

# Panmen get \$2.5M

MORE THAN 150 steel orchestras received assistance from the Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, Joan Yuille-Williams, for their preparation for Panorama 2007.

The annual cheque presentation took place at Queen's Hall in St Ann's yesterday morning, where orchestras from the Eastern, South/Central, Northern and Tobago regions collected monies to the tune of \$2.5 million.

Both Yuille-Williams and Minister of State in the Ministry, Edward Hart, were on hand to make presentations.

Pan Trinbago president Patrick Arnold told *Newsday* he was very pleased with the sum of

money each band received. Arnold said the sum was twice what was received last year and "this augurs well for the bands in their preparation for the Panorama competition."

Meanwhile, plans for the Panorama semi-finals are underway as the club house at the Queen's Park Savannah is being demolished to make way for the new facilities to host the pan show.

Bleachers are also being erected around the Savannah for the Parade of Bands, as the Grand Stand is also being prepared for demolition. The chairs are being dismantled and put out of the stands to make way for the work to begin.



HALF of the club house at the Queen's Park Savannah has been demolished.

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