WAND establishes Web site, extends unit’s reach

The unit has added a Web site to its range of communication and documentation services. The WAND site, which is a sub-domain of the University’s Web, went on-line February 15, and provides background information on the Unit and links to various services. It can be reached at http://www.uwichill.edu.bb/wand.

Tutor/Coordinator of WAND, Dr Judith Soares said that the establishment of the site was another step towards enhancing the technical capabilities of the Unit’s documentation, research and communication activities.

“The site extends our reach, making it easy for anyone in the world with Internet and Web browsing capabilities to learn about us and our work and be able to pursue further contacts,” she said.

“It certainly is another move in our continuing outreach within our community in which we work, but extends the ability to share with a diverse worldwide community with similar interests.”

Men as Parents Workshop promotes responsible fathering

Men as Parents was the title of a workshop held on April 7, sponsored by the unit at Bay Primary School, Barbados. Fourteen fathers of children from the school attended and discussed issues related to effective parenting and their roles as fathers.

Among the aims of the workshop were for fathers to understand partnership and for those not living with the mothers, to understand matters such as visiting rights, custody issues and child maintenance.
To be a good human being is to have a kind of openness to the world, an ability to trust uncertain things beyond your control

- Martha Nussbaum
Twentieth Century Philosophy Professor

**Sponsorship for women prisoners in degree course**

WAND is funding three women in Glendairy Prison, Barbados to do a newly introduced degree course in Social Sciences. They have begun the first year course, Fundamentals of English, delivered by distance by a visiting UWI tutor. The two natives of St Vincent and the Grenadines and a Jamaican are pursuing the course. Their sponsorship falls under the unit’s continuing work with women in prison for drug trafficking.

**WAND makes neighbourly contribution to community women**

The unit continues to play a responsible neighbourly role in the community in which it is located. Two women in the Pinelands community are the beneficiaries of training courses in Computer Studies. An unemployed woman is gaining skills that should make her more employable and a small businesswoman is training to enhance her management and financial skills with the aid of computers.

**Working with people with lupus**

Twelve people comprising people with lupus and their caregivers attended a workshop on to gain a better understanding of the disease and implications for an extended life. The presenters were doctors who specialise in the area and the programme included a pep talk by spiritual counsellor, Rommell Lawrence.