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Steelband footnote

THE news that the University of Northern Illinois in the United States is offering a bachelor of arts degree in steelband music should make us ashamed of our failure to date to do so ourselves at our own University of the West Indies.

Trinidad and Tobago is the home of the steelband and the music of this unique instrument has spread beyond these shores. We like to boast about it, and at Panorama time we go mad about it. But there the interest ends.

Need For Recognition

Why have we failed to recognise the need for the music of the steelband to evolve beyond its present level and take its place with the great instrumental music of our time?

If we do not do it, we can rest assured that others will and our association with the steelband could become one day no more than a historical footnote.

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