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## REGISTRATION IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Contributed by Tanya Green

Who says there's never good news about the registration process? Well, there is, starting next semester.

If all goes according to plans the new process to be announced any day now by COB, comes into effect this month for the spring registration should please everyone, even the skeptics.

The new process does not bear any additional costs to students but will eliminate most of the root causes of the registration process that students complain about. In fact a communication blitz will be undertaken soon by The College to ensure that everyone knows about the "changes and improvements" said spokesperson for the team working to remove registration kinks, Dr. Danny Davis of School of Sciences and Technology.

### Here's what you can expect:

- Registration will be faster and all windows in the Business Office will have a cashier
- Students will be able to conduct transactions at any cashier's window, there will be no distinction for



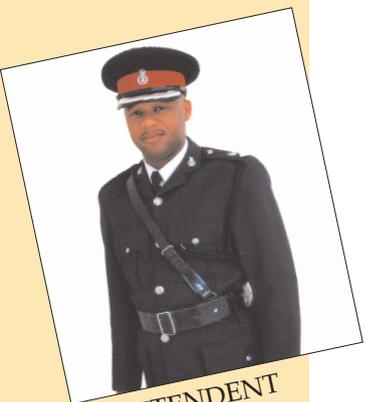
THE LONG WAIT-- Long waiting lines for registration might soon be a thing of the past. (Photo by S.A. Hanna)

- scholarship students
- Fewer bill adjustments
- Transcript distribution allocated to Schools' computer labs. Must have your ID as the

process operates on the basis of student's ID number.

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## COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SHARES WITH THE SPECTRUM VISION FOR COB

by S.A. Hanna  
Managing Editor

COB already boasts a number of graduates who are in high ranking positions in accounting, banking and politics, however Council Chairman Franklyn Wilson posits that "just as it was in the 60's and 70's when a high number of politicians were Government High School alumni, in 10 years COB graduates will have a similar effect on this country."

It's because of this that Mr. Wilson claims attending the College of The Bahamas will help students to develop "important networks"

among future leaders of the country. According to him, "COB will be The Network in The Bahamas."

The goal of the Council now is to make the College so attractive that instead of going abroad COB will be the primary place of tertiary education for Bahamians.

Several of the initiatives that the College hopes to achieve in the preceding 12 months are:

- Beginning of construction on the new Library
- Completion of the Performance Arts Centre

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# Sbarro Opening Delayed

Opening for Sbarro restaurant has been rescheduled to January due to unexpected delays in completing essential renovations in the time anticipated earlier.

According to Charlton Knowles, Sbarro Manager, they discovered a number of changes needed to be made once renovations started----the floors had (not have).

"Delays are inevitable when you renovate rather than build new," says Mr. Knowles.

They will be ready for the January return of students for the spring term however, and will offer a 10 percent discount on combo items to students with ID.

Since they also want to reach customers beyond the COB community, they intend to do a massive advertising campaign with daily radio ads promoting the campus Sbarro.

# The Departed Movie Review



■ The Departed, Rated R

■ Reviewed by Travaldo Farrington

"The Departed" is based on a 2002 Hong Kong film named "Infernal Affairs" and marks Martin Scorsese's return to directing. The film follows Billy (Leonardo DiCaprio) working undercover to bring down Boston's

largest crime boss Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson) and Colin (Matt Damon) as a man that was taken into Costello's care at a very young age, now working in the police force per Costello's wishes.

There are a few faults with the film. The love triangle that develops between Billy, Colin and Verma Farmiga seems forced. Her character is never really developed enough to explain her motivations, they are almost completely unknown. The set pieces feel interchangeable. There's never any real tie to any particular setting. Exposition by the main characters is excessive and can potentially bore if you're not a fan. The climax of the film also seems as if it was rushed. It never satisfies and will leave you with a bad taste in your mouth.

Most of the flaws are excusable. The camera work and editing are very well done and the film maintains a tension you'll feel throughout the entire film. While not perfect, "The Departed" is a great choice, especially if you're a fan of crime flicks.

# Finding Inspiration From Fred D'Aguiar

■ Chakara Bennett

Features Editor

So you say you're a writer. You've written some recognisable forms of poetry, slapped together some fine specimens of short stories, won numerous prizes for your outstanding essays and hailed for your excellent dramatic articles. But are you really as good as you thought?

Coming to COB or rather any college/university will dampen your dreams and expectations when you realize things aren't so simple and beautiful. Discovering that your skills aren't as perfect as you thought, you lose faith and hope. But fear not! This is but a part of life, overcoming such circumstances and finding the inspiration you need to continue your dream to be that future world famous author.

And inspiration comes in unexpected forms. Inspiration is embodied in great authors like Fred D'Aguiar, who came to Oakes field campus Nov. 2-4th to share his knowledge, love and experiences with Bahamian writers, college students and the general public.

Not only is D'Aguiar an accomplished writer, poet and playwright but he is also the winner of various awards and prizes such as The David Higham Prize for Fiction, The



■ Caribbean Author Fred D'Aguiar

Whitbread First Novel Award and the T.S. Eliot poetry prize. Although well-established, D'Aguiar comes across as a very humble literary artist.

During his visit which was organized by School of English Studies, there were opportunities for students to hear him speak and discuss topics close to heart. One main topic which he consistently discussed was the issue of Caribbean people maintaining their heritage and identities when residing abroad. He said that is not to make oneself aloof to the cultures of the land in which you reside but rather embrace it, live it fully but contribute your knowledge and experiences as a Caribbean person.

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## Galleria Cinemas

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## TWO SCIENCE STUDENTS SET FOR RHODE ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Flushed with anticipation Patrick Thompson and Cory Eldon, two outstanding students in School of Sciences and Technology are gearing up for their spring semester at University of Rhode Island (URI) in the US.

They will be categorized as exchange students as a result of an articulation agreement worked out between URL and COB. VP Research, Graduate Studies & International Relations Dr. Linda Davis, returned recently from a visit to Rhode Island where she and URI officials put the finishing touches to that agreement which calls for exchanges of students and faculty between the two institutions.

Several students were recommended by their School to participate in an interview process to select only two students for this first round at URI. Patrick and Cory are each registered to take five courses.

COB apparently is the first to get the benefit of this exchange agreement with the spring enrollment of Patrick a math major and Cory a biochem major, in the science programme at URI. They are both four-year students who will complete their final semester courses for the Bachelor degree at URI.

According to Dr. Davis, two science professors are also expected here early next semester to conduct a week-long seminar for Science and Technology faculty. Dr. Davis anticipate faculty from both institutions will trade places soon because both are heavily invested in oceanography research. She hopes that the exchange program will grow to where both COB and URI will share research practices.

Earlier this year a contingent of Rhode Islanders led by URI Associate Dean of Environment and Life Sciences met with COB officials to initially discuss a faculty exchange which grew to include students. That visit and subsequently Dr. Davis' visit to URI were arranged through the US Embassy. URI students are not anticipated here until



■ Patrick Thompson--Math Major



■ Cory Eldon--Biology Major

COB has constructed the long expected Dorm C addition to the Moss Road residence which will house the foreign students. Their study here, like Corey and Patrick, will be supported by funding provided by the US National Science Foundation which has awarded a five-year grant to URI to recruit, mentor, educate and retain minority graduate students in scientific studies.

## Uniforms for Hospitality and Tourism Students

■ Contributed by Alex Missick

Beginning in January, students in the Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute (CHMI), formally known as the Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre, may be wearing uniforms while on campus.

Students will wear a white or blue cotton-collared shirt complete with crest and a long khaki brown pant. Female students will wear an original Dockers khaki brown skirt that falls below the knee along with the collared shirt. It has not been decided if the School will carry The College's crest or develop its own design.

Ruth Gardiner, head of Hospitality and Tourism Studies said, "It all boils down to the individual and how seriously they think of the career they are pursuing. The student should not mind having to do anything that would make their profession look good."

Ms. Gardiner said that she has attended many tourism education conferences in Caribbean countries such Barbados, Puerto

Rico and the Dominican Republic, where students wore uniforms.

"We have done our research. These students had a professional look and made a good impression," she felt, "Why can't we have the same type of approach?"

Kevin Johnson, Acting Executive Director of the Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute, said students leave for internships and many of them do not know how to dress as they take what they see from television and bring it into a professional setting.

Mr. Johnson said, "Uniformity must be created and we want our students to start looking professional."

These new uniforms, according to Ms. Gardiner, are meant to enhance the attitude and outlook on the hospitality sector and also to show that some disciplines require a wardrobe.

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## SOSC CELEBRATES SIR MILO CENTENNARY

The School of Social Sciences sponsored a two-day symposium celebrating the life of Sir Milo Butler (1906-1979) and the Butler family on October 20-21. Several speakers, including former Governor General, Sir Orville Turnquest and members of Sir Milo's family, explored different aspects of his life--business activities, political engagements, religious involvement and philanthropic commitments.

This is the centennial year of the life of Sir Milo Boughton Butler, who spent more than 34 years actively involved in politics. He was a devote Anglican, a fiery politician, and the first Bahamian-born Governor General, assuming that post in 1973. Many say his singular concern as a politician was his commitment to the advancement and liberation of black people. He served in the House of Assembly from 1939 and died January 1979.

Speaking at the symposium, combining personal reflections and scholarly analysis on Sir Milo's family life were: Kendal Butler, grandson of Sir Milo; Loretta Butler-Turner and Claudette

Butler, grand daughters.

Speaking on Sir Milo's business, political and religious involvements were: Sir Orville Turnquest, former Governor General and good friend of Sir Milo spoke about his involvement in St. Matthews Anglican Church; Canon Kirkley Sands, Chairperson of the School of Social Sciences presented a theological reflection; Franklyn Butler, son of Sir Milo addressed the business acumen of Sir Milo; Olivia Saunders, Economic Professor in the School of Business also spoke on business, economics and the struggle for freedom.

On the second day of the symposium, Dr. Gail Saunders presented a paper on Sir Milo's philanthropic activities. Hon. Loftus Roker also gave reflections on Sir Milo's commitment and concern for the disenfranchised. In addition, Patricia Patterson, author of the upcoming biography on Sir Milo, gave an overview of her research. and Lastly, Dr. John McCartney, Political Science Professor at a college in the US, analysed Sir Milo's life in the context of his time as a crusader for civil and human rights.



■ Sharon Flake

■ **Children's book author, American Sharon G. Flake** interacted with members of the COB community and had a delightful talk with students in an English Literature class Thursday, Nov 2 during her visit to Nassau. Flake has won numerous awards and her work, which focuses on young readers, is required

reading in many schools and colleges, especially for education majors. Ms Flake is the author of five books and is best known for her book, *The Skin I'm In*, which was recently added to the Minister of Education's Book Club list. Members of the book club hosted Ms Flake to a special dinner celebration.

# John Bull

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**Campus Cartoon**

by Patrick Deveaux



**EDITORIAL**

**WHO REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS?**

by S.A. Hanna  
 Managing Editor

At the Annual COB club retreat in September, Vice President of Finance, Denton Brown explained that it was College policy that no club should have a private bank account and that large funds should be given to COB to hold until it is needed by the club. At that point, club leaders can request funds.

It was out of this topic that a more interesting debate was spawned. Vice President of COBUS, Dale Gelin questioned this policy. Implying that it did not give COBUS enough autonomy to operate fully as a true Union should, Mr. Gelin went on to assert that with such policy in place, COBUS seemed to be more of a club than a Union.

Mr. Brown responded to this query by simply stating that COBUS' autonomy lies within its bi-laws and constitution.

Expanding on this, Bradley Cooper, Ass't Director of Student Activities also said at the meeting said, just as The College does not have autonomy from the Bahamian Government, COBUS does not have autonomy from COB. This is apparent as the first three letters in "the Union's" acronym, mean College of The Bahamas.

The authority which "the Union" possesses--they can give permission for the formation of other clubs, a COBUS representative must be present at any club elections, etc.--does give "the Union" intrinsic union-like powers, but in

reality, it is nothing more than a fallacy of power to quench any rebellion from the masses, (something similar to capitalist democracy).

We digress to a more suitable tangent.

The purpose of our "flight of the imagination" Union is all clearly stated in the handy-dandy Student Hand-Book that every student has a copy of (no doubt in a place of high esteem because we live in such a literate society).

"The College of The Bahamas Union of Students--COBUS, as it is popularly called--represents the interests of students in the affairs of The College." (p34 of the Handbook)

When this line is read with a literal interpretation, it may appear to absolve everyone of responsibility because obviously COB students have no interest.

The problem arises when we realize that the term COBUS, does not refer to a group of students who won some glorified popularity contest (which translated in Bahamian vernacular is an "election"). COBUS means "all COB Students". (still p34)

Which means that every student in The College is a part of it.

Every student has paid dues in the form of student activity fees to maintain it.

Every student is somehow responsible for its condition today, better or worse.

By the way, if we were a Union, at this

point, we would cease to exist, simply because a Union protects the rights of its members, which is not a worry in this apparent student utopia.

If COBUS is defunct it is not because of its Executive Branch, it's because "we, the students are too lazy to do anything." If there are no student problems, great! Why not build and expand resources in time of peace.

Or is conflict the only catalyst to move the students forward? It is not much of a Union if it can't rally to get basic things like drinking water on campus.

Perhaps it was the response of COB's Secretary General, Rubie Nottage that was slightly more direct in answering Mr. Gelin on COBUS's 'Unionhood'.

According to Mrs. Nottage, the word "Union" in COBUS' name is a bit "misleading" as COBUS is not a registered trade union and that it is "an organization internal to COB" simply put...

Yes, Virginia, COBUS is just a club. Many will not get this obscure Christmas reference and as a result will miss the analogy drawn between COBUS and Santa Claus, but no doubt some Eng 120 lecturer will be able to explain it to you.

Now the question is: If it is just a club, what is the purpose of COBUS? These were the exact words of Mr. Gelin. To which, Mrs. Nottage replied: "I should ask you that."

I should ask you!

**ONE FOUNTAIN -- NOT ENOUGH WATER TO DRINK**

There is one working water fountain at COB's Oakes Field campus.

Located in the A-block, within the stairwell that opens up across from the main exit, the sole fountain spouts a stream of "iron rich" hydro-oxide, which is not the most palatable.

But there is one. This is up from last semester's count of zero.

A full time student at COB must have at least 12 credit hours a week. This over a 14 week semester adds up to 168 hours of four months just spent in class. Add to that the recommended two hours of study for every hour of class you have (Student Handbook p106.) Assume that a student may do this at school that makes 504 hours. That's 21 days, nearly an entire month, the average student can spend on campus. Take that number, add the number of students within The College and divide it by the number of working water fountains...

My throat is quite parched...there is one fountain.

# Science Awareness Week



■ Electronics showcase demonstrated by a technology student

COB graduate Julian Blair, now Senior Project Engineer at General Motors in the US state of Michigan, was special guest speaker at the opening of Science Awareness Week, Monday, Nov.6th in Choices Restaurant, Bahamas Tourism Training College.

In a rap session, Blair, who is working on his doctorate, encouraged COB students to do well in science classes and that they can make a difference if they have what it takes. He also mapped out his academic and work history and how he became senior project engineer at one of America's leading automobile companies.

The School of Sciences and Technology put together an exciting programme for Science Week with displays, science demonstrations in various labs and locations, and guest lecturers, giving

talks on the importance of sciences and technology in sustaining and improving our lives. In addition, students contributed well to the annual blood drive held in the campus clinic, Portia M. Smith Student Services Bldg.



■ Entomology showcase

# OKTOBERFEST DRAWS A CROWD

■ Contributed by Deandre Williamson

Oktoberfest, a popular German festival and holiday, drew an enthusiastic crowd to the grounds of the Band Shell, Saturday, Sept 7.

COB's newly established International Languages and Cultures Institute (ILCI) hosted the celebrations, which attracted many German and Austrian nationals residing in The Bahamas, including Josef Hermanns, Honourary Consul for Germany and Ernst Rumer, Honourary Consul for Austria.

According to ILCI's Project Coordinator, Irene Moss, explained that Oktoberfest is a yearly beer and harvest celebration in Munich, Germany. This is the 196th anniversary of the festival which starts the third weekend in September and ends the first Sunday in October. Features of Oktoberfest include carousels, roller coasters, beer tents and halls, dancing the polka and Bavarian foods.

"Today Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world with an international flavour characteristic of the 21st century," Moss said.

Dr. Moss made the decision to host an Oktoberfest in The Bahamas as part of the cultural activities set out by ILCI. She said that Oktoberfest will become an annual event.

"I'm teaching German this semester and I want to present some of Germany's culture to the students," she said.

Guests at the Oktoberfest enjoyed polka



■ POLKA TROT—this couples gets the spotlight for dancing the Polka at Oktoberfest.

dancing, live German music, German foods, beers, and pretzels provided by Mr. Pretzel's, the traditional food of Oktoberfest.

Chefs R. Bruce Laudermilk, Mario Adderley and Ricardo Ingraham from the School of Hospitality volunteered to grill the bratwursts and assist with the food preparation.

Available for sale were braised red cabbage, German potato salad, chicken, sauerkraut, bratwurst (German sausage), and German chocolate cake also known as Black Forest cake.

Music was provided by the Oom-pah-pahs band, with Dr. Moss on accordion, Lou Adams on trumpet, Lawrence Russell on drums and Valentine Farquharson on bass, which played German songs. The crowd participated by singing along.

According to Dr. Moss, traditionally Oktoberfest is held in the "Wiesn" (German for field) in Munich and this is why the festival was held at the Band Shell where there is an open field.

Ernst Rumer, the Austrian Honourary Council in The Bahamas, attracted a lot of attention dressed in Lederhosen (German for leather pants), an outfit worn by men at Oktoberfest.

"Lederhosen are worn in the Alpine Region in the western part of Austria. It is the traditional Austrian outfit and comes in different styles," Mr. Rumer explained.

Dr. Moss was dressed in the Dirndl, the outfit worn by women at Oktoberfest

## COB Holds Health Fair 2006



■ Physical Therapy booth at the Annual Health Fair. Students were able to have various screenings done at the fair, including blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, hearing screenings, blood donation, eye testing, fly shots, heart evaluation, skin/mole screening and more.



■ Dental Hygiene booth, which gave out baggies with toothpaste and brochures, was only one of the many booths providing awareness and information at the Annual Health Fair, held at the COB Bandshell on Wednesday October 18th by the Campus Life Department.

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It's not often you meet someone who is a qualified lawyer but works as a career police officer.

Meet Superintendent Keith Bell, a member of The Bahamas Bar with a law degree from the University of The West Indies. He has been an officer of the Royal Bahamas Police Force for 22 years.

Superintendent Bell is also a 1985 COB graduate whose outstanding life's achievements and contributions as a police officer set him apart. He is a former part-time lecturer and the 2006 Alumni Association of The College of The Bahamas sixth inductee into the Hall of Fame. An inductee ceremony and luncheon is scheduled for November 17 at 12:30 pm in the British Colonial Hilton, Bay Street. Funds from the luncheon will go to the Association's Endowment Fund which goes to assist major development efforts at The College.

Superintendent Bell says he is very happy and fortunate to have been chosen one of the Alumni Association's prestigious Hall of Fame inductees. The Association views induction into its Hall of Fame as its highest honour. It is a designation extended to individuals whose lives are the hallmark of The College's motto: "Knowledge, Truth, Integrity."

As a Law and Criminal Justice major, he was seen as a charming, easygoing student who got on with his study. He didn't wear his badge on his shoulders and no one could tell that he was a CID detective during his years here.

Superintendent Bell is in charge of Central Intelligence, Urban Renewal and Research and Planning Units at the Royal Bahamas Police Force. He says that he has the support of his superiors and staff and that he was happy to have chosen law enforcement as his



■ Superintendent Bell

career for life.

He says he has achieved much and is grateful to have had the opportunity to have a good education which was paid for by the Bahamas government, and The Lyford Cay Foundation. He also received a partial in-service award and was allowed to take time off from the Force to study at UWI and later at the Eugene Dupuch Law School.

Superintendent Bell is a member of several community and social organizations, including the Catholic Board of Education and Bahamas National Trust. He is the third male to be inducted into COB Alumni Hall Association Hall of Fame

## Dear Mizzy

Does it seem like you have an endless number of problems? Do you ever wonder who could possibly understand what you're going through? Do you ever wonder what's going on in the lives of your fellow college students? Well, The Spectrum is about to bring you just what you need! This will be our last issue for the semester (so have a Merry Christmas

and a Happy Transcript!), but we will return in January with a brand new section. Be prepared for "Dear Mizzy", an advice column that will answer YOUR pressing questions! So, be encouraged to send in your letters to The Spectrum, just drop them off at S-3, and they may be printed and answered in our new "Dear Mizzy" column!

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# STUDENTS TOO NOISY FOR FIRST EDITION CAFÉ



■ No Socializing -- Students will have to find another place to meet and pass the time

■ Contributed by Ava Turnquest

You saw it coming and now it's a rule that College Security is enforcing. Students can no longer use the First Edition Café as a place to hangout with friends.

In an attempt to control and regulate the influx of students using the café as a meeting place to socialize, management has instituted two new regulations that came into effect at the end of September.

A posted sign advises students that they have a 30-minute time limit to sit and eat after purchasing food. Additionally, foods not purchased at First Edition are not allowed anywhere in the store.

Having recently celebrated its one-year anniversary, Chapter One Bookstore, which houses First Edition Café, has been open to both College of The Bahamas students and the general public. Due to its location and attractive atmosphere, Chapter One has become a popular hangout for students.

First Edition Café Manager, Ruth Duncombe told The Spectrum, "There are numerous students who are inconsiderate of others. They are extremely loud and nasty."

Most students, like Travaldo Farrington, a Fine Arts major, appreciate management's position. He said, "It's understandable from the business side of things—they have to keep things moving and having a bunch of kids in there all day making noise isn't good. Students on the other hand, need a place to hangout."

A reading lounge, located on the second floor in the bookstore, is also now off limits to students. The second floor mainly contains textbooks and gift items and students often use the lounge area to study and do homework.

Sharon Bethel, Chapter One Bookstore Manager said, "The bookstore was not designed for loitering and the noises generated by the students hamper sales. We are also open to the general public and cannot accommodate students lounging for long periods of time because they crowd the bookstore unnecessarily."

Jason Samuels, a security officer here for seven years and now assigned mostly to the bookstore, said that there have not been any serious disputes due to these new rules other than a few disgruntled students.

## PHYSICS OF EVERYDAY THINGS

If you're looking for an alternative Gen Ed science course that doesn't include a lot of math, or an exciting elective, try PHYS-102: Physics of Everyday Things 2. Lecturers in the Physics Department of the School of Sciences and Technology are excited about this alternative course, which is now available as a Spring 2007 class.

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Ask someone in the office of the School of Sciences and Technology, Room G-1 or call: 302-4389.

# COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SPEAKS ABOUT VISION FOR COB

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Expansion of the Northern Bahamas Campus, Andros Campus and Exuma Campus

Beginning of foreign student exchange program

Improving the Registration process.

"I think The College is in for a very, very exciting time. Students are going to be very happy to hear about student exchanges, student will have the opportunity to travel all over the world in ways that were not practical before. We are determined to make the University of The Bahamas the place of choice for Bahamians."

Mr. Wilson's faith is so deep in his pledge to improve the registration process that he says the students as well as the rest of the Council "can hold him to it."

"I strongly and earnestly believe that one of the things the President of The College has said publicly and to The Council that (registration) will be fixed before the next registration. And I believe that with all my heart."

The Chairman promises that with all of the improvements "COB will be the logical place for Bahamians to go. "Not only will you (the students) get an education but you will get an education that will allow you to do much more."

He says that The College still has quite a way to go before it could be satisfactory. Also on his list of improvements Mr. Wilson hopes for increase in faculty training and development, creating more facilities for academics and the personal well-being of students, assisting faculty in their research and most importantly completing the transition to a full university.

Asked if achieving university status by the projected 2007 was now an impossibility Mr. Wilson replied, "Well I wouldn't necessarily say that, but it wouldn't be a wrong answer."

Additional areas that will need improvement he says are within Schools' academic affairs, where COB needs to introduce new programs that are "responsive to the needs of a developing Bahamas."

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a continuation of The Spectrum's interview with Mr. Wilson concerning the role of The College Council, his role as Chairman and where The Council hopes to lead The College....**

**Reporter:** Would you describe exactly how

The Council "governs" The College?

**Mr. Wilson:** The Council is by statute the governing body of the academy. The Minister (of Education) has authority to give us direction as it relates particularly to the appointment of The President of The College, but beyond that The Council has a lot of latitude. He (the Minister) has generally accepted the will and views of The Council.

**Reporter:** So when it comes to persons viewing your power as Chairman of The Council as somewhat absolute that's not true, because you ultimately answer to the Minister?

**Mr. Wilson:** My personal authority as the Chairman is not absolute for more fundamental reason. And that reason is it is a Council. The Council is comprised of 11 persons appointed by statute and we have just added a 12th person to serve as a participant in the affairs of Council. That is someone from the staff who cannot be an official member of The Council because we cannot change the law. We respect their (staff) point of view as though they were a member although legally they cannot be a member. That's Parliament's decision.

**Reporter:** Is the reason for that to avoid conflict?

**Mr. Wilson:** No, it was to be more inclusive, it was to allow persons who work in The College to have some involvement in the administrative process.

**Reporter:** Persons say that because you're not involved with every detail of The College that when you exercise your powers it is interfering, particularly when you do things like appointing a President, what is your response to this?

**Mr. Wilson:** Let me say this. This is not personal to Franklyn Wilson it is terribly important for me for the students at the College of The Bahamas to understand that The Council is comprised of very able men and women, this is not a personality thing, that is very important.

We know what we need to know to make the kind of decisions that we make. And that is my answer to that. We know or are in a position to find out.

**Reporter:** Is it true to say that university sta-

tus will not be achieved by 2007 as previously stated?

**Mr. Wilson:** Well I wouldn't necessarily say that, but it wouldn't be a wrong answer.

**Reporter:** But sometime in the next several years it should be?

**Mr. Wilson:** Actually, I am very confident of that

**Reporter:** The school fees at COB are considerably lower than that of schools aboard, as we move toward university status, are there any plans in the works to increase school fees?

**Mr. Wilson:** The matter of school fees at The College of The Bahamas is a matter of public policy. The Council could not, or let's say would not on its own without consulting the Minister change in any radical way the level of school fees or tuition fees at The College, that is a matter of public policy. The Government pays about 75% of the total Revenues of The College of The Bahamas and so they (the government) fully understand that one way to reduce spending is to increase tuition fees. The fact that successive governments have not done so reflects an abiding commitment to ensure access.

In terms of public policy there are a number of issues that can be relevant to that. One is there are a lot of people at The College that can pay more so as a matter of public policy, a legitimate question to raise is--should people who have the capacity to pay more, not be required to pay more, thereby putting The

College in a position to do even more and reduce the level of subsidies that The Government has to put in so that money can go to other worthy social causes with pressing needs. So there are some really important public policy issues that need to be addressed

**Reporter:** But if you were to increase the fees, because certain persons are able to pay more won't it affect those who can't?

**Mr. Wilson:** Well you can combine it, increase the tuition fees and at the same time increase needs based scholarships on the whole

**Reporter:** But what would be the system check in place to prevent those that can pay, from taking advantage of the limited scholarships?

**Mr. Wilson:** I am a trial account by profession, so I understand that in every system there is potential for abuse, but that doesn't stop you from setting up systems, and then setting up measures that the systems work. I'm just saying without attempting to get bogged down in mechanics of details of how this would work and how that would work...the overriding principal is that it is a matter of public policy to decide, successive governments have shown a commitment to facilitate access to The College of The Bahamas.

Now we can continue to do it the way we're doing it or you can take other approaches and one approach is to increase the fees and let those who can pay more, pay more and combine that with more needs based awards and scholarships.

## Finding Inspiration From Fred D'Aguiar

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"It is important," he said, "to look back and remember your past, as horrible as it may have been for some, because you need to understand it, yet learn to forgive and live your life."

On another note, D'Aguiar shared his expansive literary knowledge in two separate workshops for poetry writers and short story/novel writers. He was very informative in these round-table discussions. He not only shared his understanding of what these different types of writings should be comprised of but he also helped writers by viewing a sample of their work(s).

Writing is not as easy as it looks. D'Aguiar said it is one thing to write something and another to get it to a point of perfection that you can part with. But in reality, a piece of work is never complete as there are always ways to improve it. "It is important to inject new ideas into your works instead of simply fishing in a sea of old philosophies."

He said watching movies for their use of narration and storylines is also helpful in bringing new elements to work but pay attention to the use of language in your literary work, since movies depend more on imagery and action to convey the story rather than the actual dialogue in a script.

# CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

Contributed by Tanya Northeast

2006 graduate, BBA Mgmt

Whew! I'm done! Finally dread! I thought I would never be done with college! It felt like it would last forever! But now that I'm done, now that I've "Crossed The Finish Line" as the title of my article states, what's life really like?

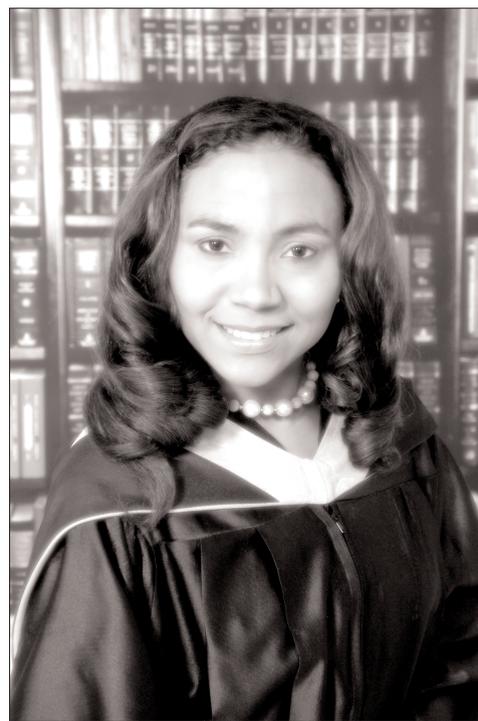
Well, as the saying goes, "It's what you make (or have made) of it". Have you prepared? What did you accomplish while in college? How well did you do? For some, graduation and getting the degree was just another day, just another event to dress up for, just another certificate to be added to the storage box; attending and doing well in college was simply not a priority.

It's no wonder then, that for those people, post-college life would not turn out so grand. For those who prepared and busted their butts to ensure they not only made the grade, but exceeded the grade (like me...he, he, he), graduating and getting the degree was of

great value, and value almost always attracts attention and investment.

What do I mean? Bring real value to yourself, and as the Bible says, "your gift will make room for you". The awards will follow you, the good jobs will come, and the great opportunities will be presented to you. This is what happened to me and many of my fellow graduates, and it can certainly happen for you. However, you must first prepare. "Study to show thyself approved," and remember, "faith without works is dead".

Yes it's true that 'brain drain' exists in The Bahamas because job availability is either non-existent, few and far between or highly inflexible to new grads with the knowledge, but not the experience; and while it's also true (and gravely unfair, I might add) that "it's not what you know, but who you know" in this nation, that's no reason to give up or cheat yourself out of getting a good education and making positive contributions to your nation.



■ Tanya Northeast 2006 alumna

The theme of my Graduating Class was "The future is ours, let's invent it!" This theme, so beautifully crafted by Latasha Sherman-Young, another outstanding fellow graduate of the Class of 2006, dares one not to fit in, but to break out. To make a difference and to be the driving force behind the many transformations that our developing nation needs.

So, if you can't find a good job...create jobs! I think too many times "we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." - Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone.

And as American John Ruskin said, "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it."

"Becoming by it" - meaning your degree - is smarter and wiser. Besides, you've just completed years of college, so it's a given that you've learned something.

Unfortunately though, we focus too much on the "what he gets for it" part of the quote - the tangible possessions that we can get for obtaining a valuable education and doing well with it. We think, "Now that I've got 'my papers,' I can get that big time job and be 'pimpin'" in my car and "blingin'" in my clothes."

How has the whole college experience changed you? How have your character, personality, views and values changed since starting college? One of the greatest changes that can take place within you is when living life is no longer all about how you can benefit, but about how you can be of benefit to others.

If you started college saying, "Boy, with a degree I can make lots of money," you should close that journey saying, "Now that I've gotten my degree, how can I be of benefit to my family, my nation, and those around me in need?" If you take on this mindset, the whole world takes on a new light, and avenues of how you fit into it suddenly expands.

To the upcoming grads, trust me, upon coming closer to the finish line, things seem to go in slow mo'. It's easy to get frustrated and tired - enough to want to give up, slunk, don't care and be sloppy in class attendance, course assignments or exam preparation. Don't fall into this trap. Give it all you got, right up to the end. Relax when you've crossed over, but only for a moment, 'cause graduation isn't the close of your life, just a chapter in it. The beat still goes on. Finished? Nahhh, you're just starting.

## HIGHTECH SECURITY SERVICES UPGRADE

Contributed by Wellington Albury

"We are determined to keep the institution's standards high and integrity unyielding," says Director of Campus Security, Wellington Francis, speaking about intentions to upgrade security services.

In this regard, he says his department, with a staff of 49, is engaged in discussions about the installation of high-tech surveillance cameras and the introduction of electronic swipe cards with a biometric chip that can be scanned like the ones used in banks and other modernized facilities around town.

He said that the high-tech cameras, which will cost about \$100,000 and take about one month to install, will transfer footage of key

physical areas of the campus back to surveillance command centre. "As it stands now, there are surveillance cameras mounted in the B and T blocks respectively," Mr. Francis said.

Acquisition of the electronic swipe cards, in particular, is quite expensive. "As it stands now These plans are still on the drawing board because we are looking for donations or a good fundraising mechanism with regards to implementing this particular security measure, as it is extremely expensive and a government grant and tuition fees are not enough to secure it," said Mr. Francis.

While students are concerned about privacy, they generally support better security and

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## Students with overdue Books

Effective spring 2007 registration period, COB no longer requires every student to obtain Library Clearance before proceeding to register. Only students with outstanding fines and overdue library materials will be placed on a 'Stop List' at the Business Office. The stop on his or her account will prevent the student from registering, ordering transcripts, etc. until indebtedness is settled. Students without outstanding debts will proceed with Registration as normal. It is hoped that this change will improve the efficiency of the registration process for students.

Will the following students please contact the library Circulation Desk:

Adderley, Alexis T.	Nortelus, Chandra F.
Baillou, Yolanda S.	Patterson, Gerrard P.
Bodie, Kircheva L.	Perpall, Deidre M.
Brown, Eldica N.	Petty, Richard H.
Brown, Tasja M.	Phillippe, Keith
Carey, Alexandra	Pinder, Agatha L.
Cash, Atalia W.	Polider, Ida
Charlton, Mariेशa B.	Rahming, Javann T.
Clarke, Christine M.	Rahming, La-Nair
Clarke, Shanna L.	Rahming, Monique T.
Dames, Elkin E.	Richards, Christina, T
Darville, John	Roache, Alexandria J.
Davis, Philip D.	Rodgers, Leron
Dawkins, April	Rolle, Ashley
Dorsette, Vakellee N.	Rolle, Sherry J.
Evans, Shelton W.	Russell, Aldera
Ferguson, Kileira S.	Sands, Napoleon
Francis, Shantara A.	Saunders, Phaedra D.
Gardiner, Michael C.	Seymour, Dahlia
Gibson, Diandra A.	Smith, Anjuli
Hepburn, Kendrell S.	Smith, Antiniqua V.
Higgs, Miriosh	Smith, Christina
Hutcheson, Laurie	Smith, Cynara D.
Johnson, Lamond	Smith, Javan N.
Jones, Renea A.	Smith, Kenneth
Kelly, Kendra N.	Smith, Portia
Knowles, Akina D.M.	Smith, Shandria L.
Leadon, Richika A.	Strachan, Aniqua D.
Leary, Lashanda	Stuart, Ravonne L.
Laflaur, Cleomi R.	Stubbs, Tracy A.
Lewis, AnishkaV.	Sweeting, Carolyn
Mackey, Terrest E.	Taylor-Sands, Betty G
McKenzie, Endira N.	Taylor, Jade S.
McKinney, Rilmond R.	Taylor, Jamie K.
Mitchell, Latoya N.	Thompson, David B.
Mortimer, Karen E.	Thompson, Phillippa C.
Moxey, Marlon M.	Turner, Philip
Moxey, Regina R	Walkes, Flloyddea D.
Mullings, Keerhan R.	Williams, Sheena S.
Nelson, Chantel	Wilson, Elvardo L.
Newbold, Rondrika S.	
Newton, Shirley S.M.	

## HIGHTECH SECURITY SERVICES UPGRADE

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many agree that The College should have cameras strategically placed around campus. For example, Deandre Williamson, a second year student, echoes the view of many when she said, "I don't think that the student privacy will be violated provided that they are not placed in the bathrooms because everyone will feel safe to some degree knowing that the campus is being carefully watched."

One of the many challenges of Security, according to Mr. Francis, is that outsiders use the Oakes Field campus as a 'shortcut' to other points in the area. "For some time we had situations where persons from Tucker

Road and Big Pond area came onto campus, but we have since erected a 10 foot wall at the rear of the campus to eliminate entry by those persons," he explained.

He stressed that Security officers continue to attend courses and seminars at the Royal Bahamas Police College to upgrade their skills and performance. In October, for example, members of the department attended a customer service seminar at The College.

"We make it our business to keep pace with security issues in society, to strategize, and allow feedback from student and the public because that is what will keep us on the cutting edge and ahead of the curve at all times," Mr. Francis said.

## REGISTRATION IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCED

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▶ Library clearance which has already started and only students with library fines from overdue items are required to do clearance before registration and payment. (see listing left of this story -- List also posted in front of all COB libraries)

▶ Lecturer's name will be published starting next semester so you will know who is teaching a particular course or section prior to registration.

Additionally, it is expected that students entering The College for the first time in the spring semester will have all the relevant documents before registration to make the process smoother for them.

There will be individuals available at all times to assist students when they come to register, checking documents to ensure that you are not on the wrong line.

Students on academic probation or suspension must still report to the Dean of their respective school before registering.

If all goes as expected, The College hopes the improvements will make the process more efficient and thus save money since the new process will use fewer resources and reduce operational costs, bad press and project a positive image for The College.

Dr. Davis said his team has attempted to identify and eliminate the root causes that give rise to registration related issues. "Everything will be ready to make the new system easier and simpler for students. The features are designed with students in mind."

He says the new system still has room for improvement and agrees the true test of the system will come during the registration process and after its completion.



■ ANY CASHIER--Students will be able to make payment at any cashier.

"There aren't any significant drawback to the new system but there are critical elements to its success," he said explaining that communication is vital and that the entire college community should have a proper understanding of the new process. Faculty, students and staff must "know what is expected of them in order to make the process successful" Dr. Davis said.

Check COB website for listing of these changes and responses to 'frequently asked questions' or contact your COBUS representatives.

Online registration process is only being tested during the spring semester and is not yet fully available although there will be a pilot run with about 300 selected students.

"The online registration will be implemented in a step-by-step process. There has to be stages to make sure each step functions properly," Dr. Davis explains.

For those registering online you should know that the process does not automatically go through until advisors for the various schools approve courses requested. This is so to ensure that students take the correct

## Uniforms for Hospitality and Tourism Students

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"It is tradition in the hotel and culinary profession, that persons wear uniforms, because it spells uniformity and professionalism," said Ms. Gardiner.

When asked if College President Janyne Hodder approved of the uniforms, Mr. Johnson said: "This was the Institute's idea. However, the president does not have a problem with it, but a formal request will be made."

Ms. Gardiner described the new uniforms as also a money-saving tool for the students, since clothing for college is very expensive.

When presented with the idea, students had mixed emotions. Some of them agreed and embraced the idea of wearing uniforms, while others questioned it.

Krystle Christie, a third-year student said, "I wouldn't mind wearing a uniform as long as it's cool and I can be comfortable and not look like an old person, but still look professional."

Another student, second-year Yordanka Neymour, disagreed. "I do not approve of the idea. In my opinion, uniforms would be a hindrance to my 'unique' dress and it seems that they want us to look like high school students. I would only wear it because I love my major," she said.

According to Ms. Gardner, the Institute students are competing against the best schools in the world." She concluded by saying, "We feel it is good to have a dress code so that everyone would know they are students. I have been told by people in the industry that some of the students' dress is not becoming."

courses and that students have the prerequisites for those courses.

Feedback received during and after the spring registration will be carefully assessed for continued improvements. Students are encouraged to give feedback about the changes once the spring registration process gets underway. Dr. Davis wants your suggestions, comments or complaints. He's located in Room A-71 or you can email ddavis@cob.edu.bs.

# SPORTS

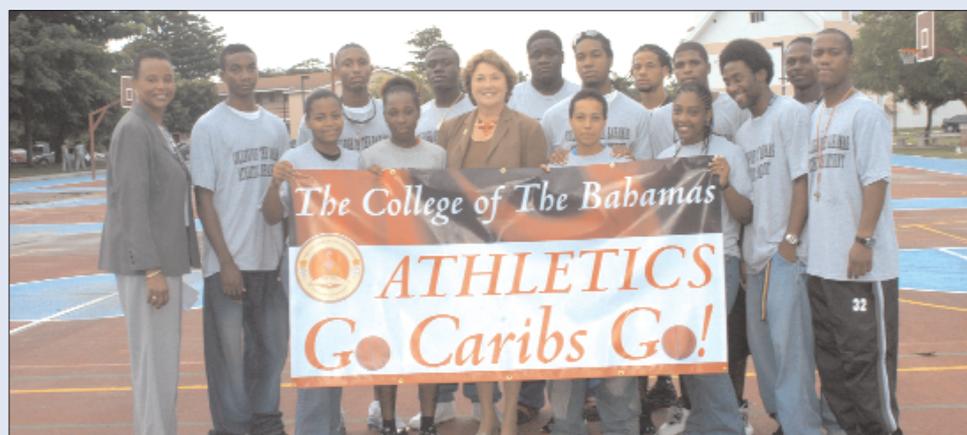
## Review

### Schedule of Student Activities for fall 2006

Date	Event	Sponsoring Unit/Department
Nov. 16-19	National Conference of Student Leadership (Orlando, Florida)	Student Activities
Nov. 25	COB Gospel Concert	Student Activities

#### **Athletics Department**

Greg Harshaw (Athletic Director)  
Leah Rolle (Trainer)  
Keilera Ferguson (Manager)



■ **Go Caribs** -- The men's and women's basketball team heading for tournament in New York. Go Caribs Go!



■ **Ready to Go Caribs** -- Take a look at the Men's Basketball Team's old uniform, because the next time you see them they'll be geared up in new threads and ready to win

## COB Women's Basketball Team

**Head Coach:** Dr. Linda Davis

**Asst. Coach:** Charlene Smith

Asleine Alce

Tamar Bodie

Lateka Cooper

Danielle Capron

Alyse Dean

Diasti Delancy

Adina Knowles

Kaivonne Newbold

Alexis Russell

Christine Sinclair

Deandra Williams

Erica Wilson



■ **Track Members** -- Its A. Smith and Kohfs Miller sporting their nice and Cuban track gear

## The Caribs Mens Basketball Team

**Head Coach:** Sean E. Bastian      Selwy Mckenzie

**Assistant Coach:** Kirk Basden      Dominic Sweeting

Danard Higgs      Mario Curry

Frisco Mackey      Damien Sturrup

Banygh Watson      Theron Butler

Tario Brooks      Rasha Mckenzie

Randy Symonette      Jeron Johnson