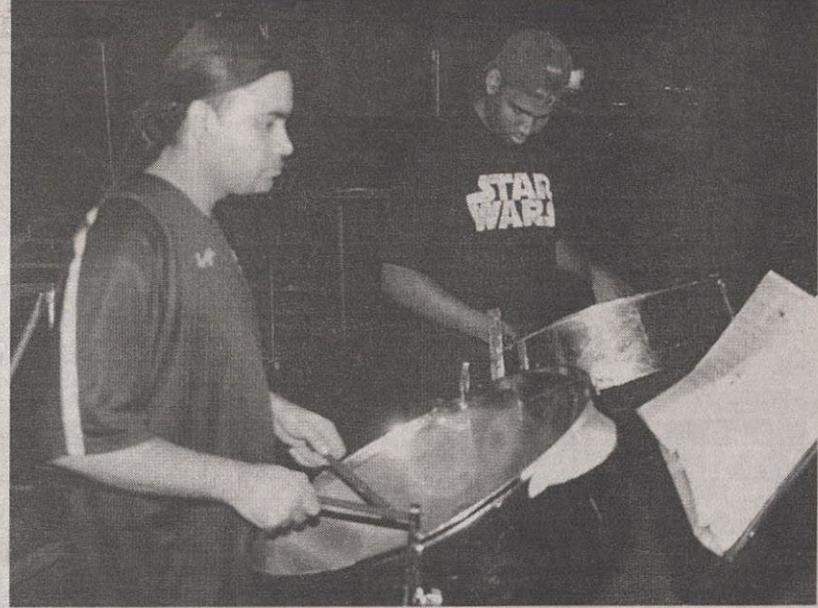


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Left: Aurnum Wiltshire, Liam Teague, Sean Lewis and Aviel Scanterbury read the music.

Right: Arranger Teague shows tenor section leader Marius Caballero the music.

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# Starlift turns to Teague

STARLIFT'S House of Music in Mucurapo has been a beehive of activity since January 3 when arranger Associate Professor of Steelpan and Co-director of Steeband at Northern Illinois University, Chicago, USA, Liam Teague, visited for the first time.

Known as the "Paganini of the Steelpan" Teague is Starlift's choice of arranger for the band's 2011 Panorama piece, De Fosto's "In She Rainorama". Teague got the nod over six other interested arrangers. Teague sent the scores for the arrangements, to the band since early December.

According to Starlift's musical director Sean Lewis: "We have been practising for several weeks now. The music was put down by Aurnum Wiltshire who is the drill master. Players are excited about this project and we will keep it exciting for them."

In his short speech to the management and players Teague said, "It is a pleasure and honour to be associated with this band. Starlift has history. And my aim, in fact our aim is not just to make it to the final but to win Panorama."

"In so doing I will impart musical knowledge



Double tenor player Kadisha Paul, left, works out with arranger Teague.

to you the players. I also want you to understand what is happening to the music. You must not just play the arrangement as I put it down but know why I did something in the song. This is a team effort."

Teague says he does not have the luxury of staying in Trinidad until Carnival because he has to get back to NIU to teach. He leaves on January 18 and returns on February 12 in time for the National Semi-finals in the Queen's Park Savannah.



Felix Noel and Teague try to get the bass section together.



Arranger Teague chats with his section leaders.