

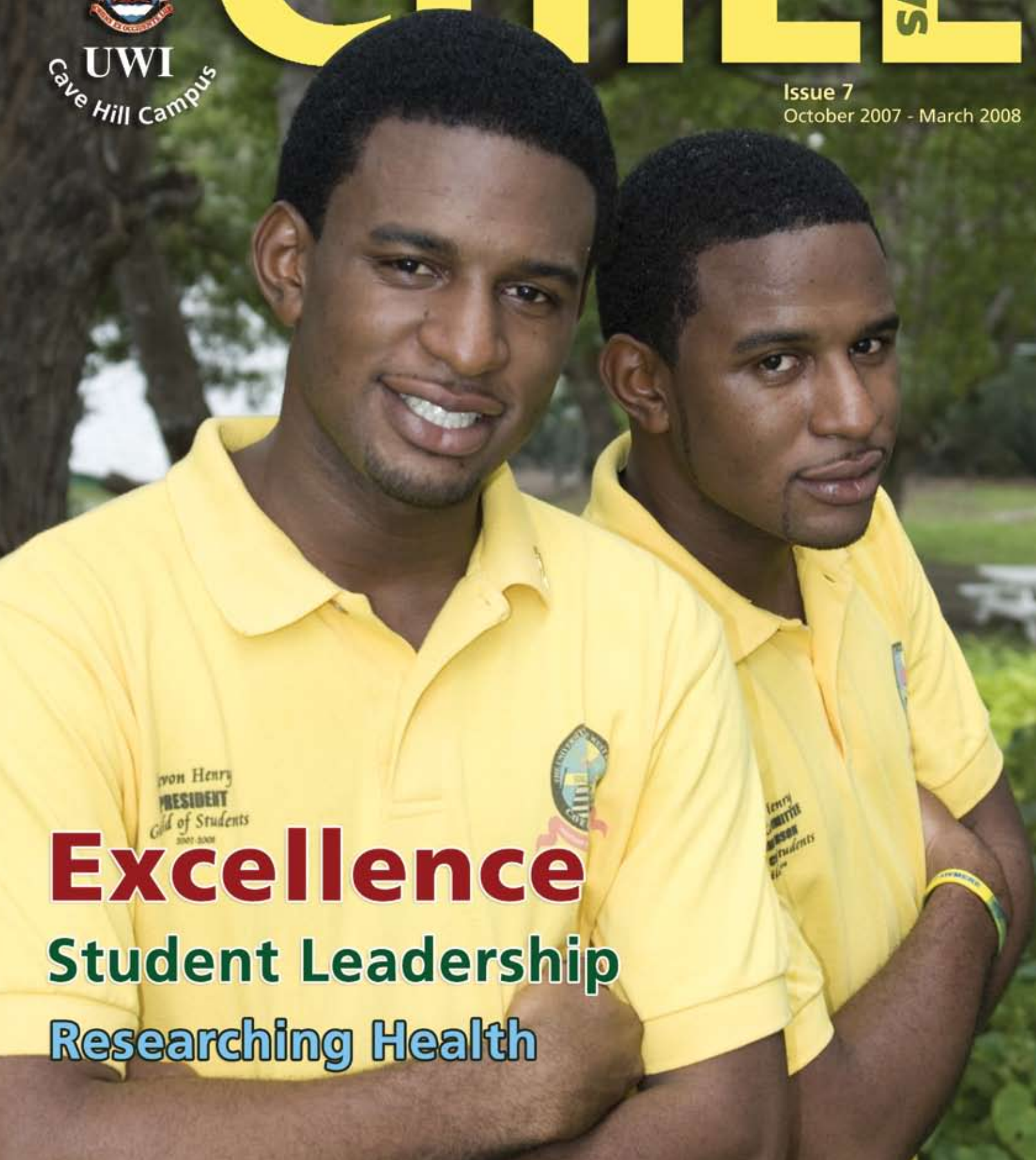


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Growth through Efficiency and Self-Reliance

The design of a framework to develop our institution for our current Strategic Plan 2007-12 has been underpinned by our need for efficiency and greater self-reliance, even as we sought to transform the Cave Hill Campus into a research oriented university.

Based on an examination of national and regional strategic plans, we developed and presented proposals to Government that are geared to our making significant strides in the area of sponsored research. We proposed funding for sixteen areas and have received positive initial consideration.

Under the Professional Masters Degree Initiative we have rolled out an additional eleven new programmes in tourism and hospitality management, banking and finance, counselling psychology, applied psychology, e-governance for developing states, labour studies, cricket studies, Caribbean integration studies, social work, electronic commerce and public law. In addition, the Cave Hill School of Business launched a Master's in International Event Management: Sports, and a Doctorate in Business

We have engaged in intensive planning to upgrade the School of Clinical Medicine and Research (SCMR) to Faculty status on its 40th anniversary and to meet its admission target of fifty MB BS students in September 2008. We have developed our curriculum in consultation with the Faculties of Medicine at Mona and St. Augustine, negotiating with the Government of Barbados for a site in close proximity to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to house the clinical laboratories and library, designed the civil works at the Cave Hill site, along with the identification and recruiting of teaching and administrative staff.

Our focus on efficiency involved assessing and addressing the environment in which

teaching and learning take place. In this regard we have established a Classroom Management Committee to ensure that classrooms adequately meet the needs of faculty and students and support the Campus' vision of high quality teaching and learning. The Committee will also develop policies on classroom development and use and will draw on international best practice to develop a manual for classroom design and maintenance.

We completed the construction and equipping of three new facilities: an E-Commerce Graduate laboratory, the Cable and Wireless students' walk-in Internet Café and a three-story undergraduate teaching block which provides accommodation for approximately 1,000 students. We have also completed the first phase of the expansion of our bookshop, which allows for increased storage and reorganisation, and a media centre which is an essential complement to the 3Ws Oval.

We continued work towards the completion of two critically needed facilities: a three-story block in the CARICOM Park, intended to house a number of units engaged in regional research, and a graduate studies teaching block, the latter as part of the development of the 32 acres of land at Black Rock. We also began the construction of a new Administration building that will bring under one roof all major administrative units at the Campus including senior management offices.

The Campus owes an immense debt of gratitude to all our partners whose extraordinary generosity, unwavering commitment and prudent guidance have enabled us to embark on a path of growth, transformation and increased self-reliance. Without this support the Campus would not have been able to achieve its significant goals nor contemplate the plans for its future development.

Principal Beckles Knighted



Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Principal of Cave Hill Campus, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, received his highest accolade last November as he was awarded Barbados' top honour – the Knight of St Andrew.

Sir Hilary, who shared the premier position on the 2007 Independence Honours List with business mogul, Sir Kyffin Simpson, was knighted by acting Governor General, Sir Fred Gollop, during a three-hour ceremony at Government House on Independence Day.

The lavish proceedings, telecast live, were witnessed by parliamentarians, members of the diplomatic corps and the business community and other specially invited guests.

Sir Hilary was honoured "in recognition of his distinguished service in the field of education, in particular at university level, and his dedication to the furtherance of the arts and sports, in particular cricket".

Year of Lamming

Students at the University of the West Indies (UWI) are grabbing the priceless opportunity to have their writing skills honed by one of the Caribbean's finest literary luminaries.

Iconic personality and internationally-acclaimed Barbadian, George Lamming, took up the position of writer-in-residence at the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination (EBCCI) at Cave Hill Campus in February.

The celebrated writer re-enters the world of academia to bring his wealth of experience as a Caribbean intellectual, literary artist, teacher, poet, novelist, broadcaster and critic to bear on a new generation of Caribbean talent seeking to follow in his illustrious footsteps. As the Distinguished Honorary Fellow in Creative Writing at the EBCCI, Lamming has been delivering weekly, three-hour seminars on

creative writing. These will run until June and be repeated between January and June, 2009.

He will also be available, by appointment, to staff and students for consultation two to three times a week.

UWI has saluted Lamming with the designation of 2008 as the 'Year of George Lamming' at the Cave Hill Campus as well as the renaming of the pedagogical centre at the Errol Barrow Centre as The George Lamming Pedagogical Centre. The Campus will further honour the celebrated writer when it hosts the UWI George Lamming International Symposium later in the academic year. During his tenure, this brilliant scholar will also deliver three public lectures, and conduct relevant work as patron and consultant editor of *BIM: Arts for the 21st Century*.

EBCCI director, Professor Gladstone Yearwood, says Lamming's presence will serve as "an inspiration" to students enrolled in the centre's Bachelor's in Fine Arts programme as they embark on their careers in the arts.

"The Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination is honoured to have the celebrated writer George Lamming in residence. His presence is important for the centre because he brings tremendous intellect, great creative achievement and personal knowledge of and involvement in Caribbean arts and aesthetics. Lamming is a national treasure and his residence will help the Centre to strengthen its work in the arts and develop its programme in creative writing," said Yearwood, adding that Barbados' wider arts community would also benefit from Lamming's visit through the Fiction Writing Master's Class.

George Lamming is one of the latest recipients of CARICOM's most prestigious award – the Order to the Caribbean Community (OCC).

Born in Alkins Road, Carrington Village, in June 1927, Lamming has led a distinguished career as a Caribbean intellectual, literary artist, teacher, poet, novelist, broadcaster and critic. He published his first and most highly acclaimed novel, 'In the Castle of My Skin' in 1953. This was followed by 'The Emigrants' (1954), 'Of Age and Innocence' (1958), 'Season of Adventure' (1960), 'Water with Berries' (1970) and 'Natives of My Person' (1971). Among his non-fiction writings, are three important collections of critical essays, 'The Pleasures of Exile' (1960), 'Conversations: Essays, Addresses and Interviews 1953-1990' (1992) and 'Conversations II: Western Education & the Caribbean Intellectual' (2000). He has contributed to many important literary journals, both poetry and short fiction anthologies and has edited the Barbados and Guyana Independence issues of 'New World Quarterly' and 'Cannon Shot and Glass Beads: Modern Black Writing'.

Lamming has received numerous accolades, fellowships and awards including the 'Somerset Maugham Award for literature', a 'Guggenheim Fellowship', the 'Brachaman Award' from Yale University, the 'Martin Luther King Award', the 'Casa de Las Americas Award' and the 'Henry Sylvester Williams Award, Trinidad', for 'Outstanding Achievement in the Pan African Century'. He was made a 'Fellow of the Institute of Jamaica' in 2004.

He has also held numerous prestigious academic positions, including scholar-in-residence at City College of the University of New York (1998-2000); and writer-in-residence at the University of Connecticut, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, the University of North Carolina, the University of Dar-es-Salaam, the University of Nairobi and the University of the West Indies; lectured at universities in Denmark, Tanzania and Australia and has been the director of the fiction workshops at the University of Miami's Summer Institute for Caribbean Creative Writing.



George Lamming (left) and Professor Gladstone Yearwood

New School of Thought



Dr. Jeannine Comma,
CEO, Cave Hill School of Business

The new Doctorate in Business Administration, introduced by the Cave Hill Campus in January 2008, is geared towards helping the corporate community make more sound business decisions, including those based on empirical evidence.

The programme, offered by the Cave Hill School of Business (CHSB) to participants over a four-to-five-year period on a part-time basis, aims to expose executives and academics to the latest developments in international business and to enhance management research skills to improve the quality of decision-making in the region.

Created in response to a growing need across the Caribbean for executives with applied research capability, the programme focuses on practical business solutions, testing of existing theories in applied research and preparation for executive business management.

At its recent launch, the programme was

described as a manifestation of years of collaborative efforts between the UWI's three business schools, The Mona School of Business in Jamaica, The Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business in Trinidad and the CHSB in Barbados. CHSB's CEO, Dr. Jeannine Comma, said candidates will be able to choose the campus at which they wish to pursue their doctorate.

Principal of Cave Hill Campus, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, noted that the campus is moving towards offering more opportunities for research-based graduate studies and the DBA is part of this thrust.

The DBA is the academic equivalent of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) currently offered by UWI. It boasts a mix of business content and research methodology courses along with two major seminars drawn from a pool of complementary fields of research. In order to successfully complete the programme, students will be expected to publicly defend a 40,000 to 50,000 word dissertation.

BIM is Back

***BIM*, the Caribbean journal which helped to launch the careers of some of the region's literary giants, is back in circulation.**

Revived and rebranded as *BIM: Arts for the 21st Century*, the magazine was relaunched by Cave Hill Campus at a ceremony last November in a collaboration of the University of the West Indies and the Office of the Prime Minister.

The inaugural independence edition carries as its subtitle *Celebrating Lamming* in honour of the renowned Barbadian writer and intellectual. Lamming, who celebrated his 80th birthday last year, is serving as patron and consultant editor to the journal.

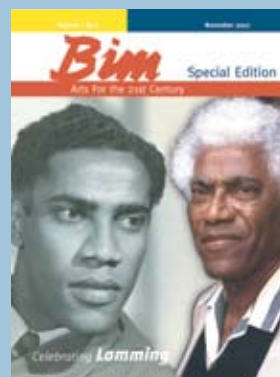
Through the years *BIM*, which was first launched in 1942 before it was suspended in 1996, has provided an outlet for aspiring and established writers including some of the region's best known literary legends. Nobel laureate, Derek Walcott and other authors such as V. S. Naipaul, Samuel Selvon, Kamau Brathwaite, Austin "Tom" Clarke, Jeanette Layne-Clark, Edgar Mittelholzer, Roger Mais, Mervyn Morris, Edward Baugh and Gloria Escoffrey were early contributors to the magazine.

BIM: Arts for the 21st Century will be published twice yearly – May and December – and distributed throughout the Caribbean, North America and the UK where it will be aimed at the general public. It will continue the tradition of providing an outlet for Caribbean writers and poets but will broaden its focus to support and showcase the broader artistic and cultural expressions of the region. In addition, it will specifically seek to reflect the creativity of youth and the trends of the 21st Century.

BIM: Arts for the 21st Century is currently soliciting submissions from Caribbean women writers and/or submissions about the writings of Caribbean women for its May 2008 issue. These submissions should focus on literary, artistic and other cultural expressions within the Caribbean and its diaspora. Short stories, poetry and critical reviews of high quality are particularly welcome.

Submissions should be emailed to the editors: Ms. Esther Phillips eePhillips7@hotmail.com, Dr. Curwen Best cubest@uwichill.edu.bb or sent to: The Editors, Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, P.O. Box 64, Bridgetown, B11000, Barbados.

Submission for the May issue must reach the editors no later than March 31, 2008.



L-R: First Issue, Celebrating Lamming Special edition – and Second Issue, BIM Classics - dedicated to the memory of Frank A Collymore

Fellow CARICOM countries are seeking to emulate the impressive progress being made by Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago in producing the most tertiary level graduates.

While this trio has each surpassed the CARICOM target of 15 per cent participation in tertiary education by their respective populations, other CARICOM nations are falling short, noted Pro-Vice Chancellor and former Principal of the St. Augustine Campus Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie.

"Although most of the Caribbean is underserved in terms of tertiary education, within the last five years, Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago have made significant strides and have crossed the CARICOM target of 15 per cent with all three countries registering 20 per cent plus participation as they move rapidly to the 30 percentile range," he said in an address at UWI's Cave Hill Campus in Barbados.

Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie
Pro Vice Chancellor and
former Principal of
St. Augustine Campus



Tewarie addresses need to increase tertiary access and tackle funding

However, he disclosed that other CARICOM states are determined to reverse the region's overall underserving of university graduates and have embarked on a series of steps to do so. Dr. Tewarie also warned that the Caribbean may have to accelerate this pace even further in order to close the knowledge gap that has developed between the Anglophone Caribbean and the more industrialised centres of the world. Many countries, he observed, have already achieved 50 per cent participation at the tertiary level, while others have set targets of 50 and 60 per cent.

"This includes Trinidad and Tobago, where the government has set (a level of) 60 per cent participation by 2015 and Barbados where the Government has set an objective of one graduate in every household," the former principal pointed out.

Speaking on the topic 'Expanding Access and Improving Quality: an Impossible Balancing Act?' at the 7th Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) Conference last July, he suggested that the challenge of increasing access and improving quality was a formidable one which the region must tackle head-on. This, he added, would require a balancing act which would define quality in value-added terms. Therefore, quality would be interpreted as what is improved about students' capabilities or knowledge as a consequence of their education at a particular institution.

Dr. Tewarie noted that increasing access to post-secondary education is now a necessity. This, he added, is fuelled by a global economy that epitomises knowledge and demands a high level of intellectual capital in the work place.

There will be a price to pay however for university education, he stressed, and students and their families must be prepared to share in the burden of funding this undertaking to ensure a continually viable system of quality higher education.

Regarding the question of who should fund higher education

in the region – against the backdrop of sharply rising demands for post-secondary or tertiary graduates – Dr. Tewarie acknowledged it is one of the most challenging and persistent issues facing UWI. He asserted that funding for higher education in the region, during the next 20 to 30 years, would have to be shared among several stakeholders, including students and their families, governments, the local and regional private sectors, companies investing in the region and the international community and their agencies.

"Who must pay for education over the next decade?" he posed rhetorically. "My answer is: students and their families, because it benefits them the most; governments, because human capital is the nations' and region's greatest asset... and the local and regional private sectors, because they are the greatest beneficiaries of the output of higher education."

The UWI Pro-Vice Chancellor noted that companies investing in the Caribbean also had a responsibility to help fund quality higher education to support their continuous competitive capacity, while the international community and their agencies shared this obligation to support equity at the global level and because industrialised countries are the greatest beneficiaries of the brain drain from the Caribbean.

He stated that meeting the growing demand for higher education across the region will be a costly endeavour as UWI seeks to build a comprehensive tertiary sector of the best calibre and he therefore urged financial prudence.

"Quality does cost, but we have to target funding better so that it results in less wastage and supports the things which have to do with students' welfare and quality education," he said.

"We need to realign (the) annual budget to things that matter so that resources support the fundamental requirements of quality education."

Scholars Query Freedom

Caribbean women are being challenged to find a new answer to an age-old question – what is the meaning of freedom?



Dr. April Bernard

A Caribbean scholar on gender issues tackled the topic 'The 21st Century Caribbean Woman's Question: What is the Meaning of Freedom?' in a presentation last August, blaming a skewed definition of freedom for the uneven achievements which have limited efforts towards gender equality in the Caribbean.

Dr. April Bernard, a lecturer in the University of the West Indies' (UWI) Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work at Cave Hill Campus, asserted that 'how we answer the questions about

what oppresses women depends upon how we define freedom'.

"Rather than pursuing analysis of what oppresses women, women and men are encouraged to look critically at their answer to *The 21st Century Caribbean Woman Question: What is the Meaning of Freedom?*"

"A skewed definition of freedom... reinforces patriarchal social constructs that contribute to the persistent subjugation of women in the region," said Dr. Bernard, acknowledging the economic and social obstacles that women still face in the region.

In examining the meaning of freedom, she focused on two aspects – the first being the ability to achieve relative independence and the second being the ability to transcend cultural and personal limitations and move towards authentic self expression as women.

"... a skewed definition of freedom may be blamed for the uneven achievements which have limited efforts towards gender equality in the Caribbean."

Another leading Caribbean scholar on women and gender issues, Roxanne Burton, challenged a prevailing view of freedom that presented the continuing struggle for self-determination for various ethnic and cultural groups as being similar to the struggle of African slaves.

"But can this conception of freedom be used as a tool for understanding what Caribbean women seek to achieve?" she asked, in her address entitled 'Self-determination and the Caribbean Woman'.

Noting that the subject is a group issue, she cautioned, "it is rooted in individual endeavour," and suggested that examining the matter

of individual self-determination could help answer the question regarding Caribbean women as a whole.

Both presentations were part of a premiere gathering of scholars at the Cave Hill Campus hosted by the Department of History and Philosophy, which explored various ideas and approaches to the roles of freedom in the region. The theme of aspects of freedom was chosen by the department in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire.



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Mckenzie: Women Trail Economically

Despite making notable advances in the working environment, Caribbean women are still at the mercy of the region's economic ebb and flow.



Hermione McKenzie

Challenging the notion that women are treated the same as men now, University of the West Indies (UWI) sociologist, Hermione McKenzie, asserted that the economic plight of West Indian women remains tenuous.

"There is a helplessness and powerlessness for women working in the underbelly of the economy and these are the challenges I want us to address," she told a predominantly female audience in a recent address at Cave Hill Campus.

She presented economic data illustrating that female unemployment in the region is persistently higher than men's and that this situation is exacerbated by the fact that women generally are also paid less.

"Women exceed men in low-level economic fields," she pointed out. "When economic conditions are good, more men are hired and when economic conditions are bad, women get laid off."

"... gender issues are closely tied to issues of development and, ultimately, the issue of development is a multi-disciplinary one."

In her analysis of the data, the Gender and Development scholar noted that beyond the deep cleavage of male and female employment in the labour industry and the social implications of these findings, the data also revealed the urgent need for diversification in the economy. She suggested that the social implications of this phenomenon are not discretely sociological in orientation but also impinged on issues of economics.

According to McKenzie, gender issues are closely tied to issues of development and, ultimately, the issue of development is a multi-disciplinary one. It is in addressing the economic challenges of the region, she suggested, that deep-seated issues of gender relations in the region will be most substantively addressed.

McKenzie, who recently retired as senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Social Work at UWI, Mona Campus, was speaking at a ceremony held in her honour under the auspices of the Centre

of Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit (CGDS: NBU) at Cave Hill Campus. She was awarded CGDS: NBU's top honour 'Founding Woman of the Caribbean' and praised for her contribution to the academic discourse of gender relations.

She was the longest-serving female academic at Mona, a former Chair of CGDS and former Deputy Dean of the Mona Campus' Faculty of Social Sciences, with special responsibility for Student Matters. She gained her BSc in Sociology with Honours at the London School of Economics and then completed a Master's Degree in Human Services Management from Brandeis University and a Diploma in Public Policy and Management from the University of York. She has also undertaken studies in social service areas such as housing, teacher training, family planning, community health care needs and adolescent fertility behaviour as well as studies of the women's movement and the status of women in the Caribbean family setting. A prolific author and researcher, Ms. McKenzie has undertaken numerous consultancies for governments and served as a visiting professor and research fellow at a number of prominent international universities.

Rhonda Walcott of the CGDS: NBU, who chaired the event at the Cave Hill Campus, praised McKenzie's lecture for its insightful and well-researched focus, and thanked her for delving into her 'lived experiences' to give a compelling presentation.

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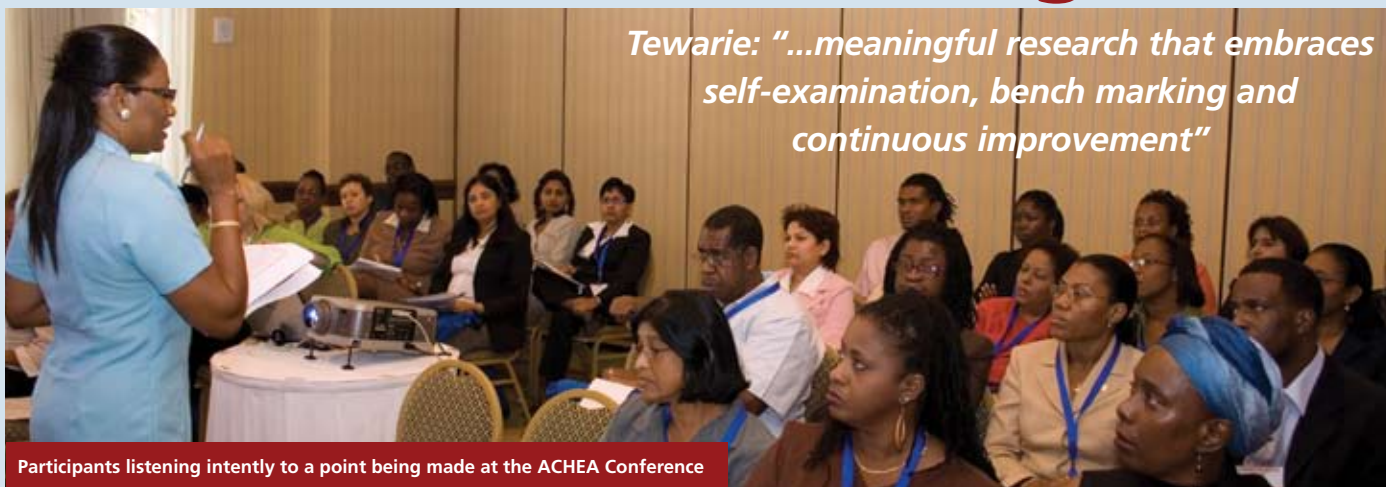
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Research Needed on Higher Ed



Tewarie: "...meaningful research that embraces self-examination, bench marking and continuous improvement"

Participants listening intently to a point being made at the ACHEA Conference

The University of the West Indies (UWI) has been urged to lead the way in research on tertiary education in the region, even if it collaborates with other tertiary-level institutions in the Caribbean in this regard.

Addressing the 7th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) last July, Pro-Vice Chancellor and former Principal of St. Augustine Campus, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie said research in this sector will be critical in shrinking the knowledge gap between the Caribbean and leading industrialised societies.

"We should build regional and international partnerships to make ongoing research initiatives possible. Whatever we do in the tertiary sector should be informed by research-driven knowledge. Institutional and inter-institutional capacity must be built up in this area."

He noted that every institution needs to focus on collaborative and comparative research on the regional education sector, zeroing in on its implications for tertiary education and the complexity of issues surrounding it. This, he added, would put regional institutions in a position to take advantage of research around the world while simultaneously contributing to the global pool of knowledge on higher education.

Dr. Tewarie's comments came against the backdrop of an increasing interest in the Caribbean to expand tertiary education to match rapidly expanding global needs and to do so while sustaining improving quality and equity. Figures reveal that the global demand for post-secondary-education opportunities

and higher-education access has reached explosive proportions. In 1970, 28 million students were enrolled at the tertiary level worldwide. By 1997 that figure had jumped to 88 million and, by 2010, it is projected to be 120 million. These trends have been made more acute by the knowledge gap that has developed between the Caribbean and the world's more industrialised centres.

The UWI official contended that building a comprehensive regional tertiary sector of the highest quality must be supported by meaningful research that embraces self-examination, bench marking and continuous improvement. However, he said, it should be recognised that this would only be the first step in establishing a knowledge sector and integrating our economies with the global knowledge economy.

The ACHEA conference, whose 7th meeting was hosted by Cave Hill Campus, is the premiere gathering of higher-education administrators in the region. More than 100 high-profile educational figures from across the region, as well as their counterparts from Europe and North America, attended the gathering.

This event was buoyed by a progressively optimistic agenda focused on understanding the challenges, constraints and successes of higher-education administration in the Caribbean. One of the six pre-conference workshops was spearheaded by leading Cave Hill educator, Dr. Vivienne Roberts, the Senior Programme Officer of the UWI-Tertiary Level Institutions Unit at the Campus. Her workshop focused on 'Personality Typing – A Tool to Improve Administrative Practice: the Myers-

Briggs Type Indicator Approach'. This is premised on scientific research showing that people differ in how they prefer to focus their attention, in the processes they use to acquire information and make decisions and in the manner in which they relate to the external world.



Dr. Vivienne Roberts

During the four-day conference, which ran from July 4-7, there were also two panel discussions and more than 30 presentations by some of the foremost experts from the region and beyond. The conference, themed 'Understanding Best Practices in Higher Education Administration: Challenges, Constraints and Successes', touched on various cutting-edge models of best practices in higher-education administration.

According to ACHEA President, Dr. Gillian Paul, one of the strategic areas of focus for the organisation over the next three years is the formal professional development programme for Caribbean higher-education administrators, which is relevant and informed by theory and practice. She suggested this focus would result in the development of a body of knowledge about the specific challenges confronting higher-education administrators and documentation of regional responses to these challenges with a view to developing a theoretical framework for more effective higher-education management and administration in the small states of the Caribbean.

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Rehearsal Session at EBCCI

MOU on Culture

Two institutions at the forefront of promoting cultural developments in the region have formalised that collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding.

The UWI Cave Hill Campus and the National Cultural Foundation (NCF) have agreed to establish mechanisms to facilitate collaboration and the development of a long-term partnership in areas of mutual interest. These include the enhancement of knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of Caribbean people, the development of the knowledge and skills of persons involved in all forms of cultural expression, the building of cultural industries and the preservation of cultural assets.

Principal of Cave Hill Campus, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, and Chief Executive Officer of the NCF, Ian Estwick, initialled the document on February 6 in a brief ceremony at the 3Ws Oval Pavilion, witnessed by members of the cultural community and representatives of the NCF and UWI.

CHSB & GEL "shake hands"

The Cave Hill School of Business (CHSB) has given its students a practical lesson in striking a 'win-win' deal.

This unit of the University of the West Indies (UWI) has reached an agreement with one of Barbados' leading private-sector companies, Goddard Enterprises Limited (GEL), which will see benefits for both sides.

On the UWI front, GEL has committed to providing CHSB with an annual grant of \$50,000 for ten years until 2017. The GEL sponsorship is intended to provide CHSB with infrastructural necessities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of new computer equipment, state-of-the-art, multi-media technology and the establishment and retooling of its online activities. Also under the agreement, the School of Business will advance case study development and re-design and re-develop existing programmes.

Students will also receive several scholarships including one under the School's Executive Master's in Business Administration (EMBA) programme, covering the full cost of tuition for a two-year period. This will be disbursed in alternate years for the duration of the agreement. Two other scholarships will be provided under CHSB's Executive Diploma in Management (EDM) programme. These



L - R: Dr. Jeannine Comma, CEO CHSB and Dr. Ashwell Thomas, HR Director GEL

will target individuals without undergraduate degrees and will cover the full cost of tuition.

GEL has also undertaken to sponsor the biennial Caribbean International Leadership Summit organised by the School.

There's also an incentive in the agreement for GEL employees as those who qualify under a High Achievers Programme (HAP) will undergo a two-year training and developmental initiative designed by CHSB to facilitate GEL's succession-planning objectives.

Dr. Ashwell Thomas, Human Resources Director for GEL, said the company is pleased to partner

with the Cave Hill School of Business in a relationship that will lead to a better quality business graduate while, at the same time, offering training opportunities for GEL staff.

"We have always been happy to work with the School of Business, supporting their programmes through providing financial assistance, but this present agreement is expected to be even more rewarding as we will not just be giving money, but are indeed looking forward to working together to achieve the objectives of this partnership," Thomas added.

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Professor Carnegie's Legacy

The name of one of the Caribbean's most distinguished legal minds now graces the portals of the Cave Hill Campus Law Lecture Theatre, the Faculty of Law's largest lecture hall, in honour of the region's longest-serving Professor of Law.

Ralph Carnegie officially retired in 2006 after serving the university for more than 40 years, 37 of them as Professor of Law. He has since returned post retirement to teach a number of courses in the new LL.M Public Law programme to ensure its success.

In a ceremony honouring Carnegie's legacy – which included serving in various capacities such as stints as Acting Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, six years as Deputy Principal and eight years as Dean of the Faculty of Law – he was lauded as one of the modern legal pioneers of the region who has made an indelible mark on legal scholarship, the legal profession and the University community.

The ceremony, held last May 23, was held amid much fanfare with some of the region's most eminent figures in attendance to applaud his outstanding service. President of The Commonwealth of Dominica, His Excellency, Dr. Nicholas Liverpool, delivered the main address.

"When I learnt Professor Carnegie was to receive further recognition by the University I felt it was timely; and like the Vice Chancellor's Award of Excellence bestowed on him previously for service to the University, it was well worthy of the individual," observed Dr. Liverpool, himself a former Dean of the Faculty of Law.

"His record of distinguished service to the Faculty and to the University in general will long be remembered. His record speaks for itself. Here is an individual whose portfolio has gone way beyond the call of duty. His name and reputation straddle many departments of life in the region, and in very important areas, such as constitutional law, environmental law, the law of the sea, and the law related to treaties."

Current Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Simeon McIntosh, echoed these sentiments, lauding Professor Carnegie's record of honourable service that has brought great recognition to the Faculty of Law and the University. He recalled what he had written of Carnegie in his report to the Academic Council stating that the legal luminary had "brought great honour and distinction to the Faculty through his outstanding service to the University and to the region as a whole. His contribution to legal education is unmatched; and the depth and breadth of his learning, simply mind boggling".

But in a ceremony replete with tributes to his professional service and prolific scholarship, it was Professor Carnegie's personal touch and gracious personality that has endeared him to countless colleagues and students.



Professor Ralph Carnegie



Professor Ralph Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie at Naming Ceremony

In praising what he called Professor Carnegie's "magnanimous contribution during his tenure at the Campus", Dr. Liverpool recalled some of his many admirable qualities, that he said included never losing his temper with people, no matter how unfair, unjust, annoying or unpleasant their comments may be, his helpfulness to those in difficulties and his patience to those who are slow to learn. He was the very quintessence of a good lecturer and a decent human being.

Professor Carnegie, who has received numerous accolades and honours throughout his tenure, distinguished himself early in his academic career. He first entered the UWI as an Open Scholar in 1956 before winning a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in 1959. There, he earned First Class Honours in Jurisprudence. He has been instrumental in drafting numerous regional treaties and in delivering outstanding service to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Barriteau Heads International Body



Professor Eudine Barriteau

University of the West Indies professor of gender and public policy Eudine Barriteau has been elected to the presidency of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE).

The head of the Centre for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit of the Cave Hill Campus will serve as president elect of the IAFFE in 2009 and president in 2010.

As president, Barriteau will chair the programme committee for the 2010 conference to be held in either Buenos Aires or China, and she will be responsible for the association's programme during the Allied Social Science Association meetings in January, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States.

Edith Kuiper, past president of the IAFFE said the board had supported Barriteau's

candidacy unanimously at its last meeting in Bangkok, stressing her inspiring presence and activities as host of the organisation's 2000 conference held at the Cave Hill Campus.

Kuiper also cited Barriteau's challenging research activities in the region, contribution to discussions in the executive committee during her past board service, and commitment to bringing feminist economic research in the Caribbean Basin and South America to the attention of feminist economists worldwide.

The IAFFE is a non-profit organisation that seeks to advance feminist inquiry into economic issues and to educate others regarding feminist points of view on economic concerns. It was incorporated in 1992 and currently has approximately 600 members in 43 countries around the world.



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Currency Scores High in Mammoth Partnership



Sir Gary Sobers (left) presents Best Batsman award to Sagicor/UWI's, Romell Currency

The score 277 is now no longer just associated with retired West Indies batting star Brian Lara's famous maiden Test century Down-Under.

Just ask Romel Currency and Omar Phillips about that magical number and these University of the West Indies' (UWI) students and batsmen are likely to break into broad smiles reminiscing about their own heroics with the willow in last year's Division 1 cricket season.

Facing a massive 272 for victory at their home ground, 3Ws Oval at Cave Hill Campus in Barbados, the UWI team – which had already been led on first innings by Banks by 23 runs – had a formidable task ahead of them. Having posted a meagre 127 all out in reply to their opponents' 150, they were probably not expected to get near their target.

Yet, out strode Vincentian-born Currency and his opening partner from Barbados to do battle late on the second afternoon of the three-day encounter. By the close of play, their wickets remained intact with 20 runs on the board.

However, it was on the third and final day of

action that the pair carved out a sensational, unbroken partnership of 277 to snatch an unlikely triumph for the Campus club which won by ten wickets. In setting the new national competition record, Currency – who ended the match with two towering sixes – blazed his way to 163 not out from 173 balls (17 fours and 6 sixes) while Phillips smashed an unbeaten 106, including ten fours.

Former West Indies batsman and newly appointed player/coach of the Sagicor/UWI team, Floyd Reifer, hailed the partnership enthusiastically.

"Watching Romel Currency bat was very similar to watching a young Sherwin Campbell. The power with which he cut and drove the ball was a joy to see. The partnership was great for the team. I hope that Phillips and Currency go from strength to strength," he said.

Currency, a 25-year-old right-hander, was equally ecstatic about the signature achievement.

"We had lost the first innings, and it's always difficult to bat last, but the team was very motivated. We all wanted to make it to the Top 4 in the tournament. So we went out

and tried to perform at our best. It was a great feeling coming from behind to win," he recalled.

The turn-around victory was in many ways axiomatic of Sagicor/UWI Cricket Team's ascent. Only in its second year as part of the Barbados Division 1, the UWI has risen quickly in the league, making it to the semi-finals in both the One-Day and three-day tournaments last season. These developments, together with the roll-out of a comprehensive slate of cricket programmes and projects, have signalled the resurgence of cricket at the Cave Hill Campus. In the vanguard of the Campus' charge are players like Currency and Phillips, who continue to elevate the standard and profile of UWI cricket and challenge critics who have questioned the viability of the team in Barbados' top competition.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the UWI can perform consistently at this level," said Currency confidently.

"Unlike cricket clubs, the cricket programme at Cave Hill has coaches who help you to work on improving your game and the quality of the players is high."

This quality is also evident in Currency's background. He comes from a family and a community with a strong tradition of excelling in cricket. Hailing from the village of Mespo in rural St. Vincent, the classy stroke-maker grew up in an environment replete with cricketers and links to local and regional cricket. His secondary-school principal was President of the Windward Islands Cricket Board, and Currency himself previously represented the Windward Islands at the first-class level; a spot he hopes to regain.

"My family is very cricket-oriented," he explained. "My father has played in the past for the Windwards, and he along with my two brothers and I are members of the Saints Cricket Club in St. Vincent."

Currency – who is in his second year of an accounting degree – is part of the UWI Cave Hill cricket development programme in which he is a scholarship recipient. This entitles him to many benefits, including in-depth coaching from top-tier coaches and administrators with extensive training and Test experience.

"I'm excited at the direction cricket is going at Cave Hill," noted Currency. "The administrators and UWI cricketers are dedicated and focused on making the cricket development programme succeed – and I'm dedicated and inspired to give my best."

Omar Phillips



Great 'Phillips' in Store for UWI Cricket Team!

His cricketing feats may not be as celebrated as those of his cousins – West Indies bowlers Corey Collymore and Fidel Edwards – but after last July, Omar Phillips' name is much more familiar around the Cave Hill Campus.

Having starred in the record, unbroken opening stand of 277 with Romel Currency for the Sagcor/UWI Cricket Team to beat Banks in a Division 1 match last July – his contribution being 106 not out – Phillips has emerged among the new breed of scholar-sportsmen that makes up the vanguard of the University of the West Indies' (UWI) resurgence in cricket.

"Our team is a growing side. It may be fair to expect a few setbacks this early in the game, but the team is budding. We have three or four guys with first-class experience and there is great promise," said the history major.

Widely praised for its holistic approach that marries intellectual and physical development in the sport, the Cave Hill Campus cricket development programme has benefited from the extensive training and experience of a top-tier cadre of coaches who all boast Test experience. Players like Phillips have praised the programme for the systematic guidance and personalised coaching it provides to young athletes, which have allowed them to elevate the quality of their game.

"We have three excellent coaches," noted the stand-out batsman. "I've gotten more insight into my weaknesses from them and more feedback than if I was going to a normal club."

Phillips, who speaks with the quiet confidence and cautiousness of a seasoned cricketer, is a recipient of one of the programme's cricket scholarships. The 20-year-old from Boscobel in rural St. Peter grew up playing 'bat and ball' and the manner in which his talent has blossomed was fully evident in the marathon,

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match-winning innings he crafted versus Banks last year. The victory was all the sweeter as UWI had surrendered first innings.

"It was a good feeling, making history for Cave Hill," he said, stressing that his team had been very intent on playing well to make it into the Top 4 of the tournament.

The difference in their batting styles made him the perfect foil for the more aggressive Currency, he added.

"Currency is predominantly an attacking player. I tend to play to my strengths which are to remain patient and keep things simple. I must say that the advice given in the past by coach Dexter Toppin was important," elaborated the former Barbados Youth Team player.

As for the future, Phillips assured that cricket is very much in his focus. Rebounding from a recent injury, he is eager to get back in form quickly and continue to make his mark for UWI. That apart, he is hoping his success will be acknowledged by higher authorities.

Revealing his ambitions, he declared: "I'd be very happy to play for Barbados if I get the chance."

Med School celebrates 40th Anniversary



Dean of SCMR Professor Henry Fraser

This year marks – in the words of Deputy Principal Professor Leo Moseley – both a year of celebration and a year of new beginning for the School of Clinical Medicine and Research at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill.

Professor Moseley made the observation as he joined past and present staff and students of the School in an evening of celebration at their 40th anniversary awards ceremony and cocktail reception at the Sherbourne Conference Centre. The Deputy Principal lauded the school for its 40 years of “excellent teaching” at the Cave Hill Campus and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and applauded it on starting new life as a full-fledged faculty from the next academic year.

The elegant evening, which was held under the patronage of chairman of the Cave Hill Campus Council, Sir Neville Nicholls, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Professor E. Nigel Harris, saw 40 past lecturers and students recognised for their contribution to the advancement of the school over its lifetime. Among those who turned up

to be specially recognised that evening were two of the original “famous six”: Dr. Marjorie Holding-Cobham and Dr. Trevor Golding (brother of Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding), who were among the first six students in the pilot scheme of 1967. They were also joined by one of the more outstanding students of the modern era – Dr. Alisha Wade. The Class of 2000 graduate, who is the daughter of Cave Hill Campus Registrar Jacqueline Wade and Literature lecturer Dr. Carl Wade, achieved an honours degree through passing all her subjects with honours or distinction and then went on to be named a Rhodes Scholar in 2001.

Along with rewarding past deans, lecturers, and students, the School also acknowledged the sterling contributions of those private sector entities and individuals who have helped advance the school through their generous contributions. Among them was industrial magnate Ralph “Bizzy” Williams of Williams Industries who is the School’s single most generous benefactor having responded without hesitation to the medical institution’s appeal for funds to build an annexe at the QEH, for teaching and offices.

And as the guests left following an evening of reminiscence they took with them the heartfelt plea from the Vice-Chancellor’s feature address: “Let us work together to ensure that the next 40, 60, 100 years will be ones in which the School of Clinical Medicine and Research will be an integral part of a united regional university, by educating undergraduate and postgraduate students, conducting relevant research, and providing services to a vibrant and healthy Caribbean people.”



Sir Neville Nicholls (left) presents an award for distinguished service to Prof. E. R. Walrond



Dr. Trevor Byer (right) accepts an award for distinguished teaching on behalf of his father Sir Maurice Byer, from Prof. E. Nigel Harris



Campus Registrar Jacqueline Wade presents a distinguished teaching award to Dr. Radhakanth Shenoy



Campus Registrar Jacqueline Wade presents an award to Dr. Blondelle Durant



Mrs. Grace Ifill (left) presents an award to Dr. Alisha Wade



(L-R): Former QEH Director James Williams, Mrs. Williams, Sir Cecil 'Bertie' Graham and Prof. E. Nigel Harris

Skin Cancer more common in Bajan males

An audit of cancers in Barbados from 1998 to the present shows that skin cancers remain the most prevalent – with more males than females falling victim.

This information comes from a new medical research study by University of the West Indies doctors, entitled "Head and Neck Cancers – an Audit", undertaken by Dr. Gregory Walton of the School of Clinical Medicine and Research in collaboration with doctors Randolph Drakes, Tanya Whitby, Terence Marshall and John Haynes at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

According to Dr. Walton the research study found that female predominance is confined to thyroid cancers but generally the data show that in Barbados there is a male predominance in other types, including the most prevalent – skin cancer. The research also identified the aetiological factors for skin cancer among

which, race and skin colour and occupation figure prominently.

Dr. Walton also noted that their investigations showed that among the diagnostic techniques for cancers used in Barbados, Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy (FNAC) – a technique that entails using a narrow gauge (25-22G) needle to collect a sample of a lesion for microscopic examination – although relatively cheap, remains under-utilised.

Meanwhile, in another significant medical research study by a UWI medical resident it has been found that reported cases of critical incidents, commonly known as medical errors, remain relatively low in the island's healthcare centre, with consultants recording the lowest number of errors and registrars the highest. The study entitled "Analysis of Critical Incidence in the Department of Anaesthesia" was

undertaken by Dr. Tracy Semei and sought to analyse the critical incidents in one of the departments at QEH from 2003- 2005. She explained that the approach taken during this period was that every member of the department anonymously reported critical incidents in a standardised form and the findings showed there were 28 reported cases in 2003, 26 in 2004 and 28 in 2005.

She acknowledged, however, that one of the shortfalls of her study may have been under-reporting by doctors of critical incidents. However, she pointed to the potential for further important research that could yield vital information which could be used to design and implement new protocols for patient care and to integrate into training protocols.

Prizes Awarded to Medical Researchers

Four medical doctors, who hold the posts of Registrars at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), were honoured with prizes for outstanding academic papers and presentations at the recently held 7th Annual Professor E.R Walrond Scientific Symposium. The doctors were lauded for their increasingly cutting-edge research which has wide applicability to Barbadian and even regional populations, reflecting the growing stature of the Annual Conference as an event showcasing medical research carried out by UWI medical faculty at the QEH.

The presentation of the four awards was the culmination of a day-long symposium at the QEH, which began with addresses by senior administrators at the hospital, including one by the Dean of the School of Clinical Medicine and Research (SCMR), UWI, Professor Henry Fraser. These were followed by the presentation of sixteen academic papers of scientific research carried out at the hospital with a view of determining the most effective healthcare protocols for implementation. Subsequent to the presentations, a panel of three distinguished judges, all widely recognised in their fields,

made the assessment and decided on which papers should be awarded top honours.

Dr. D. Grosvenor was awarded the School of Clinical Medicine and Research (SCMR), first place prize for her paper "Occupational Eye Injuries". The second place prize, known as the QEH Prize, went to Dr. Nigel Farnum for his paper "Subtenon's Block for Extracapsular

who are both registrars in the Ophthalmology department, received their awards to loud cheers and shouts of "the eyes have it!" (from some persons in the audience)

Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Symposium, Dr. Livi Forde, noted, as he announced the winners, that there was a need for this kind of forum and scholarship



Dr. D Grosvenor



Dr. S. Persaud



Dr. N. Farnum



Dr. N. Durham

Cataract Removal: The QEH Experience". The third place prize, The Arnott Cato Prize, was awarded to Dr. S. Persaud, for his paper "Sentinel Node Biopsy: Is This Necessary in The Treatment of Breast Cancer in Developing Countries?" A special fourth prize was awarded to Dr. N. Durham for a series of four research papers on "Ectopic Pregnancies" presented at the symposium, the largest number by any single researcher. Dr. D. Grosvenor and Dr. Nigel Farnum,

at our University. "We congratulate our Resident Staff on the papers arising from their research and look for continued output in the years to follow," he said.

The symposium, held annually to celebrate the outstanding career and work of Professor the Honourable E.R "Mickey" Walrond, now in its seventh year, has seen an expanded variety of subjects covered and greater involvement by various departments at the QEH over the years.

Study Yields Breakthrough Data for Cancer Research

For the first time, a study conducted by Cave Hill Campus researchers has yielded nutritional composition data for 32 commonly-consumed food and drink items in Barbados. The study lays the groundwork for scientific researchers to study the link between diet and risk of prostate and breast cancer in the Barbadian population.

The Barbados National Cancer Study, which was led by Dr. Anselm Hennis of the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC), garnered the data from a wide pool of participants. Researchers say the data will allow them to calculate dietary intake from a Quantitative Food Frequency Questionnaire developed specifically for this population to determine associations between diet and risk of prostate and breast cancer. The procedure employed by the study's researchers, which they have detailed in the June 2007 issue of the leading International Journal of Food Sciences



Dr. Anselm Hennis
Director CDRC

and Nutrition, employed a method in which weighted recipes were collected in up to six different households for each of the 32 composite dishes. The average nutritional composition for these composite dishes was calculated using the US Department of Agriculture National Nutrient Database. In the study - a case control, national population-based study, examining risk factors for breast and prostate cancer - a Quantitative Food Frequency Questionnaire (QFFQ) was developed to assess food and nutrient intake in participants. According to researchers, of the 152 weighted recipes collected for the 32

composite dishes, they found that five were fish based, two were ground beef dishes, two were chicken based, two were offal based, two were lamb dishes, one was pork based, three were rice based, three were commonly consumed home-made drinks, and the remainder were miscellaneous items. They have emphasised the importance of the acquired data as such data are essential for assessing nutrient intake and determining associations between diet and prostate and breast cancer in the Barbados National Cancer Study.

The Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) has long undertaken groundbreaking research on chronic non-communicable diseases in Barbados and the Caribbean, and this study has underscored the significance of its role in pioneering and refining research that has specific relevance to Barbadian and Caribbean populations.

Growing Number of Ectopic Pregnancies in Barbados



Dr. Nicole Durham

More women are suffering ectopic pregnancies in Barbados, according to a team of doctors who recently presented their findings to a research conference.

Scientific studies conducted by UWI medical resident Dr. Nicole Durham, in collaboration with Dr. Hugh Thomas and Dr. Bayo Ogunbiyi at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, revealed that ectopic pregnancies are on the rise in Barbados and sparked concerns that the true number of terminated pregnancies, particularly among teenagers, is not being reported. This data was presented in the study entitled 'Overview of Ectopic Pregnancies Managed at the QEH: Unprotected Sex Carries Risks Beyond STIs' at the 7th Annual Professor E.R Walrond Scientific Symposium.

"There seems to be an alarming upward trend in the incidents of ectopic pregnancies in Barbados," noted Dr. Durham, disclosing that

46 per cent of these pregnancies managed by the QEH during the reporting period had evidence of a rupture or a leak.

"The most likely way to reverse the trend in Barbados is through public awareness."

At the conference, it was indicated that while a larger percentage of patients within the 20-24 age range requested terminations this may have skewed the data because the true number of younger persons requesting the procedure was not adequately captured by that data. It was also noted that while terminations of pregnancies are supposed to be reported, in reality it is generally accepted that the incidence of terminations in Barbados is much higher than the actual number declared.

The findings from this study may have broader implications for healthcare in Barbados, because while the cause of most ectopic pregnancies is unknown, it has been found that women who have had a pelvic infection - such as an STD or pelvic inflammatory disease - are five times more likely to have an ectopic pregnancy.

An ectopic pregnancy is a pregnancy that occurs outside a woman's uterus or womb, usually in the fallopian tubes. There is no

chance of a normal pregnancy or delivery in an ectopic pregnancy and it must be identified early through tests or it may threaten the life of the mother. In many cases, as the ectopic embryo starts to grow, it bursts the organ that contains it, and is said to have "ruptured". This can cause bleeding, severe pain, and even death for the mother.

Dr. Durham's other studies found that in

"The most likely way to reverse the trend in Barbados is through public awareness."

Barbados, ultrasound scanning is an indispensable tool in the diagnosis of ectopic pregnancies, and that medical management of ectopic pregnancies is a viable and effective therapy in a stable patient. Dr. Durham, who presented four research papers on "Ectopic Pregnancies" at the symposium - the most by a single researcher - was awarded a special prize for her research.

Health Research Spurs Social Development

The findings emerging from medical data are a critical first step in leading to widespread social change and development and should never be underestimated, according to retired UWI medical professor, Sir Frank Ramsay.

Sir Frank, a modern pioneer in public health in the region who is credited with changing the course of malnutrition in Barbados, suggested that it was by gathering medical data and conducting on-the-ground research that he and his team were able to lay the groundwork for the establishment of what later became the Nutrition Centre in Barbados.

Sir Frank, who gave a recorded address at the UWI's 7th Annual E.R Walrond Scientific Symposium held at the QEH on July 20, framed the development of a cutting-edge culture on medical research that has now become evident at the annual symposia as one of the important precursors to advances in health and social development.

"What prompted me to pursue a public health malnutrition focus in Barbados in the 1950's was the shocking picture of infants suffering malnutrition I encountered over and over again," he said during his address. He acknowledged that malnutrition was

a highly controversial topic at the time in Barbados, but despite public outcry the subject had failed to gain the kind of traction that would lead to substantial changes.

"I felt nothing could be gained by attacking politicians," he explained. "By taking the road less travelled, I got nurses and nurse aides involved in research. We did that way back in 1956."

It was this 1956 research study in which Sir Frank and his team gathered data to discern the nature and extent of malnutrition on Barbados that gave the first clear picture of the devastating impact of the problem. Of the 3,394 children admitted to the hospital with preventable diseases in 1956, a significant percentage was suffering from malnutrition.

"After analysing the data, we decided something must be done," he said. "We wrote to individuals, organisations and politicians seeking funds."

Armed with credible medical data, Sir Frank and his team were able to successfully solicit thousands of dollars in funds as well as secure assistance from individuals eager to work with them. With assistance from Oxfam and the Ministry of Health, Ramsay was able

to extend his network into communities and eventually lead to the establishment of the Nutrition Centre. The continuity of care principle that Sir Frank and his team stressed and which laid the basis for modern day protocols in community health care is widely regarded as one of the most significant developments in modern day public health.

Remarkably, the germ of these developments all came from early medical research which Sir Frank suggested was continuing as strong tradition at the QEH through the existence of the Walrond Scientific Symposium.

Sir Frank, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth the II in her birthday honours list of June 2007, has received numerous accolades and honours for his outstanding career in medicine and as a UWI faculty member. Professor Harley Moseley of the SCMR staff praised Sir Frank as a medical pioneer and "a national hero of public health in Barbados".

"Sir Frank is the latest of our distinguished medical knights," he said. "He is one of the progenitors of modern medical practice in Barbados and he has made a tremendous contribution to public health in Barbados," Professor Moseley stated.



L-R: Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles, Antoinette Williams, PS, Ministry of Health and Dr. Jerome Walcott.

The first Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (CNCD) Registry in the Eastern Caribbean has been set up thanks to a four-year agreement between UWI Cave Hill and the Barbados Ministry of Health. The agreement was signed by Principal, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, and former Minister of Health, Dr. Jerome Walcott, in a ceremony at the Pan American Health Organisation.

The government has allotted US \$325,000 for the project, which will be disbursed in

Chronic Diseases Registry

two instalments; US \$85,000 for the launch of the project and US \$240,000 to maintain it for a year. The European Development Fund also allocated US \$1 million to finance the project for four years; PAHO will provide technical assistance, while the Chronic Disease Research Centre (CDRC) will conduct information gathering.

Dr. Walcott said the venture will serve to collect data and useful information, not just statistics, on "three of five leading causes of sickness and mortality among adult Barbadians". He also stated that, in essence, Barbados will be charting a new course for the management of CNCDs in the Caribbean and possibly the Americas. He added that at present there are 15-20 well-established registries of this kind in the world.

He spoke of the crucial role that the programme would serve through documentation of incidence, natural history and outcomes of cases of CNCD and stated that the information would provide a better means to effectively plan policies and programmes based on evidence.

Dr. Anselm Hennis, senior lecturer in Epidemiology and Director of the CDRC, Tropical Medicine Research Institute, University of the West Indies, noted that CDRC is responsible for developing, establishing and conducting work at the registry. Once research components are developed at the registry, he said, this will help to develop wider research areas at the UWI.

The registry is to be located at the CDRC Building in Collymore Rock, St. Michael.

Celebrating



This year marks the commemoration of six decades of regional integration, academic scholarship and societal advancement by the University of the West Indies as this region's premier tertiary education institution.

Celebrations of this 60th anniversary milestone were officially launched in Barbados on January 12 as the Cave Hill Campus received the honour of marking the official opening with an inter-faith service at the historic St Mary's Church in Bridgetown.

The service attracted members of the public, the diplomatic corps, the local business community and secondary school students who received the rare opportunity outside of graduation ceremony time to see a UWI academic procession in all its finely robed splendour. The silk-robed procession of University officials and the Campus' parade of administrative and academic staff and Guild of Students Council literally stopped traffic as they officially started the proceedings by walking from the nearby Jubilee Gardens into the stately Anglican Church.

Members of the congregation then joyously joined their voices with the mass choir combining the inspiring voices of the renowned Cavite Chorale, the University Singers and the Voices of Montserrat in a number of liturgical hymns. The service also included readings and hymns by representatives from the Hindi and Muslim community on the island. Once the service concluded, celebrations continued under a tent in the Jubilee Gardens as guests mingled to the



Sixty

UWI 60th anniversary celebrations launched in Barbados with an inter-faith church service and gala concert.



rousing sounds of the Royal Barbados Police Force Band.

Rounding out the weekend of launch activities was a gala concert at the Frank Collymore Hall on Sunday, January 13. The free concert packed the 491-seat Frank Collymore Hall with friends of the University who were thrilled to see featured performances by the

Cavite Chorale, the University Singers, the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica, Voices of Montserrat and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Chorus.

During the year Cave Hill will continue to host other events in celebration of the University's milestone, including public lectures, family days, symposia, sporting events and

open days.

For more information on the UWI 60th Anniversary, please visit www.uwi.edu/60, or contact the UWI 60th Anniversary Secretariat at uwi60thsecretariat@uwimona.edu.jm; or (876) 977 0014, Ext. 2525; or UWI 60th Anniversary Secretariat, Office of the Vice Chancellor, UWI Mona, Jamaica.

TWIN FOCUS

Respect for Self, Respect for Others



Kevyn (left) and Kevon Henry

They are both pursuing degrees in political science – and love politics. And they’re both on the Guild of Undergraduates at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI).

Yes, the similarities – and not just physical likeness – between identical twin brothers, Kevon and Kevyn Henry, are intriguing, fascinating even, as these outgoing personalities are arguably the most well-known ‘look-alikes’ ever to have attended this tertiary institution. Their prominence – individually and collectively – has risen with their election to the student body; Kevon as Guild President and Kevyn as Sports Committee Chair.

It’s Kevyn’s third year on the Guild and his brother’s second. It’s been an early taste of elective politics for the 22-year-old Barbadians and what they have quickly realised is that there’s a chasm between political theory and practice.

“A political science degree is more theory whereas this [being a guild councillor] is reality. Yes, it is leadership, but it is more a management position and I think this is true of any political post. I’ve come to realise that [what we learn in] political science and being in a political organisation do not necessarily correlate,” acknowledged Kevyn.

His twin – Guild President for 2007-2008 – concurred, so much so that, despite having studied politics since he attended the Barbados Community College and having planned on a career that involved politics, he is now considering a change after securing his Bachelor’s degree.

His new focus - most likely a Master’s in organisational management.

Kevyn too – possibly in that unique harmony some twins share – has decided to shift from politics and is considering a Master’s in international sports management or events management.

Already the brothers are carving out their respective management styles on the Guild. Interestingly, the current Guild has happily been devoid of the spectacular and heated clashes with UWI administrators which lit up the media within the past decade. Kevon puts it down to that seven-letter word made famous by soul-singing legend, Aretha Franklin: R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

“Being in the position, you have to understand, you have to believe that you are part of University administration. It’s down to your approach. It’s about having basic respect for people, then people will have respect for you – that goes for administration, students, for life in general,” reasoned Kevon.

This mannerly approach served the pair well as they fought on behalf of their constituents for longer opening hours in the Campus libraries, bookshop and student cafeteria, and for a more student-centred approach by the entire institution. However, the two admit the job is not over. There’s still some way to go in getting academic, administrative and adjunct staff at UWI to be more understanding in dealing with students.

Apart from a controversy-free Guild administration, the Henry brothers are also bent on leaving a legacy that convinces all those associated with the Campus that there is more to the Guild than wild partying. The two are working hard to be the first Guild to institute a model CARICOM assembly at the University. Patterned somewhat on the United Nations assembly model, the brothers see this as a major fillip to integration efforts across the Caribbean. The twins believe their model will deepen appreciation and understanding among students for the regional grouping and its CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) agreement.

As with every other Guild objective which they have worked hard to achieve, this project has led to sacrifices within their academic and personal lives.

"When you treat the Guild seriously, it becomes like a job or a business," noted Kevyn.

They have faced challenges of juggling their responsibilities while worrying about their ailing grandmother. Also, Kevon suffered a torn calf muscle and battled back-to-back bouts of flu and they have had to sacrifice their strict exercise regime as well as hockey, cricket, volleyball and lawn tennis. Ultimately, they have had to defer graduation until 2009 yet neither would do anything differently.

"I don't know if there's anything I would have changed. With everything we've been through it has actually paid off in terms of my personal development," said Kevon.

While he says that now, the former Guild Vice-President admits he almost didn't run for the presidency. However, like any good sibling, it was Kevyn who prodded his 'big' brother – older by a mere one minute and seven seconds (and Kevon doesn't let him forget it) – to go for it!

Eventually, Kevon jumped into the race and, with only six days of campaigning left in the two-week run-up to elections, the brothers pulled out all the stops to each win places on the Guild Council for another term, aided by friends who they insisted must be publicly recognised: Daniel, Keisha, Stacy, Kimmy and Lisa.

Contrary to their election campaign, the brothers stress this Guild is definitely not a two-man show. Drawing on their sporting backgrounds, the Henry boys believe in team effort, in respecting the input of every member of that team, and in being able to tap into individual personalities and draw out the characteristics that will best advance their mandate. While having your brother on the Guild Council with you might seem like guaranteed support, the two don't hold back on challenging one another if either feels the other is going down the wrong policy path.

"Sometimes it's harder for me being in the position I am in and having my brother on the council," said Kevon.

"I have to be careful not to seem to be pandering to his decisions and unfortunately that makes me seem like I'm reacting harshly ("Way too often!" interjects Kevyn). At the end of the day, you must be able to separate business from family and do what you have to do."

That's another of the legacies which they want to leave behind as they prepare to demit office in March 2008.

Kevon summed up their collective sentiments in the following way: "I want to be able to walk away from the Guild, hopefully, with people saying that I did well and that I left with my integrity intact."



Support for Kalinagos

The Cave Hill Campus has underscored its commitment to the region's Carib community with the provision of scholarships to the University of the West Indies (UWI).

Fourteen Carib students are currently pursuing undergraduate degrees at UWI's Barbados Campus and the University hierarchy has signalled plans to continue its educational and financial assistance to the Caribbean's first indigenous people.

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, says UWI is committed to the survival and upliftment of the Kalinago people, generally referred to as Caribs. They should be treated, he stated, with special pride and dignity as the region's "first-nation people" who bequeathed a legacy of survival and resistance to the Caribbean's enslaved populations.

"I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the University of the West Indies has taken a decision to help to rebuild that small population and, each year, Cave Hill Campus offers six full

scholarships to the Carib community of the Caribbean," he outlined in an address at the University.

"We now have 14 Carib students at the Cave Hill Campus. This is part of the effort to rebuild the capacity of that community."

In 2004, the Cave Hill Campus began offering six scholarships annually to the Kalinago communities in Dominica and St. Vincent for undergraduate studies. The policy has assumed special significance and resonance in the context of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). According to Professor Beckles, it is appropriate that this initiative has coincided with the advent of the CSME as it was the Kalinago who first showed that the region, as a common resource, can be politically managed as a socially-integrated community.

He noted that through its cadre of indigenous students, Cave Hill has sought to help the Carib community to empower itself via education and human-resource development.



Kalinago students on Campus

Sanford Upholding Fine Debating Tradition

Sanella Sanford continued the Cave Hill Campus' tradition of excellence in debating by wresting the top prize of 'Best Overall Presenter' in the 2007 Inter-campus Case Analysis Competition from rivals from the University of the West Indies' two other campuses, Mona and St. Augustine.



Sanella Sanford

The Faculty of Social Sciences student followed in the successful footsteps of various Cave Hill alumni who have excelled in debating internationally. Among these are, law students Conway Blake and Ky-Ann Lee (who created history by winning the 2004 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C) as well as another law

student, O'Neil Simpson, who was crowned the World Public Speaking Champion in 2006 at the World's Universities and Colleges Debating Championships in Dublin. Newly appointed Barbadian Senator, Damien Griffith, narrowly missed emulating Simpson's feat when he finished runner-up in the World Public Speaking Champion in Vancouver last year.

The inter-campus debates represent a new and more developed stage in the successful deployment of the historic Case Study Development Project established under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between UWI and FirstCaribbean International Bank (FCIB). The project was launched in 2003 to document the FCIB's experience in negotiating the complexities and challenges of the merger of the regional operations of CIBC and Barclays Bank.

The research, which yielded an enormously successful five-case series, provided the basis for the launch of the inaugural Case Analysis Competition at the Cave Hill Campus in 2005. The competition, sought to build and reward

the skills of UWI students in case analysis. In the first year of its launch, it was confined to the Cave Hill Campus, with the top three teams of UWI's summer course in Business Strategy and Policy engaging in animated and lively debates on the case 'CIBC-Barclays: Should their Caribbean Operations be Merged?' At the time, the FCIB which collaborated with UWI and funded the project, indicated plans to widen the competition's scope and to make it into an annual inter-campus and ultimately an international university event.

Student debaters in the competition are required to work in teams and present their cases in written format as part of their assessment, in addition to making oral presentations. The finalists then make their presentations before a distinguished panel of judges comprising banking and University experts. The Mona Campus team was judged the Overall Winners of the debates but Sanford distinguished herself to emerge as 'Best Overall Presenter'.

Improved Student Performance

Following its re-energised refocus on research in recent times, the Cave Hill Campus is already reaping major benefit from such efforts, with the number of PhD and DM graduates last year more than doubling that of 2006.



Sir Courtney Blackman (left) receiving his award from Chancellor Sir George Alleyne



Chancellor Sir George Alleyne with Dr. Nicholas Liverpool (right)

The number of students who graduated with PhDs and DMs leapt to 17 at the 2007 graduation held last October, up from seven the previous year. Whereas the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, with four, copped the lion's share of the 2006 higher degrees, last year, that honour was shared jointly by the Faculty of Humanities and Education and the School of Clinical Medicine and Research which each captured six.

Students also performed creditably at the undergraduate level with the number of First Class honourees rising to 93 last year, up from 83 in 2006. Similarly, 407 students gained Upper Second Class honours in 2007 compared with 315 the previous year.

All told, the Campus continued to increase its alumni exponentially with a further 1,555 students graduating last October compared to 1,455 in 2006.

They were joined at the graduation ceremony at the Garfield Sobers Gymnasium by Barbados' first Central Bank governor, Sir Courtney Blackman, Dominica's president, Dr. Nicholas Liverpool, Barbadian

businessman, Geoffrey Cave and Anguillan attorney-at-law, Dame Bernice Lake, all of whom received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

Sir Courtney, who spoke on behalf of the honorary graduates at the morning ceremony, encouraged the graduating class to always follow their dreams and to make meaningful contributions to the Caribbean through continued hard work. He paid special tribute to the female graduates, saying their dominance in numbers and graduating percentage was a shining achievement of Caribbean civilisation.

Sir Courtney also urged the graduates to pay special attention to his recipe of "P's": "Always put **p**eople first; conceive of a noble **p**urpose; infuse your endeavours with **p**assion, and **p**ersevere to the end."

Dr. Liverpool, who addressed the afternoon ceremony, called on the University to become more accessible to Caribbean students seeking higher education.

He observed that whereas a Bachelor's degree once guaranteed a good job, "today a degree is not what it used to be" given that "employers now have a greater number of graduates to choose from".

"You are about to cross the threshold to a more challenging world where the mere acquisition of a first or any degree for that matter will not automatically open doors for you," Dr. Liverpool told the afternoon assemblage, urging them to make education a lifelong enterprise.



Chancellor Sir George Alleyne with Dame Bernice Lake (right)



Sir George Alleyne presents award to Geoffrey Cave (left)



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Nobel and National Recognition For Nurse



The three UWI scientists whose research contributed to the work of the United Nation's Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore, former US Vice President). (From left) Dr. Leonard Nurse, senior lecturer, CERMES; Professor Anthony Chen, from Mona; and Dr. John Agard, senior lecturer at St. Augustine.

What's it like to be honoured with one of the world's most prestigious prizes and by one's country all in the same year?

Just ask Dr. Leonard Nurse, senior lecturer in the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) at Cave Hill. In 2007, he enjoyed the singular honour

of being recognised by both the esteemed Nobel committee and by the Barbados Independence Honours committee, for his sterling contribution to international research on climate change.

Last October, it was announced that the United Nation's Inter-governmental Panel

on Climate Change (IPCC) – of which Nurse is the longest-serving Caribbean member – would receive a Nobel Peace Prize in December for its contribution to the “ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming” through its scientific reporting. In November, this accomplishment was magnified by the announcement that the Companion of Honour of Barbados – the country's second-highest national award – would be bestowed upon Nurse for distinguished national achievement and merit.

Nurse is a graduate of UWI's Mona campus; Memorial University in Newfoundland; and McGill University in Montreal, Canada. His primary academic training and professional background are in the areas of coastal dynamics and processes, integrated coastal management and the vulnerability of small islands to global change. He has published widely in his field, producing many peer-reviewed articles in scientific and technical journals, several chapters in books and numerous technical consultancy reports.

Donor Accolades

Over 50 private and public sector benefactors from across the Caribbean and the world were honoured when Cave Hill campus held its second triennial Benefactors Awards Ceremony, which was held at the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination on February 27, 2008.

Under the theme: Building the Knowledge Economy and Society Through Partnership, the Campus honoured those institutions, organisations and individuals, whose extraordinary support and assistance over the past three years has propelled the ongoing academic and infrastructural transformation of the Campus.

Prime Minister, David Thompson, delivered the feature address urging benefactors to continue to work with the University of the West Indies, while pledging that Government would continue to meet all the tuition and related costs for Barbadian



L-R: Robert LeHunte, Managing Director, Barbados National Bank and Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles

students attending UWI.

Along with an unwavering commitment to higher education by the 14 Commonwealth

Caribbean countries, which have been the financial backbone of the University over its 60-year history, the Cave Hill Campus has managed to significantly reduce its reliance on government donations, thanks to the growing willingness by private sector companies in Barbados and the wider Caribbean to increase their support in terms of financial and other resources.

The Cave Hill Campus has received more than \$7 million from the private sector over the last four years to enhance its academic offerings for meeting national and regional demands, which has pointed to the University's strengthening alliance with corporate Barbados.

Sagicor, Barbados National Bank and Scotiabank have been the premium contributors with better than \$1 million each, while FirstCaribbean International Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Cable & Wireless Barbados Ltd and Almond Resorts disbursed more than \$500,000 respectively. Cave Shepherd, Barbados Shipping & Trading and Digicel Barbados have also contributed more than \$100,000 each during the four-year period.

Rewarding Teaching Excellence

University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Computer Science lecturer, Dr. Paul Walcott, is the 2007 recipient of the prestigious UWI/Guardian General Premium Teaching Award.

Walcott received the accolade on the night of October 10 in an awards ceremony, which saw him and fellow Faculty of Pure and Applied Science lecturers, Dr. Thea Scantlebury-Manning and Dr. Jeanese Badenock, in close competition for the recognition.

In handing over the award, chief judge Dr. Joy Mighty of Queen's University in Canada, said the decision taken by the three judges was unanimous given Walcott's all-round fulfilment of the judging criteria, especially his contributions to UWI's teaching and learning culture through use of information technology to assist his colleagues in enhancing their teaching skills.

The holder of a BSc. in Computer Science (first class honours) and an MPhil in Physics from UWI, and a PhD in Information Engineering from City University in London, Walcott worked several years in the computer industry in London before returning to Cave Hill to 2004 to teach.

He has published in the areas of image processing, computer vision, e-portfolios, faculty development, computers in education and e-commerce. He also has a keen interest in software engineering and Web-based tools for e-learning.

After receiving his award, Walcott praised Scantlebury-Manning and Badenock for their professionalism and intellectualism and expressed a sense of honour at being given the award. He added that teaching is a

L-R: John Jones, Vice President
Guardian General and Dr. Paul Walcott



challenging profession and often not given the appreciation it deserves; therefore, he felt good to have brought this level of recognition to a sometimes difficult job.

In pledging Guardian's continued commitment to the teaching awards and Premium Lecture Series, Vice President of the insurance group, John Jones, said the programme would remain an important component of Guardian's sponsorship portfolio. He said the lectures and awards were meant to serve as a two-pronged approach to enhancing the standard of education across all three UWI campuses. Jones added that the awards should be seen as stepping stones to greater things and he expressed pleasure that previous awardees

had gone on to receive the Vice Chancellor's Award, as well as international awards.

The award is exclusively for teaching and all relevant aspects of teaching such as developing structures and processes that help create an environment in which teaching excellence is valued and fostered, and linked to effective learning.

The UWI/Guardian General Premium Teaching Award alternates yearly with a Premium Teaching Lecture across all three UWI campuses. This programme aims to enhance the teaching process at the UWI, while offering recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of the regional institution's academic staff.



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Honours for Stellar Service

Collectively they've scored more than '100 not out' and they are still going strong 'up on the Hill'.

Last December, the University of the West Indies fittingly applauded four long-standing employees whose combined service to the Cave Hill Campus totals more than a hundred years. Each received the Principal's Award for Excellence in recognition of their dedication and exemplary work.

The foursome in the spotlight at the annual retiree and staff awards dinner on December 1 at Sherbourne Conference Centre were, Foreman in the Maintenance Department, Harold Boyce, Media Specialist with the Educational Media Services Unit of the Learning Resource Centre, Paul Gibbs, Librarian III, Jo-Ann Granger, and Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Campus Registrar, Laura Yarde.

Each year since 2005, the award has been granted to four staff members chosen from a list of nominees who are selected by peers, supervisors and managers. This year marked the first time that the administrative and technical category of staff – with three honourees – took the lion's share of this prestigious accolade.

Of the 2007 awardees lauded for their excellent performances, the longest-serving member of staff is Foreman in the Maintenance Department, Harold Boyce, who has been at the forefront of the Campus's transformation into a greener, more luscious and aesthetically appealing environment.

Boyce joined the Cave Hill family as a Temporary Gardener in 1970, but it was from 2000 that his talents really came to the fore as he was commissioned to "develop, upkeep, and maintain the grounds of the University properties through gardening and landscaping" as the head of the newly-formed, two-man Campus gardening unit.

The design and maintenance of the Biology Park, the new ficus hedges at the entrance to the Campus and the rehabilitation of the lawn area outside of Chemistry are all evidence of his touch, as is the new lily-pond garden under the escarpment near the Roy Marshall Teaching Complex.

Gibbs, another awardee, joined the UWI

Learning Resource Centre in 1980 and over the decades has played an integral role in bolstering the Campus' photo archives. A trained graphic artist, he plays multiple roles for the LRC – providing classroom audio-visual services, video and audio production, graphic design and production, and faculty training in teaching technologies. His output covers every area, from invitations and posters to programmes and tickets, brochures, banners and backdrops.

Now in her 24th year with the Campus, Yarde joined the UWI as stenographer clerk and Secretary to the Senior Assistant Registrar with responsibility for Student Affairs and has steadily worked her way up the administrative ranks.

Yarde, who now serves as Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Campus Registrar, has served as Secretary in that office, Executive Assistant to the Registrar, Office Manager and Events Manager until recently, assisting with graduation and other events. She has also served as secretary to numerous committees, coordinator of Guild elections and assisted the Guild in other capacities.

Rounding out the list of awardees is Librarian III, Jo-Ann Granger. A Trinidadian by birth, Granger first came to Cave Hill in 1988,

as a post-graduate student on a fieldwork assignment from the Department of Library Studies at the Mona campus.

So impressed was the then Librarian (now Librarian Emeritus) Michael Gill with her performance that when a vacancy for an Assistant Librarian opened, she was offered the post. She accepted and assumed duties in January 1989.

Granger played a key role in automating and amalgamating cataloguing, loans and reference in the Campus library and two years ago was made Head of Cataloguing and Library Systems. She is the brains behind the library's implementation of the online systems OCLC, VTLS and ALEPH.

Granger has served as President of the Library Association of Barbados, which she revived, helped to start the literary review discussion programme Book Talk on CBC Channel 8, represents the Cave Hill Library in many spheres, writes technical manuals and deputises for the Campus Librarian.

The achievements of these four outstanding staff members has been marked with the mounting of a framed photograph of them in the Campus' main lobby where it will remain for the next year among photos of other recent significant achievers at Cave Hill.



L-R: Paul Gibbs, Laura Yarde, Jo-Ann Granger and Harold Boyce

'SOBIE'



A review by Travis Weekes, a St. Lucian poet, dramatist and critic. He is currently a graduate student in Cultural Studies.

Even before seeing the play I thought that it would be no easy undertaking for any playwright, attempting to portray the life of a cricketer on stage. Not if the emphasis was going to be on his feats as a cricketer. How does one capture in the theatre, the spirit and energy of a great cricketer like Sir Garfield Sobers? How does one communicate that passion on the stage when one cannot show the action on the field? These were some of the questions I pondered on Wednesday November 28, 2007 as I sat to watch "Sobie" at the EBCCI.

point s/he may not be quite visible, but the voice is heard, clearly and sweetly. Then the drum rolls in response and the singer calls out again, this time, moved by the muse and dancing, appearing fully "onstage" in the yard. The singer would then break into his/story, but revert to the melody at intervals, goading the audience into learning the chorus. Quickly we would join in the singing and participate in the performance backed by the drummers. As the performance ends, we would have become owners of the narrative, and take it to the road. These are the roots of the calypso.

The choice of casting a calypsonian as the main character to play Sir Garfield Sobers was apt in more ways than one. Short of actually showing his game, it was perhaps the best way to attempt a display of the passion of a great cricketer like Sir Garfield Sobers. Music is excellent at releasing the spirit and expressing emotion. There were times when I felt that through his singing, Anderson Armstrong actually reached for the passion of Sobie. Armstrong's Sobie was quite affable though occasionally a little too pitiful. As the central character I thought he needed to connect more with audience. Let us see the eyes of the great Sobers.

Calypso and cricket are phenomenally ingrained within Caribbean society and the quintessential calypsonian emerges out of the belly of the folk and speaks for them as a great cricketer like Sobie also does. Sir Garfield



I suppose you can go the Shakespeare way, with great dramatic monologues (and dialogues) filled with poignant imagery that so stimulate audiences' imagination that they could almost experience the feats. But is there a place for that kind of theatre today? Would an audience, now so spoilt with video and film find any excitement in the imagination of events that could otherwise be re-enacted on the wide screen?

I suppose one could argue that there is always a place for storytelling. Besides we do have our own traditions in the Caribbean that are equally effective. Here we have such a rich heritage of storytelling that we can argue, that any good storyteller, once he/she latches on to the techniques of the West Indian oral tradition, can command the attention of any audience, in any age. The skills of the West African griots, who chanted the story of the tribe, must still be embedded in the gestures of our raconteurs.

Professor Beckles' decision to use the musical form of the calypso to chronicle the development of "Sobie" connects to the roots of our oral tradition. There is an excellent storytelling form called the Bèlè Kont that is threatened but nevertheless still practised occasionally in certain communities of St. Lucia. It is also a musical form. It is simple but effective. The singer utters the melody, that is, calls the muse. At this

Sobers is a black Barbadian who emerged from a poor community to attain the highest standards in international test cricket not only for himself but for all Barbadians and indeed all Caribbean people. He sang gracefully on the field and his voice was our voice. We shouted in a chorus of joy at each magnificent stroke through his career and we have become owners of his narrative. His/story made us owners of cricket. There is a delight in the personality of a great cricketer like Sobers. A light in the joy of a personality who developed out of the celebration of a Caribbean life of sea and sunshine and cricket in the road and cricket on the beach and cricket in the schoolyard. A light, too, in the celebration of a personality who developed out of the love of a family despite its absolute ordinariness and out of the love of his community despite its dispossession.

It was important for Beckles to ground "Sobie" in the historical context and he does so by showing the young cricketer's experience at the Bayland Primary School. The colonial context was set in the classroom of Mr. Dickens (Patrick Foster). Here the interactions between educator and pupil give an insight into the insensitivity of the colonial machinery to tolerate difference and its inability to spot talent that was not academic. Foster gave an excellent caricature of one of those rigid British masters who was brutal in the endeavor to pound the lessons from the motherland

into her subjects. We get a powerful impression of the pressures on a young Sobers to conform and of the idiosyncrasies of a rebel who channelled his resistance into cricket.

Sir Garfield Sobers is an important figure and "Sobie" is a significant play because it attempts to examine the complexity of its subject. For me, a young man growing up in the culture of cricket in the road, Sobers was always a hero. One sought to emulate his feats. Six sixes in an over; 365 not out and so on... Sobers was part of our boyhood fantasy. For my friends and me he had already achieved that mythical grandeur. After living in Barbados though one becomes aware of a local counter-narrative in some quarters and the controversies regarding the accordance of hero status to this extraordinary, ordinary Caribbean man. Can one who has been a patron of a rum-shop or a swinger of women ever be a hero? Shouldn't a national hero be an excellent deliverer of the Queen's English? These are important concerns of the



feminist and of the bourgeois.

There is a concerted effort by Beckles to humanize the hero and this he does by exploring his personal development. Young Sobers misses having his father whom he lost early but he is consoled by old black 'Dada' (Kenneth Lewis) who acts as a surrogate. The presence of Dada is important and the choice of an actor of the actual phenotype is crucial to foregrounding the emergence of the rising black working class of Sobers' boyhood. After Clement Payne and the riots, we were up and coming and couldn't be stopped. Lewis rises confidently to the significance of his role. The paternal intimacy comes across powerfully; the bold print of Dada's love on the script of Sobers life story is seen and felt when young Sobie wails and weeps upon Dada's passing.

Interestingly the play "Sobie" also explores the way in which three women play significant

roles in nurturing the development of the macho personality who would go on later to become a great cricketer. Young Sobers is guided and cared for by his strong Christian mother (Heather Corbin) who appears to understand and support his obsession with the game. He also receives immense support from Mrs. Honeywell (Kaye Foster) his art teacher who saw in young Sobie's dreamlike tendencies, the making of an artist. This is the second time I have seen Miss Foster on stage and I realise that part of her talent lies in an intensity of purpose that comes across starkly in her speech, movement and relationships on stage. She is convincing and this time portrayed a character in "Sobie" that was an excellent foil to the pomposity and insensitivity of Mr. Dickens.

Rosie (Indra Rudder) was delightful as the young sweetheart of Sobie. She played a character that was precociously flirtatious and sensual but somewhat naively so, thus complementing



young Sobers' own 'dangerous', prodigious interventions into the big-man cricket arena. It was clear though that in Rosie, Beckles wanted to portray woman as muse, inspiration and this was most evident in the second half of the play when Sobers emerges out of a depression only after he is able to interact again with Rosie. From then the action takes a leap and carries Sobers into the big game.

"Sobie" was meant to imagine the early cricket life of Sir Garfield Sobers. However, there were some choices I thought, that could have enhanced the cricket motif. I would have included more anecdotes about Sobers' feats and have the drunks participate vicariously in his success, with demonstrations of his moves. To enhance the cricket motif as well, I would have used the radio as a prop and have the drunks, Sobers family, or his schoolmates listen to selected games on the radio and draw the audience into the excitement.

The bar scenes appeared to be under-rehearsed and consequently underdeveloped as were those at Captain Farmer's residence. The choice of having Foster play the role of Captain Farmer, as well as that of Mr. Dickens may not have been a good one, particularly since the same Mrs. Honeywell had to interact with both characters. In contrast the scenes set in the classroom and in the Sobers household were the most developed and perhaps received more rehearsal time.

The set wasn't always effective. I felt that we were introduced to Captain Farmer's domain too late and that his domicile was set too far upstage. The scene of Dada's passing which happened there called for a little more intimacy and as audience one felt somewhat distant from an experience that required our emotional assistance. Armstrong's outpouring of remorse would potentially be even more believable had such an important scene occurred within closer reach of the audience.



Nevertheless I must confess that I quite enjoyed the performance of "Sobie". Technically all elements worked quite well most of the time. The music ran neatly and professionally, cues were timely and the melodies were a significant contribution to a pleasurable evening. This is a commendable effort by the Beckles/Hardlyde/EBCCI team. I can't help thinking though that "Sobie" is but an opening of what can be achieved with our national heroes. Beckles' theatrical interrogation of the life of the national heroes is important excavating work and as the narratives come to the surface one appreciates the far reaching potential for positive impact on the national/regional psyche. Let Sobers continue to rise, to star and if one day the government and people of Barbados invest in a film, about a people whose dreams found expression in the delightful energy of this great cricketer called Sir Garfield Sobers, then so be it;... Sobie...it.

Caribbean Cyberculture

Cave Hill lecturer Dr. Curwen Best has scored another literary first with a text which examines the impact of new technologies on aspects of the region's culture. *The Politics of Caribbean Cyberculture*, just published, has been cited as the first book of its kind devoted to Caribbean and western popular culture.

Published by international academic publisher Palgrave, *The Politics of Caribbean Cyberculture* covers significant new ground, examining the impact and imprint of new leading technology on a range of popular expressions. This technology includes the Internet, the computer, the cell phone, television, and radio, among others. Some of the specific expressions and phenomena treated include, tourism, big budget films, sports, video games, entertainment culture, religious and gospel culture, mobile culture, popular music, writing and technology, and pornography.

Best, who lectures in Popular Culture, Literary and Cultural Studies in the Campus' Faculty of Humanities and Education said of his new book: "This work responds to the realities



of our time. Although we live in a digital world, it is amazing how very little we know about it. Our lives are defined by our relationship to our machines, our companions, namely, the cellphone, television, computer, laptop, iPod, MP3 or MP4 player, Nintendos, videogames, wireless peripherals, etc."

"They aren't merely machines; they are our newest best friend. It is fascinating to think that 20 years ago most of these gadgets, common to us now, existed mainly as simulations, or fantasy in science fiction films. My book sets out to provide clearer understanding of the role and function of these technologies within our lives."

The Politics of Caribbean Cyberculture has already attracted the attention of two leading academics in the field – Wolfgang Schirmacher, Program Director of Media and Communications at The European Graduate

School, and Gregory Ulmer, Professor of English at the University of Florida.

Schirmacher said of the work: "The global impact of information technology is a fact, but what does it mean? Is it a story of coming together, or mere colonization; a multicultural success, or a cultural nightmare? This book investigates cyberculture from the viewpoint of Caribbean culture, a daring change in perspective. Instead of assigning blame it opens up potentialities – let the game of mutual influence begin."

Ulmer who sums up the book as "innovative and thorough" noted: "This study lays the foundation for a new field of scholarship."

The 250-page book is currently available at the University bookshop

Among Best's other works are *Barbadian Popular Music*, *Roots to Popular Culture and Culture @ the Cutting Edge* which argues that Caribbean criticism and the study of Caribbean culture needed to leap into the 21st century to respond to current and emerging trends within youth culture.

Revolution in the Caribbean

A book that seeks to apply legal philosophy to the perplexing issue of revolution in the Caribbean is one of the latest publications to come out of the faculty of law.

Kelsen in the Grenada court: Essays on Revolutionary Legality is a collection of essays written by Professor Simeon McIntosh, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the UWI Cave Hill Campus. It is a work on the application of the theory of revolutionary legality as articulated by Austrian-born legal philosopher, the late Professor Hans Kelsen to the trial that resulted from the 1983 coup in Grenada.

The work examines the main issue which occupied the Grenada Court during the Maurice Bishop murder trial, that of its own validity. According to the legal academic, the validity and constitutionality of the Court was challenged by the litigants, Bernard Coard et al. But the Court ruled it was temporarily valid under the Doctrine of Necessity and proceeded to convict the defendants and sentence them to hang.

Professor McIntosh challenged the Court's understanding of the issues in the case and attempted to show that on the proper application of Kelsen's theory of revolutionary legality, the Court would have avoided the embarrassment of declaring itself unconstitutional. He said the book demonstrates how major cases can be resolved by the application

of legal philosophy. "This work establishes the central importance of jurisprudence or legal philosophy to a sound legal education. It shows how, in certain cases, deep philosophical issues are engaged in the practice of adjudication". McIntosh also discussed the attempted coup d'état which took place in Trinidad & Tobago in 1990 but concluded that Kelsen's theory was not applicable to that case. He also touches on the recent decision of the Privy Council which ordered that the Grenada 11 (as they have become known) be resentenced.

Professor McIntosh noted that while the book will be required reading for students in the Faculty of Law, it should also be useful to those in other disciplines as well as to legal practitioners and judges. "It is also an academic work in political theory so students in political science and history who would be interested in revolution should also find it valuable," he said. "Grenada is one case in the Commonwealth where Kelsen has been discussed, but the book would be also relevant for students in other parts of the commonwealth."

The book comprises a collection of essays which were written by McIntosh over time and published in noted academic journals in the Caribbean and the United States.

'New Directions' in Higher Ed

If books could speak, then this one would likely have been chuckling with delight.

In its debut, before an audience of higher-education administrators from leading universities in the wider Caribbean – 'New Directions in University Education: Perspectives from the Developing World' – received stellar reviews and praise.

Edited by Elizabeth Watson and Dr. Jamillah Grant of the University of the West Indies' (UWI) Cave Hill Campus, this book – launched to coincide with the Campus' hosting of the Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) 7th Annual Conference last July 4-7 – won plaudits from an array of officials attending the summit. Among those applauding the work was ACHEA's first president, Gloria Barrett-Sobers, who called the publication a ground-breaking monograph that is a 'must-read' for anyone interested in higher education in the region.

It is a pioneering work that explores leading-edge trends and new developments in Caribbean higher education in the context of UWI.

"I wish I could adequately convey the excitement and interest with which I read this publication," said Barrett-Sobers, former University Registrar and Director of Administration of UWI. "This is particularly so because it is being launched by this conference and ACHEA has always been focused on documenting trends and good things and publishing them."

These "good things" include new developments, in Caribbean higher education and in emerging paradigms in higher education at UWI, which have been documented by contributors of the landmark literary offering.

Barrett-Sobers, who completed an exhaustive review of the book, shared her assessment with an audience of regional and international colleagues. Unstinting in her approval, she noted that the theme of the monograph was that the business of teaching and learning increasingly depended on teamwork across higher education. She lauded the book for containing powerful examples of this paradigm.

One of the editors and Director of the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at Cave Hill Campus, Dr. Grant noted, "This work explores a number of critical issues in Caribbean higher education. These issues should have considerable resonance with institutions, wherever they are located."

She explained that the publication was inspired by a desire to mark the signal occasion of the LRC's 21st anniversary at Cave Hill with a work of scholarly research. The decision to produce a work with this focus was also prompted by the dearth of literature on higher education in the context of UWI. The book, which comprises three sections – Globalisation and Higher Education, Curriculum Delivery, and ICT in the Caribbean – contains a series of peer-reviewed chapters by 11 contributors who have sought to capture the emerging paradigms in the UWI higher-education constellation. Since its publication, the book has won widespread acclaim as a powerful work which has broken new ground.

The book's ground-breaking nature is underscored by its distinctive pool of authors. Unlike works of a similar focus, which tend to be undertaken by academic faculty, 'New Directions in University

Education: Perspectives from the Developing World' includes eight librarians among its eleven contributors.

Dr. Grant noted that the call for papers was made across the three UWI campuses and she suggested that the response largely reflected the distinctive teaching-learning partnerships and trends developing at UWI.

"I enjoyed working with the contributors on this book. The chapters speak to a variety of issues and although located in the context of UWI higher education and praxis, it will be valuable as a reference point to higher education in general. This book is exemplary of the often unheralded scholarship being done at UWI."

The 220-page text, with a foreword by Cave Hill Principal and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, chronicles developments ranging from experimental approaches to teaching languages, the effectiveness of workshops for facilitating change, information literacy and information services in higher education and the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) video collection to using computer role-playing in teaching concepts and new learning models and case studies.

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Water taxi operators (WTops) are to be seen as crucial potential partners in managing the marine environment in the Grenadine islands if the distinctive marine resources of the area are to have a sustainable future, according to leading new research findings released by the UWI, Cave Hill Campus.

These findings emerged from a study entitled “A Livelihoods Analysis of the Water Taxi Operators” which was spearheaded by the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) and was authored by Cave Hill researchers Alexcia Cooke, Robin Mahon and Patrick McConney. The researchers, who sought to characterise the numbers and types of WTops in the Grenadines and determine their livelihoods assets (e.g. natural capital, human capital, social capital, physical capital and financial capital), livelihood strategies and vulnerability concluded that WTops use occupational multiplicity to cope with uncertainty and to take advantage of a wide range of opportunities.

Relying on earlier research findings by CERMES in 2004 that in the Grenadine Islands of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, water taxi operators (WTops) are major users of the marine environment, who transport visitors, locals and goods throughout the island

CERMES: Spearheading Research in the South-Eastern Caribbean

chain, contribute to the socio-economic well-being of the people of the islands, and could be significant environmental stewards, the Cave Hill campus researchers were able to analyse how their unique livelihood strategies could best be leveraged to assure their buy-in and collaboration in managing the marine environment.

According to the study's authors, efforts to engage WTops in stewardship and management as important marine resource users in the Grenadines through their day-to-day interactions with the marine environment, their use of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and fishing must accommodate these characteristics.

The CERMES-led research study is part of a broader research effort by the Centre aimed at engaging stakeholders in managing the marine environment of the Grenadines. The

ground-breaking effort by the Cave Hill campus researchers is underscored by the vulnerability of the area and its appeal as one of the region's natural wonders and major tourist attractions. A transboundary island chain which lies on the Grenada Bank stretching some 120 km between two sovereign nations - St. Vincent & the Grenadines, and Grenada - the Grenadines supports the most extensive coral reefs and related habitats in the south-eastern Caribbean. Marine-based activities are the mainstay of the Grenadine economy in which fishing and tourism are the major sources of employment.

This graduate research study is part of a project to enhance the capacity of WTops to play a role in environmental stewardship and to engage them in managing natural resources, including MPAs, noted the study's authors, who explained that to achieve this it was thought necessary to first understand their livelihood strategies.



CERMES graduate students in the Coastal and Marine Resource Management Stream, gathering data to produce a beach profile as part of a coursework activity.



CERMES biodiversity students being given a lesson on ethnobotany while on a field trip to Iwokrama, Guyana.



Students on the Managing Coastal and Marine Resources Biodiversity field trip to the Grenadines

International Demand for Banking Research

Over 4,000 copies of cases written by UWI researchers on the historic merger that formed FirstCaribbean International Bank (FCIB), were sold to international buyers, in a deal that exceeded the expectations of the parties involved and sharply redefined the possibilities for leveraging the value of future UWI research undertakings.

The sale, which was brokered by the University of Western Ontario's (UWO) Ivey Business School as a collaborative venture between that institution and the UWI, signalled the depth of international interest in the workings of the region's banking industry and the educational value of the research undertaken by the UWI researchers under the overarching leadership of the Cave Hill campus. The cases were all completed and published in collaboration with the University of Western Ontario (UWO) Ivey Business School and were sold internationally through Ivey Publishing.

In announcing the sale, which she described as "fantastic", Head of the UWI, Cave Hill Campus Department of Management Studies, Professor Betty-Jane Punnett, noted that the high number of cases sold in the relatively short time they were offered for sale startled

both institutions and far surpassed their expectations.

To date, 4,378 cases have been sold. The majority of these, 1400, were based on the case, *Information Systems at FirstCaribbean: Choosing a Standard Operating Environment*, while the second largest tranche, 953, was based on the case, *Harmonisation of Compensations and Benefits for FirstCaribbean International Bank*.

Also included in the five-part case series which the study yielded were CIBI-Barclays: Should their Caribbean Operations be Merged?; CIBC-Barclays: Accounting for their Merger; and CIBC-Barclays: The Marketing & Branding Challenges of a Post Merger Organization.

"Ivey (said) we would be lucky if they managed to sell a few hundred of them based on traditional practice and that furthermore, they were based on the Caribbean and may not appeal to international students," Professor Punnett noted in an address at the inaugural UWI and FirstCaribbean International Bank Inter Campus Case Analysis Competition, an inter-campus debate held earlier at the Cave Hill Campus.

The case study initiative, a component of the UWI /FCIB collaborative partnership which had first been formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding in 2004, pioneered case study research on the CIBC and Barclays Bank merger which later formed the basis of the Case Analysis Competition. The success of the project was rendered the more remarkable by the fact that this was the first time the Campus has embarked on a case writing undertaking of this nature.

"After we secured the rights to commission the cases, we had to rise to the challenge of case writing which none of the Faculty had done previously," said Professor Punnett. "I am happy to say that we were up to the task."

In addition to remarkable sales, the research documentation from the study has been developed into a full-fledged academic course for teaching at UWO and the Department of Management Studies with UWI.

However, the startling success of the case studies research project almost never happened. In what has become a celebrated footnote in the nascent history of the collaborative project between the two institutions, the UWI nearly missed the opportunity to conduct the research on the merger, Professor Punnett noted, which would have left an opening for the renowned U.S.-based Ivy League Harvard Business School which was waiting in the wings, and may have snapped up the opportunity.

Youth in "Follow Pattern" mode

The old intruding on the young may have new meaning for young males growing up in the Caribbean.

Many young males in the region may be following old 'scripts' of male behaviour that they feel obligated to follow as they search for an identity. According to Cave Hill lecturer and prominent philosophy scholar, Dr. Stephen Geofroy, who presented a paper at the Campus recently, these scripts are socially constructed and may have their basis in historically constructed masculine gender identity in the Caribbean and emerging contemporary patterns.

"These have importance as they provide the 'script' to which many young males feel obligated to conform as they engage in a search

for identity, belonging, and personhood," said Dr. Geofroy, whose paper was entitled 'Freedom and Caribbean Masculine 'Redescriptions'. "Some available frames of reference may be quite liberating while others contribute to oppression and an accompanying diminishment of life possibilities."

Geofroy suggested that particular gender roles have proven significant in the sphere of education: as a factor in male academic under-achievement and in the area of health as driving the epidemic of HIV. On the macrolevel, he noted that hegemonic masculine construction has been connected to an overarching patriarchy perceived as 'an ideology that exerts a profound influence on the structure of society' and imposes codes

that influence the life of categories of persons considered as 'other'.

He suggested the possibility of what he termed a 'centered self', and noted the importance of language and symbolic culture for what could be entailed in the path toward more liberating 'redescriptions' of masculinity for the contemporary Caribbean.

"...many young males feel obligated to conform as they engage in a search for identity, belonging, and personhood..."

Campus Embraces Mandate as Sporting Centre of Excellence

In the four years since Cave Hill Campus was given the responsibility to establish a Centre of Excellence in cricket, it has been enhancing its overall capacities in all sporting programmes.

Sports officials at the University of the West Indies (UWI) have underlined the Campus' intention to bolster its profile as a centre of excellence for the study and development of West Indies cricket, while simultaneously providing avenues for students to avail themselves of various sporting programmes. The launch of the revolutionary 30/30 Cricket at Cave Hill last July has brought cohesion to the cricket mandate and signalled the Campus' goal of carving out a distinctive niche as the premiere venue for night cricket in the Caribbean.

"30/30 Cricket is a revolutionary limited overs match which will bridge the gap between the ever popular 20/20 cricket and 50-overs game," explained Roland Butcher, the Director of Sports at the Campus. "It's a new form of competitive cricket which allows for the further development of cricket in the community."

Other cricketing developments include the entry of a UWI team into the Barbados Division 1 competition level, and the selection of the Cave Hill Campus as the site for the core operations of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) Academy for West Indies Cricket. This is being

supported by the Campus expanding its compound to promote cricket development and training.

In this respect, the Campus has been aided by its world-class advanced technical resources and physical facilities for cricket as well as the ability to facilitate special programmes that require research, advance scientific training, aptitude testing and response monitoring. Additionally, Cave Hill campus is the only university in the world to have a cricket studies programme which includes an undergraduate course in "The History of West Indies Cricket since 1800" and an "M.Sc in Cricket Studies".

While sports officials celebrate these developments at Cave Hill Campus, they are also welcoming the likelihood of increased student participation in the full range of sporting programmes offered by the University. Assistant to the Director of Sports, Steven Leslie, said the parallel mandates in sports at the three UWI campuses (Mona has a mandate for track and field and St. Augustine has a mandate for football) could enhance sporting programmes across the campuses and improve participation in the biennial UWI Games.

"Skillful management of personnel and resources must ensure that there is the creation of facilities and environments that will improve student participation in sports at all levels within the UWI," he noted.



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Checkmate for UWI's Howell!

A Cave Hill Campus student has shown that he has the right moves in beating local and international rivals to win a prestigious chess tournament.

Shamel Howell, the University of the West Indies (UWI) Board One player, was crowned the Barbados Chess Federation's RBTT Challengers Title Winner last year after outstripping opponents to amass a near-perfect score of eight out of nine points.

His success was all the more stunning given the fact that he is only a UWI junior and it is his first major victory. It was even more significant because it paved the way for him to be among a select group which represented UWI at the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships in December 2007.

Howell dominated proceedings from early and established himself as a favourite with calculating moves. He easily dismissed opposition in the early rounds and only received stiff challenges towards the end of the competition. His closest challenge for the title came from FIDE Master, Rupert Jones

of Papua New Guinea. The latter matched Howell's wins up until the fourth round but conceded defeat after only managing draws in successive rounds against Christopher Raphael of Trinidad and Tobago and an upset draw by Anthony Francis-Worrell of UWI.

In his final round, Howell was virtually assured of the title but nonetheless chose to forfeit an early draw for a decisive game. He only settled for a draw with his opponent Jason Paul of Trinidad and Tobago well into the middle game when no decisive advantage was apparent on either side. In final standings, Jones placed second on seven points followed by Trinidadian team-mates Raphael and Paul who shared third position on six points.

Assistant to the Director of Sports, Steven Leslie, said that though Howell had only played competitive chess for about three years, he is very talented and tactical and did not give his opponents much hope as he often took advantage of the slightest weakness in their positions.



Hockey Team bags 3 Trophies

The Cave Hill campus Hockey Team captured three trophies in the finals of the UWI Mona Indoor Hockey tournament held at the National Indoor Centre, New Kingston, Jamaica in January.

The 32-member squad won two silver and three gold awards and was named the most disciplined team of the competition which was held as part of the ongoing 60th anniversary celebrations being held throughout 2008.

Cave Hill competed in the Men and Women's Tertiary, and Men's Club event and emerged victorious in the Men's Tertiary event, while winning silver for the women's tertiary and men's club events. The Men's Tertiary Team defeated the University of Technology 4 goals to 1 from 5 short corners and 8 direct shots on goal to claim a final's victory. The women's tertiary team lost to long-time rival UWI Mona 2 goals to 1 in a rematch of their opening game where Cave Hill had won 3-1.

In the club event defending champions Raiders also avenged themselves, winning 4-2 against a Cave Hill Club team which had edged an early Day 2 victory against them by 3 goals to 2.

It was the Cave Hill hockey team's first attendance at the tournament and Cave Hill made an indelible mark of respect for themselves among

the other teams with opponents proclaiming their surprise at Cave Hill's momentum in each match and the seemingly advanced level of play. By the eve of the finals Cave Hill had won all but one match which had ended in a draw and was featured in Jamaica's Daily Observer and JN TV News.

The players returned home to compete in the mid-February UWI 8-a-side tourney and the Barbados Hockey League in March.

Leading Scorers

The UWI Club:

Colin Elcock (9) and Ryan Davis (9);

The Tertiary Men's Teams

Simon Craig (5) and captain, Shane Lewis (4).

The Women's Team

Captain, Jacqueline Pinder (2), Naila Saleem (2), Josanne Thomas (2) and Sasha Sutherland (2).

Cave Hill Secures More Top Coaches

The Cave Hill campus has continued to 'catch' top coaches for its cricket programme as the institution continues its quest to become a regional centre for excellence in that sport.

Veteran Barbados batsman and former West Indies player, Floyd Reifer, is among the latest additions to the University of the West Indies' (UWI) coaching staff, having been appointed coach/player for the Sagcor/UWI Cricket Team. The appointment which extends to Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) competitions boosts the Campus' professional coaching capacity.

Reifer, whose responsibilities include assisting in the formulation of a development programme for cricket at UWI and helping with policy-making for the team, has had a distinguished career in cricket as well as extensive training as a coach. He has vast first-class cricket experience, having played more than 100

matches at that level. He also represented the West Indies in four Tests and two One-Day Internationals. The highly-regarded left-hander holds a Level 2 Coaching Certificate from the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB). He has joined a team at Cave Hill that features top coaches, Wendell Coppin and former England Test cricketer, Roland Butcher.

The other UWI sporting programmes that boast top-tier coaching are track and field (June Rudder); volleyball (Corene Brathwaite); basketball (Derek Aimey); swimming (Simone Kirton) and football (Richard Forde).

Member of UWI's Cricket Development Committee, Steven Leslie, noted that Reifer's appointment was part of the Campus' drive to build its coaching capacity, as it seeks to provide a cutting-edge regional cricket programme that emphasises systematic physical and cricket skills training. This is



Floyd Reifer (left) and Wendell Coppin

coupled with an intellectual component that exposes cricketers to academic knowledge and research on the sport.

Future initiatives include plans for Cave Hill campus to be the site for the WICB Cricket Academy, a development which should enhance the University's reputation as the Caribbean's premier centre of cricket excellence.

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UWI Seize Sagicor Cup With Clean Sweep

The world's best gymnasts are not the only ones who can score an elusive "perfect 10".

Cricketers at the Cave Hill Campus completed the amazing feat of playing unbeaten throughout ten matches to lift the Sagicor General Super Cup at 3Ws Oval last November seizing the limited-overs championship now sponsored by the same company that underwrites the University of the West Indies (UWI) team. Also interestingly, UWI was captained by former Carlton skipper, Shirley Clarke.

Chasing 234 for victory versus an experienced Carib Carlton line-up, Sagicor UWI romped to a four-wicket triumph, with ten balls to spare, in the day/night encounter. It was a team performance, but most fans had eyes only for exciting 20-year-old, right-hander Nekoli Parris and 35-year-old left-hander Floyd Reifer who spearheaded the run charge.

It was the first time ever in the 33-year history of the 50-overs-a-side competition that any team had won all ten matches in a 16-team event. Even more astounding, it was just UWI's second season in the tournament. The gutsy team successfully negotiated their way through seven round-robin matches to reach the knockout quarter-finals before progressing



Sir Garfield Sobers (left) presents trophy to UWI/Sagicor Captain Shirley Clarke

to the semi-finals and then the floodlit finale. Carlton were contesting their sixth final, having won once in 1989.

Veteran Barbados batsman, Reifer cut and pulled his way to a dazzling unbeaten 78 (83 balls, 8 fours, 2 sixes) while the elegant Parris stroked a sparkling 93 (137 balls, 8 fours) that earned him Man-of-the-Match plaudits. The pair added 150 for the third wicket in 25.3 overs before Parris was run out.

"I was really up for this. I was in fighting mode and all the guys gave 100 per cent," said an upbeat Reifer, after the outcome was sealed.

Carlton's steady but hardly threatening attack posed few problems for UWI and the rout was more emphatic than the margin indicated with a few wickets tumbling after Parris perished.

The result left Carlton still searching for their first piece of silverware in almost 20 years, having last tasted success in 1989.

In Carlton's innings, opener Dale Richards again failed to carry on after a good start, falling for 60 (68 balls, 10 fours). Thereafter, the middle order flattered to deceive. Only wicket-keeper/batsman Carlo Morris offered any resistance, posting 61 not out off 78 balls with two sixes and one four. However, it was much too late and a target of 234 was never going to challenge a UWI team with depth in its batting.

Summarised scores:

Carlton: 233-6 in 50 overs

Carlo Morris 61 not out, Dale Richards 60, Vonrick Nurse 27, Kurt Wilkinson 23, Kirk Gibson 18, Nikolai Charles 17 not out, Marlon Graham 16; Liam Sebastien 2-26, Jason Bennett 2-42.

UWI/Sagicor: 234-6 in 48.2 overs

Nekoli Parris 93, Floyd Reifer 78 not out, Omar Phillips 30.

Man-of-the-Match: Nekoli Parris.



Victorious UWI/Sagicor Team celebrates with fans and officials



In the next few months, Cave Hill Campus will have the distinction of being the only place in the English speaking Caribbean where football can be played on artificial turf.

A FIFA regulation size field (105m x 68m) is currently under construction as part of the development of the 32 acres of lands at Black Rock donated to the Campus by the Barbados Government.

The field, which is expected to be ringed

New Football Field

by a state-of-the-art athletics track, is one of the many benefits being derived from a recently implemented amenities fee that students pay each year to cover non-academic costs for areas such as health care, career guidance, sports, entertainment, and some travel expenses involved in representing the Campus abroad.

Artificial turf, now officially accepted by the world governing football body, FIFA, is fast becoming the playing surface of choice among tertiary level institutions and as practice fields for professional clubs such as Aston Villa as it allows play for a longer time and is most suitable for the rigors of play at these institutions and clubs. There is very little maintenance necessary to upkeep an artificial turf; it requires no mowing, fertilizing or

reseeding as does natural grass, although it must be irrigated.

Some matches of the Under 20 World Cup held in Canada in 2007 were played on artificial turf which is dissimilar to that on which other sports such as hockey are played; it consists of artificial filaments of grass inlaid with silica sand and rubber so it has the feel of a natural grass pitch and little chance of causing skin abrasions.

Along with the construction of the field, the University is also seeking to have it certified by FIFA with a one star rating thus allowing FIFA sanctioned games to be played on the field, making it not only an important part of the University landscape but for the community at large.

B'dos & C.T. lift CARICOM titles

The 2008 UWI Caricom Football Tournament season came to an exciting end on March 7th, with Barbados fans enduring a bittersweet experience. The Barbados men's team was vanquished by the Combined Territories while the women's team overcame a strong challenge from Trinidad and Tobago to emerge victorious that same evening.

The consistency shown by the Combined Territories men's team during the 2008 competition was duly awarded with a 1-0 scorecard in a keenly contested final. A superb strike by Crios Freeman in the 34th minute of the game proved decisive in a game where the Barbados team was dominated by a more organised and drilled Combined Territories. A reply from Barbados seemed unlikely as claims to main ball possession, majority shots on goal and more imaginative play all belonged to the

Combined Territories side.

In contrast, the Barbados women's team beat Trinidad and Tobago 3-1. Linnel Pierre converted first for Trinidad and Tobago with a right booter in the 3rd minute. Barbados equalised in the 2nd half of the match when Ria Phillips scored in the 57th minute. Two further conversions came from Ashelle Forde in the 81st minute and Krystale Harvey in the 89th minute to secure the 2008 championship for the women.

The possibility of victories by these two teams had been signalled from as early as the round-robin stage of the tournament when the Barbados women's team and Combined Territories men each racked up a perfect record of three wins from three games.

While the Combined Territories men had a scare in their semi-final encounter with the

Trinidad and Tobago team, leaving the winner of that match-up to be decided on penalties; the Barbados women had a much easier time, decisively trouncing their Combined Territories opponents 8-0.

At the end of the tournament, as to be expected, the most valuable players were chosen from the winning Barbados and Combined Territories teams.

MVP Females: Tonia Jordan (BSA and staff member) - 6 Goals

MVP Males: Meeshac Alford (Combined Territories) GK- 3 clean sheets out of 5 games and many timely saves.



Action in the women's final (left) and men's final of the UWI CARICOM Football Tournament



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