

Professor Edward Baugh, C.D.**(SILVER)**

Born in Port Antonio, Edward Alston Cecil Baugh received his early education at the Titchfield School before attending at the University of the West Indies where he read for his BA English, in 1958. In recognition of his acumen for scholarship he was awarded the RS McLaughlin Resident Fellowship (Queen's University), 1958-59, where he pursued his MA in English and later the Commonwealth Scholarship 1962-64 which facilitated his Doctoral studies at the University of Manchester.

Professor Baugh taught at Victoria College 1959-1960, Kingston College between 1960 and 1962 and joined the staff of the University of the West Indies St Augustine as a Lecturer in English in 1965. He was appointed Professor of English at the University of the West Indies, Mona in 1978.

Prof Baugh or Eddy Baugh as he is affectionately called on campus has served as Head of the Department of English UWI Mona between 1969 and 1974 and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and General Studies 1980-1982. He has the distinction of being the first West Indian and the first graduate of the University of the West Indies to be appointed in a chair in English at the University. In 1985 he was appointed Public Orator of the UWI, Mona Campus.

He is known as a critic and acknowledged as a poet whose "...verse is sensitive and introspective, taking its subjects from a variety of commonplace observations, chance remarks, and personal encounters. His poems are subtle in form, often melancholy in tone, and invariably invite a sympathetic response." His publications include *Seven Jamaican Poets* (Bolivar Press, 1971), *Critics On Caribbean Literature* (Allen and Unwin 1978), *Derek Walcott: Memory as Vision* (Longman 1978) and *A Tale from the*

Rainforest (Sandberry Press 1988.)

Eddie Baugh has had a close relationship with the Institute of Jamaica having served twice as a Member of Council of the Institute of Jamaica and has been Chairman of the National Library of Jamaica and the Institute of Jamaica Publications.

For outstanding merit in the field of Literature the Council of the Institute of Jamaica is pleased to award Professor Edward Baugh with the Musgrave Medal in **SILVER**.