

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

"My Government has always held the view that education is the master key to meaningful development in our society, and the best foundation for nation-building."
Education Minister the Honourable Sidney Morris: Address to officially launch the College of Further Education.

COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

The College of Further Education began operating here on September 26th. In a special broadcast to formally open the College, Minister responsible for Education the Honourable Sidney Morris said that the tertiary-level institution was established after careful investigation, lengthy discussions, professional consultations, and detailed planning. The Honourable Minister said the official start of the institution was the first phase of the implementation of these plans. He added that it was always Government's intention to establish such an educational institution to supply trained personnel to manage and implement its social and economic developmental programmes.

The College started the 1988-89 academic year with three divisions. The Division of Teacher Education is the former Teachers Training College, and has 58 students; the Division of Technical and Vocational Education and Management Studies replaces the St. Kitts-Nevis Technical College, and has 180 students; and the Division of Arts, Sciences and General Studies comprises the Sixth Form at the Basseterre High School, and Adult and Continuing Education classes, and has 452 students.

All of the Divisions will operate from their usual locations until the physical structure of the College is erected. The administrative centre is located on the compound of the old Cunningham Hospital, in what used to be the Matron's residence. Renovation work at the centre cost Government \$65,000. Mrs. Dulcie Richardson is the principal of the College, and is being assisted by Mr. Norman Clegg, an adviser whose services were made possible through the British Development Division. Mr. Clegg has had 20 years' experience in tertiary level education.

Preliminary plans for the physical structure of the College have been completed by the Physical Planning Department, and the funding package for the College will go before the European Development Fund Board by mid-1989. The entire project should cost \$4 million, and is part of the OECS Project on Tertiary Education. The College is to be built on the old Cunningham Hospital grounds, and will consist of three two-storey buildings. One will hold 12 classrooms, another will comprise of laboratories, and the third will house administrative offices, a library, cafeteria, common room, assembly hall, and student facilities.

NATIONALS OF THE FEDERATION EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

Nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis did the Federation proud at home and abroad in their academic work in 1988. Mr. Bichara Sahaley of the Basseterre High School produced the best "A" Level results, gaining straight A's in Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and General Paper. Education officials say Mr. Sahaley's results are the best ever on record for St. Kitts, and may very well have been the best in the OECS in 1988. Ms. Carol Ottley and Mr. Methvin Isaac also turned in excellent "A" Level results. Ms. Sandra Lake of the Basseterre High School had the best overall CXC results, with seven Grade I passes and two Grade II passes. Minister of Education the Honourable Sidney Morris said the results at "O" and "A" Level "attest to the positive response of

