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West Indian Literature Conference



The 26th Annual West Indian Literature Conference was held March 8-10 and it was a phenomenal success. Many COB and Bahamian greats took part in the conference by presenting papers or their literary works during the luncheon readings, alongside famous Caribbean writers and scholars such as Earl Lovelace, Mark McWatt and Fred D'Aguir. The School of English Studies were excellent hosts and not only organised the sessions but, also made sure that our guests had evening entertainment. Through the generosity and the patronage of the Governor General, an opening reception was held at Government House, with catering kindly sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Pop Band played Bahamian tunes that got our visitors dancing. CHMI hosted our guests on the second evening at a Presenter's Dinner in Choices Restaurant and The President hosted the closing reception at



her home. There, our guests were treated to culinary delights prepared by CHMI students and



a colourful Junkanoo rush-out.

On the Saturday, there was also a fiction workshop held by Earl Lovelace.

THANK YOU!!

There were many people that made the West Indian Literature Conference a success. Thanks go out to:

- ◆ Dr. Marjorie Brooks-Jones and Dr. Ian Strachan for their tireless efforts in planning the conference.
- ◆ All of the full-time faculty of SES who organised meals, transportation and accomoda

On the calendar

- 12-23 - External Moderation
- 19 - Launch of food and clothes Drive, Campus Life Council
- 19-23 - SOS Lecture Series Issues in Human Sexuality
- 21 - Panel Discussion 'Perspectives on the Impact of Haitian Migration to The Bahamas'
- 22 - Foreign Languages Day, The School of Communication and Creative Arts
- 23 - French Folk Song Evening
- 23 - Fine Dining at Choices Restaurant
- 30 - Fine Dining at Choices Restaurant
- 30-31 - Writers'/Readers' Retreat and Workshop in Exuma
- 31 - Health Fair in Exuma

tion and entertainment for our guests. They are Victoria Allen, Janet Donnelly, Marjorie Downie, Vivienne Ferguson, Michael Herrick, Stuart Howells, Mark Humes, Anne Laylor, Monique McFarlane-Bain, Shaniqua Higgs, Virginia

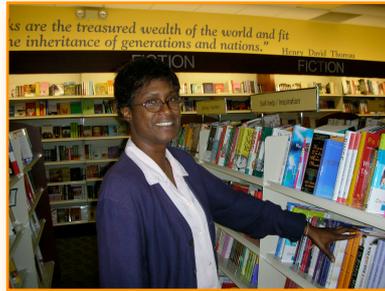
Purvis-Smith, Helean Rolle-McPhee, Marie Sairsingh-Mills, Chanti Seymour, Krista Walkes and Ivy Higgins.



- ◆ Denise Mackey, Gwen Charlow, Ellen Kennedy, Jenny Bethel and Julia Saunders for running a helpful and friendly secretariat.
- ◆ Yasmin Ginton, Kamilah Gibson, Ava Turnquest, Annischa Cook, Chakara Bennett, Darion Spence, Barry Williams, Patrick Deveaux, Kamala Richardson, Caitlyn Outten and Stephen Hanna for being excellent student volunteers.
- ◆ The Office of Communication for the programmes, media coverage, videography, photography, signs and help. Two members of the Communication team had further development in the conference. Maelynn Seymour-Major was a member of the conference committee and Vice President Patricia Ginton-Meicholas participated in the Writer's Roundtable and was one of the featured readers at this major forum of Caribbean literary luminaries.
- ◆ The President's Office for helping with the organisation of the closing reception.
- ◆ Media for providing laptops, projectors and CD players.
- ◆ Chef Sterling Thompson, Chef Mario Adderley, Chef Robert Lauder milk and the student chefs from CHMI for their

hard work.

- ◆ UWI for letting us use their dining room for breaks and lunch.



- ◆ Chapter One Bookstore, especially Ms. Collie, who came out every day with Bahamian and Caribbean books to sell to our visitors.
- ◆ To everyone else who helped in some way or simply attended the conference. Thank you!

AROUND CAMPUS

Here is a quick recap of some of the news and events that have been taking place.



- ◆ Frequent visitor and student at the University of Hartford, Lorraine Dunn, loves The Bahamas and because of this love, she decided to do her internship in Education and Community Public Health here at COB. She came here first on vacation and decided that she wanted to learn more about education and health in The Bahamas. She first met with Willamae Johnson to use the library and took it from there. She has been working with Ms. Laura Knowles, Chair, and Dr.

Zorene Curry, Asst. Professor in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, where she has completed all 80 hours of her internship here. Miss Dunn said she was impressed with the reception and the warmth of the people. Dr. Linda Davis, VP Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations is pleased to say that we will be looking to establish a formal agreement with the University of Hartford.

◆ On March 12, **The School of Business** opened Business Week with the theme 'Resolving Business Conflicts'. President Hodder presented the opening address in which she stressed the importance of the College/University of The Bahamas in partnering with local businesses, especially in terms of providing them with our graduates, and promoting research initiatives. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the opening a success, especially Physical Plant who certainly had the area looking amazing!



◆ The 24th Annual Conference of Youth Leaders opened on March 15, with a ceremony at the Portia Smith building. The Bahamas Telecommunications Company generously partnered with COBUS and the Campus Life Department to sponsor a dozen students from the Family Islands. Special thanks go to

Theo Cooper and Bradley Cooper for their efforts.



◆ International partnerships that lead to exchanges for students and faculty are prominent in the vision of the new University of The Bahamas. Recently, COB received a visit from a group of students and faculty from Penn State University. Organised by Penn State Professor and COB alumna, Dr. Juliette Storr, the call on members of the



College's administration and a tour of the Oakes Field campus were to expose the students in her International Communications class to a different culture.

SPORTS



◆ Congratulations to the Lady Caribs for winning The Pennant and securing a spot in the

playoffs for the Championship! Playoff begins on Tuesday, 20 March against the Lady Truckers.

COMING UP

◆ The Colour of Harmony is set to take place April 4-7. As always, it is going to be a first-class event displaying great paintings and sculptures from our finest art students and wonderful music from the COB Choir and the COB band. Please mark the dates in your calendar to make sure you don't miss this event.

◆ The **School of Social Sciences** Department of Psychology, Sociology and Social Work will be presenting a public lecture series discussing Issues in Human Sexuality, starting tonight, March 19. The lectures are as follows: March 19, 'Same Sex Unions: Christianity and Heterosexism', March 22 'Sex Liberation: The Transformation of Sexual Morality Psychoanalytic and Biogenic Perspectives on the Basis of Homosexuality' and March 23, 'Regulating Queer Sex: Criminalisation, Constitutionality and a Legal-Rights Strategy of Resistance'.

◆ A panel discussion '**Perspectives on the Impact of Haitian Migration to The Bahamas**' will take place on March 21 in the foyer of the Portia Smith building. It is presented by the School of Social Sciences.

Don't Make This Mistake:
Language and Grammar to Help You Get Things Right!

Our ears have picked up little mistakes people make when using the words CAUSED and COST. Many people say things like "You cost it!" When, for example, the late arrival of a friend means they miss the start of an event. What they mean is, "You caused it!" It is safer to use cost as a verb when referring to what you have to pay to buy something. For example "This cost \$6000 two years ago."

Cost can also be used as a noun. For example "We are trying to keep the cost down to \$10 per person." In this instance, it refers to the price of something.

◆ Hola! Are you interested in learning or improving your knowledge of Spanish? Then sign up to spend four weeks in beautiful Costa Rica at the Centro Panamericano de Idiomas. The trip is scheduled for May 12 - June 9, 2007. Please call Jacinth Taylor, Asst. Professor, School of Communication and Creative Arts at 302-4484/5 for more information.

◆ COB's Concert Choir will be travelling to participate in the 10th Annual Southeastern Afri-

can American Collegiate Music Festival in Montgomery, Alabama this week. The event will take place March 21 - 26.

◆ At the **Exuma** campus, the first Health Fair will take place on March 31.

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dom of inquiry,
freedom of discus-
sion, and freedom of
teaching - without these
a university cannot exist.
- Robert Maynard
Hutchins -

LET'S GET TO KNOW...

Carla Glinton



Carla Glinton is an extremely hardworking employee of The College of The Bahamas and she works in the MIS department as the .BS NIC Administrator. However her duties extend to include being the web-master of COB's website and managing the IT Customer Support Desk.

Carla loves to travel and her favourite destination is Switzerland, though Italy is a close second. She is an avid reader. If you ever want to treat her to lunch, seafood is sure to make her smile, as it is her favourite type of food.

RECOMMENDED READING

This issue's recommended reading is *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis de Bernieres. The novel tells the story of World War II, a girl named Pelagia, Captain Corelli, the Greeks, the Italians and everyone in between. The novel makes a serious comment about wars, the idiots who start them and the innocents who both fight in and die for them. It is marvellously and ingeniously written, sure to make you laugh and cry.

You can purchase a copy of this book at Chapter One bookstore.

WILC HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Ian Strachan, Chair, School of English Studies, President Janyne Hodder, His Excellency Arthur Hanna, Governor General, Dr. Earla Carey-Baines, Dean, Faculty of Liberal and Fine Arts



Author Fred D'Aguiar dances with Patricia Saunders



Dr. Ian Strachan, Dr. Marjorie Brooks-Jones, BA in English Programme Co-ordinator and Miss Lia Head, Director Alumni Relations



Sandra Paquet-Pouchet, Carolyn Cooper and Evelyn O'Callahan



Babamian author Marion Bethel at luncheon reading



Babamian author and VP Communication, Patricia Glinton-Meicholas at luncheon reading

YOUR INPUT

If you have any questions, comments, would like to share some news with us or have a friendly suggestion to make, do not hesitate to contact the **Office of Communication**. Our numbers are 302-4353 or 302-4354. Feel free to e-mail either Maelynn Seymour-Major at mmajor@cob.edu.bs or Gordon Mills at gmills@cob.edu.bs.

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