English, 1957), Norma Holder (B.Sc. Chemistry, Mathematics & Physics, 1958), Esther Phillips (B.A English & French, 1974), Charles Pilgrim (BA General, 1953) and Sonia Welch (LL.B, 1989) have already started to pour over the names of alumni and will be seeking to locate and compile profiles of persons who have brought prestige to their alma mater in these fields: Education, Religion, Legal, Medical, Science, Trade Unions, The Arts, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Government. If you would like to bring an alumnus/a’s achievements to the attention of the team for inclusion in this project, please email the Alumni Office at alumnioffice@uwichill.edu.bb.

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.”

Winston Churchill

Tea, Wine, Jazz and Other Events

Jennifer Hinkson (B.A History, 1996) has agreed to chair the Alumni Events team, which has already come up with two new events to add to the alumni calendar. Team members are: Gloria Grant (B.Sc. Social Sciences, 1999), Cyril Burke (B.Sc. Public Sector Management, 1999), Junior Browne (Economics and Management, 1993), Peter Lewis (B.A History, 1996), Samuel Cumberbatch (B.Sc. Political Science with Public Sector Management, 2001) and Rose-Anne Maxwell (B.Sc. Management, 1999).

Alumni Giving Back Time and Talents

Catalyzing active alumni participation in the University and the Alumni Association is an extremely important strategic objective of the Office of Alumni Relations at Cave Hill. The Office has set out to promote and develop this process by setting up a network of working project teams made of alumni volunteers to assist in developing and implementing its programmes. Their invaluable dedication of time, talents and treasure cannot be underestimated.

One University, One Alumni Family

Halda Davis-Woodroffe (B.A English & Sociology, 1981), Kenneth Atherley (B.Sc. Geography, 1983), Leroy McClean (B.Sc Zoology & Chemistry, 1979) and Faye Wharton-Parris (B.Sc. Hotel Management, 1986) have embarked on an initiative to collect information on UWI graduates living in Barbados, who graduated from the Mona and St. Augustine campuses. The idea is to involve all UWI alumni in the Campus’ alumni programmes – One UWI, One Alumni Family. If you have any information that would be useful to the team, please forward it to the Alumni Office. Plans are to hold one or more reunions in the near future.

Alumni volunteers (left to right): Khalil Goodman, Rose-Anne Maxwell, Lisa Haynes, Carmel Haynes, Norma Holder, Halda Davis-Woodroffe, Jennifer Hinkson, Gloria Grant, Cyril Burke, and Sonia Welch.
A group of alumni at the prestigious Sandy Lane Hotel has readily agreed to assist recent graduates and other alumni who wish to better prepare themselves to get that first job or change jobs. Philip Chandler, Sandy Lane’s Learning and Development Officer (B.A History & Management, 2001) is leading a group of fellow UWI alumni in designing and delivering a one-day workshop on Career Development. The workshop will cover five key areas: Customer Service Dynamics; Preparing for the Interview (job search, the letter, the CV or resume, the thank you letter); Dynamics of the Interview (dress, etiquette, questioning, poise); Personal Development (performance, importance of training and development, personal development planning); and Motivation. Philip has pulled together an impressive team including Dr. Kerry Hall (B.Sc. Management, 1994), Sandy Lane’s Director of People Development and Training; Ms. Kelly-Ann Mayers (B.Sc. Hotel Management, 1994), Training Administrator, Ms. Patricia Taylor (B.Sc. Management, 1989), Service Management Consultant, International Centre for Quality and Mr. Lester Headley, Motivational Speaker and Change Agent at Sandy Lane Hotel. The workshop will be held on October 25, 2006 at the Shell Suite, Cave Hill Campus. To register for what promises to be a tremendously beneficial event email alumniofice@uwichill.edu.bb.

Recruitment Congress Postponed To March 2007

The Caribbean Recruitment Congress, which was scheduled to be held in September, 2006 has been postponed until March 10, 2007. The venue remains the Hilton Hotel, Needham’s Point, Barbados.

Alumni Month 2007

October 1
Family Fun Day: Church Service Alumni Lunch – Alumni vs. Campus Cricket Match

October 8
Ins and Outs of Cave Hill Treasure Hunt

October 12
Distinguished Alumni Lecture

October 18
Alumni vs Campus Sports Evening

October 25
Career Development Workshop

Tea, Wine and Jazz

A UWIAA Barbados chapter fundraising event to be held on November 4 at the Cave Hill Campus on the brow at the back of the Shell Suite. Alumni and friends will be treated to an elegant evening of entertainment, which will include performances by popular artistes, a live band and a fashion show.

UWI 60th Anniversary Cruise 2008

The Central Executive Committee of the UWI Alumni Association is planning an exciting Caribbean Cruise to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the UWI in 2008. Stay tuned for more details!!

UWI Rings Available
www.cavehill.edu/alumni/uwiring.htm
Seeking Former Professor Crabbe

I am searching for a past Professor of the University of the West Indies, Professor VCRAC Crabbe. I was looking on the internet and I see that he left your university and went on to be a Justice in the country of Ghana. I would appreciate any contact information which anyone could provide for me, preferably an e-mail address. He was a speaker at a past conference of ours and I wish to obtain his permission to post his paper to our website. Waiting to hearing from you....

D. Ventress, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

News From 1960s French Lecturer

I recently had a card from Daniel Leonard who taught French in my first year at Cave Hill, and would like to share the news with classmates whose signatures he has kept -- from the card accompanying his going-away present from us some 42 years ago. How can I contact my classmates (Bernard Roachford, Dorothy Richardson, J. O. Reeves, Seymour St. Hill, Cammie Archer, Josephine Josephs, Colin Reid, Wilvin Wiggins, Ruby Broome, F.R. Harding, C. Phillips, Marie Thomas). Many thanks and every good wish.

Lilith Haynes (B.A French and Spanish 1966)

Please contact the Alumni Office and we can put you in touch with Dr. Haynes.

UWI Ring Is Beautiful

I collected my ring from Colombian Emeralds Antigua today. I wore it today as well. The ring's beautiful. Thanks for your time and assistance.

Forsianne Joseph, Antigua (BSc. Management, 2005)

From UWI To World of Work In Grenada

As a student at UWI, I thought the Professors were trying to kill us with the workload, the pressure of working in groups, meeting deadlines and the list goes on. I was thrilled to be finally leaving UWI. I was like an eager beaver waiting for the opportunity to prove himself and put to use the knowledge I had acquired at Cave Hill. The job offer given to me to be Hospitality Coordinator in the Office of Communication and Events in the St. George's University in Grenada was something any graduate could not refuse. I am the youngest manager on the campus. That offer, coupled with the fact that my mother is Grenadian and am related to possibly half of the island, meant that settling into Grenada would not have been difficult or strange. My duties primarily entail accommodating all Visiting Professors and guests of the University and coordinating events. As a working young man, I can now confidently say that it is UWI that has effectively armed me not only to cope with the pressures of the work place but to be an outstanding professional in a world where the young are seen as ignorant.

Andre Blackman (BSc. Tourism and Hospitality Management, 2005), Hospitality Co-ordinator, St. George's University, Grenada

UWI Prepared Me Well

I had the distinct opportunity to attend the Cave Hill Campus from 1999 to 2001, where I did studies in Computer Science and Accounting. The programme, though very intense, was very rewarding. It prepared me to make a meaningful contribution in tackling some of the issues confronting my native country, St. Kitts-Nevis, where I served as a Senior Tax Inspector in the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) before migrating to the US, early 2005. At the IRD, I also served as Deputy Comptroller on a few occasions during the absence of the Comptroller. The exposure and knowledge received at UWI immeasurably enhanced my thought process. This was most helpful, while being a part of the management team at IRD.

I would like to thank UWI for the outstanding work it is doing, especially in preparing the people of the region to tackle the many and varied challenges that confront us and instilling the ability to stand shoulder to shoulder with people around the world in any discipline. I highly recommend UWI to anyone who is willing to work diligently and tirelessly to reach his/her fullest potential.

“Keep up the good work that you guys are doing at UWI Cave Hill, the foundation I got there was second to none. I am proud to have attended that school.”

Christopher E. Williams (B.Sc. Computer Science & Accounting, 2001), Staff Accountant, National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., Miami, Florida
1970s
Catherine Randell (nee Redman) (BA 1973), Oviedo, Florida

1980s
Dr. Roland Clarke (B.Sc. Natural Sciences 1981), Project Manager, Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme (CREDP), CARICOM Secretariat


Dr. Winston Anderson, (LLB 1983), Lecturer in the UWI Faculty of Law, promoted to the rank of Professor (seconded to the CARICOM Secretariat as Counsel-General)

Dr. Rose-Marie Antoine (LLB. 1986) was selected as a recipient of the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence 2005/6 in the category of Research Accomplishments. A Lecturer in the UWI Faculty of Law, Dr. Antoine has also been promoted to the rank of Professor. She is married to Dr. the Hon. Kenny Anthony, Prime Minister of St. Lucia (BSc. Government & History. 1976)

1990s
Andrew O’Connor (B.Sc. 1995, Georgia, USA)

Alex Green (B.Sc. Computer Science 1995), Barbados

Sheldon Forte (B.Sc. Economics and Management, 1997), currently pursuing an MBA at the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania would like to make fellow UWI alumni aware of the opportunities to attend top ten MBA programmes in the USA. Let us know if you want Sheldon to contact you.

Peter Lewis (B.A. History and English, 1996), Director, Business Development, FieldTech, Barbados


Huwei D. Corbin, (B.Sc. Computer Science 1997) Support Analyst, Cable & Wireless, Barbados

Sandra Maxwell, (B.Sc. Management 1998), Roseau, Dominica

2000s

Kevin Michel (2004), New York, USA


Danielle Benjamin (nee Hodge) (B. Sc. Accounting, 2000), Internal Audit Officer, ABI Financial Group, St. John’s, Antigua

Omari Corbin (B.Sc. Computer Science and Accounting), Analyst, Corporate Finance, FirstCaribbean International Bank, Barbados


Gail Royer, national of Dominica, appointed Legal Counsel, Legal Department, Caribbean Development Bank in April 2006. (LLB, 2002)

Lanello Green, Financial Controller, HIPAC (B.Sc. Accounting 2001)
While completing her Bachelors degree in Literatures in English, Cave Hill student Caryn Rae Adams (B.A. 2004) was also building a publishing company and creating her own Arts Magazine. Many people thought that the vision of a young businesswoman of a local arts magazine would remain simply that. Yet, Adams has in the last few months done the “impossible” and created a world-class arts magazine for local and regional voices.

A 23-year old Post-Graduate student at the University of the West Indies, Adams is the Editor-in-Chief of “Living Artyfacts” magazine. With the main aim to highlight the achievements of local and regional artists, within a society, which thinks that art is a mere hobby. Adams is an entrepreneur who believes that the cultural industries is the way forward for the Barbados economy.

But the journey has not been an easy one. Although Adams has the skills for journalism as both a graduate of the Barbados Community College’s Mass Communications programme and as a First Class Honours graduate of the Cave Hill campus “everyone” was sceptical about the idea. Everyone that is except her mother Carlotta Adams and her friends and family.

“My mother never told me no,” says Adams, “we found a way.” Gathering writers and artists from across the region, many of whom she had met in the Faculty of Humanities and the Mass Communications programme, the entire magazine was written and designed by the end of 2005. A superb graphic Arts team was found in Design Ink and Karl Branch (BSc. Computer Science & Mathematics 1994) came on board as photographer. The only thing needed was corporate support.

Adams sent hundreds of letters to various corporate entities (including Oprah Winfrey), but not one of them gave their support to the venture. Salvation came in the form of a grant offered by the National Cultural Foundation’s Cultural Action Fund. She was able to use the money she was awarded to print the 20,000 copies of the first issue and place it on the shelves of local bookstores. Already she has caught the public’s eye with the obvious high quality of the finished product. Adams now plans to use this copy as a way to encourage the private sector to support the venture. “They wanted to see a finished product and now they can see that it can be done,” says Adams who disclosed that she has already started to gather information and stories for the next issue, while still studying Post-colonial Literatures for her Masters Degree at Cave Hill.

“During my three year tenure at Cave Hill, I was introduced to the world of Caribbean Literature: its beauty, complexity, but most of all its creativity. Our people are filled with so much creativity - it courses through our veins like blood...”

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This year, popular DJs will take patrons back in time, with soca hits through the decades to the latest Cropover tunes. The ever-popular Point Fortin Rhythm Section will also perform, as well as special guest appearances by the hit-making calypsonians of Cropover 2006. Tickets will be on sale from the University Bookshop, 417-4515. For more information or to book tickets contact Tara Gaskin at 424-7731/417-4815 or tgaskin@uwicavehill.edu.bb

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