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Administration

VISITORS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

At the request of the director, President Richards appointed a committee of visitors for the purpose of reviewing the structure and programs of the Institute. The Committee comprises:

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| Mr. Phillip Gerard | Businessman (St. Croix) and member of CRI Consultative Committee |
| Dr. Burkart Holzner | Director, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh |
| Dr. Vaughan Lewis | Director, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of the West Indies |
| Dr. Ronald Linsky | Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad & Tobago |

The Committee is expected to convene on March 1.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE INITIAL MEETING

Earlier in the year it was decided to replace three Institute advisory committees with a single Consultative Committee comprised of persons in the community conversant with or interested in the three research areas with which the Institute is concerned. The initial meeting was held in December and attended by Mr. Phillip Gerard, The Revd. Cannon Julian Clarke, Mr. Ed Phillips (Social), Dr. Darshan Padda, Mr. Glen Rothgeb (Water), Mr. Joseph Cabannis, Dr. Robert Brander (Ecology). Senator Ruby

Simmonds and Attorney Samuel Hall were unable to attend. It is hoped that the group will serve as a "sounding board" for Institute programs, contribute advice from the public viewpoint, and with an understanding of what is being done, give support to our efforts in the community.

INAUGURATION OF CRI
ST. CROIX OFFICE

The CRI branch on the St. Croix campus was officially inaugurated on November 27th, and Dr. Jones-Hendrickson who was assigned to that office set up an exhibition comprised of publications from CRI. The media covered the event and Drs. Harrigan, Mills and Jones-Hendrickson appeared on local television to talk about CRI, its programs and purpose. An "Ideas and Issues" convocation was attended by students from the college community as well as the general public at which the participants were acquainted with what CRI has to offer, where it is going in research in the Virgin Islands and Caribbean area and its hopes for the future.

DIRECTOR AND CENTER
HEADS IN WASHINGTON

On October 5th, a CRI team comprising Dr. Harrigan, Director, and the three heads of Centers, Drs. Jones-Hendrickson, Canoy and Champney went to Washington on a familiarization and funding exploration mission. This trip was deemed necessary in light of reduced budgets and the fact that many of the contacts that the professional staff had made during the previous administration were no longer in office. Visits were made to the following Agencies:

Department of the Interior (The Office of Water Resources and Technology, National Park Service, Office of Territories)

Department of State (U.S. Agency for International Development, The Information Office)

Department of Education (Office of Black Concerns, Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation)

Virgin Islands Delegate's Office

Also visited were the following Organizations and Institutions:

The Phelps Stokes Fund, Consortium for International Cooperation in Higher Education and the National Council of University Research Administrators, the International Council on Education for Teaching and Howard University.

The goals of the trip were achieved in that the mission of the Institute, its programs efforts and its need for assistance were explained to all the agencies with which the CRI team came in contact. Through these contacts they were able to discern such avenues that remain open to the Institute and this will form the basis of CRI's new approach to obtaining financial and manpower assistance to strengthen and continue programs here.

TYPING RESEARCH AND
TERM PAPERS WORKSHOP

A workshop entitled "Typing the Research Paper" was conducted October 16th for Institute staff and College personnel by Dr. Pearl Varlack who was on special assignment to the Institute. Twenty-five persons participated in the workshop which focused on the American Psychological Association's (APA) style of typing research

and term papers. The concensus of the group was that the experience has been valuable and that other workshops of this kind should be arranged.

CRI HOSTS WORKSHOP SPONSORED
BY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CRI was host to a workshop on Research/Resource Management sponsored by the V.I. National Park Service, coordinated by Dr. Noel Pachta, Superintendent of the V.I. National Park Service and Dr. Robert Brander, Research Biologist for the National Park. They were assisted by Mrs. Brown-Comment of CRI. The workshop was held on November 18th and various resource management agencies from Puerto Rico, the Mainland as well as the Virgin Islands participated. Drs. Harrigan, Canoy and Champney represented CRI and indicated the areas in which CRI could be of help. The objective of the meeting was to gather input from the various agencies on the necessity for a Virgin Islands Research/Resource Management Cooperative. The objectives of the Cooperative would be to establish a V.I. Resource Management Co-op for the purpose of providing coordinated research, extension and educational support of programs to achieve full benefits of island forests, wildlife, marine environment and historic areas and their associated resource for their cultural, social, commercial, economic and recreational utilization and enjoyment. The V.I. National Park Service will continue to provide the interim secretariat for the proposed cooperative and will prepare the initial framework of the cooperative.

INSTITUTE TACKLES CRIME
RESEARCH PROJECT

At a December 16th meeting, a study group on crime comprising an economist (Dr. Jones-Hendrickson), sociologist (Mr. Reovan), statistician (Dr. Mills), psychologist (Dr. Banks), educationist (Dr. Varlack), social worker (Ms. Belle), political scientist (Dr. Harrigan), from the college community was convened to discuss various ways of structuring a research project. The consensus was that a conference per se would not be a productive way to deal with the problem and that the focus should be on causes rather than symptoms. It is therefore, proposed to conduct an indepth study of the society in relation to the growing crime situation. Having regard to the fact that all the participants are full time college personnel and that no funds are yet available the project is not seen as a short term effort.

Ecological Research Center

VIERS HOSTS DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION TEACHERS

The Ecological Research Center (ERC) hosted at VIERS, an Environmental Studies Workshop for the Department of Education. This is a follow-up of the Environmental Program initiated between CRI's Ecological Center and local public school teachers in May of last year. Twenty involved persons spent two days at VIERS participating in lectures, slide shows and field trips centering around the construction and operation of an island wide K-12 integrated curriculum for Environmental Studies using local sources. A decision was made to pursue this option and to experiment with working VIERS use into the programs where possible. The Workshop was planned and coordinated by Kingcess Whiteside (Virgin Islands Department of Education) and Pat Mortensen (Virgin Islands National Parks Service) with Dr. Canoy and the VIERS Staff.

ERC DIRECTOR ATTENDS
WIND POWER CONFERENCE

Dr. Michael Canoy, Director of ERC, attended the Conference of the Association of Caribbean Universities (UNICA) as the CVI delegate to the Science and Technology Commission. The meeting was held on December 6-9, in Barbados and focused on the problems and potential for Wind Power development in the Caribbean.

The group of eighty persons from most Caribbean nations, as well as U.S. and European observers, agreed that wind power is a great potential resource for the Caribbean but stressed the need for local data and development of small systems adapted to the stressful local conditions. The group further unanimously passed a resolution asking UNICA to

- 1) promote the establishment of an arm of the Consortium to operate a Science and Technology Program Unit,
- 2) to operate a regional data bank,
- 3) to plan field research and development projects,
- 4) to aid members in seeking funding.

These points were viewed as the necessary first steps in Regional Autonomy in Research and Development.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
PARK PLAN IN SECOND PHASE

The initial steps for Marine Parks plan unveiled in Tortola at the Eastern Caribbean Natural Area Management Program (ECNAMP) meeting in mid spring of last year has been inaugurated. The research project of the British Virgin Islands Parks and Protected Areas Project is being funded by the Jacksons Hole Preserve Inc., through its subsidiary, Caneel Bay of St. John and will be executed by the Eastern Caribbean Natural Area Management Program. The major points of the research project which is coordinated by Mr. Ivor Jackson, Regional and Resources Planner of ECNAMP are:

- The identification of critical terrestrial areas needing protection
- Training of BVI University students who will participate in Summer Internships
- Accumulation of data important to the management of parks and protected areas
- Greater public awareness and environmental education.

Mr. Jackson has been working in association with CRI for the past year.

Social Research Center

FREDERICKSTED PROJECT
COMPLETED

Phase I, data collection, of the Fredericksted project has been completed. The information was gathered principally by Ms. Joan Abbot-Claxton and Mr. Eric LeBlanc, students on the St. Croix campus, under the supervision of Dr. Jones-Hendrickson. The objective of this study is to develop an economic profile of Fredericksted, in particular, the nature of business, how people perceive the town and how external forces are impacting on it. The second phase will be the compilation of a report.

SRC COORDINATOR PART
OF CVI PLANNING TEAM

by the president in order to map out and investigate the road that the College of the Virgin Islands will be taking in the next five years. Jones-Hendrickson presented a paper entitled "An Analysis of Economic Factors which may affect CVI over the next five years." This was one of many papers touching all aspects of the college's life presented during the meeting.

On October 24th Dr. Jones-Hendrickson, Coordinator of the Social Research Center, was among several members of the college community called together

CENTRAL BANKERS
MEET IN TRINIDAD

annually by the Central Banks of the Caribbean brings together people in banking, government, economics and business from all over the Caribbean. Its main objective is to obtain interaction between academicians and central bankers in hopes of arriving at certain monetary guidelines for the Caribbean area. Dr. Jones-Hendrickson represented the Institute at this meeting and took an active part in group discussions.

The Annual Regional Monetary Studies Program meeting was held on November 24-28 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. This meeting which is sponsored

SURVEY OF PERSONAL VALUES
OF VIRGIN ISLANDERS

Ricans and Continentals) being conducted by Dr. Pearl Varlack and Dr. Norwell Harrigan, was completed with the administration of a questionnaire to approximately 1000 public and private high school students in the islands. The data will be evaluated as Phase II during next semester.

Phase I of a survey on "Personal Values of the Major Ethnic Groups in the Virgin Islands" (Virgin Islanders, other West Indians, Puerto

BASIC SKILLS SURVEY OF
V.I. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

istering the Stanford Achievement test to a representative sample of students from V.I. public schools in the elementary and secondary levels. Phase I looks at the reliability of a stateside designed academic achievement test when administered to V.I. students. Two other phases remain to be completed.

Phase I of V.I. Public Schools Basic Skills Survey conducted by Dr. Leonard Bliss has been completed. The survey was conducted by admin-

Outreach Activities

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
VISIT V.I.E.R.S

was the teacher in charge. Dr. Canoy lectured and presented a slide show on the marine organisms and mangroves of the area.

Environmental Studies students from Ulla F. Muller School had a field trip/program at VIERS on the weekend of December 12th. Mrs. Joyce Hill

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