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Professor The Honourable

REX NETTLEFORD

THE QUINTESSENTIAL CARIBBEAN SON

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Professor Ralston Milton Rex Nettleford (February 3, 1933 – February 2, 2010), former Vice Chancellor Emeritus of The University of the West Indies, lived his entire adult life at and for the University. His legacy remains with us in his words; he will always be remembered for his many Rexisms.

He often spoke of his beloved Caribbean and the “tenants” thereof as “a people who are cantankerous, contrary, contradictory, but never dull.” “For every solution we create several problems,” Professor Nettleford would say, pointing out that “Our people have had 200 years of apprenticeship in sabotage,” and that “We are excellent sprinters, but we need to be able to go the distance.”

When greeted with the enquiry, “How are you doing?” his elusive response of “Fair to fine,” often followed, and when told that he looked well, he laughed off the compliment with, “It is the glow of the setting sun.”

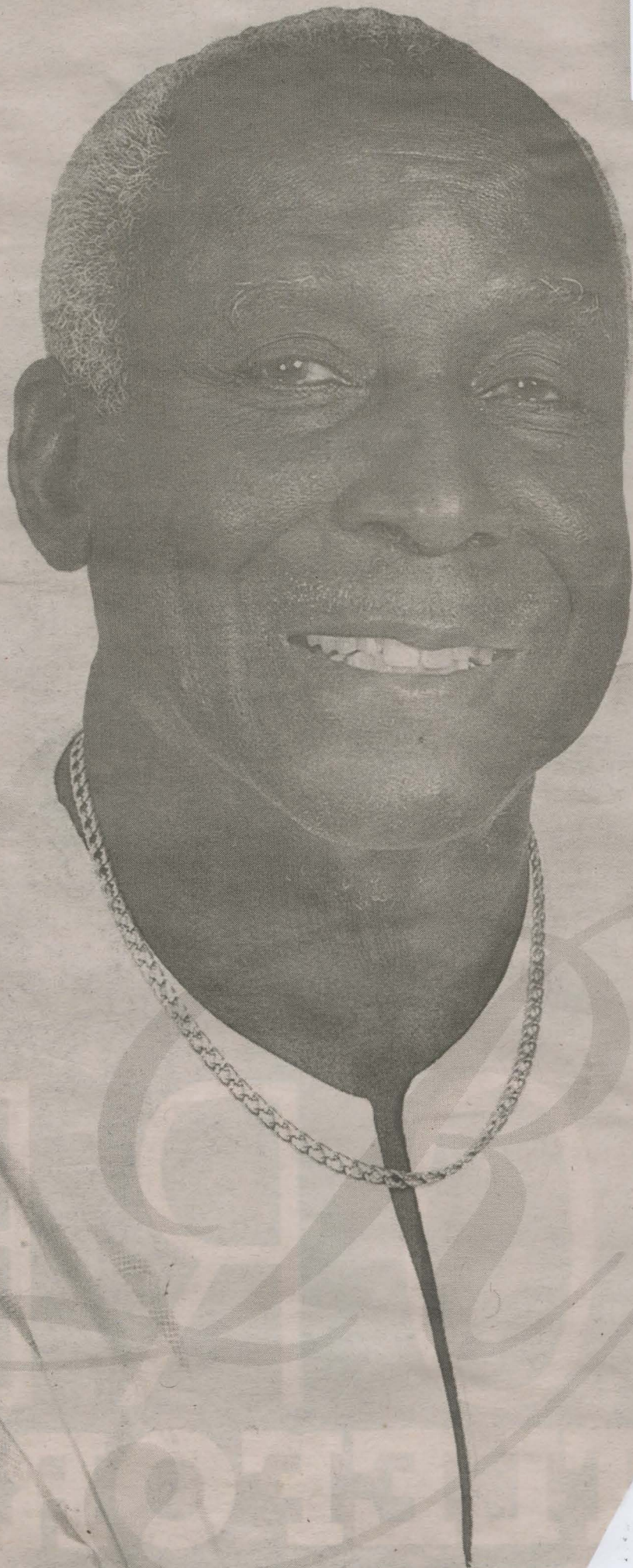
The quintessential Caribbean son,
Professor Nettleford will be greatly
missed and forever remembered.

Qualis lux! Talis Homo! Rex Universitatis Nostrae!
What a light! What a man! King, indeed, of our University!

B/N Nettleton, Rex Halston M.



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