

# Cave Hill lecturers seek 25% pay hike

BRIDGETOWN, (CANA) — Lecturers at the University of the West Indies' campus in Barbados are seeking a 25 per cent pay increase over the next three years.

Jai Jebodhasingh, president of the West Indies Group of University Teachers (WIGUT) here, said: "We expect our negotiations to start early January.... We have asked for 25 per cent over three years - 10 per cent, eight per cent and seven per cent."

This is "what we consider a fair settlement. Really, the ball is in the court of the UWI grants committee," he added.

Lecturers at the UWI in Trinidad and Tobago have been complaining about protracted pay negotiations there.

"We are concerned about lecturers

at St Augustine not receiving pay hikes over the last six years," Jebodhasingh told CANA.

What the lecturers in Trinidad were asking for, he said, was "very reasonable."

"They want an increase of 10 per cent over 1987-90 and are foregoing increases for the first three years," he explained.

"I think a 10 per cent pay increase over three years is very reasonable, given the economic conditions of Trinidad and Tobago."

St Augustine lecturers have not received salary increases since 1984 unlike their colleagues at Cave Hill, Barbados, and Mona, Jamaica.

Jebodhasingh said lecturers here had increases totalling 27.5 per cent over the six-year period.