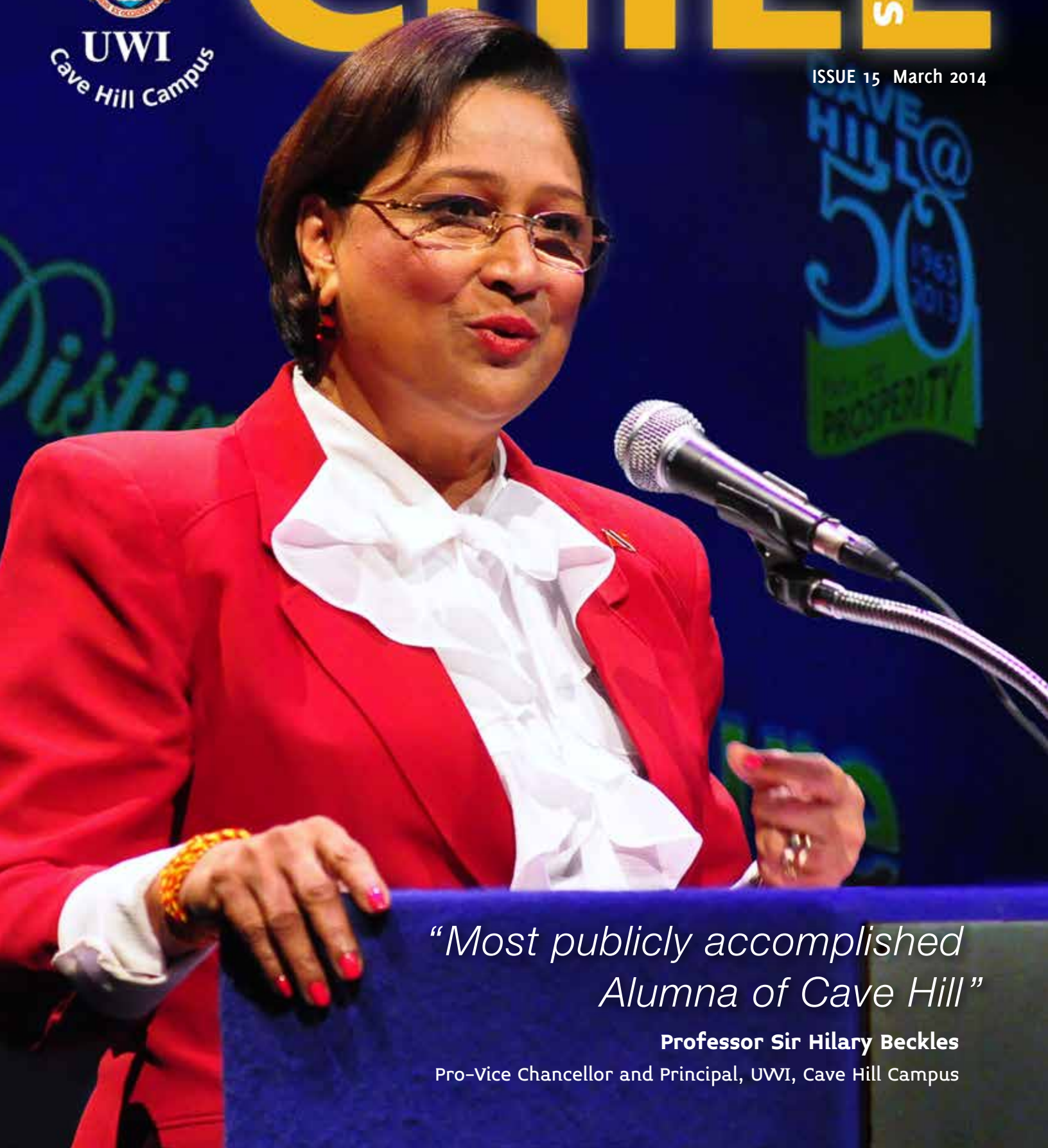




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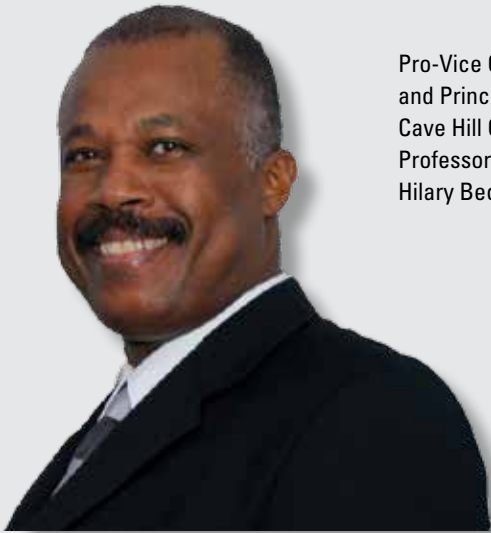
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Pro-Vice Chancellor
and Principal, UWI,
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The Return of Kamla

Of the many lectures delivered at the Cave Hill Campus in 2013 as part of the 50th anniversary calendar, that by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar specifically addressed the theme of our current strategic plan. She spoke with precision and passion on the value of higher education, particularly its role in fostering a culture of creativity and innovation, and the need to build and bolster a science and technology impulse as second nature within all level of regional academia.

Returning to her alma mater, the Faculty of Law, the Prime Minister spoke humorously and philosophically about her student years on Campus. She reminisced about her social engagement with student life and public society, and was absolutely clear about the ways in which the experience prepared and focused her mentality and intellectually for public life. She did not come home

simply to reflect on days of old, but came laden with heavy messages for a campus she loves and a university she respects and admires.

Learning much of her politics within the Ministry of Education on the way to becoming prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, she demonstrated an understanding of the intricacies of the relationship between research, innovation and entrepreneurship grounded in deep and profound reflection. The logic of her arguments resonated with the Campus community currently preparing for a full rolling out of a science and technology initiative. SCIENCE CAVE HILL is now at the centre of our strategic planning and the insistence that a younger generation must be invested with a reflex of technology development and application is impatient of debate.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the need to build bridges across the stakeholder network that will sustain the University's efforts at assisting the region during this very difficult time of public revenue degradation. Friends of all must certainly be the language of Campus engagement, a posture that is not inconsistent with a value proposition that insists upon institutional integrity and honour as priority principles. The eloquence of the prime minister's articulation has made our case even more compelling and we are energized for a full steam ahead approach in the transformation of the Campus in the next decade.

The interaction of disciplines hosted by the faculties of Science and Technology, and Medical Sciences has been elevated as a top priority in the driving of this process. Building bridges across academic disciplines is as important an objective as paving pathways to industry where campus research encounters industry innovation within the entrepreneurial space. The role of the Campus in fostering this incipient environment is self-evident, but it will require considerable advocacy and persistent attention. With the conceptual endorsement of our prominent prime minister, the most publicly accomplished alumna of the Campus, our success in this enterprise will be assured. ■

Sci-Tech Revolution

Cave Hill has set its sights on a new frontier, science and technology, as the Campus adopts a sharper focus on competing internationally, enhancing its global scholarship and reputation and making a greater contribution to evidence-based decision-making in the region.

After half a century of providing educational needs to grow the financial and other services sector areas, as well as meet deficiencies in law and medicine, the Barbados-based campus has embarked on a transformation aimed at it becoming the leading teaching and research academy in the region in the area of science and technology within the next five years.

At the start of the 2013/14 academic year, the Campus rebranded its Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences as the **Faculty of Science and Technology** – one of several initiatives geared towards achieving its goal.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of Cave Hill Sir Hilary Beckles said a “major science and technology park” will be developed at the Campus to facilitate a “convergence of greater resources in the science and technology community”.

He said Cave Hill’s expansion over the last ten years has been driven primarily by a major build out within the Faculty of Social Sciences “where we aligned the Campus to the services economy structure”.

“So we expanded the Campus in banking, in finance, tourism and project management – all of the disciplines required to drive the services economy and we believe that was a successful strategy.”

However, he added that “going forward we are going to divert more resources into science and technology and already we have laid out what the new faculty will look like. We are going to see Cave Hill gradually

turning, slowly like a cruise ship in the harbour to science and technology for the digital age.”

The man leading the charge in this new thrust is Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology **Dr. Colin Depradine** who noted that forging strategic partnerships with public and private sector entities as well as an extensive programme of public outreach and engagement will be critical to the success of the initiative.

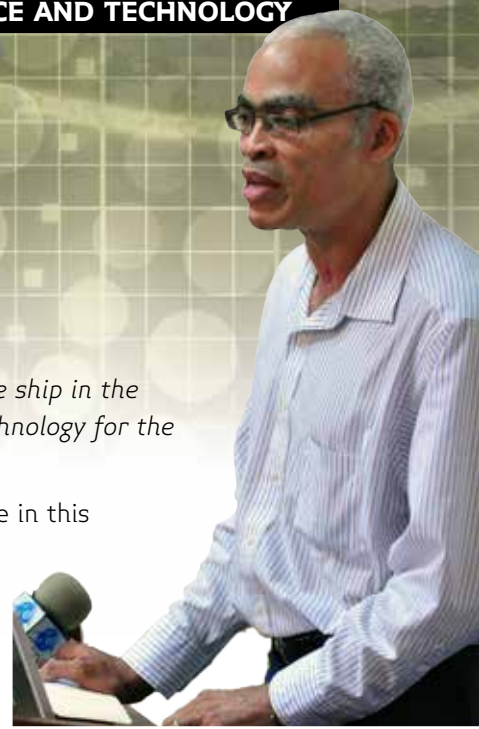
He noted that the growth of science and technology was not an easy undertaking for the countries which now have flourishing sectors and one of the most important things was that “we must believe that we can do it”.

Dr. Depradine noted that in the in the last ten years more advancements have been made in the area of science and technology than in the “last couple thousand years” and as such it was key to the future growth of any country.

“Look at any developed country in the world and you will see they have achieved phenomenal growth as a result of their investment in science and technology,” he said.

He noted that Barbados, in particular, has “a good foundation” since it has invested heavily in its human resources through its high quality education system. “We have a good basis for this knowledge economy, but we have to take advantage of it,” he said.

He said his Faculty will continue to build that human capacity through the undergraduate and post graduate programmes offered as well as by other training and further enhancing the Faculty’s research capabilities.



Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Dr. Colin Depradine.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY TEACHING & RESEARCH LABORATORY



L-R: Former Deputy Principal of Cave Hill, Prof. Leo Moseley; Principal, Cave Hill, Sir Hilary Beckles; Mark Hill (Innogen); Ralph "Bizzy" Williams (CEO, Williams Evergreen); Wayne Yearwood (BL&P Holdings Renewable); Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Dr. Colin Depradine, along with former Deans of the Faculty, Prof. Sean Carrington and Peter Gibbs.

Green Lab Opens Doors

A major aspect of the Campus' new science and technology initiative is in the area of renewable energy.

Last December 12, the Faculty of Science and Technology officially launched its **Renewable Energy Teaching and Research Laboratory**

aimed at facilitating research into all aspects of renewable energy within the region.

The Centre received demonstration solar panels from three donors: **Ralph**

Bizzy Williams of Williams Evergreen, **Mark Hill** of Innogen and **Wayne Yearwood** of Barbados Light and Power Holdings Renewable.

Project coordinator within the Faculty **Natasha Corbin** explained that a

major role of the new facility will be to foster greater linkages between the University and private sector companies involved in the area of renewable energy.

She said the facility will be used to demonstrate the use of different technologies and will also be used to test the performance of renewable energy systems imported from other countries to determine how they perform in a tropical environment.

Corbin noted that one of the main hindrances to the development of renewable energy is the lack of trained people and so the facility will offer short courses for those unable to access the University's undergraduate or post graduate programmes.

In addition, it will also cater to school children and will offer a variety of resource materials and interactive models that will make the study of renewable energy more attractive and exciting.

Persons wishing to set up renewable energy systems in their homes will also be able to receive guidance from the facility which works closely with the *Barbados Renewable Energy Association*.

Corbin revealed that the University has received funding from the European Union (EU) as well as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to facilitate training in the area of renewable energy.

The EU project which is expected to run for three years involves the training of students and professionals. It will be conducted in association with the *University of Alicante, Spain; University of Technology, Jamaica; Chalmers University, Sweden; and Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* in the Dominican Republic.

The IDB project which will run for four years and be based at UWI campuses in Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad, will not only focus on building capacity in renewable energy, but will also seek to stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation in the sector. ■



Natasha
Corbin

Practical Approach Forges Partnership

What started as an attempt to give Computer Science students at Cave Hill more practical experience has led to a partnership with a leading computer store and, so far, has redounded to the benefit of at least one nursery school.

Lecturer in Computer Science, **Dr. Adrian Als**, who initiated the partnership, said he had been teaching Computer Architecture for a number of years and noticed a distinct *"disconnect between the theoretical and practical ability of students"*.

"When I polled the class last semester very few students had any knowledge about the internal aspects of the computer systems, they were more end-users," he explained.

He added that even though the course was theoretically driven he felt that students should have some *"hands on"* experience and be able to tackle any internal problems without resorting to a technician. Hence he decided to have the class build a computer as a part of the course.

Dr. Als made contact with Barbados-based **D.E. Computers Unlimited** to source the components. As a result a collaborative effort between the Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics (CMP) Department at Cave Hill and the store was born. The store provided all of the components needed to build the computer at concessionary rates and has committed to working with the faculty on future projects of that nature.

A small group of students, **Shanice Jordan, Javern Browne, Hanif Charles, Brendon Duncan** and **Kelsie Mason** worked keenly over a period of two hours to build the computer. Dr. Als noted that since the entire class could not participate in assembling the computer, the process was recorded and an educational video produced to share with the rest of the class.

Last December, Dr. Als, along with some of his students joined Managing Director and General Manager of D.E. Computers, **David Emmett** and **Janice Payne**, in presenting the computer to the staff and



1: Computer architecture students. L-R: Shanice Jordan, Javern Browne, Hanif Charles, Brendon Duncan and Kelsie Mason proudly surround the system they built. **2:** Janice Payne (white shirt with hand on mouse) gives a demonstration to St. Boniface students while lecturer Dr. Adrian Als (fourth from left) flanked by some of his students looks on.

students of St. Boniface Nursery School, in Sion Hill, St. James.

Payne said her company was delighted to partner with the University on the project noting that introducing children to *"computers at such a tender age would serve to reap benefits in the future"*.

In addition to the computer, the company also donated flash drives, lanyards and multimedia speakers to the school's teachers. Dr. Als also revealed that at the end of the semester, students from the Software Engineering I course would be donating the *Early Childhood Edutainment Software* that they developed for their software development projects, to the school.

The school's principal, **Velerian Millar**, expressed her thanks for the gifts noting they would go a long way in the development of the school's Computer Centre. ■

Healing Powers in Shellfish

When a major conference on recycling and waste recovery gets underway later this year in Taiwan, a Cave Hill scientist will feature prominently in the line-up of speakers.

Dr. Srinivasa Rao Popuri whose research in recovering polycarbonate and precious metals from CD's and DVD's was featured in the last edition of CHILL will be one of the keynote speakers at an upcoming conference on chitin and chitosan – biopolymers extracted from the shells of crustaceans such as crabs, lobsters and shrimp.

The 2014 *Chitin and Chitosan* conference, which examines possible water treatment, medicinal, antibacterial and other uses of chitosan, will be held at Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology in Tainan City on May 31.

Dr. Popuri, a lecturer in analytical chemistry in the Department of Biological & Chemical Sciences, was also invited by a Hua-Men engineering

consultant company and Nantou Environmental Protection Bureau to deliver a speech on Agricultural waste recycling last August in Taiwan.

Recently, one of his biopolymer works '*Chitosan nanoparticles for water treatment application*' received a best presentation award at the international conference on Challenges in Environmental Science and Engineering held in Daegu, South Korea.

Chitin and chitosan (CS) have immense structural possibilities for chemical and mechanical modifications to generate novel properties, functions and applications especially in the biomedical area. Despite its huge availability, the utilisation of chitin has been restricted by its intractability and insolubility. ■



Dr. Srinivasa Rao Popuri

What is Chitosan?

Chitosan is a sugar (polysaccharide) obtained from the hard outer skeleton of shellfish, including crab, lobster, and shrimp. It is produced commercially by deacetylation of chitin, which is the structural element in the exoskeleton of crustaceans (such as crabs and shrimp) and cell walls of fungi.

Chitosan has a number of commercial and possible biomedical uses, including:

- In agriculture, as a **seed treatment** and **bio-pesticide**.
- In **wine making**.
- To **separate organic solvent/water mixtures**.
- In **water treatment applications**.
- To **treat obesity, high cholesterol, and Crohn's disease**.
- In **medicine**, it may be useful in bandages to **reduce bleeding** and as an **antibacterial agent**.
- In **nutrition**.
- To **rapidly clot blood**.



Sci-Tech Revolution *Continued from Page 3*

He said the Faculty has added three new computer science related postgraduate programmes to its line-up: computer innovation with streams in e-business, gaming and mobile applications; technology entrepreneurship, and computer research. All are aimed at strengthening the commercial value of the programmes offered.

Depradine said the new push will involve four main areas: funding, research, and education, along with outreach and communication.

Acknowledging that funding scientific initiatives was expensive, he gave the assurance that the University would not rely on government alone but would



continue to seek alternative funding and seek to generate funds through commercial partnerships with the private sector.

One example of such collaboration is the Faculty's **Analytical Chemistry Lab initiative**, an ongoing project where the lab performs testing for the private and public sector and invests the income generated into further expansion of the Faculty.

Depradine said Faculty members have teamed up with government units and the private sector to conduct significant research and that this will be stepped up. He called, however, for greater educational impetus at the primary and secondary levels to lay a better foundation for the science and technology revolution. ■

Adams Lands Big Catch

HER sound scientific background and business acumen have landed **Kristina Adams** the perfect catch.

Adams, who holds a Masters degree in Marine and Coastal Management from the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus emerged winner of the inaugural **Bank On Me** reality television show which sought to bring to the fore talented young local entrepreneurs.

The young marine scientist's business, **Adams' Aqualife**, an aquaculture farm based in St Philip, beat out 29 other contestants during the six week run of the show to secure major sponsorship deals and other offers to push her fledgling fish farm to the next level.

The farm presently rears red tilapia and red-claw



Kristina Adams feeding fish on her farm.

crayfish for distribution to hotels and restaurants on the island. Adams hopes one day to expand her commercial enterprise to be able to sell frozen fish to local supermarkets.

Among her many prizes were \$15,000 from Scotiabank, \$80,000 in equity from Williams Industries, retail space in Satjay Mall, Bridgetown valued at \$25,000, \$10,000 in advertising from CaribVision and \$10,000 worth of communication services from SFA Communications. ■

Possibilism: Next Gen Farming Pursuit?

Young Farmer Taking Hold

She has not actually traded in the tractor for the track-pad, though you may be tempted to think so given the high level of ICT and other scientific application which agri-scientist **Keeley Holder** brings to her work.



Keeley Holder

The self-titled "*smart agriculturalist*" who is at the forefront of a new generation of young farmers leading a seismic shift in attitudes to farming, continues to

reap major success by combining what she calls "*knowledge management, ICTs, mechanization and skilled professionalism.*"

Undeterred by an injury which prevented her from pursuing her career choice, Holder used knowledge gained through her BSc in Biology and Computer Science to craft a cutting-edge career in agriculture. Less than a decade since graduating from Cave Hill, her meteoric rise in farming has taken her throughout Caricom and further afield to places such as Israel, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Suriname, Netherlands and France among others.

Buoyed by the many successful examples of land reclamation, such as Brazil where once acidic soil has been turned into flourishing farmland, Holder believes that some regional lands deemed non-arable can be made arable and large tracts of rab land transformed into ample fruitful acreage.

Driven by her passion and expertise, Holder remains optimistic about the industry and hopes that her soon to be published "*Smart Agriculture and the Fruit and Vegetable Industry*" could help to illuminate a path for aspiring and practicing farmers to revolutionize the industry. ■



L-R: Deputy Principal of Cave Hill Prof. Eudine Barriteau, Dr. Janak Sodha and C. Walter Harper with posters promoting the uwitube project.

Maths Project Inspires English Addition

Cave Hill Campus' online solution to the region's poor performance in mathematics has been so successful after just one year that it has been expanded to include English.

In November 2012, the Campus paired its technological skills with the teaching talents of ten of the island's best mathematics teachers to offer online tutorials to local and regional mathematics students in the hope of improving exam performance with the specially created online tutorials available at **Uwitube.com**.

The joint project between the Ministry of Education and the Campus saw 11 teachers, drawn from the island's secondary schools being given iPads and training in preparing and uploading tutorials, which were then placed on the UWI-operated domain, Uwitube, to be accessed by students.

"...the online remedial math programme was just one of the many areas in which Cave Hill adds value to Barbados."

The English phase of the project, the brainchild of UWI lecturer in Physics and Electronics **Dr. Janak Sodha** was launched at the Campus last October with the handing over of iPads to 11 teachers from the English departments of participating secondary schools.

Like the math programme, each English teacher will develop ten video tutorials in a question-and-answer format covering all aspects of the Caribbean Examinations Council syllabus which will then be uploaded to the Uwitube site.

Dr. Sodha sees endless possibilities for the programme noting that the only thing limiting its spread to more schools here and in the Caribbean was the lack of iPads. *"I need more iPads to get into the hands of teachers, once we have them we can create a virtual school in the Caribbean,"* he said.

Deputy Principal **Professor Eudine Barriteau**, who officiated in a brief ceremony to review the first year's progress of the math project and hand over iPads for the English one, said the online remedial math programme was just one of the many areas in which Cave Hill adds value to Barbados. She said the Campus found it *"unacceptable"* that so many students were doing so poorly in mathematics across the region and the aim of the project was to *"improve such dismal statistics"*.

Chief Media Officer in the Ministry of Education **C. Walter Harper** said the Ministry was so pleased to partner with the UWI in the project that plans are already being put in place to add a third component – science.

He said the Ministry will continue to actively promote the Uwitube link in schools and will be actively encouraging one teacher in eight selected primary schools to use an iPad in 50 or more lessons per week. Harper said this move can be viewed as the *"forerunner to Uwitube primary"* programme.

Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education **Senator Harcourt Husbands** lauded the progress of the mathematics programme, noting that the discipline *"has become so important that a sound knowledge of mathematics is today for the average student probably a determining factor in the quality of life that you are going to live. Without (the acquisition of) mathematics, you don't have exposure to certain jobs and opportunities,"* he said. ■

Innovating in Energy

MAJOR PLAYERS in the renewable energy industry are giving their support to the emerging renewable energy culture at the Cave Hill Campus.

Managing Director of **Solar Dynamics** and **Claytone Products Inc.** **James Husbands** donated *twenty solar panels* and *a solar heater* to assist students in the **Faculty of Science and Technology** with their research.

Husbands, the recipient of a UWI honorary degree said although **Solar Dynamics** is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary, further research in the thermal energy field is critical to the development of the industry.

He expressed delight at the university's renewable energy initiative and encouraged graduates to give back to the Campus and be creative with their donorship.

"This is a very large community and I would like to encourage persons to examine the ways in which they can contribute. It does not only have to be financially but through mentorship and internship programmes," he said.

A few weeks prior to Husband's donation, **The Renewable Energy Teaching and Research Demonstration Laboratory**, was presented with a gift of *seven grid-tie inverters*, which are used to convert the direct current generated by the solar panels at the facility into alternating current which can be used like the regular power supply.

Jerry Franklin, Managing Director of **Ensmart Inc.**, a one-year-old St. Phillip-based energy company, made the donation.

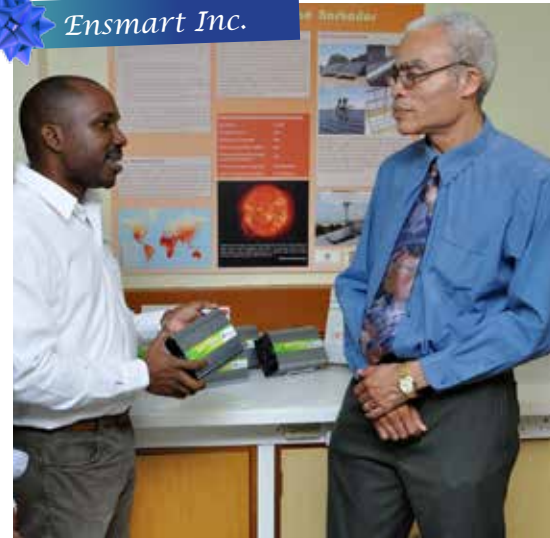
Franklin, an electrical and computer engineer said while attending the official launch of the facility last year, he was *"very impressed with what the University was doing and felt compelled to be involved"*. He said the idea quickly came to him to present the grid-tie

Solar Dynamics



L-R: Natasha Corbin Project Coordinator, Dr. Colin Depradine, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Lecturer, Dr. Thomas Rogers and donor James Husbands, Managing Director, Solar Dynamics and Claytone Products Inc.

Ensmart Inc.



L-R: Jerry Franklin, Managing Director of Ensmart Inc presents inverters to Dr. Colin Depradine, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology.

inverters since they are crucial components of any alternative energy system.

The teaching and research energy lab will be used to demonstrate the use of different renewable energy technologies, and to test the performance of renewable energy systems imported from other countries to determine how they perform in a tropical environment. ■

L-R: Valda Alleyne, Executive Director, BAC; Yvonne Walkes, Chairman, BAC; Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, and Professor Eudine Barriteau with Certificate of Institutional Accreditation.



UWI Accredited

Already brimming with delight at the many accolades heaped on their Campus for reaching its golden milestone, staff, students, alumni and other stakeholders were given further cause for celebration in 2013. It came in July when Cave Hill received, perhaps, its ultimate validation – a certificate of institutional accreditation demonstrating it had met or surpassed a set of required international standards and benchmarks.

As Pro-Vice Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles accepted a certificate of institutional accreditation from the Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC) in a brief July 16 ceremony,

he described the moment as an “historic occasion” for the Campus and a boon to its 50th anniversary celebrations.

“We are very pleased to be considered worthy of accreditation, having met the standards that you have set for us,” he told Chair of the BAC, Yvonne Walkes, who made the presentation at the BAC’s Bridgetown offices.

Later that same day, Sir Hilary, in making the announcement to staff at a lunch-time meeting at the Roy Marshall Teaching Complex, said that one of the immediate benefits of accreditation will be the Campus’ ability to attract more international students.

“In many ways, this international

review exercise really can be interpreted as a referendum on Cave Hill’s growth path and in some respects on the leadership of the students, administrators and the faculty at the Campus,” he said. “Suffice it to say then, that according to the Barbados Accreditation Council as well as the international review team, we have succeeded in our endeavours. We are very pleased to receive this accreditation and this recognition of the quality of our operations at the Cave Hill Campus. I thank all of my colleagues for the role that you have played in ensuring that we have done this and done this well.”

“We can say to the people of Barbados and the Caribbean who

have founded this enterprise that we have used their resources very wisely," Sir Hilary added.

He said that ten years ago the Campus embarked on a mission of modernisation and expansion with an eye to being able to feel proud and "hold our heads up as the youngest landed campus of the UWI". He added that while they did not foresee the accreditation coinciding with the 50th anniversary celebrations, "we knew that Cave Hill at 50 had to be a place where pride and gratitude would fill our environment".

Sir Hilary said that in expanding the campus, Cave Hill has proven that it was possible to grow both in terms of quantity and quality. "We knew that with the scientific application of all of the variables involved in a quality process that indeed it was possible to expand, to grow and to sustain and enhance quality in the process."

He said that the goal of the Campus was to give Barbados and the Caribbean a campus of which they can be proud and a place where parents could send their children knowing that they would receive a quality education and where employees could feel they were participating in a major developmental exercise.

"So as the enrolment grew, the budget also grew, the physical infrastructure also grew, the teaching staff grew, the maintenance staff grew, the services and management staff grew; all of the variables required to ensure that no quality gap opened up between the expansion process and what was taking place in the classroom were put in place," Sir Hilary said.

"We were proud to work with the BAC in carrying out the self-study under the leadership of Deputy Principal **Professor Eudine Barriteau** and we celebrate her for building a team and guiding this entire process ...," he added.

He lauded the private sector for assisting the Campus in expanding the physical plant at Cave Hill as well as the International Community for helping with its research capabilities. He thanked the government of Barbados for funding the students' education and praised the students themselves for their contribution to Campus developments through the payment of their amenities fees.

Deputy Principal and Chair of the Self-Study committee Professor Eudine Barriteau said the Campus was successful in the exercise because the Cave Hill community, made up of its administrators, members of its support services, the students, faculty and the accreditation team had worked as one.

"The institutional accreditation exercise established the fact that we have a very cohesive, well organised, well-run Campus," she said.

She said in writing the report on Cave Hill, the committee wanted to avoid being descriptive and instead sought to be analytical. "We wanted to confront whatever we found. We were not afraid of finding areas for improvement," she said.

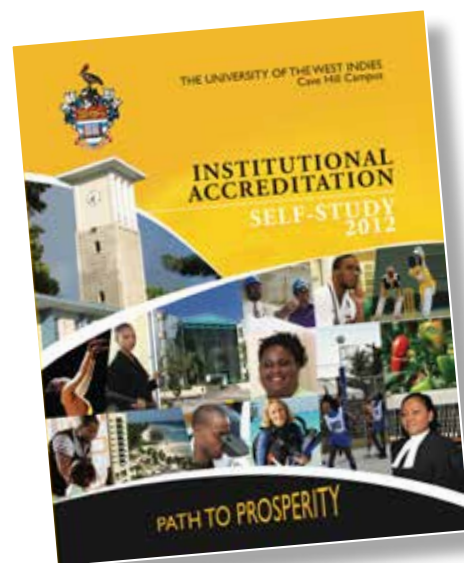
Professor Barriteau said one of the major outcomes of the process was the development of an action plan to tackle those areas identified as needing improvement.

She said one area that will be given an immediate boost will be teaching, with the creation of the Principal's Award for Excellence in Teaching, which will be awarded in December at the University's annual awards ceremony.

Professor Barriteau said one of the spin-offs of the exercise was that personnel at Cave Hill had "developed an expertise in institutional accreditation". She added that "in the spirit of educational entrepreneurship, Cave Hill will undertake to assist any organisation in Barbados and throughout the Caribbean for a very reasonable consultancy fee to conduct such studies".

Chairman of the BAC Yvonne Walkes said the presentation of the accreditation certificate was a "significant accomplishment for The University of the West Indies on the whole, and the Cave Hill Campus, in particular".

Ms Walkes said all tertiary educational providers must be prepared to show that they are operating in an ethical manner and "The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus has stepped up to the plate and met this quality challenge head on." ■



NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM PARK

After decades of agitation for a landmark in Barbados to honour former South African President Nelson Mandela, a fitting monument will soon reside at the Cave Hill Campus. In a simple yet poignant morning ceremony, the Campus broke ground to mark the construction of the *Nelson Mandela Freedom Park* on 8 July 2013.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles** hailed Mandela, the strident anti-apartheid hero and first black president of South Africa, as the *"quintessential humanist of our time"*. He said that he had *"laid down the moral and spiritual framework in which humanity can proceed"* into the 21st century.

The principal told specially invited guests that Mandela's life *"transcended slavery and colonialism"* and challenged humanity to find that *"common human thread"* and to work with it.

"This is why we have called this a student recreation facility, because we would wish our students to understand that while they manage all the conflicts around them they should not forget to celebrate the common humanity that binds us together," Sir Hilary said.

He added that the park, which is located on the hillside overlooking the new Keith Hunte Halls of Residence, will serve as *"a bridge between the 21st century and the 20th century"* aspects of the Campus as it will link the traditional parts of the Campus with its newer sections. **The park will feature a nature trail, relaxation spaces, sanitary facilities and several gazebos spread across its lush landscape.**

Professor Beckles said that the park will be the space where hundreds of students and staff in the years ahead



will come to relax — a place of serenity. *"This will be the beautiful space of spiritual reflection at the heart of the Cave Hill campus,"* he predicted.

Sir Hilary also used the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony to launch a public appeal to finance the construction of the park. He praised **Innotech Services Ltd**, which has collaborated with Cave Hill on a number of other projects, and which is also partnering with them on the park.

He said that the University was *"in great and grave financial difficulties"* and *"welcomed any sponsorship"* or support from the private sector, civil society, philanthropists, benefactors or persons who wished to contribute in cash or by providing benches, landscaping, or construction services, or the erection of monuments and busts.

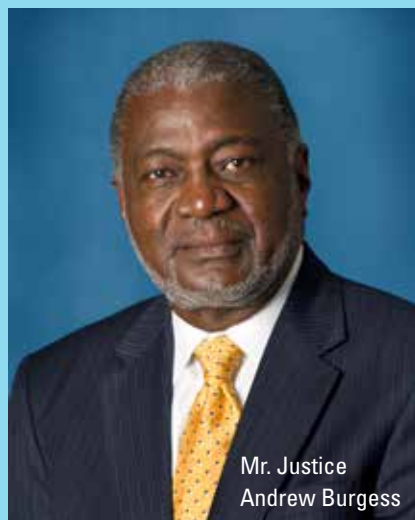
"We are willing to receive contributions and donations to craft this park into a testimonial to freedom," Sir Hilary said.

"To all freedom loving people, we say look within your resources and whatever [contribution] you can make toward the Mandela Freedom Park we are willing to sit with you and make it happen, so that when we are finished here this park will be a reflection of the generosity of the Barbadian people and Caribbean people and of international people who would wish to see Mr. Mandela's legacy sustained," Sir Hilary said.

Minister of Education **Ronald Jones** lauded the University for honouring Mandela, noting that *"in life and in death,*

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Burgess joins judges at World Bank



Mr. Justice
Andrew Burgess

Former Dean of the Faculty of Law and judge of the Court of Appeal of Barbados **Professor Andrew Burgess** has recently been appointed to the seven-member panel of judges of the **World Bank Administrative Tribunal**.

Professor Burgess' appointment to the independent body within the World Bank is for a period of five years. The Tribunal is the final and binding forum of last resort for the resolution of cases submitted by members of the staff of the bank alleging non-observance of their contracts of employment or terms of appointment.

The World Bank has close to 10,000 employees in 168 countries.

Professor Burgess, who specialises in corporate and commercial law, was the first graduate of Cave Hill's Faculty of Law to become Dean of that faculty. He was also one of the longest serving in that capacity, having first been appointed in 1989-1992 and then again in 1995 until 2004.

For six years he was a judge of the Inter-American Development

Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He also served as Vice-President in 2007 and 2009 and President in 2009-2010.

Professor Burgess is a former Independent Senator in the Barbados Senate, a member of the Barbados Judicial Council, a member of the Tax Appeal Tribunal in Barbados and has served as chairman of a number of National and Regional Committees. He is the author of two books on company law in the Commonwealth Caribbean and has published widely on a range of legal issues, especially in corporate and commercial jurisprudence.

The present World Bank Administrative Tribunal also comprises judges from the United States, Argentina, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Iran and France. ■

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he must be celebrated". He said the world had "thrown up many, many great men" and Mandela was numbered among them.

Jones said that when Mandela was released from prison after 27 years "the world stood on the edge waiting and watching for the first words to come from his lips ... 'let us take up our arms and fight' ... but those words didn't come and the world settled down quietly, still watching".

He added that it "took more than a mere man to stop a society perched on the edge of destruction to bring it right back into the body of proper human life and proper human existence. We can only calm our own selves and reflect on what manner of man this is, and was at that time, not to have drawn his sword, not to have mobilised his guns. He must be celebrated!"

Jones also paid tribute to the many Barbadians who stood in solidarity with their South African brothers during their struggle against apartheid. He added that as a country,

Barbados was the first nation to stop trading with South Africa. He added that while the trade may not have been "in the millions of dollars" it was "a major statement for a small country to have made at the time that it did".

While welcoming guests to the event, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Undergraduate Studies, **Professor Alan Copley** said the idea for a park honouring Mandela went back nearly 20 years. He paid tribute to the stalwarts of the local Pan-African Movement who had campaigned against the South African regime "often in the heat of fairly hostile or indifferent public opinion". He said the park was a "culmination of their efforts".

He urged those who would visit the park to remember Nelson and "the principles he has fought to uphold. When we visit, remember him and work for others in the spirit of sacrifice, struggle and service." ■





L-R: Minister of Labour, Senator Dr. Esther Byer Suckoo; President of HRMAB, Glenda Gilkes; Deputy Principal of Cave Hill, Prof. Eudine Barribeau and Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Senator Harry Husbands.

New HR Collaboration

Motivated by a joint mandate to positively impact the management and development of people, while maintaining productivity in the workforce, a new partnership has been formed with the Human Resource Management Association of Barbados (HRMAB) and Cave Hill Campus.

Dr. Philmore Alleyne, Head of the Department of Management Studies at UWI, Cave Hill, said that the new MOU was one way of helping to ensure that the employee, which is the workplace's "most valuable asset" is enhanced.

"There is a belief that here at UWI there is a disconnect, that you are talking above everyone else, and this will help to change that," he said. "...too often we have been criticized for only [focusing on] theoretical issues and not the practical ones... so this becomes a perfect marriage."

The agreement will not only facilitate deeper relations with the private sector and the issues facing staff members, but will allow students to gain practical experience through mentorship programmes and career development opportunities. *"The only way you can examine the real issues is if you go down to Bridgetown and into the corporate boardrooms and organizations," Alleyne said.*

President of HRMAB, **Glenda Gilkes**, explained that research would also play a key role in the Memorandum of Understanding.

"One of the tenets of the MOU is generating research that will assist with developing programmes for our membership and other HR practitioners," she said.

The Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education **Senator Harry Husbands** said the signing was a significant development for HRMAB and for HR management in Barbados and came with a certain level of responsibility.

"Working with an institution like The University of the West Indies places greater responsibility on the Human Resource Management Association of Barbados to further professionalise its organisation and administration in order to build capacity," he stated. ■

Doing Business

Opportunities for initiating and strengthening business with Africa are likely to emerge when the 15th annual International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD) takes place in Barbados, May 26-29, 2014. It is being held at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill campus. The conference themed **"The Development and Sustainability of African Business: The Role of the African Diaspora"** is expected to attract scores of professionals, scholars and graduate students who are interested or actively engaged in the research and performance or

Sir Hilary a UN Advisor

UWI Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal Sir Hilary Beckles has been appointed a special advisor to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon. His appointment is for a two-year period with the possibility of renewal for a further two-year term.

The UN's top official wrote to Sir Hilary last September inviting him to be a member of the recently established **Scientific Advisory Board** which will advise the Secretary General and executive heads of other UN organisations on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development.

"This is a great personal honor indeed and signal recognition for the university," Sir Hilary said. "I have worked for many UN organisations over the years, but to be an advisor to the Secretary General, in this new way, on sustainable development is special."

Sir Hilary is the sole regional voice on the 26-member board which was

inaugurated in Germany on January 30, 2014. The international experts are drawn from the basic sciences, engineering, technology, social and behavioural sciences, humanities, ethics, health, economics, agricultural sciences, as well as the environmental sciences more commonly associated with sustainability. They have been mandated to *"strengthen the linkages between science and policy, and to ensure that the latest scientific findings are reflected in high-level policy discussions within the United Nations systems."*

Immediately following the inauguration, board member Israeli chemistry Nobel laureate **Ada Yonath** was quoted as being *"cautious"* about the board's relevance given its diverse composition; but acknowledged that his expectation were lowered because he was *"skeptical by nature"*.

However, Sir Hilary has offered greater optimism regarding the board's likely achievements but feels it may have to find common ground in order to advance its mandate.

He said: *"The UN Secretary General's Science Advisory Board has as a remit to use the application of science and technology to sustain development in the 21st Century. But as you can imagine within the UN, and within the global community, the issue of how best to sustain a developed industrial economy and the issue of how to achieve development in poor countries, in the first place, might seem contradictory and conflictual. So members of the board have to find common ground on this divide by seeking out areas of mutual interest such as energy and food security, health, poverty eradication, education for economic growth, respect for human rights and cultural civility. The board is therefore defined by multiple missions and intellectual diversity, which one would normally expect to breed doubt and uncertainty."*

Sir Hilary's latest international appointment follows that in March last year, when he was appointed to the **Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sports (CABOS)** which advises the Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth governments on sport policy. ■

With Africa...

administration of business and economic development issues relating to Africa.

Hosted by **The UWI Department of Management Studies** in association with **Ryerson University**, the conference is being seen as an invaluable opportunity for networking among some of the leading scholars on African business and development.

Further details on the conference may be accessed at:
<http://www.iaabd.org/call-papers>.



Historic Graduation on Many Levels

Usually a blue ribbon event in any academic year, Graduation 2013 assumed even greater lustre in a year that was already glittering with golden pride, owing to a number of historic and significant developments surrounding the ceremony. A woman orator officiated at the graduation ceremony for the first time in its history, the inaugural cohort of medical students to pursue their full degree programme exclusively at Cave Hill achieved outstanding results, and the number of PhD graduates fell marginally short of the Campus record set five years ago.

The 17 PhD's awarded – one less than an unusual spike of 18 in 2008 – gave University administrators a large measure of satisfaction as it continued its recent upward trend and signalled, perhaps, that intensive efforts to transform the Campus into a research-oriented institution are yielding success. Overall, postgraduate numbers remained relatively high, with more than 300 students earning master's degrees.

After undertaking the first full five-year medical programme at Cave Hill, the MBBS graduates did themselves proud when ten of the 23 who graduated attained passes at honours or distinction level in one or more disciplines in their final exams to register among the best medical results achieved across the entire University. The students' own



Chancellor Sir George Alleyne presents PhD recipient Marva Lashley with her scroll.

satisfaction on taking the medical oath might have been heightened after finding themselves the subject of troubling public scrutiny on occasion whenever debate flared over Cave Hill's expansion of its School of Clinical Medicine to a full-fledged Faculty of Medical Sciences in 2008, taking in first year students for the full five programme for the first time ever. Previously, Barbadian students attended sister campuses Mona in Jamaica or St. Augustine in Trinidad for years one to three of their programme before returning home for two years of hospital-based clinical training in order to qualify as a doctor.

Assuming the role of Campus Orator last year, **Dr. Jennifer Obidah** acknowledged the historic development, especially commencing at a milestone juncture. The Director of the School of Education, who joined the Cave Hill staff in January 2006, noted that she had “*big shoes to fill*”, but would eagerly and proudly execute her duties.



Dr. Jennifer Obidah, Campus Orator.



The 2013 MBBS Graduating Class at Cave Hill with some faculty at rear.



Chancellor Sir George Alleyne presents PhD recipient Martin Hall with his scroll.



Students at the 2013 Graduation.

L-R: Chairman of Campus Council, Paul Altman; Cave Hill principal, Sir Hilary Beckles; Sir Henry Forde; Rev Rufus Broome; Julian Hunte and UWI Chancellor Sir George Alleyne.



Former Cave Hill principal, Sir Keith Hunte and former Central Bank Governor Dr. Marion Williams congratulate each other on their honorary award.

Adding to the splendour of the occasion, the University gave recognition to five distinguished citizens, by honouring them with Doctors of Law degrees. Among the recipients were Caribbean legal luminary and former leader of the Barbados Labour Party, **Sir Henry Forde**; retired and longstanding principal of Cave Hill, **Sir Keith Hunte**; former Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, **Dr. Marion Williams**; retired Anglican

Bishop of Barbados, **Rufus**

Brome and former St Lucian diplomat and President of the West Indies Cricket Board, **Julian Hunte**.

All told, more than 1,800 students graduated of whom 154 received First Class Honours. ■



Reflections on the 50th

A remarkable year, filled with celebrations and some challenges, came to a fitting end with charitable donations, stirring musical presentations and a call for the Cave Hill Campus to be the "clarifying voice" for Barbados and the region.

Political leaders, diplomats, academic and administrative staff along with well-wishers of the Campus gathered at the **Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination** on December 18, for the closing ceremony to formally mark the conclusion of Cave Hill's golden jubilee celebrations.



Prime Minister Freundel Stuart sealing the time capsule.

The evening featured a video presentation of highlights from the year's numerous activities to mark the Campus' 50th anniversary. These included the opening church service, highlights of several lectures, book launches, alumni events, research initiatives and naming ceremonies.

Deputy Principal and Chair of the evening's proceedings **Professor Eudine Barriteau** noted that one of the major highlights of the year was the Campus receiving its international and institutional accreditation from the Barbados Accreditation Council.

She said that the "*greatest challenge*" Cave Hill faced was Government's proposed introduction of tuition fees for students from 2014.

It was also a night of giving back to the Campus, and the **UWI Cooperative Credit Union** made two presentations to the institution totalling BDS\$90,000. President of the credit union **Patrick McDonald** presented BDS\$20,000 to Campus Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles** to assist with the Paradise Park Pond renovation work.

He also presented a cheque for BDS\$70,000 to **Dr. Colin Depradine**, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology for the purchase of a BioSpectrum Imaging System 810 machine, a critical piece of equipment for the faculty as it looks to expand its efforts to commercialise its research.

The University also took the opportunity to say "thank you" to the UWI Seniors, a group of retired staff members who provide invaluable assistance to needy students. Campus Registrar **Kenneth Walters** presented president of the group **Jean Small** with a plaque in honour of their work.



Prime Minister Freundel Stuart; Cave Hill principal, Sir Hilary Beckles (partly hidden) and Minister of Education Ronald Jones unveil the 50th anniversary plaque.

Musical icon **Dr. Anthony "Gabby" Carter** gave a stirring rendition of his self-penned UWI 50th anniversary jingle before he was joined by members of the **1688 Orchestra**, which comprises students mainly from the **Barbados Community College**, for memorable performances of his enduring hits **Riots** and **Emmerton**.



Members of the 1688 Orchestra.



Prime Minister Freundel Stuart (second from left) mingles with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Senator Maxine McClean (left) and other Cave Hill alumni at a reception which he hosted at his official residence Ilaro Court, during alumni week.

Prime Minister of Barbados **Frendel Stuart** in his feature address challenged the "*thinkers*" at the University to be the clarifying voice for Barbados and the region.

He said the "*perception*" was that the society has stopped feeling the University and certainly is not hearing it often enough on critical issues. Stuart said Cave Hill was operating in a world which was "*vastly different from the world in 1963, when the University was established*".

He added that it was the University which should be helping the population to "*perceive some kind of structure behind the complexity and seeming confusion of life today – some kind of ordered drama behind the daily whirl events*".

"*If the supposedly "leading thinkers" in our society are not doing this, I ask, who should?*" he queried.

Sir Hilary said the Cave Hill Campus was about to embark on a radical transformation which will see it less dependent on government, building solid partnerships with the private sector, and turning to Science and technology as the way forward.

The event ended with Prime Minister Stuart sealing the 50th anniversary time capsule, which contains items and memorabilia representing all aspects of Campus life, and joining Sir Hilary and Minister of Education **Ronald Jones** for the unveiling of a 50th anniversary commemorative plaque. ■

Womanish Display For Milestone

The Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit (IGDS:NBU) capped off a year of celebrations for its 20th anniversary with two back-to-back public events. The final two events of what was a packed anniversary calendar, coinciding with Cave Hill's own Golden Jubilee, were aimed at showcasing the regional legacy of the IGDS.

Trinidadian Professor M. Jacqui Alexander delivered the 19th annual Caribbean Women, Catalysts for Change lecture in memory of the late Dame Nita Barrow and in celebration of Cave Hill's 50th anniversary, on November 15.

The lecture entitled *"Decolonization As Healing Practice: The Unfinished Project of (Caribbean) Feminism"* called on the audience to reflect on the colonial history of the criminalization of spirituality and sexuality in the region. *"We need to make solidarity communities with the sources of our power, not our victimization,"* Professor Alexander urged.

As part of her activities on the campus, Professor Alexander met with gender studies graduate students, pan-Africanists, organic farmers, environmentalists and local Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) groups.

On Friday, November 22 the IGDS: NBU hosted *"Womanish Ways"*, its capstone anniversary celebration. Members of the Barbadian public were treated to the unique opportunity to learn about the Women's Suffrage Movement in the Bahamas.

Marion Bethel, Bahamian poet, attorney-at-law and filmmaker screened her

feature length documentary, *"Womanish Ways, Freedom, Human Rights & Democracy: The Women's Suffrage Movement in The Bahamas 1948-*

1962." Head of the IGDS:NBU, Dr. Charmaine Crawford also took the opportunity to recognise the service and literary excellence of 20th anniversary poet laureate, Margaret Gill.

"Marion contacted me earlier on this year about her documentary and I instantly knew that it was something the Nita Barrow Unit should be involved in, given the Institute's two decades in advocating for the rights of women and promoting gender awareness and justice through feminist teaching, scholarship and activism. Given tonight's discussion of women in the Bahamas forcing the hand of democracy for the vote, we thought it would be fitting to pay tribute to the Ms Margaret Gill, poet warrior and the NBU's 20th Anniversary Poet Laureate. In her scholarship, artistic craft and activism, Margaret has been a steward in advocating for the rights of women and their quest for self-determination free from oppression, sexual harassment, discrimination and violence," Crawford noted.

The IGDS: NBU is a dynamic unit of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus with a mandate of teaching, research and outreach in the field of Gender & Development Studies. ■



Professor M. Jacqui Alexander



L-R: Dr. Tonya Haynes, Marion Bethel, Margaret Gill, Dr. Charmaine Crawford and Dr. Halimah Deshong.

Region's Lawyers Fit for Any Case

AS CARICOM prepares to present a legal case before the International Criminal Court seeking reparations from Britain, France and the Netherlands for their role in the slave trade and the genocide of native Caribbean inhabitants, questions have been raised as to why the regional body has engaged a British Law firm instead of seeking the services of home-grown legal experts.



Dean, Faculty of Law
Dr. David Berry

Indeed, the question was directly asked as to whether after more than 40 years of legal education and scholarship the Faculty of Law did not possess or had not produced persons with the requisite legal training and advocacy skills to argue such a landmark case.

Dean of the Faculty of Law **Dr. David Berry** has replied with a resounding "yes" to that question, stating categorically that the Faculty has produced and the region possesses lawyers with the "competence and training to bring any case".

Dr. Berry explained that "no one has been trained specifically to take a case involving reparations for slavery since such a case has never been taken by anyone in the world before,

so no one has been trained for that". However, he added that regional legal scholars have been trained in Human Rights Law, Trade Law, and International Law and have also amassed "certain advocacy skills which complement" their training.

He said law students passing through the programme at Cave Hill are trained in all of the academic areas. "So our students have a wide range of legal knowledge and experience including the history of International Law ... the laws relating to slavery historically and war crimes and crimes against humanity. We study the International Criminal Court's statutes," he said.

Dr. Berry who was part of Barbados' defense team in the case before the Caribbean Court of Justice brought by Jamaican traveller **Shanique Myrie** against the Barbados Government for breaching her right of free movement under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, said the Caribbean region possessed many "eminent attorneys who have excellent human rights knowledge" and who could competently present the case for reparations before an international tribunal.

He added that regional lawyers have appeared in "all of the courts including the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council" in London. He further noted that the current President of the Caribbean Court of Justice Sir Dennis Byron sat as a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda established to hear cases as a result of the 1994 genocide in that African country.

"We have international criminal (law) experience, we have international law experience and we have obviously excellent historians," he emphasized.

Dr. Berry said the Law Faculty's primary role was the "business of teaching law" and even though it has "talented staff at Cave Hill who have actually handled very complex matters ... its abilities to engage in very large, complex consultancies like that [researching and presenting a reparations claim] is very limited by the demands placed upon it to do its job".

He said the British firm **Leigh Day** which CARICOM has retained for the case has a "proven track

"We have international criminal (law) experience, we have international law experience and we have obviously excellent historians,"

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Time To Rethink Sovereignty

Caribbean states have been urged to rethink their notions of sovereignty and to “refashion them in a more regional framework”.

This view was expressed by **Orlando Marville**, a former Barbados senator and coordinator of Law, Governance and Society in the Faculty of Social Sciences, as he took part in a panel discussion examining the October 4, 2013, ruling of the Caribbean Court of Justice in the case brought by Jamaican traveller **Shanique Myrie** against the Barbados Government which denied her entry to the island on March 14, 2011.

Marville joined fellow panellists **Adriel Brathwaite**, the Attorney General of Barbados, **Dr. David Berry**, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Cave Hill, and **Dr. Tennyson Joseph**, Head of the Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work at Cave Hill in discussing the topic *The Myrie Judgement: Implications for Caribbean Integration* on October 31, at the Campus.

There was clear agreement among the panelists at the event hosted by the Department of Management Studies that the old notions of sovereignty could no longer apply to the region.

Marville told the packed **Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination** that the Myrie judgement, which held that Barbados had breached Ms Myrie’s right to freedom of movement within CARICOM under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas

(RTC), “has forced the region to accept sovereignty” in the terms which the authors of the West Indian Commission’s 1992 Report, *A Time For Action* intended.

“There is never full sovereignty because by virtue of being connected to international entities, we are restricted by agreements made with these international bodies. We in the Caribbean seem more concerned about sovereignty when it involves fellow Caribbean states; we however, give up our sovereignty to the IMF,” Marville said.

“All states have given up partial sovereignty to the WTO [World Trade Organisation] in trade matters. We talk about sovereignty when some of our member states have as their final court of appeal the Privy Council, which is not even the highest court in the country where it resides, and they have access to the European Court of Justice,” he added.

“We do really have strict limitations in several areas on sovereignty and it is not something that you can get up and get angry about when something goes against you,” he explained. *“What is important is that you understand the limitations of what you call sovereignty; you understand what commitments you have made to diminish that sovereignty, and that you act in accordance with it,”* he added.

His view was somewhat endorsed by Brathwaite who said the Myrie case made it very clear that “we needed to have more of a discussion with our people”. He said the region

should not have waited until the court ruling to begin discussing the issue of sovereignty.

“Having signed on to the CARICOM treaty, have we indeed ceded some of our sovereignty?” Brathwaite asked. *“In fact, we are members of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and in becoming members of that Court in 2001, we ceded some of our sovereignty.”*



“We really need to look at what sovereignty means within a modern context,” he suggested.

However, Dean Berry, who said he was participating in the discussion in a personal capacity, argued that CARICOM member states had not ceded as much individual independence to the body as some had contended.

He said there were no “supernational organs made up of independent experts doing whatever they want” within CARICOM, but rather “organs composed entirely of representatives of sovereign states. So when the Barbados representative attends the conference, I’m pretty sure that he represents the interests of Barbados first and foremost and

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L-R: Dean, Faculty of Law, Dr. David Berry; Attorney General Adriel Brathwaite; Cave Hill's Head of Government, Sociology and Social Work, Dr. Tennyson Joseph and former Senator Orlando Marville.

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then, if it coincides with the interest of Barbados, the interest of the wider region”.

Dr. Berry said that membership in CARICOM did not mean the “*complete abdication of sovereignty*”, but that members were constrained to operate within the rules of the Treaty which governs its operations.

Dr. Berry stressed that a state’s sovereignty was also “*limited by the rules of international law*” and as such no modern state could seek to engage in slavery or terrorism since they would be “*constrained within that international legal sphere*”.

He explained that Myrie’s lawyers were careful not to file a domestic case against Barbadian authorities, but staked her claim squarely in her Treaty rights and calling on the CCJ

to interpret the RTC as it related to her case.

“She did not claim any rights under the laws of Barbados. She could have taken her case to the Barbadian courts and had it resolved, but she chose not to. She chose to frame it entirely as an international legal case to bring to the CCJ,” he said.

Dr. Berry added that when the CCJ decided the case, it did so applying the RTC which is one of the functions of the court. *“It did its job in interpreting and applying the RTC to the particular facts of Ms Myrie’s case. It never interpreted or applied the Barbados Constitution, it never interpreted and applied the Barbados Immigration and Customs Acts,”* he said.

Dr. Joseph hailed Myrie as “*very young woman who did a very adult thing*” in bringing her case before the CCJ. ■

Fit For Any Case

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record” in the area of reparations, having successfully brought an action against the

British Government over atrocities committed against Kenyans during the Mau Mau uprisings in the 1950s.

He said the British law firm has both the time and staff to devote to such an undertaking and those were the two main things UWI, Cave Hill Law Faculty did not have.

Dean Berry said the Faculty was continuing with its Human Rights Advocacy Project U-RAP which is presently engaged in constitutional challenges before courts in Belize and Guyana. ■

NO HUNGER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

IT WOULD TAKE *"a general crisis in the Commonwealth Caribbean"* to bring about constitutional change which radically shifts the region away from the Westminster system, which most regional states have retained following their independence from Britain.

Further, **Professor Paul Sutton** believes that the *"lack of political will"* and the mechanism used to contemplate change — constitution commissions — all have worked against bringing about any real reform.

Professor Sutton explored the issue of constitutional reform as he delivered the **12th Annual Caribbean Public Policy Lecture** presented by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) under the theme: ***Westminster Challenged, Westminster Confirmed: Which Way Caribbean Constitutional Reform?*** on June 11.

Professor Sutton, an author and specialist in Caribbean and small states studies, said the circumstances were not right for real change and the mechanisms that are being used to go about it were not effective. *"In short, the reason for the absence of radical constitutional reform is the absence of context and the inadequacy of the institutional mechanism currently in use,"* he told an audience of academics, specially invited guests and members of the public gathered at the Campus' The Mount Restaurant.

He said that *"the only case I can see in which matters would be very different would be a general crisis in the Commonwealth Caribbean that results in the convening of a constituent assembly from all the islands and the littoral and that concludes by recommending a federation."*

He added that if that were to happen, he felt the region would opt for a constitutional system more closely associated with that of the United States instead of



Professor Paul Sutton

the parliamentary one used by the failed West Indies Federation.

However, he said since there was no sign of such change *"in spite of mounting economic and social problems throughout the region, the future, in the short to medium term, will be the Westminster model modified and adapted within the individual context of the single Commonwealth Caribbean state, bearing the impress of the past more than it bears the impress of the future"*.

Professor Sutton said there has been no real constitutional change within the region, adding that *"the constitutions of 11 of the 12 Commonwealth Caribbean countries have remained, in most essentials, unreformed since independence. There have been calls for change but not much has followed. Westminster has been challenged, but Westminster has also been confirmed."*

He said the only two real instances of post-independence constitutional reform were Trinidad

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No Hunger for Constitutional Reform

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and Tobago, which adopted a republican constitution in 1976, and Guyana, which changed to a hybrid presidential-parliamentary constitution in 1980.

"The Guyanese constitution still remains, to date, the only instance of radical departure from the Westminster inspired model in the Caribbean," Professor Sutton pointed out.

He added that the West Indies Commission of the 1990s, as well as concerns about the deteriorating standards of governance in the region, also spawned a number of constitution commissions. He noted that a number of proposed constitutional changes were also mooted in Barbados, St. Vincent, the Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica, St Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Professor Sutton said that all of those efforts at reform failed to bring about *"substantive constitution reform"*. The changes made were most often adjustments signalling a general satisfaction with the essential architecture of the Westminster system.

"It will be interesting to see if this new third phase ends differently, particularly since in St Lucia consideration is being given to a hybrid parliamentary-presidential system which will result in a significant departure from the Westminster system," he added. ■

The full lecture will appear in the next edition of the *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*, published by SALISES. ©

Lesley Walcott explores the question:

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A REGULATOR?

According to dictionaries, texts and nefarious international codes, the Regulator is simply a watch dog; a controller, supervising the institute, body or commission.

Legally, there is a plethora of legislation and jurisprudence relating to the role of the Regulator, both in the public and private sector. The challenges facing regulators have been dramatically portrayed regardless of the area of law so that with respect to Insurance for example there are several decisions hailing from the Commonwealth Caribbean which reveal the dilemma; the undeniable plight confronting regulators. Good examples are the Barbados' *Narsham* decision and the *United Security Life* arising from Trinidad and Tobago where the actions of the regulator were defeated.

Poignantly this Jurisprudence and without doubt our Caribbean experience, underscore the dilemma facing Regulators. It is not an easy task.

While Statute, rules and byelaws may prescribe what should or must be done, that is not the end of the matter. It is evident that regulators must be required to apply not only the black letter of the law but are required to be mindful of its spirit, so that under administrative law the rules of Natural Justice ought to be observed, thereby appropriately balancing enforcement and intervention.

In terms of perception, as far as the public is concerned, the regulator is viewed fittingly as an expert in the field so that from the public's angle the Regulator is armed with the requisite knowledge and expertise.

From my own perspective (I must confess, I see myself as a Regulator having served in that capacity for the Offshore Sector, Securities Industry, Insurance, Law Reform, Auditors, Corporate Governance and believe it or not and don't laugh, even sanitation services and cemeteries!) the salient point however is that regardless of the area or sector, an admitted certainty is that regulators do not know everything.

In the midst of this harsh environment, apart from the rules, laws, byelaws and how a regulator is viewed, a fundamental and critical component is how that Regulator sees that role. Is it as a policeman to administer the rules and regulations with a mighty stick?

Does he see the role as a facilitator? Indeed, the Regulator must walk that fragile, delicate line, a tight rope balancing enforcement with facilitating.

A good Regulator must appreciate and understand the dynamics of whatever is being regulated. As I said, regulation is not an easy task and the regulators must walk that tenuous line. ■



Lesley Walcott

Sir Marston's Partnership Offer



Justice Sir Marston Gibson

Barbadus' Chief Justice has proposed a partnership with The University of the West Indies aimed at greatly improving the administration of justice in Barbados, while providing much needed on-the-job experience and extra credit for a number of students at the Cave Hill Campus.

Sir Marston Gibson, himself a graduate of and later lecturer in the Faculty of Law, suggested a number of practical ways in which students from the faculties of law, social science and natural science can be drafted in

to ease the backlog of cases clogging up the island's courts.

Delivering the *Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture* on April 23 at the Roy Marshall Complex, Sir Marston spoke on the topic *"Accelerating Justice: The UWI in the Justice Process"*.

Sir Marston said UWI was *"pivotal to the reform of the justice system"* and he was proposing a *"radical solution"* aimed at speeding up the administration of justice.

At the core of his proposal is the implementation of a voluntary internship programme for credit within the faculties of law, social sciences and science and technology in which students can volunteer to work with the Courts, Probation Department and the Forensic Sciences Centre.

Sir Marston proposed that second and third year law students could take an elective course which would see them volunteering at the Registration Department assisting judges with legal research and writing. He stressed that such internships should be graded.

The Chief Justice said a similar internship programme should also be established for students pursuing studies in social work. Sir Marston said that a lack of probation officers to carry out pre-sentencing investigations and later compile reports also contributed greatly to delays in the justice system.

He suggested that student interns could be drafted in to conduct interviews and prepare draft probation reports *"under the supervision of the officers from that Department"*, thereby reducing the time it took to have those reports ready for judicial officers.

Sir Marston envisioned students of the Science and Technology Faculty working closely with the officers of the Forensic Sciences Centre to conduct regular testing of persons who appear before the Drug Treatment Court, which will shortly be established.

He added that the Courts also have an increasing need for graduates in computer science since the new court complex was fully computerized. He added that students in that Department could also intern at the Court since there is a great need for persons to work in the area of scanning and data entry as all documents now filed with the Courts must be entered electronically as well.

Sir Marston said there was the perception that *"lawyers make good managers, but that was not always the case"*. He suggested that the University consider establishing a certificate or diploma programme aimed specifically at those who have supervisory or management responsibility within the judicial system.

Sir Marston lauded the work of the University noting that it was laying a firm foundation through its law faculty which was in turn helping to establish Caribbean jurisprudence.

He said that a number of regional Chief Justices were trained at UWI; 13 of the 15 Court of Appeal and High Court judges in Barbados, as well as all of the islands magistrates. In addition, two of the seven judges of the Caribbean Court of Appeal are UWI graduates, he said.

Sir Marston said *"there was no doubt that the UWI had provided the Caribbean with leadership and leadership in the Law"* since the majority of Caricom's prime ministers were graduates of UWI's Faculty of Law. ■

THE region has been challenged to use the lessons of the global economic crisis to restructure their economies.

This advice came from Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Sir K. Dwight Venner as he delivered the *8th Annual Patrick Emmanuel Lecture* at the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

"This crisis and these challenges give us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to restructure our economies and polities and to put forward our best efforts and determination to effect the social and economic transformation of our countries," Sir Dwight told his audience, which included June Emmanuel, the widow of the late UWI researcher, political scientist and pollster, Patrick Emmanuel.

Sir Dwight said successful that restructuring will *"not only be to the benefit of our citizens, but will also send a salutary message to our detractors, both without and within the region"*. He added that this *"is the moment for the OECS countries to consolidate their independence, sovereignty and nationhood to establish a more perfect union among themselves; a state nation"*.

He said the concept was one where a grouping of separate sovereign states pool their sovereignty and resources and co-ordinate their policies as an instrument for collective decision-making and for collective action to achieve the goals of socio-economic development.

He said this would give the OECS states the political, technical and administrative capacity to collectively address the threats to their sovereignty and future prospects.

Dr. Patrick Emmanuel

... was a former research fellow with the then *Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)*, now the *Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES)*. Dr. Emmanuel, a Grenadian, served as acting Director of ISER from 1993 until his untimely death three years later. He was the author of many books and articles on important political, economic and social issues confronting the Caribbean. Dr. Emmanuel also introduced the public opinion poll to the electoral landscape of Barbados. ■

★ CHILL FACT ★



Sir Dwight Venner chats with UWI Pro-Vice Chancellor, Planning and Development Professor Andrew Downes.

Strong Case for OECS Union

"It is time for the establishment of the Union of Eastern Caribbean States..."

"It is time for the establishment of the Union of Eastern Caribbean States," Sir Dwight declared. He urged the leadership of the OECS to implement the proposals of the Revised Treaty of Basseterre which among other things creates a single economic and financial space in the OECS and also allows for a deepening of the integration process at the political level.

Sir Dwight said the deepening of the integration movement within the OECS cannot be led by *"administrative and technical personnel"* but *"lies solely in the hands of the political elite"*. He urged the political leadership to *"craft the political and administrative institutions to facilitate this process"*. ■

Sir Dwight Venner

Education in the Spasm

By Wilberne Persaud

Readers of my column in the Jamaica Gleaner may have noted over the years, multiple references to Nobel laureate, Sir William Arthur Lewis, St. Lucia born former Vice Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (UWI) and Jamaican Thomas (TP) Lecky, creator of new breeds of cattle specially adapted for our tropical conditions— the Jamaica Hope and others. In considering the role and financing of tertiary education provided at home, we again turn to them.

Lewis, early in his tenure at UWI made the obvious point: it would be cheaper to have all our qualified youngsters of University age attend foreign institutions to read for their degrees. Infrastructure including dormitories, libraries, professors, lecturers and their research assistants, support staff, laboratories, equipment – part of a much longer list – plus, in our special case, travel across the region, all amounted to a big burden on the meagre finances of West Indian peoples and governments.

In his 1962 *"Memorandum prepared for the Conference on the Common Services"* of governments of the West Indies Lewis pointed out that "since tuition fees charged by most universities are only a fraction of their cost, students who go overseas receive a large subsidy from the countries to which they go; whereas if they were educated in the West Indies, the whole cost would fall on this community".

To consider only these costs and no spillover benefits however, would be to miss the central core of the role of a university in society. The local or national university will research issues and problems that

confront the society – relevance of programmes becomes an issue. A "university contributes to society not merely by teaching students, but also by gathering together a group of specialists who play a part in public life outside the university."

So Lewis provided the rationale for spending what in 1962 would have been considered vast amounts of money – let's call this the abstract or theoretical underpinning. Lecky provides tangible evidence of operating locally – practical proof of the pudding in the baking. Lecky attended the Jamaica School of Agriculture – then referred to as the Farm School at Hope – admittedly not a university though nevertheless an institution of further learning. He later did formal university studies in Canada but his life's work couldn't have been accomplished in Alberta or Mississauga. It had to be grounded in his native land – relevance: create a breed of cattle suitable to the needs of small scale Jamaican farmers. At home he had Jamaican adapted cattle with acquired resistance to tick fever, naturally selected over centuries of adaptation to local conditions since their importation by the Spanish. These specimens he could breed with selected imported animals to achieve desired characteristics.

In Barbados, Errol Barrow had a vision. If Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago could have campuses, why not Barbados? Intensive discussions took place around that same period – early 1960s when Lewis wrote. Anecdotal, the story goes that Barrow flew a plane around the island finally choosing the Cave Hill site. A liberal arts college was indeed affordable; in 1963 the campus breathed life.

of Austerity



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Given income levels of the majority population at the time and historical deprivation of the labouring classes, Barrow insisted tuition would be “free”. He claimed “God will provide.” Such provision has existed for half a century: 1963 to 2013! Literacy levels and civic awareness betray its impact to the unsuspecting visitor constantly. Gardener, taxi driver, even the occasional beggar in the plaza understand not only cricket but also the role of politeness in social interaction and the central bank. Understandably, Barbadians are conflicted, completely absorbed with the implications of a budget presented just over a week ago, by ironically, Errol Barrow’s DLP.

I won’t bore you with numbers. Let’s simply say government debt is out of whack and revenue flow weak, balance of payments performance lacklustre, tourism activity suffers drop-off, construction boom ended and the CLICO/BAICO Meltdown renders a significant number of persons holding broken Thermos flasks – containers of vacuum – instead of bags of money. The latter is not often listed as one of the big causes of grim times. But it is.

Radio Talk Shows, newspaper reports, taxi drivers with whom one interacts – the preponderance of public discourse centres on withdrawal of support for tertiary students’ tuition fees and the big debt owed to the Campus – granted sums are nowhere as large as once existed at Mona. Principal of the Cave Hill Campus Sir Hilary Beckles is widely quoted in the media having remarked that within the Barbados Cabinet, Ministers collectively possess a total of 65 years ‘free’ education provided by the Barbadian

people and the Cave Hill Campus of the UWI!

Prime Minister Freundel Stewart, lamenting the need for this decision indicated that he achieved two undergraduate degrees in the Arts and Law during the reign of government supported tertiary education now summarily axed. It was only his sojourn at the Hugh Wooding Law School that required personal funds.

The bottom line in all this, however, is the likely outcome. The 2013 budget represented a kind of spasm. Taxes on the unimproved value of land have increased leading a mid-level banker friend of mine to quip: “I’ll soon have to sign over title to the Income Tax Department!” The population is unaware whether multilateral agencies have called for these drastic cuts. Does the government plan to go to the international market for funding and therefore have to put its house in order post haste? Did the intervention have to be so invasive, tornado-like in its passage?

On the street it’s claimed Cabinet itself was divided on the matter though taking collective responsibility for what is considered unavoidable. Contemplating the longer view however, unforeseen and unintended consequences of implementing these arrangements may yet provide odd or quirky developments. ■

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Critical Role for Agriculture

Speaking at one of the critical events held during Cave Hill's 50th anniversary year – a two day seminar entitled Food, Nutrition and Security in Barbados – Chairman of the National Agricultural Commission Dr. Chelston Brathwaite warned that it would be a "grave political, economic, social and environmental mistake to abandon the agricultural sector of Barbados".

Dr. Brathwaite, a former head of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, said Barbados' agricultural sector was at a "defining moment". He said the sector which was once a source of wealth and economic activity has been "marginalized" as the island moved toward a "service oriented economy based on tourism and financial services".

He pointed out that despite the decline in agricultural production over the years, "the sector still has a significant role to play in ensuring the country's food and nutrition security, providing employment, preserving the environment and maintaining the beauty and aesthetic appeal of the country".

Dr. Brathwaite warned that "a service economy that produces nothing to sell, except sea and sand, is not sustainable."

"We need our agricultural sector and our manufacturing sector working together to promote agro-industries to help drive our economy," he told those gathered on the opening day of the August 7-8, 2013 event.

He conceded that when efforts were made to promote agriculture, oftentimes those efforts met with limited success because persons only related to agriculture in terms of working on sugar plantations for "miserly wages".

However, he said that a food and agricultural sector that is "modern and technology driven can play a critical role in economic development mainly because of the backward and forward linkages to the rest of the economy and because food is a basic requirement for human existence."

He warned that as an island economy with limited land and water resources, it was of "strategic importance for Barbados to increase its preparedness for managing the effects of climate change".

He added that this was especially important in the areas related to "food shortages, higher food prices, higher sea levels and water scarcity. These issues must be considered as critical elements in

an economy that is dependent on the tourism sector."

Dr. Brathwaite said that a new approach to agriculture, food and nutrition security in Barbados was also spurred by the need to combat the "epidemic" of non-communicable diseases, among them strokes, diabetes, hypertension and obesity, which are a direct result of heavy dependence on ready-to-serve foods high in salt, sugar and trans fats.

The need to cut down on the national food import bill estimated at \$700 million annually as well as a need to generate employment, to link agriculture and tourism, to protect against price volatility and increased protectionism in global commodity markets were other reasons given for a new approach to agriculture locally.

He also listed the need for the rationalisation of land use and the protection of top soils from erosion, climate change, an increasing demand for fast foods, increased use of biotechnology and genetically modified foods, and an aging population of local farmers as other factors in deciding the new agricultural path.

An optimistic, Dr. Brathwaite said that during World War II "this country fed itself and we can do it again". In order to achieve this, he said new policies needed to be formulated on land use, food imports and praedial larceny.

He said there must also be the introduction of new technologies, including mechanization and food processing, new marketing arrangements to respond to the 'supermarket revolution', ways



to monitor supply and demand, improvements in the technical and managerial capacity of farmers and a change in consumer thinking toward fresh, locally produced foods.

Dr. Brathwaite said there should also be an investment in food processing, food storage, greenhouse technology and food packaging facilities and a permanent marketing facility for locally produced foods which should comprise government, the private sector, and farmers.

He said that over the years attempts have been made to diversify the agricultural sector away from its sugarcane dominance, but those efforts were met with a number of constraints including limited financing and inadequate levels of new investment.

In addition, inadequate research and development, reduced lands, deficient legislation pertaining to food imports, praedial larceny, poor land use, weak marketing, a lack of adequately trained people, the high cost of energy and water as well as the incidence of pests and diseases, limited food processing and agro-industry and adherence to World Trade Organisation rules, were some of the other negative factors which impacted efforts to improve the sector. ■

The University of the West Indies Cave Hill campus has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with five countries of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), which is targeted at aggressively tackling the challenge of food security in the region.

The MOU was initialed during a February 10, 2014 ceremony which brought together leading agricultural researchers, practitioners and policy makers for the start of a three-day symposium to examine ways of enhancing the value of cassava production. The symposium entitled **Cassava in the Caribbean and Latin America** opened at the 3V's Oval Pavilion at Cave Hill campus where the *Cave Hill Centre for Food Security and Entrepreneurship* (CFSE) was also officially launched.

The CFSE is expected to be an important partner in the future development of the cassava industry, as it is tasked with the overall mission of solving food security challenges facing client countries in the areas of agriculture and agro-biotechnology.

The Centre is expected to be housed on approximately 28 acres of agricultural land, a gift to the University from **Mr. and Mrs Eddie Edgehill** of Dukes plantation, St. Thomas. It is anticipated that it will attract and facilitate foreign direct investment, spearhead much of the teaching, research and development to drive innovation in agriculture and operationalise its own income-generating activities.

The cassava project symposium was organised by The UWI, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Discussions focussed on establishing a strategic framework for the sustainable intensification of the cassava industry in the Caribbean against a backdrop where a number of manufacturers, including a leading beer producer, are preparing to utilize cassava in their production processes. ■



Region Signs On to Food Security

TESOL Programme Scoring Double for Cave Hill

A successful partnership with a major Venezuelan company is helping Cave Hill to achieve its twin goal of deepening its international outreach and increasing its own self-sufficiency.

Under the **Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages** (TESOL) programme, scores of employees from the Venezuelan national oil company **Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA)** continue to enrol in the specially tailored, intensive and interactive University programme aimed at equipping them to speak, read and understand English.

This key revenue generating area for the Campus continued to record major success graduating its tenth and eleventh cohorts of students in the latter half of 2013. Several graduates praised local tutors for assisting them with their accomplished fluency in English. Since the inception of the programme in 2008, hundreds of PDVSA employees have completed the 12-week programme and hundreds more are slated to benefit under contractual agreement with the South American company.

The TESOL programme not only offers students the opportunity to become conversant with the language, but to do so from a unique perspective as they are exposed to Barbadian cultural expressions and experiences. It also affords them the opportunity to interact with other international students at the Campus.

Students from the tenth cohort of Venezuelans who enrolled in the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) programme at Cave Hill.

In keeping with internationalisation trends worldwide, the presence of thousands of foreign students at Cave Hill has proved a major income earner, and in the case of Barbados it is a vital earner of valued foreign exchange. Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles** has consistently highlighted the immense earning power of the Campus, noting that it was a *"major exporter of knowledge and a major earner of foreign exchange"*.

He noted that the thousands of students from across the region and the world who come to Cave Hill annually make an *"enormous investment"* in the local economy. ■





David Parra who emerged Best Student Overall shows his delight at his achievement.

CAVE HILL in the COMMUNITY



Principal of Cave Hill campus Sir Hilary Beckles and Dr. Stacy Denny coordinator of the English as a Second Language programme peruse some of the students' written work.



Members of the tenth cohort with their certificates.

Hope Project Moves Primary Students

Several volunteers from the *Caribbean Students Association (CSA)* at Columbia University visited Cave Hill Campus during their spring break and brought a message of hope for some of the island's primary school children.

The There is HOPE Project – Hope stands for *Honouring Our Personal Expectations* – is targeted at helping children to create a positive self image and develop critical thinking from primary school level. It is designed to place emphasis on integrating students' present knowledge under three main themes: Identity, Environmental Sustainability, and Preparing for Success.

The visit to Barbados, which was sponsored by the *Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation*, included a visit to St. Mary's School. The final module, Preparing for Success, climaxed with a field trip by the school children to Cave Hill Campus in order to expose them to a novel academic environment and empower them to take charge of their academic futures.

The children's enthusiasm was matched by that displayed among Cave Hill's administrative and teaching staff who gave guided tours and presentations about work at university and what it meant to be a Cave Hill graduate. The primary school students expressed a

keen interest in campus life and the degrees offered, and spoke of their career interests.

Other workshop modules reinforced the value of African and Caribbean history as well as the environmental responsibility and sustainability of Barbados. The student-led programme, which is in its fourth year, has completed successful projects thus far in Jamaica, Grenada, and Dominica. Members are first generation Caribbean nationals or affiliates who identify with the culture of the Caribbean and are interested in the educational, cultural and social advancement of the region. ■

Partners in Prosperity

In a year dedicated to celebrating the evolution of the Cave Hill Campus and milestones achieved through its fifty years of existence, the Campus community paid tribute to scores of private sector entities, government ministries, international donors and alumni, all credited with making significant financial and other contributions to the University throughout the years.

Commemorative scrolls and special awards were gifted to over fifty donors present at the **Benefactors Awards Ceremony** held under the theme **Partnership on the Path to Prosperity** at the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination on .

In his feature address, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, **Christopher Sinckler** reaffirmed government's support for the continued development of UWI, acknowledging that access to education at all levels had been a key factor in the success of Barbados as a society and an economy.

He also encouraged and commended donors present for their stellar commitment to the University despite challenging economic times. *"I am eager to state that such partnerships will be at the centre of the Ministry's attention, both for financial and technical support, as we move towards building out new pathways for development,"* he said.

Among those awarded was top corporate benefactor **Sagikor Financial Corporation** which made contributions in excess of 3 million dollars to support the construction, branding and maintenance of the **Sagikor Centre for Lifelong Learning**, towards the establishment of a Chair in Health Economics, as support for departmental programmes in the Chronic Disease Research Centre, towards the the Cave Hill School of Business Reserve Fund, in funding annual scholarships in Business Studies and as annual sponsorship of the Sagikor UWI Elite cricket team. **SOL**, **CIBC FirstCaribbean** and **Innotech** also received special awards for their consistent support and invaluable contribution to several projects.

While expressing his gratitude, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles** outlined the rich tradition of giving at Cave Hill which dated back to its origins. He discussed the importance of partnerships, adding that they were *"a consistent theme of the discourse that gave shape and form to [the] institution"* a model which is *"now even more important as we face these recessionary times."* ■



1. L-R: Minister of Finance Chris Sinckler and Cave Hill campus bursar, Lisa Alleyne. 2. Andrew Bynoe, Managing Director, A1 Supermarkets and Professor Earl Newton pay rapt attention to Professor Sir Hilary Beckles. 3. Gerard Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Sol Caribbean Ltd. accepts his award from Professor Sir Hilary Beckles. 4. Martin Dasilva, Chief Executive Officer, Innotech Services Ltd. 5. Mark St. Hill, Managing Director, Retail and Business Banking, CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank. 6. Dexter Moe, Vice President, Investment Management Services, Sagikor Asset Management - Sagikor Life Inc.

Former *Cave Hill Professor of Law* **Rose-Marie Antoine** recently created history within the **University of the West Indies** by becoming the first person to be presented with the **Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence** twice.

Hers was an unprecedented achievement in the 20-year history of the prestigious accolade, which was established by former Vice-Chancellor Sir Alister McIntyre to recognise high achievement by academic and senior administrative staff of UWI.

Professor Antoine was recognised for her contribution to public service, following a similar bestowal in 2006 for her accomplishments in research. She was among five outstanding faculty members and a research centre to receive the University's highest and most coveted internal award. To date, 101 Vice Chancellor's Awards have been presented..

"I feel very honoured and at the same time humbled that on two occasions my peers and colleagues have nominated me for the VC's Award of Excellence and the wider University community has agreed," Professor Antoine said in an interview. *"It is particularly meaningful given that it has been for two separate categories – research, the lynchpin of our work here and public service. Indeed, my public service is very much centred on my research as I have always believed that our intellectual efforts here at the UWI should be able to reach the wider community."*

Antoine, a prolific researcher who has published 11 books to date, added: *"These awards, as I have said before, signal to the region that UWI is a place of excellence,*



Award winner Professor Rose-Marie Antoine (right) basks in the moment with UWI Vice Chancellor E. Nigel Harris.

Lawyer Creates History at UWI

and more importantly, give a face and a voice to the tremendous work that takes place within these hallowed halls of academia, with very little resources, which the general public benefits from, but is often hardly aware of. I am happy to represent my wonderful colleagues as we take our rightful place in the Caribbean, as pioneers, innovators, doers and builders."

The long-serving Cave Hill faculty member was elevated to the position of **Dean of the Faculty of Law** at the St Augustine Campus of the University last August.

She has had an outstanding career as an attorney-at-law and Professor of Labour Law and Offshore Financial Law at the UWI Cave Hill's Faculty of Law. She was also the Faculty's first director of the LLM programme in Corporate and Commercial Law.

Professor Antoine has made significant contributions to the region's laws and policies, drafting several important statutes in diverse areas of law including the financial sector, health, education, child justice, labour and human trafficking. She drafted the *Labour Code of Saint Lucia* and the *CARICOM Harmonisation of Labour Law Report* the blueprint for CARICOM labour reform.

Antoine was elected a commissioner on the **OAS Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**, Washington in 2011 and in 2012 was appointed the only Caribbean Honorary Member of the renowned international **Society for**

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence, highly anticipated annual awards, celebrate the University's core values and the recipients are persons who have proven themselves to be exemplary of UWI's commitment to the pursuit of excellence. Awards are given in the areas of teaching, research accomplishments, service to the University community, contributions to public service, and all-round excellence in a combination of two or more of the four core areas. Persons are awarded after a rigorous assessment and selection process.



L-R: Dr. Aaron Kamugisha; Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale; Dr. Grace Fayombo; Betty Thorpe; Sir Hilary Beckles; Gale Hall; Patricia Atherley; Marlon Woodroff.

A record seven persons were honoured with the Principal's Award for Excellence during the annual Retirees and Long Service Awards Ceremony held on December 14 at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre. It was the first time since the inception of the awards in 2005 that so many individuals were celebrated for their yeoman contributions to The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

There were three recipients from among the academic staff: lecturer in Developmental Psychology in the Faculty of Humanities and Education, School of Education, **Dr. Grace Fayombo**; lecturer in Cultural Studies **Dr. Aaron Kamugisha** and lecturer in Chemistry in the Faculty of Science and Technology, **Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale**.

The four other awardees were Executive Assistant to the Principal, **Gale Hall**; Senior Assistant Registrar, Exams Section, **Betty Thorpe**; Educational Technologist and Coordinator of Educational Media Services, **Patricia Atherley** and Media Specialist in the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, **Marlon Woodroffe**.

Dr. Fayombo, who has published over 25 peer-reviewed articles, two books, three book chapters, two monographs and 29 papers in peer-reviewed journal articles as well as presented at 29 conferences in Europe, America, Africa and the Caribbean, was lauded for her high quality teaching and excellent publication record.

Since joining Cave Hill in 1999 as a summer Teaching Assistant, **Dr. Aaron Kamugisha** has excelled in the field of Caribbean Studies. Dr. Kamugisha, who was awarded for his outstanding research accomplishments, recently published three edited volumes on *Caribbean Political Thought* and *Caribbean Cultural Thought*. He is the editor of four books and over 20 articles in peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale, a Lecturer in Chemistry in the Faculty of Science and Technology and Coordinator for the Preliminary Chemistry Programme, received the award for her outstanding teaching. She represents the University in a number of organisations including the American Chemical Society, and the Caribbean Examinations Council as part of the examination team for CSEC Chemistry.

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She was recently promoted to *Chief Examiner for CSEC Chemistry* and *Chair of the Board of Erdiston Teachers' Training College*. Her score of 4.8 out of a possible 5 in teaching evaluation is testament to her creativity in the classroom.

Since 1996, **Gale Hall** has been giving outstanding service to the Cave Hill Campus and UWI as a whole, first in her roles as Research Officer and Senior Support Officer. In those roles Gale Hall was an innovator, creating and/or refining policy and processes that ensure a more efficient education system at UWI. As Executive Assistant to the Principal she played a significant role in a number of developments at Cave Hill including the Institutional Accreditation of the Campus, the *Annual Sir Frank Worrell Lecture Series*, the annual Campus Reports to Council, the Cave Hill Campus initial *Research Day* in 2009, the Principal's *Summit on Education* and the *Barbados National Summit on Education*.

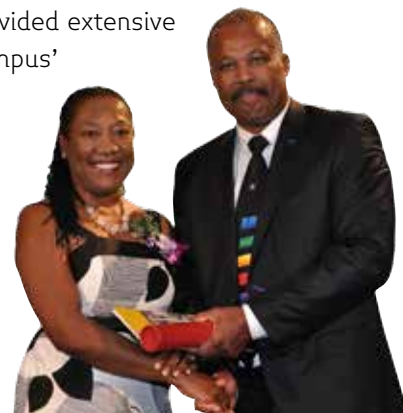
After 34 years of service **Betty Thorpe** is almost an institution within the Examinations Section of the Registry. The Senior Assistant Registrar was lauded for her managerial and administrative expertise, her creative leadership and performance, her development of effective administrative systems and her commitment and dedication.

Pat Atherley, who has been described as "*part of the heart and soul of UWI*" joined Cave Hill in 1988 to head the first public relations office and she quickly raised the standard of internal and external communication at the Campus.

She later assumed the role of Educational Technologist and Co-ordinator of Educational Media Services, where as a visionary and a foot soldier, she successfully piloted the introduction of the *WebCT e-learning system*, the precursor to the *Moodle system*. She has pioneered the transition of the institution's classrooms into modern, technologically equipped teaching spaces and produced an authoritative guide to their design and retrofitting.

Marlon Woodroffe, Media Specialist in the Educational Media Services (EMS) was recognised for his stellar performance in his multi-faceted technical responsibilities, and his outstanding work to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency of operations, and by extension, the image of the Cave Hill Campus.

Woodroffe was praised for his calm management style, trouble-shooting and quick decision making. His team, in addition to providing classroom technology services also provided extensive technical support to the Campus' many outreach efforts, including the provision of video and audio recording, sound augmentation, and multimedia projection. ■



Gale Hall is congratulated by Sir Hilary Beckles.

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Trusts and Estate Practitioners, in recognition of "*outstanding*" contribution to the subject. She is a founding member of the **Barbados Coalition against Sexual Harassment (CASH)**, and serves as a legal resource person on HIV for regional and international organisations and community groups.

Professor Antoine is also a founding member of the **UWI HIV Committee (UWI HARP)** and drafted the University's HIV Policy. Internationally, Professor Antoine has served as a lecturer at **Case-Western Reserve, USA**, and consults for governments and international organisations, including the government of Canada, the **Inter-American Development Bank, World-Bank, CARICOM, UNICEF, International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNIFEM, United Nations International Drug Control Program (UNIDCP)** and **Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP)**.

This year's five other *Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence* awardees included St Augustine's **Professor Shivanand Nayak**, for excellence in teaching, while recognition for research accomplishments went to his Campus colleague **Professor Pathmanathan Umaharan** as well as Mona's Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences **Professor Horace Fletcher**.

In addition, there were two awards for all-round performance – St. Augustine's **Dr. Carol Logie** gaining one for her all-round excellence in the areas of service to the university community and contributions to public service. The second went to the St Augustine-based **Seismic Research Centre** for research accomplishments and its contribution to public service. ■

Trailblazing Trio

The Campus honours its first three principals - **Professor Leslie Robinson, Sir Sidney Martin and Sir Keith Hunte.**

A trio of Caribbean educational trailblazers

who birthed, nurtured and guided the Cave Hill Campus of The University of the West Indies through its first 40 years of existence now have their names ineradicably written into the history of that institution.

In separate ceremonies in October and November, the University administration led by Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles**, joined with the trio's families, specially invited guests and well-wishers to remember and record the outstanding contribution made by the Campus' first three principals - **Professor Leslie Robinson, Sir Sidney Martin and Sir Keith Hunte.**

The naming ceremonies, part of a Naming Project which formed an integral part of the Campus' golden jubilee celebrations', saw the former administration building being named in honour of Professor Robinson, the Main Library for Sir Sidney, and the new Hall of Residence at Clarendon, Black Rock for Sir Keith.



PROFESSOR LESLIE ROBINSON

The first to be honored was the late Professor Robinson, who in October 1963 was appointed the first principal of the College of Arts and Science, the forerunner to the Cave Hill Campus. He was hailed at that ceremony by former Jamaican Prime Minister **PJ Patterson** as *"a teacher from birth, by nature and disposition"* and one who *"made a tremendous impact on the lives of all the students who were privileged to come into contact with him."*

At the October 6, 2013 ceremony, Sir Hilary described Professor Robinson as a *"remarkable man of science whose legacy as a hyper-energetic spirit is remembered for its generosity and its cultured charm"*. He said Professor Robinson *"was an impossible man to dislike. He was always prepared to listen, he was charming, he was helpful, he would give you directions; in many ways he was the perfect masculinity with all its internal flaws and we celebrate him as we remember him."*

Professor Robinson's daughter **Dr. Lilieth Ann Robinson Bridgewater**,

was full of praise for the University for recognising her father's *"over 40 years of uninterrupted service"* by honouring him *"in one of the greatest ways a university can honour one of its own - by inscribing his name on one of its buildings."*



SIR SIDNEY MARTIN

During the naming ceremony in honour of Sir Sidney on November 6, 2013,

Sir Hilary praised him

as a man who *"always impressed with his calm graciousness and his focused approach"*. He noted that Sir Sidney who took over as principal of the Campus in 1964 was at the time of his retirement in 1983, the longest serving member of staff of UWI.

He said that it was fitting that the library, which was at the heart of Campus and *"gives effect"* to all that goes on there, should bear Sir Sidney's name. Prof. Beckles went on to say that the Barbados Government had committed to the construction of a new library at the Campus and hence the one bearing Sir Sidney's name would form part of a new Science and Technology



CELEBRATING OUR 50TH

1: Sir Hilary Beckles and Sir Keith Hunte shake hands while Mary Hunte, Sir Keith's daughter and Campus Registrar, Jacqueline Wade look on.

2: Professor Sir Hilary Beckles (centre) and Sir Keith Hunte (third from right) with members of Sir Sydney Martin's family.



3: Dr. Lilieth Ann Robinson Bridgewater, Leslie Robinson's daughter (second from right), flanked by The Most Hon. Percival James Patterson and campus administrators at the naming of the Leslie Robinson Building.

Park when the Campus shifted towards that new thrust. The new library, when constructed, will become the Sidney Martin Library for Science and Technology.

Sir Sidney's son Philip thanked the Campus for the honour bestowed upon his father, noting that it was *"truly appreciated"* and was a *"fitting tribute to the man who dedicated his adult life to The University of the West Indies and Cave Hill in particular"*. He remembered his father as a team leader, a team player, and the man who *"transformed the Cave Hill Campus"*.

"Sidney was really married to the University, although mother was his first love," he quipped.

Friends and family of Sir Keith gathered under tents in the

shadow of the new Hall of Residence, at Clarendon, Black Rock on November 13, to pay tribute to his long and distinguished association with Cave Hill, going back to 1964 when he joined the fledgling College of Arts and Science as a lecturer. He climbed steadily through the ranks to the post of principal in 1983 and held that post until his retirement in 2002, making his tenure just slightly longer than Sir Sidney's.

Sir Hilary praised Sir Keith as a *"kind and generous man"* who *"laid the foundation for the Cave Hill family that has remained cohesive"*. He said it was Sir Keith who started the *"international thrust"* at Cave Hill and left him a *"smooth running machine"* when he succeeded him as principal.



SIR KEITH HUNTE

Sir Keith's friend and colleague for over 60 years, Professor **Sir Woodville Marshall**

said Sir Keith's tenure was one of *"consolidation"* and he built on the base left by his predecessor Sir Sidney. He said Cave Hill's transition to the semester system remains as a monument to Sir Keith's ability to *"rise to enormous challenges"*.

In his response Sir Keith said he simply had the *"good fortune of being born at the right time"*. He said he was also thankful for the *"generosity of my colleagues"*. *"My family and I wish to thank you for this splendid facility which you have given the Campus, the country and the region"*. ■

WALKING THE TALK

The UWI Cave Hill Campus Student Charter



by Koelle Boyce - Campus Quality Assurance Office

In rounding off the year of its 50th anniversary, The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus reinforced its commitment to the provision of quality higher education with the approval and adoption of a UWI Cave Hill Campus Student Charter. The Student Charter was developed by students and the wider university community jointly during consultations that were coordinated by the Campus Quality Assurance Office in 2013.



Koelle Boyce

The Charter identifies several critical employee and student commitments which together enable the Campus to produce graduates who are qualified, well-rounded, globally-oriented and committed to The UWI. It establishes, among all of the Campus' stakeholders, a shared understanding of a "high quality Cave Hill student experience" and the associated high quality outcomes.

Noting that it supports the fulfilment of the **UWI's Strategic Plan 2012-17**, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, has encouraged employees and students alike to refer regularly to the Student Charter during the course of their Cave Hill journey and to use it to give focus to their day-to-day efforts at building the optimum staff-student partnership in order to drive the University's success.

Upon successful completion of a programme of study at the UWI, Cave Hill Campus, graduates will be:

1

QUALIFIED: equipped to successfully pursue employment, whether in industry or academia

As the Campus

- designs its academic programmes to keep pace with national and regional needs as well as with international standards for higher education
- offers guidance and support for students' decisions about their study options
- provides guidance on and insists upon academic integrity
- recognises and makes provision for students' differences as learners
- uses information and communications technology to enhance teaching and learning
- promotes the development of research skills as part of course activities

As Students

- take primary responsibility for their own learning and development
- seek advice and assistance when needed
- consistently demonstrate academic integrity
- recognise and respect each other's differences as learners



"The CETL offers periodic training for faculty in the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which supports the design of instruction to cater to learner variability, emphasising the importance of providing Multiple Means of Representation of information; facilitating Multiple Means of Action and Expression of knowledge by students; and Multiple Means of Engaging students in the learning process."

Patricia Atherley, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning

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WELL-ROUNDED GLOBAL CITIZENS: demonstrating personal and social awareness and transferable skills (creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and interpersonal skills, innovation and information literacy)

As the Campus

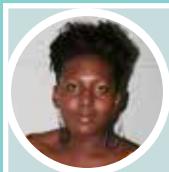
- offers opportunities for participation in extra-curricular, co-curricular and personal development activities
- promotes the development of transferable skills as part of course activities

And As Students

- promote their own all-round development through active, considered participation in a variety of non-academic learning experiences

"I am active in University and Colleges Christian Fellowship."

Student, Faculty of Science & Technology



"The Office of Student Services provides a transportation service to neighbouring communities and Bridgetown. We also assist our physically challenged students with mobility."

*Katanya Toppin, Stenographer Clerk,
Office of Student Services*

"I exercise care when I'm using lab equipment and I report system errors or malfunctions or when maintenance is needed."

Student, Faculty of Social Sciences

Visit www.cavehill.uwi.edu/campusquality/resources/uwi-cave-hill-student-charter-electronic.aspx to download a full copy of the UWI Cave Hill Campus Student Charter.

"The First Year Experience and RAPS & PACE* programmes are geared towards assisting students in developing problem solving and life skills that augur well for their academic, professional and personal development."

*Roachell Murray, Programme Assistant,
Office of Student Services*



3

UNIVERSITY ADVOCATES: motivated, as a result of their positive Campus experience, to promote UWI and commit to its long-term success

As the Campus

- provides a learning environment and educational resources that are fit-for-purpose and accessible
- offers administrative, professional, technical and support services to facilitate students' learning
- takes steps to ensure the privacy, health, safety and security of its students
- provides students with information on Campus services, facilities, academic and administrative matters that is comprehensive, timely, accurate and user-friendly
- serves its students with attentiveness, efficiency, respect and equity
- welcomes and acts upon feedback from / dialogue with students or student organisations on any aspect of the educational experience

And As Students

- exercise due care and consideration in their use of University books, equipment, materials, technology, amenities and facilities
- make appropriate use of available administrative, professional, technical and support services
- familiarise themselves with and observe published administrative guidelines and regulations
- treat all members of staff with equal respect
- provide constructive feedback on the quality of their educational experience

Dr. Colin Depradine (second left) receives his award from Cave Hill's Deputy Principal Eudine Barriteau while Patricia Atherley and Dr. Sylvia Henry look on.



Depradine Named *Teaching and Learning* Champion

Head of the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics and award-winning teacher at the UWI Cave Hill Campus, Dr. Colin Depradine, was presented with a *Teaching and Learning Champion* Award by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) during the opening ceremony of the *Teaching and Technology Symposium* and the launch of *Teaching and Learning Week* at the Campus in June this year.

Coordinator of the events, Pat Atherley, said that as part of the celebration of the Campus' 50th anniversary, the Centre had decided to present a special award to a member of the academic staff "in recognition of exceptional dedication to and support of excellence in teaching and learning." Noting that there were several members of staff

at the Campus diligently pursuing excellence in teaching, involved in the scholarship of teaching and learning, and giving of their time and expertise to support the work of the CETL, she said that in the case of Dr. Depradine, it was "all of the above, and then some."

Ms Atherley noted that the Computer Science lecturer has been an active supporter of the teaching and learning centre since the Campus started its programme "to effect a paradigm shift from teacher-centred to learner-centred pedagogy several years ago." The Educational Technologist said that Dr. Depradine was one of the first members of faculty to embrace the use of the e-learning course and learning management system and has consistently sought to share his knowledge and experiences with colleagues through his participation

in the Centre's faculty development programmes.

Dr. Depradine was awarded the inaugural Guardian General award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005, and the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in 2008. Despite these accolades, Atherley noted, in 2009 he registered as a member of the first cohort of faculty pursuing the Postgraduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning (CUTL), for which he remains a strong advocate. Pat Atherley also noted that one of the first things Dr. Depradine did after assuming the position of Head of Department was to establish a departmental committee on teaching and learning. He currently serves as chairman of the Campus' Classroom Management Committee which oversees the quality of the classroom environment. ■

THE tedious and solitary nature of graduate research can at times force students to abandon their quest, especially if they lack adequate supervision and encouragement to stay the course.

This can result in a missed opportunity to not only create new knowledge, but for a university to unearth the kind of ground-breaking find that could help to position it among the stellar group of research-oriented institutions which are synonymous with innovation, invention and cutting-edge discovery.

In keeping with UWI's strategy to aggressively push its research agenda, Cave Hill Campus has initiated several steps to raise its profile as a research institution. It has also increased its intake of graduate students, augmented the areas of study on offer to them, and ensured adequate training for graduate supervisors.

Last September, the Campus' Instructional Development Unit (IDU) of the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in collaboration with the School for Graduate Studies and Research hosted the first in a series of research supervisor development courses. It kicked off on September 13 with 25 campus lecturers enrolled as students of the course and 10 facilitators with experience as graduate supervisors. The facilitators were selected based on their consistent display of best practices in graduate supervision, as well as administrative expertise in graduate supervision.

Head of the IDU, **Dr. Sylvia Henry** noted that the success of UWI's graduate research programmes will depend largely on the effort given to the supervision of research students and the value placed on the research output.

She said: "It is imperative that persons who supervise students undertaking Doctoral and Masters degrees be trained to address critical topics which relate to roles and responsibilities; The UWI procedures and regulations; building blocks of research; and professional student-supervisor

Dr. Sylvia Henry

Graduate Supervisors Stay On Course

relationships among other things."

*"This course, which is supported by the Campus Coordinator, Graduate Studies and Research, **Professor Eddy Ventose** and Senior Programme Officer, Graduate Studies and Research, **Dr. Sandra Richards** is aimed at providing supervisors with the necessary skills, knowledge and support that will allow them to offer sound academic direction and focus to students as they pursue their research projects. The course emphasises the importance of building healthy mentoring relations throughout the process. Also, it provides a face-to-face and online forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among colleagues involved in the research supervision process. The interactive nature of the course and the range of topics allow for the addressing of issues pertinent to newly assigned supervisors as well as experienced supervisors and the cross-collaboration and sharing of experiential knowledge."* Lecturers involved in graduate supervision course will also benefit from a face-to-face forum with graduate students as they meet to discuss authentic issues that are pertinent to the Cave Hill experience. These issues include pitfalls, challenges, best practices and suggestions to engender excellence in the graduate research process.

Addressing participants at the launch of the course, Deputy Principal, **Professor Eudine Barriteau** noted the importance of a vibrant graduate research culture to a university.

"When you are recruited and you join the staff of the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies, you are joining a university not a post-secondary institution. And at a university we are expected to, and we are extremely pleased that you are dedicated to generating cutting edge research that is relevant not only to Caribbean society and development, but that also makes a contribution to international knowledge production.

She also emphasised The UWI's commitment to internationally benchmarked training.

"For a university in a developing region, The UWI has an enviable menu of staff development policies that would enable you to enhance your intellectual skills, professional competencies and academic output and enable you to give your best to the institution, the region and very importantly, our precious students". ■

New Facility to Improve Child Healthcare



Minister of Health John Boyce, Virginia Shaw Hutchison, Claire Jordan (Scotiabank) and Sir Hilary Beckles.

The diagnosis, care and treatment of children with cancer and related blood disorders in Barbados took a major technological leap forward with the opening of the **Shaw Family Telemedicine Room**, which is also anticipated to save the country significant amounts in healthcare costs annually.

The initiative is a partnership between the *Cave Hill Campus of The University of the West Indies* and the *Hospital for Sick Children* (SickKids) in Toronto, Canada and is part of the *SickKids-Caribbean Initiative* aimed at using teleconferencing facilities to bring regional healthcare professionals face-to-face with their Canadian counterparts to aid in the health care of young cancer patients in the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia,

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The lead donor for the telemedicine facility housed on the second floor of the Faculty of Medical Science's *Clinical Skills Building* in the refurbished Nightingale Nurses Home at Jemmotts Lane, Bridgetown is the *Leslois Shaw Foundation*, whose representative **Virginia Shaw Hutchison** said her charity, which honors her mother and the memory of her late father, was "thrilled to be a part of this great project".

"We encourage others to get involved. We believe this to be a sustainable solution for Barbados and the Caribbean," said Hutchison, whose parents Les and Lois Shaw vacationed in Barbados, loved the island and bought a second home here.

She said her foundation which has done charitable work around the world and has teamed up with the Clinton Foundation, was hoping to have "a lasting impact in Barbados".

Dr. Victor Blanchette of the McCaig Family Medical Director, (SickKids-Caribbean Initiative) said that unlike 50 years ago when a cancer diagnosis "would have meant almost certain death", today, 80 percent of the 300 children seen each year at SickKids are cured using a combination of chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery.

"We have a dream that all children diagnosed in our partner Caribbean countries will have the chance of the cure of their cancer," he said. "Our strategy is to connect healthcare specialists at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto with their

counterparts in the Caribbean using modern technology such as telemedicine, facilitating real time case consultations and knowledge transfer,” he explained.

He highlighted the “pivotal role and the leadership” of UWI in setting up the children’s healthcare initiative through the formal signing of a MOU with the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He said so far the project has raised just over half of the Can\$8 million needed to support the SickKids Caribbean Initiative in its first five years.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, **Sir Hilary Beckles** hailed the initiative as the “finest expression of humanity” and “a tribute to the concept of true partnership”.

Barbados’ Minister of Health **John Boyce** conceded that the Caribbean was limited in the kind of care they could give to juvenile cancer patients “given the specialised nature of childhood cancer”. He said the new telemedicine facility would help to mitigate those limitations.

Dr. Curt Bodkyn, a paediatric oncologist and lecturer in child health at UWI, St. Augustine, said the Telemedicine programme which has been operating in Trinidad and Tobago since 2004 has been “very successful”. He said to date they have done approximately 200 consultations saving approximately US\$1.2 million in travel and other related costs for patients who would have been required to travel abroad.

He said the programme not only benefited the sick children, but also allowed for the training of personnel and improving care through development of services in



Benefactors and well-wishers gather for the opening of the Shaw Family Telemedicine Room.



Minister of Health John Boyce and Sir Hilary Beckles initial the agreement while Cave Hill's Deputy Principal Eudine Barriteau and former Registrar Jacqueline Wade look on.

pharmacy, surgery, medicine and nursing. “It goes far beyond the one child that you see with cancer,” he added.

The two key corporate sponsors of the project are Scotiabank, which donated Can \$1 million, and CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank, which has pledged US \$1 million. ■



Minister of Health John Boyce and Sir Hilary Beckles congratulate each other after the signing.

“We have a dream that all children diagnosed in our partner Caribbean countries will have the chance of the cure of their cancer ...”

Library Unit For Visually Impaired

In keeping with its mandate to make tertiary level education more accessible, Cave Hill Campus now boasts a library unit equipped for visually impaired students.

The Kerryann Ifill Unit, named after the President of the Barbados Senate and the first blind person to graduate from the Campus, is the newest addition to the Campus' main library — recently renamed the Sidney Martin Library.

Located beside the West Indies Collection Reading Room, the Unit includes computers and technologies which magnify, read and scan print documents for visually impaired students. This enables them to be more independent as they learn and develop academically and makes their educational experience far more satisfactory.

Speaking at the official opening of the Unit on May 22, 2013, Senator Ifill said she was humbled by the gesture in her honour.

"This Unit is an excellent opportunity for a university whose mission is to advance education and create knowledge through excellence in teaching, research, innovation, public service, intellectual leadership and partnership; all of these things represent what this space will be to those students living with visual challenges," she said. "It is not just a room where you can study; it is a room, like persons with disabilities, filled with limitless possibilities."

The senator, who entered Cave Hill in 1996 and

graduated in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology, added, "it was fitting that UWI took the step to house the Unit as other campuses around the world and in the Caribbean have made several attempts..."

She pointed out that students with visual impairments tend to use either Braille or computers to access exams and the room was set up for such which would enable them to be invigilated separately.

"It's also well equipped to have group meetings, so there is a lot they can do in there," Senator Ifill observed. ■



1: Sir Hilary Beckles and Senator Kerry-Ann Ifill witness a demonstration of equipment in the new library unit.

2: Sir Hilary Beckles and Senator Kerry-Ann Ifill at the unveiling of a plaque to mark the unit's opening.

The CLR James Cricket Research Centre is a small library situated on the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies and is located near the main entrance to the university, opposite the 3Ws Oval. It was established in 2006 and forms the cornerstone of the university's commitment to our cricket heritage. *The primary focus of the library is to collect, preserve and provide access to a wide range of research materials that record the history and development of West Indies cricket for future generations.*

The library's mission is to provide comprehensive resources and services in support of the research, teaching and learning needs of the university community that is engaged in conducting cricket research. However, the CLR James Cricket Research Centre has a public responsibility to allow a select cricketing public, including journalists, teachers, secondary students and cricketers access to its resources. Our aim is to maintain an excellent collection that is notable for the strength of its holdings and will be recognised as the primary regional resource in the area of cricket research.

The library collects and preserves primary and secondary sources of enduring historical research value, as well as items which document the current developments in West Indies cricket. The collection includes monographs, pamphlets, journals, newspaper clippings, video tapes, DVDs, photographs, paintings, postcards, memorabilia and some items of ephemera. In addition, the library has a digitized collection of Barbados Cricketers' Annual dating 1896-1913 which can be accessed by researchers via the computers available in the library. The library's special holdings include the CLR James Manuscript for 'Beyond a Boundary', The Stephen Alleyne's Papers and a selection of Sir

Pelham Warner's Archives. In June 2013, the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation presented the library with a DVD of an interview of Sir Learie Constantine, produced by the BBC, to mark the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Cave Hill Campus. The collection is available to users through the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) with network access across the campus wide Local Area Network (LAN).

Reference services are provided via email, telephone and in person. There are two public access computers which provide access to the catalogue as well as access to the internet and other resources. There are photocopying services available and headphones are provided for general use within the library. The library also has wireless network capability for persons who wish to use their personal laptops in the reading room. Library staff offers assistance to users on how to search the catalogue and other resources.



Margaret Broome; Sir Hilary Beckles and Rosemary Alleyne, Director Broadcast Services, Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation at the handing over of the CLR James dvd.

Documenting Our Cricket Heritage

The CLR James Cricket Research Centre was conceptualized and driven by the vision of our Principal, Sir Hilary Beckles. At this juncture, the library is fulfilling its mandate and is acutely sensitive to the needs of its identified clientele. As the future unfolds, the CLR James Cricket Research Centre we project, will not only be the premier cricket library in the Caribbean but, comparable to those of other such facilities in Australia, New Zealand and England. The CLR James Cricket Research Centre's potential is limitless and will not be confined by any boundary, real or imagined. ■

Margaret Broomes, Librarian,
CLR James Cricket Research Centre.

The CLR James Cricket Research Centre has a website which is available via the university's intranet and is open Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (by appointment only)

Alumni Reflect



Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar

L-R: Principal, Sir Hilary Beckles; Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar; Alumni Coordinator, Roseanne Maxwell and Business Development Officer, Sonia Johnson.



The Alumni Reunion week (Sunday, October 6 to Saturday, October 12) was a time to reflect, rediscover and reconnect for past students and recent graduates celebrating half a century of education and excellence.

The week started with a thanksgiving service at the James Street Methodist Church at which minister and three time UWI Cave Hill alumnus **Anthony Sobers** acknowledged the Campus' excellent contribution through the high standard of graduates who have shaped the Barbadian society. Sobers praised the University as *"a shining example"* which would make Barbados and the region proud.

On Tuesday, the Cave Hill School of Business (CHSB) held an Alumni Reunion dinner and fundraiser which was well received by the guests, particularly the silent auction, which saw guests bidding to win attractive technological gadgets and other prizes to raise funds for scholarships for the School.

One highlight of the week was the Prime Minister's Reception on

Wednesday, which was held at the official residence of the Barbados Prime Minister, Ilaro Court. The event attracted a number of alumni from the business, political and educational sectors and they were treated to light entertainment and cocktails in the main courtyard.

On Thursday, professors from the Faculties of Science and Technology, Humanities and Education and Medical Sciences made presentations to the public on their research covering topics which ranged from **Women in Science to Racial Taxonomy in the Caribbean**. In addition, the Campus gave the public an opportunity to tour the University's environs and learn about its history. These tours were led by graduates, **Dr. Henderson Carter** and **Trevor Marshall**. Both activities were very well supported.

Later in the evening, a standing room only crowd of students, alumni and the public attended the **7th Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture** given by Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Cave Hill alumna, **Kamla Persad-Bissessar**. She spoke on the topic, **"Preparing the Present for the Future: Preparing the Professional for Future Leadership"**

and encouraged UWI students to cherish their relationships developed on Campus as they can assist them in their professional lives. She captivated the audience with her entertaining anecdotes about her experiences while living and studying on Campus.

The **Reunion Week** finished with a community outreach event, exciting netball and cricket matches, and a back-in-time fete.

On Friday morning, a group of alumni visited the St. Michael School and continued their painting of the Theatre Art Room which had been damaged by fire. In the evening, alumni played against students for the sports evening. The students defeated the alumni in both matches. After the games, the alumni were invited to relax in the staff lounge at the **"After Work Open Mike"** Lime. The curtain came down on the events with a **"Disco to Dancehall"** fete on **Saturday** night, where the alumni partied the night away under a disco ball to hit songs from the 70's to the present.

The Reunion Week was organised by the Office of Student, Corporate and Alumni Relations in collaboration with the Barbados Chapter of the UWI Alumni Association. ■

EXCERPT FROM : GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ADDRESS BY

THE HONOURABLE KAMLA PERSAD-BISSESSAR, SC, MP, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

AT THE 7TH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI LECTURE, CAVE HILL CAMPUS, UWI — 50TH ANNIVERSARYBARBADOS, 10TH OCTOBER 2013

PREPARING THE PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE:

Preparing the professional for future leadership

LESSONS FROM CAVE HILL

“As students, one of the most memorable points of learning at Cave Hill was that no true or sustainable success could ever be achieved over night.

Another was that hard work; commitment and dedication would always deliver results.

Our time at this campus also opened our minds to broader thinking, at times daring us to be bold enough to think differently, by leaving behind the rigidity of traditionalism.

Today, 28 years later, I have the privilege of returning to the place where my ideas of development, politics and liberty were transformed, to confess that I would quite likely not be where I am today, without the Cave Hill, UWI experience.

It is not simply under the glowing light of fond memories that I say this. Rather, it is because of the success that Cave Hill helped me to achieve, by teaching me not only to accept prevailing thought, but also to challenge concepts, and to be confident enough to defy convention with new approaches that better fit modern development.

Certainly, as someone trained in Law, I became an achieving professional by combining the evolution of the common law, the legal theories of governance and the underpinnings of equity in the system of justice.

But it went far beyond simply lectures on the subject areas.

The Cave Hill experience instilled in my mind that even if the application of theories worked in the past, the time will come when we must break the shackles of custom and go off into new directions.

Really, it is one of those very compelling ironies; that the one thing that has remained **unchanged**, is the very **change** that must come with the audacity to lead and be part of the evolution of time and thinking.

This is why today, we understand the importance of standing together as a region, even as we guard our separate identities.

We appreciate the value of strong institutional structures for a sound education, even as we caution that academic learning is only part of the journey.

We appreciate that as individual nations and as a region, it is our distinct character, the personality of the Caribbean person, that has mystified the world for many decades, yet we must embrace the need to advance integration, diversification and inclusive leadership.

Leadership therefore is best personified by our ability to consolidate what **is**, and inspire the drive for what **can be**. ”



Alumni lecture attracted a capacity audience.





Cave Hill campus' 50th anniversary celebrations attracted widespread participation and support as **students, alumni, staff, national and regional leaders, the campus community of retirees and the public at home and abroad** joined or witnessed the numerous events spread throughout the year. Several of the events were streamed via the web especially for the benefit of other Caribbean citizens ensuring the Jubilee occasion was a truly inclusive celebration.



Internationally Liked



AMONG the new academic initiatives luring international students to our shores is the suite of tourism offerings, which attract enrollees from near and far.

Among the countries from which students have come are: Denmark, the United Kingdom, Canada, the USA, the Bahamas, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, and Barbados.

A unique feature of the programmes is the action-learning component that provides the opportunity for students to solve organisational problems and to present their findings before chief executive Officers and senior management teams. Programme administrators are currently building attendance at one of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation's annual conferences into the programmes as a requirement.

On these pages, some alumni share their experiences regarding the postgraduate Tourism programme:



Wish you were here!



BAHAMAS



Shavonne Sherman

I find it mind-blowing that my tenure at one of the most illustrious Universities in the region is quickly ending. I always knew that I wanted my first degree to be completed at home as I felt no one could provide better groundwork than my own people but I felt that I needed to have regional and international experience to be well rounded.

I can recall constantly being asked before and after moving from The Bahamas... WHY ARE YOU GOING TO BARBADOS TO STUDY TOURISM!? For me, being trained in an environment that is reminiscent to home while gaining

exposure to a region I knew very little about proved to be very thrilling:

I chose UWI because I wanted to be challenged and knew at the end of 18 months I would have worked hard and learned a great deal that I would have EARNED my MSC....it also didn't hurt that my mother is a UWI graduate as well.

I chose Cave Hill because it provided the exact degree that I wanted, a combination of my passions: tourism and events!!

Although I would have loved to have more opportunity and training in events as opposed to tourism, I will in 3 months complete my ideal degree! There is and will never be anything "easy" about obtaining a Post-Graduate degree from UWI, however, it will definitely be worthwhile. You will have moments of great depression, sleepless weeks, and a multitude of tense group activities (believe me) but you will leave with a renewed confidence in yourself and expertise; you will have Professors that will continue to push you to succeed and fortunately, leave with a great set of friends from all walks of life!

I am a Bahamian, a "Blackbird", a Tourism & Event Management Student and upon graduation October 2014: a (UWI) Tourism & Event Professional.

I made the right choice....WHY DON'T YOU!?!? ■



Henriette Hansen



DENMARK

In choosing a place to do my Master's in Tourism, I literally had a world of opportunities from which to choose. I investigated online, talked to contacts from the tourism and academic world and ended up applying for tourism programmes in Thailand, Costa Rica and Barbados. I got accepted into all three programmes, and faced the dilemma of choosing from three amazing destinations, about all of which I knew little.

My thoughts were many, but for different reasons Cave Hill won me over. I think what appealed to me most was that I did not have a clear idea of what I could expect from studying in Barbados. Besides the pictures I had in my mind of white beaches, turquoise waters and Caribbean vibes, I had never met a person from Barbados. I had never really experienced Caribbean culture and I had no idea about the food, interests or popular sports, but I had always wanted to experience true island life – so off to Barbados I went!

While people from home thought I was going on a year-long vacation in Barbados, I really got my hands full. The programme at UWI, Cave Hill was interesting from the start. I was positively surprised by the commitment and dedication of the professors, the programme content and the high academic level of my co-students, but I was

not prepared for the heavy workload and intensity which literally took over all my free-time.

Adjusting to the lifestyle of a UWI Grad student was hard, but little by little I got a handle on it. Time management



GRENADA

Being an alumnus of The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus cost me a lot, but without a doubt, I am still convinced that the opportunities it has presented and continues to present far exceed all costs.

In 2007, I was accepted into the Masters of Science in Tourism and Hospitality Management programme.

Within weeks of commencing, I learnt that I had also been awarded a full scholarship to another university in Italy. As difficult as it was, I declined the scholarship offer. What was the wisdom in doing that?

Well, now I can say, there is no better place to learn about tourism than in the most tourism dependent region of the world. The UWI-Cave Hill tourism programmes present a unique opportunity that really allows students to understand the problems our generation is faced with and is expected to solve in the most pragmatic ways possible.

The leaders in my Master's programme knew only too well that Caribbean tourism needs much more than foreign consultants with pre-packaged policy recommendations that are misfits to both existing problems and opportunities at hand. I recall the lectures of Dr. Sherma Roberts and Mr. Anthony Arthur almost every moment I think Caribbean Tourism.

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Kimberly Thomas-Francois

became crucial as I had to take time off from studying to make room for fun, beach and island life too. Looking back at it now, I think I nailed it. It was one of the toughest years of my life, with little sleep and much stress, but I can say that I have truly grown personally and professionally, having lived and studied in this beautiful place, surrounded by amazing people and friends from all over the Caribbean and the world. ■

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Beyond this regional cause, I must express my gratitude for a programme designed to prepare me both for the professional world and for academia. My interest upon entry into the programme was the establishing agriculture and tourism linkages as a strategy for sustainable economic development in the region. Since I had already gained five years working experience in the tourism sector prior to pursuing my master's degree, upon completion, I targeted the agriculture sector to start my career. My first job was a four-month contract with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, where I prepared the first Annual Agriculture Review in the region and of course included an article on Agri-Tourism linkages. This publication was followed by two others. I remember my bosses being particularly impressed and pleased with the quality and strategic details in the publications. However, I knew that it was a consequence of my experience and skills developed and harnessed during my 18 months in the Master's programme. The strong supervision and research skills provided by UWI's coaches were impeccable. The programme's flexibility also provided me with the opportunity to intern at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, which further groomed me for permanent employment in the Ministry of Agriculture, Grenada.

Despite my professional accomplishment, I was still motivated to address the issue of weak sectoral linkages between the tourism and agriculture sector. Having represented my country at agricultural fora at the Caricom level, I realised that this problem has been earmarked as an intractable one for the region, which must be addressed. The networking opportunities provided by the UWI Tourism Master's programme — interface with world class professors worldwide — has been instrumental in allowing me the opportunity to pursue a PhD in Management at the University of Guelph in Canada where again, I am hoping to find management solutions to our high leakage of tourism dollars due to food importation in the region. The MSc Tourism Programme can shape your career path and provide meaningful personal and professional development without ignoring the 'cause'. ■



BARBADOS

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus has played a key role in my personal growth and professional development, enhancing my critical thinking skills and decision-making capabilities when under stress. UWI, Cave Hill Campus was my first choice, when I made the decision to build upon my academic achievements with the Master's degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The Cave Hill Campus is well known for camaraderie amongst peers, which is tantamount to a well structured operation focused on one goal and this played a key role in my decision to enrol in the programme at this campus.

The teaching aids and resource centres proved adequate and lecturers made themselves available at all times to facilitate effective learning and guidance as we worked assiduously to meet presentation and report deadlines.

My field of study proved challenging, but it was very rewarding. One highlight was the action-learning component, which I found extremely valuable as it equipped me with the skills-set needed to make a seamless transition from student to business professional. While at UWI Cave Hill, I was able to build lasting friendships with tourism professionals and like-minded individuals with a passion for tourism product development.

I am now more thorough and efficient in budgetary management, forecasting and reporting; all skills I've honed being part of the MSc. Tourism and Hospitality Management programme at the UWI Cave Hill Campus. I am currently employed with an international Event Management company, with responsibility for a vast portfolio of events and their profitability. I always encourage my peers to elevate their careers and when seeking an institution grounded on academic excellence, UWI. Cave Hill is the choice. It was my option and I am a proud graduate. ■



Tito Holder



NEW YORK, USA

In 2009, I was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study overseas for one year. My interest in sustainable tourism brought me to The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill. Dr. Sherma Roberts was extremely helpful and encouraging as I prepared and submitted my application from overseas. I had studied at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, in 2005 for a semester as an undergraduate student through St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. I fell in love with the culture and warmth of the people, and always wanted to return to the region.

My intention with the Masters in Tourism and Hospitality Management programme was to learn as much as possible, return to my small rural town in northern New York, and make an impact on the local economy. Tourism is often assumed to be a destructive source of capital; however, I was certain that sustainable practices could help increase economic opportunities in our region, rich in outdoor adventure, culture and heritage, but typically scoring high in unemployment rates and poverty. A year before I came to UWI, I opened a Bed & Breakfast with my, now husband, Charles. The ability to relate coursework to practical experiences was extremely valuable.

My undergraduate education at St. Lawrence University, a small private liberal arts college on the New York border with Canada, was filled with conversation-based learning, small class sizes and in depth research. I was happy to find a similar experience at UWI, with classes from 8–12 people, typically. I found the faculty to have interesting backgrounds and a true desire to educate. I had sacrificed a lot to leave my home for a year, so I was extremely focused on learning, and relating course material to a context that would be applicable in North America. Professors were willing to let me restructure assignments to reach beyond the Caribbean context. I have always found value in cross-cultural comparisons when it comes to any topic. New



Brooke (James) Rouse

ideas and perspectives can only make you a more well-rounded professional.

I am now a small business advisor with the New York State Small Business Development Center in Canton, where I help entrepreneurs plan and implement their dreams. Every day I am helping to write business plans, create financial projections, teach value added service, analyze target markets and strategize marketing techniques. The management courses in the programme were valuable in my success in securing a job upon return to NY and continue to be critical to my work. The concepts in tourism and hospitality have not only improved my role in our Bed & Breakfast, but have allowed me to assist in local economic development initiatives and to be the voice of 'destination planning', with projects such as festivals, natural attractions, and marketing for visitors. As I sit in a room of people and begin to compare our small town (with 5–6 months of winter) to a cruise destination, I force people to think out of the box and consider all the possibilities. ■

Farewell to a 'First Class Registrar'

In verse, song and touching tributes the family of the Cave Hill campus gave **Registrar Jacqueline Wade** a sentimental send-off into retirement.

Those gathered at the **Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination** on November 29, for the farewell function for Wade, who spent 34 years at the campus, saw an emotional and Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal **Sir Hilary Beckles** salute Wade as *"a first class registrar"* with an *"extraordinary sense of commitment"*.

He told those assembled, among them one of Wade's two daughters, **Lisa**, her sister **Cynthia Wilson** and brother, **Peter "Adonijah" Alleyne** and brother-in-law **Dr. Eslie Alleyne**, that *"eighty per cent of the things that I have tried to do well for Cave Hill, I could not have done any of them without Jacqueline Wade"*.

Her brother, Chancellor of the UWI **Sir George Alleyne** who deeply regretted he could not be present sent written regards in which he hailed his sister as *"a true daughter of the Pelican"*, a reference to one of the primary symbols of the UWI.

He said she was *"easy of address, erudite beyond her particular discipline, firm in her adherence to her ethical principles, tenacious of purpose, gifted with a non-myopic attention to detail, she is blessed with a serenity that often obscures her fierce protection of the welfare and well being of her students and the integrity and authenticity of the administrative rolls"*.

"My wish is that you fare well and this comes not only from the Office of the Chancellor but from the heart of a brother," the tribute read.



The audience was truly entertained; (front row L-R) Minister of Education, Ronald Jones, Cave Hill principal Sir Hilary Beckles and Former Registrar Jacqueline Wade share in the amusement.

In a video tribute, Vice Chancellor **E Nigel Harris** said Wade was in every way the personification of grace, confidence, firmness and competence. He said she possessed a calm and re-assuring presence and he thanked her for her *"34 years of stellar service to the Cave Hill campus and by extension the University of the West Indies"*.

Chairman of the Campus Council **Paul Altman** hailed Wade a former Public Servant before her campus career, as a *"woman of valor"* and one who was *"outstanding in so many ways"*. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Planning and Development **Andrew Downes** remembered Wade for her three Ps – her professionalism, poise and photogenic smile.

In addition to the speeches former Guild President **Carl "Alf" Padmore** did a spoken word piece accompanied by a keyboardist which was well received.

The Cavite Choral rendered the ballad **Reach** and then in the first surprise of the evening, they were joined on stage by Wade's brother Adonijah, who performed his signature piece **Woman** in honour of his sister.



Jacqueline Wade accepts one of her retirement gifts from Sir Hilary Beckles

If that was not enough, the Senior Administrative Staff from across the Campus Registry accompanied by colleagues from other Administration Units took to the stage and performed a cleverly re-written version of Biggie Irie's **Nah Going Home** which brought the honoured guest to her feet.

*Woman of perfection/ Real Cave Hill Champion/
Icon of excellence/ Best of the best/ We celebrating,
though our hearts aching/ Leader of strength and
class/ Mentor none can surpass/ Strong heart
with gentle soul/ Best of de best, now we hear
she leaving/ Excuse we if we grieving/ But she nah
going home, till we let her know/ Say she nah going
home, till our love we show, went the first
verse of the tribute.*

An avid art lover, she was left speechless when Sir Hilary presented her with artwork by celebrated Trinidadian painter **Boscoe Holder**. "Wow!" she exclaimed clutching her chest. "How did you know that I've been lusting after this piece for at least two years," she asked a smiling Sir Hilary.

More gasps came as she was presented with another piece, this time the work of local favourite, **Fielding Babb**.

Confessing that she was "seldom lost for words" Wade confessed to being "truly overwhelmed by the tributes here this evening". She said she was "deeply and very truly appreciative; this is something I will treasure".

She thanked Sir Hilary for this "leap of faith in appointing me Registrar ten years ago. You placed your confidence in me and allowed me to grow into the job," she said. Wade was full of praise for the "good people" she met at Cave Hill and across the UWI.

She had special thanks to the maintenance and security staff of the campus, the latter formed an honour guard as she entered the proceedings. ■



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UWI's Impact On My Life ...

A MARKED feature of Cave Hill's 50th anniversary celebrations was the intimate involvement of the campus' community of retirees and the many stories of achievement and encouragement shared willingly by successful alumni across the region.

Throughout the year, former staff made their presence felt at the various commemorative functions while prominent Caribbean citizens offered written and verbal testimonials about how their attendance at Cave Hill changed their lives.



Kenneth Walters

Former Director of Human Resources at Cave Hill, **Kenneth Walters**, who assumed the post of Campus Registrar last December 1, recalled that the completion of a BA in History and Sociology in 1981 was the catalyst which catapulted his multi-faceted career.

"It was because of that qualification that I was able to secure an appointment in the National Library Service as a Library Assistant in 1982 and later as a Labour Officer in the Labour Department in 1988. I subsequently returned to the University to complete a Certificate in Labour Administration which was sponsored by the International Labour Office in 1990. It was because of the second qualification I was appointed a Senior Labour Officer in 1994.

The above foundation allowed me to go to the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom and complete a post Graduate Diploma in Social and Economic Studies in 1995 and a Masters in Human Resources Management in 1996.

The University of the West Indies laid the foundation for me to be considered for several appointments in senior positions

in the public service as Chief Productivity Officer in the National Productivity Council, I have also acted as Assistant Chief Labour Officer, Deputy Chief Labour Officer and Chief Labour Officer in the Labour Department during the period 1995-1999."

In addition to his public sector employment, Walters worked in several senior positions in the private sector as Human Resources Manager at Courtesy Garage Ltd, Head of Human Resources at Cable and Wireless (B'dos) Ltd, and Manager Employee Relations at Scotiabank Caribbean East Head Office.

Walters rejoined The UWI as Senior Assistant Registrar (Staff) in its Human Resources Section in 2006, was later assigned to the Graduate Studies section and in September 2012 was reassigned to the Human Resources section as Director, Human Resources.

"The Academic Education and Professional Training provided for me by the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill has been an invaluable catalyst to my development socially and economically," he stated emphatically. ■

Kenneth Walters

Class of 1981

Campus Registrar, UWI Cave Hill Campus

Kim Camille St. Rose

"IN 1982, I was awarded an LL.B (Hons.) degree from UWI, Cave Hill Campus, which launched my legal career by affording me entrance into the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad, from which I graduated in 1984 with a Legal Education Certificate.

I gave little thought then to my West Indian training and qualifications, not knowing that life would later take me from my home in Guyana to live and work in both Jamaica and St. Lucia, where the qualifications from Cave Hill and the Hugh Wooding Law School would stand me in good stead and the

friendships made at Cave Hill would allow me to feel at home on different shores.

Having worked across the region in different capacities, in both the private and public sector, I was, in January 2012, appointed St. Lucia's Attorney General, which I acknowledge to be a significant professional achievement in my adopted home.

Cave Hill was an essential step on the ladder, and one that cannot be discounted in the final equation. It has undoubtedly changed my life. For me, it has transformed the Caribbean region into my back yard, my home. My new post has allowed me the opportunity to develop and rekindle professional

relationships further afield, and thereby to touch the world, perhaps in small ways; but the capacity to do so in greater ways is still a possibility.

In reminiscing, I acknowledge my contemporaries from Cave Hill who have achieved important professional milestones, as well as those who have passed on to their eternal rest.

Congratulations Cave Hill. May you long be remembered." ■

Kim Camille St. Rose LL.B (Hons)

Class of 1982

Attorney General, St. Lucia



Lisa M. Harding

"I completed undergraduate studies at Cave Hill in 1992, earning a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Management

Studies. I continued with postgraduate studies at Imperial College in the UK, achieving a Master's of Business Administration with specialisation in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management.

Study at UWI provided a useful beginning for my professional and academic career. My chosen area of study afforded a comprehensive overview of the key areas of management in which I might be able to excel. A number of remarkably helpful professors, through frequent use of case studies, offered insights into real business problems, analytical thinking and practical solutions. Group assignments and presentations to faculty and peers also helped me to prepare for entry into the workforce.

At UWI, I made friendships with students from the Caribbean diaspora. I embraced the cultural exchanges, the different accents, food, music, and the 'nationalistic' rivalry and camaraderie of Caribbean diversity.

I also enjoyed the social aspects of campus including liming in the students' guild, the Friday night parties, campus carnivals, sporting events and, of course, coming together to protest when we felt we needed to be heard.

In summary, UWI has prepared me well for my present position with Caribbean Development Bank whose regional staff profile is strikingly similar to that of my UWI experience. I am a proud UWI graduate and have continued to enjoy a strong association with the University, currently serving as a resource person for CDB's Student Entrepreneurial Empowerment Development (SEED) programme." ■

Lisa M. Harding, MBA, BSc.

Class of 1982

Operations Officer, Private Sector Development Unit, Caribbean Development Bank



Durant's Challenge

'...are we guided by our conscience or driven by a dark energy?'

This provocative question is one of the first things you will see on the back cover of the dramatic fiction novel, *Dark Energy*, authored by Cave Hill English tutor Suzanne Durant.

This is Durant's second novel, and it promises to be just as riveting a page turner as her first fictional publication "Her Own Daughter".

The story, set in Barbados, revolves around a young university student, Licia Small, who makes a tough decision to follow a certain path in her life in order to get out of a complicated situation her father places her in.

The book is sure to appeal to a wide audience, and young people may find it particularly interesting. However, regardless of age, Durant believes that the story will challenge those who read it to examine how they handle difficulties.

In fact, her inspiration for writing the book was based on her keen interest in the way people cope with and respond to difficult situations. She believes that each one of us is susceptible to a dark energy inside of us that can propel us down an odious path that we may not have intended to go down at all. Given the 'right' circumstances, we are all capable of succumbing to that dark energy. In the novel, Licia's circumstances provide the appropriate breeding ground for her dark energy to emerge. The question is... does she give in to it?

Dark Energy will be available from the end of March at various bookstores in Barbados, online at Amazon.com as a hard and a soft copy (Kindle), as an e-book from wwwcreatespace.com and directly from the author who

can be contacted at the website authorsue@yahoo.com. ■



About the author: Suzanne Durant is an English tutor at The University of the West Indies and has been writing novels since 2006.

Suzanne Durant

Written into our History

A man of medicine, a manager of money and a master planner rounded out the list of distinguished persons whose names were written indelibly into the history of the Cave Hill Campus during its jubilee celebrations.

In separate ceremonies, **Emeritus Professor of Medicine Sir Errol Walrond**, retired **Campus Bursar Victor Cooke** and former **Registrar and Director, Office of Planning and Projects, Andrew Lewis** all had buildings across the Campus named in their honour.

SIR ERROL WALROND



Sir Errol, whose name is synonymous with medical education in the Caribbean and whose work led to the establishment of a full faculty of Medical Sciences at Cave Hill, was toasted on November 28 when family, friends and members of the medical fraternity gathered for the naming of a building in the Clinical Skills Teaching Complex at the former Nightingale Nurses Home, Jemmotts Lane.

Campus Registrar **Jacqueline Wade** hailed Sir Errol for his leadership in AIDS awareness and education, a role she said he carried out with *"passion and compassion"*. Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of Cave Hill, **Sir Hilary Beckles** described Sir Errol as a *"brilliant surgeon and administrator"* and a man committed to excellence.

"I would like to thank you for the signal honour you

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Sir Errol (fourth from right) and Lady Walrond (fourth from left) flanked by well-wishers (L-R) Jacqueline Wade, Dr. Peter Adams, Paul Altman, Sir Hilary and Lady Beckles and Sir Everton Weekes.



Man of the Moment Sir Errol Walrond (left) receives warm congratulations from Sir Hilary Beckles.

have given me today," a clearly moved Sir Errol said. He added that his achievements *"would not have been possible without the support of all of you"*. He paid tribute to the pioneers in healthcare in Barbados noting that *"there was no better friend to the Faculty of Medicine than the late Sir Branford Taitt"*.



VICTOR COOKE



On December 2, it was the turn of former Campus Bursar **Victor Cooke** to be celebrated for his efficient management of the Cave Hill Campus' finances during its first 31 years.

In a morning ceremony attended by his wife and other close relatives and friends, and senior members of the Campus administration, Cooke joined Sir Hilary in unveiling his name on the current Faculty of Medical Sciences building, which was the home of the bursary for a number of years.

Sir Hilary said Cooke, who joined the then College of Arts and Sciences in August 1963 as an accountant and worked his way up through the ranks retiring in 1994 as Bursar, was a man who was not given to "irresponsibility" and had "intolerance for wastage". He said Cooke had fostered a "culture of efficient financial husbandry" at the Campus.

Former Principal **Sir Keith Hunte** said the naming of the building in honour of Cooke was "very well deserved" noting that the life-long Methodist carried out his functions with integrity and had left behind a rich tradition of leadership.

Cooke, 83, who has maintained a very close relationship with the Campus even after two decades in retirement, said he was "humbled, pleased and excited about this honour".

He recalled some of the financial challenges the Campus had faced particularly during the 1974 Oil Crisis when "money was tight", but he and his staff found ways of keeping the Campus operating efficiently. He praised those with whom he worked over the years, asserting that the honour was "more theirs than mine".

ANDREW LEWIS



Three days after he was conferred with a National Honour – the Silver Crown of Merit – for his "meritorious institution building work" at the Cave Hill Campus, former registrar **Andrew Lewis** received further accolade on December 3, when the building which houses the Guild of Students was named in his honour.

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Lewis, the first secretary and second president of the Guild of Students at the then College of Arts and Science, forerunner to Cave Hill, said he accepted the honour with "humility" and felt a "connection with the building" and the work done there.

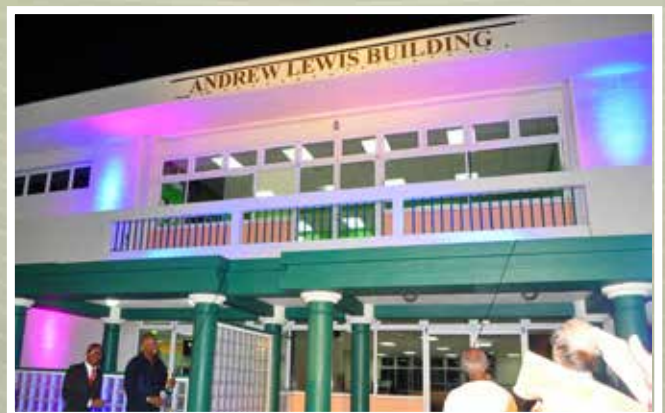
Lewis, who was among the initial cohort of 118 to enter the College in 1963, said "Cave Hill has made a whole world of difference to my life and that of my family". He joined the staff at Cave Hill in 1980 as Assistant Registrar, Administration and worked his way up to the post of Registrar in 1990.

Describing Lewis as the "soul and spirit of the Cave Hill Campus," Sir Hilary quipped that he "was born and grew up" at Cave Hill, having been a student and then going on to serve at the Campus for much of his professional life. He acknowledged that Lewis served as Registrar for 13 years and then as Director of the Office of Planning for a further seven years, part of it on contract even after his formal retirement.

Guild President **Damani Parris** in a brief tribute declared Lewis "a guild president forever", while friend and former colleague, Sir Frank Alleyne said the decision to name the "Guild's building" after Lewis was a "most fitting recognition of his service to the Campus". ■



Damani Parris,
Guild President
2013/14



Free Clinic A Success

Aspiring and experienced entrepreneurs were able to get their business problems diagnosed at a free Entrepreneurship Clinic held by the Department of Management Studies in May 2013.



The clinic was staffed by several lecturers from the Department and members of the public took full advantage of the opportunity to receive free consultations in areas such as accounting, finance, marketing, human resource and

innovation management.

Coordinator **Dr. Joseann Knight** said she was happy with the response to the inaugural event and looked forward to doing more public outreach so that the wider public may feel “a part of the University community”.

Head of the Department **Dr. Philmore Alleyne** also bestowed accolades for the success of the event, noting that it was part of a strategic plan to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the wider society.

“The expertise that we are providing here for free is very expensive when privately sought, but it’s important to the Department and Cave Hill generally to encourage persons who have entrepreneurial pursuits and equip them with the information necessary for their success,” he said.

The senior lecturer also encouraged governments and established organisations to create a more “enabling” environment for entrepreneurs to get their businesses started and cause

Going Global Key to UWI's Success



L-R: The Hon. Dr. Kenny Anthony, Prime Minister of St. Lucia with Kera Joseph, LUSAC President.

THE University of the West Indies has been challenged to see itself not just as a regional educational body but as a globally competitive force.

Moreover, it should grasp the opportunities which a new globalised form of education is presenting in the massively expanding areas of online teaching and learning.

Prime Minister of St. Lucia **Dr. Kenny Anthony** addressed these issues facing UWI in a lecture hosted by the St. Lucia Students Association (LUSAC) on October 29, 2013, at the Henry Fraser Medical Sciences Lecture Theatre, Cave Hill Campus.

Speaking on the topic: **Education in the Caribbean: Challenges and Opportunities for Small Developing States**, Dr. Anthony said that UWI “may never have foreseen thirty years ago the massive challenge it now faces in terms of competition with schools that are now opening up campuses in the region, and targeting regional students.”

Dr. Anthony, a former Law lecturer at Cave Hill, said that “UWI in itself must now set its sights not merely on being a regional institution, but a global institution, if it is to survive into the future”.

them to prosper. *"We are in the midst of a deep recession. Layoffs, high unemployment rates, high inflation and business closures are happening every day,"* Alleyne noted. *"Entrepreneurship and small businesses can play a significant role in reviving a depressed economy."*

Technology Transfer and Innovation Coordinator **Professor Christopher Hillier** who has been instrumental in efforts to launch a number of UWI-based start-up commercial enterprises, said the concept of entrepreneurship was *"pretty straightforward"* and *"its core should be about matching an unmet need with a solution."*

Hillier also contextualized the event as being a part of a much greater *"paradigm shift"* that was in



keeping with Cave Hill's strategic plan to become more financially sustainable.

"The University had set about finding solutions to various problems which it was able to identify in Barbados and further afield. We created two companies within the last year, including 4R – a research company which won last year's Automotive Art

Entrepreneurship competition."

After outlining several other entrepreneurship initiatives that were successfully implemented, Hillier also alluded to two more companies which he described as *"in the pipeline"*, thereby reaffirming that the Cave Hill Campus was *"bursting with entrepreneurial awareness and activity"*. ■

He suggested that it was now clear that the next wave of global higher learner, online education, had become firmly established.

"We have seen the rise of DeVry, of Phoenix University offering significant online learning opportunities," he said.

Dr. Anthony explained that *"these massive open online courses are becoming more interactive and indeed more popular as a medium for learning"* and are *"here for good"*.

"Should we fight the trend towards downloadable lectures? How many of you would have hit the pause button on this one already?" he teased.

"Universities cannot continue to fight this. Rather, we need to see how best to marry the new with the old. Already, we see a plethora of distance learning opportunities being offered through a number of private tertiary level institutions which offer degrees through this medium," he added.

Dr. Anthony stressed that Information and Communications Technology must be seen as the *"change driver and equaliser for the small state"*.

He added that it *"should be our greatest ally, our surest friend. It is what allows that massive revolution in access, regardless of where you find yourself, including on a small island. Learning and excellence can now be conceived ubiquitously, even in the remote backwater, or the rural respite"*.

He said online education was also one of the means of expanding tertiary education without incurring the high costs traditionally associated with such a move.

Dr. Anthony said that the issue of financing tertiary education was a *"very troublesome one"*, with old approaches such as government's providing student loans or providing free tertiary education proving less tenable in challenging economic times.

"It means that there must be a level of ownership and accountability shown on the part of education institutions and policy makers in finding innovations to do more with less. The economics of education need not result in economy-class learning," he said.

Dr. Anthony said it also meant that *"the population must be willing to value education even more than a car or a house"*. ■

Managing Archives in a Digital World

ICA/SUV Conference Barbados 2013

By Sharon Alexander-Gooding and Cherri-Ann Beckles

How do you ensure the authenticity of written records in an age of digital storage; more so when technology facilitates simultaneous, multi-point access that could lead to multiple reproductions?

Record keeping in today's digital age was the topic under examination by a gathering of international archivists last June, when The West Indies Federal Archives Centre (WIFAC) of UWI Cave Hill Campus hosted the first International Council on Archives' Section on University & Research Institution Archives (ICA/SUV) Conference to be held in the Caribbean.

The Conference, which attracted dozens of international archivists, among attendees from 35 countries worldwide, was part of scholarly activities inclusive of a joint pre-conference session with the University of Dundee's Centre for Archives and Information Studies (CAIS) which took place throughout the year in celebration of Cave Hill Campus' 50th anniversary (1963-2013).

The June 26-29, 2013 conference, held at Cave Hill's renowned 3Ws Pavilion, covered the theme, *The New Age Archivist: Managing Archives in a Digital World*. It focused on the impact of new age technologies on record keeping and archives in principle and practice.

Some of the main topics included *Digital Records in the Cloud: Challenges to Authenticity, Policy and Law*, *Social Media and Digital Records*, *Trustworthy Digital Records*, *Visualising Archival Context as Networks*, *Documenting Student Life*, *Collecting the Records of Student Organizations: Outreach and Advocacy in the Digital Age*, *Managing Digital Multimedia Archives in a Manuscript Library*, *Enterprise Content Management and Digital Curation Applications in Academic Institutions*, "The Door is Open: Society and Archives Finally Meet in the Web", "Administration Emails at US Public Universities: Prizes or Peril?" among many others.

There was also a Twitter feed with the address @icasuv2013. A Social Media Booth was set up as part of the Conference to instantly capture images of activities and comments from participants. These digital interfaces will be archived in keeping with the theme of the Conference.

Conference attendees were also treated to local fare which included a cultural evening showcasing local folk and calypso dancers, stilt walkers and other Barbadian characters as well as a performance by notable folk singer/calypsonian Anthony 'Mighty Gabby' Carter. There was also a special formal dinner for participants and an island tour on the last day, where they were hosted by the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, visited the Chalky Mount local pottery village, and sampled premium local rums at a Rum Factory and Museum.

Buoyed by the success of their Bridgetown dialogue, participants are already looking forward to the 2014 ICA/ SUV in Paris.



Kenneth Thibodeau, Senior Guest Scientist, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

The following were among the excellent presentations provided during the conference:

UK archivist **Geoffrey Yeo**, in a presentation entitled *"Processing and Describing Archives in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities for New Age University Archivists"* argued that traditional methods of description are unsuited to present day needs and considered four possible approaches namely: minimal processing, re-use of metadata supplied by creators, crowd sourcing of meta data, and automated capture of descriptive information using artificial intelligence, giving particular attention to automated modes of capture and the potential for emerging technologies from semantic web development and other fields of computer science to enhance and support the processing of digital archives.

In *"Integrating Digital Forensics and Archival Science: Creating a Preservation Readiness Environment"*, Canadian **Adam Jansen** spoke to the concept of network forensic readiness as a discipline that supports the efficient collection of digital records from network systems. He further discussed the application of archival diplomatics to digital records as a method to assess, document and maintain the authenticity of these digital records when removed from their original system and/or format and the integration of archival diplomatics' concepts into network and systems design in order support the creation of records within a *"preservation readiness"* environment.

Alan Bell, a Scot, suggested that whilst some record keepers are struggling to find a signal amongst the noise of digital data, existing professional frameworks are too inflexible and perhaps the idea of the 'record' could be outmoded. He suggested that the relevance of record keeping in a networked, cloud-based, open-sourced, search-focused, collaborative web 2.0 world is questionable.

Nevertheless, he argued that despite fundamental changes in the creation, consumption and exchange of information, the principles and practices of record keepers have enduring relevance and the conceptual foundation of the profession remains applicable, intact and crucially necessary to deal with issues of privacy, accountability, memory and community in the rapidly evolving digital paradigm.

A website was designed for the Conference which gave details on the programme content, accommodation arrangements, profiles of the speakers and more. This website will be kept live for a year and abstracts to papers will be added. The URL for the Conference is **www.icasuv2013.com**.

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Pre-Conference Training Workshop

The WIFAC, Cave Hill Campus and the Centre for Archive and Information Studies (CAIS) of the University of Dundee conducted a joint training initiative in the form of a Pre-Conference Training Workshop from 23rd to 25th June, 2013.

This initiative was funded by the International Council on Archives (ICA) through its International Fund for Archival Development (FIDA). The staff of CAIS took the lead in the training which was designed to introduce and explore key principles, procedures and practices in archival administration. Some of the themes covered in the workshop were *"Why we do what we do: Recordkeeping and Theory"*, *"The Lifecycle and Records Continuum"*, *"How We Manage Archives:*



Arrangement and Description" and *"Outreach, Ethics and Communities"*.

The training was made up of two components, namely, a virtual component where participants worked in a virtual learning environment using the University of Dundee's Blackboard software for a two-week period, and the face-to-face component at the 3Ws Pavilion of UWI, Cave Hill Campus. Participants for the Pre-Conference training came from a number of

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Don't forget our future



Professor Alan Cobley expresses concern about the “lack of a concerted effort to preserve the non-official documentary heritage of this region”.

ARCHIVISTS must see their role as more than just preserving historical records; they must engage in actively publicizing them as well.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of History at Cave Hill Campus **Alan Cobley** stressed this point as he delivered a lecture last May entitled: *Keeping the Record Straight: The Uses and Abuses of Archives*.

Professor Cobley noted that archives were not “a substitute for memory or an excuse for forgetfulness. Just because records are placed in archives doesn’t mean anyone will use them. Archives are useless, unless they are accessible to and used by the people whose lives and heritage they record.”

He explained that this was why he felt it was “a critical function of archivists in free societies, not only to preserve, but to publicise and provide access to the historical records in their keeping – which constitute the documentary heritage of that society.”

He added that without the continuing dedicated work of archivists, the historical memory of our society would be greatly impaired and impoverished.

Professor Cobley also expressed concern about the “lack of a concerted effort to preserve the non-official documentary heritage of this region”.

He said this included the private papers of numerous important historical figures that have yet to be preserved and made available for posterity. “What has happened to the private papers of many other senior politicians and public figures who helped to shape the modern Caribbean?” he queried.

He praised Cave Hill for acquiring the papers of former Governor General of Barbados **Dame Nita Barrow** and the Caribbean’s first female Prime Minister, **Dame Eugenia Charles** of Dominica, whose papers are available for use in the archive section of the **Sidney Martin Library**.

In addition, the **Federal Archive** — documents from the **1958–62 West Indies Federation** — has been housed at UWI since 2004, he said. Cobley said the papers of the only Federal Prime Minister, **Grantley Adams**, are housed in the **Barbados National Archive**, while Trinidad’s **Eric Williams’** are at the St Augustine Campus of UWI.

Professor Cobley also praised Cave Hill for securing the late **Professor Richard Allsopp’s** immensely rich **Caribbean Lexicography** collection. He said that the **Learning Resource Centre** under the leadership of **Elizabeth Watson** has also amassed an impressive collection of local calypso and other local popular



music, adding that the **Cave Hill Library**, also recently, had acquired the **George Lamming Collection**.

"There are many other important collections that have yet to be secured. What will be the ultimate fate of the papers of such Barbadian literary and cultural luminaries as Kamau Brathwaite, Austin Tom Clarke, Elombe Mottley? Has anybody asked them?" he challenged.

Cobley argued that the *"future value of our archives will be determined by the policies with regard to acquisition and preservation that we pursue now."*

He said the issue was not one for archivists to decide, but rather the entire society.

He noted that a significant portion of the Caribbean's historical records was lost due to deliberate destruction at the end of the colonial period, repatriation to the colonial powers, natural disasters and a lack of knowledge or skills by the newly independent states.

Professor Cobley said many of the region's historical records were still in the vaults of European nations or private collectors.

He told his audience that **Kenneth Ingram's** compilation entitled ***Manuscript Sources for the History of the West Indies***, published by UWI Press in 2000, shows that many important documents are still widely scattered in archive collections overseas.

He said Ingram's work revealed that West Indian material was located in collections in dozens of different locations in the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Professor Cobley said some of the material held overseas can be accessed online for a fee and this, he said, *"must surely be considered one of the many injustices arising from the postcolonial condition that the people of this country – and of our Caribbean neighbours – are expected to pay for the privilege of using or repatriating their own records, which, as I have already argued, constitute a critical part of their cultural heritage."* ■

Pre Conference Training Workshop

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Caribbean Archives. Some of the territories included Dominica, Belize, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Grenada. The participants actively participated in the sessions and displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in the interactive format of the training. They worked well individually and in groups. The highlight of the training was the group presentations at the end of the workshop in which participants presented to the class and their tutors orally, with visual aids.



The UWI archivists conducted a Train-the-Trainers session in the final part of the workshop. This was designed to equip selected participants with the basic knowledge required to disseminate the information acquired at the training to their counterparts on return to their respective Archives. One of the main objectives of the initiative was to ensure that those working in Caribbean Archives were exposed to formal training in the rudiments of archival practice. The session was based on the ICA Train-the-Trainers Resource Pack. Ultimately, the main objectives of the training were met as evidenced by the positive feedback received from evaluation forms completed by participants.

The CAIS has generously offered to assist participants interested in advancing their training at postgraduate level by enabling them to gain ten credits pre-matriculation. These credits can be accrued by completing a well-written 4000-word essay that demonstrates their knowledge and understanding of the changing environment in which archivists must operate within in the 21st century. The successful participants can choose to pursue one of the available online distance learning Masters programme in Archives and/or Records Management offered by CAIS. ■

Who Profited from Slaves?

Hundreds of British families, many of them in the political, business and social elite, continue to enjoy great wealth as a direct result of their slave-owning ancestors, yet most modern British records make no reference to their connection to the slave trade.

Renowned British academic and researcher **Dr. Nick Draper** of the University College of London (UCL), who has spent over three years conducting detailed research into the compensation paid to British slave owners and has compiled a database of 46,000 records of compensation paid to various owners, said his research was aimed at ending the “*evasion around the slave owning that took place in Britain.*”



“... our work is designed in part to put that history of slavery and slave ownership back into British history...”

Delivering the **29th Annual Elsa Goveia lecture** on October 16, 2013 at the **Henry Fraser Lecture Theatre**, at the Cave Hill Campus, Dr. Draper said when slavery was abolished in the British colonies in 1833, the British government paid a staggering £20 million, the equivalent of £200 million in today’s money, in compensation to 30,000 slave owners for loss of property – about 800,000 slaves.

“Despite the evidence of loads of wealth from slavery, it remains the case in Britain that the very category of slave owner is more or less invisible in many of the channels of British culture,” Dr. Draper told his audience which included principal of the Campus **Sir Hilary Beckles**, Opposition Member of Parliament **Trevor Prescod** and Independent Senator **Alwyn Adams**.

He said one of the most glaring examples of the sanitizing of Britain’s slave owning past was the **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography**, a publication which lists thousands of men and women who have shaped British history from the time of the Romans, and which is almost silent on the slave-owning past of the many hundreds of prominent Britons listed in it.

Dr. Draper, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, who was speaking on the topic **Compensation for Barbados Slave Owners**, said that through his ground-breaking research and database he was attempting to “*re-inscribe into British history not only the category of slave owner, but also the names of slave owners*”.

He added that the “*fact that Britain was a slave owning nation has been subordinated to the fact that Britain abolished slavery but did not abolish the slave*

trade. That historical connection in Britain has been broken and our work is designed in part to put that history of slavery and slave ownership back into British history”.

In redefining the role of slavery in Britain’s development, Dr. Draper said the work of the late Caribbean academic and statesman **Dr. Eric Williams**, whose “core thesis” was that slavery contributed significantly to the industrial revolution, was “*absolutely borne out by the work that we have done*”.

He said that for years standard texts on the industrial revolution had made no reference to slavery, but now newer works were providing a more “*nuanced understanding of the role that slavery played in the industrial revolution*”.

Draper explained that according to the compensation records, in the 19th century five to 10 per cent of the richest Britons dying annually were slave owners, ex-slave owners, or the sons and daughters of slave owners – “*a staggeringly high number for the 19th century*”. In addition, he said a similar number of Britons dying during that period also made their money in trades clearly related to slavery, like cotton production.

The historian said the amount of money which was accumulated in Barbados from slavery which began in the 1600s completely dwarfs the importance of the compensation money. He added that the compensation received by Barbadian owners for an estate was around £3,000, yet those owners left wealth in excess of “*£100,000 or £200,000 or £300,000. That wealth did not come from slave compensation; it came from the ancillary prize of slavery itself*”.

Dr. Draper’s research also revealed that the compensation records showed that all of the family members of National Hero *Samuel Jackman Prescod* received slave compensation except him. They also show a very distant connection between British Prime Minister **David Cameron** and his wife and slave owning ancestors. ■

The Annual Elsa Goveia Lecture

... which has been sponsored by the Nation Publishing Company since 1996, honours the memory and work of Professor Elsa Goveia, a distinguished Caribbean historian and author and first female professor appointed at The University of the West Indies, who died in 1980 at the age of 55.

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The World Slave Trade

- 1444** The first public sale of African slaves takes place in Lagos, Portugal.
- 1562** First English slaving expedition by Sir John Hawkins.
- 1672** Royal Africa Company granted charter to carry Africans to the Americas.
- 1778** Slavery made illegal in Scotland.
- 1791** Slave rebellion on the island of St Domingue (later Haiti).
- 1794** France abolishes slavery in all its territories.
- 1804** Slave rebellion on the island of St Domingue successful and the first independent black state outside Africa - Haiti - is established.
- 1807** On 25 March, transatlantic slave trade abolished by the British Parliament.
- 1833** The Abolition of Slave Act abolishes slavery in all of Great Britain’s colonies. Twenty million pounds is granted in compensation to plantation owners in the West Indies. The Act declares free all slaves under the age of 6 years. Former slaves must serve as apprentices for 4 years before being freed.
- 1861** Slavery is abolished in the Dutch colonies of the Caribbean.
- 1865** United States abolishes slavery at the end of the American Civil War, introduces the 13th Amendment.
- 1869** Portugal is the last European country to abolish the Slave Trade.
- 1886** Cuba abolishes slavery.
- 1888** Brazil abolishes slavery.
- 1926** Burma abolishes slavery.
- 1962** Yemen and Saudi Arabia abolish slavery.
- 2014** Estimates of the number of slaves range from 12 million to 30 million.



From the Margins

Sharing New Perspectives in Caribbean History and Heritage

By Dr. Tara Inniss

The history and heritage of the Caribbean was the focus of a special history forum on Friday, April 19, 2013 at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. Held in the CARICOM Research Building, the symposium brought graduates from the Department of History and Philosophy together to share their research findings with the Campus community and, for the first time, their island communities via Internet as video recordings of the panels were made available on the Campus' website.

Under the theme *"From the Margins to the Main: Sharing New Perspectives in Caribbean History and Heritage"*, the symposium presented developing scholarship in the Eastern Caribbean and the Cayman Islands. Graduate students from several Caribbean territories explored diverse topics such as education, politics, independence, trade unionism and heritage in Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, and the Cayman Islands.

The Department of History and Philosophy continued its outreach activities with this symposium which was open to the public with the Campus' Educational Media Service (EMS) providing technical support in video recording. By the end of the evening, it was standing room only as scores of persons from the Campus community and the wider public crowded into the CARICOM conference room to hear the presentations.



Candia Mitchell

Candia Mitchell, a Grenadian graduate student in the Department of History and Philosophy, welcomed the opportunity to present part of her PhD research on St. George's built heritage noting that *"the exposure of the history and heritage of the OECS will bring a host of benefits..."*

"Some of these nations have already begun to run the 'heritage race' by preserving their country's natural and built heritage," she added. "This urgency is necessary due to the increasing popularity of the Caribbean as a 'heritage destination' and the decay and ruin which have crept into our built environments. Clearly, most visitors are anxious to see how structures of the past have been preserved. So, our governments have had to overcome the hurdles of hurricanes and natural disasters, lack of financial resources (made even more difficult during these hard economic times) and even change their own perceptions of history and heritage."

Mitchell noted that as the leading institution of higher learning in the Anglophone Caribbean and a champion of heritage, The University of the West Indies plays a significant role in equipping its students to advocate for the region's history and heritage.

One of the presenters which the Department of History and Philosophy has helped to equip is former graduate of the MA Heritage Studies programme **Cameron Gill** from St. Kitts and Nevis. Now pursuing a PhD at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, Gill presented research on Sandy Point Anchorage, St. Kitts, which will help to support the work he does as site manager for UNESCO World Heritage Property, Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park.

to the Main



Cameron Gill



Cozier Frederick

Other presenters reiterated the value of the symposium. **Cozier Frederick** presented his research on *"A History of the Kalinago Territory"* in which he discussed Dominica's Independence in 1978 and its implications for indigenous sovereignty in the region. For him, the opportunity

to share his research in such a forum was *"of critical importance, since it must be noted that there is no serious attempt in nurturing a love for the rich heritage of any country which cannot be unearthed through the serious study of our historical past."*

The History Forum is a Departmental seminar series which takes place every other Friday during the academic year in the **Bruce St. John Conference Room** in the Faculty of Humanities and Education. It is a meeting place for all those interested in history. The public is invited to learn more about current research, discuss current trends in the discipline and share ideas. Organised by members of the Department, **Drs Cleve Scott** and **Tara Inniss**, the

graduate symposium was a special event that was hosted as part of The History Forum.

As Cave Hill Campus celebrates its 50th Anniversary under the theme *"Path to Prosperity,"* Acting Head of the Department of History and Philosophy, **Dr. Richard Goodridge**, says hosting the symposium reflects the Cave Hill Campus' commitment to serving the region. He also anticipates that perspectives shared in new graduate research will help to develop history teaching and learning as well to help build capacity for heritage management and protection in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. Due to the popularity of the event, the Department is considering hosting a similar graduate symposium next year. ■

The forum for graduate students was organised in two panels with presenters from across the region receiving feedback on their research.

The Search for Millie

Historical Connections between Barbados and Brazil

By Dr. Elaine P. Rocha

Millie *Gone to Brazil* is one of the most popular Barbadian folk songs. The unknown songwriter uses calypso music to tell the story of a crime that had shocked the local population, probably in the 1920s, when Millie was murdered by her husband and her body was dumped in a well. Noticing that the woman had disappeared, friends and family inquired about her whereabouts, but to all their questions her husband would say: “*Millie gone to Brazil*”, until the day of the gruesome discovery.

Millie’s husband concocted the story about her leaving Barbados for Brazil because at that time a few Barbadians were migrating to that country. The Barbadian communities in Brazil’s northern capitals of Manaus (capital of Amazonas state), Porto Velho (the state of Rondonia) and Belém (Pará state) are still quite organised and proud of preserving their cultural roots, even though they have kept little contact with Barbados and other islands of the Caribbean – their ancestral homes.

The *Department of History and Philosophy* at Cave Hill Campus started an investigation into this development in 2010 through the studies of PhD candidate **Frederick Alleyne**, under my supervision. From the beginning, the project took on an international aspect, involving researchers from Brazilian universities, along with public archives, and especially the people who are the descendants of Barbadians in Brazil.

The migration of Barbadians to Brazil took place between 1900 and 1920, a time when the government of that South American nation allowed British and Canadian companies to manage and execute modernisation projects such as construction of the Madeira-Mamoré railroad in Rondonia state. The upgrading of the ports of Para and Manaus, the street lighting projects and the tramcars for Manaus

and Belem were also included in the long list of construction and management operations done by English-speaking companies in the northern region of Brazil. Similar to what was done in Panama, the companies in charge of such projects contracted Caribbean workers, and the recruiting port of call for Brazil was Bridgetown.

The cooperation has been going on since 2010, when we contacted historian **Maria Roseane Lima**, from the Universidade Federal do Pará, in Belém, who was also doing a PhD on the topic, to find out more sources for our investigation. Facilitated by a Memorandum of Understanding between UWI-Cave Hill and the Universidade Federal do Para, Roseane, now Dr. Lima, generously shared her findings and introduced us to the Barbadian community in Belém. At the same time, a *Barbadiano* — the name given by Brazilians to Barbadian descendants in Brazil — from Porto Velho, Rondonia had already contacted me the previous year when he came to Barbados to try to find his family, the Maloneys and Depeizas.

Stelio Maloney-Depeiza became a key person in opening the doors of other *Barbadianos* in Porto Velho, who graciously received Frederick Alleyne during his research in Brazil and helped him to get around. We also secured the cooperation of the Universidade Federal de Rondonia and of the Historical Archives of the Judicial Secretary of Rondonia, the latter has already sent digitized documents about the lives of *Barbadianos* in Rondonia in the first half of the 20th century, a place which at that time was little more than a village in the middle of the jungle.

Little by little, more and more people and institutions started to become part of the effort. In February 2011, we did a joint seminar called “*Millie Gone to Brazil*”, in which Frederick Alleyne and I shared the research to



Brazilian-Barbadian Chase family visit Bridgetown as a result of Millie article in Brazilian media.

date with the wider Barbadian public. Much excitement was generated even before that research lecture/seminar and the public started to discuss the project. Barbadians told us during the seminar, and afterwards, about relatives who went to Brazil. Some returned, others moved on, most never returned to their homeland. CBC TV broadcast the lecture, which was also covered by local newspapers and disseminated on the Internet.

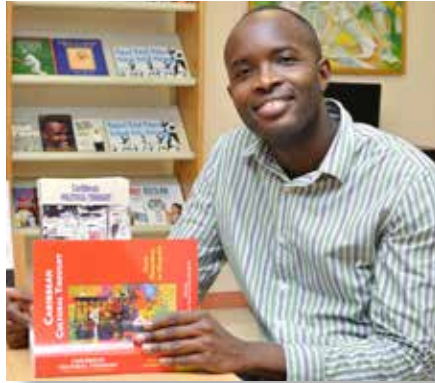
In Rondonia, Stelio and his family started a Facebook page called **Brasileiros Barbadianos** which started to receive photos and stories from different people. From Manaus, a family looking for their roots found the Internet connection and wrote to me. The Chase family in Amazonas were looking for their mother's family. They came to visit Barbados in 2012 and even though they still have yet to find their family, they were very happy to establish a real connection with the land of their mother's birth. The Chase sisters, one of them a journalist for a television station in Bahia, came again in 2013, taking in the Crop Over festival which they loved. More important, they told us about other Barbadianos in Manaus and we signed an agreement with the Universidade Federal do Amazonas to cooperate in a common project to investigate this other branch of the Barbadian tree.

Going south, another family was located in the states of Espirito Santo and Rio de Janeiro, the Blackman

family — also found in Rondonia – but not related. Wesley Blackman arrived in Vitória, the capital of Espirito Santo around 1915 and helped to fund the First Baptist Church there, where he became the music director. His wife was Adriana Beckles, and one of his sons became a famous journalist in the same city in the 1940s and 1950s. Another son of the couple, Denny, moved to Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro where his grandson is the pastor for the Baptist Church today. To help with the investigations in Rio de Janeiro, Cave Hill also signed an MOU with the Universidade Federal Fluminense. The first project in common was started with their Department of History, specifically the Oral History Project which has a program of research on Afro-Brazilians.

At this point the **Millie Gone to Brazil** Project has a substantial collection of theses, articles, books and digitized documents that can support more researchers willing to delve deeper into the topic of Caribbean migration to Brazil. The last border to cross now is the language difference. ■

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Dr. Aaron Kamugisha



Dr. Yanique Hume

Duo Shares Key Insights on Caribbean Thought

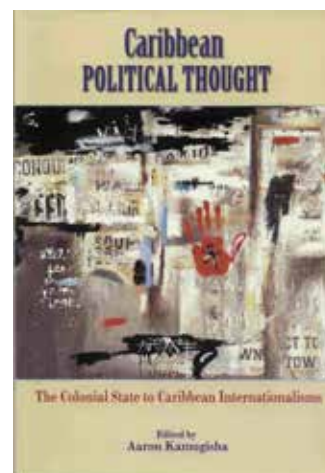
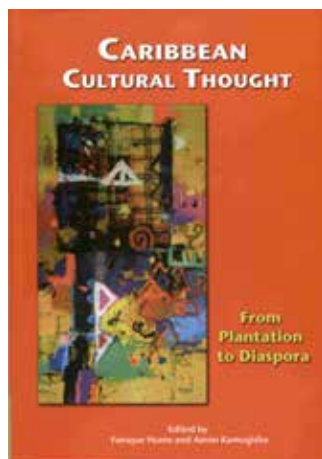
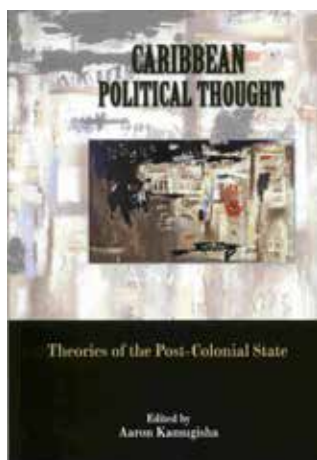
Students of Caribbean cultural and political thought now have three invaluable additional resources to deepen their knowledge.

Lecturer and acting coordinator of the Cultural Studies Programme at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill campus, **Dr. Yanique Hume** teamed up with fellow lecturer **Dr. Aaron Kamugisha** to launch three anthologies at the 3Ws Oval on September 27, 2013.

At the evening event witnessed by senior university staff, family and well-wishers, the two academics officially launched the books *Caribbean Cultural Thought: From Plantation to Diaspora*, *Caribbean Political Thought: The Colonial State to Caribbean Internationalisms* and *Caribbean Political Thought: Theories of the Post-colonial State*.

Kamugisha is the sole editor of the two anthologies of Caribbean Political Thought, while he and Hume are joint editors of the anthology of Caribbean Cultural Thought.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Campus **Sir Hilary Beckles** in praising the duo said that they “have built a monument ... in three extra-ordinary volumes in political and philosophical thought and cultural practice and action.”



"There is nothing that pleases us more than quality research, thought, and thinking from young scholars," he added.

Sir Hilary described the Caribbean as *"the source of the world's first genuine enlightenment"*; adding that was a place where battles and wars were fought until freedom was won and secured.

"I can think of no other part of the world that has had as intense a philosophical and political struggle as this space, following Columbus into the present time. It is a rich and eruptive place of thought and cultural action and each day, the cultural practice becomes more fascinating," he said.

Hume said the books were timely since some students seemed unfamiliar with the work of a number of Caribbean thinkers and scholars whose works are included in the publications. Kamugisha said that for over a decade he has been *"immersed"* in ideas. He said he had a *"great and very compelling interest"* in trying to figure out how Caribbean people produced ideas *"about their social, political and cultural condition"*.

The anthology of **Caribbean Cultural Thought** takes a critical look at a range of issues and themes that have been pivotal in Caribbean societies. It is written primarily from the perspective of Caribbean authors and renowned scholars. The book explores such issues as regional cultural politics and debates concerning identity

and social change; colonialism, diaspora, aesthetics, religion and spirituality, gender and sexuality, and nationalisms.

Caribbean Political Thought: The Colonial State to Caribbean Internationalism uncovers, collects and reflects on the wealth political thought produced in the Caribbean region. It traces the political thought of the Caribbean from the debate between Bartolomé de las Casas and Ginés de Sepulveda on the categorization of native people in the New World, through the Haitian Revolution, to the immediate aftermath of the second World War.

The ideas of revolutionaries and intellectuals are counterposed with manifestos, constitutional excerpts and speeches to give a view of the range of political options, questions, and immense choices that have faced the region's people over the last 500 years.

Caribbean Political Thought: Theories of the Post-Colonial State examines the period after the second World War when a significant number of Caribbean nations became independent and the character of the region's post-colonial politics had become clear. The look at political thought is divided into four sections: theories of the post-colonial state, theorizing post-colonial citizenship, Caribbean regionalism, and political culture. ■

Revisiting Lamming

It was published the year she was born and sixty years later, author and poet **Margaret D. Gill** has published a book which explores and honours **George Lamming's** seminal work, *In the Castle of My Skin*.

With special blessings invoked by her 93-year-old mother **Thelma Gill**, and a drum and steel pan serenade by her bother **Kentley** and nephew **Dominic**, the tutor in the Faculty of Humanities and Education

officially launched her book, *Rich Man in His Castle, Poor Ones Take the Street: Integrating the 'canonical' Text & Popular Culture*, at the 3Ws Pavilion at Cave Hill on December 17.

Gill was surrounded by family, friends and fellow authors for the event which was also attended by Lamming as well as deputy principal of the Cave Hill Campus **Professor Eudine Barriteau**, Dean of the Faculty

of Humanities and Education, **Professor Pedro Welch**, calypso legend **Anthony 'Gabby' Carter** and head of the Pan African Commission, **Deryck Murray**.

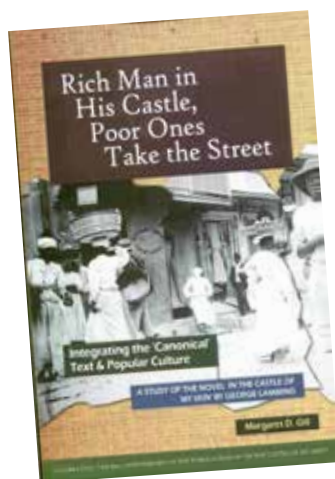
In a brief review of the book, Gill's friend, **Joy Workman** noted that the author sought to bring new insights and creative knowledge to the examination of Lamming's work. She said the book explores the similarities in strategies and themes used by Lamming, especially his use of carnivalesque and masquerade to explore behaviours and social interaction at that time.

The book also looks at the question of how the social construction of women is effected and leans on the history of feminist thought to which the author has been exposed to as feminist activist and scholar.

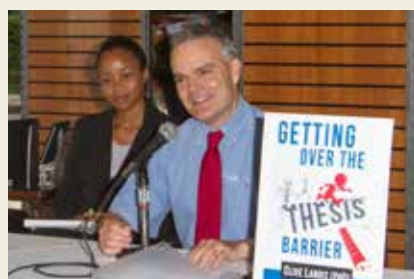
Gill, who was named the Institute of Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit's first **Poet Laureate** in honour of the institute's 20th anniversary in 2013, said the book has been entered for the **Casas de las Americas Prize**, a prestigious Cuban book award for Caribbean and Latin American authors. ■



Margaret Gill



Secret to Writing Theses



Call it a welcome helping hand for PhD students and other higher education researchers who are grappling to complete their theses. It comes from a top medical research scientist as Cave Hill Campus repositions itself as a leading research institution.

Professor Clive Landis, Professor of Vascular Research and acting Director

of the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) at Cave Hill has described his latest publication *Getting Over the Thesis Barrier* as a useful guide to what many PhD students and other researchers see as perhaps the most daunting aspects of completing their degrees.

The full time researcher said the e-book was conceptualized following challenges faced by his own students, and discouraging statistics in the United States which showed that fifty per cent of all PhD students do not graduate because of the difficulty in writing their theses.

"Many students get overwhelmed at the thought of writing a 300-page

thesis and they will suffer from writers block, but there are no impediments to research when it is done correctly," Landis said, describing his book as straight to the point. *"It simplifies the barriers to getting your thesis written and lists a series of steps to tackle it."* ■



Growing up in the small rural district of Ruby Plantation Tenantry, St. Philip, where he was born, may have provided the bedrock for the development of Sir Woodville Marshall's considerable knowledge about peasantries and villages in the British Caribbean – of which he is the acknowledged expert.

His latest publication *From Plantations to University Campus: The Social History of Cave Hill, Barbados* was unveiled on November 27, 2013 during a double ceremony, where he was celebrated by the Campus with which he has been linked for most of its 50 years. Through deeds, wills and other archival sources, the book unearths and brings to life the several plantation communities which thrived atop the hills where the campus is now spread out, and in the surrounding districts below, dating back to slavery and coming forward right through to the 1960s.

Immediately prior to the book launch, and witnessed by scores of family, friends, former colleagues, and University staff, Professor Emeritus and former Deputy Principal of the Campus Sir Woodville Marshall unveiled the signage affixed to the Faculty of Humanities and Education building now named in his honour.

The celebrated historian who was knighted in 2011 for his service to education in Barbados, joined the staff of the University College of the West Indies (UCWI), Mona in January 1964 as an assistant lecturer. Earlier, he had achieved First Class Honours in History at UCWI and a doctorate in that same discipline from the University of Cambridge.

In 1970, he returned to Barbados to lecture at Cave Hill where he remained until his retirement thirty years later. While there he served actively on several Campus and University committees, was appointed the Campus' first Professor of History and to a number of administrative posts including Dean, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Pro-Vice Chancellor Non-Campus Countries and Distance Education.

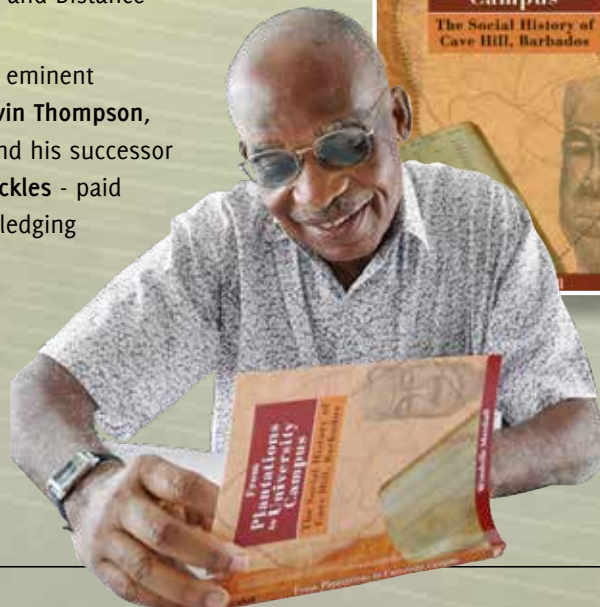
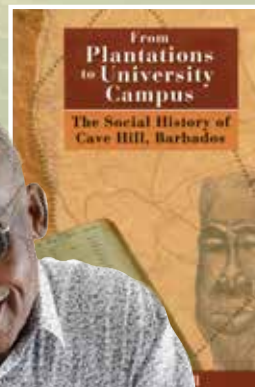
Three of the History Department's eminent historians - Professor Emeritus Alvin Thompson, former Principal Sir Keith Hunte and his successor and current principal Sir Hilary Beckles - paid tribute to their colleague. Acknowledging Sir Woodville as "a pillar and a legend", Campus principal Sir Hilary Beckles lauded the book as "a magnificent piece of work," and its author for taking on the "formidable task" of telling the story of how the Campus emerged.



L-R: Paul Altman, Philip Marshall (son), Yaa Marshall (granddaughter) Professor Sir Woodville Marshall, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Minister of Education, Ronald Jones, Faith Marshall-Harris, and Ruall Harris.

Historian Honoured

Noting the outstanding academic and administrator was "no easy taskmaster" to students and colleagues alike, Sir Hilary added: "He was the most hostile person to sloppiness that I have ever known. His commitment to telling you the truth was so complete that he did not spare your feelings."



Acknowledging the accolades, Sir Woodville said he never regarded his service at the University as a chore since he enjoyed his duties, adding that what stood out most was the level of "collegiality" which "could be found at all levels of engagement".

"Whatever I may have achieved in this place was largely the product of the environment in which I found myself. It is an environment, upon which, according to you at least, I might have made some slight impact," he said. ■



Musical Swing to Celebrations

By De Carla Applewhaite

The performing and other cultural arts featured prominently during the year of celebrations through Cave Hill's annual **International Diaspora Arts Festival** which celebrates and showcases national and international presentations promoting creative artistic expression.

With the EBCCI established as the primary venue for the festival, the Walcott Warner Theatre was the location for the performing arts showcases and lectures; the Cinémathèque featured film screenings and smaller discussions, while the Toussaint L'Ouverture Way and the Terrace of the Walcott Warner Theatre hosted complementary open-air musical showcases and celebrations.

The 2013 festival installation celebrated Cave Hill's 50th anniversary in music with **A Tribute to Gabby**. **Anthony "Gabby" Carter**, a 2012 recipient of a UWI honorary degree for his contribution to the local music sector and the overall development of culture – and as Cave Hill's cultural patron of sorts – opened the festival with an eclectic collection of his work, complemented by the **Cavite chorale** and your triple threat artist **Johari Taitt**.

Gabby, a lyrical genius, was supported by the **1688 Orchestra**, our unofficial band in residence, under the directorship of lecturer in music, **Stefan Walcott**. 1688, a youthful band and a Walcott creation, provides professional training for students and graduates of the **Barbados Community College** (BCC) and the University of the West Indies Music programmes.

We were pleased also to host **Marcus** and **Joan Belgrave** as our International Diaspora Guests. Marcus is an award winning trumpeter and the sole surviving member of the original **Ray Charles**



Band. Joan, his wife, is a Grammy nominated vocalist. Both performed at **Twilight Jazz**, a free festival event, featuring the students of the BCC, whom they 'workshopped' in the presentation of big band music to an EBCCI capacity audience. What made this couple even more special was that though they were visiting from Detroit, USA, Marcus is true Barbadian Diaspora, as his father, a former Royal Barbados Police Band Member hailed from Boscobel, St. Peter.

A major festival highlight was the celebration of dance featuring the 50th anniversary choreography 'Palo' by EBCCI dance lecturer **Neri Torres**, an award winning choreographer and former choreographer for Grammy awardee **Gloria Estefan**. It was presented by the EBCCI Ensemble. The dance showcase of the festival was complemented by an Easter Dance Production, under the artistic direction of **Olivia Hall**, a BFA student, NIFCA awardee and Prime Minister's Scholarship Awardee. The dance showcase also featured choreographies by leading NIFCA award winning companies such as the **Barbados Dance Theatre**, **Dancin Africa** and **Of Another Nature** among others.

The Dance Programme of the 2013 festival also included a free dance and drumming workshop presented by Neri Torres herself and Cuban drummers; **Arelan** and **Aruan Torres**, also special guests of the festival. ■

It's in the Genes

A new clinical study has shown that Blacks in the Caribbean possess a genetic trait that makes them more predisposed to develop hypertension than other Blacks from an ancestral gene pool.

The study by clinical pharmacologist **Dr. Kenneth Connell** shows that in spite of their common ancestry Barbadians and Ghanaians are poles apart when tested for arterial stiffness, with Barbadians exhibiting a much higher level of stiffness – a leading precursor to high blood pressure and its possible deleterious effects such as strokes and heart attacks, as well as other coronary and artery diseases.

The study also raises issues such as whether certain genes have been filtered out from Caribbean Blacks making them more susceptible to retaining salt. Salt retention is one of the factors that can cause arteries to constrict

and force the heart to work harder to pump blood through the body.

The award winning medical research by Dr. Connell who studied the degree of stiffness in the arteries in three ethnic groups from Barbados, Ghana and South East London, which were matched for age, gender and blood pressure, found that the Afro-Caribbean group possessed the hardest arteries, ahead of Whites in London and other Blacks in Ghana; the latter group placing third in the study.

The pulse wave analysis won him the **Young Investigator Award** second prize at the recent international medical conference, **Artery 2013**, which was held in London. His research and that of other winners will be published in the supplemental edition of **ARTERY Research 2013**.

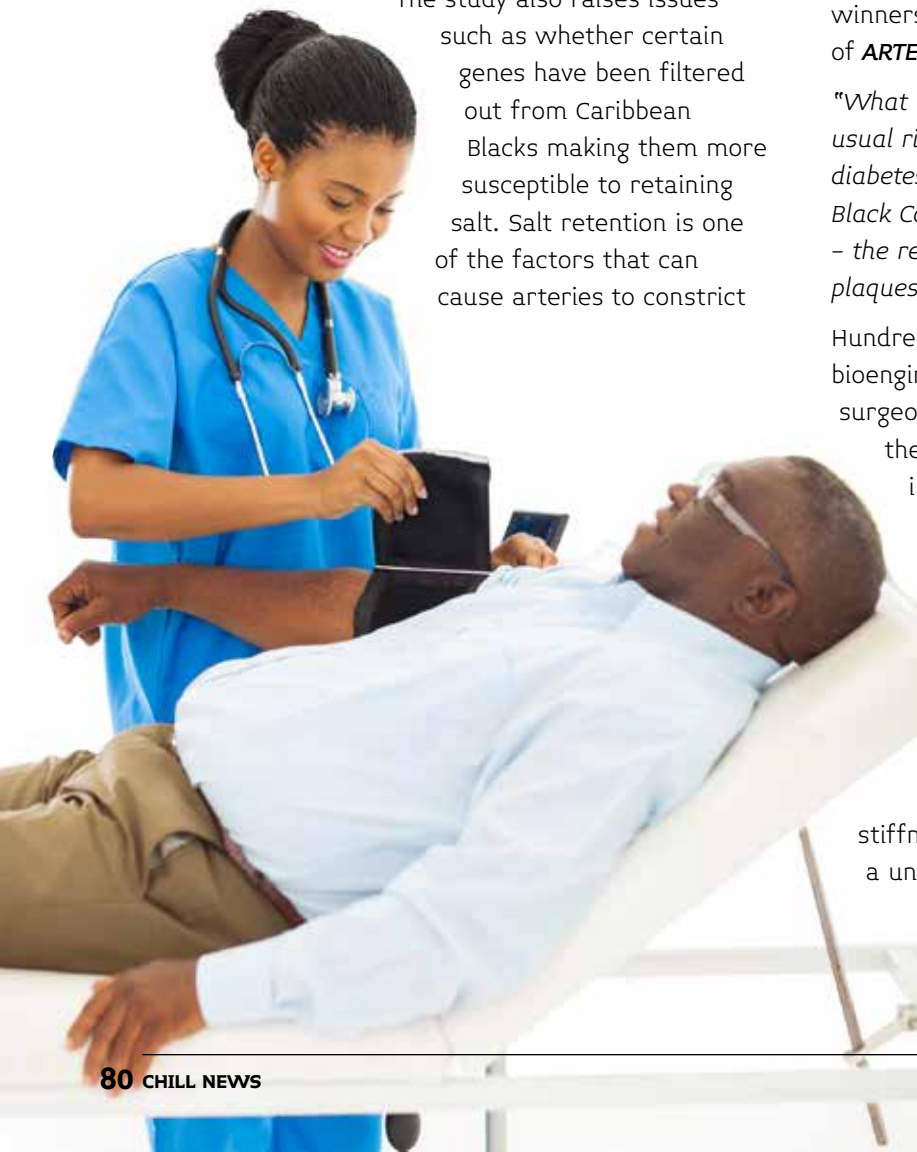
"What the data suggest is that in addition to the usual risk factors for arterial stiffness, for example diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and so on, Black Caribbean people show advanced arterial stiffness – the result of a process causing the arteries to develop plaques called atherosclerosis," he said.

Hundreds of physiologists, clinical pharmacologists, bioengineers, internists, cardiologists cardiothoracic surgeons and stroke physicians, among others, attend the Artery conference annually. Normally held in Europe, the conference brought together participants primarily from across that continent in its earlier years, but it now attracts about half of its attendees from North America and African countries such as Ghana and Nigeria. Dr. Connell, a lecturer in pharmacology at UWI Cave Hill, was the lone Caribbean representative.

He believes the prevalence of arterial stiffness in Afro Caribbean citizens offers Cave Hill a unique opportunity to form strong international research linkages in areas such as vascular



Dr. Kenneth Connell



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science and hypertension. He hopes this can lead to better utilization of existing drugs or the creation of novel ones to treat hypertension.

"Given the prevalence of the enabling factors, the risk of developing hypertension cannot be eliminated, but it can be reduced," he noted. "In addition to the usual lifestyle measures such as exercise and dietary salt reduction, more stringent control of both blood pressure and blood glucose can slow the progression of atherosclerosis which leads to stiff arteries."

"In certain ethnic groups, for example Black African and Black Caribbean people, the choice of drugs used to treat blood pressure might be important not just for reducing blood pressure, but also in reversing arterial stiffness and global cardiovascular risk."

Dr. Connell is also working towards UWI hosting a major international conference on ethnicity and arterial functions in the near future, possibly in

collaboration with King's College London, which coordinated the 2013 Artery conference.

"I believe that the current academic discourse surrounding ethnicity and arterial stiffness is both relevant and critical to our better understanding of what really sets us up for higher prevalence of stroke and heart attacks". Research at the UWI, Cave Hill Campus, as part of the UWI Consultant-led HTN (hypertension) clinic at the hospital will aim to undertake translational research into the mechanisms of arterial stiffness in order to directly influence patient care.

"This is not simply an exercise in scholarship, but an opportunity to impact on a disease process which causes significant death and complications. The impact of the latter on small island developing states is even more relevant in the current economic climate. UWI is strategically positioned to facilitate this research through collaborations with King's College London." ■



Modern research is revealing that complications such as elevated glucose or blood sugar during pregnancy can adversely affect mothers and their unborn child later on in life.

In Barbados, doctors are investigating this in their HAPO follow-up study by focusing on hyperglycemia in pregnancy and its "associated risk of adverse childhood and maternal outcome 8-12 years later". **Dr. Michele Lashley**, paediatrician and lecturer in Child Health, is chief investigator for the study and she is being assisted by **Professor Anselm Hennis**, Director of

the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) and **Dr. Angela Jennings**, Associate Lecturer in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, with this research.

Origins of HAPO study

This research stems from a Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcome (HAPO) study which was published in 2008 and highlighted the relationship between "abnormally high maternal glucose" and "increase fat deposition in utero." Author **Robert Lindsay**, in his 2009 essay *Maternal Glycemia and Neonatal*

Glucose Effect on Pregnancy

Adiposity: New Insights from the Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes (HAPO) Study, hailed it as a "landmark" study because it highlighted "a continuous relationship between neonatal insulin and adiposity either by skinfolds or derived percent body fat at birth". The HAPO study confirmed two important hypotheses:

(1) "maternal glucose measured at a single point in pregnancy is effective in predicting pregnancy outcomes" and

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Dengue research earns scientist top award



Ground breaking research into today's deadly dengue scourge has underscored the significance of the scientist's role in society and the critical nexus between scientific research and the creation of policy.

In what is a first for the region, **Dr. Alok Kumar**, a senior lecturer in paediatrics, captured the prestigious *Fred L. Soper Award for Excellence* at the fifth annual Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health. The award, sponsored by the *Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO)* and the *Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF)*, was presented during a special event at the Head Office of the *Organisation of American States*, Washington, D.C. on September 30.

Dr. Kumar, an infectious disease specialist, received his award for outstanding work in *Public Health Literature*. In an interview with *CHILL*, he was quick to note, however, that while he was the

lead author of the study, the results were achieved from a collaborative effort. In this regard, he extended his gratitude to "many colleagues, collaborators and mentors at *UWI* and the *QEH* for providing the assistance, encouragement and environment which made this accomplishment possible."

The award winning work examined "epidemiological trends and clinical manifestations of dengue among children" in an English-speaking Caribbean country. The paper described the "epidemiology and disease characterization of dengue" and "quantified dengue's mortality and morbidity rates among children". Dr. Kumar explained that his team's research into this rapidly emerging health problem was "relevant" and important to the "context of public health issues in the Americas."

He said: "There is an exponential rise in dengue cases in the region and there's a paucity of good

quality, comprehensive, published literature from this region on this important public health issue. It was against this background that our paper on dengue, carrying comprehensive and good quality

The PAHO/PAHEF Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health

established in 1975, honour dedicated professionals who led the way in advancing health conditions in the Americas during the last century. The awards stimulate the growth of the next rising generation of leaders working together to improve health and health care in the Americas. For each award, a jury of distinguished public health professionals is convened to review the nominations and recommend a winning candidate to PAHO and the board of directors of PAHEF for approval.

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long term data on the epidemiology and the disease characteristics among children, grabbed the attention of ... the policy makers, other researchers and the practising health care professionals across the Americas."

Dr. Kumar has given a number of public medical presentations and written publications on HIV, meningitis, Influenza B, neonatal pneumonia and tuberculosis in children. At the Cave Hill Campus, he teaches MBBS students, interns and the doctors undergoing postgraduate training in Paediatrics (ePortfolio).

Other awardees at the PAHO awards included **Dr. Julio Frenk**, Dean of Harvard's School of Public Health and former Secretary of Health of Mexico, who received the Abraham Horwitz award for public health leadership, and Peru's **Dr. Veronica Osorio** for research into veterinary public health. Two awards were given posthumously to public health promoters, **José Lima Pedreira de Freitas**, MD, MPH, of Brazil and **Santiago RenjifoSalcedo**, MD, MPH of Colombia. ■



Dr. Alok Kumar

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(2) *"Pedersen's suggestion of the relationship of maternal glucose, neonatal insulin, and adiposity and of the important role of fetal insulin in growth".*

Significance of the study

According to Dr. Lashley, this follow-up study, which started in July 2013, will be looking for "markers"

of metabolic disease in

participants from the original study. Women and their children will be given a number of tests to measure their adiposity or body fat, glucose, as well as *"insulin sensitivity and secretion, lipid metabolism blood pressure and inflammation"*. The study will involve 7,000 HAPO children, ages 8-12 years old, and *"their mothers from multiple ethnic/race groups from 10 of the*

15 HAPO field centers". This study will re-evaluate how pregnant women with high glucose levels are assessed. Dr. Lashley explained that the ultimate aim of the study is detection and prevention of metabolic disease in women and their babies. In addition, she highlighted the fact that Barbados is the only Afro-centric country which was part of the original HAPO study and is following up with the participants from first study.

Increasing Cases in Childhood Diabetes

Speaking at a Diabetes Association of Barbados press conference in late October, Dr. Oscar Jordan said that due to the *"increase in weight of individuals gradually over the last 10 years, ...(doctors) are seeing Type 2 diabetes... in children."* The HAPO study posited that this problem may have started during the child's development in the womb. Doctors argue that *"the*

intrauterine environment has a clear effect on fetal development with both maternal glucose levels and adiposity having independent effects on fetal size at birth."

Essentially, too much glucose in the mother can be passed on the fetus and increase the child's weight at birth. Whether this is the result of genetic disposition or lifestyle choices, early detection will be key to fighting metabolic diseases in pregnant women and this is made possible by the continuing research being carried out by Cave Hill faculty.

The HAPO follow up study is being funded by The University of the West Indies through a grant from National Institutes of Health, and National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease through Northwestern University Chicago, over a five-year period. ■

Research for the 21st Century

RESearch by leading University of the West Indies scholars which has assisted in a better understanding and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, monitoring of work place behavior and applied pedagogy was among some of the work celebrated when Cave Hill campus awarded a number of its top researchers this year. The awards were presented at an opening ceremony to launch Research Day 2014 on January 24.

OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS

Faculty Awards for most outstanding researchers were presented to **Professor Nigel Unwin**, Faculty of Medical Sciences; **Dr. Babalola Ogunkola**, Faculty of Humanities and Education; **Professor Sean McDowell**, Faculty of Science and Technology and **Dr. Dwayne Devonish**, Faculty of Social Sciences.

Professor Nigel Unwin was recognised for research into the epidemiology and public health impact of chronic non-communicable diseases particularly diabetes, particularly diabetes and cardiovascular disease, in both low and high income settings.



MOST INTERNATIONALLY SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH



The stellar achievement award went to **Professor Anselm Hennis** who received the Campus Award for Most Internationally Successful Research for

his investigation into diabetes and leading the Barbados arm of the Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Study, a global study of 25,000 pregnant women and their offspring.

Dr. Babalola Ogunkola was awarded for research relating to teacher quality indicators as predictions of instructional assessment practices in science classrooms in secondary schools in Barbados.



Professor Sean McDowell was celebrated for research into, inter alia, computational studies of the properties and nature of halogen bonding and studies of cooperative effects in hydrogen-bonded complexes.



BEST APPLIED RESEARCH



Dr. Peter Adams, earned the Campus Award for Best Applied Research for his research into obesity and overweight, hypertension and diabetes in Barbados.



Dr. Dwayne Devonish received recognition for research into work performance and human resource management, work stress and health and organisational behavior.

TEAMS AWARDED

Successful team research was also recognised. **Dr. Peter Adams** collected the team award for Leading the Eastern Caribbean Health Outcomes Research Network Project Team; **Dr. Judy Whitehead** for leading The Complete Caribbean — Private Sector Development Strategies Team; **Professor Winston Tinto**, The Biofuels from Microalgae Project and the Research on Sugarcane Team; and **Dr. Adrian Cashman** for leading The Sustainable Water Management Project Team.

Dr. Peter Adams and his team are partnering with researchers from Yale University, the University of Puerto Rico and the University of the Virgin Islands to estimate the prevalence of known and potential risk factors associated with the development of heart disease, cancer and diabetes in the Eastern Caribbean. The Eastern Caribbean Health Outcomes Research Network (ECHORN) project has attracted a US\$5.3 million grant from the National Institute of Health



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of which US\$750,000.00 has been allocated to the Barbados component.

Dr. Judy Whitehead is the Project Leader and Team Coordinator for the Complete Caribbean: Private Sector Development Strategies for Six Member Countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. The research was conducted between July 2012 and December 2013 and the value of the grant was BDS\$704,388.00. The study was focused on identifying strategies for private sector development in the OECS countries of the region in order to improve the competitiveness of the OECS region in the new international trading environment.



1: Professor Eudine Barriteau presents the team award to Professor Winston Tinto, Jamila Jones (in red) and Sherese Mullin-Rock.



2: L-R: Ms. Beverley Hinds, Dr. Judy Whitehead, Chris Rollins, Mitch Hartman, Carol-Ann Blenman and Dr. Johnathan Lashley.

Professor Winston Tinto has continued his pursuit of research excellence and has been able to collectively garner in excess of BDS\$1 million in funding for the Cave Hill Campus. He successfully negotiated and received a grant of BDS\$370,000.00 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource



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Apart from an awards ceremony, multidisciplinary symposia and a major lecture on food security, the 2014 Research Day (February 24-27) also featured a graduate fair and a poster display of campus research.

Held in the 3Ws Oval Pavilion, the fair offered information on various Masters and other post graduate programmes against a backdrop of numerous posters illustrating some of the latest research being undertaken by faculty and students across various disciplines.



Team Researchers

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Management to pursue research on sugarcane. In addition, he was also instrumental in negotiating a BDS\$900,000.00 grant from SOL Barbados for the University and some of the funds from this grant will be directed toward his Biofuels from Microalgae project.

Dr. Adrian Cashman took the lead in developing and presenting the proposal for the "Sustainable Water Management under Climate Change in Small Island States of the Caribbean" funded by the Canadian International Development and Research Centre. He is the Principal Investigator for the project. The Project commenced in February 2013, and the amount of the award is approximately US\$1.5 million. ■



Dr. Adrian Cashman receives his award from Deputy Principal Prof. Eudine Barribeau.



A Dream Come True

HIS NORMALLY cool demeanor gave way to the emotion of the moment as **Floyd Lamonte Reifer** took his place in the elite club of great West Indian cricketers honoured by The University of the West Indies.

On a cool November evening, witnessed by his wife **Amanda**, other members of his family, cricketing legends **Sir Wes Hall**, **Sir Everton Weekes**, **Seymour Nurse** and several of his former Barbados and West Indies team mates, as well as many of the up and coming players he now coaches, Reifer joined with the principal of the Cave Hill Campus, **Sir Hilary Beckles**, in unveiling the Floyd Reifer Balcony at the 3Ws Oval.

Reifer, a former Barbados and West Indies captain, was celebrated as a *"part of a global elite"* and a *"Barbados and Caribbean legend"* at the naming

ceremony honouring his contribution to the game at the local, regional and international level.

He was hailed as a *"firm disciplinarian"*, *"soft-spoken man"* and *"perfect teacher"* by Sir Hilary. *"We thank you. We honour you. We celebrate you,"* Sir Hilary told Reifer, who is the Campus' Head Cricket Coach and coach and player with the University's outstanding cricket team which has led in its dominance of the game locally. The team captured Barbados' premier cricket title for four consecutive years and in 2012, in an unprecedented feat, won the island's three major competitions — the four day, 50 over and Twenty/20 tournaments.



Floyd Reifer

Sir Everton Weekes, the patron of the 3Ws Oval and one of the three for whom the facility is named, in a short and humorous address, urged Reifer to *"continue to do what you are doing"* and to *"ignore"* any detractors.

Head of the Academy of Sport **Horton Dolphin** recalled Reifer's days as a youth cricketer noting that he was *"always a determined young man who sought to give of his best"*.

A clearly moved Reifer described the event as a *"joyous occasion"* adding that having his name inscribed on the 3Ws alongside *"some of the greatest players was a dream come true"*. ■



Floyd Reifer basks in the moment with current and former teammates and well-wishers



Former Prime Minister of Jamaica P. J. Patterson

Patterson: "Save Test Cricket"

While lauding the shortened form of the game and the inaugural Limacol Caribbean Premier League (CPL), former Jamaican Prime Minister Percival (PJ) Patterson has called for a way to be found to maintain the "primacy of Test cricket".

"For most of us who are already beyond the half-century mark in age, the purest form of cricket is still to be found in Test matches," Patterson said as he delivered the 18th Frank Worrell Memorial Lecture at the Walcott Warner Theatre, Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination on October 8, 2013.

Patterson, who served as Prime Minister of Jamaica for 14 consecutive years said that in these days where so many people prefer instant gratification, and the television audience rather than spectators at the grounds generate by far the greatest source of income, *"how do we maintain the sustenance of the longer game and the primacy of Test Cricket?"*

"A way has to be found to achieve this," he told the large audience.

The former member of the Governance Committee on West Indies Cricket and co-author of the Governance Report presented in 1997, Patterson, said that the establishment of a

professional league was one of the recommendations of the report.

He said the report stressed the need for *"developing a professional league to put the West Indies in step with the major playing nations as efforts are intensified to take the region's cricket to a higher level of performance"*.

The former Jamaican leader said he and co-authors of the report, **Sir Alister McIntyre** and **Dr. Ian McDonald**, *"wanted it to be possible for teams in Caricom member states to recruit players from other member states on the same basis as they recruit their own nationals"*.

He said that cricket has been “an important unifying force amid a regional tendency to insularity” and, therefore, he was heartened to see that in the CPL Twenty/20 Tournament teams were made up of players from several states within Caricom.

Patterson said that cricket has contributed “immensely to West Indian unity, from colonial times through independence to the current era, bringing the region together year after year”. However, he lamented that even the most ardent regionalists could not fail to see that “the integration ship is now passing through perilous waters”.

“We can ill afford the masthead, cricket, to become submerged. It is an essential part of our precious legacy,” he warned. He said cricket has been a source of upward mobility for people of humble origins in an age when colour, class, race and education determined success in the Caribbean and around the world.

“It is closely associated with the region’s pride and honour,” he added.

Speaking on the topic: **Building on Our Unique Heritage for the Full Release of Abundant Talent**, Patterson remembered Sir Frank as the man who “struck the first blow for professional cricketers in the Caribbean”.

“He insisted on his entitlement to earn a reasonable livelihood in return for his innate gifts and superb talents as a cricketer,” he said, adding that the West Indies Players Association (WIPA) should consider making Sir Frank, the region’s first black captain and



P.J. Patterson (fourth from left) surrounded by students after his lecture.



L-R: Cave Hill Librarian Elizabeth Watson; then Cave Hill Human Resource Director, Kenneth Walters; P.J. Patterson and Prof. Eddy Ventose.

a Barbadian National Hero, their patron saint.

“Frank Worrell is to be remembered as one who helped to dismantle an inequitable and discriminatory social order, while at the same time holding open wide the door of income and opportunity for West Indian players of the game.

“Since then and with the formation of WIPA in 1974 successive West Indian players particularly at the Test level have been financial beneficiaries of new contractual arrangements,” he said.

Patterson added that some may argue that some players have not “performed commensurately”,

but he cautioned that the players “are the most valuable resource of West Indies cricket and a big stick approach either by the board or WIPA is deleterious to West Indies cricket”. ■



Sir Hilary Beckles and P.J. Patterson.

Arthurton Saluted At VC XI Game

Former West Indies middle order batsman **Keith Lloyd Arthurton** was celebrated for his contribution to the sport on February 25, 2014 at the **UWI Vice-Chancellor's cricket game** at the *Sir Vivian Richards Stadium* in Antigua.

The annual match which pits a UWI developmental team against a visiting international one was won by England who made a challenging 290 from their 50 overs. In reply, The UWI reached 261 with Cave Hill student **Kyle Corbin** scoring 105.

Arthurton received a plaque which was presented by Pro-Vice Chancellor and principal of Cave Hill **Professor Sir Hilary Beckles**, along with a scroll which extolled his exploits on the cricket field. He was

hailed as a big-hearted, aggressive and fearless batsman who delighted in attacking the fastest bowlers in an age of dominant fast bowling.

Arthurton who celebrated his 49th birthday on February 21 this year was only the 3rd Test cricketer from Nevis to represent the West Indies, after **Elquemedo Willett** and **Derick Parry**.

For the West Indies, Arthurton scored 1,382 runs at over 30 in his 33 Tests, including two centuries: 157 not out v Australia in Brisbane in 1992 against an attack of **Craig McDermott**, **Bruce Reid**, **Merv Hughes** & **Greg Matthews**; and 126 v England at Sabina Park in 1994, off **Devon Malcolm**, **Andy Caddick**, **Alan Igglesden** and **Chris Lewis** – an innings described at the time as both *'brutal'* and *'majestic'* – and which rescued West Indies from 23-3 in a stand of 144 with **Brian Lara**.



Keith Arthurton receives his award from Sir Hilary Beckles.

On the bowling front, the Nevisian also took a notable test scalp – dismissing Australia's **Greg Blewett** in Jamaica in 1995.

Athurton played 105 one-day internationals (ODIs) for the West Indies, scoring just under 2,000 runs & picking up 42 very useful wickets with his slow-left armers.

During his career Arthurton was also an outstanding fielder. He was one of the fastest, most lethal close to wicket fielder in the West Indies and arguably one of the top three in the world during his time; only **Jonty Rhodes** of South Africa and **Gus Logie** of the West Indies could be compared. ■



7K Hat-trick for Blackett

Already in outstanding form for 2013, Jerome Blackett

picked up another race title after he completed a hat-trick of victories in the annual *UWI Road Race 7K run*.

The event which featured two new twists to compliment the now established 7K run, saw a total of 87 runners and

Double Victory in Table Tennis



Blackbirds' table tennis team captain, Melanie Scantlebury, and experienced player Shannon Doughlin copped top honours in their respective categories in this year's edition of the *National Table Tennis Championship B Class Finals*.

In the mixed singles, Scantlebury faced Timothy Nichols. She raced to a 2-0 lead against Nichols, but lost steam along the way, allowing a fighting opponent to level the game at 2-2. After a series of intense rallies, Scantlebury positioned herself to win the Championship in the 6th game. She thwarted all attempts by Nichols to take the upper hand and finished the match (14-12) in dramatic fashion, to take the title.

The other final saw Shannon Doughlin team up with Kevin Farley to take the doubles title comfortably. The pair disposed of their opponents with a score of 3-1. (Written by Nevin Roach)

46 walkers under starter's orders on November 10th.

Blackett completed his run in 25.21 minutes, closely followed by **Pierre Stanford** a few seconds behind, while **Carlie Pipe** was the first female across the line in 29.24 minutes. **Rodney Blackman** and **Marlean Stewart** copped the top spot in the men's and women's 5K walk, respectively.

This year, the walk component was reduced to 5K and confined to the Campus' compound with a 4 lap loop of a defined course. To commemorate the Campus' 50th anniversary, a special road race relay was introduced— "Run for 50" relay. Chip timing was also introduced. (Written by Aundrea Wharton)

Croney Wins First International Series

Damisha Croney returned to Barbados a champion after participating in the first ever *International Netball Festival*, hosted in Northern Ireland from October 29th - November 3rd.

Croney, an experienced center, played a pivotal role for the Barbados team throughout the 5-day tournament, which saw teams from St. Lucia, Botswana and Northern Ireland participating.

The competition, which perfectly showcased female sporting finesse, called for not only strong technical ability, but also a high level of mental and physical fitness, which Croney and her counterparts possessed.

She quickly settled into competition mode after a practice game, which, in fact, prepared her well for the five intense matches she would have to play in the five-day period. Undoubtedly an all-star athlete, she got into her zone as the tournament progressed and helped to contribute to the 47-38 victory in the finals over host Northern Ireland.

Winning the keenly contested final was the perfect end to her tour. It was a superb birthday gift for Croney who celebrated her...birthday with team mates while in Ireland. (Written by Shane Lewis)



Blackbirds Pipped For Top Prize

The Cave Hill Blackbirds narrowly failed to retain their championship title which was wrestled from them by Mona Campus at the 2013 edition of the students **Inter Campus games**, held in Jamaica in May.

Despite winning six of the 14 disciplines contested and walking away with nine of the 16 individual awards at the games, the Blackbirds' final tally of 92 points was narrowly eclipsed by Mona's 96. St. Augustine Campus amassed 64 points to finish third.

Victory in men's basketball, cricket, women's volleyball, lawn tennis, and men's and women's hockey secured a maximum 10 points for the Blackbirds from each discipline, but shock defeats in women's basketball and men's volleyball – losing both times to Mona – meant that Cave Hill dropped crucial points which would have placed them comfortably in winners' row.

"Team Mona is always a force to be reckoned with in Jamaica and the fight went to the very last game of the tournament," said Blackbirds team manager **Katheryn Stewart**. *"(However) through our organisation, passion and spirited performances, we won the hearts of many."*

She added: *"Gaining sporting respect isn't always easy and I believe we have earned it now. This means we will be recognised as a competitive unit, but it also means teams will expect high standards from Cave Hill. Such was our performance that coaches of Mona wanted to recruit some of our athletes on the spot and similarly athletes from both our sister campuses made enquiries as to the possibility of transferring to*



Cave Hill not only to continue their academic pursuits but their sporting ones as well, all because of the lasting impression made by the Blackbirds."

The Inter Campus games which are rotated biennially will next be contested in 2015 at St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad. ■

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World Conference for "Apple"

UWI Tennis Coach Damien Applewaithe

continues his strides in the tennis world, after having participated in the 2013 ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference. "Apple", who acquired ITF Level 3 Coaching Certification last year, travelled to Cancun, Mexico, in early November to take part in the 4-day conference. This conference focused on the long-term development of a high performance player. Applewaithe will apply this new knowledge to improving the UWI Tennis Programme. (Written by Nevin Roach)



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Bodybuilding Champion

Football, Cricket and Netball are some of the more popular sports that Cave Hill students participate in. However,

Jeffrey Gay isn't inclined to compete in any of these, as the 21 year old's sport of choice is **Bodybuilding**.

At the age of 12, Gay's focus was on athletics. Little did he know at that time, that he would eventually fall in love with another sport. As he got deeper into his athletics programme, lifting weights to gain strength, Gay stumbled upon a Bodybuilding magazine in his quest to learn more about weight training. This magazine piqued his interest. He subsequently saw a newspaper ad for a Bodybuilding show and conceded to his curiosity. Three years later, Gay entered his first Bodybuilding competition, "Mr. School Boy", which he eventually won the senior division

in 2012. He also placed 4th in the *INBF Amateur World Championships* in that year.

Jeffrey continued his Bodybuilding career, flexing his way more into the local spotlight. Most recently, in August this year he participated in the *Mr. Barbados Junior Nationals*. Gay's preparation spanned 16 weeks.

This year he will seek to improve on his Bodybuilding, with the hope of eventually attaining professional status in an internationally recognised association of the sport. (Written by Nevin Roach)



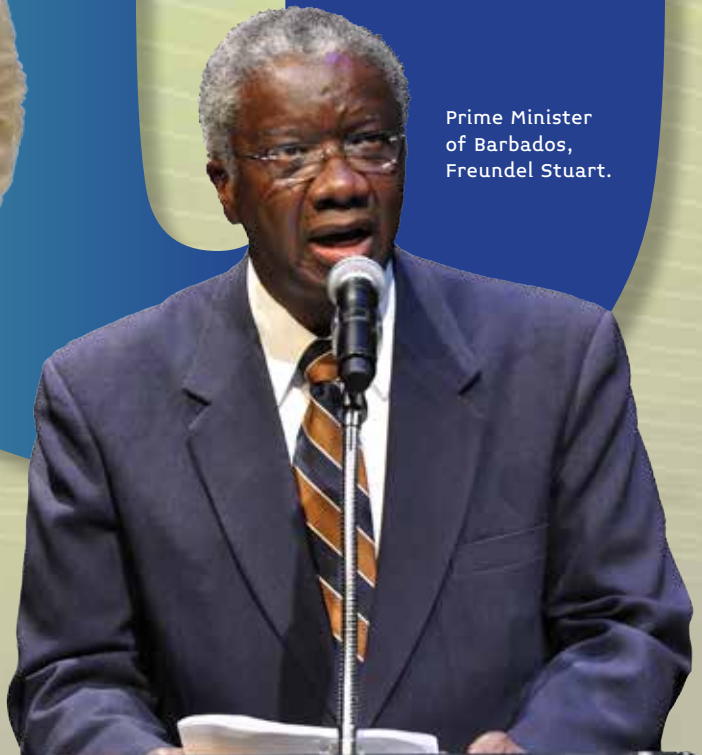


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of Trinidad and
Tobago Kamla
Persad-Bissessar.

Visiting Prime Ministers



Former Prime
Minister of
Jamaica P.J.
Patterson.



Prime Minister
of Barbados,
Freundel Stuart.

For Our 50th

Five sitting Prime Ministers
and **one former regional leader** were

among a host of distinguished persons visiting the Cave Hill Campus last year during the celebrations of its golden jubilee.

The first to visit was **Grenada's newly re-elected leader Dr. Keith Mitchell**, who used his April 10th visit to the Campus to press the region to deepen its involvement in the area of science and technology. **He was followed by former Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson** who delivered the 18th Frank Worrell Memorial Lecture at the Walcott Warner Theatre, Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination on October 8th. In it, he praised the success of the inaugural Limacol Caribbean Premier League (CPL) but called for a way to be found to maintain the "primacy of Test cricket". **Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar**, also a Cave Hill alumna, delivered the 6th annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture on October 10th. She encouraged UWI students to cherish their relationships developed on Campus as they can assist them in their professional lives. She also captivated the audience with her entertaining anecdotes about her experiences while living and studying at Cave Hill. **Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Dr. Ralph Gonsalves** returned to his alma mater on October 24. In an address to a gathering organised by the St. Vincent Students' Association, he urged his youthful

audience to remember the sacrifices made by "ordinary men and women" so that they could get an education. **St. Lucia's Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony**, also a former student and lecturer at Cave Hill gave a lecture organised by the St. Lucia Students' Association on October 29 in which he challenged the Campus to see itself as a "global" institution embracing online teaching and learning as the way forward. **Barbados' Prime Minister Freundel Stuart**, a law graduate of Cave Hill delivered the feature address at a ceremony to mark the formal end of the Campus' 50th anniversary celebrations on December 18th. He urged the University to be the "clarifying voice" for Barbados and the region on the myriad issues which confront them. ■

Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Dr. Kenny Anthony.

Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves.

Prime Minister of Grenada, Dr. Keith Mitchell with UWISTAT Ambassadors after his lecture.



Since our last publication we have mourned the passing of a number of our colleagues. Here we salute them for their contribution and service to the University and wider community, as an expression of the loss which we still feel deeply.



Louisa Nurse
Administrative Assistant

Tributes poured in from the University Community and beyond on the passing of Louisa Nurse, last July. Nurse was attached to the Office of

Student Services and her life was one that significantly impacted on everyone with whom she came in contact.

Nurse was active in a number of roles and Associations at the Cave Hill campus, notably the UWI Staff Sporting Association. She was remembered as an authority in matters of protocol and etiquette and used those skills to full effect while planning various activities at the campus.

Student, Jesse Hackshaw, in his tribute noted: "It is without a doubt the saddest moment of my summer vacation to have learned of the passing of Ms. Nurse. Her friendliness and ever encouraging smile will be missed dearly... as will her willingness to make clear any misunderstanding with regards to the students."

as "enthusiastic and competent in performing his duties."

After 30 years of service, he had retired from UWI Cave Hill campus in 2007, where he last served in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.

Apart from his Cave Hill duties, Bishop also rendered yeoman public service to the wider community through his efforts to sensitize the public and private sector on the relevance of Information Technology and the implication of its adoption and diffusion locally. He was a member of several IT committees including the steering committee which conceptualized and gave rise to the Information Society of Barbados on which he also served. In addition, He was a member of the National Informatics Society of Barbados, a body set up by the Ministry of Trade to advise on matters relating to the Information Services Industry.

Professor Roland Craigwell
Lecturer in Economics



The campus community, economic fraternity wider country, region and beyond, mourned the loss of Professor Roland Craigwell last January. He was fondly remembered by Principal of Cave Hill campus, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles as a "brilliant scholar, prolific author, astute teacher and mentor."

Professor Craigwell left an indelible mark on economics in the Caribbean and beyond, as a result of his research, teaching and mentorship. He wrote or edited 5 books, and published more than 100 articles in books and refereed journals. His research endeavour was prolific. So too was his productivity

and willingness to help his colleagues throughout the region. His ready willingness to debate, assist and mentor contributed to his renown.

Thurza James
Office Attendant, Maintenance Department



After joining Cave Hill in 2005, Thurza James worked in several departments across campus and, at the time of her death last October, was attached to the New Administration Building.

Manager, Properties and Facilities, Martin Warrington noted: "Although a very serious person when it came to getting the job done, Thurza was a very friendly and jovial person and we always had a laugh on Thursdays (at staff meetings); we will miss her dearly."

McDonald Williams *Driver*

As a member of the team of bus drivers, McDonald Williams knew the value of punctuality and dependability and he was renowned for exhibiting these traits.



Williams joined the Cave Hill staff in 2010 and was assigned to the Office of Student Services as Shuttle Service Operator until his death last December. A diligent and pleasant, yet stern worker, he was known by the student population as authoritative.

He insisted that students adhere to the rules particularly seating and earned the nick name "twenty-four", the maximum seating allowed on buses.



Stewart Bishop *Lecturer in Mathematics*

Following his death last June, Stewart Bishop was remembered by former departmental colleagues



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