

# NCU President Headlines August 4 Alumni Day

**H**erbert J. Thompson is a graduate of Northern Caribbean University (NCU), formerly West Indies College, Mandeville; La Sierra and Loma Linda Universities, California; and the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, where he earned the Ph.D. in Biochemistry.

Dr. Thompson has served NCU and the wider community for the past 24 years in varying capacities. He was chair for the Division of Natural Sciences, Vice President for Student Affairs and since 1990 has been President of the institution.

In the wider community, his influence has been broadened by his involvement in organizations such as:

- Bank of Nova Scotia (B.N.S.) Jamaica Ltd., Director
- B.N.S. Building Society Board, Deputy Chairman
- University Council of Jamaica (U.C.J.), Member
- National Commission on Science & Technology (N.C.S.T.), Commissioner
- Joint Committee for Tertiary Education, Past Chairman & present member
- U.W.I. Diabetes Outreach Programme (U.D.O.P.), Mid-island Coordinator

- U.W.I. Biochemistry Department, External Examiner
- C.V.M. Television, Board Member
- Rotary Club of Mandeville, Member
- Electoral Advisory Committee, Independent Member

He has also been the recipient of various awards and accolades including Boss of the Year for Manchester in 1991 and the Governor General's Achievement Award for Middlesex in 1999.

Dr. Thompson is an industrious administrator, educator, scientist, and experienced motivational speaker who has presented several papers locally and overseas on the management and treatment of Diabetes Mellitus.

His autobiography, *Rural Gumption*, was launched at King's House on January 4, 2001.

Because Dr. Thompson is keen on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, he adheres to an exercise programme of jogging and playing tennis and golf. He is also deeply grounded in the strength of his spirituality, and so he serves the Northern Caribbean University Church as an elder.



**NCU President Dr. Herbert J. Thompson will be the keynote speaker at the 2001 Alumni Day.**

Dr. Thompson is married to the former Avery Douce. Together, they have two children, Dianne and Kamulah.

# President's

## Message



Your presence here on this holy and "August" day is not only a delight, but *envision* Heaven is reverberating with joy and praise because our primary goal and purpose here is to magnify and glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ. I therefore extend welcome and warm greetings to all on behalf of the North Orlando Chapter. We rejoice that you have arrived safely and together we all can thank God for His bountiful blessings.

It is apropos to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee for its unflinching commitment and arduous work throughout the year. To you, the members and friends of the Orlando Chapter of the NCU Alumni Association, we register our profound gratitude for your endless, tireless, and magnanimous support to the university and this association.

With God's help, the fiscal needs of the university are being challenged. There are young people from various nations and backgrounds who are desirous to be nurtured and educated in a Christian institution and are encountering grave odds. Their visions are being thwarted by the lack of support, and I pray that our presence here today can significantly and positively make an impact. "*Happy are you who cast your seed upon all waters...*" (Isaiah 32:20).

Please be mindful of the activities and plans of this chapter. Detailed information can be had at the general meetings, and dates are outlined in your communiqués. While we worship, be reminded of God's word...*the least you have done to these you have done it unto Me.*

—Pastor Olinto L. Groce

# Impressions of NCU

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon on March 23, 2001 when we arrived in Mandeville. After a scrumptious lunch at the Tai Business Center, we went about our tour of this much talked about institution. The grounds were breathtaking. The view was stunning. The buildings seemed to glisten. The air resounded with voices and music in preparation for the Sabbath. The faculty, staff, and students were warm and very hospitable. We felt welcome.

As we toured the campus, an indescribable mystique came over us...we had finally arrived at the place we had heard so much about, and the half had not yet been told. Our tour guides showed us the various buildings,

but we were told the best was yet to come. We met a few friends who were teaching at the University. Exiting the radio station, we were taken to the most prominent spot on campus, "The Seat of the Scornful". Like others before us, we were there inducted in to the NCU Hall of Honor.

What a wonderful experience we had that day...to actually stand on the grounds of this great institution that has touched and changed the lives of so many people. God bless you, NCU. Our support and prayers are with you. May you continue changing and reshaping lives until Jesus comes.

—Pastor & Mrs. Carl E. Ware Sr.  
Pastor, North Orlando SDA Church

## H A P P E N I N G S

### Congratulations Graduates

#### High School

Leslie Daley  
Dania Davy  
Jasmine Garcia  
Trevonna Gibbons  
Olecia Gordon  
Calvin Josaphat  
Andre McLean  
Marika Miller  
Courtney Reid  
LaTonger Salmon  
Rick Salmon  
Andrae Smith  
Terrel Williamson

#### College/University

Ian Cameron, A.S.  
Michelle Cameron, B.S.  
Tammara Davy, J.D.  
Keniesha Francis, B.S.  
Rena Grant, B.S.  
Stefanie Miller, A.A.  
Riley Nelson, Ph.D.  
Shawn Smith, J.D.  
Anjanene Ware, B.S.

### Wedding Bells!!

LaSandra English & Clayton Alves  
Lecia Davy & Trevor Hoskins  
Dr. Christopher Richards & Vanda Magloire  
Marlene Peters & David Lawrence  
Michael Peters & Khastus Gordon

### Upcoming Events

Annual Banquet on December 9, 2001.  
Guest Speaker will be Alan Chastain, President, Air Jamaica.

### We said Goodbye to

Mrs. Myrtle Bowen  
Mr. Septimus Bowen  
Pastor C.S. Greene  
Mrs. Annabelle Nebblett  
Dr. Alwin Parchment  
Dr. Silburn S. Reid  
Mr. David Smith  
Mr. Ralphas Williams

### Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Davis  
Mrs. Cynthia Duncanson  
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Greaves  
Pastor & Mrs. Cleveland Holness  
Mr. & Mrs. Melbourne Palmer

### Congratulations

to Pastor H. S. Walters on the conferral of a Doctoral Degree from NCU.

## NewsNotes Staff

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# Alumni Day 2001 Honorees



**Elder and Mrs. Roy Williams**

**Pauline Mapletoft Williams** nee Burke was born on May 21, 1920 in Kingston, Jamaica to Aubrey Mapletoft Burke and Amy Ann Burke nee DePass. Pauline was the fifteenth child in the family.

Pauline received her early education at Miss Sutherland's School, St. Andrew, Jamaica and through Home Study. She earned her 12th Grade Diploma at West Indies

College, Mandeville, Jamaica in 1940, and did further studies at Mexico City College, Mexico (various years); Andrews University, 1965 and 1966; and West Indies College, 1968-1970.

Pauline was married to Roy Francis Williams on January 25, 1942 in Colon, Republic of Panama. She found her calling in teaching, and had a private elementary school in her home at Colon, Republic of Panama for several years. Later she taught at Panama Industrial Academy, 1946-1949; Pan-American Workshop, Mexico City,

1952-1968; West Indies College (Secondary School), 1968-1970. She served as Director of the Pan-American Workshop English School for several years. Pauline worked as a proofreader at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Maryland from 1970 to 1983.

**Roy Francis Williams** was born on Au-

gust 17, 1921 in Mexico City, Mexico to Emsley Karl Williams and Beatrice Rosalind Robinson Williams, missionaries from Jamaica to Mexico.

When Roy was five years old, he accompanied his parents on their return to Jamaica. He received his early education at Miss Zona Facey's School near Cross Roads, Kingston, Jamaica. Later schooling included: Junior Cambridge, Jamaica College, 1935; Junior College, West Indies College, 1940; B.A. Accounting, Mexico City College, Mexico, 1956; and M.B.A., Andrews University, 1966.

Roy was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in Mexico City on January 21, 1961.

He was married to Pauline Burke of Kingston, Jamaica on January 25, 1942 in Colon, Republic of Panama. They served as workers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Panama, Mexico, Jamaica, and the United States. Roy's work was in the Treasury line until 1970 when he was elected as an Associate Secretary of the General Conference of SDA. The family resided in Beltsville, Maryland from 1970 to 1985 when Roy retired, and they moved to Deltona, Florida. In Deltona, Roy served as Associate Pastor of the Deltona/Deland District from 1986 to 1989.

The Williams have three children: Thelma, Chester, and David; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

## Sincere Appreciation To...

**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scarlett and Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Campbell, for their support of the Association over the years.**

Mr. Richard Scarlett and his wife Beverly came from New York to the Orlando area in 1989. In 1990, they established the West Town Travel Agency at 340 South State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. West Town is a full service travel agency that provides a wide variety of services to travelers.

From the outset, Mr. and Mrs. Scarlett found the venture challenging, but they have endeavored to maintain quality service for their customers. They seem to be always seeking for ways to make travel affordable and convenient for their patrons. Mrs. Scarlett became a member of the North Orlando Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1998 and continues to worship and share in fellowship with the



**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scarlett**

members there.

The NCU Alumni Association, Orlando Chapter is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Scarlett for their constant support.

Everyone appreciates their

enthusiasm in helping the association achieve the goal which it hopes to accomplish on behalf of students in the community.

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# University News

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## **New Alumni Relations Director**

Pastor Patrick George Smith, former Assistant Professor of Communication and English has served 14 years at NCU.

A valedictorian of Ardenne High School and West Indies College, Pastor Smith is a much sought after motivational speaker. He has also published six textbooks.

His objectives as Director of the department include:

- Building the alumni data through a keep-in-touch book
- Creating a Young Alums organization
- Publishing a Devotional: alumni stories
- Increasing the number of scholarships and gifts to the university

## **Alumni Electronic Addresses**

**E-Mail:** [alumnirelations@yahoo.com](mailto:alumnirelations@yahoo.com)

**Web:** <http://www.ncu.edu.jm/alumni/home.htm>

## **About the Student Body**

Since the birth of NCU, enrollment has almost doubled, to just over 3,000 students from more than 40 countries and on three campuses. There are over twenty undergraduate programs in four colleges:

- The College of Arts and Sciences

- The College of Business and Information Sciences
- The College of Education and Religion
- The College of Continuing and Professional Education

In 2000 Masters degrees in Business, Counseling, Biology, Religion, and Education as well as a doctoral program in Education were launched.

The facilities are bursting at the seams. There is urgent need for new student housing, and the completion of several projects that have been in planning for some time.

## **NCU President Publishes**

NCU President Dr. Herbert Thompson has written a 344 page autobiography titled *Rural Gumption*. Balford Henry, in the Sunday Gleaner of February 11, 2001 titled his article on the book "A Powerful Tale about Struggle and Success".

He wrote: "Dr. Herbert J. Thompson, president of Northern Caribbean University formerly West Indies College recently embarked on what might be his most ambitious national assignment when he was named as a member of the Government's Electoral Advisory Committee.

"It must be timely, therefore, that he has chosen to release his latest book - a motiva-

tional semi-autobiographical work providing an expert look into the past of one of Jamaica's most courageous achievers and a rare role model at this time."

In *Rural Gumption*, he takes us through some unforgettable experiences, growing up in rural Manchester, struggling to make it through high school and college, and eventually achieving his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of the West Indies in 1990.

On August 4, 2001 at 8:30 p.m., Dr. Thompson will present his book to Florida residents at a book-signing at the North Orlando S.D.A. Church.

## **NCU and Oakwood College...**

...are involved in an outreach program to Kingston's Inner City.

## **Government Launches Pilot Work/Study Program**

On April 26, 2001, Prime Minister P.J. Patterson announced a \$50 million Work/Study Program that will see needy students in tertiary institutions earning up to 30 percent of their tuition fees. Sounds familiar? Well, personnel from NCU are working with the government committees which are mandated to set up the program.

## **Sincere Appreciation continued...**

Jeffrey Campbell received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Central Florida in 1987. Since 1990, he has owned and operated the Jeffrey B. Campbell State Farm Insurance Agency of Winter Park. He is currently a member of the SF's Executive Committee for emerging markets.

Jeffrey is also a partner in a new L.L.P. that is working to help to redevelop parts of downtown Orlando.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Winter Park Y.M.C.A., the Gathering of Men USA, and the Greater

Orlando Leadership Foundations. He has also worked with middle and high school students as a mentor for the Orange County Schools Compact program.

Jeffrey and his wife Monica have been married for 15 years and are the proud parents of two beautiful children... Jasmine (8), and Jeffrey (5). Jeffrey and his family are dedicated members of Carter Tabernacle C.M.E. Church where he enjoys singing with the Men's Chorus, leading small group studies on marriage, and working with the Stewardship Ministry.



**Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Campbell**