

## Irvine Hall

### History

Irvine Hall was the first Hall of residence to be constructed on the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus and has a rich tradition for 56 years. The Hall of green and gold has had a rich Caribbean culture on the Mona Campus and boasts a multiplicity of rich CARICOM heritage. This noble structure which we call home was named after the distinguished Sir James Irvine who was the chairman after of the founding committee of the University College of the West Indies (later renamed The University of the West Indies).

Since its inception, Irvine Hall has been graced with the service of the six wardens (now known as Student Service Managers). Our first warden was Sir Phillip Sherlock, after whom the University Centre for the Creative Arts is named. Sir Phillip served from 1950-1959. Dr. Rawle Farley and Professor Walter Harper served from 1959-1960 and 1960 to 1961 respectively . Sir Frank Worrell was warden from 1961 to 1966 and in recognition of his eminent contribution to the University, Irvine Hall annual hosts a memorial lecture in his honor. Our longest serving warden, Mr. Cedric Harper (now His Excellency), served from 1967-1993 and is currently the High Commissioner for St. Kitts/Nevis in Jamaica. In 1993 Mr. Carlton Lowrie succeeded him after 22 years as head of the English Department and housemaster at Munro College in Jamaica. He has since continued to be the head of Irvine family.

Male and female students were accommodated in Irvine Hall from 1950-1952 living separately on blocks A, B, C and D. However, between 1952-1957 Irvine housed only females students but has accommodated both sexes since 1958. Blocks E, F and G were built in 1961, and have become know as Fresher blocks.

Today, Irvine Hall is home to 281 students from overt 15 territories and has been aptly described as a microcosm of the Caribbean region. Our diverse culture, rich history, high performance in academics, sport and cultural activities have placed us above the rest.

“I am proud to be a part of Irvine, the Hall of courage and pride