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HISTORICAL FACTS



The obelisk, which stands on the lawn in front of the Del la Bech Building was erected in January 1984, a birthday gift to the then Geology Department from the Geological Society of Jamaica (GSJ) to commemorate 21 years of teaching at The UWI (1962-1982). The idea was conceived by Parris Lyew-Ayee, and designed by Dr. Trevor Jackson, the then Head. The rocks that comprise the obelisk were collected by several graduates of the department. It was unveiled in February 1984 at the GSJ's Annual General Meeting by Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Gerald Lalor and Ms. Cathy Levy, Ms. Jamaica World (1983). The obelisk represents stratigraphic record of Jamaican geology and is composed entirely of rocks found in Jamaica.