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Ashenheim, Miss Lou get honorary degrees from U.W.I.

Two outstanding Jamaicans, the Hon. Leslie Ashenheim, and the Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley, had honorary degrees conferred on them at the annual graduation ceremony of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, last Saturday.

Mr. Ashenheim was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws for his contribution to law and jurisprudence - being one of the country's longest-serving attorneys-at-law; to sports and to freedom of speech and expression in his capacity as a director of the Gleaner Company Limited.

Mrs. Bennett-Coverley was recognized for her contribution to the development of Jamaican dialect, the Arts, as well as for her theatrical performances which have been acclaimed nationally and internationally. She was awarded the degree of honorary Doctor of Letters.

Over 600 graduates in the various disciplines also received their degrees from the Chancellor of the University, Sir Allen Lewis.

The Chancellor noted that in the pursuit of its objectives of teaching and research, the university had opened its doors to all on the basis of merit. The university, he said, must train citizens to be leaders and managers in fields that are relevant to the country's development. It must provide post graduate education which will enable specialists to maximise the use of the country's indigenous products and materials, and adapt science and technology from developed countries to the local environment.

Under the proposed new financing arrangements, he observed that a campus may develop its own individual character fashioned out of the national environment and needs in order to place greater emphasis on the perceived requirements of the campus country than upon the regional needs.

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MISS LOU HONOU-
RED: The Chancellor of
the University of the
West Indies, Sir Allen
Lewis, adding his word
of praise to the Hon.
Louise Bennett-Cover-
ley, before conferring
on her the honorary de-
gree of Doctor of Let-
ters on Saturday at the
annual graduation cere-
mony at the Mona Cam-
pus, Kingston. Miss
Lou' was awarded for
her contributions to cul-
ture and the devel-
opment of the creole
language in Jamaica.