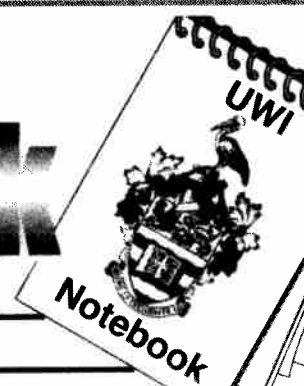


UWI Notebook



The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

Cave Hill establishes academic partnership with Disney

THE Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies, is the first university in the English-speaking Caribbean to establish a partnership with the Walt Disney World International College Programme.

A cooperative agreement negotiated by the International Office at Cave Hill with Central Michigan University, Disney's academic partner, allows students in hospitality management, business, marketing and the creative disciplines, to get university credits while they

participate in the competitive 6-month training programme, which attracts students from all over the world to Disney's Orlando headquarters.

Sir Hilary Beckles, Principal of the Cave Hill campus, observed that "the partnership with Disney and Central Michigan University is a core element in the development of an international network of strategic partner institutions, where Cave Hill students will be able to get first rate experience, to increase their competitive advantage in the global marketplace".

Dr. Sherma Roberts, Director of the Cave Hill Hospitality Management Programme and Dr. Anthony Fisher, Director of the International Office at Cave Hill, recently visited Disney to ascertain academic and programmatic details with Jeff Tasset, Team Leader, International Recruitment and John Sherry, New Market Development Leader, International Recruitment division of Disney.

The first group of UWI hospitality management students will begin their programme at Disney in May of 2010.



Tropical Horticulture Group visits Andromeda on Day 1 – May 26, 2009. (Photo: Ms. Lindsay Vyvey, BITS Programme Assistant.)

Cave Hill and McGill collaborate on Tropical Studies programme

AN international group of 12 students with diverse backgrounds constitute the first participants in the Barbados Interdisciplinary Tropical Studies (BITS) programme, a 14-week-long session, which began on May 25 and jointly coordinated by McGill University, the UWI Cave Hill Campus, and the National Conservation Commission. The programme was made possible by an MOU signed between all three institutions, and is a landmark agreement which will provide for collaboration in teaching, re-

search, and community service.

Dr. Danielle Donnelly, Programme Director, noted that "this summer programme is an activity-filled, hands-on study experience for students with an interest in international studies with a Caribbean flavour". Both Canadian and UWI students will be exposed to a wide range of agri-food-energy industries and related socio-economic issues in Barbados. Intensive course work is integrated with group project work and contributes to the formation of professionals with plan-

ning, managing, decision-making, and communication skills. Students enrolled in the programme take three courses co-taught by Cave Hill and McGill lecturers. They also participate in project work with local mentors in industry, governmental, and non-governmental agencies.

The programme addresses a global need for experienced international professionals capable of interacting with various levels of government, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector.

Eighth Caribbean Institute in Gender and Development begins today

THE influence of gender on disaster risk reduction and climate change will come under examination this month when the eighth Caribbean Institute in Gender and Development (CIGAD) is held at Cave Hill campus, starting today. These issues are among new topics for the July 2 – 31 programme, which include Gender, Population and Development; Economics of Health Disparities in the Caribbean: A Gendered Approach; Gender and Climate Change and Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction.

CIGAD (formerly the Summer Institute in Gender) is held every two years and is into its eighth offering as the signature outreach initiative of the Institute of Gender and Development: Nita Barrow Unit (IGDS:NBU), Cave Hill. First held in 1992, it signals IGDS' commitment to empower and develop linkages with national and regional institutions concerned with gender and development.

The latest programme has attracted 31 participants from 12 countries including France, Canada and ten within the Caribbean region. It focuses primarily on gender as it relates to numerous topical issues, and

features a number of scholars in gender. The group of resource persons serving the programme includes University faculty, policy makers from regional and international institutions, and active facilitators use tools of analysis to create solving mechanism demonstrate to participants interconnectedness of relations of gender and development issues.

Among this year's faculty are Professor Eudine E. E. Deputy Principal at Cave Hill campus and Professor and Public Policy, Dr. D. Trotz, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. Peggy Antrobus, CIGAD Feminist and Activist, is a leading academics featured in the programme. Professor Rhoda E. Deputy Principal of Augustine Campus, and head of IGDS:NBU at Cave Hill.

This year the Institute produced modules for those who cannot attend the week-long programme. These are Feminist Theories; Methodologies; Globalisation and Transnational Men and Masculinities.

Ninth annual E. Walrond Scientific Symposium

FOR the third time in as many months, local doctors and other operatives in the medical community will get an opportunity to either showcase their research or benefit from that of others being presented at a major medical conference.

On this occasion, the spotlight falls on the research activities of junior doctors at an annual event which is intended to facilitate the presentation of their original research activities, interesting cases and collated clinical data which are

relevant to the Caribbean region. Prizes are awarded to the most outstanding.

The opportunity was presented to the junior doctors at the ninth annual P. E. R. Walrond Scientific Symposium slated for 17th, 2009 in the Elizabeth Auditorium. The event is organised by the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences and the QEII.

Members of the public are invited to attend.