

UWIAA Florida Newsletter



New Executive Board Elected

The University of the West Indies, South Florida Chapter, your alumni association, elected a new executive board at the recently held annual general meeting on January 22, 2011 at Marcia's Café in Lauderdale Lakes. Rupert Rhodd was elected to lead the organization for the next two years, along with Ella Gooden (1st Vice President), Geli Eldemire (2nd Vice President), and Sandra Schrouder (Public Relations Director). Justin Peart will serve as secretary.

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of UWIAA, Florida Chapter,

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president for the next two years. On behalf of the new board, I would first like to express sincere and deepest appreciation to Margaret Barrett who served as president for the past two years. To maintain continuity, Margaret will remain as part of the new board as the immediate past president.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Donat Grant and Leon Roberts who served as Vice Presidents, and Reicland Anderson who was the secretary, for the past two years. I thank the members of the new board for the opportunity to work with such a talented group of individuals, and to UWIAA members in Florida, I vow to do my best for our association and alma mater.

As I look forward to the next two years, there is so much that I want to accomplish but that will depend on your support. I would like to see UWIAA Florida become more involved in community life in Florida, and also more involved in the growth and development of the University of the West Indies. I will be planning events that will seek to bring us together for fun, networking, and sharing of information.

I also want to complete the business directory of UWI graduates so that we will be able to recognize the vast pool of resources/knowledge in our group and thereby support each other in the marketplace. As is often said, "the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step", and I am using the single step of becoming your president to move UWIAA Florida forward. Members of the executive board will be calling you throughout the year to find out how you are and to solicit inputs from you for the development and growth of our organization and its members. As of today, you have my cell phone number (954-242-2529) and I expect to hear from you as to how we can move this association forward. Continue to support your alma mater and help to maintain the tradition of excellence in education.

Rupert Rhodd, Ph.D



President
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1st Vice President
Ella Gooden



2nd Vice President
Geli Eldemire, JD



Public Relations
Sandra Schrouder, Ph.D



Immediate Past President
Margaret Barrett

Birthdays for January and February 2011

Birthday wishes to the following UWI graduates and peace and prosperity in the years to come

Ella Gooden	January 10
Donat Grant	January 10
Leon Roberts	January 28
Reicland Anderson	January 31
David Smith	February 8
Errol Thompson	February 28

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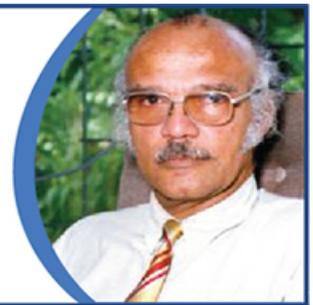
Annual Dues

Please remember to mail your annual dues of \$25. The address is

UWIAA, Florida Chapter
P.O. Box 970313
Coconut Creek, Florida 33097

The dues that you pay help the association to meet its recurring expenses and annual contribution to our alma mater for scholarships and financial assistance to students.

REMEMBERING
PROFESSOR EMERITUS
A. "RALPH" CARNEGIE
NOVEMBER 6, 1936 - JANUARY 7, 2011



The University of the West Indies community is deeply saddened by the loss of distinguished legal scholar and UWI Professor Emeritus A. Ralph Carnegie who died on Friday, January 7, at age 74. His death followed a brief period of hospitalization after he had suffered a heart attack. Carnegie died on Friday, January 7, 2011 at age 74. His death followed a brief period of hospitalization after he had suffered a heart attack.

Jamaican-born Carnegie was a History graduate of the University College of the West Indies, from which the UWI evolved. He studied law at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, earned First Class Honours in Jurisprudence and distinguished himself early as an academic. He later joined Cave Hill as one of the two founding Professors of Law when the Faculty of Law was established in 1970. He would go on to serve the UWI for well over 40 years, holding his chair for 36 years.

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UWI, Mona Tops Public Speaking Competition at World Universities Debating Championships

The University of the West Indies (Mona) student Krystal Tomlinson copped the top prize in the Public Speaking Competition of the World Universities Debating Championships held recently in Botswana. She was one of four UWI, Mona students who went to the represent the institution. The other members of the team are: Ricardo Brooks, Jarred Brewster and Tashna Edwards.

Public Speaking is an individual competition at “Worlds” and is generally a grueling exercise consisting of several rounds with competitors from approximately 200 premier higher educational institutions across the world. After three days of intense encounter, Tomlinson along with team mate Ricardo Brooks advanced to the final, securing two of the nine coveted spots; first and fourth, making them the only pair from the region to achieve this to date. Tomlinson defeated competitors from renowned institutions such as Harvard, Cambridge, Cornell and Oxford.

While the achievement is unprecedented for Mona, Tomlinson follows a long line of debaters such as Danielle Archer (2001), Roger Bent (2005) and Oneil Simpson (2006) who have made their mark in the same event. Tomlinson collected her award at the Gaborone International Conference Centre on January 3, 2011. Mr. Carlton Lowrie, Acting Director of Student Services and Development, UWI, Mona who coached the team also accompanied them on this occasion. The team returns to Jamaica on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Krystal Tomlinson is a final year student pursuing a major in International Relations in the Faculty of Social Sciences. She also serves on the Guild of Students as the Social Sciences Representative.

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The Central Executive Committee Meeting to take place in Jamaica

The Central Executive Committee Meeting of all UWI Alumni Association Presidents will take place in Jamaica on February 26, 2011. The Institutional Advancement Division's Alumni arm is responsible for hosting the annual meeting and the Director of Alumni Relations, Mrs. Celia Davidson-Francis will share reports and recommendations from the alumni at the University Council meeting in April 2011.

The aim of this meeting is to help determine how best the Chapters can assist in the growth of our Alma Mater, the University of the West Indies. An important item on the agenda is assistance for current students of the University of the West Indies. We welcome contributions for scholarships or any other areas. I am hoping to make a presentation on behalf of the chapter at the meeting and need your help. Call me at 954-242-2529

Rupert